

4 March 2010

Dear Stakeholder,

REVIEW OF MANGEMENT CONTROLS TO SUPPORT THE INTRODUCTION OF ATTACHED BLADDER KELP STOCKS (KBB 3G AND KBB 4G) INTO THE QUOTA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ON 1 OCTOBER 2010

The purpose of this document is to initiate a consultation process on behalf of the Minister of Fisheries regarding management controls for attached bladder kelp stocks in Fisheries Management Areas 3 and 4 (KBB 3G and KBB 4G). This paper outlines the supporting rationale to set Total Allowable Catches (TACs), sector allowances, and other management measures to support the introduction of KBB 3G and KBB 4G to the Quota Management System on 1 October 2010.

The Ministry of Fisheries (MFish) is considering the following options for proposed TACs, sector allowances and other sources of fishing-related mortality (Table 1):

Table 1. Proposed TACs, TACCs, and sector allowances for KBB 3G and KBB 4G

Stock		TAC	Customary allowance	Recreational allowance	Other sources of mortality	TACC
KBB 3G	Option 1	377 tonnes	0.1 tonne	0.1 tonne	1 tonne	375.8 tonnes
	Option 2	41.2 tonnes	0.1 tonne	0.1 tonne	1 tonne	40 tonnes
	Option 3	18.2 tonnes	0.1 tonne	0.1 tonne	1 tonne	17 tonnes
KBB 4G	Option 1	26.2 tonnes	0.1 tonne	0.1 tonne	1 tonne	25 tonnes
	Option 2	2.2 tonnes	0.1 tonne	0.1 tonne	1 tonne	1 tonne

Additionally, MFish proposes the following management measures for each stock to support QMS management:

- a) Add KBB 3G and KBB 4G to the Sixth Schedule of the Fisheries Act 1996;
- b) Amend the Fisheries (Reporting) Regulations 2001 to outline the codes to be used by commercial seaweed fishers when completing their statutory

catch returns; and

- c) Set the interim and annual deemed values for attached bladder kelp using one of the two options outlined below:
- i) Annual deemed value of \$4.00 per kg
AND
Interim deemed value of \$2.00 per kg; **OR**
 - ii) Annual deed value of \$1.00 per kg
AND
Interim deemed value of \$0.50 per kg
 - iii) Standard differential deemed value rates are used in KBB 3G and KBB 4G but no overfishing thresholds will be set at this time.

If you would like to examine the issues further and provide comment to MFish, a full copy of the IPP can be found on the MFish website www.fish.govt.nz under the “Consultations” section. If you do not have access to the website you can contact Tracey Steel on 04 819 4585 or tracey.steel@fish.govt.nz to request a copy of the paper be posted to you.

If you require further information on the attached bladder kelp proposals, please contact:

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MFish welcomes written submissions on the proposals contained in the IPP. **All written submissions are due by 5 pm on Thursday, 15 April 2010.** Written submissions should be sent directly to:

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Alternatively, submissions can be emailed to tracey.steel@fish.govt.nz or faxed to 04 819 4208.

Finally, I wish to advise you that all submissions received by MFish are subject to the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Should any person or organisation wish for any information contained in their submission to be withheld under the OIA, the grounds for withholding the information must be provided in the submission.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leigh Mitchell', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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