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Introducing Trish Rea NZSFC Fisheries Management

Gurnard fishing in our clinker dinghy on the Manukau Harbour is one of my favourite winter activities. An early start on a crispy morning, with ice in the bin and a flask of tea is a great way to recharge the body and mind.

Aside from being a gurnard haven, the Manukau has a rich history and is surrounded by small communities of people who treasure their access to the sea. These folk range from sustenance fishers looking to put food on the table, to others who have the wherewithal to get over the bar and hunt game fish in the Tasman.

When I am working on responding to fisheries management proposals for the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council, or with the LegaSea team, these are the people I think of. They are my neighbours, my friends and family. My name is Trish Rea, I am a westie (I live in west Auckland) and this is a brief description of what I do.

For a decade I was part of the option4 team. Continued page 3...



President's CORNER

Hi,

Fishers throughout New Zealand are battling for recreational rights to our country fisheries – our Kiwi birth right and heritage to our waterways, lakes and ocean are under threat – this makes for a unique lifestyle. It's this 'Kiwi Lifestyle' that we as Fishers of our land and sea, must fight for – not only for present fishing activities, but for future fishing generations.

It was previously believed that the people of New Zealand had the first right to our fishery, along with Iwi customary rights; with commercial interests third in line. Not So! As our recreational fishing rights are being 'carved-up' for commercial fishing gains. By 'trading off' recreational fishing rights to commercial operators, it's obvious that commercial fishers are not fishing in a sustainable manner.

Our Club supports our Eastern North Island fishing friends, Clubs and families with their battle to save the Snapper recreational individual bag limit. The New Zealand Fishers saved the Marlin from the 'Quota Management System' – so let's hope common sense prevails here with this Snapper Issue.

Our 'home battle' for our Paua recreational rights are continuing with separate meetings with the Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) and Hon Michael Woodhouse. The MPI stated: "The stocks appears to be rebuilding towards its management target, although there is uncertainty about the level of the stock and the rate of rebuild" – quote from the MPI's slide presentation.

This strengthens my previous concerns, that there is NOT enough evidence/scientific data to show that no detrimental effects will occur on these Paua areas, if commercial operators take control.

The onus is not on the recreational fishers, but the MPI for more data. If commercial Paua areas are under stress; why open up the Paua nurseries/recreational areas? Perhaps better farming practices should be encouraged and implemented in the existing commercial areas! Or as a Club Member suggested – Open up the Southern Auckland Islands, Campbell Islands and Bounty Islands for Commercial Paua Operators!!! Of the 22 submissions that MPI received in favour of opening up the closed areas; not one of them argued – that opening these PAU 5D areas wouldn't have a negative impact on non-commercial paua fishers. We must remember that this Paua Issue/proposal was from an Industry proposal, rather than a request from a political party. It's Great that all peoples of the Paua movement, that have various different

political beliefs, are coming together to protect our southern paua resource.

With evidence to-date a strong recommendation to the Minister that status quo be retained and commercial prohibitions remain in place. Our shoreline ecosystems will be affected, with opening up these paua areas. It's our Community Treasure – Let's keep it that way! I have said many times that our Dunedin, Otago coastline, harbour, estuaries, rivers and lagoons are unique New Zealand areas for Albatross, Yellow-eyed & Blue penguins, NZ Sea Lions, Whales, Dolphins, Salmon, interior areas home to various native bird life, deer & pig hunting, trout, abundance of sea fish – let's not 'stuff this up' by changing the present ecosystem that all these creatures live in.

Congratulations to all Club Prize Winners of our Fishing & Shooting awards. I was pleased to announce the major President's Award to Warren Mathieson, as he was a strength to me in carrying out various needed Club tasks during the year. Warren was quite emotional in accepting the trophy, as we found out later in the evening that it was his 'first club award' in the 30 years that he has been a member. It was a pleasure and my thanks. There were scenes of laughter when a group of club members earlier presented Warren with a 'crumbed fillet' award (Horse's ass award), as Warren was most disappointed in being 'pip at the post' for the Coutta Cup. Warren had the last laugh as he received (unknown to all members) the top Club Award – President's Trophy.

Thanks to Alert Monitoring & JB Security Ltd (John Buckingham) for sponsorship of upgrading our Club Security Systems. Very much appreciated. The Lure will have 'time to time' security 'snip bits' for businesses and homes from these guys.

Our Club is involved in the 'Kids Choose the Wedding' Campaign with Designa Weddings and MoreFM. It's all about the kids making the decisions on what should happen at the Wedding. The Club is the Venue (13th September) for the ceremony and celebrations. Catering, cake, dress, suit, wedding rings, flowers, photographer, decorations, invitations, music, hairdresser, make-up, and choosing the guest list – all cover in this Wedding Campaign. This 'fun exercise' is something that your Club is giving back to the Dunedin Community & to a lucky family.

News from the Salmon Hatchery is that the 200,000 plus eggs are hatching & are well! This gives a good start to a healthy salmon smolt release next year in the Dunedin Harbour – Salmon City!

