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**Subject:** RE: SEMPA Draft Cab Paper - Questions from other parties  
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Thanks S9(2)(a) that's a shame but better to ensure a thorough consultation process.

Please let us know if you need anything more from us and what the new timeframe will be for Cabinet consideration of the paper as soon as you have an idea.

We have some good contacts through our NNMCL work so we'll follow up with them and see what we can glean to help inform a response.

Nga mihi

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Kia ora koutou,

Thank you again for the responses, they are very useful. Unfortunately, while discussions are ongoing, we are not able to lodge the Cabinet paper. Hopefully not much if any amendment will be required, but we do need to wait until further conversation has been had to lodge it.

I also need to pass on a heads up we have received from Minister Woods' Office that the Energy and Resources part of MBIE are providing comment, due to their concern that the proposed network overlaps with existing petroleum exploration permits – I haven't seen the detail of this comment yet, but can someone please follow up with MBIE? We may need some response on how the proposed network would interact with exploration rights that the government may have

committed to allow.

Kind regards,

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Hi S9(2)(a)

Please find below our responses to the questions. I note Fisheries provided input to the first set (Q's 1&2) but not the subsequent questions (Q's 3-6). I have copied Ramana in to ensure he has the chance to raise any significant issues.

Please let me know if you need anything else or require any amendments.

Thanks,

Rebecca.

1. **Para 19 on page 3 states that “Once the discussions with Kai Tahu are sufficiently progressed, a public consultation document will be released.” What does ‘sufficiently progressed’ mean? And for who?**
  - a. **There is some concern that that Kai Tahu’s opposition as tangata whenua to the specific proposal of a marine reserve at Irihuka/Long Point during the consultation process does not seem to have been accepted.**

We have directed Agencies to work with Kai Tahu to explore how their aspirations for co-management and generational review could be implemented. The outcomes of these discussions should help inform the consultation process.

The South-East Marine Protection Forum accepted Kai Tahu’s opposition to Irihuka and as a result, their Recommendations Report does not formally include it as part of Network 1.

We have also requested that Agencies work with Te Runaka o Awarua in particular to address their concerns regarding Irihuka (Site O1-Long Point). We are unsure whether or not the outcomes of these discussions will be known prior to consultation so there is further work to be done on Irihuka before a decision can be made on whether to include or exclude it from the South-East marine protection process.

2. **Regarding commercial fishing quota; the paper does not provide any detail on the potential impact on commercial fishers. Is there any? If yes, to what extent? Here is the FNZ suggested response to Q2:**

Based on estimated average annual affected catch and export value, Network 1 potentially displaces approximately 240 tonnes of greenweight fish catch per annum. This is approximately 5.6% of the total 4,297 tonne catch in the Forum region and has an estimated export value of approximately \$NZ 3.1 million (9.1% of the total of \$NZ 34.3 million for the Forum region). The sites of proposed MPAs that make up Network 1 are used by around 170 commercial fishers each year, a subset of whom will be affected by the establishment of the recommended MPAs.

There are no quantitative estimates of affected catch or export value for fisheries in the four estuaries proposed for protection in Network 1 due to the scale at which catch is reported. However, Fisheries New Zealand is aware that there is some commercial fishing activity for shortfin eels occurring in the estuaries.

Based on estimated average annual affected catch and export value of each fish stock, the biggest potential impacts would be on koura papatea (rock lobster) and those finfish species that are caught by trawling. The impact of MPAs on the trawl fishery will be ameliorated by the fact that the fish species being targeted by trawlers disperse widely throughout the Forum's planning area. Consequently, trawler operators displaced from MPAs are likely to be able to take their catch entitlement in the adjacent areas that remain open to them. The consequences of displaced fishing effort are likely to be more severe for the rock lobster fishers because the fishery is focused on discrete areas of suitable rocky coast and reef habitat.

### **3. Why is further consultation needed if this was a collaborative process?**

#### *The Forum process*

The South-East Marine Protection Forum ran a collaborative process with a formal consultation on 20 sites for possible inclusion in a network of marine protected areas. The Forum considered public feedback and modified some site boundaries and dropped some sites completely as a result.

In the end, the Forum could not reach agreement on a single network and put two network options forward for Ministerial consideration. These networks have not been consulted on in their current form.

