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Subject: Upcoming consultation on sustainability measures for East Coast tarakihi

Tēnā koe

In 2019, you submitted on the review of East Coast tarakihi (TAR 2, 3 and the east portions of TAR 1 & 7) as a part of the October 2019 Sustainability Round.

In December 2019, Forest and Bird filed proceedings seeking judicial review of the Minister's 2019 decision setting catch limits for East Coast tarakihi on the basis that the catch limit reductions were not sufficient to allow the stock to rebuild in a "period appropriate to the stock".

The High Court's judgment was issued in June 2021. It directs the Minister to have regard to the Court's findings in making his 2021 decision as to the TAC and TACC for East Coast tarakihi.

In light of the judgment, Fisheries New Zealand is now proposing to review the catch limits for East Coast tarakihi. The consultation process will have condensed timeframes in order to meet the 1 October 2021 deadline. We expect to release the consultation paper early to mid-next week, with submissions closing approximately three weeks later.

Given your interest in the management of East Coast tarakihi, Fisheries New Zealand wanted to inform you of the upcoming consultation on the review of sustainability measures for the stock. We welcome your feedback once consultation commences.

Nāku iti noa nā

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