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Dear Mark

Thank you for your email dated 31 August 2011 regarding increasing stakeholder certainty in fisheries.

My presentation at your recent New Zealand Sport Fishing Council Annual General Meeting showed the National Party's broad intentions for New Zealand's inshore fisheries. If the National Party wins this year's general election, this broad intent will be developed further.

Some recent conversations I have had on this topic with fishery stakeholders have been informative. For example, I recently met with key recreational sector representatives (including Barry Torkington from your Council) to get their ideas on how to enhance the recreational fishing experience. These ideas will help me answer the very questions you raised in your email.

I look forward to more such discussions with the recreational sector, should I be fortunate enough to have another term as Minister of Fisheries.

Kind regards

Hon Phil Heatley

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