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Review of regulatory controls for inshore fishstocks for 1 October 2013

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is seeking feedback and additional information from tangata whenua, the fishing industry, other stakeholders and interested parties on proposals to review the following regulatory controls. The proposals focus on increasing the value fishers obtain from sustainable use of these well-managed inshore quota fisheries by removing unnecessary regulation. They are:

- for freshwater eel fisheries:
 - a review of the current requirement for South Island commercial eel fishers to hold a minimum of 4 tonnes of Annual Catch Entitlement prior to being able to go fishing; and
 - a proposed increase in the minimum legal diameter for fyke net escape tubes used by commercial fishers in the North Island and the Chatham Islands;
- for paua (PAU 5D, Otago/Southland Coast): a proposal to open up four areas to allow the commercial harvest of paua;
- for kina (All SUR stocks), sea cucumber (All SCC stocks), horse mussel (All HOR stocks) and paua (PAU 4, Chatham Islands): a proposal to allow the use of underwater breathing apparatus (UBA) for the commercial harvest of some shellfish species.

MPI is also seeking feedback and additional information from tangata whenua, the fishing industry, other stakeholders and interested parties on the following proposal put forward by the Maketu Taiapure Management Committee to support their local management initiatives:

- for green-lipped mussels and paua (GLM 1, PAU 1): proposed changes to the recreational harvest controls (bag limit, minimum legal size and seasonal closures) for the Maketu Taiāpure.

Copies of the consultation documents are available on the MPI Fisheries website at www.fish.govt.nz/en-nz/Consultations/default.htm

MPI welcomes written submissions on the proposals contained in the consultation papers. Submissions should be sent by e-mail to FMSubmissions@mpi.govt.nz or by post to:

Inshore Fisheries Management
Ministry for Primary Industries
PO Box 2526, WELLINGTON 6140

Please ensure MPI receives your written submission no later than 4pm on Friday, 19 April 2013.

For further information about these proposals, or if you have any difficulties accessing the document or would like a hard copy, please contact Allen Frazer at (03) 466 3682 or allen.frazer@mpi.govt.nz

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