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of Recreational Fishing?**



New Zealand Sport Fishing Council is the oldest incorporated organisation representing recreational anglers. The Council was formed to be the central body for all matters relating to the sport of game fishing in New Zealand.

It adopted IGFA fishing rules and ethics so that a consistent standard could be set when comparing catches. The NZSFC offers additional records classes for NZ records beyond what IGFA offer for juniors and small-fry anglers. We have refined some of the IGFA rules to make them more suitable for our contests.

Our New Zealand based IGFA representatives keep a close liaison between IGFA and NZSFC and have regular input into issues that could affect New Zealand anglers. We have promoted valuable marine research that is internationally respected. This includes the game fish tagging programs for marlin, sharks, tuna and kingfish which now has a history of 17 years of information.

The Council created and continues to support the NZ Marine Research Foundation (NZMRF) for the primary purpose of conducting research on fish species benefiting our membership that could not, or will not be financed by government agencies.

Information from research carried out by the NZMRF foundation has been very valuable when justifying our position in species management. All they have to do is remind themselves, that the majority of what the NZSFC does is for the benefit of individual members rather than equal benefits for each club.

More fish in the sea, better access, water quality, individual legal protection, record recognition, research, advocacy, fishing data collection and dissemination are all individual benefits of belonging to the NZSFC.

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ear Members,

I hope you have all had a great start to this fantastic year. Most of us have been blessed with some fantastic weather and some very nice catches to boot. Great to hear there are yellowfin tuna are being caught in reasonable numbers and size in certain areas; their absence for many seasons now has been very disturbing and we would like to think that this is not a flash in the pan regarding their return.

Early December saw a small delegation of our Fisheries Management team and contractors meet with MPI Minister Nathan Guy, David Turner and Steve Halley MPI. This was to discuss closer ties and more inclusive discussion around some of the Fisheries decisions and IPP papers; while the meeting was brief we are scheduling another more in depth meeting for early in the New Year.





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Over the last couple of months we have had four applications from new clubs that joined the NZSFC. This is very pleasing and hopefully we can keep the momentum going. Congratulations to Mark and Chrissy De Lacey, aka Mr and Mrs Minstrel who took out the Sealord's Water Safety New Zealand supreme award for 2014. A well-deserved award.

The LegaSea Team has had a very busy led up to Christmas and has been achieving some good results and are performing above expectation, well done all.

The Simrad NZSFC Nationals have been amazing, complimented by near perfect weather. The great weather meant excellent entry numbers and a wide range of memorable catches.

Remember there was over \$18 000.00 dollars' worth of Simrad products to be won on a daily draw basis – results will follow. Fill your boat using the NZSFC Petroleum Logistics fuel card, insure your boat through the NZSFC Club Marine Agency, and use Hiwi The Kiwi Penguin bait. Most importantly, make sure all of your safety equipment is in good working order.

Tight lines and good luck to all.

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RESEARCH PROJECT






The New Zealand Marine Research Foundation has committed to a research project to value the economy of recreational fishing in New Zealand. The Foundation has commissioned (USA based) internationally recognised Southwick Associates to research this long ignored, but most important aspect of New Zealand's fishery

Independent, peer reviewed and published research on the economy of recreational fishing in New Zealand is urgently needed. The Foundation aspires to producing quality information to help the Minister for Primary Industries to make well informed fisheries management decisions.

Several earlier valuation attempts have been challenged on methodology and outcomes and subsequently failed to be taken seriously by officials. The initial outline of the project has been completed detailing the information required, dates, costs and expected outcomes. Phase 1 commences on 1 April 2015.

The Foundation is delighted that the LegaSea team are dedicating resources to help generate funding for this project. The initiative certainly aligns with the LegaSea principles. All contributions will be tax deductible when paid to the New Zealand Marine Research Foundation. ♦

Please call Matthew Taylor to register for more detailed information - 021 766558



The Mercurial Yellowfin Tuna

By John Holdsworth *Blue Water Marine Research*



It has been a while since yellowfin tuna were available in any numbers in New Zealand waters.

In the first two weeks of 2015 more yellowfin have been caught by NZSFC club members than in the last four full years combined (48 yellowfin recorded in the Council yearbooks). Will they stay for long and will they be back next year? It is encouraging to see

the small and medium size fish (10 to 30 kg) return. These are mostly one to two year olds, and if conditions are favourable some may return next year as two and three year olds.