#### *Pursuing Network 1*

Minister Nash and I have directed agencies to pursue Network 1 as proposed by the Forum because it best meets the objectives for protecting biodiversity under the Marine Protected Areas Policy.

We would like to understand the public perspectives on the proposed Network to ensure we take account of any concerns and suggested improvements before we make a final decision on implementation.

#### *Utilising Current legislation*

To progress the Network 1, we have directed officials to use current legislation - the Marine Reserves Act (1971) and the Fisheries Act (1991), both of which require further engagement with the public. This will enable us to implement the wishes of the community more efficiently than if we created new legislation.

### **4. Is Kai Tahu's opposition based on customary, commercial or recreational interests?**

Ngai Tahu whanau comprising Waitaha Kati Mamoe are the mana whenua of Irihuka while the whanau and hapu of Te Runaka o Awarua hold mana whenua mana moana over this area.

Kai Tahu commercial fishers oppose any restrictions represented by MPAs. The local whanau strongly oppose to this site citing that this would be a direct breach of their Treaty rights. They believe the customary tools such as taiapure and mataitai reserves are the appropriate tools to manage this area-there is a mataitai reserve at Kaka Point.

From a wider perspective, Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu also opposes this site on the basis of the displacement of fishing effort and customary rights to remaining fishing areas in the locality. Kai Tahu representatives on the Forum did not support the site.

**5. Is Kai Tahu open to the inclusion of Irihuka area if they have a role in managing the reserve?**

We have directed agencies to work with Kai Tahu to explore how their aspirations for co-management and generational review across the proposed network could be implemented. We have also requested they work with Te Runaka o Awarua in particular to address their concerns regarding a marine reserve for Irihuka.

We cannot predict the outcome of these discussions at this point in time.

**6. Is Kai Tahu likely to oppose the overall network because of the inclusion of Irihuka; or do they accept this as a compromise result from the process?**

We cannot predict the outcome of discussions with Kai Tahu about the entire network and with Te Runaka o Awarua regarding Irihuka at this point in time.

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Our Office has circulated it on behalf of both, so these questions have come to both Offices, but we're handling following up on the questions. So thanks for working with FNZ!

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Thanks S9(2)(a)

we'll draft further responses- thankfully these look quite straight forward. We are currently testing the draft responses to the earlier questions with Fisheries.

Is Minister Nash also consulting on the paper or are you doing the consultation on-behalf of MOF and MOC?

Will be in touch again...

Thanks!  
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Hi all,

Some further questions that have come through that we would like a further suggested responses for please:

- Why is further consultation needed if this was a collaborative process?
- Is Kai Tahu's opposition based on customary, commercial or recreational interests?
- Is Kai Tahu open to the inclusion of Irihuka area if they have a role in managing the reserve?
- Is Kai Tahu likely to oppose the overall network because of the inclusion of Irihuka; or do they accept this as a compromise result from the process?

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Thanks [REDACTED] S9(2)(a) we'll work on these today and come back to you as soon as we can, I note we'll need to consult with Fisheries NZ re the commercial impacts.

Nga mihi

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**Subject:** SEMPA Draft Cab Paper - Questions from other parties

**Importance:** High

Hi all,

We have had some queries from other Offices on the South East Marine Protected Area noting paper for Cabinet. Can we please have some suggested responses emailed through ASAP on these?

- Para 19 on page 3 states that “Once the discussions with Kai Tahu are sufficiently progressed, a public consultation document will be released.” What does ‘sufficiently progressed’ mean? And for who?
  - There is some concern that that Kai Tahu’s opposition as tangata whenua to the specific proposal of a marine reserve at Irihuka/Long Point during the consultation process does not seem to have been accepted.
- Regarding commercial fishing quota; the paper does not provide any detail on the potential impact on commercial fishers. Is there any? If yes, to what extent?

Kind regards,

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Hi S9(2)(a)

I attach the joint FNZ and DOC media release, proposed to go out on Monday 17 February.

The attached comms plan has the key messages and Q&A.

Nga mihi  
Fiona

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## Draft joint media release for SEMP statutory consultation

(as at 14/02/20)

17 February 2020

### Public feedback sought on marine protection for south eastern South Island

Fisheries New Zealand (FNZ) and the Department of Conservation (DOC) are seeking public feedback on a proposed network of marine protected areas off the southeast coast of the South Island.

