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Future of our Fisheries

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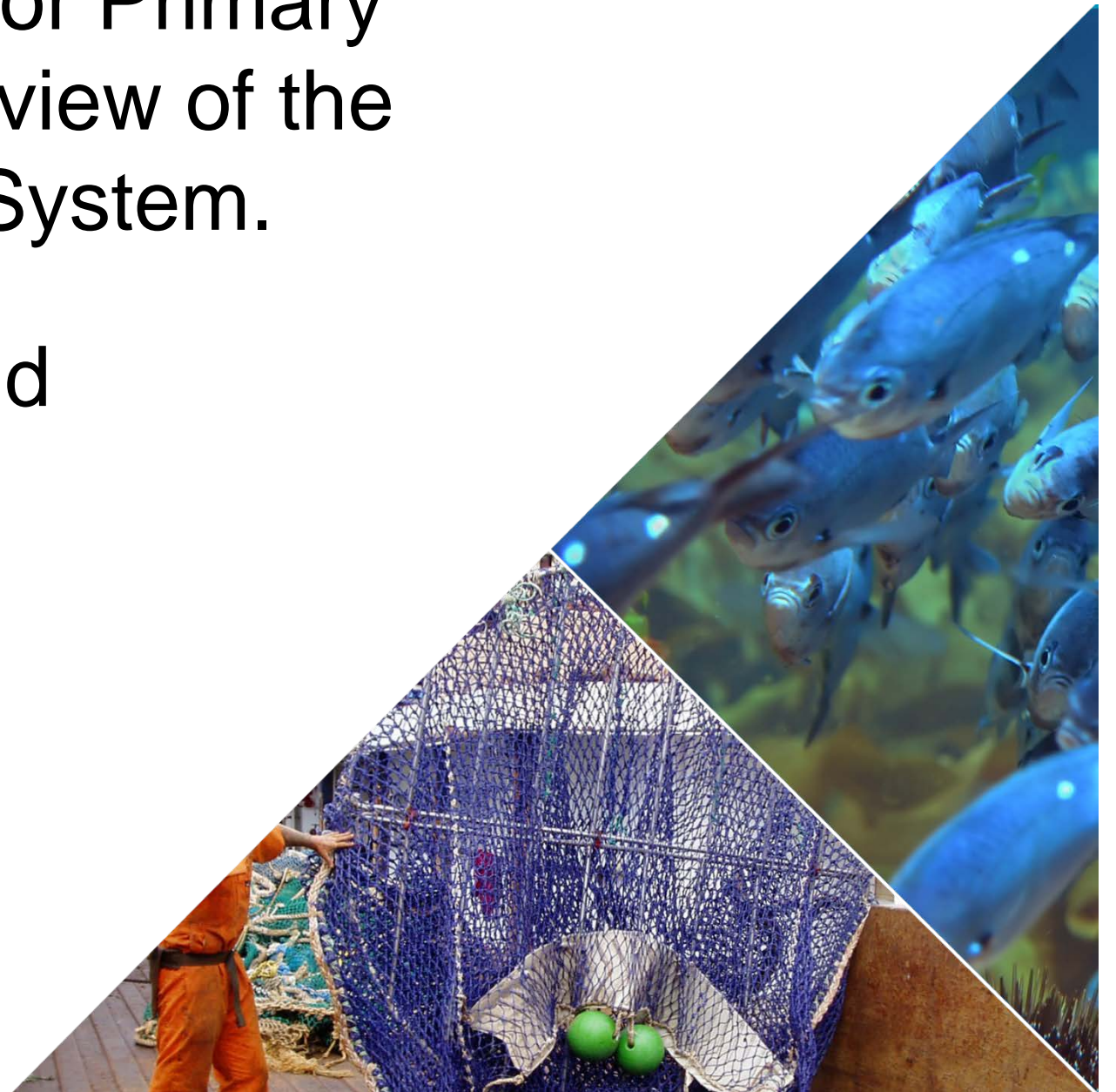
Our vision

An underwater photograph showing several fish, likely New Zealand snappers, swimming in clear, sunlit blue water. The fish are silvery with yellowish fins and are scattered across the frame, swimming towards the viewer. Sunlight rays penetrate the water from the surface, creating a bright, airy atmosphere.