There is evidence from the NZ gamefish tagging programme and the NSW Fisheries tagging programme of yellowfin returning to areas where they had been tagged in previous seasons.

So, is it better international management, increased spawning success or favourable oceanographic conditions that have helped yellowfin reappear in New Zealand waters? It is probably too early to speculate on the reasons for their reappearance, but in reality it is probably a combination of all three factors.

MANAGEMENT: Since 2009 the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission have banned the use of Fish Aggregation Devices (FADs) by purse seine vessels for three or four months a year in international waters to help protect the juvenile bigeye and yellowfin tuna from being taken as bycatch in the skipjack fishery. Also, some of the distant water fishing nations have reduced the number of longline vessels fishing for bigeye.

Commercial catch in the SW Pacific, south of 10°S Latitude, has been stable, without the large increases seen in other areas. The New Zealand commercial catch of yellowfin was never large and it collapsed at the same time as the recreational fishery.

RECRUITMENT: Yellowfin are a remarkably productive species. Most yellowfin are mature by the

time they are two or three years old and seem to spawn whenever the water temperature is above 26°C. In tropical waters yellowfin spawn year round. Nature has a way of making the most of favourable conditions and we may be benefiting from a year or two of good recruitment. A new stock assessment for yellowfin was completed in 2014.

It shows the spawning stock biomass of about 40% of the unfished biomass and current catches (600,000 tonnes) are about the level of the maximum sustainable yield (MSY). Most of that catch is taken in the western equatorial Pacific, thousands of miles away from New Zealand.

OCEANOGRAPHICS: There have been good patches of oceanic water and catches in January 2015. So far this season there has also been some small marlin (60 to 80 kg) and small bigeye tuna caught by recreational fishers. It seems that these fish are venturing further south than usual this season. Certainly they are not here every year. Maybe this year we will see the occasional wahoo or even the first sailfish taken on rod and reel in New Zealand waters. Now that would be exceptional.

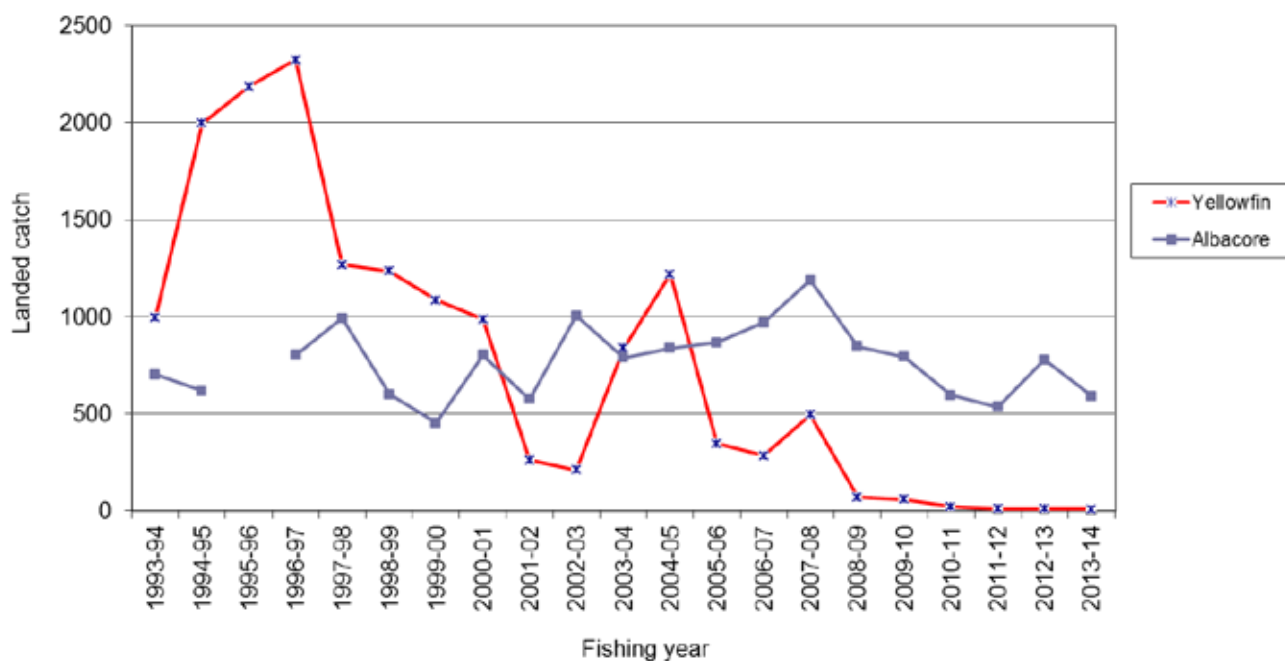


Figure 1: The annual landed catch of yellowfin and albacore tuna by NZ Sport Fishing Council clubs from 1994 to 2014.

