



Fisheries New Zealand

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Dear T. Benseman

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 23 April 2018 asking for:

All correspondence including accurate and complete minutes of meetings with DEEPWATER GROUP LIMITED, their directors, shareholders and any other members and representatives of the fishing industry where 1080 poison and the reduction of wild trout fisheries are discussed, between 1-1-2011 and 1-1-2018.

Please also advise if funding has been provided to facilitate negotiations of any kind between the above companies and their reps and the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) or OSPRI NEW ZEALAND LIMITED relating to 1080 use and any information MPI holds on these negotiations and the dollar amount spent on these negotiations and or communications.

As trout are a freshwater species, we do not believe that Fisheries New Zealand has discussed these matters with the Deepwater Group, as this group is primarily concerned with offshore saltwater species. After liaising with subject matter experts, I can confirm that we do not hold the information you are looking for. Therefore, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), this request is refused under section 18(e) as the information you are requesting does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found. In the course of making this decision, we have consulted with OSPRI, who have confirmed that OSPRI and its subsidiaries have had no engagement with Deepwater Group Limited.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to refuse your request.

Yours sincerely

Stuart Anderson
Director Fisheries Management