



23 August 2010

Dear Stakeholder,

**MEASURES TO SUPPORT REOPENING THE MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS
AMATEUR BLUE COD FISHERY: *Consultation on the Regulatory Measures
Included in the Proposed Management Plan Developed by the Marlborough
Sounds Blue Cod Management Group***

In March 2009, the Minister of Fisheries established the Blue Cod Management Group (BCMG) to develop a management plan to support the reopening of the Marlborough Sounds amateur blue cod fishery.

The BCMG has completed its draft plan. This letter initiates consultation on the regulatory measures included in the draft plan. The BCMG draft plan and the MFish Initial Position Paper (IPP) describing, and providing an initial appraisal of, the regulatory measures included in the plan are available on the MFish website at <http://www.fish.govt.nz/en-nz/Consultations/default.htm>. If you would like hard copies mailed to you, please contact Denise Ashley on denise.ashley@fish.govt.nz or (04) 819 4285.

The Ministry seeks your views on the BCMG's proposed regulatory measures and alternatives suggested in the IPP. The Ministry will provide final advice to the Minister based on the BCMG plan, your submissions, and the results of the abundance survey scheduled for completion in September.

Submissions

Please send in your submissions by **5:00 pm Monday 4 October 2010** by email to bluecod@fish.govt.nz, by post to Denise Ashley, Ministry of Fisheries, PO Box 1020, Wellington, or by fax to 04 819 4669.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Halley'.

Steve Halley
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Ministry of Fisheries