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Introducing - Jono Bavin member of the 'Paua to the People' Group.

There are a few areas of the Southland and Otago coastlines where there are still healthy populations of paua, it's not a coincidence that these areas are the same areas from which commercial paua fishing is currently prohibited. The commercial paua fishers and the Ministry for Primary Industries have proposed opening these areas, which will smash these paua populations and have a huge negative impact on all non-commercial paua fishers who use these areas.

Submissions on this proposal closed on 19th April. And here we are - all the submissions are in, what to do next.....I thought the battle was over but it's not!

Hey all my name is Jono Bavin a brief back ground on myself. I'm a 31 year old townie turned to a country boy, born and breed in Wellington to a milkman lol (true fact) for the first 16 years of my life I lived in a concrete jungle, first lived in happy valley road before taking up school in Tawa about 15 min from the city centre....continued page 3



President's CORNER

Hi,

We await the decision of the Ministry of Primary Industries and our new Minister of Primary Industries, Hon Nathan Guy, on proceeding further with the proposed regulation change to the commercially closed Paua, PAU 5D areas. With 2,718 submitted submissions for supporting the status quo and objecting to any regulatory change verses only 22 for commercialisation of our Otago & Southland recreational paua areas - speaks volumes. The 'weight' of those 2,718 submissions is huge - coming from City Mayors, City Councils, TVNZ & Radio reporters, Maori TV, South Island Iwi, NZ Sports Fishing Council, Recreational Fishing Council, LegaSea, FishinFuture Search, Dunedin Fishing Clubs including your own Tautuku Fishing Club (who initiate/support this Kiwi Lifestyle) and the Power of the Public !

I urge all Club Members to visit our [Club Facebook](#) page & take time to view the clip from Maori TV, Native Affairs News covering this Paua issue.



A very informative report covering both sides of this issue. Tim Pankhurst, CEO, Seafood New Zealand states "Not one more paua is going to be taken - Paua fisherman are farmers, it's not in their interest or in anyone else's interest, to go in and take all the stock in a area" Yea Right! If this is the case why is it that the Commercial Paua areas/farms are not being harvested/farmed sustainably ? If the Commercial paua practises are correct in fishing their large farm areas, they wouldn't be looking 'over the fence' at our recreational paua areas; that are preserved for all Kiwi recreational fishers. As Kees Meeuws states - "Once the door is open, it will never be shut again".

Thanks to our local MP, Hon Michael Woodhouse for going 'to bat' for the Otago & Southland public; over this Paua issue. Hope 'common sense' / the 'status quo'

- prevails here. All New Zealand Fishers, both sea & freshwater are watching & waiting! Considering freshwater fishing; we have a supporter in Hon Peter Dunne - as I have noted in the UnitedFuture Confidence and Supply Agreement 2011 with our NZ Government, of two of their many principles, policies and priorities being of interest to all NZ fishers - * Maintain free public access to rivers, lakes, forests and coastline & * Committed to improving water quality in our lakes, rivers and streams, in particular mitigating the impact of agrarian runoff on these waterways, and in ensuring quality standards and existing management of water supplies.

The key to all our Fishing Issues is communication with our Politicians and Ministry Personal. More New Zealanders Fish, than any sport, in our fine country.

Our Club elected Secretary, Sarah Paterson has 'stepped down' due to increase work commitments. On behalf of our Committee and Club members, I appreciate your help, Sarah, in keeping Tautuku Fishing Club Dunedin & Haast Inc; a Fishing Club of 'high standard'. Many Thanks to Mark Fraser in 'stepping up' to take on this Club Secretary role. I know you will do a sterling job.

If members haven't been to the Club lately - you have missed a treat. Thanks to Allen Hurrell - on the bar recently, has been presented 'smoke Albacore', 'smoke salmon' & last Sunday 'marinate & smoked Duck' - Wow, Great with a Speights!

Make note from this LURE Monthly issue, the dates and times for our Club 'Clay Target' Shoot and two Queen's Birthday Fishing Competitions. End of June is the finish of our Club Year Competitions; as we have our Club Prize Giving due for July.

Great to see that the Ministry of Primary Industries have announced there will be NO changes to the management of striped marlin. The ban on commercial landings of marlin caught with New Zealand fisheries waters in 1991 - Stands!

