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## Being Blind - not a handicap when catching Fish!

Roger Kan is the managing director of Wing On Wholesale Co, a business that began as a small retail fruit and vegetable shop, Wing On Wholesale, in Dunedin in 1932, started by Roger's parents Wing Kai & Eva Kan. I interviewed Roger in his office within the company's impressive, purpose-built premises on a day when rain fell in torrents and continuously drummed on the roof overhead. As so often happens when two fishing enthusiasts meet, our time passed in a flash.

Roger is also a trustee of the Dunedin Community Salmon Trust, having retired from his role as chairman. The trust operates a small hatchery at Sawyers Bay and their goal is to raise salmon smolt to enhance the recreational salmon fishery in the Otago Harbour and encourage a love of the outdoors in all Kiwis but especially kids. They also aspire to give anglers the best possible chance of catching a salmon in the harbour that, as he proudly tells me, "is one of only two places in the world where it is possible to do so within ten minutes walk of the central city. The other place is Vancouver, Canada." Roger's current role is securing salmon eggs, looking after the supply of feed and assisting with fundraising and public relations.

In talking to Roger I quickly come to realise that taking a leading role in such a health-promoting and community-minded

# President's Corner

Hi,

Weather wise over the last Month – what a “Mixed Bag”! With heavy rain, floods and dirty rivers for the start of the Whitebait Season; in contrast with some of the ‘selected’ days of calm seas fishing the Canyon - giving good Blue Cod catches.



Yes, even Salmon catches at the head and within the Dunedin Harbour, have been ‘noted’ over this last Month. Salmon have been seen chasing schools of whitebait moving up the Harbour. All Good for our area.

We have to preserve this unique fishing resource in our Harbour, our Rivers and along our coast – it’s vital now and for future generations! There are so many fishing issues at present from ‘ownership of water’, Recreational Fishing issues, Commercial Salmon & Trout Farming and the issue of Pollutants destroying our waterways and lakes!

I keep saying it’s about time Recreational Fishers stop arguing amongst themselves and get their act together – we could be the ‘biggest’ lobby group in the Country. We have the New Zealand Sports Fishing Council with their “Legasea Programme”, NZ Recreational Fishing Council with their “Future Search Project” ( taking place from 14 – 16th February 2013 in Nelson ) and the NZFFA concerns towards protecting our harbours, rivers & lakes from chemical toxins ( Manawatu River is now declared to be one of the most polluted rivers in NZ ), opposed stance to the commercialisation of trout flesh within NZ, either through the importation, sale or farming trout of any species ( echoed by both Fish & Game NZ and the NZ Conservation Authority ), awareness to the commercial exploitation by operators ‘selling off’ our fish stocks and keeping the ‘rights for ALL New Zealanders’ to fish our waters! People who care about our fisheries in New Zealand have to discover common ground, dialogue and agree on action plans for recreational fishing in any area of our waterways and our seas.

There are people that wonder what would Happen – people that Wondered what has Happened & those that Make Things Happen! If you want to be one of those that want to make things happen – gain more information from the following websites:

[www.nzsportfishing.co.nz](http://www.nzsportfishing.co.nz), [www.recfish.co.nz](http://www.recfish.co.nz), [www.nzffa.net](http://www.nzffa.net)

AGM time – Sunday 23rd September 2012 @ 2.00pm! I’m asking you all to consider your contribution to our fine Club, in taking an active roll ‘on Committee’. Finger food is provided, and Speights draught beer will be @ \$5/jug. Remember the Otago Rugby match is on @ 4.30pm – so you have time to attend the AGM & leave for the match; or stay on to watch from the Club TV.

As the West Coast Whitebait Season starts on September 1st – the ‘white gold’ will be attractive to some members. Yes we have some members off to those West Coast rivers at the end of September – look forward to your report & photos. Have Fun!

See you at the AGM.  
Cheers, Brett.



venture was completely consistent with his own lifestyle and also his attitude to life. A very enthusiastic gardener, outdoor activities are something Dunedin-born Roger has cherished since as long as he can remember. These days, despite being completely blind and closing on his 80th birthday, he is seemingly as active as ever. As if to underline the point, in the recent 2012 Otago Harbour Salmon Fishing Contest he took the prize for the heaviest fish caught on day two of the competition.

