

Pacific Seabird Group



DEDICATED TO THE STUDY AND CONSERVATION OF PACIFIC SEABIRDS AND THEIR ENVIRONMENT

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Honorable Doug Kidd
Minister of Fisheries
Government of New Zealand
Wellington, New Zealand

Dear Minister Kidd,

The Pacific Seabird Group is a scientific organization with over 400 members from many countries around the world. Our primary interest is in the scientific study and conservation of seabirds of the Pacific Ocean. One issue of great concern to us is the large-scale destruction being caused to seabirds and other wildlife from commercial fisheries. We are aware of your government noble efforts to see that this ocean slaughter is stopped.

Your recent action to outlaw ships using cable system to operate net monitors is another step forward toward ocean conservation. The mortality to albatross caused by this old and obsolete fishing method is entirely unnecessary considering that there are new electronic ways of doing the same job without causing seabird morality.

Sincerely,

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