James Stevenson-Wallace, Director Fisheries Management, MPI, says he recognises the considerable value striped marlin provides for the recreational gamefishery. This is great news, thanks James & the MPI Team - Hope the Otago & Southland Paua issue also results in the same way for recreational paua fishing - the KIWI Way!

With the weather changes and river water flows - Take extra care at the Taieri River Mouth.

Tight Lines.
Brett.

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I always wanted to be a Dairy farmer from a young age, going through collage in town is hard when you wanted to go dairying as the nearest farm is 30 minutes away; so in 1999 I decided to head south to Telford Rural Polytechnic in Balclutha. What a big learning curve, moving south at 16 years old, no family and to learn how to farm. After a year's course I entered the world of working on a dairy farm. In 2002 I met my wife to be, Kelly, who also went to Telford and had the same dreams as me too, to one day to own a dairy farm. After a couple kids later, Brooklynn 6 years and Jacob 3 years and a wedding in between, we reached our first goal last year of 50/50 Sharemilking 500 cows at tussock creek, about 10 minutes out of Invercargill.

It has been a hard slog to get to this stage but is well worth it; being self-employed it's also giving me a bit of freedom to do my other love of diving, fishing and hunting. Now on to the good stuff diving and fishing, Southland offers some of the best seas to get a good solid feed in the country from blue cod, bluff oysters, crayfish, tuna and of course the PAUA.

Being a member of Invercargill's only Diving and fishing club "DIVESOUTH", has given me a great opportunity to see the wonderful places Southland / Fiordland has to offer, from Diving and catching tuna at Milford sound, catching some of the biggest crayfish in New Zealand @ centre island, Diving/Dredging for BLUFF oysters out of Bluff, or free diving for some of the biggest paua New Zealand has to offer around ?????? (I can't give away all the good spots) and I don't want the commercial divers to know!! And to be fair it's not hard to get a pig or a deer in Southland either.



PAUA TO THE PEOPLE for me? The story started when Oli Wilson and Dave Hodson came down to talk to about 70 people at an information meeting in bluff. They told us about the MPI proposal to open up closed areas to commercial paua fishing, and let us know what they were doing in Dunedin to try and protect the paua in their areas from being smashed by

commercial divers. At the end of that meeting I was one of a core group of about 5-6 people who stepped in to mobilise the Paua to the People movement in Southland. We didn't have long, we only had about two weeks to get the public informed about the MPI proposal to open up over 30km of untouched coastline to commercial paua divers. We had 2 public meetings in Tokanui/Invercargill where about 50 people turned up, a hardy group of people walked the streets to hand out flyers, had a stand at the farmers market where we got 30+ submissions, had meetings with local MPs including Hon Bill English, Hon Eric Roy and a meeting with Mayor Tim Shadboult. From Tim's meeting we got the support of the Invercargill City Council.

The last 6 weeks has been a learning curve in politics, public speaking, media talking (and what not to say!) but although it has been enjoyable the battle is not over. It's giving me satisfaction to be fighting for what I believe in, and knowing that if you feel strongly about something its best to stand up and be noticed than sitting back and letting people walk all over you. The people of Southland/Otago and New Zealand have spoken there was 2740 submissions received on the paua proposal, 2,718 submissions were opposed to opening up these areas to commercial paua diving. A mere 22 submissions (less than 1%) were written by paua quota holders, the commercial fishing industry and their allies in support of the MPI proposal.

Where to from here???? I encourage EVERYONE to write a letter stating why this should not go ahead - write to your local MP if you live in the south, or straight to the Hon Nathan Guy.

Go to www.pauatothepeople.org.nz and there is a link there which is quick and easy. We only have one chance to stop this proposal, one chance to save our PAUA. As recreational fishers, this is our kiwi lifestyle. Why do I feel so strongly about this? I want to see seafood stocks increase across the board, so that they stay healthy over the years for the future generations to enjoy as much as I do. I don't want to be the one to tell my grandkids that it was my generation that bugged the Seafood stocks for years to come. I love seafood, my wife and kids love seafood and most of all I enjoy the day out, the challenge of catching that 4kg crayfish, finding that 170mm paua or reeling it that 3-4 kg Southern blue cod and the personal satisfaction of going out and catching a feed for my family.

