



The New Zealand Seafood Industry Council Ltd

Shared Fisheries Proposals - Industry views

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Current management of shared fisheries



- Lack of information on recreational catch
- Lack of effective management of recreational fishing
- No agreed principled basis for allocating the TAC
- Poor representation and involvement of recreational fishers
- Leading to:
 - Risks to sustainability
 - Too much government intervention
 - Uncertainty for industry, loss of economic value

Industry opposes government's proposals



- Discussion Paper - inadequate basis for debate
- Fundamentally wrong to set up a framework in which property rights can be taken from the commercial sector and given to recreational fishers
- Undermines QMS
- Strips economic value from the fishing industry and communities that the industry contributes to
- Does not ensure sustainability
- Socially divisive & does not generate incentives for people to work together

What the industry proposes instead (1)



- Any solutions should be achieved by enhancing and extending the current rights-based framework
- The protection of existing property rights is fundamental
- Proportionality of TACC to TAC provides the basis for protecting commercial rights
- Adjustments only on a willing seller – willing buyer basis
- Industry rejects government-determined value-based allocation

What industry proposes instead (2)



- If the rights-based framework is completed in this way, then other arrangements about the management of shared fisheries can be made by direct discussion and negotiation between the sectors at a local or regional level, for example:
 - Spatial or temporal access arrangements
 - Stock management targets & strategies
 - Tools to manage catches within allocations
- Also requires:
 - Timely information on all types of catch
 - Mandated representation for all sectors