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Dear Stakeholder

**Extended Consultation Period for Draft Seabird Standard and Draft Seabird National Plan of Action**

On 27 November 2007 the Draft Seabird Standard and Seabird National Plan of Action were released for public consultation. I have since received requests to extend the timeframe for consultation, which currently runs until 18 February 2008.

I want to encourage stakeholder participation in the process and am aware MFish is currently consulting on a number of documents. Therefore, I have agreed to extend the deadline for stakeholder submissions to 14 March 2008 for both the Seabird Standard and the Seabird National Plan of Action.

The Draft Harvest Strategy Standard has also been sent out for a second round of consultation following constructive feedback from stakeholders. The timeframe for consultation on this draft standard is reasonably short. However, the need to give guidelines to Fisheries Plan Advisory Groups and the fact that this is the second consultation on this draft standard means that I do not wish to extend the consultation for this draft standard.

These papers are available on the MFish website [www.fish.govt.nz](http://www.fish.govt.nz)

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