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New year, new marine reserves

Conservation Minister Nick Smith's New Years' resolution is to establish a record number of new marine reserves in 2014. According to the NZ Herald (9 January), he's aiming to sign off on eight new marine reserves this year and the Otago/Southland coastline is firmly within his sights. The Minister is setting up a 14 member stakeholder group – the Otago Marine Protection Planning Forum – to consult the public and recommend suitable locations for marine protected areas (MPAs) on the coast between Timaru and Waipapa Point.

This is not something that recreational fishers can afford to be complacent about. Although recreational fishers will most likely be represented on the Forum – together with tangata whenua, commercial fishing, conservation groups, tourism, aquaculture, marine science, mining industries, local government and communities – experience suggests that the MPA planning process will be arduous and controversial and that at the end of it all, current public fishing opportunities will definitely be lost. Continued page 3..



President's CORNER

Hi,

2014 is underway and what a year this will be!

Sporting enjoyment will be following the Winter Games – Russia, Commonwealth Games – Scotland, FIFA World Cup – Brazil and our New Zealand Sporting activities : NZ Masters Games (February), NZSFC Fishing Nationals (February), Otago Salmon Anglers Competition here in Salmon City (1st/2nd March) plus many more Club Fishing Competitions throughout the 2014 Year. Due to unfavourable sea/weather conditions; the 'Read Marine' Cod Hunt had to be postponed. This event is now a week long competition from Sunday 9th March to Sunday 16th March 2014. Open to all fishers; but the boat or team must have a Club member in the competing team. Pick your day to fish & weigh; and then attend the Final Day to gain your prize plus attend the 'Lucky crew/boat draw' at the final weigh-in. Details in this LURE issue. Reminder for your diaries is the Terry Corbett Trophy – 'Most Species' for the 30th March.

Being NZ General Election year; Politician's from all parties, are about to 'offer the world' to the 1.2 million fishers of New Zealand. Janette Walker, Labours Kaikoura candidate, has indicated to the 'Coalition of the Combined Clubs of Wellington', that she will meet with her Labour Officials to formulate a 'blue cod strategic plan', as part of their party policy. United Party are about to launch a Plan/Policy for NZ Recreational Fishers next Month – this Political Party have a number of decision makers & candidates that are 'movers and shakers' in the Fishing World. All I say, is watch this space and

make sure you read 'between the lines' before making your decision! "Our Fishing Future", depends on this years General Election results.

We are putting in place, the start of our Historic Club Building restorations. Club Members will sight the scaffolding on the rear of the club building soon, and then scaffolding of the main building in April. Builders, Stone Masons and Painters will soon start the needed restoration process. Ron Johnston & Michael Todd will soon have a lighting system completed at the main gates – no need to turn the car around of an evening, when 'locking' the gates.

Salmon are running!! Number of catches reported from the Harbour and city wharves. The Leith Salmon Trap is erected – we await the next 'breeding stocks'! It's ALL GO!

Have a Great 2014 Year – take care on the water and reap the benefits of our special fishing resources.

Cheers, Brett



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Here are some things you may not know about the MPA planning process that is heading our way:

- The planning process will create not just a single marine reserve, but a network of multiple MPAs along the Otago and Southland coast;
- Potentially, 44 different marine habitat types will need to be protected in MPAs (but this doesn't necessarily require 44 separate MPAs);
- Most of these MPAs will be marine reserves in which all fishing is outlawed, including recreational, commercial and customary fishing;
- The rest of the network will be comprised of areas in which bottom-impacting fishing methods are prohibited by fisheries regulations. In practice, this mainly affects commercial fishing but recreational scallop dredging will also be banned;
- Even MPAs that only close areas to commercial fishing can affect recreational fishing, as commercial fishing effort will be displaced leading to increased conflict with recreational users;
- Marine reserves don't create more fish – instead they remove fishable areas, displacing fishing effort into the few remaining open areas. This generally means more people competing to catch fewer fish, and can ultimately result in fisheries catch limits being reduced.

The Otago MPA planning process is scheduled to take 18 months, and will include a period of public consultation. Two things that can help minimise the loss of fishing opportunities for recreational fishers are information and constructive relationships with other stakeholders. Information on what you catch and where you catch it can be used to mount an argument that the costs of an MPA proposal in terms of lost fishing opportunity are too high. Alliances with other stakeholders, especially commercial and customary fishers, can lend helpful support during public consultation and within the MPA Planning Forum.

For those that are interested, more information about the MPA planning process can be found on the DOC website here: <http://www.doc.govt.nz/otagomarineforum>. An independently produced User Guide to MPA Planning designed for all Otago fishing sectors is also available on request from Brett Bensemman.

our “Kiwi” life!

By Aaron Shields - Vice President, Our Fishing Future Inc.

It's the time of year when the boat finally gets used and breakfast, lunch and dinner are cooked on the BBQ.

