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Minister of Fisheries

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Consultation on whether to enable Annual Catch Entitlement carry forward for rock lobster

Key Messages

1. We have previously briefed you [refer B20-0065] on proposed options to implement rock lobster Annual Catch Entitlement (ACE) carry forward provisions, in response to Coronavirus impacts on Chinese markets for rock lobster.
2. Attached is a near final draft consultation document on options for carrying forward uncaught rock lobster ACE for your consideration (**Appendix One**).
3. Subject to completing final legal checks and working closely with your office, Fisheries New Zealand will provide you the finalised document on Friday 14 February.

Consultation plan

4. Due to the urgency of the matter, and targeted consultation plan, we propose to consult for two weeks.
5. Consultation is provisionally planned to start on Friday 14 February 2020 and end on Friday 28 February 2020. We will work with you and your office around a release date and accompanying draft media release.

Security Level – In Confidence

6. In addition to announcing the consultation and distributing the consultation document via standard channels (including the Fisheries New Zealand website, social media, and distribution lists), Fisheries New Zealand will also engage directly with the following groups, who have strong interests in the stock (as required under the Act).
 - Te Ohu Kaimoana;
 - The Rock Lobster Industry Council;
 - Key operators, including the Fiordland Rock Lobster Company, Burkhardt's Fishing and Southern Seafoods Ltd.;
 - Recreational fisheries bodies, including the New Zealand Sports Fishing Council;
 - Environmental Groups, including Forest and Bird, World Wildlife Fund and Greenpeace;
 - Any members of the National Rock Lobster Management Group not already covered.
7. Fisheries New Zealand will directly engage with Iwi Fisheries Forums and consult with Te Ohu Kaimoana on how best to facilitate additional engagement with Māori.
8. We will engage with other Government agencies, including the Department of Conservation and Te Puni Kokiri.
9. Once consultation has been completed Fisheries New Zealand anticipate providing final advice for you followed by a Cabinet Paper to be lodged on 5 March 2020.

Minister / Minister's Office

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Appendix One: Draft discussion document

This document is available online at the following URL: <https://www.fisheries.govt.nz/dmsdocument/39710-2020-02-discussion-document-annual-catch-entitlement-carry-forward-for-rock-lobster-pdf>

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