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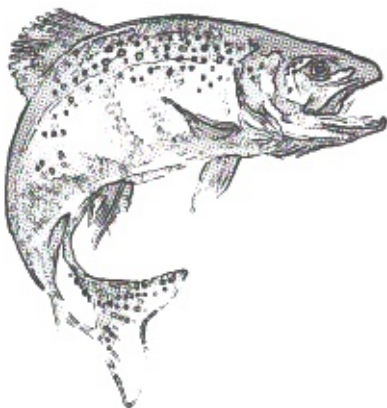
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Two firsts for Jack !

Last weekend our Junior Club Member Jack Todd caught his first Slender Tuna off the Otago Heads - a solid 6kg fish.

During Easter Jack shot his first stag - an 11 pointer - while hunting with his Dad Michael for 3 days in the hills around Naseby. Jack was thrilled with both trophies !

The tuna was given away to a friends family. The stag has been made into sausages and pies.

Jack wants to put the stags head on the wall, but his Mum, Louise is not too keen !!!

Congratulations Jack!





PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hi, It's ALL GO @ our Club!

Restoration has been underway over the last few weeks towards essential work on our historic 'Smaill's House' – our Club rooms. This restoration covers re-pointing of the stonework to the exterior of the building, exterior joinery repairs; including the replacement of 9 windows & repainting of the exterior. To-date we have found the exterior light and power fittings have had to be replaced because of corrosion. Lottery Grant's Board have made available \$21,874 (incl GST) for this exercise. Our Club funds are to cover the balance needed. We are repairing some panels of the bar area ceiling, fire flue & brick work of the chimney. As our kitchen dinning area needs attention; a repaint is underway here also. It's been 'full on'! We hope to have 'A PARTY' for all club members, once the work and clean up is completed. My thanks to Ron Johnston and Michael Todd who have completed the Gate Lights.

We have been fortunate to 'acquire' a ice making machine for boat & function ice requirements, meeting room chairs,



conference revolving 'white board', & kitchen gear.

Thanks to those who have helped here. We are looking at replacing one of our kitchen stoves – if anyone is able to assist with this need; please call me.

Club fishing Competitions get 'hit' again by the weather – the Corbett Memorial Trophy is now scheduled for Sunday 21st June. Don't forget our two Club Shooting events in June also – Sunday 8th June the Club Clay Target Shoot @ Waldronville Gun Club Range and Sunday 15th June is our Club .22 Target Shoot @ the Smallbore faculties in Victoria Road, South Dunedin.

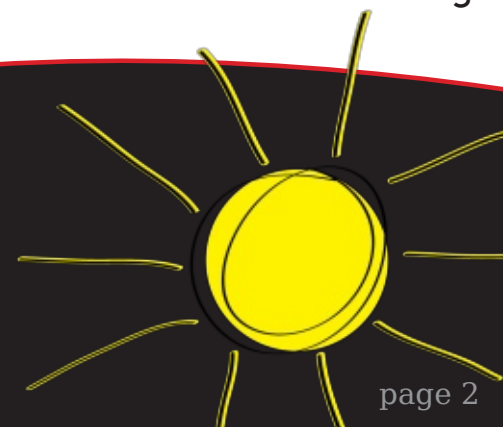
Our sympathies to the Miller Family (Marie, Michael & Heather, Anthony & Carmen, and children) with the passing away of Tony Miller on 24th May. The Miller family have been supporting members to our club, over many years.

Latest from the Dunedin Community Salmon Trust Salmon Hatchery is that 147,000 Salmon Fry has been transported by their new 7,500 Litre Tanker to the hatchery, and 240,000 'green' salmon eggs has been fertilised. There are more 'eyed' eggs to arrive by end of May & early June. All Good for another year of Salmon Releases, here in Salmon City – Dunedin!

With the first cold blast of the Year of severe proportions; the Winter Months are predicted by the MetService to be a Cold Event. Therefore take care while Fishing and Boating.

Keep Warm!

Cheers,
Brett.



THE FOUR BIGGEST TROUT I NEVER CAUGHT

FRANK CARTWRIGHT - FISHERMAN - WORDSMITH

Episode 2 of 4

Heading for the back blocks of Otago/Southland from my home in Blenheim was the start of an especially memorable fly fishing trip during the autumn of 1998 with Harry, my fishing buddy of many, many seasons.

After overnighting at his Christchurch home, we loaded up our 4WD and by 8:00 am were motoring south, heading for Gore some 520 kilometres distant.



From left: Author, Harry, Bert

We had a rendezvous with another mate of mine, Bert, a retired cocky and fishing guide residing in Gore. He was a very experienced fly fisher having fished extensively throughout Southland and South Otago. Subsequently, he had a wealth of local knowledge which he generously imparted to his closest friends. Locating good fly water is one thing but getting access to it is another and this is where a local guide's insider information is invaluable.

Gore promotes itself as a major centre for brown trout fishing as within a 50 km radius there are at least 30 excellent trout streams of which the legendary Mataura river is most famous.

Zane Grey, acclaimed American author and globetrotting angler, once stated that the Mataura was the greatest brown trout river in the world. Many anglers, myself included, would not necessarily disagree with his assertion!

After settling into our Gore accommodation, Harry and I called on Bert and over a convivial glass Bert suggested that we fish the upper Pomahaka river the following day. This river rises in Otago's mountainous back country close to the Southland border and flows down a rocky gorge before meandering through rich farmland, eventually discharging into the Clutha river at Clydesdale, upstream of Balclutha.

The following morning dawned bright and clear but with the prospect of a rising nor'wester we knew that casting upstream would be a challenge. Nonetheless, spirits were high and after stowing all our gear in our 4WD we were soon beyond Gore, heading towards the gorge although to access it we first needed to obtain permission to enter private farmland. After calling at the homestead and paying our respects to the run-holders, we were soon motoring up a narrow, winding dirt road which traverses the gorge. After a few kilometers Bert pointed out 'chinamen stones' in the river, so named because of the 19th century Chinese gold miners who had constructed a stone dam just halfway across the river. They then extended the dam at a right-angle down the centre of the river for a

That these stones had remained in place for more than a century confirmed the skills of those hardy miners. Bert recalls guiding noted painter Nancy Tichbourne to the gorge to view the stones which sufficiently impressed her to sketch them.

A couple of kilometers further on we pulled up, assembled our rods and headed down a stock track to the bottom of the gorge to work our way upstream and hopefully, spot some trout.

