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Submission by Eastern Boating and Fishing Club for:

MPI Discussion paper 2013/06 "Review of Commercial access restrictions in the PAU 5D fishery"

The club wants the option 1 - Status Quo to be retained.

Eastern Boating and Fishing Club is a recreational fishing club with 112 members mainly resident in Otago, Canterbury, and Southland.

All members have been notified of the discussion paper and with the time constraints for submission not all have been directly involved but feedback and discussion that has taken place has all supported option 1 of the two options given.

We have advised members that individual submissions can be made that can give more specific individual information and opinion but that the club will make this general submission on members behalf.

Supporting points:

The club has a representative on the East Otago Taiapure and is well informed of and supports efforts to research and promote Paua propagation and sustainability,

A portion of club members, family and friends take paua on an occasional or intermittent basis in the PAU 5D fishery with some members using this resource much more frequently. While most of the club activity is fishing north of Otago Harbour members do use other areas of this fishery when collecting paua.

Concern is generally expressed that the areas closed to commercial exploitation are retained for reasons of common heritage, sustainable diversity, and having recreational access to these areas that are not systematically depleted of the best paua for profit and export purposes.

The number of people, particularly the younger population using coastal resources is a growing trend and reserving the paua resource as in option 1 is important for this future use.

Ownership of the paua stocks should be preserved in the public domain. To this end is transferring ownership of paua quota into private ownership from our common resource through the Quota Management System lawful in common law.

The policing of paua theft is seen as a secondary issue that must be addressed in any case.

The overfishing of the TACC areas suggests that the quota system is not working as it should be and the risk in spreading the problem to the areas reserved for non commercial use to mitigate what is not correctly managed now is not the correct solution.

Regards

Ron McLachlan (secretary)