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Sustainability Review 2018  
Fisheries Management  
Ministry for Primary Industries  
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Tēnā koe,

### Review of Sea Cucumber Sustainability Measures for 2018/19 - 2018/03

1. This submission is from Te Ohu Kaimoana Trustee Ltd (Te Ohu Kaimoana) in its role as corporate trustee of Te Ohu Kaimoana Trust. The purpose of the trust is to advance the interests of iwi individually and collectively, primarily in the development of fisheries, fishing, and fisheries-related activities.
2. This submission responds to the public consultation paper - *Review of Sustainability Measures for Sea Cucumber (SCC 3 & 7B) for 2018/19* - issued by the Ministry for Primary Industries. In developing this submission, we have made our draft submission available to South Island Mandated Iwi Organisations (MIO) and Asset Holding Companies (AHCs) for input, and we have reflected their feedback in this submission.
3. We note that the Initial Position Paper (IPP) was presented to Te Waka a Maui me Ona Toka Iwi Forum, a Iwi Fisheries Forums that represents the nine iwi of the South Island. We understand their input has been incorporated into the IPP.
4. We do not intend for this submission to derogate from or override any submissions iwi through their MIOs and / or AHCs may decide to make.

### Background

5. The Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) proposes to review the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) and Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) for sea cucumber (*Austrostichopus mollis*) in the SSC 3 and SSC 7 quota management areas (QMA). The proposed options are set out in table 1 below.

Table 1: Proposed management settings (in tonnes) for SCC 3 and SCC7B from 1 April 2018.

Stock	Option	TAC	TACC	Allowances		
				Customary Māori	Recreational	Other mortality
SCC3	SCC3_01 <i>Status quo</i>	5	2	1	2	0
	SCC3_02	54 ↑	48 ↑			3 ↑
SCC7B	SCC7B_01: <i>Status quo</i>	8	5	1	2	0
	SCC7B_02:	17 ↑	14 ↑			

## **Our Position**

### **In relation to SCC3**

6. Te Ohu Kaimoana supports option 2, to increase the TAC from 5 t to 54 t, the TACC from 2 t to 48 t, other mortality from 0 to 3 t, and to retain the allowances for customary and recreational at their current settings.

### **In relation to SCC7B**

7. Te Ohu Kaimoana supports option 2, to increase the TAC from 8 t to 17 t, the TACC from 5 t to 14 t, and to maintain the allowances for customary, recreational and other mortality.

Noho ora mai rā,



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