We all know nothing tastes sweeter on the barbie for fisherman than their own catch, which is something that needs protecting – but who's job is that? Who represents recreational marine users when change occurs? Well that is the very reason Our Fishing Future Inc was established as the way forward for a holistic national body; to enhance and protect the interests of the massive proportion of Kiwis who fish.



Many of the fishing population will be participating in the coming weeks in what may be their only fishing excursions of the year. Others will be nervously watching the sea everyday for the right conditions to get the boat or their line in the water and naturally when we have a bit of time off we do what we love. The ability to go fishing spontaneously is an enormous privilege that we have been known to take for granted in this country. When I think about this privilege, it is the spontaneous element that I believe is the most valuable part. Whenever we want, we can take to the sea.

Whenever.

That is a freedom we cannot quantify.

We can't put a dollar value on it.

Our Fishing Future is to here to communicate that message to all New Zealanders. The process of building long term working relationships with all the stake holders who use one our most valuable resources, including Government, Iwi, Science, Commercial, Tourism and many more has begun. Our mandate is to collaboratively arrive at solutions that are reasonable for all who use the resource. It's quite simple really. Nothing antagonistic. Nothing confrontational. Just intelligent input into decision making that will affect us all. The collective power of anglers could have a voice unrivalled in size nationwide. Our Fishing Future sees this as a realistic and attainable outcome within the next few years and will work tirelessly to make this happen.

New Zealand needs to begin a conversation about how much their right to fish means to them- especially over the summer. As well as what recreational anglers need in a representative body for future generations. At the end of the day the right to fish won't eventually be the problem, it will be the cost of going fishing to catch snapper or cod or Paua or whatever your targeted species may be.

We have a resource that, relative to other countries, is extraordinarily abundant. Unfortunately the trend is in the wrong direction with less fish and more fisherman increasing pressure on fish stocks. We need to come together and decide what we are going to do to ensure it remains sustainable in future. So lets start small, what are you prepared to do for what you love? Are you prepared to become a member of Our Fishing Future at no cost to you other than the time it takes to sign up? Are you prepared to offer your thoughts on what the future of fishing should look like in NZ? Are

NZ? Are you prepared to offer services and expertise in getting this organization into the mainstream nationwide?

That's a question you ask yourself but before you do, know that there are already people who are getting on board, that have taken the first step and can see the vision we are working towards. Your support is needed. Remember your best interests are also ours.

The time for fisherman to come together is upon us. To join the movement go to: <http://ourfishingfuture.co.nz>

Fergus Memorial Christmas Classic Results

This fishing competition was held from Monday 23rd December 2013 to Sunday 5th January 2014

Heaviest Fish

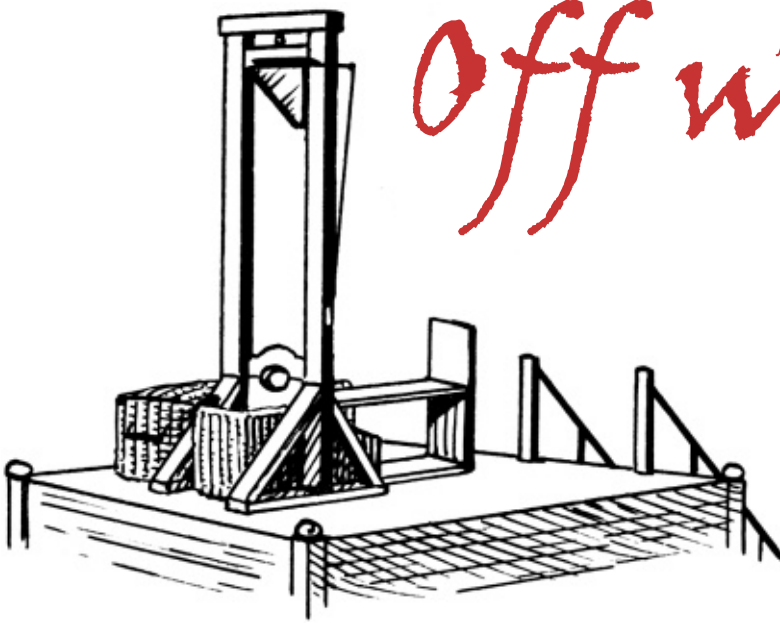
\$100 Cash Prize, Allen Hurrell – Blue Cod 3.995 kg PLUS a meal voucher from Mitchell's Tavern. PLUS: Receive the Fergus Mathieson Cup & miniature @ Club Prize Giving.

Additional Results

\$50 Cash : For following heaviest fish species: Blue Cod: 3.995 kg – Allen Hurrell , Jock Stewart: 1.255 kg Murray Muir, Coutta: 2.160 kg Nathan Pitcher.

\$50 Cash Prize : Heaviest fish weighed in by a Lady – Sarah Hutton – Blue Cod 2.170 kg.





Off with their heads!

