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Dear Mr Konstantaras

Thank you for your letter of 22 March 2020 regarding research data collected in projects funded from the NSW Recreational Fishing Trusts. I appreciate the reasons that have promoted you to write and I apologise for the delay in responding.

As you know, all projects receiving funds from the Trusts are considered by Expenditure Committees and an Advisory Council of expert fishers. In some cases, the Committees and Advisory Council have advised that conditions on proposed project activities be implemented by the Department of Primary Industries (DPI). Therefore, it is important to note that research applications usually identify the data that will be collected and the proposed outcomes of the research.

However, please be advised that I have referred this matter to the NSW Recreational Fisheries Advisory Council for consideration and have requested advice on whether any additional measures that may need to be taken and if so, what they may be. I will be sure to come back to you once the council has had an opportunity to consider the matter.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me about this, I have asked Dr Natalie Moltschaniwskyj, Director Fisheries Research, to be available to answer any questions you may have. Dr Moltschaniwskyj can be contacted on (02) 4916 3854.

Thank you again for your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Adam Marshall
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