



Fisheries (Qualifying Years for Species of Tuna) Notice 2003

Pursuant to section 33(b) of the Fisheries Act 1996, the Minister of Fisheries gives the following notice.

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1 Title

This notice is the Fisheries (Qualifying Years for Species of Tuna) Notice 2003.

2 Commencement

This notice comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.

3 Qualifying years for tuna

The following fishing years are qualifying years for the following species of tuna:

Species	Qualifying years
Bigeye tuna (<i>Thunnus obesus</i>)	1 October 2000 to 30 September 2001
	1 October 2001 to 30 September 2002
Pacific bluefin tuna (<i>Thunnus orientalis</i>)	1 October 1999 to 30 September 2000
	1 October 2000 to 30 September 2001
	1 October 2001 to 30 September 2002
Southern bluefin tuna (<i>Thunnus maccoyii</i>)	1 October 2000 to 30 September 2001
	1 October 2001 to 30 September 2002

Species	Qualifying years
Yellowfin tuna	1 October 1999 to 30 September 2000
(<i>Thunnus albacares</i>)	1 October 2000 to 30 September 2001
	1 October 2001 to 30 September 2002

Dated at Wellington this 4th day of November 2003.

Pete Hodgson,
Minister of Fisheries.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This notice, which comes into force on the day after the date on which it is notified in the *Gazette*, sets qualifying years for the following species of tuna: bigeye tuna, Pacific bluefin tuna, southern bluefin tuna, and yellowfin tuna.

A person's provisional catch history under the Fisheries Act 1996 in respect of a species of tuna, is the total weight of eligible catch reported in the person's eligible returns in respect of the period of 12 consecutive months chosen by the person from within the qualifying years in accordance with section 35(4)(b) or (5)(d) of that Act or, if the person does not make a choice, as nominated by the chief executive of the Ministry of Fisheries in accordance with section 35(1)(d) of that Act.

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