



OIA18-0470

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Dear Peter Campbell

## OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 4 July 2018 in which you requested data pertaining to catch in excess of the Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) and deemed values (DV) applied in the main tarakihi (TAR) fisheries. Specifically, you requested the following information:

*'Pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) we urgently request for TAR 1, 2, 3 & 7 the following information:*

*1. The annual totals by Quota Management Area (QMA) and fishing year since 2000-2001 for the following:*

- a. TACC*
- b. Commercial catch.*
- c. ACE carried over to the following year.*
- d. Tonnes of TAR deemed.*
- e. Value of deemed TAR paid.*
- f. Value of deemed TAR not paid.*

*2. Trends in the number of deemed value invoices issued and deemed receipts since 2001.'*

As requested, your request has been treated with urgency in accordance with section 12(3) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

In response to your request, please find attached a spreadsheet which contains a number of labelled tabs, each containing the annual totals for TAR1, 2, 3 & 7 as follows:

**1a & 1b TACC and Catch** – TACC and commercial catch data for fishing years 2000-01 to 2017-18.

The commercial catch figures for fishing year 2000-01 are from Quota Monitoring Returns. Catch figures for fishing years 2001-02 to 2017-18 are from Monthly Harvest Returns (MHR). The catch data provided for fishing year 2017-18 is for the current fishing year which is still ongoing, and as such is incomplete.

**1c. ACE Carryover** – Annual Catch Entitlement (ACE) carried over to the following year for the period fishing years 2001-02 to 2016-17. ACE came into existence from 1 October 2001, as such, there are no carryover figures for the 2000-01 fishing year.

**1d. Tonnes of TAR Deemed** - Tonnes of TAR deemed for the period fishing year 2001-02 to 2016-17. The figures are derived from calculating the difference between the ACE used and commercial catch reported.

***Value of deemed TAR paid and unpaid***

Fisheries New Zealand has been in correspondence with FishServe in order to answer this part of your request. FishServe have advised that data pertaining to the amounts paid or unpaid at fishstock level is not available, as when a deemed value invoice is produced, it may relate to a number of different fishstocks. To produce payment information which links to a specific fishstock would involve significant analysis of source data in order to generate the requested information. In addition, this process is unlikely to produce accurate data which acts to answer this part of your request.

Fisheries New Zealand has therefore made the decision to refuse the value of deemed TAR paid and unpaid in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA, as this information does not exist in the format in which it has been requested.

FishServe have however provided the total DV for tarakihi stocks and the number of clients invoiced for the time period requested. This data can be found in the *1e & 1f. DV's & no. of Clients* tab in the attached spreadsheet.

It is important to note however that a client may be invoiced and then later amend their MHR reporting or use ACE to cover the amount. As a result, the invoice would become null and void. If the deemed amount is only partially resolved, the client would then receive a remission, or be credited and subsequently sent an amended invoice for the revised amount.

***Trends in the number of deemed value invoices issued and deemed receipts since 2001.***

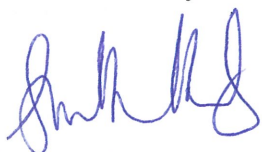
FishServe have provided the number of invoices for each TAR fishstock as requested, which can be viewed in the *2. DV invoiced issued* tab in the attached spreadsheet. It is important to note however that this figure contains invoices that were subsequently credited.

Further information relating to DV's can be found on the Ministry for Primary Industries website by selecting the following webpage:

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/growing-and-harvesting/fisheries/operating-as-a-fisher/deemed-values/>

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to refuse your request in part.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shelton Harley', written in a cursive style.

Shelton Harley  
**Acting Director, Fisheries Science & Information**