With the mercury in the low 20's, the river was pleasantly cool and as a team we worked our way upstream, alternating the lead every so often, constantly searching the water and grateful for its clarity and seasonal low flow. The gorge was a pretty place, steep sided but not so steep that it could not be scaled. Small patches of riverside native bush obviously provided sustenance to other creatures for I saw fallow deer footprints in a patch of sand. The bed of the river was a mix of golden gravel over solid rock providing ideal habitat for trout. A beautiful river and wonderful, wild scenery.

After an hour or two with nothing sighted, Bert and Harry decided to forge ahead of me and take to the scrub to arrive unseen at a pool that Bert reckoned always held trout. He very generously wanted me to have first crack at anything there. The reason for his actions soon became clear. From where he and Harry were secreted in the scrub, they could look down into a large pool but because of very large boulders immediately downstream, I would not be able to see the pool unless I climbed on top of the boulders which would of course, spook any trout. Most annoyingly, by the time I got to the boulders, the nor/wester had risen to a gale and I had great difficulty hearing my buddies calling to me from their vantage point. However, by their gestures I surmised there were trout in the pool and that they were urging me to fish to them. Tying on a weighted #10 pheasant tail nymph, I did my best to deliver a blind cast over the boulders but my line was flung back. Time and again I cast until the gale momentarily subsided and I finally delivered a reasonable cast. Almost immediately I was hit with a whopping strike.



Author with 9 lb trout

Line streaked off the reel and I could do no more than hang on and hope that the 4 lb tippet would hold but within seconds, the line went limp; I was busted off. I sneaked a look over the boulders and to my amazement saw three very large trout dashing about, obviously spooked by the fleeing trout as well as my sudden appearance. It was not a naive thing to do, the gale had increased so much that further casting was out of the question so we observed the trout in the pool for a few minutes before returning to our vehicle for lunch and a re-think. I had ample time to reflect on the fact that I had hooked and lost a trout that my buddies maintained could have been well into double figures. In a nutshell, I had duffed a rare chance for a trophy trout.

We enjoyed a very leisurely lunch as it was much too windy to fish but by mid afternoon it had eased off sufficiently enough to warrant another look at the river. We motored

upstream for a few kilometers before Bert signalled me to pull over at a vantage point well above the river. From past experience he knew it was a good location and after he had carefully scanned it, asked me to take a look. At first I saw nothing but swirling water but as my eyes adjusted, I could see two very large trout holding up against a rock wall. To fish to them would not be easy. It would necessitate a trudge downstream and then wading back against a strong current waist deep. After a few minutes discussion between Bert and Harry, they told me that as I was the 'youngest and fittest' it was up to me to have a crack at the trout, so tying on a #10 well weighted stonefly I made my way downstream, entered the water and waded back against a very strong current.

Several minutes later I had advanced far enough to make a cast to where I thought the trout were holding but Bert signalled to me to get closer. Fishing blind, I relied on him to guide me and after several casts, my fly line stopped short. I raised my rod and was rewarded with a solid hook up but disappointingly, the trout made no effort to run; it just held its position so I eased myself ashore, grabbed a rock and flung it ahead of the trout. That got it moving but it lacked any fight and within a few minutes I had it close enough to net it, much to the delight of my mates and I. However, there was a disappointment. It was a post-spawn jack and its 9 lb weight was well below prime. Bert estimated that prior to spawning that it would have been closer to 12 lbs but I was not complaining. I had the satisfaction of knowing that I had hooked a trophy trout earlier and rounded off the day with a 9 pounder - not too bad in anyone's book!

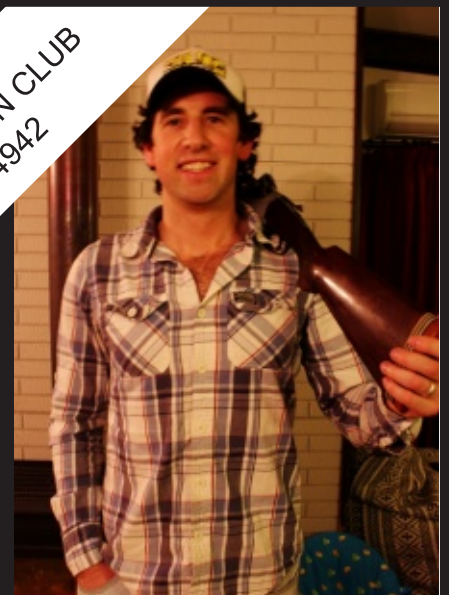
After a celebratory nip of something stronger than aqua pura from my hip flask, we packed our gear, gunned the motor and headed back to Gore to enjoy further conviviality at Bert's home.

All in all it was a stellar day for me and one to savour in the years to come.

Frank Cartwright



CLUB CLAY TARGET SHOOT:
SUNDAY 8TH JUNE AT WARDONVILLE GUN CLUB
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Conference recognises importance of fishermen's data

At the recent Fishery Dependent Information 2014 conference held in Rome, over 150 fisheries scientists, managers, policy-makers and fishers gathered to share and discuss ways to generate better information about the world's fisheries and the fish stocks on which they depend.

"Fish stocks are invisible to normal means of observation because they live underwater and are often highly mobile," said Bill Karp, director of the NOAA Fisheries Northeast Fisheries Science Center in the United States.

"In recent decades, many of the world's fish stocks have been heavily fished or even overfished. Sustainable management of these stocks in an ecosystem context requires new and different types of information which often necessitates effective collaboration among government, academic and fishing sectors. Trust and respect among managers, policy-makers and fishers is essential to this process."

Using data and information from fishers while fishing and through collaborative research is considered to be a relatively untapped source of information about the world's fish stocks and the consequences of human interactions with them.

"The Rome meeting highlighted innovative approaches for capturing and using such information and emphasised the importance of involving fishers and other stakeholders in the collection of the data and in fisheries management and related policy making," said FAO senior fisheries officer, Gabriella Bianchi.

Several important findings were noted during the closing session, including:

Changes in public policy requiring more comprehensive documentation of fishing activities and their impacts on ecosystems are powerful drivers of change. Effective solutions for implementing these policies require multiparty collaboration and empowerment of fishers.

Establishment of an environment for collaboration and participatory science and management that are built on a foundation of trust and respect is essential to successful fisheries management.