Fish and Game are calling for the heads of all salmon caught anywhere on the Lower Clutha River from the Roxburgh Dam to the mouth, and including the Pomahaka River. The collection will assist with ongoing monitoring of the population and assessment of salmon enhancement efforts.

Salmon heads are needed so that the ear bones, or otoliths, can be recovered. The otoliths have rings like a tree which are used to determine age. With further microchemistry analysis in the lab otoliths can also act as a fish passport – revealing where a salmon has been, when, and how long they spent there. This is because the concentration of elements and isotopes in the otoliths reflects the different concentrations found in different waters in which the fish lives throughout its life cycle.

The results can provide important information on the life history characteristics and movement patterns of the population. Natal origin can be determined, not only telling us whether the salmon was produced in a hatchery or the wild, but also where in the catchment the wild salmon were spawned, as well as providing insight into how salmon are using different habitats during each life stage. It will also help identify important areas of natural production to direct habitat protection and enhancement work.

Anglers in the Roxburgh area can drop heads off at the in the marked chilly bin at 3727 Fruitlands-Roxburgh Road. For alternative collection details please contact Helen Keeling at the Dunedin Fish & Game Office.

(03) 477 9076
otago@fish-game.org.nz

Fun @ Our Door!

A 11 pound Salmon caught by Sam Gowing on Sunday 19th January from our City Harbour. Sam reports of various other catches on the day also.

Salmon City is coming alive !



Otago/ Southland Paua commercial closures remain in place

In March last year the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) notified a proposed regulatory change which could have allowed commercial shellfish harvesting along some of the Otago and Southland coastline in areas it had previously been prohibited.

These original commercial harvest restrictions pre-dated the introduction of the Quota Management System (QMS) and had been put in place to address food safety issues around localised areas of high pollution sources such as the Mataura river mouth, Invercargill estuary entrance, the Ocean Beach meat works and Bluff sewage outfall and of course the Otago Peninsula. Ongoing recreational fishing was allowed as was Maori customary take.

The southern paua fishing industry had made the request for an easing of the restriction as, firstly we understood that the original reasons for the closures no longer applied but secondly and more importantly, we were seeking a way to reduce the impact on the fishery of the loss of some important fishing areas after the declaration of three mataitai closures. Having agreed with the Ministry of Fisheries to a 40% reduction in the allowable commercial catch some years previously to rebuild what was then a declining fishery, we considered that the commercial catch that has been displaced from the mataitai closures in recent years was slowing the return to full health of the fishery. We saw the lifting of the access restrictions in a few parts of the closed area as a way of helping lift the rate of stock rebuild for the good of the fishery.

However, as it turned out recreational and customary fishers who caught paua in these areas disagreed with the proposal. Strongly and vociferously! Within a couple



of days of the start of consultation the story was front page news and for the next couple of months a noisy and well organised opposition campaign rolled out, resulting in a large number of submissions to MPI on the issue. When the time came for the Minister, Nathan Guy, to make a decision he took into account the high level of interest and requested that all affected parties get around the table and either try to reach a compromise, or to at least reach a consensus on the relative importance of these areas to non commercial fishers. MPI officials were instructed by him to facilitate a series of meetings to try and achieve these aims.

The result was a series of three meetings. Two were held in Dunedin and the third hosted by the Otakau marae. An independent facilitator, Billy Brough, was appointed to keep things on track. Attendees included representatives of runaka and Iwi from the areas being looked at, Southland and Otago recreational fishing representatives, commercial fishing representatives and of course Ministry officials.

The discussions were wide ranging and for the most part pretty amicable. Everyone had the opportunity to put their point of view, and while the advocacy became a bit pointed at times I am sure most would agree that everyone got a fair and considered hearing.

For our part the commercial divers put forward several revised proposals after taking into account feedback from recreational and customary fishers, a couple of which were considerable reductions in the area to be applied for. However, while one proposal gained some limited support overall none received universal support and so we all agreed to disagree. Recreational and customary representatives produced more information concerning the importance of these areas as paua

fishing grounds to locals and there was general acceptance that the areas did rank highly for the communities close by.

Ministry officials then reviewed the information provided by the meeting attendees and produced an advice paper to their Minister, who in turn opted for status quo. Meaning no change to the existing regulations.

For the paua industry, while the decision was not what was had hoped for, we understand it is the Minister's job to balance sometimes competing interests as part of managing these shared inshore fisheries, and we accepted it.

Something to take out of all this for us is that we probably all need to talk to each other a lot more, recreational, customary and commercial fishers. The

good thing that came out of this was the fact that once the interested parties finally got to meet it was clear that we had much in common, but particularly an understanding that without a healthy fishery we would all be the poorer.

Next up? We are now looking hard at the possible implications for the Paua5D fishery of the upcoming Otago Marine Protected Areas Forum, and its likely lead in to loss of coastal fishing access to Marine Reserves. More on that later in this newsletter.

Cheers and successful fishing
Storm Stanley,

Chair Pauamac5

Good end to the year of 2013!

