

# Process for adjusting sustainable catch limits

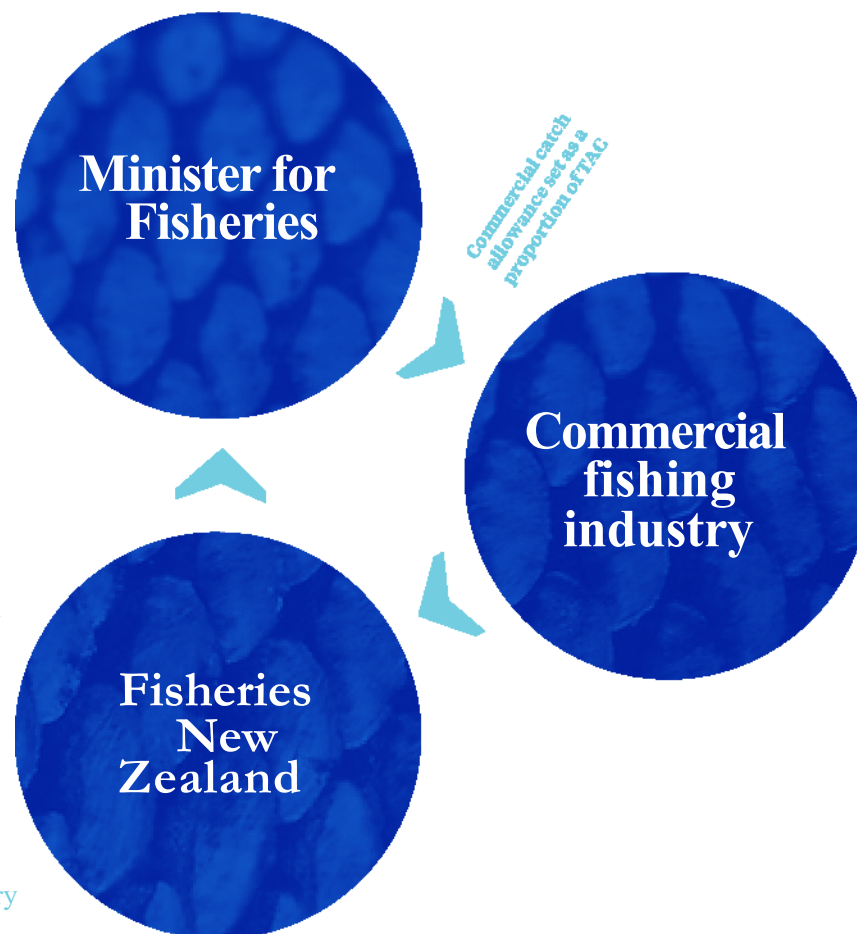
Catch limits are the primary means for managing fish stock sustainability in New Zealand. Research, monitoring and management by both Government and industry ensure adjustments to catch limits provide for the longterm sustainability of commercial fish stocks.

Responsible for adjusting the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) to ensure fish stock sustainability after taking into account;

- The Fisheries Act 1996
- Ministry advice
- Stakeholder consultation

Provides advice to Minister on adjustments to the TAC based on;

- The Harvest Strategy Standard for New Zealand Fisheries
- Individual Fisheries Plans
- The Research and Science Information Standard for New Zealand Fisheries
- Peer reviewed scientific advice including;
  - Fisheries Assessment Plenary
  - Aquatic Environment and Biodiversity Annual Report



Provides input to stock assessment processes by;

- Reporting catch effort and landings
- Contributing to fisheries research and costs
- Participating, along with other fisheries stakeholders, in Scientific Working Groups, advisory groups, review panels and consultative forums