

23 November 2016

Graham Carter

By email: fyi-request-4794-d233cae0@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Graham,

Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) – Request for information

It only just came to our attention yesterday that you emailed us a request for information on 19 October 2016. We apologise for this oversight. In your email you again requested a response to certain questions which had previously been asked by email on 24 September 2016 and which we responded to on 19 October 2016. Those questions are listed below:

1. Is it correct that deformed kingfish (with bulbous heads) have been released into the open sea?
2. How did these kingfish become deformed?
3. What fish food was given to the kingfish to deform them?
4. When were the kingfish released into the open sea?
5. Have any fish species been released into the open sea in the last ten years, if so, where were they released from?
6. Were hormones of some sort given to the fish or placed into the fish food?
7. What caused the kingfish heads to become deformed?
8. What species of fish is the Bream Bay Aquaculture Park New Zealand breeding, and experimenting with?

Our response to these requests is the same as previously given on 19 October 2016. For completeness we set out these responses again below, using the same numbering:

Our response to requests 1 and 5 is “no”. In the light of this, requests 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 are not applicable.

In respect of request 8, we are developing commercial culture techniques for kingfish and hāpuka.

We trust that this response provides you with the information you are seeking.

Yours sincerely



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