Born in Dunedin in 1933, Roger can't remember a time when he didn't fish. "When I was a young lad, around 1939, 40 and 41, dad used to take us down to the wharf and we'd catch red cod. In those days the overseas boats would come in and they'd dump all their food and everything over the side and that would attract the fish. So we'd catch fish and take them home. In those days during World War II there was food rationing. We had coupons for meat, butter and many items we take for granted today, so the fish were a welcome addition. Then one day I met a chap fishing in the Leith down by the [Botanical] Gardens. I started talking to him and found out he was worm-fishing for trout. He showed me what to do, and then I went home and pondered how to get myself a fishing rod. I ended up going down to where bamboo grew at the Gardens and I asked them if I could have a piece for a fishing rod. They gave me one and then I went to my father's work and got some wire off the cases he had there and made up some loops. I taped them on to the piece of bamboo, and there it was - my first fishing rod.

There was a cross-section at the bottom of it to put some line on, and I got myself a license for two shillings. And so I started trout fishing. Between sea fishing and trout, fishing is just something that has always been there in my life."

Unsurprisingly, Roger's fishing memories are numerous and varied, but he took particular delight in recalling one special moment from his childhood.

**"One day when I was a young lad, about 14 or 15, I was standing looking over the Dundas Street Bridge into the pool upstream. I was a member of the junior anglers club then and we knew all the rangers 'cause they were very supportive of us. Anyway this ranger was standing there looking too and he spotted a trout lying under the bank. It was a big one. He said to me, 'I bet you can't go down there and tickle that trout.' I said, 'Is it all right to try?' and he said, 'Well, I'm the ranger aren't I?' So I climbed down and I tickled it and I got it. It was about six pounds. He said to me, 'I really didn't think you would be able to do that. I thought you could not handle it as it was so big!' I said, 'What do I do with it now?' 'You'd better bloody well run home with it', he replied, 'before a ranger sees you!'**

At this point Roger convulsed with peels of laughter at the memory of this long-ago incident. Highly amused, we briefly debated the judiciousness of putting such a sanctioned felony down in print, but decided it was too good a story to leave out. Surely a legally-approved tickled

trout couldn't possibly come back to bite six and a half decades after the fact?

Roger worked in the family business throughout his childhood. "We helped in the shop and out the back after school. We went out on Saturdays with the deliveries. All the children from the Chinese families - especially those from the market gardens - had to help after school. The kids from the market gardens would come home and help in the garden until late in the evening. Then dinner and homework, and up at 6am again to get to school. But we never thought anything about it, it was just normal."

**"No. I want to work in the fruit shop!"**

- Roger Kan

However when Roger left school he found his career plans clashed with those of his parents. "I went right through Otago Boy's High School and everything but I'd always been really interested in fruit and vegies. When I got to the upper sixth form my family all thought I'd go to university 'cause I was particularly interested in science. But I kept putting off my enrolment until eventually my parents said, 'Are you going to enroll for University?' And I said 'No. I want to work in the fruit shop.' Well - all hell broke loose! The Chinese tradition is that all parents want their children to be professionals, but I loved the fruit and vegies. So they got everyone they knew to come and talk to me to steer me around but it did no good. I still said 'No. I want to work in the fruit shop!' And that's what I did."



Now, when I'd first contacted him to sort out a time for our interview, Roger had mentioned that he'd cut things back in recent years and didn't work such long hours any more. I asked him about that. "Yeah . . . I don't do more than fifty or sixty hours a week now," he told me. Being blind, Roger didn't see my open-mouthed response to that piece of information, delivered so matter-of-factly.

I asked him about his blindness. **"I first noticed something wasn't right with my vision in 1980. The doctor I went to told me the pressure on my eyes was about sixty. Normal eye pressure is about eight to twelve, so mine was very high. He told me I had Glaucoma, and the pressure was slowly destroying the blood vessels at the back of my eyes."**

Despite drops being tried for about six months and a subsequent operation to put drains in, Roger nevertheless gradually lost his sight altogether over the course of the next twenty years and has been totally blind since around 2002.

