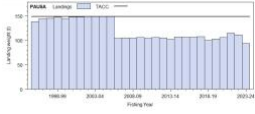
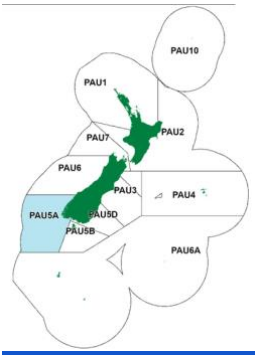


Proposal type:	Paua 5A (PAU 5A) TAC Review Set the Total Allowable Catch (TAC), reduce the Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC), set allowances for customary, recreational and other mortality.
Affected area:	Southwest coast South Island, Fiordland.
Date received:	24/06/2025
Response date:	23/07/2025
Project lead:	Sydney Curtis
Stock status:	Stock status is unknown. Current TACC settings are 'very likely (>90%)' to cause overfishing to continue or commence.
Introduction:  	<p>FNZ propose to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set a TAC • Set an allowance for Customary Māori at 5 t. • Set an allowance for recreational fishers at 5 t. • Set an allowance for all other mortality at 3 t. • Reduce the TACC by 30% or 40%. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fisheries NZ conclude that current catch levels are 'Likely (>60%) to be causing overfishing to continue or commence. 2. The 2020 assessment no longer accurately reflects the true stock status. 3. Since 2007 quota owners agreed to shelve 30% of catch. This decreased to 25% from October 2023. This reduced harvest to around 100 t. 4. The recreational daily bag limit was halved in 2023 following proposals by the Fiordland Marine Guardians, who stated this proposal was due to localised depletion. The 2022-23 harvest estimate was 1.88 t, prior to the bag limit reduction. 5. The Guardians did not propose any changes to commercial fishing effort.
Preliminary view:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minimal recreational harvest due to the relative inaccessibility, exposed outer coastline and prohibition of UBA. The National Panel Survey has a low sample size and is less accurate for this fishery. 2. Option 1 reduces the TACC to current catch levels over recent years, since shelving. 3. Option 2 reduces catch below current landings and therefore considers the uncertainty in stock status and environmental concerns. 4. If the stock is still declining, the TACC needs to be reduced to a level that is below current catch.
Main beneficiary:	55 quota owners