



# Fisheries Management Annual Report

*July 2013 to June 2014*

# New Zealand Sport Fishing Council

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| National membership   | 56 clubs                         | NZ IGFA<br>representatives                                   | 10        |
| Affiliated membership | 31,600                           | Annual General<br>Meeting                                    | September |

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**Page 7:** 8.55 Kg snapper, Richard Baker.

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Attendees at the 2013 Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council, hosted by the Counties Sports Fishing Club and held at the Pukekohe Cosmopolitan Club, Pukekohe.



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# President's Introduction

**Mark Connor**

This is my third year as President of the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council and it is my pleasure to introduce the Fisheries Management Annual Report for the year ended 30th June 2014.

There are increasing demands for our Council's engagement in fisheries management, policy and planning processes so it is reassuring for our members to have the Fisheries Management team producing such high quality work in response to a broad range of issues.

Peter Campbell has been a dedicated chairman of the Fisheries Management Committee. His leadership inspires our team to achieve more each year. Thank you Peter.

Due to a lot of hard work from the team and the skills of designer Ian Wills, LegaSea has now developed a brand that is widely recognised and welcomed by the public, as well as Council membership.

Over the past 12 months, and especially during the SOS Save Our Snapper campaign, LegaSea firmly established its identity with the public, media, Ministry for Primary Industries and Government as the leading public/recreational voice on fisheries issues. This is particularly encouraging for the Council given our long history of fisheries advocacy and representation dating back to 1957, and our long held desire to engender public support.

Thank you Ian, Matt Watson, Mandy Kupenga, Kaye van der Straten, Adam El-Agez and the many others who have contributed to the establishment of LegaSea. Your generosity and willingness to offer advice and get stuck in has made a big difference.

In recent years the Council has strived to become more professional and efficient. To understand current perceptions of the Council we have engaged a company specialising in public affairs, Baldwin Boyle Group. They have initiated interviews with leaders from a range of interest groups, including commercial fishing, recreational fishing, iwi, environmental organisations and government agencies. The Council looks forward to receiving their analysis and recommendations in due course.

Members appreciate the effort that goes into the fisheries management reporting and communications. The team is delivering timely, insightful and very informative material on a routine basis.

You only have to look at the quality of submissions to realise that the Fisheries Management team is advocating for our collective interests in abundant fisheries and ensuring we have a meaningful fishing experience in the future. Please take time to review the documents archived online at the Council website [www.nzsportfishing.org.nz](http://www.nzsportfishing.org.nz).

Thank you also to Stuart Ryan whose legal advice is, as usual, on point and invaluable. For the Board it is a real comfort to know we stand on such solid ground with our submissions and representations.

It is election year and while many members and public fishers do not want to mix politics and fishing, they are inextricably linked. LegaSea will be running the 'Tip the Scales' campaign in September offering political parties every opportunity to score highly for policies that promote abundant fisheries for now and in the future. It is mid-August and already politicians seem to be giving more attention to fisheries matters than in any election I can remember.

Our AGM is on the 26th and 27th of September, a week after the election. I anticipate robust discussion on a range of issues and policies. I look forward to seeing you or your delegate in sunny Gisborne.

Tight lines  
Mark Connor  
President  
New Zealand Sport Fishing Council



# Fisheries Management Committee

## Member's profiles



**Peter Campbell**  
Eastern Bay of Plenty

Peter is a respected member of the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council's executive and was Vice President from 2001 to 2009. He is based in Tauranga and has been a zone delegate to the NZSFC Board for 14 years.

His distinctive leadership style ensures efficient development of fisheries management submissions and policy documents, and delivery of regular updates for members and supporters. Peter's clear thinking and no nonsense style is an asset when it comes to managing the Fisheries Management team's busy schedule.



**John Chibnall MNZM**  
Patron and IGFA representative

John is the Patron and IGFA/Life Member representative on the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council Board. His tenure on the Council executive stretches back to 1967, this includes a stint as President and Past President.

In 2010 he was awarded a Member of New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) in recognition of his contribution to recreational fishing and marine research. He has also earned life membership of the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council. In 1983 John was appointed to the International Game Fish Association (IGFA). Today he is one of 10 New Zealand representatives to the IGFA. John's contribution to the Hokianga Accord, the mid north iwi fisheries forum is widely appreciated by both Maori and non-Maori interests.



**Mark Connor**  
Council President, South Island

Mark is in his third year as the Council's President. He is a long-term member of the Ashley Sport Fishing Club in North Canterbury. Mark is the South Island's representative on the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council Board, and is a member of the Ministry for Primary Industries' Southern regional recreational fisheries forum.

Earthquakes and challenges in his engineering business have not dented Mark's enthusiasm for fishing, advocacy or LegaSea. Mark is the quiet achiever that every team depends on to get the job done.



**Richard Baker**  
Executive Committee, Auckland

Richard is one of New Zealand's International Game Fish Association representatives. He is also LegaSea's spokesperson on fisheries management, policy and public education issues.

Richard is a founding member of the Land Based Game Fishing Club. He became involved in the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council nearly 25 years ago and served as Council President between 2008 and 2011. He now uses his knowledge and experience to assist Legasea achieve the goal of healthy and abundant fisheries for our children and future generations of New Zealanders.



# Fisheries Management Committee



## Chairman's report

Peter Campbell

It has been another busy year for the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council's Fisheries Management team. As chairman of the Fisheries Management Committee it is my privilege to have led the effort in 2014 to defend our interests in having 'more fish in the water' and abundant fish stocks for future generations of New Zealanders.

What follows is a brief overview of our team's activity over the past 12 months. Our Committee members, service providers and volunteers have committed countless hours, usually under tight deadline conditions, to complete this work on time and have it delivered to various external agencies. I will again take this opportunity to object to unrealistic time frames for consultation that are so one-sided in favour of Ministry officials and their preferred management options.

Thank you to my Committee colleagues, John Chibnall, Mark Connor, Wayne Bicknell, Scott Macindoe and our most recent appointee, Richard Baker. Due to family commitments Wayne has recently stepped down from the Fisheries Management Committee. Wayne and Viv, you have our most heartfelt thanks and aroha for your years of service to the Council in this demanding capacity.

We continue to invest heavily in the development of well thought out and agreed policy to both guide and bind our advocates as they attend forums and consultative groups on our behalf. While the Minister, Nathan Guy, and Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) have failed to acknowledge and engage with us to better understand our policies, this will not dampen our commitment to further define and refine policy and principles.

In 2012 we developed a draft policy for Snapper 1 (SNA1). That document was reviewed and agreed at the Council's 2012 Annual General Meeting. Last year we ratified the Hawke's Bay Sports Fishing Club's Gurnard 2 policy. At this year's AGM we will be reviewing the Crayfish 3 policy from the Gisborne Tatapouri Sports Fishing Club.

Delegates will also have the opportunity to discuss the draft Fisheries Management Area 1 (FMA 1) policy. This policy builds on the SNA1 policy, in that it addresses the shortcomings of single species stock assessments and management strategies. Managing single species as if they live in isolation compromises the quality of management applied to them. Sadly our coastline is littered with evidence of mismanagement of many inshore species.

If we are to achieve meaningful outcomes from our participation in the various working groups and consultation forums it is important we invest in a range of policies now. I look forward to your feedback on the draft policies at the upcoming AGM.

### Summary of activity

Last year we reported on activity up to 30th August so we could include details of the Snapper 1 review. This year's report summarises the Fisheries Management Committee's activities from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014:

- 12 submissions developed and tendered for review, in response to –
  - Fisheries management and policy proposals;
  - Draft Fisheries Plans;
  - Highly Migratory Species management proposals;
  - Animal Welfare Act review; and
  - A seabed mining marine consent application.
- Met and maintained correspondence with the Minister for Primary Industries and senior Ministry officials regarding management, policy and engagement issues.