The proposed network includes five marine protected areas, which impose a range of restrictions to fishing, one kelp protection area and six marine reserves, where marine life is fully protected, and fishing banned.

There is currently no marine protection in this area between Timaru and Waipapa Point in Southland.

Fisheries New Zealand and DOC are encouraging people to have their say on the proposals.

“This network, which covers almost 13,000km<sup>2</sup> between Timaru and Southland, could be a significant step towards protecting our precious marine biodiversity,” says Fisheries New Zealand’s Director Fisheries Management, Stuart Anderson.

“We want to know if people think it will be effective, and how it is likely to affect local communities.”

Last year, the Ministers of Fisheries and Conservation announced their intention to consult on the proposed network, which is one of two options put forward by the South-East Marine Protection Forum in 2018 for marine protection for the region.

The proposal contributes to protecting biodiversity under the Government’s Marine Protected Area Policy and will help New Zealand meet its international obligations to establish marine protected areas over 10 percent of coastal and marine areas by 2020.

“We want to hear from the public to get their views on establishing a marine protection network to protect a range of coastal and estuarine habitats and feeding areas for marine mammals, birds, fish and invertebrates,” says DOC Planning Director Natasha Hayward.

“These marine habitats are currently under pressure from the effects of human activities, including climate change.”

“This spectacular coastline is home to some of our most endangered species such as hoiho/yellow-eyed penguin, toroa/northern royal albatross and



rāpoka/New Zealand sea lion. It also has rare deep-water bryozoan thickets that protect juvenile species from predators and giant kelp forests that are habitat for many fish species.”

DOC and Fisheries New Zealand are continuing to consult with Treaty partner Ngāi Tahu about the proposed network and their aspirations for their rohe moana.

People have two months from 17 February to 17 April make submissions on the proposed network and individual marine protection measures within it. Online submissions can be made through Public Voice:  
<https://survey.publicvoice.co.nz/s3/sempr-consultation>

Once consultation closes, the submissions will inform the Minister of Fisheries’ and the Minister of Conservation’s final decisions on the marine protection proposals, which are expected to be made around mid-year.

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### Background information

[Previously approved Map of the proposed network will be included at release]

The South-East Marine Protection Forum (the Forum) was established in 2014 to provide recommendations to the Ministers of Fisheries and Conservation on a network of Marine Protected Areas (MPA) from Timaru in South Canterbury to Waipapa Point in Southland. Forum representatives included Kāi Tahu as manawhenua, commercial and recreational fishers, tourism, science, the environmental sector, and the broader community.

In late 2016, the Forum consulted with the public, industry, and stakeholders on 20 sites for possible inclusion in a network of marine protected areas.

More than 2,800 submissions were received during public consultation.

Due to the wide-ranging views of the Forum and the sectors they represent the Forum was unable to reach consensus. This resulted in two alternate networks being recommended to the Ministers:

- Network 1 - covering 1267 km<sup>2</sup> and includes 18 of the 22 coastal habitats in the Forum area, seven of 12 estuarine habitats and two biogenic habitats.

- Network 2 – covers 366 km<sup>2</sup> and includes 10 for the 22 coastal habitats, no estuarine habitats and two biogenic habitats.

In May 2019, the Ministers announced that they would like their agencies to progress Network 1 through the statutory process, under existing legislation.

Agencies are now progressing

- proposed marine reserves through the Marine Reserves Act 1971; and
- proposed Type 2 MPAs as regulations under the Fisheries Act 1996.

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Thanks so much Rebecca,

I've just passed that on to the Minister and [REDACTED] S9(2)(a). Will get back to you ASAP when I hear anything further.

I haven't heard anything at all about Campbell apart from a very brief conversation with the Fisheries private secretary who was of the opinion that Minister Nash has been pretty set on his initial opinion of not agreeing with the extension.

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In terms of timeframes, we still don't have a confirmed date for consultation as we are waiting until Minister Nash approves the type 2 proposals. We are tentatively planning for a 17 February start date. If the document were to go back to Cabinet, the next opportunity for ENV (Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee) is on 21 Feb but potentially we could look to try CBC (Cabinet Business Committee) or another committee before that. We can do some forward scheduling if we know what committee meeting is being considered. It's likely going back to Cabinet would delay the process, but not necessarily by a significant degree.

Also we are planning on providing an updated consultation and forward timeline briefing to inform the Ministers discussion on 13 Feb so hopefully we have clarity on the Type 2 approvals by then.

