

KEY MESSAGES FOR SECTOR USE – July 2015

First meeting to find solutions for Hawke Bay finfish fisheries

The first joint meeting between Hawke Bay recreational and commercial fishing representatives occurred on 15 July. The meeting was very positive with both groups sharing information and aspirations for the Hawke Bay fishery.

Concerns have been expressed by recreational fishers for close to 10 years about the availability of species like gurnard, snapper, hapuku and bass, trevally and tarakihi in Hawke Bay. Commercial fishing representatives have expressed a commitment to improving the local recreational fishing experience.

At the meeting different potential solutions were discussed to improve the health and to increase knowledge of fisheries in the area. Plans are in place for commercial to meet at the end of the month to further consider and progress potential commercial initiatives.

A follow-up joint commercial meeting is planned for late August to further discuss and agree on solutions.

MPI is committed to facilitating the process so that workable and effective solutions can be found for the issues facing the fishery.