Social scientists should be encouraged to participate in these processes because they play an essential role in improving our understanding of interactions between humans and marine ecosystems, bring scientific method to understanding resources management economics, and bring professional insight that is useful in breaking down communications barriers.

- See more at: <http://www.worldfishing.net/news101/industry-news/conference-recognises-importance-of-fishermens-data#sthash.tQgG3OdX.dpuf>

Tautuku Fishing Club - 'Bar View'



SLOT RULE FAILS — OFFICIALLY

By Nigel Nottingham

During April there were two significantly important meetings which directly impact on the current and future management of the Marlborough Sounds blue cod fishery.

On 9 April MPI Southern Inshore Scientific Advisory Group met to peer review of the Marlborough Sounds blue cod survey 2013 results.

This survey is the most comprehensive ever undertaken by MPI with a higher number of pots set over a longer coastal area. Underwater video was utilised which is consistent with past surveys. For the first time the purpose built NIWA inshore survey vessel Ikatere was used. Ikatere is equipped with a multi beam scanner, providing detailed analysis of benthic habitat and structure.



NIWA Research Vessel 'Ikatere'

Despite a higher number of pots being set, a lower number of blue cod were caught, which indicates a reduction in "Catch per Unit Effort," or in layman's terms less fish.

The MPI Slot Rule, implemented in April 2011, had these stated objectives; "Protect both small blue cod (allowing them to breed before they are caught) and protect the large male blue cod. The presence of large males suppresses female to male sex change". Also, "Protect female spawning fish and to achieve a more balanced male - female population structure."

The preliminary evidence provided in the 2013 draft survey results indicate that none of these desired outcomes have been achieved. It appears the opposite has occurred, with the number of cod in the over

35cm size halving between 2010 and 2013, indicating that the “slot rule” may not be a suitable management tool for blue cod because of the detrimental effect high levels of incidental mortality is having.

The Slot Rule has only been in place 30 months, during this 30 months the Inner Sounds have been “closed” to recreational fishing for two, four month spawning season closures, effectively therefore, this depletion has occurred after only 22 months of fishing effort. If this trend continues, abundance may get to a level worse than the 2007 survey very soon, leading to the collapse and complete closure of the fishery.

MPI go to great lengths to identify these results as “preliminary” and therefore no conclusions can be drawn from this information.

The following week (15 April) the Marlborough Sounds Blue Cod Management Group (MSBCMG) met to review the 2013 survey results.

Going into the meeting, stakeholder representatives had identified the main rule changes for which there was strong community support: abolish the Transit rule, abolish the Slot rule, raise minimum size, that the spawning season closure should apply to both commercial and recreational, no commercial fishing in the Inner Sounds.

Going into the same meeting MPI Managers had identified their main objective as being to delay any changes to the rules until after the Election.

The outcome of the meeting, no changes and no further MSBCMG meetings until the final draft of the 2013 survey results are released in August. August is one month after Parliament “rises,” so changes cannot be made to the rules until the new Government convenes in 2015. Mission accomplished MPI!

Fishers will have their opportunity to vote on this National charade in September.

Terry Corbett Memorial

Sunday 22nd June: with Sunday 29th June, as ‘back up day’.

Prize for the Most species caught by one angler.

In the event of more than one angler catching the same amount of fish, it will go on the heaviest combine weight.

Weigh in at the Tautuku Fishing Club at 6.00pm.

Please register with Murray Muir 4558808 (If unavailable, please leave a message with name and contact number) by 6.00 pm Saturday 24th

First prize \$100.00 cash Plus a Mitchell Tavern \$20 meal voucher.

2nd prize \$ 75.00 cash Plus a Mitchell Tavern \$20 meal voucher.

3rd prize \$ 50.00 cash Plus a Mitchell Tavern \$20 meal voucher.

Five \$20.00 Mitchell Tavern meal vouchers to be given away at the prize giving, to anglers that entered.



DANGER

Trout to be fed poison laced pellets to assess risks from drop

Pellets laced with 1080 poison will be fed to trout to assess potential risks from the planned massive dump of the pesticide in native forests.

Nelson-based scientists have started the work after an anglers' group challenged claims by the Department of Conservation about potential for the poison to end up in trout. The department intends to spread hundreds of tonnes of bait with trace amounts of 1080 over forests to protect threatened native birds from a surge in pest populations.

The department initially accused the Federation of Freshwater Anglers of making "alarming statements" but has since agreed to fund a study to determine whether back-country trout enthusiasts faced any risk from 1080 accumulating in fish.

The federation warned anglers potentially were at risk from eating big 'trophy' trout that had consumed mice exposed to 1080 - a claim the department rejected.

But it has changed its position and is investing about \$70,000 supporting research by the Cawthron Institute that involves an assessment of the risk along with laboratory trials to measure how much 1080 remains in trout after they have eaten poisoned mice.

Cawthron ecotoxicologist Dr Louis Tremblay said computer modelling and a literature review would help estimate the amount of 1080 likely to accumulate in trout tissue after fish consumed poisoned mice.

Thirty-five brown trout from a Fish & Game hatchery will be used for the research, which still awaits approval from an external animal ethics committee. He said the research should determine the risk, if any, to anglers from eating trout that have eaten mice contaminated with 1080 following aerial operations.

Dr Tremblay said little was known about the toxicity of 1080 to trout, although studies with eels fed 1080 indicated the risk to humans from eating affected meat was extremely low.

Results need to be available before the fishing season starts in October, which is when the large-scale 1080 programme will be in full swing. Cawthron expects study outcomes will be available by the end of June.

The 1080 drop, one of the largest undertaken anywhere in the world, is the department's response to a forecast explosion in rat and stoat numbers arising from bumper seed production in beech trees. Rat and mice populations are expected to grow rapidly as abundant seed drops to the forest floor. Stoats, which feed on mice and rats, are predicted to become plentiful, which in turn poses a significant threat to native birds.

The 1080 drop, planned for later this year, is designed to disrupt the sequence, known as the predator-plague cycle. Latest forest surveys indicate that moderate to "very heavy" amounts of seed is forming in beech forests, which one DoC scientist likens to a 10-to-20-year event.

DoC rangers have been shooting canopy branches out of beech trees in forests to get a fix on seed production. DoC scientist Graeme Elliott said results confirmed the beech "mast" - the big crop of seed following a heavy spring flowering - was proving to be a widespread event.

