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Trish Rea
For the NZSFC Fisheries Management Committee

Dear Trish

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 24 July 2013 regarding documents related to the management of the snapper 1 fishstock, specifically 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 a
- Report related to juvenile snapper mortality described in a letter dated 31 August 1994 from the Group Director MAF Fisheries Policy to Max Hetherington.

The following information is released to you under the Official Information Act 1982:

- *Snapper Fishery Strategic Plan Quota Management Areas SNA1 and SNA8 1994 to 2000 (June 1994)*
- Letter titled *Review of sustainability measures and other management controls for snapper 1 (SNA 1) for the 1997–98 fishing year* and dated 24 September 1997 (Decision Letter).
- *Review of sustainability measures and other management controls for snapper 1 (SNA 1) for the 1997–98 fishing year.* (Final Advice Paper)

Your request for the report related to juvenile mortality is being refused pursuant to section 18(e) as it could not be found in Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) records. However, the following information from the report is available from a briefing (FP 10/15/4 to) the Minister of Fisheries dated 31 August 1994:

“The NSFMG is carrying out a monitoring programme currently to investigate juvenile catch by season. A preliminary report suggests that snapper of less than or equal to 25cm constitute 23.5% by number and 9.9% by weight of the autumn single trawl catch from the Hauraki Gulf. The information also suggests discarding of about 4% of legal sized snapper ($\geq 25\text{cm}$).”

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 refuse 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', is written over a horizontal line.

James Stevenson-Wallace
Director, Fisheries Management