



OIA23-0345

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Dear Paul

Thank you for your email of 19 June 2023 requesting information relating to commercial landings of a vessel in Rangaunu Harbour. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

I'm after information on the following vessel please:

Commercial vessel "Marara" MNZ 133969 SOP no. F0396

1. *How many days a year does the vessel "Marara" MNZ 133969 fish in Rangaunu Harbour since 2018 ((The waters of Rangaunu Harbour lying inside a straight line drawn from Blackney Point (at 34°51.70'S and 173°17.20'E) to Otiaia Point (at 34°53.80'S and 173°16.80'E)).*
2. *How much Annual Catch Entitlement [ACE] is leased per year by the owner/operator of vessel "Marara" MNZ 133969 (since 2018)?*
3. *How much [weight] of the following species have been landed annually since 2018*
 - *Snapper, Pagrus auratus, SNA*
 - *Kahawai, Arripis trutta, KAH*
 - *Kingfish, Seriola lalandi, KIN*
 - *Trevally, Pseudocaranx georgianus, TRE*
 - *Parore, Girella tricuspidate, PAR*
 - *Mullet (unspecified), MUU*
4. *How much NFPS (non-fish protected species) caught annually [from 2018]?*
5. *How many sea turtle captures (Marine reptile) [annually since 2018 – part of NFPS]?*
6. *How many reported White pointer shark (Carcharodon carcharias) WPS catches since 2018?*

Questions 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6:

The information you have requested in questions 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 is withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- s9(2)(b)(ii) – to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who is the subject of the information, and
- s9(2)(ba)(i) – to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied

The Ministry for Primary Industries is satisfied that in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available.

Question 2

With reference to section 18(d) of the OIA, this information is publicly available and can be accessed from FishServe.

FishServe is a seafood industry owned company that has a discrete and prescribed role within the sector. Since 1999, FishServe has provided the systems and tools that support and enhance the operation of the Quota Management System underpinning the sustainability of Aotearoa New Zealand's fisheries.

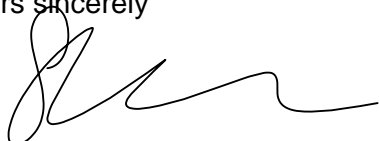
You can access the FishServe website here: [Find a Vessel - FishServe](#) to obtain the vessel operator details. You can make a second request here: [ACE Owned Report - FishServe](#) to find out how much Annual Catch Entitlement (ACE) the vessel operator has purchased.

You can also contact FishServe if necessary, at the following link:

<https://register.kupe.fishserve.co.nz/contactus>

Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely



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