

Dear Stakeholder

The Ministry for Primary Industries' (MPI) seeks feedback on its initial views on options for an in-season increase in the total allowable catch (TAC), and associated options for creating additional annual catch entitlement (ACE) for Flatfish (FLA3) and Red cod stocks(RCO3 and RCO2)

MPI has developed three IPPs for the purpose of consultation as required under the Fisheries Act 1996 (the Act). MPI emphasises the views and recommendations outlined in the paper are preliminary and are provided as a basis for consultation with stakeholders.

In May 2013, MPI will compile the Final Advice Paper (FAP) for the attached proposal. This document will summarise MPI's and stakeholder's views on the issues being reviewed, and provide final advice and recommendations to the Minister for Primary Industries. A copy of the FAP and the Minister's letter setting out his final decisions will be posted on the MPI website as soon as these become available. Hard copies will be available on request.

MPI welcomes written submissions on the proposals contained in the IPPs. All written submissions must be received by MPI no later than 4pm on Monday, 22 April 2013.

Written submissions should be sent directly to:

Inshore Fisheries Management
Ministry for Primary Industries
P O Box 2526
Wellington 6011

or emailed to FMSubmissions@mpi.govt.nz

Link to the consultation website: <http://www.fish.govt.nz/en-nz/Consultations/default.htm>

All submissions are subject to the Official Information Act and can be released, if requested, under the Act. If you have specific reasons for wanting to have your submission withheld, please set out your reasons in the submission. MPI will consider those reasons when making any assessment for the release of submissions if requested under the Official Information Act.