

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

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Main



Māori Purposes Bill

- Technical issues only
- Interface between MFA and Fisheries Act
 - Impact of s 28N rights under FA 83 (now 23O)
 - Aim to have any change noted and clear processes and formulae to adjust schedules
 - Amalgamation/subdivision of quota management areas (QMAs)
 - Fisheries management decisions taken for fisheries management reasons and not to maintain allocation rules
 - Ensure that can maintain allocation rules while allowing for improved fisheries management



Foreign Charter Vessels

- Problems with ship jumpers and operators not paying crew &/or deducting high percentage of wages for expenses
- Industry agree that 'rogues' need to be thrown out – no AIP or fishing permit for known offenders
- Working Group with Officials for 20 months to develop accountability and enforceability regime with NZ parties and an agreed code of practice
- Very late in process, after unable to define market rates, Ministers have determined that crew must be paid:
 - Minimum wage(\$10.25/hr) + \$1.25/hr for 07 year
 - Minimum wage(\$10.25/hr) + \$1.75/hr for 08 year
 - Minimum wage(\$10.25/hr) + \$2.00/hr for 09 year
 - Must be paid for a minimum of 42 hours per week
 - Deductions cannot reduce wages in hand below minimum wage

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Foreign Charter Vessels (ctd)

- This is expected to raise FCV costs and therefore reduce prices they will offer for ACE
- This will impact negatively on most NZ operators (AHCs, Sealord, Sanfords)
- It will have more impact on Iwi than others – greater % of mid to deepwater ACE to FCVs
- It is raising costs for jobs that are not competing with NZers
- AFL and Te Ohu with Iwi and companies (notably Sealord) have mounted campaign to defer and get industry proposal implemented
- Reminder that need to pay attention across the range of Government actions and interventions

