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## **Fisheries Management System Review**

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is about to start a review of New Zealand's fisheries management system to ensure it's still fit-for-purpose and maintains sustainable fisheries for current and future generations.

### ***Pulse check***

New Zealand's fisheries management system is sound. Scientific assessments show that overall New Zealand's fisheries are doing well.

However, the system's key building blocks – the Fisheries Act and the Quota Management System – have been in place for 20 and 30 years respectively. Technology has advanced and society's expectations of how fisheries management should operate have changed over that time, giving us an opportunity to review the system. We want to ensure it continues to deliver for all users.

### ***What's covered by the review***

This review gives us a chance to think more broadly about our key processes, regulatory and legislative settings.

We'll be considering the changing needs and expectations of the people who use New Zealand's fisheries to ensure our systems are best focused to sustainably deliver on those needs.

It will also recognise the range of initiatives already underway to respond to identified needs.

Treaty settlements will not be undermined. The fundamentals of the QMS are sound but there are opportunities for improvements to the broader fisheries management system.

### ***We want you to have a say***

We're still at the beginning of this process – we haven't developed proposals yet and nothing has been decided. We need to understand the issues first and develop proposals that sustainably deliver for everyone.

To do this, we'll be seeking the views of everyone with an interest in our fisheries. As part of this process we'll be reaching out to the public in October.

More information about how you can get involved will be released closer to the time. From your feedback, we'll produce a report for the Minister for Primary Industries early in 2016.

Once we've finalised our proposals, everyone will then have a chance to comment through a formal consultation process in mid-2016.

Any changes to the system as a result of this review are likely to be made in 2017.

### ***Who to contact***

If you have questions about this review, email with Fisheries Review in the subject line [info@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:info@mpi.govt.nz).