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## **Council of Outdoor Recreation Associations of NZ (CORANZ)**

### **Submission on Snapper 8, 2021/22.**

**Introduction:** CORANZ is a national outdoor recreational organisation's forum and advocacy of which sea fisheries and recreation form an important part.

**Submission:** Snapper are a slow-growing fish and consequently it takes decades to restore stocks after overfishing. Snapper are just showing signs of recovery but it will take many more years to rebuild a stable fishery.

#### **CORANZ urges:-**

A ban on trawling on the North Island's west coast.

No increase in commercial catches of west coast snapper.

The need for more enlightened management and an appreciation of the longevity of snapper hence caution and not reckless commercial exploitation

Regular credible reviews (every 3 years) to monitor progress with more research

Extend the 4 nautical mile trawl exclusion offshore to all of the West Coast snapper areas

Better management of depleted kahawai stocks within the food chain is important (vital) to bottom species like snapper and birdlife.

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