

Wellington, 18 April 2018

**To:** Members of the Commission

Dear Members,

**Re:** UPDATE - Performance Review Panel – second round of voting for tied candidates

In response to communication 20-2018 from 18 April, New Zealand has advised the Secretariat that in the interest of achieving a regional balance of panellists on the Review Panel, New Zealand withdraws the nomination of its national expert Ms Penelope Ridings (see letter attached).

Thus, Dr Patricio Bernal (nominated by Peru), the candidate tied with Ms Riding, now remains the national candidate with the second-highest number of votes and is appointed as expert for the Panel beside Prof Stuart Kaye (nominated by Australia) and Dr Keith Sainsbury (nominated by New Zealand).

Those who have not yet voted, please let the Secretariat know of your vote for one of the following three tied external candidates:

- Ms Fuensanta Candela (nominated by EU)
- Ms Alexa Cole (nominated by USA)
- Ms Lyn Goldsworthy (nominated by Australia)

Decision 6-2018, paragraph 8 stipulates that *“in case of a tie between two or more candidates from the same list, a vote will be immediately re-run for those candidates. SPRFMO Members shall reply to the communication from the Chairperson with the list of tied candidates within 15 days indicating their vote for one person from the list/s.”*

You may wish to consider paragraph 5 of Decision 6-2018: *“The Review Panel membership should aim to reflect the SPRFMO Membership in terms of regional balance, fishing and non-fishing nations and developing and developed countries.”*

We will take into account any votes received 15 days from today, i.e. **by Thursday, 3 May 2018**, in accordance with Decision 06-2018.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Dr Johanne Fischer  
Executive Secretary

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Dear Dr Fischer

I refer to your letter of 18 April 2018 (Ref 20:2018) regarding votes for the SPRFMO Performance Review Panel.

SPRFMO Decision 06-2018 provides that the Review Panel Membership should aim to reflect the SPRFMO Membership in terms of regional balance, fishing and non-fishing nations and developing and developed countries.

In the interest of achieving a regional balance of panellists on the Review Panel in accordance with SPRFMO Decision 06-2018, and noting that New Zealand nominee, Dr Keith Sainsbury has been appointed to the Review Panel, New Zealand hereby formally withdraws the nomination of Penelope Ridings.

We would be grateful if you could inform SPRFMO Members of the formal withdrawal of Penelope Ridings.

Yours sincerely

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