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Hon David Parker  
Minister for Oceans and Fisheries

Dear David

## Fisheries plan for pāua fisheries PAU 5A, PAU 5B and PAU 5D

PauaMAC5 represents the pāua industry in Fiordland (PAU 5A), Stewart Island (PAU 5B) and Southland/Otago (PAU 5D). As Chair of PauaMAC5, I am pleased to present you with a copy of the proposed Fisheries Plan for the three PAU 5 fisheries. The Plan sets out management measures that the industry will implement to help ensure the long-term sustainability of the PAU 5 fisheries, including strategies and actions for maintaining the fisheries above target biomass levels, protecting important pāua habitat, and enhancing industry performance.

PauaMAC5 seeks your formal approval of the Fisheries Plan under section 11A of the Fisheries Act 1996 at the earliest opportunity.

In the pāua industry's experience, fisheries plans provide an extremely effective platform for encouraging support and engagement from industry participants, Iwi and local communities in the management of pāua fisheries. The PAU 5 fisheries plan builds on the successful implementation of industry-developed fisheries plans for PAU 4 (approved in 2019), PAU 7 (endorsed in 2021) and PAU 3 (approved in 2021).

In developing the Fisheries Plan, PauaMAC5 has consulted with PAU 5A, 5B and 5D quota owners and harvesters and with Te Ohu Kaimoana. We have also liaised with Fisheries New Zealand (FNZ) and provided pre-consultation drafts to Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and the Fiordland Marine Guardians. Feedback has been positive and we are confident that the plan can now proceed to formal consultation.

The three PAU 5 fisheries are generally in good shape and are estimated to be at or above their target levels. However, we believe that still more can be done to enhance fine-scale management of these fisheries, improve the timeliness of management responses, and weave ecosystem

considerations into fisheries management. The integrated package of measures in the Fisheries Plan will help deliver these outcomes.

In order for the Plan to proceed efficiently through the statutory consultation and approval process, we invite your officials to actively engage with PauaMAC5. We would like the opportunity to discuss and resolve any issues as they arise, enabling the Plan to be progressed in a timely manner.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you require any further information to assist in your consideration of the Plan.

Yours sincerely

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Chair, PauaMAC5