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Dear Andrew

Thank you for your correspondence of 22 December 2016 and 12 January 2017 regarding the Marlborough Sounds Scallop Fishery.

My preference is that stakeholders work collectively to manage shared fisheries, I understand your frustration that this is not occurring in this fishery.

It is unfortunate that industry representatives have been absent from recent pre-consultation meetings but this will not prevent me from taking the necessary action to ensure the sustainable management of the fishery. My priority, and that of my officials, is to ensure the fishery is rebuilt for the future benefit of all users.

Following my decision to close the fishery for 2016, my officials have a number of actions underway to re-set the fishery for the future. These include:

- A further scientific survey is currently underway to assess the status of the fishery.
- Public consultation will occur during February and March on whether the fishery should remain closed or be re-opened for 2017.
- If the fishery is to be re-opened then the TAC/TACC will be reviewed.
- Consultation on potential regulatory changes in the fishery including season start date, recreational bag limits, minimum size limits, light dredge and diver only areas.
- Engaging with representatives of the Challenger Scallop Enhancement Company to review the Enhancement Plan and Memorandum of Understanding in place for the fishery.

We need to develop a management framework that better reflects the nature of the current fishery. I have directed my officials to explore options to achieve this.

I would also like to acknowledge the commitment by you and your colleagues to work with my officials and provide your views through the pre-consultation meetings. This has been very helpful as we prepare to consult on future management options. I encourage you and your colleagues to continue working with my officials on the management of this important fishery.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nathan Guy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Hon Nathan Guy
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