KAI KAHA

PAUA TO THE PEOPLE

Cheers **Jono Bavin**

Message from New Zealand's Southern City Mayor's Desk



The cultural and emotional identity of individual nations is defined by far more than the high buildings or towers that crowd our city skylines. Neither does the rate of inflation, global debt, the balance of payments or other fiscal data give us a sense of purpose or national unity. In my view, it's our lifestyle and intimate proximity to the environment that defines us as a nation of free, independent, hunter gatherers.

I had a wonderful Huckleberry Finn type childhood. My first fishing expedition at the age of 6 was hunting for tadpoles. It was also a lesson in biology as we watched them develop into frogs. Living in New Lynn gave us a close connection to the Whau River. This gave us the ultimate playground of a rubbish dump. In those days it was common for rubbish to be dumped into the nearest estuary. We also learned to build canoes out of used corrugated iron. We sealed up the nail holes by ripping tar seal off the edges of the road and melting it to make a waterproof tarry paste. At the rubbish dump we began recreational hunting for large rats, first using shanghais and then graduating to Diana slug guns. For food we stuck our hands down the eel holes and then cooked our catch at the local reserve on an open fire. From that point on, hunting and fishing was always part of my life. When the family moved to Massey to establish a citrus orchard on a lifestyle block we hunted for possums, as there was a bounty on them of three 303 bullets for each tail we handed in to the Lands and

Survey Department in Kumeu. We sold those bullets to hunters for a shilling each and lived like aristocrats. The most exciting fishing trip I had was when my Uncle Dick took me out on his runabout to circle a whale stranded at Blockhouse Bay beach.

After a stint at University, we retired to a subsistence lifestyle commune at Huia in West Auckland. We went fishing on every day that the weather was reasonable and if the fish weren't biting we could rely on mussels from Whatipu and watercress from several streams running through our property.

After being elected as Mayor of Waitemata City, I travelled to Western Europe with my young family. The most hair-raising part of the journey was travelling around the coast of Ireland. Upon arriving in Belfast we were stopped by a road block of fully armed and very nervous looking British soldiers. However, they immediately withdrew their rifles from the car windows when they discovered 3 fishing rods in the back seat. The corporal in charge pulled out a photo of his young son proudly holding his first fish. Once again, things were tense as we passed through customs at Belfast International Airport. No one believed that a bunch of kiwis would possibly choose Belfast as a holiday destination. Once again it was the fishing rods that saved us from a digital search or worse. The 50 or so fishing photos halted the interrogation immediately and it was an important lesson for me on the political power of recreational fishing.

After being elected to the ARA, one of my pet projects was working to evict commercial fishermen from the Waitemata Harbour and Hauraki Gulf. It was an issue that ignored party affiliations as recreational fishermen from the left and right of the political spectrum wanted to create a commercial fishing free zone. One of my sons lives in Devonport and owns a little tinnie. His fridge is always full of fresh or smoked snapper.

Now that I live in Southland; fish, oysters, crays, kina and paua have played a major role in my life. Commercial fishing is vital to our local economy but we have to manage our seafood resource in such a way that recreational fishermen can maintain our kiwi lifestyle.

Tim Shadbolt JP. Mayor Invercargill City.

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Ministry for Primary Industries' Discussion Paper No: 2013/06 – Review of commercial access restrictions in the PAU 5D fishery

The Dunedin City Council (the Council) is pleased to have the opportunity to submit on the Ministry for Primary Industries' (MPI) Discussion Paper No: 2013/06 – Review of commercial access restrictions in the PAU 5D fishery. The Dunedin City Council is the Territorial Local Authority responsible for representing the aspirations of the residents and community of Dunedin City under the Local Government Act 2002.

The Council is concerned about allowing commercial exploitation of paua, kina and any other living organisms on and around the Otago Peninsula sea area. Otago Peninsula and the precious wildlife that exists on and around the area is of extreme economic and conservation importance to Dunedin city. The ecosystem is fragile in this area and contains many endangered species. These species attract ecotourism, which allows funding to help protect those species and provide GDP and employment in the area. According to BERL 2011 tourism contributed \$182 million direct GDP, employs 3058 FTEs and has 504 businesses in the sector. A study in 2007 estimated that the Otago Peninsula wildlife brings \$100 million into the Dunedin economy and creates 800-1000 jobs. David Bellamy has said "In my opinion the Otago Peninsula is the finest example of ecotourism in the world".

