## IN THE HIGH COURT OF NEW ZEALAND AUCKLAND REGISTRY

CIV 2005-404-4495

UNDER Part 1 of the Judicature Amendment Act 1972

IN THE MATTER An application for review

BETWEEN THE NEW ZEALAND RECREATIONAL FISHING

COUNCIL INC AND NEW ZEALAND BIG GAME

FISHING COUNCIL INC

Applicants/Third Counterclaim Respondent

AND MINISTER OF FISHERIES

First Respondent/First Counterclaim Respondent

AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE MINISTRY OF

**FISHERIES** 

Second Respondent/Second Counterclaim Respondent

AND SANFORD LIMITED, SEALORD GROUP LIMITED

AND PELAGIC & TUNA NEW ZEALAND LIMITED

Third Respondents/Counterclaim applicants

## APPLICATION OF FIRST AND SECOND RESPONDENTS FOR STAY PENDING APPEAL

Dated: 23 May 2007

**Next Event Date:** 

Judicial Officer: Harrison J

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**TAKE NOTICE** that on the day of 2007, at am/pm or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, the first and second respondents will move the Court at Auckland for orders:

- 1. Staying the judgment dated 21 March 2007 pending determination of the appeal against that decision by the third respondents and of the cross-appeal by the plaintiffs.
- 2. Such order as to costs as the Court deems just.

## **UPON THE GROUNDS:**

- 1. The decision of this honourable Court requires the first respondent to undertake a reconsideration of specified decisions in accordance with relevant provisions of the Fisheries Act.
- 2. Both the plaintiffs and the third respondents have appealed the judgment of this Honourable Court, each in different respects.
- 3. In the event the Court of Appeal were to allow all or any of the points on appeal, the first respondent will have made decisions on reconsideration affecting the rights of the other parties on what will have been held to have been a wrong legal basis.
- 4. If the first defendant proceeds with the reconsideration directed by this honourable Court, his decision is likely to be challenged on either the grounds raised by the appeal, or on the grounds raised on the cross-appeal.
- 5. Implementation of the decision resulting from the reconsideration in the 2007/08 fishing year will likely be affected or prevented by interim orders.
- 6. Reconsideration of sustainability measures for kahawai stocks over May-September 2007 will mean that resources are not available for consideration of new sustainability measures for a number of other stocks.
- 7. It is therefore desirable to defer the reconsideration until the result of the appeal and cross-appeal is known.

This application is made in reliance on Rule 12 Court of Appeal (Civil) Rules 2005, and Dymocks Franchise Assistance (NSW) Pty Limited v Bilgola Enterprises Limited (1999) 13 PRNZ 48.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2007

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