- Participated and reported on at least 56 meetings -
  - MPI regional recreational fisheries forums.
  - Policy and regional fisheries management meetings, one international conference.
  - MPI Science Working Groups and Plenaries.
  - Spatial planning forums, roundtables and regional listening posts.
  - Highly Migratory Species (HMS), inshore and middle depth species.
  - Fisheries Management Committee meetings with service providers and LegaSea team.
- Ongoing public awareness and education through regular publication of reports in print and online media. At least 58 publications from July 2013 to June 2014.
- Several successful LegaSea campaigns -
  - SOS Save Our Snapper, August 2013.
  - Crayfish and scallops, March 2014.

### **MPI and political engagement**

Participation in the Ministry's regional recreational fisheries forums is barely useful. The forums are largely a means for MPI to sign off their research and Fisheries Plans.

Our team attends and reports on a variety of working group meetings. Results of the 2011-12 national Large Scale Multi-Species recreational harvest survey are being used by MPI and we continue to ask for the release of the final report. There is no reasonable explanation for the delay.

The ongoing refusal by officials to release the 1994 trawl mortality survey results is a disgraceful abuse of good process. It seems that the Ministry has known about high rates of juvenile mortality in the commercial fishery for 20 years, but no action was taken until the media attention around the review of Snapper 1 last year. Behaviour like this makes it difficult to treat these people seriously.

Ministry consultation time frames are simply unacceptable. Despite our ongoing objections and extension requests it is now commonplace for the Ministry to only allow 18 to 21 working days to respond. These time frames are likely to be unlawful. They are patently inadequate to enable non-commercial representative organisations such as ours to consult with our membership and respond in a fulsome manner. If the Minister and Ministry are serious about having durable management outcomes supported by the public they need to review how they engage with recreational fishing interests.

### **Policies and meetings**

Since October 2012 the NZSFC Snapper 1 policy has served us well in guiding advocacy. Further effort has been applied to developing other single species policies such as Gurnard 2 and Crayfish 3.

The proposed Fisheries Management Area 1 policy to be discussed at the AGM is a step up, as it encompasses the range of species and the benthos within a defined area.

The FMA1 policy enables us to advocate for world's best practice. The associated manual is educational, explaining why we need to advocate for its use in New Zealand.

Also, there is a concerted move to implement spatial planning within Area 1 so our policy seeks to set a high standard of management. If successful, this template could be applied to other areas.

As with all policy, it is firstly directed at decision-makers.

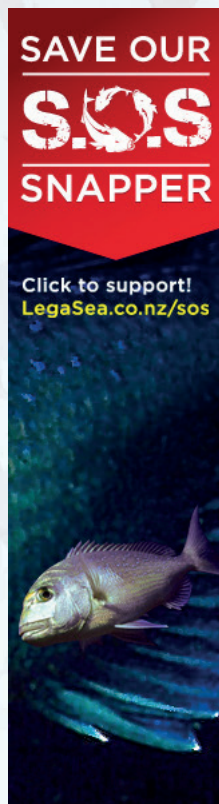
It is notable that there is a growing appetite within the Ministry and NIWA for this type of management. More relevant for us, is that policies provide guidelines for our representatives, enabling them to advocate for an agreed position; a much-valued standpoint when compared to the off-the-cuff comments made by other meeting participants.





## Snapper 1 review

In July 2013 the Ministry for Primary Industries released their proposals for the future management of Snapper 1 (SNA1), between North Cape and the eastern Bay of Plenty. The NZSFC August submission strongly opposed the proportional allocation approach presented in all of the Ministry's options.



In early August LegaSea launched the SOS - Save Our Snapper campaign. This was successful in raising public awareness around wastage and the proportionality issue. People have clearly indicated they are willing to conserve fish for future generations, but they are not prepared to save fish just to protect the private interests of quota shareholders.

While the Minister's September 17th decision fell short of what we had worked for, we are pleased Nathan Guy did not increase the Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC). He did agree to a raft of other measures to reduce mortality caused by commercial fishing. However, after nine months we are still waiting for evidence of meaningful reductions to the numbers of fish killed by trawlers inshore.

Reducing the recreational daily bag limit from nine to seven, and increasing the snapper minimum legal size from 27 to 30cm has meant an increase in fishing related mortality. Recreational fishers are now releasing snapper they would have otherwise taken home, and then continuing to fish longer than they would have a year ago. People limited to fishing inshore or land-based are most affected. We strongly advocate people move location, use bigger hooks or circle hooks, release fish while still in the water, and learn new ways of minimising damage to small fish. This year there seems to be many small fish around, particularly in the upper Hauraki Gulf.

In November 2013 the NZSFC was invited to participate in a SNA1 Strategy Group alongside commercial and customary interests. Since the first monthly meeting in February John Holdsworth, Barry Torkington and Trish Rea have shared attendance and reporting responsibilities. This Council has strenuously argued, without success, to have dedicated environmental interests included in this process.

Our team has tabled the Snapper 1 policy to the Strategy Group; so far it is the only cogent policy contribution to the Strategy Group discussions.

## Sustainability reviews

During the year comprehensive submissions were made in response to management proposals for a range of fish stocks, including Paua 5 (Otago and Southland), Blue Moki 3 (East Coast, South Is), Snapper, Kingfish and Scallop 7 (top of South Island), Sea Perch and Snapper 1 (East Coast, North Is) and multiple Crayfish stocks.

After a successful local campaign, Paua to the People, the Minister rejected the Ministry's proposal to open four non-commercial areas around the Otago and Southland coast to commercial paua exploitation. The Council is pleased with this outcome. But we are disappointed with Ministerial decisions for other species, which followed Ministry advice to increase commercial catch levels, irrespective of the impact on recreational fishing interests, the local community or marine ecosystem.



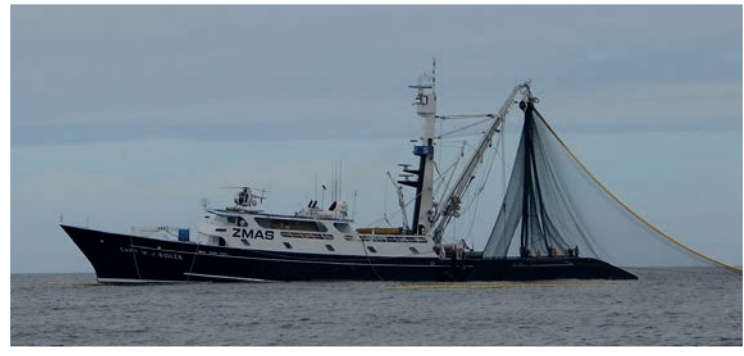
## HMS and management reviews

Submissions have also been made on Highly Migratory Species (HMS), the Animal Welfare Act review and against a seabed mining application. We supported John Holdsworth's attendance at the International Billfish Symposium held in Taiwan, in November 2013. His report is available online at [nzsportfishing.org.nz](http://nzsportfishing.org.nz) – Fisheries – Marlin – Billfish Symposium report.

Trans-Tasman Resources Ltd (TTR) applied to mine the South Taranaki coastline and extract up to 50 million tonnes of the seabed each year for 20 years. In our initial and supplementary submissions we highlighted the risks, and international obligations New Zealand has in respect of biodiversity and ecosystem function under UNCLOS. In June the review committee rejected the application. TTR appealed that decision in July. A High Court hearing is expected in the near future.