The Council is concerned to avoid commercial exploitation of the sea-life in this area, especially without understanding the food web and the effects this could have on the endangered wildlife in the area, that make Otago Peninsula their home.

Of the two options outlined in the Discussion Paper, **the Council prefers Option 1 (Status quo)**, which will retain the existing commercial pāua (and other shellfish, except rock lobsters, oysters, or crabs) harvest prohibitions as specified in: regulation 10 in the Fisheries (South-East Area Commercial Fishing) Regulations 1986; and, regulation 14 in the Fisheries (Southland and Sub-Antarctic Areas Commercial Fishing) Regulations 1986.

There are a number of reasons why the Council believes that opening these areas up for commercial harvesting is not an opportunity to 'improve benefits and sustainable use opportunities:'

- 1) The areas from which commercial harvest prohibitions are proposed to be lifted currently provide:
 - a. a recreational resource for adjacent communities, and the wider community; and,
 - b. an opportunity to conduct scientific research on a pāua stock that is not being commercially fished.
- 2) There are concerns that the PAU 5D fishery is already being commercially fished in an unsustainable manner. This is acknowledged by your statement that "The most recent assessment for PAU 5D was done in 2006. It indicated that the stock was depleted with a high exploitation rate, and that catch rates were not sustainable." (2006 Stock

Assessment for PAU 5D). If these closed areas are opened to commercial harvesting, it is likely that these pāua populations will also become depleted. Mismanagement of the commercially fished areas will not be solved by opening up further areas. The stability of the pāua fishery in PAU 5D is reliant on increased protection of the coastline that pāua inhabit, not less.

Context: Economic and environmental importance of Otago Peninsula

The Otago Harbour and the Otago Peninsula are important to the economy and character of Dunedin and its communities, as reflected in the Dunedin Visitor Strategy 2008-2015.

"The Peninsula is well known for its outstanding rural landscapes and unique wildlife experiences coupled with New Zealand's only castle (Larnach Castle), gardens and early settler buildings. The vast majority of the Peninsula is designated Outstanding Landscape Area, Coastal Preservation Area or Landscape Conservation Area by the Dunedin District Plan. There are also important nature and wildlife conservation areas spread throughout the Peninsula. It has become Dunedin's iconic destination for nature tourism offering wildlife and other nature tours, scenic drives, walking trails and heritage tours and attractions. The Peninsula is also an important recreation resource for residents".

About 2 million visitors come to Dunedin each year. Otago Peninsula receives about 29% of those visitors which equates to over 500,000 visitors. The Regional Visitor Monitor (RVM) 2011 shows that natural attractions and wildlife accounted for 30% and 22% of visitors respectively. Unique wildlife ranks as one of the most important expectations of visitors (13%) along with beautiful scenery (32%), unique history and heritage (23%) and unpolluted environment (17%). Otago Peninsula is named one of the top ten destinations in the world for "twitchers" (birdwatchers) by the Lonely Planet Guide in 2010 and hence is of key importance to the visitor industry.

The gross annual turnover of enterprises directly involved in the viewing of wildlife on the Peninsula is of the order of \$6.5 million per year and they employ the equivalent of 70 full-time persons. With multiplier or flow-on effects these economic magnitudes are higher. However, the economic impact of wildlife tourism based on the Peninsula is much greater. The presence of wildlife on the Peninsula attracts travellers to the Dunedin region who would otherwise not visit and entices some who would have visited anyway to stay longer. This increases local expenditure on accommodation, food and so on. As a result, it is estimated that an extra \$100 million, or so in expenditure occurs in Dunedin's regional economy and employment is increased by the equivalent of 800-1000 full-time positions. Source: Clem Tisdell (2007) The Economic Importance of Wildlife Conservation on the Otago Peninsula -20 Years on.

For the above reasons, in order to protect the wildlife and fragile ecosystem of the Otago Peninsula which contribute to the character and economy of the local area and the wider community, the Council prefers Option 1- Status Quo to retain existing prohibitions on commercial harvesting. The Council would like to speak to this submission.

Yours sincerely



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