



# Office of Hon Nathan Guy

**MP for Otaki**

Minister for Primary Industries

Minister for Racing

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Dear Stakeholders,

I am writing to inform you of the decisions I have made with regards to the management of southern bluefin tuna. My decision on the in-season change to the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) will take effect the day after it is notified in the New Zealand Gazette and will be in force only for the current 2013-14 fishing year. The decision on the TAC for the 2014-15 fishing year will take effect from 1 October 2014.

Copies of both the Ministry for Primary Industries' (MPI) initial position and final advice papers are available on the MPI's fisheries website ([www.fish.govt.nz](http://www.fish.govt.nz)).

In reaching my decisions, I have considered the submissions received from tangata whenua and stakeholders along with advice from MPI including their analysis of submissions. I would like to thank those who took the opportunity to submit during the consultation period. I have also considered the relevant legislative provisions and my obligations under the Fisheries Act 1996.

My decisions are outlined below:

**Table 1: Southern bluefin tuna TAC and allowances for 2013-14 fishing year**

Total Allowable Catch (TAC)	Māori Customary Allowance	Recreational Allowance	Other Sources of Fishing-Related Mortality	Total Allowable Commercial Catch	Additional in-season ACE
<b>Current</b>					
830	1	8	4	817	-
<b>2013-14 in-season change</b>					
910	1	8	15	817	69

**Table 2: Southern bluefin tuna TAC and allowances for the 2014-15 fishing year**

Total Allowable Catch (TAC)	Māori Customary Allowance	Recreational Allowance	Other Sources of Fishing-Related Mortality	Total Allowable Commercial Catch
<b>Current</b>				
830	1	8	4	817
<b>Changes for 2014-15</b>				
1000	1	8	20	971

My decisions on the TAC reflect the outcomes of recent negotiations through the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT). The CCSBT has adopted a science based management procedure that is designed to respond adaptively to the latest scientific information from the fishery, by setting total allowable catches that will rebuild the stock to an agreed level. The changes being made to the TAC for southern bluefin tuna are in response to the latest results from the CCSBT management procedure.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nathan Guy." The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Hon Nathan Guy  
**Minister for Primary Industries**