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Tēnā koe Ian,

Approval of a Fisheries Plan for the Wairarapa pāua fishery

I am writing to notify you of my approval of the fishery plan for the PAU 2 (Wairarapa) commercial pāua fishery submitted to me by the PāuaMAC 2 Incorporated in accordance with section 11A of the Fisheries Act 1996.

Thank you for your submission during consultation on the plan (jointly with LegaSea). I acknowledge that you did not support the plan on the basis of concerns regarding ACE shelving, authorised management and proportional allocation.

I have carefully considered your concerns and have received advice on the matters raised in your submission. In approving the plan, I note that voluntary catch shelving arrangements do not replace my requirement to set a sustainable total allowable commercial catch for this fishery.

Authorised management is not possible under the current legislation, therefore my approval of the plan under s11A does not constitute an agreement or commitment to do this, despite its inclusion in the plan. Similarly, the plan's inclusion of proportional allocation does not constitute a commitment to advocate for this in future sustainability reviews. Any review of the statutory settings for these fisheries would continue to require consultation as part of Fisheries New Zealand's sustainability process, with any decisions made by the Minister for Oceans and Fisheries.

Thank you again for providing input on the plan and engaging with Fisheries New Zealand throughout the consultation process.

Nāku noa, nā,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Shane Jones'.

Hon Shane Jones
Minister for Oceans and Fisheries