



# FISHERIES NEW ZEALAND SUSTAINABILITY REVIEW SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA (STN 1)

Southern bluefin tuna is a highly migratory species that is seasonally present in New Zealand waters.

Southern bluefin tuna is internationally managed by the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT), of which New Zealand is a member. New Zealand's national allocation was increased at the last CCSBT in October 2023, which Fisheries New Zealand proposes to implement domestically.



To give effect to the CCSBT decision during the 2023/24 fishing year (which started on 1 October), Fisheries New Zealand proposes an in-season increase to the total allowable catch (TAC) of STN 1, between 1 April 2024 and 30 September 2024.

This in-season increase will include:

- generating more Annual Catch Entitlement (ACE) to be available to commercial fishers within the fishing year and before the start of the STN fishing season, which generally begins in April/May.
- an increase to the allowance within the TAC for recreational fishing.

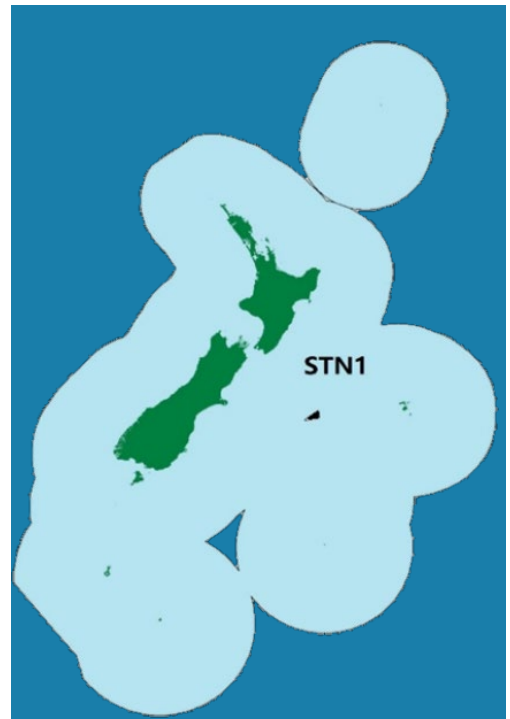
Fisheries New Zealand also proposes that the TAC settings made in the in-season increase will also apply to the full fishing year from 1 October 2024.

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For the full rationale for the proposed options, read the technical discussion paper available here:

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/consultations/review-of-sustainability-measures-2024-april-round>

## HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY

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Consultation closes at 5pm on 2 February 2024