For the Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fisheries Plan the Council has been promoting the objective, "Improve understanding of the impact of out-of-zone fisheries on the availability of HMS in New Zealand".

It is encouraging the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) has funded work to identify areas of high striped marlin catch concentration that could be subject to targeted management in the Southwest Pacific.



We have also supported research into yellowfin range contraction. The WCPFC has commissioned work and a results update is due in October. A new stock assessment for Pacific yellowfin will be completed by September.

We acknowledge Greenpeace's ongoing effort to expose illegal fishing in the Pacific, the use of destructive fishing methods such as purse seining around fish aggregating devices (FADs) and the parlous state of some pelagic species.

Kia kaha to Karli Thomas and the Greenpeace Oceans team.

### **Kahawai and Kingfish**

NZSFC has been represented at all the meetings reviewing the 2011-12 amateur harvest estimates. After snapper, kahawai was the second largest catch taken by amateur fishers. In 2011-12 over one million fish were kept, equalling an estimated 1800 tonnes of kahawai in total for New Zealand.

Large kahawai made a welcome return to the Hauraki Gulf in 2011-12, which boosted the overall catch. Work has started on a new stock assessment for Kahawai 1, between North Cape and the eastern Bay of Plenty. The NZSFC will be involved in discussions on model inputs and results. A management review for kahawai may occur in 2015.

The 2011-12 harvest survey estimated kingfish as the species with the third highest catch, by weight, of 660 tonnes nationwide. Measurements at boat ramps gave an average weight of 10.2 kilograms. Generally, people are reporting availability of good-sized fish, as well as large schools of juveniles on the east coast. The west coast and top of the South Island may have seen a decline in numbers with incidental catch by trawlers targeting jack mackerel still a concern.

For the fifth consecutive year Blue Water Marine Research, with support from the Bay of Islands Swordfish Club and more recently LegaSea, has collected fish lengths from the International Yellowtail Tournament. Overall, the fish were smaller in 2014, possibly a result of poor weather and warmer than usual water temperatures. Club weigh station records provide valuable data for monitoring large fish, but good length data is better than weights alone.



## Crayfish reviews

In late January the Ministry released management proposals for Crayfish 2, 3, 4, 7 and 9. On 21 February the NZSFC submitted seven recommendations including implementing measures to rebuild CRA 2, between Pakiri and East Cape, by doubling the existing biomass.

The Council advocated against any Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) increases in CRA 3 (Gisborne) and 7 (Otago) while the concession allowing commercial fishers to take undersize crayfish remained. The NZSFC supported a reduced TACC in CRA 4 (Hawke Bay-Wellington) and a cautious, initial TACC to be set in CRA 9 (Kaipara to Westland).



The NZSFC rejected the proposed 5-year CRA 2 Management Procedure because it would hold that fishery at a very low level, producing less than 0.5kg per potlift for at least the next five years.

The Minister's March decision failed to acknowledge that recreational catch has collapsed by more than 50% over the past 15 years. During the same period commercial catch has remained constant even though their effort had doubled.

The Fisheries Management team has considered a recommendation to seek NZSFC representation on the Rock Lobster science Working Group. At an estimated cost of \$10,000 per annum it was agreed the Council did not currently have the resources to meaningfully participate in the science Working Group process or the National Rock Lobster Management Group.

## Blue moki

In June the NZSFC strongly objected to another Ministry proposal to increase the TACC based on excess commercial catch, this time for Blue Moki 3 on the South Island's east coast. Commercial catch has been exceeded by 25% for several years.

Blue moki is a popular table fish that is highly valued by coastal communities. A set net ban has drastically reduced recreational access, while commercial fishers enjoy an exemption south of Kaikoura.



Moki are long-lived and vulnerable to overfishing. Stock status is unknown so we recommended no change to commercial catch limits until more is known about moki mortality, and how catch increases in the south could affect annual migrations of spawning stock to the North Island. A decision is expected before October 1st, the start of the new commercial fishing year.

## Regional issues

In October 2013 we assisted the Whakatane Sportfishing Club develop a draft proposal for the Eastern Bay of Plenty Restoration Project. Dennis Davey has been leading this initiative and met with MPI earlier in the year to discuss area closures and no commercial harvesting of hapuku, bass, gemfish, bluenose, trevally and kingfish within a 12nm radius of White Island. Progress is slow. Dennis continues to work locally, with MPI and his political contacts, to maintain interest in this initiative.

There seems to be a concerted move by local authorities to implement marine protection measures. A forum has been established to consider suitable protected areas on the Otago coastline. Northland has indicated interest in a similar process. The Auckland and Waikato Councils' Hauraki Gulf Spatial Marine Plan – Sea Change non-statutory process is well underway and a final plan is expected in September 2015.

Alan Proctor, manager of the Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club, is one of two 'recreation' representatives on the 14-strong Stakeholder Working Group (SWG). Roundtables have been established to feed information directly to the SWG. Barry Torkington has taken responsibility for participating in two of the Roundtables: Fisheries and Biodiversity-Biosecurity (Bio).

Whilst we have secured Trish Rea as backup for the Fisheries Roundtable, we have been refused a backup at the Bio Roundtable. Apparently Trish's attendance in Barry's absence could be disruptive. Furthermore, organisers discourage any detailed record keeping by participants as their appointed team produces the approved summary of discussions. So far the Sea Change process has essentially excluded adequate representation of the public's diverse interests in fishing and the marine environment; this has made it challenging for the NZSFC to participate in the representative manner that members would expect.

### Reporting and public awareness

The quality of our reporting and public awareness material continues to improve. Over 50 documents or reports have been produced during the past year. This includes regular reports to Council, media releases and a raft of news items for magazines, newspapers and online e-zines. Given LegaSea's increasing public profile the Fisheries Management Committee is now using LegaSea to present fisheries management, policy and process news. There are advantages in producing public-ready material under the LegaSea banner and feedback since the change has been positive.

### Conclusion

Members' affiliation fees and supporters' contributions have enabled the Fisheries Management team to produce quality work and outputs that members can be proud of. The Fisheries Management Committee encourages clubs, members and supporters to use these documents, submissions and reports for their benefit when seeking funding, support for local initiatives and political clout. There is a range of material already online or available directly from the Council. Over the next 12 months we will continue to refine our reporting and archival process to ensure we continue to offer value while leaving a legacy for the next generation of advocates.



### NZSFC Fisheries Management - Income and Expenditure

|  | 30/06/13     | 30/06/14      | 30/06/15      |
|--|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Source of funds                          | Actual       | Actual        | Budget        |
| Affiliated club member levies            | 60000        | 70000         | 65000         |
| LegaSea donations - budgeted             | 20000        | 45000         | 65000         |
| <b>Fisheries Management budget</b>       | <b>80000</b> | <b>115000</b> | <b>130000</b> |
| LegaSea donations - exceeding budget     | 2752         | 11683         | 0             |
| <b>Total Fisheries Management Income</b> | <b>82752</b> | <b>126683</b> | <b>130000</b> |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                       |              |               |               |
| Sustainability and management processes  |              |               |               |
| Snapper                                  |              | 71303         | 30000         |
| Crayfish                                 |              | 17481         | 15000         |
| Pelagics                                 |              | 2858          | 7000          |
| Other fisheries                          |              | 3899          | 13000         |
| MPI and political engagement             |              | 11812         | 13000         |
| Policy and Council attendance            |              | 15853         | 17000         |
| Hokianga Accord                          |              | 0             | 3000          |
| Marine protection and spatial planning   |              | 2605          | 14000         |
| Regional issues                          |              | 2886          | 5000          |
| Reporting and public awareness           |              | 10958         | 13000         |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>                 | <b>70940</b> | <b>139655</b> | <b>130000</b> |
| <b>Surplus/deficit</b>                   | <b>11812</b> | <b>-12972</b> | <b>0</b>      |

# LegaSea Report



**Scott Macindoe**  
LegaSea support crew

LegaSea is the public face of the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council. Since our launch in February 2012 we have evolved into an efficient team of people passionate about serving representative organisations committed to protecting and conserving our precious marine resources.

