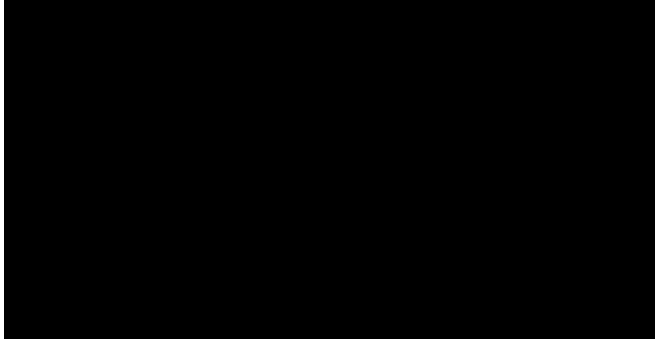




1 February 2024



**Official information request for Crown Law advice regarding commercial fishing**  
**Our Ref: OIA353/1**

1. I refer to your official information request dated 25 January 2024, seeking advice and correspondence on certain topics relating to commercial fishing, between the Crown Law Office and the Minister of Oceans and Fisheries, or his office, or the Ministry of Primary Industries / Fisheries New Zealand, or the Department of Conservation, between the dates 23 November 2023 to 25 January 2024.
2. We have conducted a search of our systems and we do not hold any information falling within the scope of your request. We are therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act on the basis that the information requested does not exist.
3. Please note that we may publish this response (with your personal details redacted), and any related documents, on Crown Law's website if we decide proactive release of this information is or may be in the public interest. If you have any concerns about this, please let us know within 10 working days of the date of this letter.
4. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.
5. If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to email [OIA@crownlaw.govt.nz](mailto:OIA@crownlaw.govt.nz), marked for my attention.

Yours faithfully  
**Crown Law**