"It didn't bother me too much at first because it was so gradual, but in the last stages of my sight going I was at my wit's end. My world was finished. I was irritable and I couldn't do anything. But one of my fishing friends whose wife worked at the Blind Foundation said to me, 'You better go and sign up.' I said, 'I'm not bloody well signing up to the Blind Foundation!' And I didn't. I carried on grumping and growling at everything and getting depressed. But then one day my friend came around again

with an application form for me to sign to join up. And he said, 'I'm not leaving until you sign it!' So I did. And if it wasn't for them I wouldn't be where I am now. I'm eternally grateful for the way they've helped me . . . and now they've asked me to give talks to impaired people to tell them what I've done and to give them some inspiration, as they say."



"I regard my blindness now as just a bit of a nuisance. I still do everything I want to do; working, gardening, fishing . . . I still gut fish, fillet fish, tie my own lines, thread my own hooks, make up my own traces. I even tried blind skiing a while ago. That was interesting!"

Roger's other main hobby is growing vegetables, something else you might think would be extremely compromised by his lack of sight. "I grow the vegies I eat at home. I could get them from work of course, but I like pottering around in my garden. It gets me back to nature and I find it very relaxing. At the moment I've got potatoes, garlic, two types of beans, broccoli, fennel, pickling onions . . . I've got peach trees and apricot trees that I prune myself with a saw. I'm out

in my garden till eleven o'clock or midnight sometimes. I don't need light, of course. My neighbours used to think I was mad. The guy next door once yelled out to me 'What the hell are you doing?' And I yelled back, 'I'm gardening! I'm not like you unfortunates – I don't need any light to garden!' [laughs] I've got the garden marked out with pipes and

markers and things so I know where everything is. Except sometimes Jessie, my wife, goes down and moves things around and then there's hell to pay 'cause I don't know where I am! I used to have a rotary hoe but I sold it and now I dig by hand. I learned to weed; as the plants grow I can feel the difference between them and the weeds."

**Roger Kan is an impressive man. He's also a real character. As we finished up he took myself, my wife Dallas, and our two year old son Arlo, who was eyeing up Roger's bananas, on a tour of the premises. He knew every inch of them by feel. It really was inspiring. As I left Wing On Wholesale Co, I felt much the better for having met him.**

**Ian Chapman.** (abridged)

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# Saltwater Fly Rod Buzz = Kahawai!

Hi "Lure" readers,

Some of us are slow learners.

Take me as an example.

Back in the 1970s, I had an idea about catching a kahawai on the fly rod. I don't know why. Saltwater fly fishing was unknown then. Perhaps it was a whim born from fishing with kahawai with light spinning tackle - just a natural progression, I guess.

Living in Hawkes Bay on the North Island's east coast, I enlisted the help of George who owned a boat. Early one summer morning, we drove out to the tiny beach resort of Clifton and launched the boat. Kahawai, called salmon in Australia, were breaking the water all over the bay. Tying on Parson Glory size 6, Taupo wet fly lures, we stripped off line behind the slowly moving boat until 30 or 40 metres was out and harled. We caught several. What a morning! What a new world had opened up! Yet strangely with the door wide open and an open bidding to enter, I didn't step through.

But nevertheless, the experience was indelibly etched in the memory. It took about 20 years later before I did take up the invitation.

It was down on the South Island's West Coast at the Mahitahi River. I used a fly rod and a trout fly lure. The fishing was fast and furious. I caught several kahawai that evening. Since then, I've taken to pursuing kahawai around the top of the South Island. The Wairau River in Marlborough and it's twin mouth The Diversion, commands much of my attention. In fact it has become an addictive diversion from trout fishing. And frankly kahawai on a fly rod make a good number of trout look feeble.



If there are other anglers spinning, I invariably find the fly far out fishes the spinner.

If tiny bait fish are abundant, kahawai will concentrate solely on that sized prey. Fish have not the ability to multitask, the same inability the modern woman reckons of her husband or partner. Fish can only focus on one thing at a time.

So too it is with kahawai. So "match the hatch", ie the size of bait fish. In whitebait season use smaller lighter coloured flies. The change of light period either at sunrise or evening is usually the the most productive depending on tide. The combination of a half outgoing tide at dawn or dusk can be ideal.

I like an outgoing tide for fly rodding for kahawai, just before half tide and even down towards low tide can be productive. Fishing with a saltwater fly is best when the outgoing flow is substantial as the current assists the fly to work and move in retrieve. The key is to strip the line fairly fast.