We provide a wide range of opportunities for the public and businesses to support the Council's advocacy, research, education and working TOGETHER initiatives. LegaSea encourages people to stand up for themselves, by voluntarily funding the work required to create positive outcomes to the way fisheries are managed in Aotearoa. LegaSea also designs campaign tools so people can send a strong message and personal comments directly to politicians and decision-makers.

## LegaSea people

Over the past 12 months we have enjoyed the company and benefited from the expertise of at least 30 full-timers, part-timers, keen-as volunteers; too many to name, but thanks to you all.

In particular, we acknowledge Mandy Kupenga and Adam El-Agez (*right*) who spearheaded LegaSea's successful SOS – Save Our Snapper campaign in the latter half of 2013.



We also acknowledge the guidance of the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council's Fisheries Management team, notably Peter Campbell and Mark Connor who are the Directors of LegaSea Ltd. We are in the throes of establishing an advisory Board to support these Directors and guide operations.

## Finances

LegaSea is a wholly owned subsidiary of the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council. Annual Financial accounts have been completed and filed with John Phibbs of Lynch Phibbs Accountants acting. Sixty six percent of all individual and unaffiliated club contributions are transferred to the NZSFC on the first of the month following receipt. To date these contributions have exceeded budget.

The remaining thirty four percent of contributions is retained to help with the establishment and running costs of LegaSea. Other sources of funding being developed are Partner sponsorships, the Building LegaSea programme, grant applications and royalties on the sale of LegaSea branded products. Over the next year LegaSea will invest heavily in encouraging people to consider making regular, affordable monthly or annual contributions.



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## Building LegaSea

Building LegaSea is a 'cutting edge' programme designed to inspire construction industry owners and operators throughout New Zealand.

As an industry leader, Shane Brealey of NZ Strong opined, "Our boat ramps across the length and breadth of the country are crammed with builder and subcontractor vehicles. It seems there is an intrinsic link between builders and fishing. The bankers have the golf courses, the lawyers have the opera and we have the seas! Let's build on that!"

For an affordable monthly sponsorship of \$100 plus GST businesses are signing up to promote Building LegaSea. In return they are receiving appreciation in the form of a generous kit, recognition and, importantly, the satisfaction of knowing they are part of a growing team committed to nourishing the recreational fishing interests of our communities.

## Campaigns

Last year we provided comprehensive reporting on the snapper campaign that was supported by over 47,000 people. A bonus during that campaign was the resolution from meetings at the Hokianga Accord (Auckland) and Te Runanga A Iwi O Ngapuhi (Kaikohe) supporting our Snapper 1 policy.

Earlier this year submissions were made in response to proposals for the future management of crayfish and southern scallops. There was no time to engage in a campaign before the submissions were sent, but we later wrote letters and asked people to show their support by signing those documents. More than 34,000 people took the opportunity to demonstrate their support for LegaSea and more abundant fisheries.

Today LegaSea's database exceeds 50,000 people. We are committed to reaching out to many more people, helping them better understand what is at stake and offering them a way to make a difference for future generations.



## Events

LegaSea has attended over 120 events since inception. The enthusiasm and commitment by all concerned, at fundraising events, fishing contests, club nights and the 4-day Hutchwilco New Zealand Boat Show is inspiring.

LegaSea is Kiwis helping Kiwis to secure the social, economic and cultural wellbeing of our communities.

It doesn't get better than that.

Kia kaha to you all.



| <b>LegaSea Ltd - Income and Expenditure</b>  | <b>31/03/13</b> | <b>31/03/14</b> | <b>31/03/15</b> |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Income</b>                                | <b>Actual</b>   | <b>Actual</b>   | <b>Budget</b>   |
| Donations from people and unaffiliated clubs | 28891           | 85184           | 100000          |
| Donations from events and affiliated clubs   | 5621            | 26231           | 10000           |
| Donations for the establishment of LegaSea   | 105412          | 60825           | 120000          |
| Partner sponsorships programme               | 7193            | 130472          | 130000          |
| Building LegaSea programme                   | 0               | 0               | 250000          |
| Merchandise (surplus/deficit)                | 8242            | -5650           | 0               |
| <b>Total income</b>                          | <b>155359</b>   | <b>297062</b>   | <b>610000</b>   |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                           |                 |                 |                 |
| Donations to NZSFC (66% of public donations) | 43012           | 55074           | 65000           |
| Fundraising                                  | 28943           | 81435           | 210000          |
| Communication and public awareness projects  | 70918           | 83902           | 165000          |
| Volunteer programme                          | 0               | 0               | 20000           |
| Alignment programme                          | 0               | 0               | 20000           |
| Marlin campaign                              | 0               | 3812            | 0               |
| Snapper campaign                             | 0               | 49158           | 0               |
| Crayfish campaign                            | 0               | 7073            | 5000            |
| Tip the Scales campaign                      | 0               | 0               | 45000           |
| Future campaign/s                            | 0               | 0               | 20000           |
| Strategy and planning                        | 10288           | 10948           | 20000           |
| Administration                               | 3332            | 18616           | 35000           |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>                     | <b>156493</b>   | <b>310018</b>   | <b>605000</b>   |
| <b>Surplus/Deficit</b>                       | <b>-1134</b>    | <b>-12956</b>   | <b>5000</b>     |

# Service Providers



## Team profiles

### John Holdsworth (BSc)

John is a director of Blue Water Marine Research, established in 1997 to conduct research, including recreational harvest surveys and gamefish tagging projects. He has over 20 years experience in fisheries management and research.



John is the ideal person to represent our members' interests in the Ministry for Primary Industries' science, policy and Working Group processes. He has a particular interest in the Working Groups for Highly Migratory Species (HMS), Northern inshore finfish and shellfish, and marine amateur fisheries. John's ability to translate complex issues into simple concepts makes him a valuable asset to the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council's Fisheries Management team.

### Pete Saul

Pete is a fisheries researcher and charter operator with over 30 years experience. Based in Tutukaka, Northland, he owns and operates the vessel *Lady Jess*. Pete is also a director of Blue Water Marine Research and is currently the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council's Records Officer.



He contributed to the development of the moratorium on commercial billfish catch, which has been replaced by fisheries regulations prohibiting commercial fishers from landing marlin in New Zealand waters. Pete was at the forefront of the 2013 effort to fend off industry challenges to commercialise marlin. In May last year the Minister agreed to retain marlin as a recreational-only species.

### Barry Torkington

Barry has a background in commercial fishing and aquaculture. At one stage he was a director of his local commercial operation, Leigh Fisheries, and a lead developer of the Snapper Management Plan for the largest snapper fishery in New Zealand, Area 1.



Barry's key attributes are his clear thinking, his ability to analyse policy and management proposals and articulate the core issues. These skills are highly sought after and the Council's Fisheries Management Committee has appreciated his input and guidance on significant issues over the years.

### Stuart Ryan

Stuart Ryan is a barrister with a specialist practice in public law and environmental law and related areas. Stuart represented the (then) New Zealand Big Game Fishing Council, and other non-commercial interests, in the Kahawai Legal Challenge proceedings.