HISTORICAL CATCHES: For 30 years yellowfin tuna was an important target and bycatch species for recreational fishers. Particularly in East Northland, Bay of Plenty and occasionally as far south as Hawke Bay on the North Island east coast and Kawhia on the west coast. Yellowfin size and abundance used to fluctuate from year to year. The NZSFC produces a yearbook with New Zealand line class records and catch tallies for their 56 affiliated clubs. These national tallies show trends in catch by season. Combined catch records of clubs affiliated to NZSFC recorded more than 1000 yellowfin for twelve out of thirteen seasons between 1987–88 and 2000–01. Over 2000 yellowfin

were landed in the three seasons from 1994–95 to 1996–97 (Figure 1).

Anecdotal information suggests that many more yellowfin are landed but not recorded in good seasons. Many of these would be under 25kg and considered small. Recreational catch hit an historic low in 2008-2009 and got progressively worse over the next five years. This led some fishers to doubt if we would ever see a yellowfin fishery in New Zealand again.

RECOMMENDATION: If yellowfin turn up in reasonable numbers in 2015 fishers should consider tag and release for fish in good condition, to help scientists and managers keep track of where they go and who is catching them when they are leave here. ♦

↑ FIND OUT MORE HERE www.bluewatermarine.co.nz

From this side of the Scales

Greetings and welcome to my side of the scales. The 2015 game fishing season has really kicked off, with all manner of gamefish being weighed from Doubtless Bay in the north and marlin down in Waihou Bay.

With the unexpected return of the yellow fin tuna, anglers are getting excited again; fresh tuna for tea. There is also an unusual number of short billed spearfish being caught, big eye tuna are showing up, and the first blue marlin have been reported (Whangaroa x 1, BOI x 2, Mercury Bay x 2) and a large black marlin lost whilst live baiting for kingfish at the Shallow patch the tension is building.

The NZSFC SIMRAD Nationals are set to start next month from 21st – 28th February. One of the country's

premier point score competitions runs nationwide with teams from Southland through to Houhora – fishing different line classes in the hopes of being able to call themselves NZ champions – at least for the 2015 season.

Last year there were 1488 anglers fishing in 418 teams from 36 clubs, in total there were 624 fish weighed and 288 tagged and released from the eight days of competition you can see a full list of last year's results [here](#).

SIMRAD have sponsored seven daily lucky draw prizes to the value of \$18,500 to be drawn from all who



Marley Orr on board Annjakana who has weighed in a 63.4 Big Eye Tuna caught on 24kg line, this is a club record for a junior and a pending New Zealand record for a little fry

have entered. Find the 2015 nationals daily results and place changes [here](#).

So you and some mates have decided to enter, now that the entry has been paid where are you going to fish? The joys of the trailer boat game fishers is their ability to travel to where the fish are.

Many choose to fish a day or two here, look at the results and any other fishing information gathering tools and then tow their rig overnight to the next port to go fishing again. In a different location, hopefully more fishy than the last. Social media is coming of age in the game fishing fraternity with Facebook, Fishgrid, and the internet chatrooms on fishing.net. Log on and join up at www.fishgrid.com.

Find the member clubs sponsors grids and print one off if you are traveling to fish in their waters, it will help gather the information of where the fish are being caught (Mercury Bay's grid has the best up to date catch reporting [here](#)).

The fishing.net website is packed with information both current and with a good archive; you can read what happened this time last year even two years ago. One of the best chatrooms on NZ game fishing is their '[The Work up](#)' with hours of information from those out there doing it.

With most clubs around the country utilising Facebook with its instant messaging and the dedicated angler liking, following and getting updates it



*Lost black marlin Shallow patch
(photos courtesy from the Ahipara Game fish club)*

is hard not to know where and when to go fishing. [Tutukaka Channel 4 reports](#) is a great source to learn of the action in and around the Tutukaka coast anywhere from the Mokohinau's up to Cape Brett, For those fishing the western Bay of plenty waters up to the back of Great Barrier Island, [Whangamata Channel 28](#) reports gives real time information and results for those fishing around Mayor Island up to the Alderman Islands and further up past the hook to Cuvier and Great barrier islands.

