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Tēnā koe

Review of East Coast tarakihi sustainability measures for October 2022

Fisheries New Zealand is seeking feedback from tangata whenua, stakeholders, and the public on proposed changes to sustainability measures for East Coast tarakihi stocks to be implemented on 1 October 2022.

In December 2019, Forest and Bird filed proceedings seeking judicial review of the Minister's 2019 decision setting catch limits for East Coast tarakihi. Their arguments included 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 directed the Minister to have regard to the Court's findings in making a decision as to the total allowable catch (TAC) and total allowable commercial catch (TACC) for East Coast tarakihi stocks. In September 2021 a stay on the decision was granted, allowing for the decision to be made following the completion of the East Coast tarakihi stock assessment. This was completed in December 2021.

Fisheries New Zealand is reviewing catch limits, allowances and deemed values for the East Coast tarakihi stocks (TAR 2, TAR 3 and the east portions of TAR 1 and TAR 7) for the 1 October 2022 fishing year.

Detailed information on the proposed changes, including our associated consultation paper, can be found on the Fisheries New Zealand website at: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/consultations/review-of-east-coast-tarakihi-sustainability-measures-for-1-october-2022/>. Alternatively, hard copies of these documents may be requested at the email or postal addresses provided below.

Making a submission

All submissions should be received by **5pm Tuesday 12th July 2022**.

Submissions should be emailed to: FMsubmissions@mpi.govt.nz

Alternatively, submissions can be sent by mail to the following postal address:

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Nāku iti noa nā



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