Forests in Kahurangi, Abel Tasman, Arthurs Pass, Westland, Mt Aspiring and Fiordland national parks, and conservation land in Marlborough, Canterbury, the West Coast and Otago will be targeted in the 1080 blitz. As much as 650 tonnes of bait is expected to be dropped.

Alan Simmons



OTEMATATA CLUB FISHING COMPETITION

The weekend of 28 March was a long overdue gap between trout trips and competing for the Dave Ward Mechanical Trophy which resulted in the rebirth of a superb easy going, memorable weekend away to Otematata. Fishing for this weekend in the North Otago lakes and surrounding rivers provides picturesque landscapes and superb trout fishing waters along with an opportunity to enjoy a fun filled weekend of hilarity, banter, comradery and of course fishing. Not to mention the fine cuisine and the odd tippie or two.

A total of six teams attended the event, five boat loads and one land based. Although the fishing starts at midday Friday until weigh in on Saturday 6 pm, the main event day is the Saturday. The majority of teams all staying together at the Otematata Lakes District Hotel, which provided an excellent facility and accommodation for the event. Saturday morning and all the boating crews launched at the Benmore ramp, with Russell and Liz heading to the Ohau Canals. Crews remained tight-lipped about catches and all the boating crews met for lunch at Scrubby Gully in the Ahuriri Arm of Lake Benmore, swapping many stories of the mornings events. Fine cuisine and local brew was enjoyed by all.



A breakdown on one of the White boats resulted in a minor mutiny at the end of the lunch break and a change over of many crews. As always the fishing was plentiful and some crews with expectant prize-winners chose to cruise the lake and take in the spectacular sights that this area has to provide.

Teams all meeting for the weigh in at 6pm. Our thanks to the Weigh Master and the Committee for providing prizes and a bar tab.

Of the fish weighed in prizes were presented as follows:

Winner of the Dave Ward Mechanical Trophy - Brett Bensemann - 1.49kg Rainbow Trout
2nd Stewart Springer - .70kg Salmon
3rd Russell Moylan - .45kg Salmon.



This is a fantastic club trip away to fish in some of the best trout fishing this country has to offer. The Otematata Lakes District Hotel provides excellent well priced accommodation, super friendly staff and brilliant meals.

A fantastic memorable and fun weekend was had by all who attended. Looking forward to the next trout trip already.

Thanks again
Dave Ward



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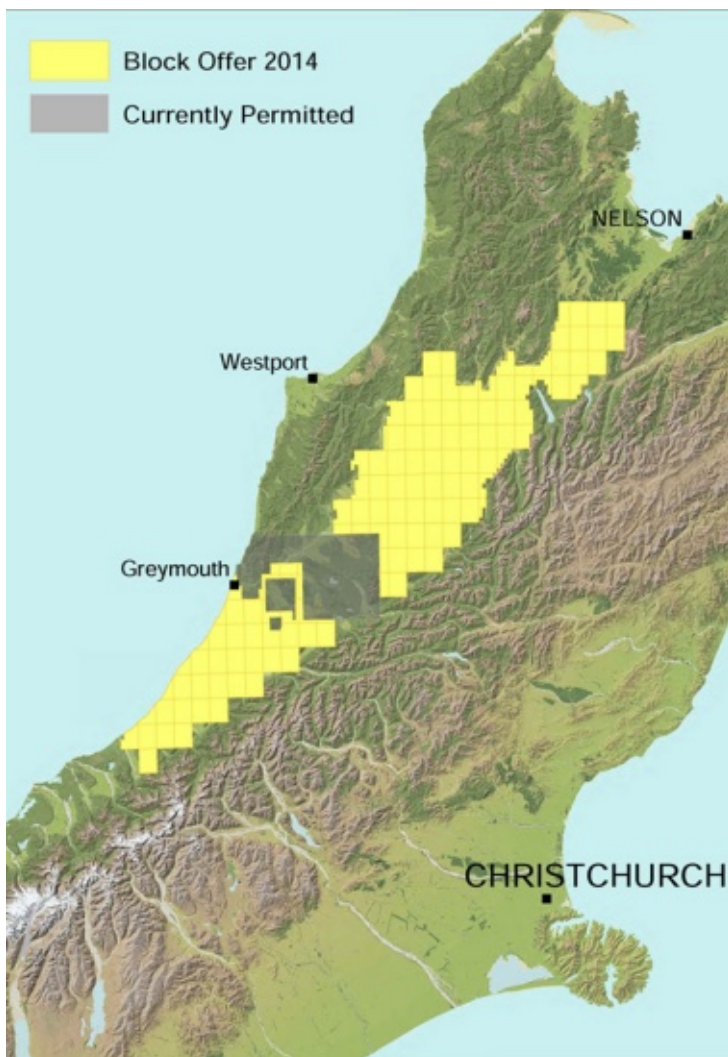


Thursday, 1 May 2014

PRESS RELEASE: TROUT, 1080 AND TEAMWORK

The New Zealand Federation of Freshwater Anglers (NZFFA), Fish & Game, the Department of Conservation (DoC) and the Cawthron Institute are currently working collaboratively to assess the risks to trout and anglers as a result of the largest planned aerial drop of 1080 across New Zealand.

The NZFFA warned anglers earlier this year that a combination of the forecast heavy beech mast, resultant increase in the mouse population and the 1080 drop could result in trout ingesting poisoned mice.? "We have always maintained that the risk is the gap in knowledge in this specific area - no research has been done to date." said David Haynes, President of the NZFFA, "So we were rapt when Lou Sanson, Director General of DoC, called us and suggested we work together on this concern".? Neil Deans, manager of Fish & Game Nelson/Marlborough region