Well a great way to end 2013, after three days of fishing in Jackson Bay; south of Haast I informed my patient partner, that I had a feeling that the canals in central should be fishing well as it was calm and had stopped raining.

“Three days straight and you still haven't had enough”! No.

Off I went, and after an hours drive I was stalking trout. It's all a bit surreal now, but within literally minutes, I had spotted a sub, it was clearly feeding. A short cast with a small brown nymph did the job. Fooled you, and it was off. Two huge runs deep into the backing.

I tried to stay calm, and remain hidden from the fish. It didn't know where I was, and it was wearing its self out.

I barely put any pressure on it, until I was happy it had done its big sprints. Then I gave it as much as I dared on the 7 lb line, the six weight was at full tip too.

The first 5 minutes was chaos but after that, the fish

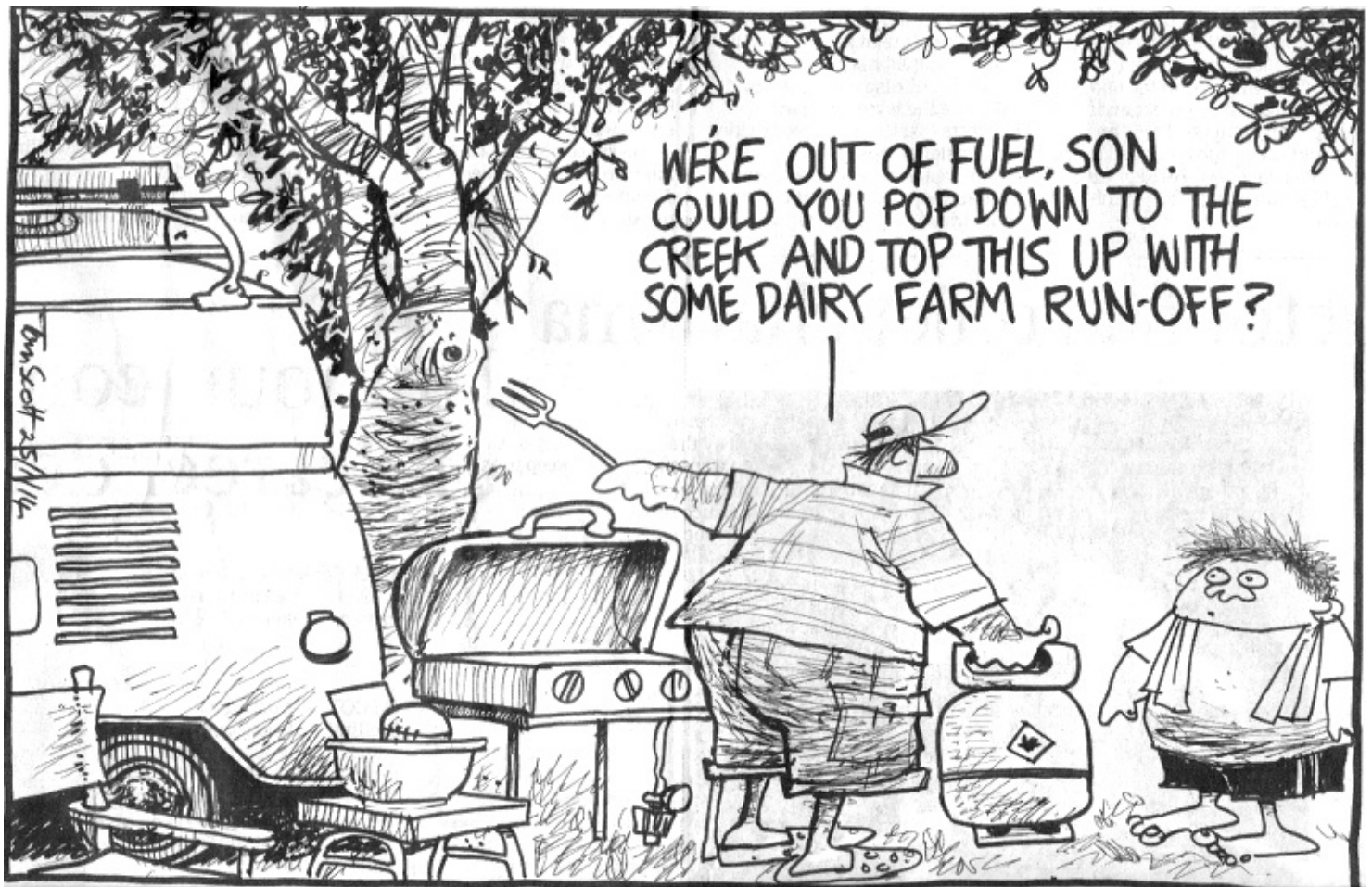


was playing nice and just going up and down the bank - a bit like taking a naughty dog for a walk!

40 minutes after I hooked it; it started to roll, my dream of landing a 20 + trout on the fly rod came true.