I always wear polaroid glasses and apart from the added advantage of seeing fish, the sight of a big kahawai or even two or three, rivalling each other in pursuit of the fly, is exciting stuff. Kahawai can go nuts over the fly and in their eagerness to nail your fly, sometimes miss. In those circumstances you need to get your fly out again fast-quick! Often a short roll cast flicked out to where the kahawai last swirled may be all that is needed. Sometimes you'll see a kahawai just following your fly, almost akin to trout behaviour, and not taking. When that happens, I make a change, perhaps to a smaller fly or in colour.

Saltwater flies can now be bought in shops. Or you can tie your own. If you tie up your own flies, don't overdress them. I initially tied my saltwater flies too big and bulky. Just as often as not, a small fly is best. Eyes incorporated into a fly look like a fleeing, wide-eyed bait fish. Buy "stick on" eyes and then lacquer over them with a clear varnish. Sally Hansen's "Hard as Nails" from a pharmacy is good and strong.

The leader doesn't have to be long nor do you need a tapered one. Two metres of say 4 to 5 kg nylon suffices for a trace. If you can rig a shooting head of perhaps five or six metres of fly line up so much better for casting.

Using a fly rod on kahawai means you get maximum excitement per fish. Just one kahawai is memorable. Practice catch and release too. It's a good ethic. If you wish, keep a couple perhaps for the fish smoker or fish cakes. I immediately gut, scale and bleed a fish I wish to keep. Sadly, New Zealand's kahawai stocks are a prime example of fisheries mismanagement. The tragedy is that successive governments have been and are, oblivious to the sporting value - and the tourist angle - and the economic value of the fish.

Ministry of Fisheries officers seem utterly ignorant of the economic value of the kahawai as a sports fish and money earner for the country. Instead corporate purse seiners plunder kahawai shoals and they are exported to Australia to be canned and even as crayfish bait. I have taken American fly rod fishers after kahawai. When we have found the kahawai, those anglers have been ecstatic.

<c> Chunky kahawai like this as grand sport.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I had to fire off a quick email to congratulate the team on a superb newsletter which I have just received. Content, presentation, photos – everything is totally professional and grabs my interest so that I have read every word and studied every photo (not sure about the dodgy one of the fat bloke holding a couple of bits of wood!). Please pass my congratulations on to all involved and I look forward to the next one. John can't fail to be impressed even in his busy schedule of fighting off the crowds wanting to buy power companies and steal our water!!!

Regards  
Stewart Springer



## Current Lines 23rd August 2012

**Our new seasons first big tuna** – On the 11th August the first reported big tuna of the season was weighed in by angler Clayton Hazes off the vessel Enchanter weighing an impressive 303 kg, with several more lost on the next trip on the 18th including one over 300 kg tagged and released.

**We at NZ SPORT FISHING (NZSFC)** take this opportunity to welcome Claire as our point of contact at Petroleum Logistics for the "P" Card. **Claire Williams** who has recently started at Petroleum Logistics joins their office team and is assigned as the NZSFC account manager. Claire will be your first point of contact for questions, admin, opening of accounts on line and over the phone and discounts etc. Rob Bolton will continue to manage NZFSC on a higher level such as our agreement, promotions, level of discounts etc, but Claire will improve PL's service to us and our members, as well as Newsletters and Help with our clubs and communications etc. Contact details for Claire are admin@plpl.co.nz or phone 04 2336 180 or 0800 42 83 83.

**Braided Lines and World Record Consideration- Q:** *I am planning to start targeting a few line class records and wanted to make sure I have all of my "ducks in a row" before hitting the water. I currently have my reels spooled with different sizes of braided line because I like the extra sensitivity and feel it provides. Is it IGFA legal to use braided line, spectra, or multifilament line for World Record catches? I know it usually breaks higher than what is advertised on the spool, but do you have any specific advice?*

