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Dear Stakeholder

Proposed Harvest Management Measures to Support the Introduction of KBB3G and KBB4G to the QMS on 1 October 2010

Attached bladder kelp stocks (KBB3G and KBB4G) will enter the Quota Management System (QMS) on 1 October 2010. The Ministry of Fisheries (MFish) is initiating a consultation process regarding additional harvest management measures and subsequent implementation frameworks, which are designed to support the proposed Total Allowable Catches (TACs) and associated allowances that have been consulted on previously. The options for additional harvest management measures and implementation frameworks are as follows:

Option 1

- Maintain the *status quo* and do not institute any additional harvest management measures.

Option 2

- Implement one or more of the following harvest management measures:
 - i) **Maximum cutting depth** - Institute a maximum cutting depth of no more than 1.2 metres;
 - ii) **Finer spatial scale reporting** – Require the latitude and longitude location of each harvested kelp bed to be reported
 - iii) **Maximum canopy removal** – Allow no more than 50% of any one kelp bed's canopy biomass to be harvested over a period of less than 6 months;
 - iv) **Maximum canopy harvesting frequency** – Require that no one area (i.e. kelp bed) may be harvested more than twice in one year; and
 - v) **Maximum canopy harvest width** – Constrain harvesting of the canopy biomass to strips no greater than 5 metres in width.

If the harvest management measures outlined under Option 2 are supported in full, or in part, then MFish proposes implementation of those measures via:

Option A

- Implement the harvest management measures by regulation, using s 190 and a Gazette Notice enacted under section 11 of the Fisheries Act 1996 (the Act).

Option B

- Implement the harvest management measures using voluntary industry mechanisms, such as a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or agreed-to Code of Practice (COP) agreed among all potential quota holders.

Option C

- Implement the harvest management measures using a combination of regulation and voluntary industry mechanisms.

MFish requests feedback from tangata whenua and stakeholders on the proposed harvest management measures and implementation frameworks. MFish is open to considering additional harvest management measures provided there is supportive rationale and a suitable means of implementation.

To examine the issues further and provide comment to MFish, a full copy of the IPP can be found on the MFish website under the 'Consultations' section:

<http://www.fish.govt.nz/en-nz/Consultations/default.htm>

If you would like a hard copy be sent to you, please contact Trudie Macfarlane at trudie.macfarlane@fish.govt.nz or (04) 819 4739.

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Please note: The closing date for submissions is Friday, 23 July 2010.

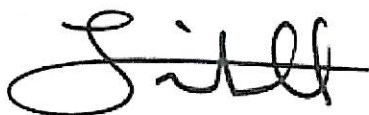
Written submissions should be sent directly to:

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Please note that all submissions are subject to the Official Information Act and can be released, if requested under that Act. If you have any specific reasons for wanting your submission withheld please set out your reasons in the submission. MFish will consider those reasons when making any assessment for release of submissions if requested under the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely,



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