

## **LegaSea Update 40**

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#### **Quick action required in Marlborough**

Management of Blue cod in the Marlborough Sounds is being reviewed. If you have an interest in the future management of this prized fishery please share your feedback with officials by the 15<sup>th</sup> June deadline. Submissions can be sent to [MSbluecod@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:MSbluecod@mpi.govt.nz).

Blue cod in the Sounds are legendary, but due to a number of factors this fishery has been a source of grief for our Marlborough communities.

The Ministry for Primary Industries has recently worked with a multi-sector group to develop a range of options for the future management of Blue cod within the Sounds and around the top of the South Island. A public consultation document is expected in May.

LegaSea encourages you to make a submission so you and future generations can continue to enjoy this iconic fishery.

Officials will review all submissions made by 15 June and make recommendations to the Minister, Nathan Guy, on what regulations ought to apply when the new Blue cod season opens on 20 December 2015.

This is your first opportunity in four years to have a say. Please make the most of this process so Nathan Guy can take your views into account and an acceptable outcome is achieved.

#### **Addressing local concerns**

Groups representing more than 50,000 people have now signed up to support a raft of measures that ought to apply to recreational fishing of Blue cod in the Marlborough Sounds.

These groups include the Marlborough Recreational Fishers Association, the Coalition of the Combined Clubs of Wellington, the New Zealand Angling and Casting Association and the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council.

LegaSea is supporting this coalition's work as their recommendations:

- Offer sensible, durable rules
- Align with LegaSea Principles
- Recognise the public's desire to contribute to improved management
- Encourage higher levels of compliance
- Will help to reduce conflict.

A helpful summary, the Group's recommendations and background information are available online at <http://www.legasea.co.nz/bluecod.php>.

### **What can you do?**

Help us protect the future of fishing in New Zealand by getting on board with LegaSea-

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### **ENDS**



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