**A:** According to IGFA rules, it is perfectly legal to use braided line, spectra, and multifilament lines. The only type of mainline prohibited by the IGFA is wire line (leadcore line is legal by IGFA rules). That being said, there are some very important things anglers should know about what are commonly referred to as "super-braids". Primarily, it is important to know that many super-braids will actually break higher than the manufacturer's advertised breaking strength, which has unfortunately led to a few records being rejected. To avoid having line overtest the targeted line class category, anglers have started to use a smaller/lighter braid, predicting that it will break in the higher line class (e.g., using a 30 lb super-braid line for the 50 lb IGFA line class category). And while many anglers have had success with this technique, there have been occasions where the line has actually tested at or near the manufacturer's stated strength, and the record was rejected because the fish was not heavy enough for that line class. IGFA rules permit an angler's record to be "bumped up" into a higher line class if the line overtests and the incoming record is heavy enough to replace the existing record in the higher line class. However, the IGFA does not move records to a lower line class category, should the line "undertest" the targeted line class. This rule exists to prevent anglers from "line class shopping", where the angler arbitrarily chooses the line class depending on the size of fish landed. In summary, anglers are welcome to down size their line to break within the limits of the targeted line class. However, the IGFA will not show special consideration for records in which braided line breaks lower than the angler anticipated. **If you have any questions about the line-rating of any line you purchase, IGFA provides line testing for members only at a fee of \$US30 per line sample.**

**A further Question to IGFA From Jerry Garrett a new NZ IGFA rep:** This request is to be sure we understand the Braided Lines and World Record Consideration article on page 29 of the May/June 2012 International Angler (the above text) and speaks for a reel with only Braided line on the spool with no backing. I reviewed the IGFA Record Application on page 175 of the 2012 book and note that Line or Tippet 50 feet of line still attached to the double line and/or leader ( if used) which, if 2 or more lines are attached together only the top line is sent in for testing. Backing is not relevant if no line is attached to it. Thus, if the angler had spool/ box labelled rated 37 kg mono as the top line attached and spool/box labelled rated 37kg braided line as the next line attached the braid would not be subject to testing by the language on page 174 as it is all in the singular "line". How does IGFA learn of the angler's having both mono and braid connected and what, if anything, happens after learning that both types of line were used (or even if none, or just some of the braid, went in the water during the fight)? Regards, Jerry Garrett.

**Reply IGFA to Jerry** - Hello Jerry, Regarding your question on an IGFA release; as long as the swivel has touched the tip of the rod, it is considered an Official IGFA Release. Also, once the leader goes through the rod tip, or is touched by the mate, this is considered an Official IGFA Release. For your question on top shot and backing; this is legal to do, but the IGFA places the catch under the heavier of the two lines, as we require the angler to submit both line samples. For example, if someone is submitting a record on 10 kg (20 lb) line and they used a mono top-shot and a braided line backing, **we request to have both of the lines.** We then test both of the lines and place the fish under the heavier of the two, regardless if the braid went into the water or not. There are times when anglers use a backing, but do not attach it to the mono top shot. In cases like these, we do not require the angler to send in both samples of line, only the top shot. Best regards and good fishing, Jack Vitek IGFA.

Regards,  
Editor

# Is something going on out there?

**By Bill Benfield, co-chairman of Council of Outdoor Recreation Associations of NZ (CORANZ)  
New Zealand Federation of Freshwater Anglers (Inc.)**

Every now and then, my brother on the West Coast and I have a phone chat, about the families, state of the world and the most important subjects like fishing. You know - all the usual sort of things people talk about.

It was back around 2006, my brother told me there seemed to be something going on around farm margins, in the waterways up towards Westport. He recounted local farmers telling him that when they used to go and get the cows in the morning, there would be the sound of kiwi in the valleys. Lately it had all disappeared.

The same too with the fishing; the fish seemed to have disappeared. To us, it was unlikely that a whole fish population could collapse, but perhaps the terrestrials that are part of the food chain could be affected by say 1080, which was first registered as an insecticide; a possible explanation but we had no hard knowledge to work with.

A couple of years later I had to go south for business. As usual, I threw fly rod in the back for when the day is done, and while over there, I stayed with my brother Cass. It also seemed a good opportunity to have a bit of a fish along the Grey and its tributaries.

First, we took on the right bank of the main river near Blackball. I had on the usual exploratory rig of around a number 12 bead headed peacock and copper with a smaller un-weighted hare and copper hanging about

25cm. off the snell with a small sighter bead at the top of the cast. But the water seemed dead, no movement or sign of life.

Still we persisted. We worked the edges along the riffles for about half an hour before deciding to try our luck elsewhere. Next stop was the Moonlight by the road bridge. There was a guy spinning below - unsuccessfully - so we went upstream.



