

27/2/2017

Sir Rob Fenwick

The Chair of the Technical Advisory Group

Re: Future of our Fisheries - Technical Advisory Group meeting

Dear Sir Rob,

Yachting New Zealand commits substantial effort and resource to lobby central and local government in respect of environmental and legal issues directly affecting Yachting New Zealand member clubs and New Zealand's recreational boat-owners and operators. We have a nationwide viewpoint; we advocate with a voice of just over 30,000 people from over 110 clubs, 50 class associations and 40 maritime organisations. This carries significantly more weight than an individual submission.

We write to endorse the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council and their efforts to advocate on behalf of their members and, by natural extension, the non-commercial fishing interests of the public at large. Yachting New Zealand have established a warm and trusting relationship with New Zealand Sport Fishing Council representatives. We appreciate the comprehensive nature of the submissions they make. Submissions of this caliber are only possible when written by professionals with many years of experience. Their submissions consistently represent the values and interests of so many of our members who enjoy fishing in the inshore waters of New Zealand.

We regret not being available to attend this briefing with the Technical Advisory Group on the 1st of March 2017. We urge you to take careful note of the Council's input to the review.

We look forward to reading the report on your meeting with the NZSFC and other aligned representative organisations.

Yours faithfully



David Abercrombie
Chief Executive