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Re: Representatives for the National Rock Lobster Management Group

Thank you for your letter of 28 January 2020 outlining the review of the NRLMG focused on ensuring that the membership is fit for purpose and representative of all sectors involved in rock lobster management.

Parties from the NZ Recreational Fishing Council, NZ Sport Fishing Council, NZ Underwater Association and Our Fishing Future got together on 19 February and had a very constructive discussion.

In particular, we discussed the diversity of the recreational sector and how each organisation plays a significant role in representing our stakeholders. To that end, and in recognition of this diversity we are seeking positions for three recreational representatives on the NRLMG, Josh Barclay, Keith Ingram, and Andy Stewart.

The nomination below covers the key attributes for an organisation and representative set out in your letter.

Nomination for Josh Barclay as a representative of recreational fishers on the NRLMG

Mandate: The New Zealand Sport Fishing Council (NZSFC) was formed in 1956 as a representative organisation for fishing clubs and their members. NZSFC is an Incorporated Society that currently has over 36,200 affiliated members from 55 clubs and is a recognised by Sport New Zealand as an investment eligible National Sports Organisation. Fishing club committees elect delegates to attend Zone meetings in their region and the eight Zones elect a representative to the NZSFC Board. The president and officers are elected by delegates at the AGM. A Fisheries Management Subcommittee is appointed to direct NZSFC engagement in fisheries management submissions on specific issues. The decision to put forward Josh as NZSFC representation on the NRLMG has been made by the Fisheries Management Subcommittee and will be ratified by the Board.

The Council has expanded its outreach to individuals and organisations by creating a branded entity, LegaSea, to broaden public involvement in marine management advocacy, research, education and alignment on behalf of our members and LegaSea supporters.

Focus on the wellbeing of rock lobster stocks: Josh has already made a valuable contribution to the discussion around rock lobster management as an observer at NRLMG meetings. His attendance at many of the Rock Lobster Fisheries Assessment Working Group meetings over the last three years has helped bring a clearer understanding of the management implications of recent stock assessments to the Group.

Can engage constructively. Good communication and listening skills: Josh is a good communicator and has proven to be a constructive contributor to discussions at NRLMG meetings.

Commit to participation: Josh has moved to Blenheim and is committed to refreshing the NRLMG and revising the Terms of Reference. He has attended most of the NRLMG over the last three years as an observer. Occasionally observers have been excluded from important sections of NRLMG meetings and NZSFC has decided not to attend.

Knowledge of fisheries management and experience fishing: Josh is an experienced free diver with good connections to divers and fishers both amateur and commercial. He has been a member of many of the science working groups for inshore fisheries. Josh attended the World Recreational Fishing Conference in Canada in 2017 on behalf of NZSFC. Josh's CV is below.

Note: There has been discussion within the NZSFC Fisheries Management Subcommittee about committing to the current NRLMG Terms of Reference which are out-dated in a number of areas. We would expect the NRLMG and Fisheries New Zealand will advise the Minister on revisions to the TOR during 2020.

Alternate: NZSFC Fisheries Management Subcommittee nominate John Holdsworth from Blue Water Marine Research Ltd as an alternate for Josh Barclay as a member of the NRLMG. John has 20 years experience in fisheries management as a research provider, science working group member, and stakeholder working group member.

Yours faithfully,



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