

Proposal to improve the allocation and transfer process provided in the Maori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004

Aquaculture contributes significantly to regional development, generating over \$600 million in revenue in 2018, and employing 3,000 people in the regions. There is great potential for aquaculture to enrich our global reputation with the Government, iwi and industry all coming together.

Iwi have an important role in New Zealand's sustainable and innovative aquaculture sector as they continue to acquire and develop their interests in the industry, and improvements need to be made to support this development.

MPI and Fisheries New Zealand is seeking feedback on options to improve the allocation and transfer process provided in the Maori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004 to ensure iwi can access their aquaculture settlement assets.

The consultation runs from 28 November to 20 February 2020.

[Consultation document](#)

1. Contact information

Name

Email Address

Proposal Objective

2. Do you have any comments to make on the problem definition and objective of the proposals?

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3. Do you agree with the problem as stated? Why/why not?

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4. Do you agree with the objective of the review? Why/why not?

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5. Please provide any evidence you may have for your reasoning, if available.

Propose Amendment Options

6. Do you agree with the assessment of the status quo against the criteria? Why/why not?

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7. Do you think adopting Option 1 will enable the allocation and transfer of aquaculture settlements in regions where this is currently inhibited?

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8. Do you have any other comments?

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Option 2

9. Do you agree with the assessment of the status quo against the criteria? Why/why not?

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10. Do you think adopting Option 2 will enable the allocation and transfer of aquaculture settlements in regions where this is currently inhibited?

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11. Do you have any other comments?

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Option 3

12. Do you agree with the assessment of the status quo against the criteria? Why/why not?

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13. Do you think adopting Option 3 will enable the allocation and transfer of aquaculture settlements in regions where this is currently inhibited?

14. Do you have any other comments?

Implementation and Monitoring

15. Overall, what is the best way to ensure that aquaculture settlement assets are allocated and transferred to iwi?

16. What are the most important things the Crown can do in delivering on its commitments to ensure iwi that wish to can participate in aquaculture activities?