So where to fish in the 2015 Nationals? Mercury Bay might take out the tuna sections, like Peter Murray, with his winning fish – a 65.4kg Big Eye Tuna in the Pacific Coast Marine Top Ten Tuna Tournament held last weekend. The Bay of Islands may fight it out with Waihou bay in the blue marlin stakes; like legendary BOI charter vessel El Donna with an awesome Blue Marlin going 305.9KG, caught on a Bonze Lure which was running on the Long Corner.



*Shane Jones Blue marlin
(photo courtesy from BOISC)*

*Congratulations to Peter Murray,
pictured here with his winning fish
in the Pacific Coast Marine Top
Ten Tuna Tournament held last
weekend. The 65.4kg Big Eye Tuna
(Photo courtesy Mercury bay)*



It was taken just outside the Queens Buoy Area. Angler Hon Shane Jones and Skipper A.J Barton-Barry.

The most meritorious junior angler could follow in Marley Orr's footsteps. On board the Whakatane vessel Annjakana weighed in a 63.4 Big Eye Tuna caught on 24kg line; this is a club record for a junior and a pending New Zealand record for a little fry (11 years

and under). Marley is only 9 years old!

Finally, you just never know what may take your bait. These guys from the Muriwai Sports Fishing Club were live baiting with a Jigging Rod for kingfish on the shallow patch just off Houhora. That's where Chad Olsen hooked a black marlin. The fight lasted for three and half hours - so exciting - fish won the fight!! ♦

The year with Hiwi the Kiwi & Water Safety NZ



*t*he year started well with the granting of \$12,000.00 from ACC and Water Safety NZ.

The funds were for the production of a new brochure to promote Hiwi the Kiwi to all the primary schools and a number of selected intermediate schools in New Zealand.

Mark de Lacy (aka the Minstrel) did a fantastic job of putting the brochure together which was then printed by Printing.com and mailed out to about the 1300 primary and intermediate schools.

What a successful exercise – the bookings came in, Mark and Chrissie have had a busy year covering some 160 schools and delivering the message of fishing for the future and water safety. For those of you who haven't seen a show, the principle is to get the children to educate the parents to keep safe on the water as well as returning the fish that are under size or pregnant properly to the water.

We have had comments like (tongue-in-cheek) "Damn the Minstrel, since the kids saw his show we can't go out

in the boat without life jackets on now” from a marine dealer.

The bookings are rolling in for next year, all the intermediate schools visited so far have re-booked every two years. This year the show should break the 1,000 schools visited mark and will have been seen by over 300,000 children – quite an achievement!! I do urge you to take in a show if there is one in your local area. The schedule is on the Hiwi the Kiwi web site www.hiwithekiwi.co.nz

The climax of a very successful year for Hiwi the Kiwi came in late November with the announcement that the program (and it’s presenters), Mark and Chrissie, had won the Sealord Water Safety NZ supreme award for the promotion of Water safety.

A great honour and very well deserved.

Thanks to all those who have helped take Hiwi the Kiwi (the NZSFC educational program) to another level. To Grant Dixon and the NZ Fishing News, Matt, Dave and the team at Water Safety, Kilwell and their monthly prizes, thanks for your support.

Meanwhile, Water Safety NZ have had their own problems. A new constitution was introduced earlier in the year which made the organisation into a facilitator rather than being active in the field.

This resulted in about half of the staff losing their jobs including some we had formed a relationship with and who were being very helpful to the NZSFC.

Hopefully that is all behind us now and we can forge ahead with the two organisations hand in hand. There is a lot to be done, a council Water Safety plan to name but one. ♦

 FIND OUT MORE HERE www.hiwithekiwi.co.nz

LEGASEA UPDATE

September to November 2014

*Prepared for -
New Zealand
Sport Fishing
Council club
delegates for
Zone meetings
& Management*

COMMITTEE MEETING, NOVEMBER 2014

1. LegaSea's role

LegaSea provides an opportunity for the public to stand up for themselves by voluntarily funding the work required to create positive outcomes to the way fisheries are managed in New Zealand. LegaSea designs campaign tools to empower people and enable them to send a strong message and personal comments directly to politicians and decision-makers.

2. People Si Yates, Pieter Battaerd, Matthew Taylor and Murray Batger continue to develop the corporate, partnership, volunteer and alignment programmes.