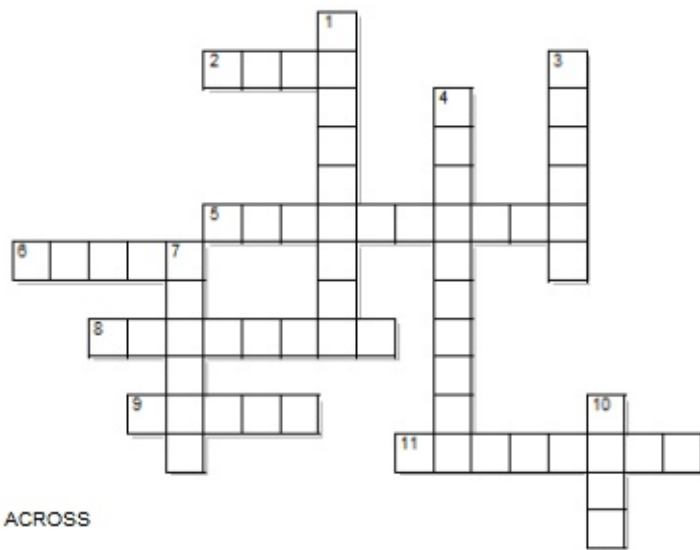
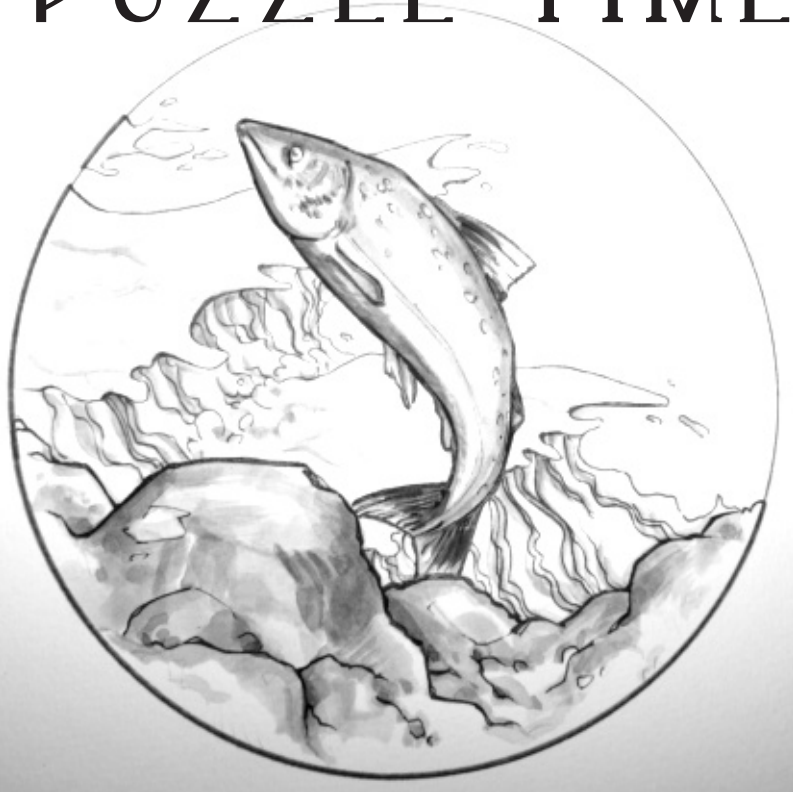
acknowledged the Federation's concern at the time, "the lack of research is a valid point." he said.

At the initial team meeting it was agreed that in-field monitoring would be extremely complex and costly, both economically and to fish stocks, due to the very high number of samples required and the associated resources, time and geographical coverage needed to deliver any meaningful results. "To overcome those field study limitations, desktop simulations and a controlled laboratory-based approach can provide more robust information to assess any potential risk in a timely manner" said Louis Tremblay, environmental toxicologist for the Cawthron Institute .

Andy Cox, DoC threats manager, stated "We are pleased the project is already underway and aim to have the results available to the angling community prior to the start of the 2014 fishing season."

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PUZZLE TIME



ACROSS

- 2 can swim at speeds of up to 70 kph (43 mph).
- 5 Over 1000 fish species are threatened by
- 6 Fish have that extract oxygen from the water around them.
- 8 Some use camouflage to hide themselves on the ocean floor.
- 9 Although fish and crayfish have the word 'fish' in their name, they are not actually fish.
- 11 are mythological creatures with the tail of a fish and the upper half of a woman.

DOWN

- 1 Cleaner fish help out other fish by removing and dead skin from their scales.
- 3 Relative to their body size, fish have small compared to most other animals.
- 4 Fish are animals that live in the water.
- 7 Fish are covered in which are often covered in a layer of slime to help their movement through water.
- 10 There are over 30000 known species of



Dunedin Community Salmon Trust Inc.





2014 overview

Since the 2013–14 season began on 1 July, 2013 there have been 26 tag recoveries advised. In the same period another 1400 tagged fish have been added to the database.

The recaptured fish comprised 17 kingfish, 2 striped marlin, 3 mako sharks, 1 broadbill swordfish, 1 southern bluefin tuna, 1 hammerhead shark and 1 bronze whaler shark. Many more tag cards are expected to arrive over the next month or so. Of the 26 recaptures, 17 were made by recreational fishers and 9 by commercial fishers. Commercial methods included tuna longline (1 hammerhead, 2 mako and 1 striped marlin); set net (1 mako and 1 bronze whaler shark); trawl net (1 southern bluefin tuna); while the exact method was not specified for one kingfish and the broadbill swordfish. All of the recreational catches were made using rod and reel.

The time at liberty for tagged fish ranged from one day to more than 12 years, and the distance between release and recapture ranged from 0 to 1360 nautical miles.

Notable recaptures

The longest distance covered by a tagged fish so far this season was a broadbill swordfish estimated at 150 kg tagged on the Middlesex Bank, north of the Three Kings Islands in April 2011, and recaptured by a Chinese fishing vessel near Tuvalu in September 2013 (2 years 5 months later). This was the fourth broadbill tag recovery to date, with two others recaptured in NZ waters and one at the Wanganella Bank in the Tasman Sea. This broadbill was caught 1360 nautical miles north of where it was tagged.

The first southern bluefin tuna tagged by a recreational angler in New Zealand and then recaptured was reported by an observer on a trawler working off Hokitika in July, 2013. This was an excellent recapture. The 130 kg tuna was tagged off

the charter vessel “Oracle” in the same area in July, 2007 and was at liberty for just over six years. It measured 200 cm on recapture. The first long term recapture of a tagged hammerhead shark tagged in New Zealand was reported by a Taiwanese tuna longline vessel in the Fiji basin in September 2013.

Gamefish Tagging News 2

The shark had been tagged near Cuvier Island in April 2011, was free for 884 days, and recaptured 1060 nautical miles north from where it was tagged.

A 50 kg mako shark tagged off Farewell Spit was recaptured off Fraser Island, Queensland in October 2013. It was caught on a tuna longline after 208 days at liberty, 1258 nautical miles north-west of its release location.

