

Vote Fisheries

MINISTER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS: Minister of Fisheries (M32)

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Ministry of Fisheries

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR MINISTRY OF FISHERIES: Minister of Fisheries

Overview of the Vote

The Minister of Fisheries is responsible for appropriations in the Vote for the 2008/09 financial year covering the following:

- a total of over \$7 million on the provision of policy advice for the sustainable and efficient use of fisheries resources
- a total of \$30 million on research about New Zealand's fisheries to support decisions for sustainable use, and the provision of information on the biodiversity of New Zealand's marine environment
- a total of just under \$26 million for the development of standards, guidelines, regulations, fisheries plans and processes that support the operation of the fisheries policy framework
- a total of \$30 million to promote compliance with fisheries laws
- a total of \$1.500 million for the implementation of the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004
- a total of \$400,000 for the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation interim secretariat costs
- a total of just under \$300,000 on contributions to International Organisations
- a total of \$24,000 on costs associated with the sale of Crown quota shares and ACE
- a total of just over \$700,000 on the provision for non-departmental debt write-offs.

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-6 for Vote Fisheries in the Information Supporting the Estimates of Appropriations.

Details of Appropriations

Details of Annual and Permanent Appropriations

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2007/08		2008/09
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Departmental Output Expenses			
Aquaculture Settlement (M32) Services to implement the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004, which provides for a settlement of Māori interests in commercial aquaculture, including the provision of 20% of new space in aquaculture management areas and the provision of 20% equivalent of existing space allocated since September 1992.	1,667	1,667	1,543
Fisheries Compliance (M32) Services to promote high levels of voluntary compliance with fisheries laws and create effective deterrence against illegal fisheries activity.	30,059	30,059	30,121
Fisheries Information (M32) Services to provide for scientific research (primarily stock assessment and environmental assessment) about New Zealand's fisheries resources, and observer activities on commercial fishing vessels.	32,225	31,186	31,011
Fisheries Operations (M32) Services to provide advice to the Minister on appropriate standards defining acceptable impacts of fishing, appropriate allocation of rights to utilise fisheries and services to assist tangata whenua to better contribute to the sustainable management of New Zealand's fisheries.	24,849	23,765	25,948
Fisheries Policy Advice (M32) Advice on the development of policies relating the sustainable and efficient utilisation of New Zealand's fisheries, promotion of New Zealand's interests in an international context and provision of Ministerial servicing.	7,093	7,093	7,399
Interim Secretariat South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (M32) Administrative support for the interim secretariat of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation.	634	324	406
Total Departmental Output Expenses	96,527	94,094	96,428
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
Contributions to International Organisations (M32) Contributions to such organisations as the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT) and the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific.	260	260	260
Provision for Write Downs (M32) Provision for non-departmental debt write-offs	2,361	2,361	711
Quota Shares/ACE Administration Costs (M32) Administration costs associated with the sale of Crown Quota Shares and ACE (Annual Catch Entitlement).	24	24	24
Bad Debt Write-Off (M32) This expenditure relates to the write off of unrecoverable Crown debts.	50	50	-

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Non-Departmental Other Expenses - cont'd			
Deemed Value Debt Adjustment (M32) Adjustment of deemed value debts incurred by fishers.	561	561	-
Settlements (M32) This expenditure relates to the recognition of negotiated settlements.	71,525	71,525	-
Transfer of Quota Shares and ACE (M32) Transfer of quota shares and ACE from current Crown holdings.	140	140	-
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	74,921	74,921	995
Departmental Capital Expenditure			
Ministry of Fisheries - Capital Expenditure PLA (M32) This appropriation is limited to the purchase or development of assets by and for the use of the Ministry of Fisheries, as authorised by section 24(1) of the Public Finance Act 1989	2,900	-	2,900
Total Departmental Capital Expenditure	2,900	-	2,900
Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations	174,348	169,015	100,323

Details of Projected Movements in Departmental Net Assets

Ministry of Fisheries

Details of Net Asset Schedule	Estimated Actual 2007/08 \$000	Projected 2008/09 \$000	Explanation of Projected Movements in 2008/09
Opening Balance	12,658	12,658	
Capital Injections	-	-	
Capital Withdrawals	-	-	
Surplus to be Retained (Deficit Incurred)	-	-	
Other Movements	-	-	
Closing Balance	12,658	12,658	