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Dear Fisheries Stakeholder

Additional information available on the website – Kahawai review

The Ministry of Fisheries (MFish) is reviewing sustainability measures and other management controls for all stocks of kahawai and has released an Initial Position Paper (IPP). This letter provides notice of additional research information that is now available, and that has specifically been requested by stakeholders, to assist them to provide comment to MFish on the Kahawai IPP.

The additional information includes the reports '*Motivations and perceptions of seawater recreational fishers in New Zealand*' and '*Cutting the Cake in a Shared Fishery with a Minimally Managed Non Commercial Sector*'. The latter is a new report for the Ministry of Fisheries from Economic Research Associates Pty Ltd (ERA).

MFish is making these documents available and notes that with regard to the ERA report:

- the final accepted document was not available and did not inform the Kahawai IPP;
- the final research document has now been received by MFish and will become part of the pool of available information used to inform final advice;
- MFish recognises the research contains uncertainties arising from the research methodology and research assumptions; these uncertainties will be noted in any final advice provided to the Minister;
- Stakeholders have an opportunity to consider the document and refer to it in submissions.

The additional documents can be found on the Kahawai forum webpage on <http://fs.fish.govt.nz/Page.aspx?pk=35&fk=130>. If you do not have access to the website you can contact Trudie Macfarlane at 04 819 4739 or email: trudie.macfarlane@fish.govt.nz to request that copies of these reports be posted to you.

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