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**Subject:** FW: RESPONSE 20-B-0005 South-East Marine Protection – update regarding delayed consultation process.

Kia ora [REDACTED] S9(2)(a)

Please find responses to the further questions raised by the Minister on 29 January 2020. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact myself or Rebecca Bird.

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2. What do ministers need to do to help here?

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**Subject:** RE: Response re 20-B-0005 South-East Marine Protection – update regarding delayed consultation process.

Kia ora [REDACTED] S9(2)(a)

There isn't an equivalent document (like the Marine Reserve Applications) for the Type 2 MPA Proposals. Fisheries New Zealand do not have an equivalent requirement to develop an application such as ours under the Marine Reserves Act 1971, but are rather progressing their process for potential development of regulations under the Fisheries Act 1996, the first part of which is consulting with the public through a consultation document on the proposal.

What is in the joint consultation document is the entirety of the Type 2 MPA proposals and kelp protection measures as presented for public consultation.

The joint DOC and FNZ Regulatory Impact Assessment panel process that was completed for the joint consultation document, among other things, sought to:

- present both Type 1 and Type 2 MPAs and kelp protection and in a uniform manner in the consultation document to assist in consulting on the network as a whole; and
- ensure, as far as possible, that the consultation document was able to provide for meaningful public consultation, including being of a suitable length.



The current version of the consultation document is 46 pages. Pages 1 -15 presents information relevant to the whole Southeast marine protection network proposal, pages 16 – 32 present each marine reserve, and 33 – 45 presents the Type 2 MPAs and kelp protection.

Previous iterations (before the RIA panel assessment) were longer than this, and in parts had more detail. However, the RIA panel provided recommendations to streamline the information and present it in a manner that the panel considered best facilitated meaningful public consultation on the Southeast marine protection network proposal.

Having joint DOC FNZ RIA panel assessment and a 'bespoke RIA' in the joint consultation document was a requirement that came from the Department of Treasury, particularly as the consultation document was not going through Cabinet for approval following our Ministerial directives not to do so.

I am consulting with our FNZ counterparts to provide you with further information on the process for establishing taiapure and mataitai, and how this relates to our directive to consult on the Network 1 proposal as presented by the SEMP Forum, but I am happy to answer other questions in the meantime.

Nga mihi

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**Subject:** Important update following Ngai Tahu discussion on 11 Dec with DOC and MPI

Kia ora [redacted] S9(2)(a) and [redacted] S9(2)(a)

Please find below a short update following a DOC and MPI discussion with Ngai Tahu on 11 Dec. This includes

- Ngai Tahu feedback on Moutere Ihupuku and implications for ministerial decisions.
- Ngai Tahu feedback on South-East Marine Protection and implications for initiating public consultation.

Sent on behalf of MPI and DOC

Nga mihi

Rebecca

**Context**

- [redacted] S9(2)(j) South-East Marine Protection (SEMP) was also discussed with Ngai Tahu representatives.

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### **South-East Marine Protection- public consultation.**

- In late November, DOC and MPI provided an excerpt of the draft SEMP consultation document for Ngai Tahu to review, as had been agreed in our earlier engagement. This excerpt relates specifically to Ngai Tahu concerns around the impact on their rights and

- At this stage, officials are planning for SEMP public consultation to begin with notification on or about 16 January, 2020. Agencies are proposing a soft-launch. DOC and MPI request confirmation from Ministers' expectations around a launch event for consultation. A public launch by Ministers would delay consultation.
- Fisheries New Zealand must seek Ministerial approval on the Type-2 Fisheries Regulations proposals, this will be covered in a briefing accompanying the consultation document. Subject to the consultation document being finalised in time, this package will be provided to the Minister of Fisheries on 17 December.
- DOC requires DG approval on the marine reserve applications. Again, subject to the consultation document being finalised in time, this is scheduled for 19 December.

- We understand Fisheries New Zealand have received written feedback from Minister Nash on Briefings.
  - 19-B-9020 -Briefing-South-East Marine Protection Process timeframes for public consultation and ministerial decisions, and
  - 19-B-0764 Briefing - South-East Marine Protection Process - addressing the Kai Tahu position on rebalancing.
- Can we request Ministerial office staff coordinate to provide co-signed versions of these briefings back to agency officials at the soonest possible opportunity.

Nga mihi

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