

MEMO TO DIRECTORS, SHAREHOLDERS & VESSEL OPERATORS

DWG Operational Procedures & MPI Management Requirements for 2015-16

Background

The following sets out Deepwater Group (DWG) and Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) requirements of quota owners and vessel operators for 2015-16.

A separate memo for vessels for addition to their Operational Procedures (OPs) manual will also be circulated.

Managers should ensure their vessels are given specific catch plans with tonnage by area for DWG sub-area and species catch limits.

All catch limit figures below in greenweight tonnes (t).

Any queries to Richard Wells - see contacts below.

Hoki

- The DWG East/West Hoki Regime remains in place with the only change for 2015-16 being the reduction in TACC (and allocated to the limit for HOK West) which is down 10,000 t to 90,000 t (table below).
- All HOK Shareholders and vessel operators (ACE users) are expected to sign Agreement and authorisation forms already circulated.
- Due to the TACC decrease there is no HOK ACE carry forward.
- The Hoki Management Areas and requirements for vessel as in the vessel HOK OPs remain unchanged.

HOK	East	West
	60,000 t	90,000 t

Orange Roughy & Oreo

- **ORH1** – Shareholders have again agreed a Management Deed for this fishery which details sub-area catch limits (table below), tow position recording / reporting requirements and other management measures.
- Tow positions must be recorded in the TCEPR/TCER to two decimal places, i.e. 0.01 of nautical mile (minute) e.g. 35° 26.27 S.
- Operators and ORH1 Shareholders are required to sign the Deed circulated.
- A copy of the Deed is available from R Wells at DWG.

ORH1	A	B	C	D	Mercury-Colville Box (bycatch subset of D limit)
	530 t	530 t	470 t	470 t	(30 t)

- **ORH2A** – Catch limits and requirements remain unchanged for 2015-16.

ORH2A	North	South
	200 t	288 t

- **ORH3B** – Catch limits and requirements remain unchanged for 2015-16 (table below). As per last year ORH3B Puysegur limit (150 t) to be set aside for DWG agreed research and 207 t of ORH3B Northwest to be shelved pro rata to DWG QRN account by Shareholder agreement to meet requirements of MSC certification Harvest Strategy.

ORH3B	NW	SE	Sub-ANT	PUY
	1,043 t*	3,100 t	500 t	0t [#]
*Initial catch limit 1,250 but 207 gwt NW shelved #150 t PUY set aside by ACE holders				

- **OEO1** (Southland Box SSO sub-area catch limit) remains unchanged for 2015-16.

OEO1	Southland SSO
	400 t

- **OEO3A** (BOE and SSO species split) remain unchanged for 2015-16.

OEO3A	SSO	BOE/SOR
	1,650 t	1,700 t

- **OEO4** catch is to be reported to DWG by species (BOE/SOR and SSO) for 2015-16 in DWG reporting portal on FishServe website. FishServe have created the appropriate data entry module in the DWG reporting system on the web portal. FishServe have created a reporting system technical guide (attached as separate document for quota managers).
- Vessels are required to ensure that accurate recording of species target in the TCEPR/TCER is undertaken in advance of any trawl shot, i.e. that ORH or OEO target tows are clearly defined and recorded as such prior to shooting gear.
- Catch limit to SSO4 may apply, this is yet to be finalised and will be advised once known.

SQU 6T Auckland Islands

- **SQU6T** – the fishery will continue to operate under the MPI Operational Plan 2012-16. This will be the final year of this Plan and the NZ Sea Lion Threat Management Plan currently underway will inform any potential changes for 2017.
- The DWG Code of Conduct, signed by all vessel operators in 2014-15 will be circulated for re-signing for 2015-16 FY before December 2015.

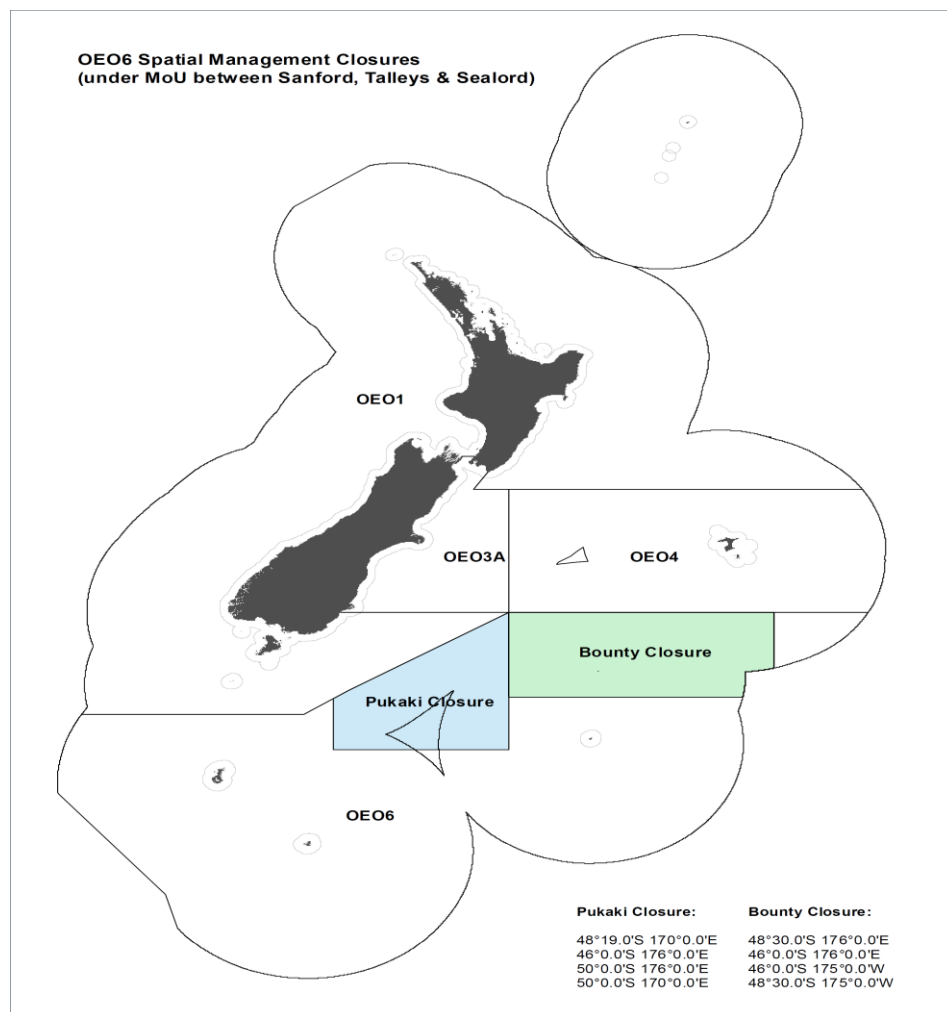
SBW 6I Campbell Islands

- **SBW6I Campbell** – The fishery recently finished for this season under an agreed MPI Operational Plan and DWG Risk Management Plan. Performance this year is to be reviewed in due course and management for 2016-17 FY jointly considered, agreed and advised in due course.

Other Management Regimes

OEO6 -DWG has facilitated, on behalf of Sanford Ltd, Sealord Group Ltd and Talleys Group Ltd, an MoU regarding restrictions on OEO (and by default ORH) fishing in certain areas in OEO6.

Appended is a map and co-ordinates of the areas where these companies have agreed to target neither OEO nor ORH with an objective to increase the fish size in SSO catch. All operators are encouraged to adhere to this arrangement. A copy of the MoU is available on request.



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