He has 20 years experience in advising public and private sector clients. Stuart has also built a strong relationship with many non-commercial environmental and fishing interest groups. He enjoys boating and fishing, but like most of us, he doesn't get out as often as he would like.

### Trish Rea

Trish has more than a decade of fisheries management and advocacy experience working with a variety of non-commercial environmental and fishing interest groups. During this time Trish has developed a range of skills that enable her to make a valuable contribution to the Council's ongoing policy and management work.



These skills include advocating non-commercial interests, website development, public awareness, logistical and secretarial support for the Fisheries Management Committee.



# Schedule of Activities

## July 2013 to June 2014

A summary of the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council's activity and input into fisheries management, policy development and environmental initiatives, from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014.

| Date        | Description   | Outcome  |
|-------------|---|--|
| <b>2013</b> |   |  |
| <b>July</b> | Gurnard 2 policy  | NZSFC assist the Hawke's Bay Sports Fishing Club to develop a Gurnard 2 policy. Policy aims to reduce the TACC from 725 to 460 tonnes until the stock is restored to B40, to improve yield by reducing juvenile mortality and make 125mm mesh cod end and approved escapement panels mandatory for trawlers in FMA2.   |
|             | OIA request - Trawl juvenile mortality report   | NZSFC officially request documents, since 1993-94, relating to Snapper 1 management. Several documents released on 26 September. MPI refused to release the juvenile mortality report. Ongoing discussions and requests. In 2014 MPI continue to withhold the 1994 trawl juvenile mortality report.  |
|             | NZSFC Update 25<br>NZ Fishing News  | 'Time to fight for your snapper, your rights'. Once again the government is expecting the public to shoulder savage cuts to rebuild the Snapper 1 fishery while leaving the commercial sector and their archaic, destructive fishing methods relatively unscathed.   |
|             | LegaSea Update 18<br>NZ Fishing News  | It is shocking that the Ministry for Primary Industries has proposed to slash snapper bag limits while the commercial sector is largely unaffected. The time has come for action and LegaSea needs the public's support.   |
|             | LegaSea Update 12<br>NZ BayFisher   | 'Snapper battle in full swing'. Action time. LegaSea is rallying support to fight for the future of our snapper fishery, fight for our voice to be heard, and fight against commercial greed and government mismanagement.   |
|             | LegaSea media release<br>'Save Our Snapper'<br>(SOS)  | 'SOS Save Our Snapper'. Commercial exploitation of our snapper resources will alienate the public from an important food source if proposed management changes are implemented. LegaSea challenged the proposals as unfair and encouraged all New Zealanders to stand up for their future fishing interests.   |
| <b>Aug</b>  | Submission.<br>Sea Perch 1<br>Northeast coast NI.   | NZSFC submit against a TACC increase. Seriously concerned that trawling amongst inshore low foul is contrary to environmental principles of the Fisheries Act. NZSFC submit an alternative management option, including observers on trawlers. <b>Minister's decision</b> - a 60% TACC increase applies from 1 October 2013.   |
|             | LegaSea SOS campaign<br>launched, online.   | LegaSea Save Our Snapper (SOS) campaign launched. Submission summary and online tool made available. Supporting information supplied and released to media. 47,000 online submissions and 365,000 emails sent to the Minister, MPI and politicians. Regular media releases and updates. More than 2000 people attended LegaSea public meetings from Kaikohe to Whakatane, in August. |
|             | LegaSea SOS meeting,<br>Whakatane   | LegaSea public meeting, Whakatane Sportfishing Club. Presentation to more than 400 people. Submissions gathered and merchandise sales.   |
|             | LegaSea SOS meeting,<br>Tauranga.   | LegaSea public meeting, Tauranga Yacht Club. Presentation to more than 250 people. Submissions gathered and merchandise sales.   |
|             | LegaSea SOS meeting,<br>Thames.   | LegaSea public meeting, Thames High School. Presentation to more than 200 people. Submissions gathered and merchandise sales. Motion moved and carried unanimously - "We do not accept a proportional share that will inevitably lead to our children losing a meaningful fishing experience. We do not accept the globalisation, privatisation and corporatisation of our assets".  |
| <b>Key:</b> | IPP = Initial Position Paper    MPI = Ministry for Primary Industries    NZSFC = NZ Sport Fishing Council<br>TAC = Total Allowable Catch    TACC = Total Allowable Commercial Catch    ACE = Annual Catch Entitlement |  |



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| <b>2013</b> |   |   |
| <b>Aug</b>  | Request to MPI                                      | NZSFC request an extension to the MPI submission deadline for snapper, kingfish, sea perch and other issues, due on 9 August. <b>MPI reply:</b> No extension.   |
|             | LegaSea SOS meeting, Hamilton.                      | LegaSea public meeting, Central Baptist Church. Hamilton. Around 350 people attended. Submissions gathered and merchandise sales. LegaSea presentation, followed by brief presentations from Labour's fisheries spokesperson, David Cunliffe, and local MP David Bennett (Nal, Ham East). Lively Q & A session with good media coverage.  |
|             | Submission.<br>Kingfish 7<br>Top and west coast SI. | NZSFC submit against a TACC increase, offer an alternative option for managing kingfish around the top and west of the South Is. Need 100% observer coverage on chartered factory trawlers while in NZ waters. <b>Minister's decision:</b> Followed Ministry advice and increased the TACC from 7 to 15 tonnes. Applies from 1 October 2013.  |
|             | Submission.<br>Snapper 7<br>Top and west coast SI.  | NZSFC submit against a TACC increase, offer an alternative to the two MPI options for the future management of Snapper 7 around the top and west of the South Is. Recommend onboard electronic monitoring of trawl operations in this mixed trawl fishery. <b>Minister's decision:</b> No TACC increase.  |
|             | LegaSea SOS meeting, Kaikohe.                       | LegaSea public meeting, Te Runanga A Iwi O Ngapuhi. Presentation to more than 90 people. Submissions gathered. Resolution from remaining 85 people, "We the undersigned, who attended the public meeting held at Te Runanga A Iwi O Ngapuhi on August 12th 2013, agree to support the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council Snapper 1 policy dated October 2012".   |
|             | LegaSea SOS meeting, Whangarei.                     | LegaSea public meeting, Toll Stadium. Presentation to over 500 people, lively Q & A session. Submissions gathered & merchandise sales. Good media coverage.   |
|             | LegaSea SOS meeting, Bowentown.                     | LegaSea public meeting, Bowentown, Bay of Plenty. Presentation to over 100 people. Submissions gathered. LegaSea presentation, Q & A session. Good local support. Report filed.   |
|             | LegaSea SOS meeting, Warkworth.                     | LegaSea public meeting, Warkworth. Presentation to around 190 people followed by Q & A session. Submissions gathered and merchandise sales. Brief presentation from local National MP. Report filed.  |
|             | LegaSea SOS meeting, Browns Bay.                    | LegaSea public meeting, Bays Club, Browns Bay, Auckland. Presentation to around 40 people followed by some lively questions. Submissions gathered and people encouraged to recruit family and friends to submit. Report filed.  |
|             | LegaSea SOS meeting, Albany.                        | LegaSea public meeting, Albany, Auckland. LegaSea presentation to around 120 people, followed by a brief presentation from Labour's fisheries spokesperson, David Cunliffe. Interesting Q & A session. Report filed.  |
|             | Editors SOS rally, Bucklands Beach.                 | Magazine editors' SOS rally, Bucklands Beach Yacht Club, Auckland. Panel discussion, including three LegaSea reps, three industry reps, 3 editors and Phil Heatley (ex fisheries Minister, National) and David Shearer (Labour). Lively Q & A session with good media coverage. Report filed.   |
|             | LegaSea SOS meeting, Te Atatu.                      | LegaSea public meeting, Te Atatu, Auckland. LegaSea presentation to more than 100 people, followed by brief presentations from Labour's fisheries spokesperson, David Cunliffe, and local MP Phil Twyford (Lab). Submissions gathered and merchandise sales. Lively Q & A session with good media coverage. Report filed.   |
|             | NZ Marine Sciences Society Conference               | New Zealand Marine Sciences Society Conference held over two days in Hamilton. Blue Water Marine Research participated. Report filed with NZSFC.  |
|             | Submission<br>Snapper 1.<br>Northeast coast NI.     | NZSFC submitted in support of existing bag limits and size limits until a management plan is agreed, and all trawl methods must be immediately banned from inshore nursery and sensitive areas. No proportional allocation of the fishery, the Minister must make a lawful allowance for the public. <b>Minister's decision</b> - Reduced recreational daily bag limit from nine to seven snapper, increased minimum legal size from 27 to 30cm. Applies from 1 Apr 2014. |
|             | LegaSea media release<br>Snapper 1.                 | 'The fight for our fish is far from over'. Serious accusations have been levelled at the fisheries Minister in Parliament over the snapper proposals. LegaSea says it's not okay that our legal rights will be undermined by bag limit reductions while our fish are reallocated to the commercial industry for export.   |

