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Tena koe

RE: REVIEW OF SUSTAINABILITY MEASURES AND MANAGEMENT CONTROLS FOR FISHSTOCKS

This submission clarifies Te Ohu Kaimoana's views on management options for HOK1 and ORH MEC, ORH 3B NWCR and ESCR and ORH 7B.

Te Ohu Kaimoana considers that TAC/TACCs should be set within the agreed management strategy framework and based on sound science. The options we support are consistent with that view.

HOK1

Te Ohu supports an increase in the TACC of 10,000 tonnes. As MPI's Initial Position Paper (IPP) notes, both the eastern and western stocks are well above the size that will produce the maximum sustainable yield and above the hoki management target range of 35 – 50% B₀. The eastern stock is estimated to be 59% B₀ and the western stock 60% B₀. We support the increase being applied to the western stock.

Orange Roughy

Te Ohu endorses the submission made by the Deepwater Group on the orange roughy stocks under review – and supported their mandate to submit on behalf of shareholders. Our brief comments are summarised below.

ORH MEC

Te Ohu supports MPI's Option 1: a reduction in the TACC for this stock from 1,230 tonnes to 840 tonnes. While Options 2 and 3 involved greater reductions, we consider that Option 1 still heads in the right direction within the Harvest Strategy Standard, and continues to provide for the stock to increase. As part of their support for Option 1, quota holders have made a commitment to carry out another survey in 2015 towards a stock assessment in 2016.

ORH 3A

Te Ohu supports MPI's option 3: an increase in the TACC for this fishery from 4,500 to 5,000 tonnes, based on an increase in the North West Chatham Rise catch limit from 750 tonnes to 1,250 tonnes.

We note that MPI considers that this option is consistent with the orange roughy harvest strategy and will maintain the stocks at or above B_{msy} and within the management target range with a high probability in the short term.

ORH 7A

Te Ohu supports MPI's Option 3, to increase the TACC from 500 to 1,600 tonnes. As MPI notes this option would cause the stock to fluctuate around the upper bound of the management target range (40% B_0). While the increase is greater than Option 2, it provides greater utilisation opportunities while remaining within the accepted management regime.

Naku noa, na

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kirsty Woods', written in a cursive style.

Kirsty Woods
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