The longest-term recapture of a striped marlin in the NZ tagging programme was made in March 2014. The tag was found deep in the shoulder of the fish as it was being processed for smoking. Although only part of the tag remained, it was possible to track down the release details from the remaining portion. The marlin had been tagged 3 years and 1 month previously, just a short distance up the coast from where it was recaptured, off Rocky Point, Bay of Islands. It was estimated at 125 kg on release and was in good condition, weighing in at 139.4 kg on recapture. A kingfish tagged at the Volkner Rocks in January 2002 was recaptured 2 nautical miles away after 12 years and 1 month (4411 days). It was measured by Rick Pollock at 116cm on release and 136cm on recapture, when it was estimated to weigh 33 kg.

At the other extreme, a kingfish tagged from the charter vessel “Pursuit” at Volkner Rocks was recaptured and released the very next day from the same vessel at the same place. It was obviously not affected by its experience of the day before.

Reporting releases

Every year we have recaptures where the tag report card is missing. This is frustrating and a waste of effort all round. Tagging is of no value unless the card is filled in and returned. Many cards are only partly filled in or illegible. If your fish is recaptured but you have not provided enough information, including your full address, you might miss out on finding out about your fish, and the reward.

Reporting recaptures

If you recapture a fish with a tag, provide all the same information you record when filling out a tag card on release. If possible, measure kingfish by laying them flat on a measuring board. There is a strong possibility that they were accurately measured before release, so we need an accurate measurement on recapture as well. There are incentives to report tag recaptures. These include:

1. \$1000 lucky draw each year for a fisher who returns a tag and all information
2. A reward shirt for each angler who tags a fish that gets recaptured
3. A polo shirt with GameTag logo for the angler who reports each tag recapture
4. Recapture letter to anglers and skippers involved with release and recapture

More information is available on the NZ Sport Fishing Council website.

Thanks to the Ministry for Primary Industries who fund data management and reporting; the NZ Sport Fishing Council which purchases and distributes the tags; and Blue Water Marine Research who are contracted to manage the database.

NEWS IN BRIEF

World Record Awards

On the 26th April Sue & Myself attended The international game fish association (IGFA) World Record Achievement Awards held in the IGFA fishing hall of fame & museum, ft Lauderdale, Florida USA..to honour anglers from around the world who had caught world record fish during the year.

The IGFA has over 300 representatives in over 96 countries & territories on 6 of the worlds continents & has received world record applications from 144 countries from an estimated 189 countries in the world. It is the IGFA's 75th year as administrator of sportfishing world records. The oldest standing fishing record is from May 1865.

We flew to the USA with 2 close friends from Torbay & met up with family who flew in from Boston to attended the awards ceremony. People from all over the world attended the event. The night started with a red carpet entrance. Photo shoot, cocktail hour, silent auction & get together before we were ushered into the hall of fame to be seated for Dinner & the start of the Awards Ceremony. Each recipients award presentation was accompanied by large projector screens with photos of the anglers catcheswith the final build up to the 'Life time achievement awards" screening a short video of our angling career. A standing ovation from the audience as Sue & I accepted our life time achievement awards & delivered our acceptance speeches.

Youths nabbed in spawning stream

Three self confessed mad keen anglers found themselves in hot water for fishing for spawning fish in the Leith Stream during the closed season. The kids, aged between 12 and 14 years, posted images and stories of themselves in a social media site after catching a number of spawning salmon and brown trout. Fish & Game staff found the postings and made immediate contact with the trio and spoke to them with their parents present.

An adult caught in a similar situation would certainly face a court appearance but due to the kids ages and their passion for freshwater angling, Fish & Game have taken a more lenient approach. The boys are all now aware of the rules and with their parents support, will be undertaking a few tasks for Fish & Game such as hatchery work and spawning surveys, which not surprisingly, they are looking forward to!



Dress warmly and go fishing!

Mid winter fishing is usually left to a dedicated few. While we look at them from the comfort of our warm shelters and wonder why they persist in the freezing cold, those same anglers are wondering why more people aren't taking advantages of the wonderful opportunities that the lower reaches of rivers and large lakes provide at this time of the year. Not that you will hear them complaining about having the whole lake to themselves!

Winter trout are often easier to catch than at other times of the year. You do have to know where to look though. Brown trout will be fully into their spawning cycle by now and as a consequence are moving around a lot. They can be a bit distracted by the business of pairing up and spawning but will feed very vigorously afterwards to regain condition. Lakeside stream mouths are an obvious target, particularly at night. There is food there and there are often migrants going one way or another that will snap at larger lures or spinners. Try fishing on the back of a 'fresh' as these tend to draw fish in closer to the edge and act as a catalyst for migration.

Because of the lower water temperatures upstream, there is often an increase in the number of fish in the lower, estuarine areas of rivers. Good fishing can be found in waters that are open such as the Shag, Waikouaiti and the Taieri and Clutha Rivers. Check your regulation Guide booklet before you go or visit the Otago regions page, to see if its open for winter angling. Dress warmly!

Ian Hadland.

Fish & Game – DUNEDIN Office.

World Record Awards continued...

Awards we received were for:

Sue 2nd place female salt water – 8 World Records

Scott 2nd place male salt water -14 World Records

Sue 1st place female fly fishing – 12 World Records

Sue 1st place female all tackle length, released live – 4 World Records

Scott 2nd place guides / captains -30 World Records

Scott 4th place all tackle length, released live – 2 World Records

Sue Top female angler – 24 World Records

In addition, the highlight event of the night, we both received 'life time achievement awards' for achieving over 100 World Records in a life time.

Only 6 female anglers, 6 male anglers & 8 captains have ever been awarded this award in the world. We are the first New Zealanders

This is the 22nd time since our first world records back in 2002/3 we have featured in the IGFA Top 10. (Sue 12 times).

23 of our World Record catches were released live. Of the remainder a huge proportion of our catches were donated to science.

19 days produced 3 or more World Records per day.

All of our 192 World Records were caught in New Zealand. Most from around Auckland's coastal waters. East & west coasts.

We have just returned home top in the world of sportfishing.

Scott & Sue Tindale

Auckland, New Zealand



Current Lines 23rd May 2014

Keep your eyes on the road and your hands upon the wheel, a timely reminder to be safe out there. Another timely tune and play it loud if you have it, "Smoke on the water, fire in the sky" in memory of a mate.

These following snippets come from legendary "Pursuit Skipper, Rick Pollock" who is up north at present

Garden Patch - Some very nice water out here and over 19 degrees C. A lone mahimahi was apprehended recently and that in 18 degrees – go figure! Bottom fishing for bluenose has hung in well – as long as the killer whales fail to show! A fair amount of day dropping for swords, but to little avail.

