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The Department Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment

Per email addresses:

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Request for the Draft OEMP Fisheries Sector Plan

Aukotowa Fisheries Primary Cooperative Ltd hereby respectfully requests that the Draft OEMP Fisheries Sector Plan be shared with our cooperative for review.

We have noted that the agenda refers to the **validation of the final draft** of the Fisheries Sector Plan. However, as a recognized Small-Scale Fisheries Cooperative, we have not yet been consulted on this latest draft, nor have we been afforded an opportunity to read and consider its contents.

Meaningful consultation is a fundamental principle of participatory governance, particularly where policies and management plans may have significant implications for the livelihoods, rights, and sustainability of the Small-Scale Fisheries sector. We are therefore concerned that the validation process appears to be proceeding before the Small-Scale Fisheries sector has had an opportunity to provide informed input.

We kindly request that the Draft OEMP Fisheries Sector Plan be forwarded to our cooperative at your earliest convenience to enable us to review the document and participate meaningfully in the consultation process.

We look forward to your positive response.

Yours sincerely,

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