23 lbs Jack Brown. The wife is going to love that on the wall!!!!!!

James Edwards



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MP welcomes decision on paua harvesting

National Member of Parliament Michael Woodhouse has welcomed today's decision by Minister for Primary Industries Nathan Guy to maintain the status-quo for the paua fishery in Otago and Southland.

The Minister was asked to consider a change to the current restrictions on commercial paua harvesting in recreational areas, the contemplation of which has caused considerable anxiety amongst recreational fishers in Otago and Southland.

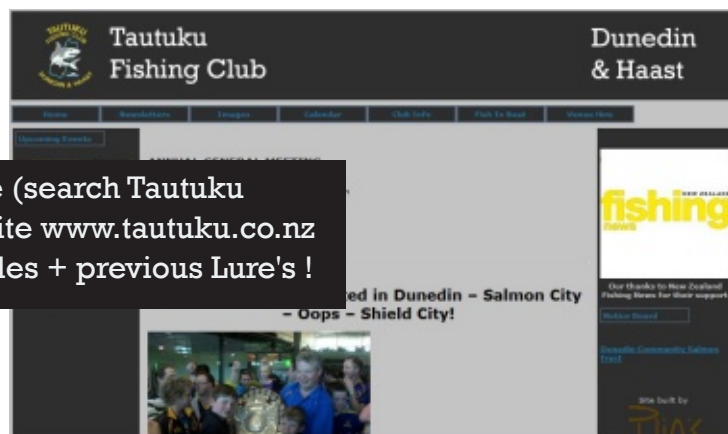
"I have been in regular liaison with recreational paua harvesters and in particular the 'Paua to the People' Organisation. This has caused a considerable amount of anxiety and I acknowledge the very careful considerations being given by the Minister in respect of the decision," said Mr Woodhouse.

"While the decision might be a disappointment to the commercial quota

holders, I am convinced that it was the right one in the circumstances, and given the amount of information available. I congratulate the Minister on listening carefully and making what I believe is the right decision," he said.

"One good thing to come from the discussions over the past year or so has been the forming of new relationships that previously had not existed between MPI, the commercial quota holders and the recreational fishery. I believe a much better understanding about the nature of the recreational fishery in the South has been developed through this process, and this will stand us in good stead as we continue to work towards the common goal of ensuring a sustainable fishery into the future that will be accessible to our children and grandchildren," said Mr Woodhouse.

Michael Woodhouse, Dunedin MP
Minister of Immigration / Minister of Veterans' Affairs / Associate Minister of Transport.



Another Salmon Release into our City Leith

Over 32,500 Salmon Smolt weighing on average of 46.30g were released into the Waters of the Leith on 10/01/14.
All in Great condition.

Thanks to the Clearwater Salmon Hatchery & the Dunedin Community Salmon Trust Inc.

This gives in total 81,500 smolt released in the Months of December & January. "12,000 (ex Sawyers Bay Salmon Hatchery), 37,000 & 32,500 (ex Clearwater Hatchery)".

Wow – more to come from the Sawyers Bay Hatchery in the next few Months – this will complete the largest release totals for a season into Dunedin Harbour waters, ever!!!



Victor Edwards with his first 'sea run' salmon.

Current Lines 23rd January 2014

You're out trolling the 1000m line when all of a sudden you see a swirl behind the closest lure, what song would you most likely want to be listening too? The answer is at the bottom of the newsletter.

The fishing has been nothing if not patchy when it starts to look promising it all turns to custard. Following is a brief glimpse of starts, and little following afterwards.

7th January - the vessel Shiraz with angler Bridget Thompson came to the weighstation with a beast of a blue marlin weighing 293.8 kg caught on 37 kg line and weighed at Whangaroa. Will this be the biggest Blue Marlin of the season?

10th January - from the BOI the launch Endeavour came in with a tropical trifecta. Angler Jeff Douglass landed a 212.2 kg blue marlin with a couple of yellowfin and a decent early mahimahi on board as well.

During the Northern Junior Interclub 2014 tournament BOISC vessel Odyssey, with 8 ½ year old smallfry angler Hunter Scott, caught the fish of the weekend. Hunter caught a black marlin weighing 250.8 kg on 37 kg line.

Also from the BOISC Junior Interclub event the vessel Double Strike went out with 6 year old Charlie Cameron and caught a 75 kg striped marlin on 15 kg line.

Tairua – Pauanui Sports Fishing Club got to report their first striped marlin of the season caught from the launch RADAR. It weighed 142.2 kg.

11th January caught out from Whitianga, angler Kathy McDowell on the launch Catalina came to the weighstation with their first blue marlin of the season weighing an impressive 233.3 kg.

12th January at Tutukaka a blue marlin was called in and an even better striped marlin was weighed for Ben Padden fishing on the vessel Outsider. It was caught on 24 kg line. The stripey went to scale weighing 159.2 kg.