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| <b>2013</b> |  |   |
| <b>Aug</b>  | NZSFC Update 26<br>NZ Fishing News       | 'We can change the predetermined snapper outcome'. Claims there is no predetermined outcome in the Snapper 1 debate are untrue. MPI has already decided in future you will have access to a smaller share of the snapper fishery and your daily take must be reduced. These changes are required to protect commercial interests from a growing population and demand for fish. |
|             | LegaSea Update 19<br>NZ Fishing News     | 'Nathan Guy - will you Save our Snapper?'. Nathan Guy is due to make his decision for Snapper 1 by the end of September. No pressure Nathan, but get it right or there will be hell to pay!   |
|             | LegaSea Update<br>NZ Fishing World       | Thanks to all the caring fishos who united with LegaSea and sent their submission to Save Our Snapper. We need to keep the heat on the Minister to do the right thing, because only he can save our snapper.  |
| <b>Sep</b>  | Quarterly reports                        | Fisheries Management and LegaSea quarterly report for NZSFC Zone meetings, delegates and Board meeting.   |
|             | Northern Inshore WG                      | Northern Inshore Working Group meeting. Wellington. John Holdsworth attended for NZSFC. Report filed.   |
|             | NZSFC Update 27<br>NZ Fishing News       | 'What will the Minister's snapper decision mean for us?' Any day now we expect to receive the Minister's decision on the future management of Snapper 1. Reaching this decision will not be an easy task for Nathan Guy.  |
|             | LegaSea Update 14<br>NZ BayFisher        | By now a decision has been made about the future of our snapper fishing in area 1 by Nathan Guy, the Minister for Primary Industries.   |
|             | LegaSea Update 20<br>NZ Fishing News     | Are private profits and export dollars really more important than the people of New Zealand?  |
|             | Northern Inshore WG                      | Northern Inshore Working Group meeting. Wellington. Presentations on sample design for catch-at-age projects for several fish stocks. John Holdsworth attended for the NZSFC. Report filed.   |
|             | SNA1 meeting with<br>Minister            | 17 Sept. NZSFC reps invited to a meeting with the Minister, Nathan Guy, and Ministry officials. No agenda provided. Minister released his decision, with explanatory notes and a media release, for Snapper 1. No decision letter or MPI Final Advice Paper available.  |
|             | LegaSea media release                    | 18 Sept. LegaSea says recreational fishers are rightfully angry that their daily bag limits have been cut from nine to seven and the minimum legal size limit increased from 27 to 30cm, while there is no change to commercial catch limits.   |
|             | Snapper 1 FAP released                   | 24 Sept. MPI release the Final Advice Paper and Minister's Snapper 1 decision letter, by providing a link to the MPI website.   |
|             | NZSFC AGM                                | NZSFC Annual General Meeting. Hosted by the Counties Sport Fishing Club, in Pukekohe. Over 100 delegates attended the two day event.  |
| <b>Oct</b>  | Eastern BOP Plan meeting                 | NZSFC assist Whakatane SFC to develop a draft fisheries restoration plan for Eastern Bay of Plenty waters. Draft proposal presented to MPI and the Minister. Feature item in local Whakatane Beacon paper.  |
|             | Submission.<br>Animal Welfare Act review | NZSFC submit in response to MPI proposals to amend the Animal Welfare Act 1999. IPP released 13 Aug. Submission 28 Sep. NZSFC reiterate points made in the submission to the Primary Production Committee considering the Animal Welfare Bill.  |
|             | Highly Migratory Species<br>WG           | HMS Working Group meeting. Auckland. Presentations on tracking movements of HMS in the South Pacific, management of data from the gamefish tag recapture programme, and stock monitoring of striped marlin. John Holdsworth attended for NZSFC. Report filed.   |
|             | NZSFC Update 28<br>NZ Fishing News       | 'Snapper decision falls short'. The Minister for Primary Industries is no Valerie Adams. Nathan Guy gave the snapper decision a shot, but fell short of public expectations. He was not helped by his Ministry's predetermination to have us share a smaller slice of the snapper fishery to protect commercial interests.  |
|             | LegaSea Update 21<br>NZ Fishing News     | 'No sign of greedy recreational fishers'. Allegations of greed have been made against those fishers who want to retain the existing bag and size limits of nine snapper at 27cm.  |
|             | LegaSea Update 15<br>NZ BayFisher        | 'Here's to the fishers'. People from all walks of life enjoy fishing. NZ is a wonderful melting pot of different cultures and people with varying backgrounds.  |

