



# Review of Sustainability Measures for Southern Blue Whiting for 1 April 2017

Appendix 1: Summary of Submissions

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## **Review of Sustainability Controls for SBW1 and SBW6B for 2017-18**

The Deepwater Group Ltd (DWG) provides this submission to the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) on behalf of southern blue whiting (SBW) shareholders.

DWG is a non-profit organisation working in partnership with MPI to ensure that New Zealand's deepwater fisheries are managed conservatively and sustainably for the optimum long-term value to New Zealand. DWG's vision is for these fisheries to be recognised as the best managed deepwater fisheries in the world.

### **SBW1 Quota Owners support MPI's proposed Option 2**

DWG Shareholders who own quota for SBW1 support MPI's Option 2, which provides for the TACC to be increased from the nominal 8 tonnes to a higher, but still nominal, 98 tonnes, effective from 1 April 2017.

### **SBW6B Quota Owners support MPI's proposed Option 3**

DWG Shareholders who own quota for SBW6B support MPI's Option 3, which provides for the TACC to be decreased by 12.4% from 2,940 tonnes to 2,575 tonnes, effective from 1 April 2017, recognising that:

- The 2002 and 2007 year classes are supporting this fishery and, without further strong recruitment, the stock size will continue to decline irrespective of the fishery.
- There are signs that recruitment from the 2012 year class is the strongest since 2007. This recruitment was first seen in 2015 and was seen again and more strongly in 2016 at age four. Further biological information will be collected from catches during 2017, which will increase certainty of the size of the 2012 and 2013 year classes and will better inform on future stock status.
- Industry will undertake a further biomass survey during the 2017 season and will again work with scientists and MPI to ensure the SBW6B stock status is reviewed prior to the 2018-19 fishing year. This will inform management for 2018-19 when further TACC changes can be made, if required.

Regards



George Clement  
*Chief Executive*  
Deepwater Group Ltd

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**From:** Tiffany Bock  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 February 2017 11:51 a.m.  
**To:** Michael Batson  
**Subject:** FW: Te Ohu SBW submissions

Tiffany Bock | Team Manager Deepwater Fisheries (Acting)

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**From:** Sonja Hempel  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 February 2017 11:50 a.m.  
**To:** Tiffany Bock s 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** FW: Te Ohu SBW submissions

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Ngā mihi,

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**From:** Graeme Hastilow s 9(2)(a)  
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**To:** Sonja Hempel s 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** Re: Te Ohu SBW submissions

Kia ora Sonja,

Thanks for following up. I caught up with our team this morning and confirmed Te Ohu won't be putting in a submission on SBW, as we believe the deepwater group submission covers our position.

Nga mihi,  
GH

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**From:** Sonja Hempel  
**Date:** 16/02/2017 11:04 AM (GMT+12:00)  
**To:** Graeme Hastilow  
**Subject:** Te Ohu SBW submissions

Āta marie Graeme,

Kei te pēhea koe?

Just wondering where things are at with your guys' SBW submission?

Cheers

Ngā mihi,

**Sonja Hempel** | Fisheries Analyst Inshore Fisheries

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Tēnā koe,

## REVIEW OF SOUTHERN BLUE WHITING SUSTAINABILITY MEASURES FOR 1 APRIL 2017

### 1. Introduction

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is seeking feedback on proposed changes to the sustainability measures for two southern blue whiting stocks – SBW 6B and SBW 1. Details of the proposals are contained in MPI consultation documents. Submissions close 15 February.

For SBW1, there are two options to increase the nominal TACC of 8 mt to either 30.5 mt or to 98 mt. For SBW6B, there are three options to decrease the TAC and TACC (in tonnes) as per Table 1 below.

SBW6B	TAC	TACC
Current	3,000	2,940
Option 1	2,022	1,982
Option 2	2,426	2,377
Option 3	2,628	2,575

Table 1: SBW6B reduction options

### 2. Summary

In summary, our organisation supports:

- (i) **SBW 1** – Option 2 which is a 90 mt increase of the TACC to 98 mt. This is principally because of industry feedback that bycatch has steadily increased over the past seven years with nil increase in effort.
- (ii) **SBW 6B** – Option 3 which is a 365 mt reduction to the TACC to 2,575 mt, which is the smallest reduction of the three options. We agree it is likely that the fishery is below 40% Bo management target but it is a highly variable fishery anyway that goes up and down with year class recruitment. Decisions can be re-evaluated next year.

Ngā mihi,

**Maru Samuels**  
General Manager

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