



21 August 2025

**Minister of Conversation – Tama Potaka**  
**Minister of Oceans and Fisheries – Shane Jones**

Dear Ministers

As the Ministers for Conservation and Oceans and Fisheries, the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council and LegaSea want you to understand our objections to the process that has eventuated into the Hauraki Gulf Tīkapa Moana Marine Protection Bill.

Your behaviour and that of your officials is unbecoming and, quite frankly, embarrassing. We are deeply disappointed in your lack of judgement in permitting gill netting within two of the High Protection Areas in the Gulf.

There is no goodwill. The public interest continues to be ignored. We do not want those fish harvested commercially. Leave them alone. Let us, the people, enjoy the benefits of some rebuild.

Your lack of common sense and good judgement will be remembered.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Macindoe".

**Scott Macindoe**  
**President**  
**New Zealand Sport Fishing Council**