15th January whilst fishing from the family trailer boat B-Caus young Andrew Randrup weighed another impressive blue marlin weighing in at 236 kg caught on 37 kg stand-up tackle.

15th January after a quick phone call from Tauranga Sport Fishing Club I had to do some digging on the internet and found the following; a possible club record kingfish was caught days before a return trip back to England by lady angler Tracey Lydiard whilst on holiday. Tracey caught the 40.2 kg kingfish measuring 145 cm long in the Tauranga harbour on 24 kg line fishing from the tinny WAHOO II.

19th January Tutukaka charter boat "GPS" tagged one and weighed one out of a treble strike of shortbill spearfish.

Weighed at Huia from a Manukau Sport Fishing Club member's trailer boat "Purple Haze" lady angler Vanessa went fishing somewhere north of the Manukau Bar in a depth of 130 odd meters and caught a 168.5 kg striped marlin on an 8 inch fruit salad lure. If only Tracey was a member of the club before she caught this magnificent marlin. Since the 1956–57 season, 10 striped marlin that won the "Lord Norrie Gold Cup" weighed less than this fish.

The NZSFC Nationals to be fished this year from 15th – 22nd February where mate competes against mate, team competes against team, and clubs compete against all others for national glory, bragging rights and possible New Zealand and World line class records. The Tournament will be held throughout New Zealand's many affiliated clubs from Invercargill in the south, Houhora in the north, Waihou Bay to the east and the mighty western clubs from the Hokianga through past the Manukau down to Taranaki. This is all fine and dandy if your club has remembered to pay their affiliation fees due on the 31st December 2013. If they have not been paid before you enter the Nationals your fish will not be entered into the results schedule. **SO RING YOUR CLUB SECRETARY AND MAKE SURE!**



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Restrictions on commercial paua harvesting around Otago & Southland to remain

Primary Industries Minister Nathan Guy has announced today.

“I’ve taken a precautionary approach and made the decision to retain the closures to commercial fishers. It’s clear these areas are greatly valued by recreational and customary fishers,” says Mr Guy.

The decision comes after Ministry for Primary Industries officials held extensive discussions with local iwi and recreational and commercial fishers.

“Following earlier consultation I decided that customary, recreational and commercial fishers should be given the opportunity to engage and reach agreement on any changes to the closed areas.

“I’m told there was a lot of goodwill and patience at the three cross sector meetings. They all came to the table and were fully engaged.

“Although no consensus was reached, they took the time to put their views and evidence forward. I want to thank everyone who took part in this process.

“One of the great things about living in New Zealand is that it is relatively easy to gather paua. These closed areas are popular with recreational fishers and are easily accessible.”

The paua industry had requested that some of the areas closed to commercial paua fishing in Otago and Southland be reopened as the original reasons for the restrictions are now redundant and are no longer required for food safety reasons.

Hon Nathan Guy.

Minister for Primary Industries | Minister for Racing | MP for Otaki.



Paua to the People – through my eyes

In March 2013, the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) published a proposal to allow commercial paua harvesting in areas from which it has been historically prohibited. This proposal made the ludicrous suggestion that these areas were of only limited value and importance to recreational and customary interests.

A few Tomahawk locals found out about the proposal and worked to publicise the issue, to this end they organised a public meeting for those interested in finding out more. At this public meeting, the various parties keen to oppose this proposal were brought together under the Paua to the People umbrella. The movement had started to grow.

The next few weeks saw a maelstrom of activity to spread awareness of this proposal and to mobilise people to make their feelings on the matter known via submissions to the Ministry. Information meetings and hui (in Bluff, Invercargill, Tokanui, Kaka Point, and Dunedin); publicity and media; writing press releases; conducting research; reading; hours on the phone; initiating formal information transfer with MPI; more meetings; beer; not much free time to go fishing....



We were working to a short deadline. Although there had been very little (if any) publicity on this issue until we got involved, and despite numerous requests to extend the deadline for submissions, we only had until April 19th to get submissions to the Ministry.

Support for the movement grew rapidly and came from all sectors of society, and from across the political spectrum.

By the time the deadline was reached, 2740 submissions had been received on this issue. The vast majority (well over 99%) supported the retention of the status quo and the continued exclusion of commercial paua harvest from these closed areas. Submissions in support of keeping the status quo were received from individual divers, from local body politicians, from city councils, from local hapu, from diving and fishing clubs, and from a vast array of other organisations and individuals. Submissions thoroughly described the high recreational and

and cultural value and importance and value of the paua populations in these areas - healthy and strong paua populations that had been protected from the pillaging of commercial harvest.

The Ministry was provided with mountains of evidence that these areas were highly valued and important to the customary and recreational sectors, and that allowing commercial paua harvest in these areas would have huge negative impacts on these sectors. Somehow, even in the face of all this evidence, the Ministry chose not to recommend that the areas remain closed, instead making the unfathomable recommendation that the Minister defer his “decision until stakeholders have an opportunity to present an agreed plan to you later this year.”

