



# Cabinet

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## Minute of Decision

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Minister of Fisheries

### Copies to:

Prime Minister  
Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister of Finance  
Hon Jim Anderton  
Associate Minister of Finance  
(Hon Trevor Mallard)  
Controller and Auditor-General

## 2007 Budget Package: Vote Fisheries

On 19 April 2007, Cabinet:

1. **approved** the Budget initiatives for the above Vote for inclusion in the 2007 Budget package, as listed in the summary below and detailed in the attached initiative documents;

### Summary of initiatives included in the attached initiative documents:

#### Operating Initiatives (Impact on Operating Balance)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& Outyears
4400	Environmental certification of NZ fisheries	-	1.150	1.150	1.150	1.150
4409	Increase in Ministry of Fisheries Baseline for Crown Legal Expenses	-	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500
4417	Science for the International Polar Year (IPY) Census of Antarctic Marine Life	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	-
4421	Inshore Trawl Form	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating</b>		-	<b>2.650</b>	<b>2.650</b>	<b>2.650</b>	<b>1.650</b>

#### Capital Initiatives (Impact on Debt)

Initiative ID	Initiative Name	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
		2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& Outyears
<b>Total Capital</b>		-	-	-	-	-

2. **agreed** to establish new appropriations where required to implement these initiatives, as described in the attached initiative documents;
3. **approved** the changes to appropriations and/or projected balances of net assets of the administering department (where applicable) to implement the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
4. **approved** the additional recommendations (where applicable) to give effect to the initiatives, as set out in the attached initiative documents;
5. **agreed** that the proposed changes to appropriations and/or projected balances of net assets for 2006/07 above be included in the 2006/07 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increases be met from Imprest Supply;
6. **authorised** the Minister of Finance and the Vote Minister to approve jointly any technical adjustments to baselines necessary to remove any errors or inconsistencies identified while finalising the 2006/07 Supplementary Estimates, the 2007/08 Estimates and the fiscal forecasts;
7. **noted** that all communications relating to the 2007 Budget are co-ordinated by a Budget communications committee, and that any requests for early announcement will need to have both the written approval of the Minister of Finance and sign-off from the Prime Minister's office.

Secretary of the Cabinet

Reference: CAB (07) 135, CAB (07) 135A

Initiative No: 4400

**Vote:** Fisheries**Title:** Environmental certification of NZ fisheries**Description:** A joint approach with the seafood industry to seek certification of major NZ fisheries and seafood as sustainably managed. Ministry of Fisheries will seek an assessment of its fisheries management regime, then contribute to the certification of fisheries using an approved fisheries plan approach.**Theme:** Economic Transformation**Theme Objective:** Sustainable, natural resources**Performance Information****Performance Table**

	Unit of Measurement	Performance Specification				
		2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
<b>Quantity</b>						
Certifications sought	number	0	1	4	4	4
<b>Quality</b>						
Certifications successful	%	0	100	100	100	100

**Appropriation Changes**

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11 <sup>1</sup>
Operating Balance Impact	-	1.150	1.150	1.150	1.150
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>1.150</b>	<b>1.150</b>	<b>1.150</b>	<b>1.150</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Vote Fisheries					
Departmental Output Expense (General)	-	1.150	1.150	1.150	1.150
Fisheries Policy Advice (funded by revenue Crown)					
	<b>2011/12</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14 &amp; Outyears</b>		
	1.150	1.150	-		

<sup>1</sup> Impact on outyears detailed in table below

Initiative No: 4409

**Vote:** Fisheries**Title:** Increase in Ministry of Fisheries Baseline for Crown Legal Expenses**Description:** To set the Ministry of Fisheries baseline for Crown legal expenses at a more realistic level. The expenditure arises through external parties litigating the Crown and the need for the Crown to defend its actions.**Theme:** Economic Transformation**Theme Objective:** Sustainable, natural resources**Performance Information****Performance Text**

The Ministry of Fisheries is subject to litigation brought against it by third parties as part of the Ministry's discharge of responsibilities under the Fisheries Act 1996. The Ministry has a baseline of \$250,000 to cover costs associated with defending cases. Experience has shown that this baseline has been insufficient to cover the litigation costs. Increased funding will allow the Ministry to appropriately defend litigation.

**Appropriation Changes**

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>0.500</b>	<b>0.500</b>	<b>0.500</b>	<b>0.500</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General): Fisheries Operations (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>0.500</b>	<b>0.500</b>	<b>0.500</b>	<b>0.500</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-

Initiative No: 4417

**Vote:** Fisheries**Title:** Science for the International Polar Year (IPY) Census of Antarctic Marine Life**Description:** The Census of Antarctic Marine Life (CAML) is a circum-Antarctic biodiversity survey. New Zealand science participation in CAML in the Ross Sea region of Antarctica is a high priority providing benefits for sovereignty, biodiversity, climate change, marine protection, and fisheries management.**Theme:** National Identity**Theme Objective:** New Zealand in the world**Performance Information****Performance Text**

The census' outputs of the voyage are difficult to quantify as it will build on existing research, borrow from other research and lay future research foundations as well as providing specific outputs (e.g. published papers within three years of completion). Quality will be assured via robust project management (planning, implementation, monitoring and auditing) and international peer review at critical steps (e.g. detailed research programme, preliminary voyage report, and science papers).

**Appropriation Changes**

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>1.000</b>	<b>1.000</b>	<b>1.000</b>	-

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11& Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General): Fisheries Information (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	1.000	1.000	1.000	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>1.000</b>	<b>1.000</b>	<b>1.000</b>	-
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-

**Vote:** Fisheries

**Title:** Inshore Trawl Form

**Description:** The reporting of spatial information, by commercial fishers, should be at a finer scale than is currently required to improve effectiveness in fisheries management. It is proposed to develop a new inshore trawl form to apply to trawl vessels under 28m in length to meet these information needs.

**Theme:** Economic Transformation

**Theme Objective:** Sustainable, natural resources

## Performance Information

### Performance Text

Development of a new Catch and Effort return (catch by latitude and longitude) to replace the current Catch Effort and Landing Return (statistical area reporting) for vessels 28 metres and under in length about fishing using the methods of trawling, and possibly all vessels that use some methods of seining (i.e Danish seining). The implementation date is 1 October 2007. A contract will be negotiated with Commercial Fisheries Services Ltd to provide ongoing operational services.

## Appropriation Changes

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11 & Outyears
Operating Balance Impact	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Impact	-	-	-	-	-
No Impact	-	0.232	0.232	0.232	0.232
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>0.232</b>	<b>0.232</b>	<b>0.232</b>	<b>0.232</b>

	\$m - increase/(decrease)				
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11 & Outyears
Departmental Output Expenses (General):					
Fisheries Operations (funded by Revenue Crown)	-	0.232	0.232	0.232	0.232
<b>Total Operating</b>	-	<b>0.232</b>	<b>0.232</b>	<b>0.232</b>	<b>0.232</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	-	-	-	-	-

Initiative No: 4421

**Additional Recommendation**

**noted** that, subject to consultation with stakeholders, the following amounts will be recovered as Crown revenue from the fishing industry under the cost recovery provisions of the Fisheries Act 1996:

	<b>\$m – increase/(decrease)</b>				
	<b>2006/07</b>	<b>2007/08</b>	<b>2008/09</b>	<b>2009/10</b>	<b>2010/11 &amp; Outyears</b>
Vote Fisheries					
Cost Recovery (Crown Revenue)	-	0.232	0.232	0.232	0.232