King Bank- Still the darling in every regard, particularly for marlin and kingfish. Water temp and colour are exceptional with just on 20 degrees some days. Stripeys abound at the top of the bank with the Magnet through to the 153 a focal point. Some larger fish are now showing up with a few pushing 150 kilos among the more prevalent 90-110k models.

Trolling lures (lumo is a real favourite currently), skipbaiting and slow trolling bridled skippies have all been successful techniques. Kingi fishing just hit new heights with both quality and quantity. Two over 40k's were taken (and released) this week with many more over 30 and most in the mid 20's – great line of fish. Great to see jigs re-enter the fray with a vengeance to become nearly as effective as live and dead bait.

Summary- How long can the Indian summer hang in? Seems well entrenched and showing little sign of moving on. A few more southerlies won't help but, in the meantime, things are pretty damn good.

Furthermore- John Gregory on "Primetime" continues his outstanding solo effort with no less than 15 billfish in four days – remarkable and shows the potential of the place, perhaps better than at any other time of the season to date!!

From Whakatane the home of "Pursuit" – Andrew, and neighbour Brian, left Whakatane bar at 7.00 am one morning, returning to the weigh station by 1.30 pm with his neighbour's first sword, 2nd for the boat in 3 weeks. Not huge at 129 kg but a good starter for Brian and tasted delicious!

And just to prove Tauranga is still fishing - Cory Davies knocked one off his bucket list also, with his 117 kg broadbill caught out by Mayor Island recently. Another couple of young fellows were out looking around, caught nothing so decided to head in, then spotted a feeding marlin so dropped over a live bait and hooked up their first and the boats maiden marlin. They put out a call for assistance as they had no gaff. Just as well the "Insane" crew were out snapper fishing, heard the call and offered advice and a gaff, now was John just prepared by having his flying Gaff on-board (not forgotten to take it off) or is he getting ready for next season already? Also hot off Facebook, another striped marlin was tagged this week out by the Penguins".

At the recent Hutchwilco Boatshow – the "United Future Party" released their Party's Fisheries Policy. XXXAs there is an election coming up in mid-September it is only fitting to have a read and see who is offering what. An interesting read <http://www.unitedfuture.org.nz/policy/rec-fishing>

It is with sorrow we record the passing of one of "Tutukaka's" finest, a mate, a neighbour, a former Committee man and Club Captain, a Charter Boat skipper, and fish smoker. R.I.P Steve Currie 18-05-2014

Regards,
NZSFC

Current Lines 23rd April 2014

What is it about Easter and big moons? The month started with a blood moon, then a big moon rising, and with the weather bomb we have just experienced one could say according to "CCR" "A bad moon rising"

From the Hawke's Bay Sports Fishing Club - First ever Mahimahi. The first Mahimahi to be weighed into the HBSFC was on 6th April 2014! The fish was caught out by the Ritchie Banks (that's about 30 miles east of Portland Island) by Joe Bicknell on the family boat "Wahoo". They were on a three day game fishing trip up off the Mahia area and got a double strike, the first fish pulled the hook and the second at 8.2kg was landed. Global warming! Go figure?

More on broadbill - So planned for a few days up north targeting stripies and a sword if weather permitted. Saturday looked good, so off I went out to the Garden Patch, full of hope and anticipation same as many times previously. First drop was in 480mtrs, left down for 1/2 hour then repositioned for drop 2 in 520mtrs, using Penn 50 VSW 2 speed reel with 600yds x 80lb Jerry Brown Hollow Spectra backing with 100mtrs of Momoi 37kg top shot, spliced together, with this set up you can feel the sinker hit the bottom in 500mtrs, then crank up 20mtrs after breaking bottom sinker off. After 1/2 hour nothing so wound up surface float and started to retrieve bait, no weight so keep winding, for next 400mtrs with no weight on line, once 100mtrs from surface line it came tight, then applied more drag, fish dug deep, after more drag now up to around 20kg the fish came up and jumped. It's a sword alright, now what to do. After another 1/2 hour of going round in circles changing direction trying to upset the fish's pattern, nothing worked except for more drag, I am getting sick of this straight up and down sword fight. Now prepared gaffs, gloves, as we are both getting tired, finally lifted its head up enough to grab the leader and sink the gaff into the head, all went well and pulled it on-board, my whole body was shaking from adrenalin or shock. I had finally done what I dreamed of, just shows dreams can come true! You beauty! Just the perfect size for me Solo, any bigger I think the fish would win, but then that is another challenge eh? These things are amazing creatures, what a fantastic country we live in, where we can all go and do this sort of thing on our doorsteps, so get out there guys, good luck from 'Swordfishsteve' a likely handle for one so lucky, (fishing.net nom-de-plume)

From Facebook – check out the Houhora Big Game & Sports Fishing Clubs Easter competition results here; <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=669283039774147&set=pcb.669283296440788&type=1&theater> also 'like' their page, hover your mouse over the liked button and then click the 'get notifications' words to put a tick there, from now on you will get notifications whenever Houhora updates their Facebook page, now we all will be kept informed. <https://www.facebook.com/NewZealandSportFishingCouncil?fref=nf> Do the same with this Facebook page or go to <http://www.nzsportfishing.co.nz/> and click on the white F in the blue square to go straight to our Facebook page.

GFA Mobile and IGFA Mobile Lite - Now available for iPhone, iPad, and Android devices. The International Game Fish Association, the world's foremost global authority on record-breaking fishing, brings you the App anglers have been asking for. The updated IGFA Mobile App for the iPhone, iPad, and Android will amaze and inspire your fishing adventures. Search IGFA angling world records, plan your trips, identify your catch with the Species ID section, log your catches, find the nearest IGFA Official Weigh Station and IGFA Captain, track your slam club progress and more, all from this must-have App! Available from the App store or Google play.

End of season means trophies and awards time - Did you catch that fish of a lifetime? Were you a club member when this catch was made? If so please check with your club as to whether your fish is in the system and going to be nominated and put forward for the various awards that are to be given out at the end of this 2014 fishing season.

End of season also means AGMs - Are you one to sit on the side-lines and moan and complain at any given opportunity or are you the one who rolls up your sleeves and gets involved boots and all in the Kiwi way. If so please give some thought for the next generation that may be joining your club next year, new blood, new ideas and new volunteers makes our NZ club structure strong, making our sport stronger. If you have some time and energy please accept nomination or seek nomination, we fellow fishers thank you in advance for your efforts.