The recent Tip the Scales campaign was a valuable opportunity to test how well the Salesforce CRM (Customer Relationship Management) application works. Pieter is mastering this software with Matt providing valuable IT advice. Pieter was also the LegaSea liaison with our volunteer network, coordinating more than 50 volunteers nationwide to distribute campaign flyers leading up to the 20th September election.



3. Finances

With the Tip the Scales campaign and the election behind us the team are focussing on fund raising activities. The development of new fund raising products is almost complete. The soon to launch LegaSea Works and LegaSea Legends programmes are blessed with the same thorough and professional input that Building LegaSea enjoys. Thank you to Si Yates and Ian Wills for your attention to detail and design that will ensure this investment is durable and effective.

A shortfall in fund raising for the first and second quarters has been addressed by interest free advances made on the same terms as previously. At year end any deficit will be satisfied by the underwriter converting those advances into donations as required. Expenditure is as per the budget after six months.

4. Partnerships Proud partners

We continue to seek ways to acknowledge and celebrate our LegaSea partners. Proud Platinum and Gold partners are recognised on the LegaSea website via a revolving banner at the top of each page and our ongoing communications encourages supporting the partners. Partners are also acknowledged [here](#). We are grateful for these renewals and ongoing commitments. Platinum – Sage, Reddington, Rio and Fishpond which are all brands distributed by Fly Tackle NZ.

Our founding Platinum Partner committed for another term. Gold – This category continues to be the most popular, with over 20 businesses committing \$6000 per annum cash or in-kind support. Support – LegaSea also enjoys the ongoing support of more than 20 companies, groups or individual businesses who provide a range of goods and services to support our activities. These are ‘fair-dinkum’ Kiwis supporting rebuilt fisheries so future generations can enjoy a meaningful fishing experience. Thank you all.

www.legasea.co.nz/supporting-sponsors

This year LegaSea set out to promote the need for affordable, achievable and practical fisheries policy from all political parties

5. Building LegaSea

There have been some exciting developments for Building LegaSea in this quarter. Building LegaSea Hawkes Bay will be launched on Wednesday 29th October to what we hope is a full house at the Hawke's Bay Sports Fishing Club. The Club has been working hard to promote the event locally, in the media and on Facebook, via their own page and LegaSea's page.

Matt Watson is the special guest with Richard Baker in support. Hosting corporate fishing events on the 43-foot Mustang, Game On, has proved to be a challenge with the variable spring weather patterns.

No one wants to miss out, so we are working with these corporates to reschedule the day's fishing. It is a worthwhile exercise as these people are bringing along their clients so

we can present LegaSea to a new audience in a convivial environment and secure their support for the cause.

Building LegaSea with its \$100 plus GST per month commitment has proven to be popular for established businesses, however there is a need to provide a more modest product to cater for smaller businesses and the self-employed. To satisfy this demand the team is developing a new programme, LegaSea Works.

At \$250 plus GST per annum this is expected to be a popular programme. With the fishing trips proving to be most popular we have suspended the weekly Wednesday breakfasts at Swashbucklers. These will resume after Christmas. Please visit www.legasea.co.nz/building to find out more about Building LegaSea and who's on board. We welcome any likely leads you might offer and promise to keep you advised of progress.

6. Campaigns

This year LegaSea set out to promote the need for affordable, achievable and practical fisheries policy from all political parties. A set of five principles were developed and sent to the politicians with a raft of supporting policy recommendations.

LegaSea's five principles are:

1. Let's rebuild the fishery
2. Stop senseless waste
3. Our fisheries are publicly owned
4. Equal size limits for all and
5. Value recreational fishing

By 20th September, Election Day, more than 17,000 people had registered their support for LegaSea's Tip the Scales campaign. While this result may seem modest when compared to earlier campaigns, there was no direct 'threat' or 'call to action'. This lower response level was anticipated prior to the campaign launch. However, we did increase database numbers and the five principles will continue to be a valuable resource for our

communications. With the increased numbers on our database LegaSea can now communicate directly with around 60,000 people, by far the largest recreational fisher database in the country. Many of these people forward the regular LegaSea Updates to friends and family. Due to the team's hard work, LegaSea's profile continues to grow, and there is increasing clarity around what we stand for. The LegaSea FAQs have been [updated online](#)

A new flier, 'five principles', has been developed. Your club or organisation is welcome to request a supply of these fliers by calling 0800 LEGASEA or emailing us at pieter@legasea.co.nz.

