Ministry for Primary Industries Manatū Ahu Matua

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Dear Graham Carter

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 7 June 2016 relating to a breakdown of the NZ fishery and its value as follows:

- How much fish tonnage is caught offshore and the value?
- How much fish is caught in the inshore and its value?
- How much aquaculture is exported and its value and the breakdown and value of other seafood exports and local trade?

The information below is released to you under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

A table of landings obtained from Monthly Harvest Returns for the calendar year 2015. Landings were separated into inshore and offshore components using the seafood classification found in the first appendix at http://www.mbie.govt.nz/info-services/sectors-industries/food-beverage/documents-image-library/Seafood%20sector%20review%202013%20-PDF%201.7%20MB.pdf. Values in the table are based on port price information and apart from the breakdown into onshore and offshore components they are similar to that provided in the Stock and Fishery Status Information by Value of Landings 2008-15 at http://mpi.govt.nz/document-vault/11950.

Classification	Tonnes (green weight)	Value (\$000)
Inshore	23,777	294,000
Offshore (including Pelagic)	323,109	282,273

A table of landings from aquaculture ventures and the export value by species for 2015.

	Tonnes (product weight)	Export value (\$000)
Green lipped mussel	27,842	223,862
Rock oyster	1,760	19,605
Salmon	2,953	46,741

The collation of Seafood exports and local trade information is the responsibility of Statistics New Zealand. Information of this nature is available on their website. Therefore, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the OIA accordingly.

However, Seafood NZ also publishes export statistics and economic reviews for seafood at http://www.seafoodnewzealand.org.nz/publications/export-information/ that you might find useful.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to refuse part of your request.

Thank you for your enquiry.

Yours sincerely

Dave Turner

Director Fisheries Management