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|-------------|---|---|
| <b>2013</b> |   |   |
| <b>Oct</b>  | LegaSea Update<br>NZ Fishing World                                      | 'Snapper fight is just the beginning'. At LegaSea we've been living and breathing the future of snapper. It's been pretty intense, and at times pretty insane, the decision from Nathan Guy was disappointing in some respects, but promising in others.  |
|             | OIA request - Precision<br>Seafood Harvesting project                   | 31 Oct. NZSFC request information on the Precision Seafood Harvesting project. Eight questions submitted to the Minister, Nathan Guy. 29 Nov. Ministerial reply. MPI does not have information to fully answer 6 of 8 questions.  |
| <b>Nov</b>  | International Billfish<br>Conference, Taipei.                           | 5th International Billfish Symposium. Taiwan. NZSFC and Whangamata Ocean Sports Club supported John Holdsworth's attendance to present the early results from the marlin ID project led by Clive Roberts and Lara Shepherd from Te Papa.  |
|             | Marine ecosystems<br>Acoustics seminar                                  | Marine Ecosystems Acoustics Seminar. Wellington. Barry Torkington and Trish Rea attended for NZSFC, via video link to Auckland. Report filed.   |
|             | MPI invitation to SNA1<br>Strategy Group                                | MPI invite nominations to the Snapper 1 Strategy Group. Two members from recreational, customary and commercial sectors are anticipated. Ongoing discussions. MPI refuse NZSFC having three participants. Eventual agreement to have two NZSFC reps and one alternate attendee. Meetings to start in New Year.  |
|             | Sea Change<br>marine spatial plan                                       | The Auckland & Waikato Councils have initiated a 2-year process to ID and resolve competing demands in the Hauraki Gulf. Controversial process to appoint members to the Stakeholder Working Group. NZSFC support Alan Proctor, Mercury Bay Ocean Sports Club, as one (of 2) recreation representatives. Barry Torkington and Trish Rea attend Rountable meetings in 2014. Reports filed. |
|             | HMS Fish Plan meeting   | Highly Migratory Species Fisheries Plan meeting. Auckland. John Holdsworth attended for NZSFC. Report filed.  |
|             | NZSFC Update 29<br>NZ Fishing News                                      | Reactions ranging from outrage to stoic have been aired since Nathan Guy released his decision, in September, for snapper within the area from North Cape to the eastern Bay of Plenty. It is a political decision.   |
|             | LegaSea Update 22<br>NZ Fishing News                                    | After the snapper decision we reviewed 100s of pages of Ministry reports and documents. We've planned our next steps to continue to improve the future of Snapper 1. Mortality of released fish is an issue requiring action and education.   |
|             | LegaSea Update 16<br>NZ BayFisher                                       | Warm weather means more fishing, but in the Bay of Plenty there is still concerns to be addressed for snapper. Stocks are classed as "collapsed" so LegaSea will be calling for specific action to be taken in the Bay.   |
|             | LegaSea Update<br>NZ Fishing World                                      | Having reviewed 100s of pages of snapper documents we have a clearer view on how LegaSea will continue to push for better outcomes for managing SNA1.   |
|             | Submission.<br>Southern Bluefin tuna.                                   | NZSFC submit against proposed Southern Bluefin tuna commercial catch increases for 2013-14 and 2014-15 years. Stock is less than 10% of its unfished size. <b>Minister's decision:</b> Increased commercial catch limits for both years.  |
| <b>Dec</b>  | Regional recreational<br>fisheries forums                               | Regional recreational fisheries forums held nationwide. Combined FMA1 and 9 meeting held 5 Dec. John Holdsworth and Trish Rea attended for NZSFC. Recommendations made in report filed with NZSFC.  |
|             | Submission.<br>NPOA Sharks  | NZSFC submits its opposition to the finning of Highly Migratory sharks and the discard of the body at sea. If sharks are landed, they must have fins naturally attached. <b>Minister's decision:</b> Agreed to a phased introduction to ban shark finning in NZ waters. Subsequent decision: shark finning banned from October 2014.  |
|             | Northern Inshore WG   | Northern Inshore Working Group meeting. Auckland. Results presented from four research projects. Trish Rea attended for NZSFC. Report filed.  |
|             | Submission.<br>Seabed mining application<br>Taranaki                    | NZSFC submit the EPA ought to decline the Trans-Tasman Resources Ltd marine resource application to mine iron sand in the south Taranaki Bight. New information released. Application re-notified. Supplementary submission made in Jan 2014.   |
|             | NZSFC Update 30<br>NZ Fishing News                                      | One of Nathan Guy's aspirations for the future management of Snapper 1 was to establish an action group by year's end to develop a management plan by October 2015. Nominations have been sought for two representatives from the commercial, customary and recreational sectors.   |
|             | LegaSea Updates<br>NZ Fishing News<br>NZ Bay Fisher<br>NZ Fishing World | Hard work by passionate advocates turned the tide on four iconic fish species in 2013. Groups with a common cause worked hard to strive for a better future for our fisheries resources. If you supported any of these causes you should feel proud. Thank you.   |

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| <b>2014</b> |   |  |
| <b>Jan</b>  | Funding support letter. Revive Our Gulf                     | NZSFC letter supporting the Revive Our Gulf funding application. ROG seeks to enhance the marine environment. ROG currently working on a mussel bed restoration project in selected areas of the inner Gulf. Application was successful.   |
|             | Quarterly reports   | Fisheries Management and LegaSea quarterly reports developed and distributed for NZSFC Zone meetings, delegates and Board meeting.   |
|             | LegaSea Update 17 NZ BayFisher                              | In December the Ministry released proposals for the future management of crayfish in Area 2, from Pakiri to the eastern Bay of Plenty. It is an important fishery yet it is the worst performing of all the crayfish fisheries.  |
|             | LegaSea Update NZ Fishing World                             | The fishing experience reflects so many positive aspects of humanity. When gathering seafood we enjoy our fantastic natural resources while sharing time with loved ones, or just chilling out. Gathering the oceans bounty just feels good.   |
|             | Submission. Seabed mining application Taranaki              | NZSFC supplementary submission against the Trans-Tasman Resources Ltd marine resource application to mine iron sand in the south Taranaki Bight.   |
| <b>Feb</b>  | Aquaculture application Whangaroa                           | Northland Regional Council advise withdrawal of application to farm shellfish and kingfish inside the Whangaroa Harbour. Process ended.  |
|             | Marine Amateur Fisheries WG                                 | Marine Amateur Fisheries Working Group meeting. Auckland. John Holdsworth attended for NZSFC. Report filed.  |
|             | LegaSea newsletter 12                                       | Newsletter to database. Snapper still a hot topic. After much debate the multi-sector Snapper 1 management meetings are underway.  |
|             | SNA1 Strategy Group   | Snapper 1 Strategy Group meeting. Auckland. Introductory meeting. Need some synergy with the Sea Change marine spatial planning process already underway. John Holdsworth and Barry Torkington attended for NZSFC. Report filed.   |
|             | Submission. Rock lobster review                             | NZSFC submit against commercial catch increases in Crayfish 3 and 7, while the concession allowing commercial fishers to take under-sized crayfish remains. <b>Minister's decision:</b> TACC increased in CRA 3 and 7. Insufficient TACC decrease in CRA 2 and 4. Acceptable TACC set in CRA 9, west coast NI.   |
|             | NZSFC Update 31 NZ Fishing News                             | MPI only gave us 18 working days to respond to important management proposals for southern scallops and selected crayfish stocks. NZSFC objects.   |
|             | LegaSea Update 25 NZ Fishing News                           | There is a lot at stake in the Snapper 1 Strategy Group discussions so the process is expected to take more than 12 months. Any outcome will affect more than 1M people who live and fish between North Cape and the eastern Bay of Plenty.  |
|             | Submission. Southern scallops SCA 7 Top of the South Island | NZSFC submits for a zero TACC and reduced recreational allowances for Scallop 7. Recent commercial catch only around 50 tonnes per annum. Very concerned about commercial effort shifting into sensitive Marlborough Sounds habitat. Tasman and Golden Bays are depleted and not regenerating. <b>Minister's decision:</b> TACC reduced from 747 to 400 tonnes. Applies from 1 April 2014. |
|             | LegaSea Update 18 NZ BayFisher                              | In early December MPI advised of potential management changes in Crayfish 2, from Pakiri to the eastern Bay of Plenty. Consultation documents were due before Xmas. Nothing delivered by mid January 2014.   |
|             | LegaSea Update NZ Fishing World                             | At the end of January we farewellled Mandy Kupenga. Right now your interests of enjoying a special meal of crayfish with family and friends is under threat and you need to act. Quickly.  |
| <b>Mar</b>  | Snapper 1 WG  | Snapper 1 Working Group meeting. Wellington. John Holdsworth attended for NZSFC. Report filed.   |
|             | Marine Amateur Fisheries WG                                 | Marine Amateur Fisheries Working Group meeting. Auckland. John Holdsworth attended for NZSFC. Report filed.  |
|             | SNA1 Strategy Group   | Snapper 1 Strategy Group meeting. Auckland. 2nd meeting. Overview of management and stock status. No agreed goal or objectives. John Holdsworth, Barry Torkington and Trish Rea attended for NZSFC. Report filed.  |
|             | NZSFC Update 32 NZ Fishing News                             | Mismanagement of crayfish must stop! Nathan Guy must intervene and get crayfish management back on track if we want our fisheries restored to healthy levels.  |
|             | LegaSea Update 26 NZ Fishing News                           | Scallops and crayfish have been hot topics lately, mainly because of the latest proposals to increase quotas while poor management and excessive commercial fishing has robbed us of access to decent size and numbers of fish.  |