Feedback - Your ongoing support, comments or questions are appreciated ♦

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LEGASEA

FISH FOR THE PEOPLE

1. WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

A Highly Migratory Species Fisheries Plan meeting was held in Auckland on 13th November. John Holdsworth attended for the NZSFC.

Two Northern Inshore Fisheries Working Group meetings have been held recently. John Holdsworth attended the meeting on 20th November and Trish Rea attended for the NZSFC on 11th December. Draft stock assessments for KAH 1, TRE 1 & 7 are being finalised. Evaluation of the tagging project design for Snapper 1 & 8 is still being discussed.

When that phase is completed there will need to be more discussion around how the tagging programme for Snapper 1 will be implemented. Industry want the Working Group to wait until the final report from the tagging design evaluation is available before proceeding. MPI and NZSFC keen to proceed with preliminary work on the implementation phase. Work is continuing and a final decision on the design project will be made at a Group meeting in late January 2015.

2. SNAPPER 1 STRATEGY GROUP

The last two SNA1 Strategy Group meetings for the year have concluded.

NZSFC submitted a document, 'A Draft Snapper 1 Strategic Plan – A Recreational Perspective', for consideration by the group and prior to meeting the Minister. A draft timetable to achieve a management plan by mid-2015 was discussed. NZSFC will provide feedback to the Group before the next meeting. Allocation remains a talking point even though it has been heavily canvassed. Industry favour proportional allocation, NZSFC remains confident the allowances set aside by the Minister are not fixed allocations.

NIWA will develop some simple yield calculations based on the parameters suggested by the Group and present those at the next meeting in early February 2015.



3. MEETING WITH MINISTER

On 28th October the NZSFC wrote and congratulated the Minister on his reappointment to the Primary Industries portfolio. NZSFC requested a meeting. Four representatives met with Nathan Guy on 4th December. Guy noted he fully understood the need for Kiwis to be able to go fishing for a feed and fun. The roles of NZSFC and LegaSea were also discussed. MPI wants to develop a better engagement model with the Council and suggested, as a start, a series of meetings in the New Year.

While in Wellington the team attended a Primary Production Select Committee (PPSC) hearing where Te Ohu Kaimoana made a submission. It was an interesting process and one the NZSFC could utilise so the PPSC is familiar with us before they read any of our submissions in future. The attending team recommend the NZSFC apply for a time slot to present to the PPSC early in the New Year.



4. HMS SPECIES

New stock assessments for bigeye, pacific bluefin and yellowfin tuna were completed for the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission area. They suggest pacific blue is in the most trouble (6% Bzero) followed by bigeye (16% Bzero).

Cuts in the harvest were recommended. Surprisingly, yellowfin catch is assessed as sustainable but should not be allowed to increase. The yellowfin model is responding to catch rates and tagging data from western equatorial waters, where most of the catch comes from. A PhD project on range contraction has found that all seven Pacific tuna and billfish species studied have shown significant contraction in their range over the six decades of commercial fishing.

The Science Committee recommend that this indicator is included in future stock assessments. Work on range contraction is ongoing. The final report from the Commission meeting in Samoa in early December has not been released yet. It seems that management action is painfully slow as nations try to maintain or increase their share of the catch.



5. REGIONAL ISSUES SEA CHANGE, HAURAKI GULF MARINE SPATIAL PLAN PROCESS.

A marine spatial plan for the Hauraki Gulf is being developed by a Stakeholder Working Group (SWG).

A draft will be available for consultation by June 2015. A range of self-selected people has participated in the process, SWG and Roundtables. Reports from the Roundtables are being finalised and will contribute to the SWG discussions.


Barry Torkington and Trish Rea have reported on each meeting of the Fish Stock and Biodiversity-Biosecurity Roundtables. A process summary report will be provided in the New Year. Seabed mining, Taranaki – On 12th December Trans-Tasman Resources Ltd (TTR) withdrew its High Court appeal against the decision declining its application for a marine consent. TTR wants to mine iron sand in the South Taranaki Bight. The application was declined in June. TTR lodged an appeal in July. TTR is considering its options, including a fresh marine consent application. [**NZSFC process**](#)

Fma2 fisheries, Napier - On 30th November LegaSea Hawkes Bay met with senior MPI officials and scientists to discuss declining fish stock in the Bay and potential solutions. An MPI scientist is now working with the local team to refine data collection so the ramp survey work of Colin Murray and others can be used to inform future management processes.