The Moonlight is an attractive smaller river, a bed of speckled granite boulders, with a good flow of clear clean water into a series of pools. Often the pools are cut into higher banks which provide good cover for fish. Only problem, no fish!

The spin fisherman returned empty handed - a bad sign. So we decided to try a bit further up. This time a rapid ran onto a large piece of rock and had carved out quite a deep pool; nothing there or in the glide below.

Eerily, there seemed no caddis or any life under the stones, no cockabullies' or even their fry in the shallows. So we carried on to the Rough River.

It is bigger than the Moonlight, with good runs dropping into clear pools. Peering through polaroid's from the top of a bank showed no life whatsoever. Checking under boulders for river fauna showed the same lack of life as we found in the Moonlight.

We went on up the Rough as far as we could get by road, to where cutover bush was being bulldozed into windrows and burned to clear the land for dairy conversion. At this point, the river was well below the surrounding valley, and we had to beat our way down a couple of terraces through some quite thick blackberry to reach the water.

### But it was the same story - no fish.

So we headed back to Greymouth, up to the Ikamatua Bridge past a lot of land being cleared of bush and worked by big machinery to "hump and hollow" for dairy.

"Humping and hollowing" is a unique West Coast practice brought about because much of the flat land in this high rainfall area is of poor draining soils. Because of this, there is a problem of pugging under cattle. To overcome it, the ground is shaped by forming shallow broad hollows with intervening low ridges so it drains quickly into channels and away to the rivers.

But that didn't seem to answer the fishing problem. It wasn't only us, friends had also reported a dearth of fish in the Grey and other West Coast rivers.

There is definitely a problem with the trout fishery of widespread use of 1080 over there, but it is no more than speculation. It remained a mystery.

Then a couple of weeks ago, I had an Email from a friend from in Marlborough concerning the widespread use of an insecticide called Dew600. This is around 60 percent diazanon, a potent organo – phosphate.

The information claimed it was being spread by government owned Landcorp Farming over all their farms on the Coast. The spray is apparently used against caterpillars, ie, it has to soak into the soil to be effective, and because the land has been "humped and hollowed", the contaminated run-off is quick, and straight into the river systems. Dead waterfowl have even been reported and according to duck shooters in the area, this had been going on for some years. West coast sources said the local Fish and Game were aware and concerned about the situation, but so far had been silent.

If this were true, it is a possible explanation as to what is happening on the Coast, but there is no real evidence or indeed proof.

### Back into the "too hard" basket!

A week later, a contact on the West Coast sent me a clipping from the Greymouth Star of 25 May this year. Under a headline "Poisoned duck prompts health warning for hunters" it confirmed our "leak".

The story ran that six ducks had been found at Virgin Flat near Cape Foulwind and handed in to Fish and Game who had sent them on to Massey University. One of the birds was autopsied by Massey University and the results indicated the bird had suffered an "acute death" and diazinon was implicated.



At the time of the bird deaths, government owned Landcorp Farming was spraying by air 1500 ha with Dew600 in the area.

Fish and Game also claimed a Landcorp report had shown 6,000 litres of Dew600 had been used last year (2011) on its Cape Foulwind farms, apparently targeting native insects, manuka beetle and porina moth.



Landcorp themselves seemed anxious to put a damper on the story, a spokesman claimed in the "Greymouth Star" newspaper "While we are very unhappy with the occurrence of a duck death following chemical treatment of a pasture, we strictly adhere to best practice protocols and take any adverse effects seriously." They will be continuing the practice. As far as I am aware, no other paper ran with the story.

## What is Dew600?

Diazinon, an organo – phosphate WHO class II pesticide, is the active ingredient of Dew600.

It was developed by Geigy in 1952 as a replacement for DDT. Initially the formulation had problems, but these were ironed out, and by 1970, the insecticide was in widespread use replacing the banned DDT. Its mode of action is similar to DDT, it can kill either by ingestion or contact, possibly even by inhalation. It is a PAN "bad actor" toxin, but because it is not as persistent as DDT, it is not classed among the "dirty dozen".

It is classed as a potential ground water contaminant and in the US was one of the most commonly detected insecticides and is found in both the Mississippi and Rio Grande. It is an extremely high acute risk to birds and is toxic to aquatic life, so much so that it was used illegally for poisoning fish for capture in Lake Victoria in East Africa.