Where will this season's gamefish tally end? Will the Three Kings fishery turn it on? What will the total broadbill catch be for 2013 – 2014 game clubs? Stay tuned into the internet and Facebook for more exciting details.

Regards
NZSFC

Current Lines 8th April 2014

With the changing back to standard time we record the closing of daylight saving for another season, so hopefully there will be "Just another tequila sunrise" when we wake up.

From Blue Water Marine Research - Longest-term striped marlin recapture: We are very happy to report an outstanding tag recovery by one of our logbook boats, "Centrefold" skippered by Steve Franich. Angler Greg Jones caught a 140 kg striped marlin off Rocky Point, Bay of Islands on March 21. While being cut up by the smoker, it was found to contain the remains of a tag buried inside the body, below the dorsal fin. What was left of the number was G 9859. Although the last digit was missing, by looking at the tagging database we were able to narrow the possibilities down to just three striped marlin releases, made in 2007, 2011 and 2012. Microscopic examination of the cut tag end showed that a small part of the missing number was visible and it had a curled bottom end, which ruled out two of the candidates, leaving the winner: Number G 98593, an estimated 125 kg fish tagged by Mike Steel from the vessel "Kai Time" off Whangaroa on 21/2/11. **So at 3 years 1 month this is the longest-term recapture of a tagged striped marlin in the New Zealand programme.** Damaged tags have previously been found inside marlin at the time of them being cut up. Some years back, the tags were modified slightly to extend the stainless wire attaching the tag head, so that the number could be recovered if the end of the tag was pulled or bitten off. In this case, that change has paid off nicely. Most striped marlin tag recoveries are made within 10 months of tagging, and often much sooner than that. Given that this species is fast growing and relatively short-lived, the concealment of the tag as the fish grows is another possible explanation for the lack of long-term tag recoveries for this species.

From NZ IGFA Rep Scott Tindale: Evan & I headed out from Tutukaka to look for a sword yesterday. ... 3hrs drive up, 2hrs steam out, 10 minutes to get a hook up, 1.5hrs on 'standup' gear to subdue, 1.5hrs to get it on board & 2.5 hrs back to port. So home after midnight, that is how 10 minutes fishing takes all day. 228.8kg broadbill swordfish on 37kg tackle weighed at Marsden Cove marina.

From the Hokianga: More broadbill action. Local committee member, and club delegate Linda Pattinson crossed this off her bucket list; heading out on 23/03/2014 went fishing and caught her broadbill weighing 127.5kg. A mighty fine west coast effort. On 30/03 Matt Watson TV fishing show host headed out chasing the mighty swordfish. Heading wide they managed to tag the first estimated at 150kg then hooked into another, which ended up losing its tail to a mako mid fight but still weighed in at 240kg or thereabouts. A great effort even though the tax man was present.

From Tauranga: Mayor Island has been producing broadbill for those who spend the time and effort. Junior angler Sam Jensen went out on the family launch "Guzzini" and came home with a new pending club and New Zealand junior record

broadbill weighing 107.1kg, a great effort from a great fishing family. Also caught from the vessel “The Weapon” was a broadbill weighing 207.3kg.

From Warkworth: The family vessel “Brenda L” had a great trip recently weighing in not one but two broadbill weighing 136.2kg and 138.0kg. A great result for a crew who put the time into fishing well.

From the recent HOPIN tournament: Fished out from Tutukaka and the winning fish was a massive broadbill weighing in at 303.0kg caught from the launch “Espada” whilst dropping a deep daytime bait targeting broadbill. Don’t you just like it when a plan comes together.

From the boys based in the Counties Sports Fishing Club: At a recent meeting they were loud in their reporting of their first broadbill caught and weighed for their club, caught out from the Kaipara trench area. Just as proud as if it was a shield challenge!

Regards
NZSFC

CLUB .22 TARGET SHOOT

SUNDAY JUNE 15TH 2.00PM AT VICTORIA ROAD

THE CLUB NEED AN IDEA OF NUMBERS COMPETING TO
KNOW HOW MANY HELPERS THEY REQUIRE

CONTACT Russell Moylan PH: 4561162 by Friday 13th June.



fish to beat		f i s h t o b e a t	
Blue Cod – 3.995 kg Allen Hurrell		Game Fish Skippers Points.	
Barracouta – 4.76kg Ian Gunion		Mike Archer 1Pt, Provisional 2 Pts.	
Salmon – 4.08 kg Roger Kan		Skippers points non game fish are;	
Groper – 7.50kg Cate Bardwell			
Jock Stewart – 1.255 kg Murray Muir		Nathan Pitcher	3 points
Ladies Trophy – Groper 7.50kg Cate Bardwell		Allen Hurrell	2 points
Junior Blue Cod – 2.335 kg Jorja Hutton		Mike Todd	1 point
Junior Trophy – 6.995 kg Groper Jack Todd		Rakesh Pandy	1 point
Fergus Mathieson Memorial Cup – 3.995 kg Blue Cod Allen Hurrell		Grant Hutton	1 point
West Coast Tuna – Wayne Macdonald		Carl Nyhon	1 Pt
Albacore 6.15kg		Provisional points;	
West Coast Blue Cod – Kelvin Nyhon 1.66kg		Grant Hutton	2 points
Kahawai – Wayne Macdonald 1.54kg		Nathan Pitcher	2 points
Smaill Family Salmon ‘Senior Angler’ Trophy – Roger Kan 4.08kg		Mike Todd	2 points
		Rakesh Pandy	1 point
		Allen Hurrell	1 point
		Otematata Dave Ward Mechanical Trophy –	
		Rainbow Trout 1.490kg Brett Bensemman	



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PWC DAY @ the Dunedin Salmon Hatchery

Price Waterhouse Coopers, Dunedin Office; volunteered a 'days work' on a Friday, last Month @ the DCST Salmon Hatchery.

It was 'Hands on' releasing Salmon Smolt for the benefit of our City and Otago Community. Released in the waters of The Leith were 21,700 Smolt; giving just on 58,700 so far this 2014 calendar year of releases.

More to come (approx 45,000), by Otago Salmon Anglers release next Month from the DCST Hatchery.

Last calendar year 2013, there were 111,100 Salmon Smolt released in total. ALL Good for the next 2-3 year returns.

A BIG thanks to PWC for their efforts and valuable time offered.



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