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To All Quota Owners, Vessel Operations Managers and Vessel Skippers

UPDATE: Agreed 2013-14 Management Procedures for ORH and OEO

Please find enclosed an updated version of Schedule 1 to the Orange Roughy and Oreo Fisheries Operational Procedures for the 2013-14 fishing year.

These outline the agreed procedures for ORH and OEO sub-area catch limits (including quota ownership and proportions).

Please ensure that the previous version (i.e. reflecting September 2012-13 quota ownership and catch limits) is **removed** from each of your Company's copies of the Operational Procedures Manual and **replaced** with this current version.

Key points to note for the 2013-14 fishing year:

- The Minister has agreed to increase ORH3B TACC and the catch limit for ORH3B ESCR, the details of which are provided within his decision letter circulated to all quota owners
- The principal owners of ORH3B quota have agreed to not target fish in ORH3B NWCR pending consideration of the 2014 stock assessment results (due in the first quarter of 2014)
- Owners of ORH2A, ORH2B and ORH3A quota have agreed to collectively shelve 300 t of ORH MEC ACE, on the same basis as in 2012-13
- Owners of ORH1 quota have agreed to a Management Deed, separate from the DWG Orange Roughy and Oreo Operational Procedures, which specifies the agreed management regime for this fishstock.

This effectively means that:

1. ORH1

- ORH1 TACC (1,400 t) and catch limits by sub-area or species remain the same as last year, i.e.:
 - Area A catch limit remains the same at 500 gwt;
 - Area B catch limit remains the same at 500 gwt;
 - Area C catch limit remains the same at 500 gwt;
 - Area DS catch limit remains the same at 500 gwt;
 - Mercury/Colville Box sub-limit remains the same at 30 gwt.
- There are further conditions and requirements for the management of ORH1 and any operator intending to fish in this fishery, or to trade ORH1ACE, should obtain a copy of the agreed 2013-14 ORH1 Management Deed from DWG.

2. ORH MEC (ORH2A (South), ORH2B and ORH3A)

DWG ORH Shareholders have agreed to collectively shelve 300 gwt ACE from the Mid-East Coast ORH fishery on the following terms:

- ORH2A TACC remains the same at 875 gwt. This will be 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 ACE but with 165 gwt SHELVED by industry agreement, providing 510 gwt of ACE for fishing during 2013-14.
- ORH2B TACC remains the same at 140 gwt but with 34 gwt SHELVED by industry agreement, providing 106 gwt of ACE for fishing during 2013-14

- ORH3A TACC remains the same at 415 gwt but with 101 gwt SHELVED by industry agreement, providing 314 gwt of ACE for fishing during 2013-14
- The above shelving has been undertaken through authorisations lodged with Fishserve.

3. ORH3B

- The ORH3B TACC has been increased to 4,500 gwt. This is apportioned amongst the Designated Sub-areas as follows:
 - ORH3B East & South Chatham Rise: catch limit of 3,100 gwt;
 - ORH3B Northwest Chatham Rise: catch limit of 750 gwt. The principal quota-owners have advised DWG that they will set their ACE aside until after consideration of the 2014 stock assessment results (i.e. April 2014);
 - ORH3B Puysegur: catch limit of 150 gwt. Quota owners have agreed to set this aside for a research survey in 2014;
 - ORH3B Sub-Antarctic catch limit of 500 gwt; and
 - ORH3B Research: the former provision of 250 gwt has been removed from the TACC and no longer exists. Any agreed research can only be undertaken using commercial ACE or by provision of a special permit.
- In summary, of the ORH3B ACE available, that apportioned to ORH3B East & South Chatham Rise and ORH3B Sub-Antarctic may be traded and fished. For ORH3B North West Chatham Rise, quota-owners are requested to conform with the major owners' decision to delay accessing this fishery until after consideration of the 2014 stock assessment results (this will be available in time for this area to be fished next winter).

4. OEO1 and OEO3A

- 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 1,650 gwt;
 - OEO3A BOE catch limit remains the same at 1,700 gwt; and
 - OEO3A SOR catch limit is included under BOE (above).

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

In summary:

- ORH1 Management Deed is available for any operator or ACE holder that may need to reference the management conditions agreed for that fishery
- ORH MEC is undergoing shelving on the same basis as last year
- No target fishing for orange roughy or oreo within the Puysegur Designated Sub-area without prior written approval from DWG
- Quota/ACE owners are requested to refrain from fishing in ORH3B NWCR until after the stock assessment results have been considered
- There is no longer any specific allowance for 'Research ACE' available in ORH3B.

Any queries to myself thanks.

Regards



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