In 2004, diazinon was banned for home garden use in the USA and in 2010 the EU passed regulations banning its use there which came into effect in 2011. Yet New Zealand's government owned farmer was quietly slipping along beneath the radar and would have continued doing so if they had not been caught out.

As Landcorp Farming has other West Coast farms it is reasonable to expect the same management practices are in widespread use as the leaked information claims, they just were not caught there and so they are staying "mum". Also, where a big player in the district uses something, there tends to be a "follow the leader" syndrome.

I suspect that what the "Greymouth Star" reported is just the tip of an iceberg, and it is not only on the West Coast; as I was putting this together, my eye wandered across an ad in one of the local Wairarapa papers offering helicopter services for porina moth spraying up here.

This is obviously what has been getting at the birds, and it is reasonable to suggest is an explanation for the disappearance for kiwi as well as many other birds.

The rivers though are not so clear cut, in a cause and effect situation, there is a cause, a toxin that is used in the third world at quite low concentrations for illegal fishing. A modified drainage pattern by humping and hollowing that ensures the toxin, a DDT substitute, is able to reach the river quickly and in reasonable concentrations. The application of large volumes of deadly toxin, at around four litres per hectare, spread from the air on the catchments. The effect, logically, is rivers devoid of fish and aquatic life.

Until we can establish a link, a fish found and autopsied, or a regime for water testing is put in place to confirm the presence of toxins, we have no proof.

A lot rides on the health of these rivers, both for native ecosystems and the public's sport fishery. There are both economic and tourism spinoffs for the region. In an issue like this, surely either Fish and Game or the Regional Council should be taking a lead in investigating what is going on here?

Bill Benfield  
Co-Chairman CORANZ

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# Vanuatu - island hopping

Hi to all Tautuku Fishing Club "Lure" readers,

Korena and I along with our two girls, Jessie 4.5 yrs and Andie 6.5yrs recently we assisted in the delivery of a Friend's 65 foot Askew Launch from Auckland to Vanuatu enjoying 25degree water and air temps!!

We cruised up through the Islands for 4 weeks from Anietyum Island to Efate Island visiting Villages and making great friends with the locals, Kids swam every day leaping off the boat and diving on coral reefs.

This 20kg Wahoo was caught Island Hopping between the Villages on Anietyum Island, it hit the tuna rig hard, we got it on board after it tired and we bled it straight away,



Back steaks of ½ the fish weighed 10kg and beautiful eating, we ended up trading the rest of the fish for baskets full of veges and fruit.....the Kids now love Pawpaw and Island grapefruit for breakfast.

Would love to make it an annual pilgrimage....just need to sell it to the boss!!

Tight Lines  
Peter McGrouther



fish to beat

Jock Stewart 1.095kg – Sarah Hutton.  
Blue Cod 2.450kg – Sarah Hutton.  
Winter Cup ( fishing July/August/September ) –  
Sarah Hutton Blue Cod 2.450kg.  
Ladies Cup – Sarah Hutton – Blue Cod 2.450kg





Hi Lure Readers,

Just back from a great week hunting rusa deer in New Caledonia and, as you can see, quite successful with it. The trip was full of adventure, which I'm sure you'll get to read about in due course. What you won't get to read about is my run in with the Gendarmerie upon attempting to leave French Colonial soil.

My carry on luggage was halted for a considerable period within the bowels of the airport scanner and then I was detained for some time while my flight was boarding and the police were called. I was then, under very serious and phlegmatic armed escort, marched into an examination room the size of a hedgehog's pantry.

Two rounds of 7mm ammo was found secreted in my hunting day pack and I was consequently put through the third and fourth degree as to the real reason I was armed and on French soil. It didn't help that my hunting guide, Colin Murray, was outside telling customs that I was an international arms smuggler but only on a small scale! My requests for a full body search from the tall, lithe policewoman with a sable complexion didn't appear to advance my case for leniency, so I switched to schoolboy French. This works well with the Frogs, who are arrogant as hell if you don't attempt to speak their lingo.

"Bonjour Mademoiselle, peux je lécher votre nez!" She drew her Glock!

I later learned I'd asked, "Good morning Miss, may I lick your nose!"