Abundant fisheries and a healthy aquatic environment that provide for all our people, now and in the future.

The journey so far

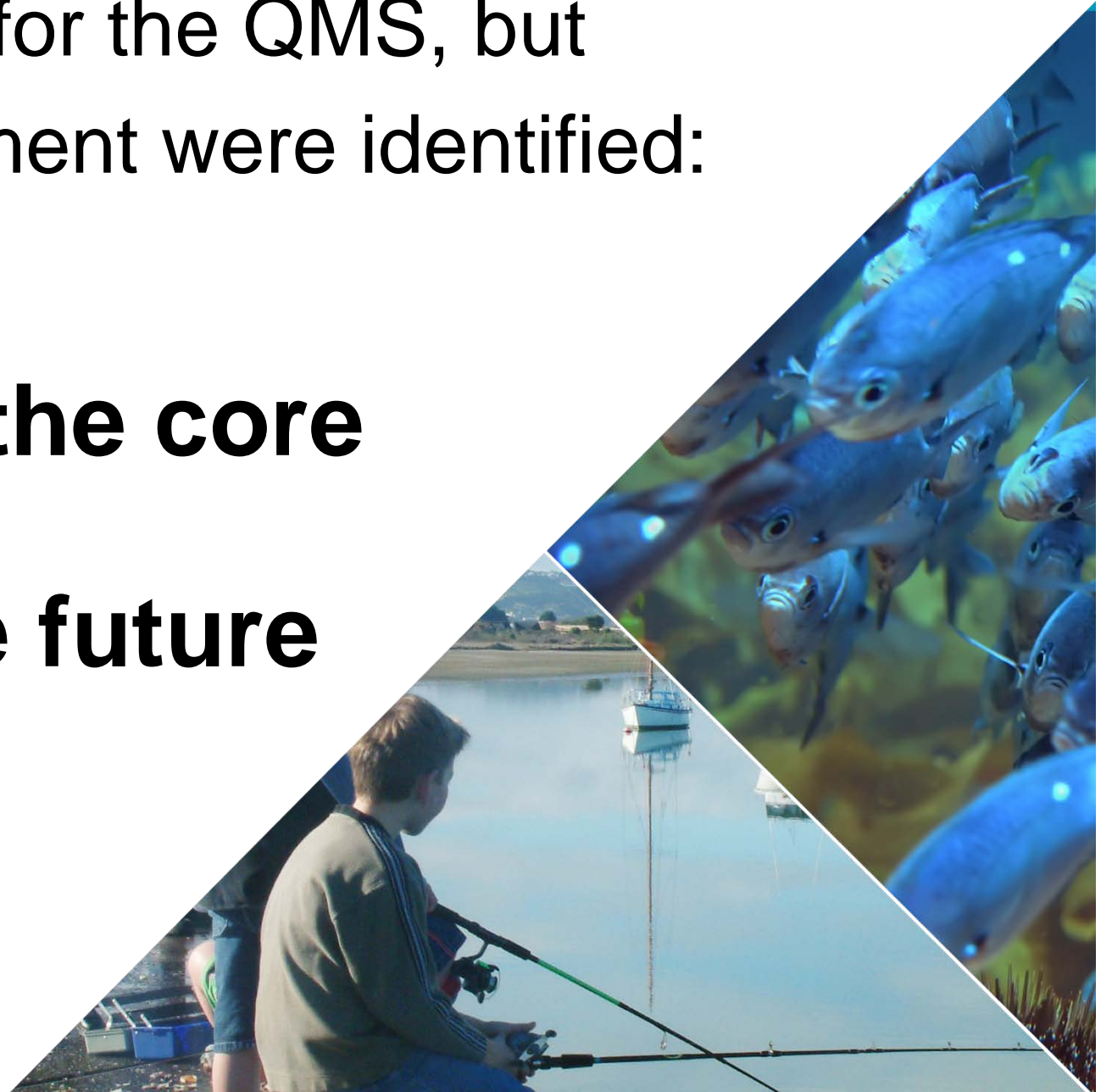
- August 2015 – Minister for Primary Industries announced review of the Fisheries Management System.
- MPI engaged with iwi and stakeholders on current operation of the system and opportunities for improvement.



