



6 November 2013

FMA1 Recreational Fishing Forum

Dear Forum Member,

### **Nominations for the SNA 1 Strategy Group**

Following on from the recent management review of the Snapper 1 (SNA 1) fishstock the Minister has agreed that it is essential that a long term strategy be developed to support increased benefits to all sectors.

It has been recognised that the users of the fishery are well placed to determine what getting the best from SNA 1 would look like and how to go about achieving this.

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has been instructed to form a small but representative group that will need to work cooperatively over the next eighteen months or so to consider a number of matters including:

- Target levels;
- Timeframe to rebuild to the target;
- What cost-effective research should be carried out and how often;
- How benefits should be allocated within the bounds of the 50/50 commercial/non-commercial direction; and
- Measures to improve productivity and management of the fishery including consideration of appropriate management boundaries.

Sir Ian Barker has recently been confirmed as the chair of this SNA 1 strategy group. He has a wealth of skills to bring to this role and I believe that he will provide excellent leadership to approaching this challenging task.

It is important that the membership includes expertise in customary, recreational and commercial fisheries. Two members from each sector are anticipated.

There will be a commitment to meet approximately once a month with some reading and dialogue in between. Actual and reasonable travel costs to attend meetings will be reimbursed. Secretariat and technical support will be provided by MPI.

I am writing to seek your input into the identification of suitable candidates with expertise in recreational fishing. I am particularly interested in individuals that can work constructively and collaboratively as I think that much can be gained from this process. If you would like to put forward a candidate or have any questions could you please contact Andrew Doube

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Yours sincerely

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

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