



OIA13-087

21 AUG 2013

Trish Rea
For the NZSFC Fisheries Management Committee
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Dear Trish

EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 24 July 2013 regarding documents related to the management of the snapper 1 fishstock, specifically:

- Snapper 1 Management Plan, 1997;
- Snapper 1 decision letter, for 1 October 1997; and
- Snapper 1 trawl mortality survey report c1993-94.

Since this request was made it has been clarified with you that you are seeking copies of the:

- *Snapper Fishery Strategic Plan Quota Management Areas SNA1 and SNA8 1994 to 2000 (June 1994)*;
- Final Advice Paper and corresponding decision letter related to 1 October 1997 changes to management measures for the SNA1 fishery; and
- Report related to juvenile snapper mortality described in a letter dated 31 August 1994 from the Group Director MAF Fisheries Policy to Max Hetherington.

Given the scope of this request, we will not be able to respond within the timeframe set out in the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Accordingly, the Ministry for Primary Industries has decided to extend the time limit for responding to your request pursuant to section 15A of the OIA. The Ministry will reply to your request by no later than 18 September 2013.

The extension is necessary because your request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the normal 20 working day time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the Ministry for Primary Industries.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to extend the time limit for responding to your request. A request must be made in writing to:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsmen
PO Box 10 152
WELLINGTON

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Stevenson-Wallace', written in a cursive style.

James Stevenson-Wallace
Director Fisheries Management