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**Submission from Mr Jouault**

Dear Deputy Duhamel

Thank you for the time and consideration that you and your panel are giving towards the fisheries matters. I have a copy of a page from a States review or report that may be relevant, which I suspect is from about 2003, the page is 69:

c. Conservation of fishing stocks and the marine environment are fundamentally important to the future of the industry.

In a climate of increasing pressure from both commercial operators and leisure users, it is essential to maintain effective controls and enforcement procedures. Conservation initiatives need to be taken where stocks come under threat. Future policies need to ensure that the Department has the capabilities and resources to undertake the work implied.

f. There is a lack of economic data in relation to fishing and fish farming practices.

Future policies need to address this issue to ensure adequate information is available to indicate trends in the industry, to enable analysis of requests from the industry for financial support or the provision of infrastructure, and to enable assessment of financial implications of other financial measures.

g. There is increasing pressure on marine environmental quality including biodiversity.

Future policy needs to address the overall preservation of the marine environment including anthropogenic inputs (e.g. waste from whelk processing, dredging, and reclamation projects). Disease control, introduction of alien species and the damage to particular species or habitats by various forms of fishing gear.

h. Little is known of the non-commercial fishing activity or its effects on marine resources.

A recent study indicates that this may be an important resource both for visitors and the local population. Policies need to be formulated to provide this knowledge and to manage these activities in the best long term interest of the Island.

Best wishes

Mr Jouault