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Nga mihi ki a koutou katoa,

**CUSTOMARY FISHERIES RESEARCH FUND 2018 IS OPEN TO RECEIVE PROPOSALS**

This letter is to notify you that the 2018 Customary Fisheries Research Round is now open to receive proposals for customary research.

Fisheries New Zealand offers an annual research fund totalling \$180,000 per annum to support research projects identified and undertaken by tangata whenua, to assist in the management of their customary fisheries.

You are invited to submit research proposals for customary fisheries research. The closing date to submit proposals is 5pm, 31 August 2018. Following this, a review panel will convene to consider proposals received.

A copy of 'A guide to Customary Fisheries Research: Proposals & Processes 2018-19' and template for making a submission to this research fund is available on our website at: <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/funding-and-programmes/maori-in-the-primary-industries/customary-fisheries-research-fund/>.

The purpose of this guide is to inform tangata whenua of the two stage process for making research funding proposals from the customary research fund. The guide also sets out the eligibility and criteria for making a submission, and the customary research objectives. Please ensure proposals are in the correct application format (included in the guide) and meet the requirements outlined in this guide.

Please submit proposals to [customaryresearch@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:customaryresearch@mpi.govt.nz) for consideration. If you have any queries regarding the application process, please contact **Duncan Petrie** (Inshore Fisheries, [duncan.petrie@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:duncan.petrie@mpi.govt.nz)) who can assist you to contact the appropriate Fisheries New Zealand official for your support in this matter.

Alternatively, please contact **Rose Grindley**, (Customary Fisheries Team, [rose.grindley@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:rose.grindley@mpi.govt.nz)) who can direct you to Fisheries New Zealand's Customary Fisheries representative in your region to assist you.

Nāku noa, nā

Allen Frazer  
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