The team is advocating the use of T90 square mesh nets on all trawlers operating in FMA2. MPI indicated there will more opportunities for local area management in the future. MPI will meet with quota holders/local commercial fishers to ascertain interest in easing pressure in the Bay. MPI will report back to LegaSea Hawkes Bay.

Another meeting was agreed for March 2015. The presence of senior officials was in part due to ongoing public pressure and the support of launching LegaSea Hawkes Bay. Wayne Bicknell and the team continue to be well supported by the NZSFC fisheries management team.


This is an encouraging development, well done to FMA2 clubs and LegaSea supporters. Recreational Fisheries Forums – The last round of Regional Recreational Fisheries Forum meetings have been held for the year. The FMA 1 & 9 forum met on 9th December.



John Holdsworth and Trish Rea have reported on that meeting. It is still not clear how the proposed recreational fishing park in the inner Hauraki Gulf will fit with the outcomes from the Snapper 1 Strategy Group and Sea Change. (Similar doubts exist for the interaction between current management controls and the proposed recreational park in the Marlborough Sounds). MPI is determined to better engage with the recreational sector but refuses to release any further details until February 2015, when Dave Turner, Director Fisheries Management (MPI), will make an announcement.

6. MANAGEMENT POLICIES


NZSFC fisheries management policies are available online. Specific policies available for downloading are Crayfish 3 (CRA 3), Fisheries Management Area 1 (FMA 1), Gurnard 2 (GUR 2) and Snapper 1 (SNA1). You can find more information [here](#)



7. ANNUAL REPORT 2014

If you or your club would like more hard copies of this year's NZSFC Fisheries Management Annual Report please contact Roz. They are good support material when approaching or appreciating sponsors, or making grant applications. Five years of annual reports are now online. An electronic copy can be downloaded [here](#).

8. FINANCES



Other than the Sea Change Hauraki Gulf marine spatial planning process, expenditure is within budget for all items. The Sea Change process has the potential to grow and may require greater investment in engagement. It is anticipated that this will be met from tight cost control and savings elsewhere.

9. NATIONAL RECREATIONAL HARVEST SURVEY



A new report has just been released detailing results from the 2011-12 national recreational harvest survey. Recreational fishers caught and kept 4.5M snapper, 1.17M kahawai and 682,500 blue cod during 2011-12. A brief summary of the results and most popular species is attached to this report as a separate document. ♦



NZ Marine Research Foundation Report

Created by the vision and support of the Sport Fishing Council and launched in 1999, the NZ Marine Research Foundation is there to help fund research that will benefit recreational anglers.

Often the research which we find important is not funded by government, commercial fishing operations or other non- government research agencies such as universities. The support that the NZSFC members gives is ongoing with a \$1 yearly donation for each and every senior member and 50 cents for each junior member of the Council.

This is added to by grants from clubs and other trusts, donations of time and resources from individuals, companies and the scientific community who have a strong affinity to maintaining recreational angling as a popular and productive activity.

Often the research projects carried out are in direct response from individual clubs through the NZSFC. These range from world leading striped marlin research on the value of this species and migratory behaviour. Recent studies on yellowfin tuna migration and abundance, swordfish, bluefin tuna, snapper, rig, kahawai, blue shark and kingfish studies.





Some of these are in conjunction with other research providers both in NZ and offshore as we forge relationships with these similar minded organisations.

Research can also be non-fish specific and recent and current studies have covered a paper on fish welfare which included considerable consultation with the public.

The Foundation also gave early support of the Hiwi the Kiwi education program and has been doing on-going work on the real economic value to NZ of marine recreational fishing. This recreational value project is particularly problematic

as past similar projects conducted by government agencies have been expensive, overly technical, highly contentious and not well accepted by successive governments.

We hope to resolve this with our current project giving clear outcomes of employment, manufacturing, economic activity, domestic and international tourism. These projects can be relatively low in cost (a few thousand) to some which, when valued out in real cost, would require over \$500,000. All the NZMRF needs is your willingness and worthy projects that will benefit one of New Zealand's favourite recreational activities, fishing. ♦



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New Zealand
Marine Research
Foundation

PROMOTING FISHING RESEARCH
FOR FUTURE ANGLING.

Club Marine Report

Club Marine reports:

Total commission paid year end was \$3,188 on total premium of \$20,082. We had 31 members joined, made up of 16 new members and 15 existing Club Marine members.

