



Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee

Minute of Decision

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Improving Whitebait Management: Release of Discussion Document

Portfolio **Conservation**

On 5 December 2019, the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee:

- 1 **noted** that public engagement carried out by the Department of Conservation in 2018/2019 found that 90 percent of approximately 3,000 contributors considered that action is required to make New Zealand's whitebait fishery sustainable;
- 2 **agreed** to the release of the discussion document: Improving whitebait management (the discussion document) attached to the paper under ENV-19-SUB-0071, for consultation starting mid-December 2019, and running through to March 2020;
- 3 **authorised** the Minister of Conservation to make minor and technical changes and editorial amendments to the discussion document prior to its public release;
- 4 **noted** that the outcomes of consultation will be reported to the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee together with any emergent proposals for regulatory change, in the first half of 2020.

Vivien Meek
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon David Parker (Chair)
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Eugenie Sage

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