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Dear permit holder

**REVISED PERIOD FOR FURNISHING CLR_s AND TLCER_s IN THE TUNA
LONGLINE FISHERY**

The Ministry of Fisheries has received requests from tuna longline fishing permit holders and Tuna New Zealand Inc to change the current requirement for furnishing catch landing returns (CLRs) and tuna longlining catch effort returns (TLCERs) within 7 days of landing.

After consideration of those requests by the Ministry, and the management information requirements for the fishery, I have decided that it is desirable to specify a different reporting timeframe to assist in the utilisation of the fishery, while ensuring its sustainability.

Pursuant to regulations 6 and 40 of the Fisheries (Reporting) Regulations 2001, I hereby direct persons who are required to provide tuna longlining catch effort returns for fishing trips in a calendar month to provide those returns, and the catch landing returns required under regulation 6(1)(c), not later than 15 days after the last day of that calendar month. This direction is to be effective from 1 October 2001.

Please note that only the due date for providing returns has been changed. CLRs must be completed at the end of each landing as required by regulation 6(2), and TLCERs must be completed for every set on a fishing trip as required by regulation 13(2)(a).

If you have any queries regarding this letter, please contact Tim Fletcher, Client Information Manager, FishServe (tel 04 472 0300; fax 04 460 9515).

Yours sincerely

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