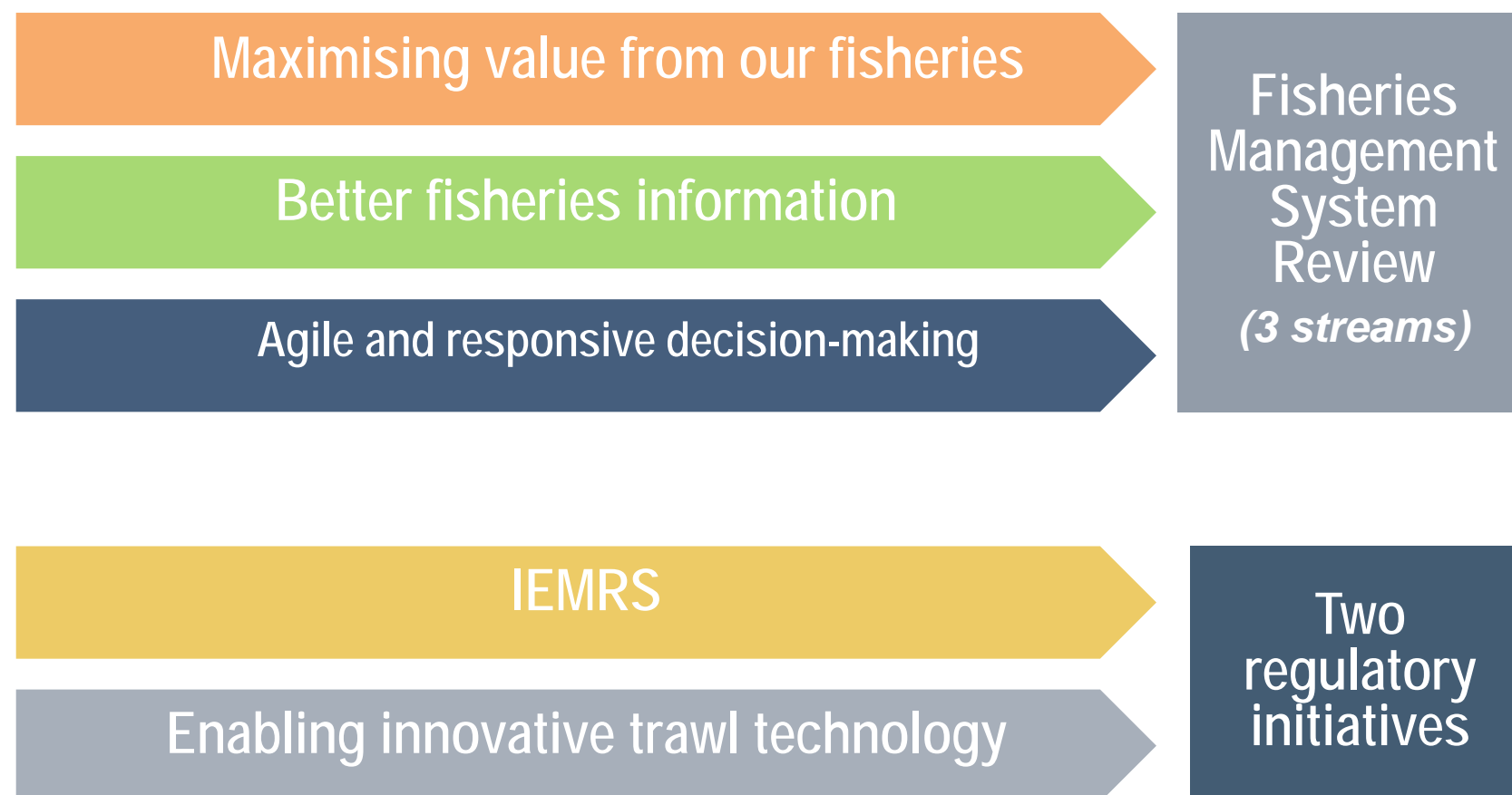
The opportunity

There was broad support for the QMS, but opportunities for improvement were identified:

