



# Cabinet Economic Development Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Import and Export Prohibitions for Toothfish and Southern Bluefin Tuna: Proposed Changes

Portfolio                      Fisheries

On 10 April 2019, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1        **noted** that the Customs Import Prohibition (Toothfish) Order 2018, the Customs Export Prohibition (Toothfish) Order 2018, and the Customs Import Prohibition (Southern Bluefin Tuna) Order 2016, expire on 30 September 2019;
- 2        **agreed** to use powers under section 297 of the Fisheries Act 1996 to implement provisions enabling the importation and exportation of toothfish to be prohibited, except in accordance with the toothfish Catch Documentation Scheme under the *Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources*;
- 3        **agreed** to use powers under section 297 of the Fisheries Act 1996 to implement provisions enabling the importation of southern bluefin tuna to be prohibited, except in accordance with the southern bluefin tuna Catch Documentation Scheme under the *Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna*;
- 4        **invited** the Minister of Fisheries to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to draft regulations under the Fisheries Act 1996 to give effect to the above paragraphs;
- 5        **authorised** the Minister of Fisheries to make final decisions on detail and to make changes, consistent with the policy intent outlined in the paper under DEV-19-SUB-0080, on any issues that arise during drafting of the regulations.

Janine Harvey  
Committee Secretary

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Rt Hon Winston Peters (Chair)  
Hon Phil Twyford  
Hon David Parker  
Hon Stuart Nash  
Hon Iain Lees-Galloway  
Hon Jenny Salesa  
Hon Kris Faafoi  
Hon James Shaw

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