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Dear Quota or Vessel Operations Manager or Vessel Skipper,

### **DWG Orange Roughy and Oreo Agreed Catch Limits: Operational Procedures Schedule 1 to be updated for 2012-13**

Please find enclosed an updated version of *Schedule 1* to the *Orange Roughy and Oreo Fisheries Operational Procedures* showing agreed ORH and OEO sub-area catch limits (and reflecting quota ownership and proportions) for the **2012-13 fishing year**.

Please ensure the previous version (i.e. reflecting 2011-12 quota ownership and catch limits) is **removed** from each of your Company's copies of the Operational Procedures Manual, and **replaced** with this latest version.

#### **Key points to note this year:**

- The Minister has not altered any TACCs but both he and MPI expect the catch limit agreement from 2011-12 to be continued as previously.

#### **ORHMEC ( ORH2A, 2B and 3A)**

DWG ORH Shareholders have agreed to shelve 300 gwt from the Mid-East Coast ORH fisheries (namely ORH2A South, ORH2B and ORH3A) as per below:

- ORH2A TACC remains the same at 875 gwt. This has been applied to the agreed sub-areas as follows:
  - ORH2A North sub-area catch limit remains the same at 200 gwt; and
  - ORH2A South sub-area catch limit remains the same at 675 gwt but with 165 gwt SHELVED by industry agreement. Therefore, 510 gwt of ACE is available.
- ORH2B TACC remains the same at 140 gwt but with 34 gwt SHELVED by industry agreement. Therefore, 106 gwt of ACE is available.
- ORH3A TACC remains the same at 415 gwt but with 101 gwt SHELVED by industry agreement. Therefore, 314 gwt of ACE is available.
- The above shelving has been done by authorisations lodged with Fishserve.

#### **ORH3B**

- The ORH3B TACC remains the same at 3600 gwt. This has once again been applied to the agreed sub-areas as follows:
  - ORH3B East & South Chatham Rise sub-area catch limit remains the same at 1950 gwt;
  - ORH3B Northwest Chatham Rise sub-area catch limit of 750 gwt has been SHELVED by previous agreement;
  - ORH3B Puysegur sub-area catch limit of 150 gwt has been SHELVED by agreement;
  - ORH3B Sub-Antarctic sub-area catch limit remains the same at 500 gwt; and
  - ORH3B Research sub-area catch limit of 250 gwt has been SHELVED by agreement (this is to be released for agreed research programs and/or surveys should they arise).

- Therefore, of the ORH3B ACE available, only the ORH3B East & South and ORH3B Sub-Antarctic sub-area catch limits may be traded and fished.

#### **OEO1 and 3A**

- OEO1 and OEO3A TACCs and catch limits by sub-area or species remain the same as last year, i.e.
  - OEO1 Southland SSO catch limit remains the same at 400 gwt;
  - OEO3A SSO catch limit remains the same at 1650 gwt;
  - OEO3A BOE catch limit remains the same at 1700 gwt; and
  - OEO3A SOR catch limit is included under BOE (above).

Please ensure adherence to these agreements in both ACE transactions and fishing operations.

For clarity, there should be no target fishing of ORH in either 3B Puysegur or 3B North West areas without written approval from DWG.

Regards



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