- **Strengthening the core**
- **Building for the future**



A step change



Strategic proposal 1: Maximising Value from our Fisheries

Option 1: Address the discarding of fish to reduce waste

- Tighten the regulatory controls on what may be discarded
- Use economic incentives to reduce discarding

Option 2: Encourage and enable innovative harvest technologies

- EITT (Regulatory proposal 2)

Option 3: Maximise the value of shared fisheries

- Manage stocks for increased abundance
- Allocate TAC across sectors based on value

Option 4: Build the market position of New Zealand seafood

- Greater role for government in certifying environmental performance

Option 5: Deliver value from new and underdeveloped fisheries

- Improve data collected on low-information stocks
- Create incentives to develop new or underdeveloped fisheries

Strategic Proposal 2: Better Fisheries Information

Option 1: Integrated Electronic Monitoring and Reporting System (IEMRS)

- Regulatory Proposal 2

Option 2: More information to support decision-making and value-adding

- Monitoring non-commercial (recreational and customary) fisheries
- Monitoring and managing at finer geographic scales
- Commercial socioeconomic information and non-commercial values

Option 3: Ecosystem-based Fisheries Management (EBFM)

- Develop a more integrated management approach
- Invest in gathering information to support EBFM

Option 4: Use of externally commissioned research

- Identify principles to be used in assessing all research
- Make more use of externally commissioned research data in decision-making

Strategic Proposal 3:

Agile and Responsive Decision-making

Option 1: Shift decision-making to a level of accountability reflecting risk

- Develop criteria to determine what decisions could be delegated
- Shift appropriate decisions from the Minister to a delegated level, such as the Director-General of MPI

Option 2: Support independent advice through a National Fisheries Advisory Council

- Determine the purpose and potential roles of a NFAC and what skills its members should have
- Establish a NFAC to inform decision-making

Option 3: Develop a more flexible decision-making framework

- Explore flexible approaches to consultation and to encouraging collective decisions
- Develop standards and decision-rules to enable quicker decisions, such as annual decisions in a multi-year plan

Regulatory change

The Future of our Fisheries programme will also include TWO regulatory changes:

1. Integrated Electronic Monitoring & Reporting System (IEMRS)
2. Enabling Innovative Trawl Technology (EITT)



IEMRS

Under MPI's preferred option:

- Electronic reporting of catch and fishing effort and geospatial position reporting will be introduced for all permit holders, including on all approximately 1200 commercial fishing vessels from 1 October 2017
- Video monitoring will be phased in on commercial vessels from 1 October 2018



EITT – innovation

Key factors driving trawl innovation are:

- Reducing bycatch of undersized fish
- Improving the quality of the catch
- Maximising the opportunity for value-added processing and marketing



What we need from you

- We need you to review and assess the proposals we have put forward – and to encourage those who you work with to do the same.
- We need your input to inform the Future of our Fisheries work programme.



Next steps...

Have your say

- More information on the initiatives that will shape the Future of our Fisheries is now available on the MPI website.
- All submissions must be received by MPI by 5.00pm 23 December 2016.
- Contact the team at fisheries.review@mpi.govt.nz

Next steps... (Cont)

Going forward

- Following consultation, MPI will present the Minister with further advice in February 2017
 - This will include seeking decisions on the two regulatory change proposals for 1 July 2017
- In mid 2017 the Minister may seek further feedback on more specific ideas around the Strategic Proposals

Sustainable fisheries

