



## Inshore & Deepwater Environmental Engagement Forum – ACTION POINTS

16 December 2013 10:00 – 4:00

Ministry for Primary Industries

Wellington: Pastoral House, 25 the Terrace (Level 10 Meeting Room 6)

Auckland: 608 Rosebank Road (Boardroom)

Dunedin: 73 Otaki St (Dunedin Large Meeting Room)

**Morning Attendees:** Steve Halley, Laura Furneaux, Jenny Oliver, Rose Grindley, Martin Cryer (MPI); David McFarlane (Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust); Kris Ramm, Igor Debski (DOC); Paul Crozier (WWF); Karen Baird (Forest & Bird); Barry Weeber, Cath Wallace (ECO);

**Afternoon Attendees:** Jeremy Helson, Martin Cryer, Vicky Reeve, Michelle Beritzhoff-Law, Toby Marsh, Guy Ballentyne, Mike Conway (MPI); Kris Ramm, Igor Debski (DOC); Paul Crozier (WWF); Karen Baird, Katrina Subedar (Forest & Bird); Barry Weeber, Cath Wallace (ECO); Richard Wells (DWG); Ross Tocker (Sealord)

**Apologies:** Bruce Robertson (Otago University), Karli Thomas (Greenpeace)

### Inshore Discussion Item and Action Points:

#### 1. Overview of environmental management in Inshore Fisheries

- a. MPI will arrange to meet with ENGOs to talk through the fish plan process, current plans and discuss input into future changes
- b. Consultation will occur on objectives as the draft plans move towards final approved plans

#### 2. Inshore Annual Review Report

- a. Written comments can be provided on the ARR table in next 6 to 8 weeks (before 10<sup>th</sup> of Feb)
- b. Include diagram of annual inshore cycle which includes months as well as descriptions of content needed in each step of the annual process
- c. Look at other ways of representing the information than with direct association with FMA and QMA
- d. MPI to provide scoring criteria and information which underpins the groupings within the plans
- e. Asked to include indicators of value as well (i.e. ACE/quota value)
- f. MPI to look at other ways of presenting more detail around stock status and how it relates to plenary; possible alternative is that found in the NPOA sharks
- g. MPI to revisit old submissions made on the Fisheries Act in regards to interpretations and definitions (i.e. HPSFM); ECO to circulate any old submissions they may have on the subject as well
- h. MPI to circulate the QMS Introduction Standard for stocks currently managed outside the QMS (Group 7 in the draft National Fisheries Plan for Inshore Finfish)

### Deepwater Discussion Item and Action Points:

#### 1. Deepwater Annual Review Report

- a. Written comments on Deepwater ARR to MPI before 10<sup>th</sup> of February
- b. Deepwater Industry would like the aggregation of trawl data to be separated between inshore and deepwater/fisheries; MPI noted this was in progress for future analyses
- c. Recommendation to look at reporting on progress and KPIs by financial year and fishing year separately to help minimise confusion
- d. Work to clarify how NPOA Seabird objectives and 5 year goals will be met within the AOP process and how to best report progress within the ARR
- e. Change benthic 'interactions' to benthic 'impacts'
- f. Include a bit more detail on what objectives were not met so that a gap analysis is more transparent moving into AOP process

## **2. Overview of HSL captures in 2013 SBW season**

- a. Further analysis was requested on the amount of catch taken from the different spawning aggregations that occur on the Campbell Island Rise, and the amount of catch taken by vessels which caught HSL in SBW season
- b. MPI will assess whether a detailed analysis of HSL captures in the SBW fishery can be done as part of the routine Dragonfly contract or whether a specific contract will be needed which would then go through the AEWG process
- c. A formal request that HSL bodies are brought back was made by eNGOs
- d. Proponents of bringing HSL bodies back are to draft (ECO will lead) the management objective that would underpin this action and a list of information that might be gained/questions that might be answered by bringing the bodies of captured HSLs back
- e. Following receipt of these objectives, a group can be convened by MPI and DOC to work through the list, assess applicability, look at possible alternatives, and if needed develop updates to the observer sampling protocols for sea lions in the SBW fisheries

## **3. Developments in the SQU6T Fishery**

- a. Written comments on the MPI response to the BFG review are welcome until the this Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of December, after which a formal response will be released
- b. MPI has begun working through the Panel's recommendations and may contract new science in 2014. Management will continue to be based on the best available information, including the findings of any additional work conducted on the basis of the Panel's report.

## **4. Other Business**

- a. Please review the EEF 2013-2014 Schedule and highlight any meetings that may conflict with other stakeholder engagements
- b. It is highly recommended that environmental stakeholders attend EEFs focusing on the AOP so that input into annual management objectives and prioritisation can be given at the most effective and appropriate time. Points made at this meeting that were more associated with the AOP process have been noted for discussion later in the year.