Over the next few months, core Paua to the People crew continued to volunteer immense amounts of time to protecting this community treasure. MPI convened stakeholder meetings were attended, media were kept briefed, information requests to the Ministry continued. The longer the process continued, the more information came to light supporting our position.

In the leadup to xmas 2013, we were wondering if a decision was ever going to be made. We had been told that a decision would be made in June, in July, in October,

It was with a huge sigh of relief that we were advised in December that the Minister had decided “to retain the closures to commercial fishers.” stating that “It’s clear these areas are greatly valued by recreational and customary fishers “

It is frightening to think that, in the sage words of one of the Paua to the People crew, 'if it wasn't for Rhyse working his arse off to get this issue publicised back in March, and then a bunch of people giving up our valued free time to work on this issue, then it's likely that these areas would have been silently opened to commercial paua fishing, and the recreational paua fishery in these areas would have been quietly and irreparably destroyed'

To everyone who gave up their free time to protect this southern taonga, who took the time to write a submission on this issue, to everyone who spread the word, to everyone who got involved in any way. Give yourself a pat on the back. We won.

But it goes to show ya that we need to keep our eyes open.

Cheers.
Dave Hodson.



Critters from the swamp

The Humble Perch

These pretty little fish were liberated to nearly every water in Otago in the 1890's by the Acclimatisation Society and have persisted ever since without specific management. Perch are ideally suited to Otago's lowland waterways and wetlands as they prefer slow moving or still water so have subsequently thrived.

Just why Perch are so underrated by anglers is peculiar, especially when they are regarded so highly overseas – especially as table fare. It may be the ill founded perception that they are bony critters or it could be that with such great trout fisheries in Otago, no one really needs to target perch to find sport.

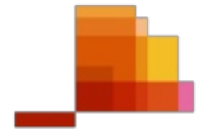
Perch are not difficult to catch making them an ideal species for novice or junior anglers. Young fish (up to about 20cm) tend to school, so where you catch one, there will often be more hanging around. Once they grow larger than this, they become more solitary in habit. They are most active during summer and like other fishing, morning or evening is the most productive. They will take just about any lure, although from experience the 'jigging' or 'jighead' type lures work best, especially in red or yellow. The more action the better making jigging a lethal method. Use a slow retrieve to fish close to the bottom. Lift the rod tip regularly to cause the lure to swim or 'jig' in an irregular up and down path. Do the same when trolling in the channels.

Perch are delicious to eat, rivalling any trout in taste. Despite their appearance they are easy to fillet and even a small one will yield a surprising amount of white coloured flesh. The texture is firm and it holds together nicely in the pan. The small to average sized fish are the best eating, and as there is no size or bag limit you can really fill up on them.

NB: A sportsfishing licence is required to catch Perch.



Photo: Fish & Game Operations Manager
Ian Hadland with a Lake Waiholo Perch



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 Groper – 6.995 kg Jack Todd
 Jock Stewart – 1.255 kg Murray Muir
 Ladies Trophy – 2.505 kg Blue Cod Cate Bardwell
 Junior Blue Cod – 2.335 kg Jorja Hutton
 Junior Trophy – 6.995 kg Groper Jack Todd
 Fergus Mathieson Memorial Cup – 3.995 kg Blue Cod Allen Hurrell

Skippers points non game fish are;

Nathan Pitcher	3 points
Allen Hurrell	2 points
Mike Todd	1 point
Rakesh Pandey	1 point
Grant Hutton	1 point

Provisional points;

Grant Hutton	2 points
Nathan Pitcher	2 points
Mike Todd	2 points
Rakesh Pandey	1 point





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Read Marine Blue Cod Hunt

Sunday 9th March – Sunday 16th March 2014.

1 entry per boat/crew.

Your 3 heaviest blue cod 'gutted' to be weighed on your fishing day.

Final day of weighing (16th March) no later than 6.30pm.

We have decided to open the competition to non club members providing at least one fully paid up member from the Tautuku Fishing Club is on board.

Latham from Read Marine has really come to the party with competition prizes.

1 st prize \$250.00 cash.

3rd prize \$100 cash.

4th prize \$50 cash.

Read Marine are adding a number of other prizes for the crew/boat entries.

\$100 Lucky Boat Draw after final weighin – Sunday 16th March 2014.

(You must be @ the Club to win)!

ALSO: Ladies Competition during the week of Competition. Heaviest Fish & Heaviest Blue Cod PRIZES. Junior Prizes apply also.

Please Register with Murray Muir 03-4558808 ASAP; no later than Saturday 8th March 9pm. If Murray Muir is not home – please leave a message & your phone number, so contact can be made.



VOTE FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION

It's both entertaining and gratifying that our politicians are all jockeying for the high ground in respect of winning the outdoor recreation vote.

