



22 July 2020

Application to hold quota in excess of aggregation limits for blue mackerel and kahawai

The purpose of this letter is to consult with you on an application submitted to Fisheries New Zealand (FNZ) by Pelco New Zealand Limited (Pelco) for an exemption from quota aggregation limits for kahawai (KAH) and blue mackerel (EMA) stocks. For blue mackerel, the aggregation limit is 45%, and for kahawai it is 35% of the combined total allowable commercial catches (TACCs) for each stock. The request from Pelco under s60 of the Fisheries Act 1996 (the Act) is:

- To hold 45.993% of all KAH quota, with an authorisation to hold up to 51% to accommodate future TAC/TACC changes.
- To hold 55.304% of all EMA quota, with an authorisation to hold up to 61% to accommodate future TAC/TACC changes.

Section 60 of the Act provides that the Minister of Fisheries may consent to entities holding quota in excess of aggregation limits after considering the impacts that granting such an application will have on other fishers, as well as to the existing stock or species. It is at the Minister's discretion whether to impose any conditions upon granting an exemption such as limiting the number of quota shares or placing a limited time frame on the exemption.

Consultation with interested parties is a requirement of the Act and all submissions will be considered before a decision is issued. If you would like to make a submission on the request, please email your submission to FMSubmissions@mpi.govt.nz. The closing date for submissions is **5pm on Friday 28 August 2020**. While we prefer email, you can post your submission to:

Kahawai and Blue Mackerel Limit Exemptions 2020
Fisheries Management
Fisheries New Zealand
P O Box 53030
Auckland 2022

Note that any submission you make becomes public information. People can ask for copies of submissions under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). The OIA says we must make submissions available unless we have a good reason for withholding it. This is explained in sections 6 and 9 of the OIA.

Tell us if you think there are grounds to withhold specific information in your submission. Reasons might include that it is commercially sensitive, or it is personal

information. However, any decision FNZ makes to withhold information can be reviewed by the Ombudsman, who may tell us to release it.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Hore', written in a cursive style.

Jacob Hore

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