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Dear stakeholder

## Approval of National Fisheries Plans 2019

This letter informs you of my decision to approve two National Fisheries Plans: for Deepwater and Middle-depth Fisheries; and for Highly Migratory Species. The purpose of the Fisheries Plans is to provide clear management objectives to ensure these important fisheries are managed in a sustainable way. My thanks to all who contributed to the development of the updated plans and supported their development. The Plans are available on the Fisheries New Zealand website at:

- <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/growing-and-harvesting/fisheries/fisheries-management/deepwater-fisheries/>
- <https://www.fisheries.govt.nz/growing-and-harvesting/fisheries/fisheries-management/highly-migratory-species/>

The Plans detail annual planning and performance review processes, including the specification of research and observer services. They are supported by rolling medium-term research plans, and National Plans of Action to address key environmental issues.

I note that the objectives in these National Fisheries Plans are flexible and have been drafted in a way that can accommodate the changes being considered as part of the Fisheries Change Programme and other operational policy documents as they are reviewed or developed.

Yours sincerely

Hon Stuart Nash  
Minister of Fisheries