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Ministry for Primary Industries
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Dear Graham Carter

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 10 October 2016 relating to the following:

- Several press releases and opinion articles that have been published in several mainstream newspapers regarding the proposed reduction of the recreational snapper daily bag limit and an increase in fish size in SNA1. Can the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) confirm when this is to take place? And what is MPI's policy on this matter?

A reduction to the recreational daily bag limit (from 9 to 7) and an increase to the recreational minimum legal size (from 27cm to 30cm) for snapper in the SNA1 area came into effect on 1 April 2014. MPI's policy on this issue and the reasons for these changes are outlined in the SNA1 decision letters and consultation documents, which are available at the following link: (www.mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/consultations/2013-review-of-sustainability-measures-and-management-controls-for-fishstocks/).

Yours sincerely



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