

# Snapper 1 Policy

## New Zealand Sport Fishing Council - LegaSea



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### Objective

To rebuild the snapper stock in Snapper 1 to the target level of 40% of the original biomass ( $B_{0.4}$ ).

### Policy

- No increase to the Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) in Snapper 1 until:
  - The stock has been restored to the target level;
  - The stock is capable of meeting the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations; and
  - Those needs have been adequately identified and allowed for.
- To improve yield per recruit by reducing the mortality of small fish.
- To encourage better management of our impact on the marine ecosystem.



### Strategy

1. Promote achievable and affordable actions to restore snapper abundance. This includes setting both a target stock biomass of 40% of the unfished stock size and a rebuild time frame.
2. Stop killing juveniles, fish dumping and other wasteful practices. This requires commercial and recreational fishers to modify their methods and behaviour so that more fish are allowed to grow to optimum size.
3. Initiate research and consultation on what additional voluntary measures could be embraced to reduce fishing related mortality, to better look after the environment and to accelerate the rebuild. This requires a more thoughtful and balanced approach to managing our impact on the marine ecosystem.