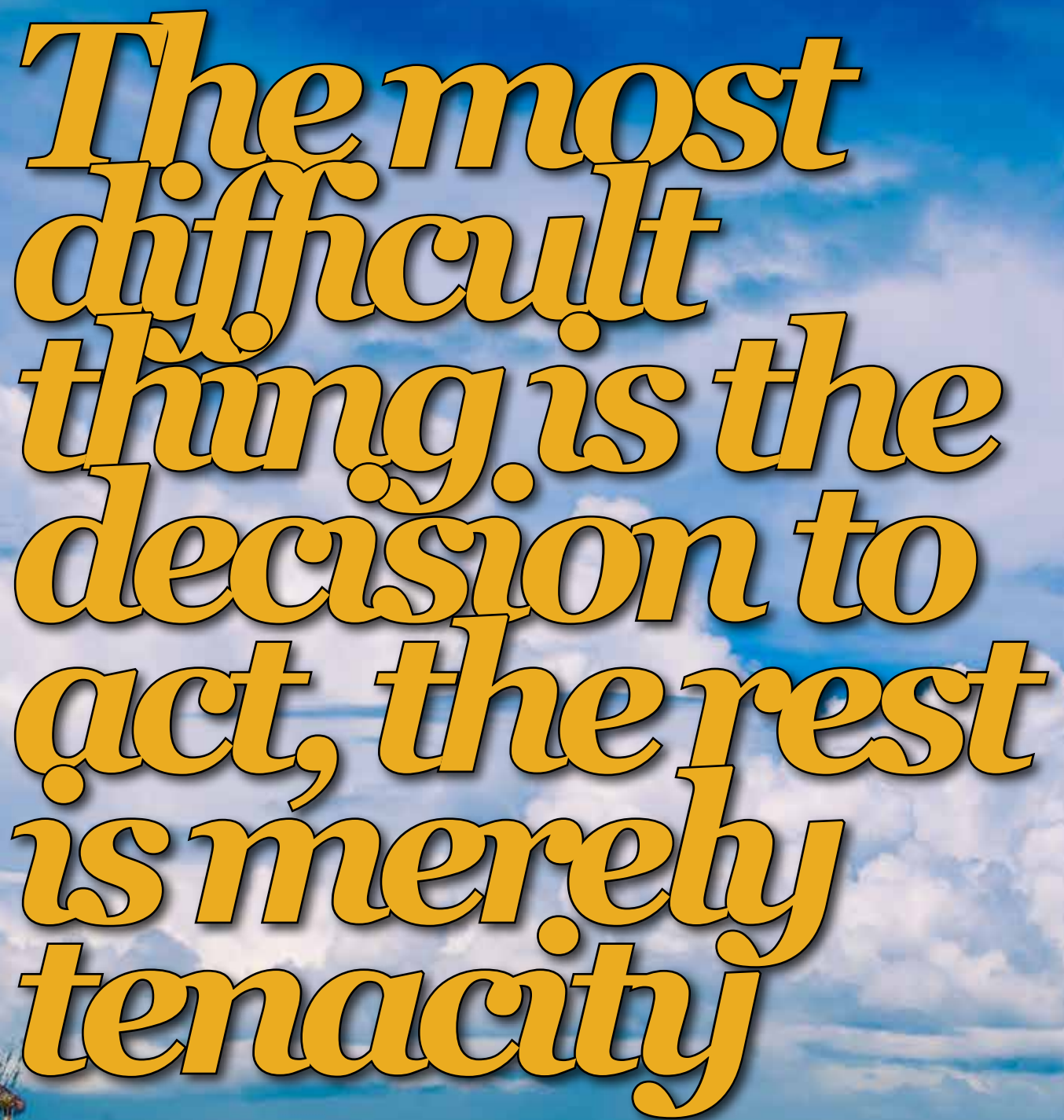
Club Marine is gaining momentum and I can report for the months of November & December the following Club members have insured with Club Marine:

Akitio	1
Big Fish	1
Kawhia	1
Piha	1
Raglan	3
Tauranga	1
Te Aroha	2
Whakatane	1
Whangarei	2

This is 13 members from 9 Clubs

Rebates to clubs are paid out three monthly – and clubs need to raise an invoice and supply their Bank Account details for the rebate to be paid. I will send you a request for this information when it is due.

Roz Nelson,
NZSFC Secretary



*The most
difficult
thing is the
decision to
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-Amelia Earhart