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| <b>2014</b> |  |  |
| <b>Mar</b>  | Quarterly reports  | Fisheries Management and LegaSea quarterly reports developed and distributed for NZSFC Zone meetings, delegates and Board meeting.   |
|             | LegaSea Update 19<br>NZ BayFisher                                | Snapper lovers will be pleased to know the Snapper 1 Strategy Group talks are underway. LegaSea fully supports recreational fishers conserving fish, but the inequality in decision making is blatantly obvious.   |
| <b>Apr</b>  | Marine Amateur Fisheries WG                                      | Marine Amateur Fisheries Working Group meeting. Auckland. John Holdsworth attended for NZSFC. Report filed.  |
|             | Snapper 1 WG   | Snapper 1 Working Group meeting. Wellington. John Holdsworth attended for NZSFC. Report filed.   |
|             | Northern Inshore WG  | Northern Inshore Working Group meeting. Auckland. John Holdsworth attended for NZSFC. Report filed.  |
|             | NZSFC Update 33<br>NZ Fishing News                               | Since 2002 the TACC for upper South Island scallops has been 747 tonnes. Recent commercial landings have been less than 50 tonnes per annum. The NZSFC submitted for a conservative decision - a zero TACC and no commercial dredging in the Marlborough Sounds.   |
|             | LegaSea Update 27<br>NZ Fishing News                             | Craypots - creeping death on our coastline. For young and old crayfish are a taonga, a treasure, so recent Ministerial decisions to keep some stocks at all-time lows to meet export orders is abysmal.  |
|             | LegaSea Update 20<br>NZ BayFisher                                | Time once again has been used as a weapon against us, this time to limit our response to outrageous proposals that will keep Bay of Plenty crayfish stocks at low levels. LegaSea says this shameful management must stop.   |
|             | LegaSea Update<br>NZ Fishing World                               | 'Crayfish plunder continues'. Nathan Guy announced his decisions for the future management of crayfish on March 20th. Decisions apply from 1 April 2014.   |
| <b>May</b>  | SNA1 Strategy Group  | Snapper 1 Strategy Group meeting. Auckland. 3rd meeting. Overview of recent MPI work to monitor commercial fishing and trawling in SNA1. Preliminary results presented. John Holdsworth and Barry Torkington attended for NZSFC. Report filed.   |
|             | NZSFC Update 34<br>NZ Fishing News<br><br><b>Final FM Update</b> | In the 8 months since Nathan Guy's decision for snapper 1 there have been no material improvements to reducing the mortality rate in the northeastern fishery. If anything, things are worse. Masses of fish are being killed by trawlers inshore and recreational fishers are now releasing fish they would have otherwise taken home for a feed.<br><b>Final Fisheries Management Update:</b> further news to be reported via LegaSea. |
|             | LegaSea Update 28<br>NZ Fishing News                             | It was good to see so many supporters at the recent Hutchwilco New Zealand Boat Show. Your feedback was appreciated. Recreational fishers need to learn new ways of fishing and perhaps new fishing grounds to avoid hooking and harming juvenile fish.  |
|             | Sea Change Roundtable  | Sea Change Fisheries Roundtable meeting. Thames. Trish Rea and Barry Torkington attended for NZSFC. Report filed.  |
|             | LegaSea Update 21<br>NZ BayFisher                                | Every year the Wish for Fish Charitable Trust holds a fundraising fishing competition to benefit people with a range of mental and physical disabilities. This year LegaSea was privileged to be part of the event.  |
|             | Northern Inshore WG  | Northern Inshore Working Group meeting. Auckland. Two day meeting. John Holdsworth attended for NZSFC. Report filed.   |
| <b>Jun</b>  | HMS Fisheries Plan   | Highly Migratory Species Fisheries Plan meeting. Auckland. John Holdsworth attended for NZSFC. Report filed.   |
|             | SNA1 target paper  | NZSFC submit paper to MPI for Snapper 1 Strategy Group discussions. 'Management targets for Snapper 1 - a recreational perspective'.   |
|             | Marine Amateur Fisheries WG                                      | Marine Amateur Fisheries Working Group meeting. Auckland. John Holdsworth attended for NZSFC. Report filed.  |
|             | SNA1 Strategy Group  | Snapper 1 Strategy Group meeting. Auckland. 4th meeting. Some urgency to get plan underway. John Holdsworth and Barry Torkington attended for NZSFC. Report filed.   |
|             | Regional recreational fisheries forums                           | Regional recreational fisheries forums meetings nationwide. FMA 1 and 9 meeting covered a range of topics. Trish Rea attended for NZSFC. Report filed.   |

| Date        | Description   | Outcome   |
|-------------|---|---|
| <b>2014</b> |   |   |
| <b>Jun</b>  | Submission.<br>HMS Skipjack tuna                    | NZSFC submit opposition to excessive TACCs for commercial fisheries. An excessive allocation for skipjack would be repeating past mistakes and not be defensible if challenged by other Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) members.   |
|             | Quarterly reports                                   | Fisheries Management and LegaSea quarterly reports developed and distributed for NZSFC Zone meetings, delegates and Board meeting.  |
|             | Submission.<br>Blue moki 3<br>East coast, South Is. | NZSFC submit blue moki are vulnerable to overfishing and the stock status is unknown, so it is risky for the Minister to issue additional MOK3 quota based on commercial overcatch. NZSFC submit against any TACC increase.<br><b>Minister's decision:</b> TACC increased from 127 to 160 tonnes. Recreational allowance increased from 10 to 20 tonnes. NZSFC submitted for a realistic 50 tonne recreational allowance. |
|             | LegaSea Update 29<br>NZ Fishing News                | News medley. Snapper 1 discussions. Bay of Plenty snapper depletion. South Island snapper. Marlborough Sounds blue cod. Building LegaSea introduction.  |
|             | Sea Change Roundtable                               | Sea Change Fisheries Roundtable meeting. Auckland. 2nd meeting. Trish Rea and Barry Torkington attended for NZSFC. Report filed.  |
|             | LegaSea Update 22<br>NZ BayFisher                   | Recent decisions for crayfish and southern scallops have proven how unbalanced our fisheries management regime has become, in favour of commercial interests. Setting unrealistic commercial catch limits just invites vigorous fishing effort for diminishing fish stocks. It also deprives us, as recreational fishers, the opportunity to enjoy a reasonable catch for a day's effort.                                 |
|             | Sea Change Roundtable                               | Sea Change Biodiversity-Biosecurity Roundtable meeting. Auckland. First meeting. Barry Torkington attended for NZSFC. Report filed.   |
|             | LegaSea Update<br>NZ Fisher                         | LegaSea is promoting a rebuild of our inshore fisheries to a minimum target level of 40% of their virgin biomass, or unfished stock size. That's B40. B40 means more fish get to grow to a decent size.   |
|             | LegaSea Update<br>NZ Fishing World                  | 'Working together for marine ecosystems'. Sharing information and getting your feedback during the Hutchwilco New Zealand Boat Show made the team's effort worthwhile. Thank you.   |



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