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Dear Ian,

Thank you for your email of 21 August 2024 requesting information held by my office relating to the PAUA 2 Fisheries Plan. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

The New Zealand Sport Fishing Council requests copies of any of the following information held by Fisheries New Zealand and/or the Minister of Oceans and Fisheries from 1 December 2022 to 10 August 2024:

- *Any reports, memoranda, letters, advice, emails, or other internal documents concerning the commercial industry's Pāua 2 Fisheries Plan (dated April 2024).*

I am aware you also directed the same request to the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI). I understand MPI will respond to that request in due course. This response provides the information held by my office.

Please find attached as Appendix One, Fisheries New Zealand's briefing advice provided to my office on the Wairarapa Commercial Pāua Fisheries Plan. This includes letters notifying PāuaMAC2 and other key stakeholders of my decision.

Some information has been withheld pursuant to section 9(2)(g)(i) of the OIA – *to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty.*

I am satisfied that in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available. You are advised of your right to raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. You can contact the Ombudsman at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Shane Jones', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Hon Shane Jones
Minister for Oceans and Fisheries