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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Conservation (Indigenous Freshwater Fish) Amendment Bill: Supplementary Order Paper

Portfolio **Conservation**

On 17 September 2019, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

1 **noted** that the Conservation (Indigenous Freshwater Fish) Amendment Bill (the Bill) was reported back to the House by the Environment Committee on 31 July 2019;

2 **noted** that the Bill as reported back provides new provisions (replacing existing provisions) for the protection of spawning areas;

3 **noted** that further technical and legal work in relation to those provisions has identified a need for some adjustment to the new provisions to give full effect to the intention of the Committee and retain the existing ability to protect sports fish that are congregating for spawning;

4 **noted** that the Bill as reported back provides for a one-year transition period before restrictions on taking whitebait apply to conservation areas;

5 **noted** that there would be benefit allowing the transition period for whitebaiting in conservation areas to be at least two years;

6 **noted** that some technical amendments and correction of a drafting issue would be beneficial;

7 **agreed** that the Supplementary Order Paper [PCO 21312-1/10.0] be released at the Bill's Committee of the Whole House stage.

Gerrard Carter
Committee Secretary

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Hon Andrew Little
Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)
Hon David Parker
Hon Ron Mark
Hon Tracey Martin
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Aupito William Sio
Hon James Shaw
Hon Julie Anne Genter
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