



MP for Napier

Minister of Police

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Dear stakeholder

Introduction of a bag limit in the southern bluefin tuna recreational fishery

This letter outlines my decision on the proposal to introduce bag and/or boat limits in the southern bluefin tuna recreational fishery. In reaching my decision, I have considered responses received from tangata whenua, submissions from stakeholders, final advice provided by Fisheries New Zealand, and my relevant legislative obligations under the Fisheries Act 1996.

In making my decision, I am conscious of the need to put recreational management measures in place in this fishery that will help ensure that New Zealand continues to meet its international obligations under the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna.

I have chosen to introduce a recreational bag limit of one southern bluefin tuna per person, per day while noting the ongoing discussions surrounding the future management of this developing recreational fishery.

My decision will be implemented by way of *Gazette* notice under Section 11 of the Fisheries Act 1996, and will come into force on 1 June 2019.

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to engage with Fisheries New Zealand during the consultation process.

The final advice that was provided to me by Fisheries New Zealand can be found on the Fisheries New Zealand website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Nash'.

Hon Stuart Nash

Minister of Fisheries