



Outlook

Response to Minute 32

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Tēnā koe,

Arohamai for my late response,

First up and want to acknowledge and support the response by Te Ohu Kaimoana to the question asked in Minute 32 of the Expert Panel. It clearly indicates the level of customary fishing right exercised in and around the Taranaki coastline.

As previously stated I am the Pataka/whata Co-ordinator/Kaitiaki. A collective group made up of the following collective of iwi, Ngāti Maru, Ngāti Mutunga, Te Atiawa, Taranaki, Ngāruahine, Ngāti Ruanui, Ngāa Rauru and Ngawairiki/Ngāti Apa.

The pataka/whata has been operating since 2010 and is using the Amateur Fishing regulations.

We use an online system to record fish in/out and issue customary fishing permits to commercial fisherman who harvest our customary fish within the Fish Stat areas 040 and 041 within FMA 8. We also use the system to create and authorise permits to take fish from the Pataka/whata to be used at tangi and hui at marae and other venues. I have provided to the panel the data on the fish harvest and the number of tangi and other events.

In response to Question (8) of the Minute, the fisherman will use the whole area to look for fish but will use local knowledge and spots that they have used previously to locate where the fish are likely to be. However, what really needs to be remembered is that sea and weather conditions and the seasons for when particular commercial species are present in the areas are just as significant. So in short the response to the question can only be responded to by the fisherman and if you were to look at their catch landing details it would be hard to put a dot on a map as to the exact location hence the reason why stat areas are used. Furthermore, the restrictions in place particularly in stat area 041 are significant particularly with the Maui Dolphin so the fisherman are forced to go deeper, so the ability to also access stat area 040 is useful in terms of making a living from commercial fishing. Lastly and which is becoming more common is that sea temperatures are rising meaning that fish species (Snapper and Kingfish) are now being caught further south than previously recorded.

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