Whether it's National's Bluegreens "environomy", NZ First wading into the SNA1 debate, United Future's outdoor central policy plank or the Green party's Clean Rivers Campaign, suddenly the outdoors seems to matter to everyone. Here at Federation Towers many of us have seen and heard this many times before and will sit, watch and take bets on who will be the first politician to pop up on TV wearing a Swandri and holding a fishing rod (albeit by the pointy end no doubt).

Not to be outdone we at the Federation have published our manifesto which will be winging its way to all political parties as the election hots up. Here it is; (in this LURE issue on the following pages), and we hope you agree with at least most of it!

Our Fishing Future and the SNA1 & PAU5 issues
NZSFC/Legasea and the SNA1 recreational quota
Green Campaign on rivers
National PS on FW
Peter Dunne RMA
NZ First on public access
Labour

How increasingly important we recreational fishers, fresh and salt water are becoming and it is behooven to us all to exercise and push this to the limits.

David Haynes
President
New Zealand Federation of Freshwater Anglers
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NEW ZEALAND FEDERATION OF FRESHWATER ANGLERS

TWELVE POINT MANIFESTO

1. Keep Fresh Water Fresh

Freshwater is our greatest renewable natural resource – without it there is no life, but it under increasing threat from intensive agriculture, industry, electricity generators and other water intensive businesses which threaten the sustainability of our water bodies. De-watering of the Selwyn River (Canterbury) Lake Taupo pollution, the degradation of Lake Rotorua and Lake Rotoiti (North Island), Manawatu and Tukituki Rivers are but few examples. The roles and rights of recreational users to fresh water must be protected and its protection and management enhanced.

2. Retain Public Ownership and Control of River and Lake Beds

All freshwater waterways, including their beds and margins, should belong to the Crown for the perpetual benefit, interest and enjoyment of the New Zealand public. The management of all freshwater within New Zealand to be vested in public hands. Prohibit, via legislation, private ownership, sale or trading of freshwater or the rights to use such water i.e. Tradeable water rights.

3. Tighter Controls on Intensive Land Use

Stock and exotic forestry cause major damage to the quality of habitats in lakes, streams and rivers. Central and local governments should work together to set, impose and monitor limits on farm intensification (e.g. stocking and planting densities), fertiliser use and oblige the user of the land to undertake reparations for any damage to land and adjacent waterways or failure to meet those limits.

4. Recognition of Freshwater Values

Give greater recognition and protection to the public values of natural waterways e.g. Their ecological, environmental, scenic, wilderness or recreational values. These values should have primacy when assessing proposals to dam, divert, abstract, append, change or in any way modify the flow, quality or characteristics of that waterway.

5. Riparian Enhancement and Nutrient Management

Central and regional Government policies and programmes should require fenced vegetation buffers along water margins where the adjacent land is farmed intensively and all pollution sources should require nutrient management plans which prevent nutrification of waterways.

6. Sustainable Public Management - Freshwater Sports Fisheries

Fisheries research has shown salmonids (trout and salmon) to be the most sensitive fish species in New Zealand rivers to water quality i.e. They are the first to suffer from pollution, low flows and increased temperatures – effectively they are 'the canaries of the waterways'. As protection of trout and salmon habitat is a requirement of the RMA, regional councils should be required to report sports fish quantities and qualities in waters within their jurisdiction, as an indicator of their effectiveness when discharging their environmental management obligations.

7. Prohibit Import, Sale or Liberation of Certain Fish

Introduce legislation to make it a criminal offence to import, sell, possess or liberate any species, for either commercial or recreational reasons, which may threaten New Zealand freshwater sports fish, their habitat and environment. This includes pest species, such as carp and genetically modified fish.

8. Criminal Offence to Import, Farm or Sell Trout

The current prohibition of the sale of trout flesh is the single biggest protection our trout fishery has against poaching and introduced disease. All trout to be "recreational fish only" and not to be farmed other than to stock recreational fisheries.

9. Retain User Control of Fisheries

NZFFA strongly supports the 130 plus year old Fish and Game user management democratic model for trout, salmon and introduced game birds, along with DoC's management of the Taupo fisheries region. Fish and Game Councils should remain licence holder elected/appointed, (i.e. The sport remains user controlled) with no Government or race-based appointees. Fish and Game's powers to be extended to allow it full control over licence categories (such as overseas or guides licences) and licence fees.

10. Retain Equal Recreational Fishing Access Rights for all New Zealanders

The rights of all New Zealanders to participate in New Zealand's sports fisheries shall be equal under all laws and regulations governing such fisheries. The "exclusive capture" of access to and participation in any freshwater fisheries by commercial interests must be made illegal by amendment of Section 26ZN of the Conservation Law Reform Act.

11. Extend Wilderness River Zones

Create "helicopter -free" zones on selected wilderness rivers to protect the quality of fishing and access by Kiwis, to be administered by Fish and Game NZ.

12. Re-Assert the RMA 1991

Repeal law under current Bill that would allow the minister to fast track over RMA, Water Conservation Orders or regional plans. Revoke EPA "fast track" process for same reasons.



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