I was rescued by a nice chap from Air New Zealand. He knew a deadline was looming and I needed to get back to edit stories. If you have anything you might think is of interest, send it through this week. Failing that ... I now know this cute French chick who carries a loaded Glock!

Crimpy- Daryl Crimp  
Editor  
The Fishing Paper





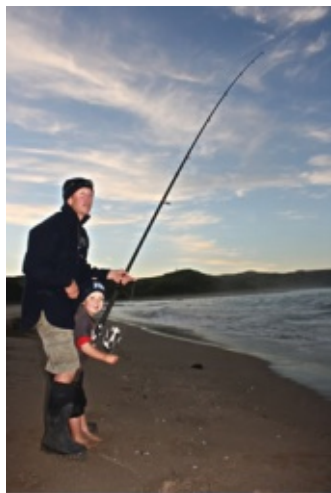
Dear All Tautuku Club Members,

3 August 2012

Overfishing and illegal dumping were highlighted on a TV3 documentary last night. Being a LegaSea contributor we thought you would appreciate this letter from Matt Watson encouraging you to do something to change this wasteful behaviour. We hope you are enthused by Matt's passion for LegaSea and the need to pass on abundant fisheries to our next generation of Kiwis.

## Open letter to all New Zealand from Matt Watson

Fishing is a huge part of New Zealand. When I make this statement I'm not referring to the statistic that over one million New Zealanders participate in fishing, it is much bigger than that. Nor am I referring to the multi-million dollar commercial and recreational fishing industries, it is much greater than these also.



It would be hard to find a Kiwi that has not eaten fish or seafood from our waters, swam in our seas, walked on our beaches or indeed shared the pleasure of casting a line. We are an island nation, and thus we are linked to the sea whether we choose to recognise this fact or not. So protecting the sea, the fish and our access to it, is vital to our culture and our national well-being, now and in the future.

By 'our national well-being', I mean the ability to harvest fresh seafood to feed our families. Not only does this food nourish our people, it gives a sense of purpose and satisfaction. I felt this for the first time as a six-year-old when I returned home from our local beach with a plastic bag half full of mussels. My feet stinging from oyster cuts I presented them proudly to my Mum and Dad. We had them for dinner that night, and I felt a tremendous sense of purpose.

To this day I love the simplicity of getting sea food for my family, no need to drive in traffic to an office, factory or worksite in order to earn money to buy food, it is from the sea to the table – it's a part of kiwi culture, and a part of our very beginnings.

While hosting an American TV producer and his wife here in New Zealand, I took them fishing. They each caught their first fish, and those fish became our dinner. As we ate with a group of friends, our American guest announced that he and his wife had experienced the greatest day of their lives, and said, "You Kiwi's have no idea how lucky you are". This made me realise what we have, and how much we take it for granted.

So imagine for a minute that we can no longer catch fish or harvest seafood. Imagine our children not having the same experiences and freedoms we have. Imagine the loss of our culture and national well-being. A growing population, overfishing, fish dumping, poor management, pollution and licensing all threaten fishing in New Zealand as we know it today.

"They will never let it happen!" This is the phrase I have heard from the time I was a boy, whenever there was a threat to our fishery.

Have you ever stopped to ask....? Who is "they" that will never let inadequate research and commercial quota increases go unchallenged? Who is 'they' who will fight against licensing for all recreational anglers? Who is 'they' that will work on sound fisheries research and management decisions?

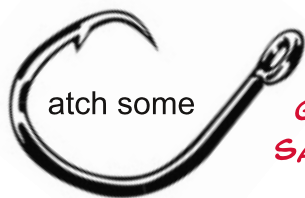
It is not the government, nor the politicians, nor the fishing company executives that will do all of these things to protect what's important to Kiwi's – It is us, we have to do it.

I have taken the time to get to understand the LegaSea cause and get to know the hard working people behind it, and I welcome you to do the same. But if you would like to take my word for it, I would tell you this....It is my sworn belief that LegaSea is the best chance we have of overcoming the threats to fishing in New Zealand, and if we all contribute a little I believe we have a bright future.

Now imagine being the generation of Kiwis that passes on to our children the legacy of more fish in the water.

To find out more and contribute to LegaSea visit [www.legasea.co.nz](http://www.legasea.co.nz) or call 0800 LEGASEA today.

Regards,  
Matt Watson



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