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25 November 2024

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Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 18 October 2024, in which you asked for:

*Pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982, the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council requests copies of any of the following information held by the Department of Conservation and/or the Minister of Conservation, from March 2023 to present:*

*a. Any reports, memoranda, letters, advice, emails, or any other information shared between the Minister and Department of Conservation officials, the Minister for Oceans and Fisheries and Fisheries New Zealand, concerning the recent Cabinet decision to pass the Hauraki Gulf/Tīkapa Moana Marine Protection Bill, with amendments.*

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982.

On 24 October 2024 you clarified your request to exclude any administrative emails/correspondence.

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed below, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the Official Information Act, as applicable:

- personal contact details of officials, under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people,
- advice still under consideration, section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials,
- free and frank expression under section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs.

Draft versions of some documents attached to emails are withheld as the final version of the document is either publicly available (the Departmental Report referenced in item 4 of the table overleaf), will soon be proactively released by the Department of Conservation, will be

provided to you by the Ministry for Primary Industries under the Official Information Act (the Aide Memoire and supplementary information referenced in item 4 of the table overleaf), or is out of scope. Changes between draft and final versions are technical and administrative. If they were substantive, either in full or in part, we would have included these in this release. Should you still wish to receive these, we can process them for you.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act and determined there are no public interests that outweigh the grounds for withholding.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and attached documents may be published on the Department's website.

If you would like to discuss this response with us, please contact the Department of Conservation Government Services by email to [GovernmentServices@doc.govt.nz](mailto:GovernmentServices@doc.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā

Siân Roguski  
Director Policy (Biodiversity, International and Funding)  
Department of Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*

**Table 1 - Schedule of documents**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Document description</b>	<b>Decision</b>
1	24 September 2024	24-B-0476: Briefing - Ring-net fishing in high protection areas	Publicly available at <a href="#">Revitalising the Gulf: Government action on the Sea Change Plan: Our work</a>
2	July 2024	Ministerial correspondence with ring-net fishers	Released in part
3	July 2024	Ministerial correspondence with Te Ohu Kaimoana	Released in part
4	April – October 2024	Correspondence Department of Conservation / Minister of Conservation office	Released in part
5	July – October 2024	Correspondence Department of Conservation / Fisheries New Zealand	Released in part