Roll on August for good fishing and the start of the Whitebait Season. Take care with the Winter weather & sea swells. Have Fun!
Enjoy, Brett.

...continued from front page

For the past two years I have had the privilege of working with the NZ Sport Fishing Council's fisheries management team as we produce submissions, commentary and updates, in an attempt to protect our recreational fishing interests by having 'more fish in the water'.

LegaSea has been underway since February 2012 and I have been part of that team too.

LegaSea is the public outreach brand of the NZ Sport Fishing Council. Using Facebook and the website www.LegaSea.co.nz, we have been able to significantly increase public awareness of what the Council is doing in regards to fisheries management.

LegaSea also provides an opportunity for us to unite in action, to stand up for and protect our rights to better fisheries management. So when Brett Bensemman and Dunedin-based Wayne Fa'asega asked in April if there was going to be a formal response to the Ministry's Paua 5D proposals the answer was, yes we can!



Between our fisheries and LegaSea teams we managed to get a submission together, raise public awareness and capture a whole lot of data. This is stored and available for anyone to use at the Council's Paua page, or here

nzsportfishing.org.nz – Fisheries – Submissions – 2013 Submissions – Paua Otago-Southland.

Paua to the People was an impressive effort by many of your local people and the Council's fisheries management team is on standby to provide further assistance if required. We must do our best to maintain the Otago and Southland coastline and protect the paua stocks for future generations of Kiwis.

Privatisation of public resources has always been contentious issue for me, more so when considering our fisheries. I struggle with the plethora of management proposals that seek to deny local people access to kaimoana just to satisfy a rapacious export market.

We are all islanders (notwithstanding that you guys live in the mainland) and we have grown up with the opportunity to put good food on table, to provide for our social, economic and cultural wellbeing through fishing.

Through my work with option4, the Council and LegaSea I have met people I had only read about, achieved things I never dreamt of, and come to realise that this advocacy is so important.

It is about us safeguarding our fisheries so our kids can take their kids out in the dark, teach them how to fish, and return with breakfast just as the neighbourhood is waking up.

Sharing a smoked kahawai, a few gurnard fillets or a few paua fritters has to be one of the best rewards from fishing. We need to keep it that way.

Trish Rea.
NZSFC.



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LONG ODDS AT LONG BEACH



After I left high school during the early 1950's when I wasn't out rabbit shooting, much of my leisure time was spent trout fishing in and around my home town of Dunedin. However, having cut my angling teeth sea-fishing with my Dad during the 1940's, I still enjoyed rock fishing if the locality was not too difficult to access and the sea conditions on the day were favourable.

Fortunately, within an hour's easy drive from Dunedin's city centre, there are literally hundreds of fishing spots. For example: Taieri Mouth northwards to the Otago Peninsula and beyond to Karitane or even Moeraki, while the Otago harbour itself in my day boasted excellent fishing if you happened to know where to go and would you believe, good crayfishing as a bonus?

One Sunday morning which was filled with glorious spring sunshine I was up bright and early, packed a lunch and stowed my fishing gear into my trusty old 1926 Chevvy, gunned the motor and was gone long before other members of the Cartwright household knew I had absconded. I was off to

aptnly named Long Beach as I had decided to try my luck for blue cod or moki beyond the northern end of the beach where the rocky coastline of Purakanui rises abruptly from Long Beach. After parking the Chev, I had about fifteen minutes walk to the end of the beach when I came to two iron ladders, one above the other, which were secured into the cliff face and which gave access up and onto the rocky headland of Purakanui. Tying my ancient three piece Rangoon rod to my back. I scrambled up the ladders and set off along the cliff tops searching for a suitable possie to try my luck.

After a few minutes I came to a gap leading down to a rock ledge just above the water which I estimated to be at least 4 metres deep. Ideal, but just to vex me, a vertical cliff face immediately to my rear curtailed backswing to cast a line effectively. However, I eventually managed a reasonable forward toss of my baited hooks and settled down to wait for a bite.

Almost lulled to sleep by the gentle sougning of the swell, I suddenly heard the sound of forcibly exhaled air. I gritted my teeth. "Seals! Damned seals! They'll put the kybosh on everything!" I muttered. A few moments later and virtually right at my feet, a human head abruptly popped up out of the water and I stared in disbelief. There was my brother-in-law who had recently invested in one of the first skin diving outfits to be imported into New Zealand. "What the hell are you doing here?" he exclaimed in astonishment. Hardly believing my own eyes I replied "And what the hell are YOU doing here?" Incredibly, of all the thousand and one places to go fishing in and around the Otago coastline, we had mutually stumbled upon identical areas to fish. After getting over our initial shock, we had a good laugh and my brother-in-law directed me to where some large moki were feeding before very sportingly retiring to spearfish an area well away from his gob-smacked relative.

The odds of two fishermen, being related to each other, being in the same spot on the same day at the same time, must be thousands to one. But then again, there's nothing new in fishing. Right? Yeah, dead right!

Frank Cartwright



Red herring?

White Heron!

White Heron's are overwintering at our Lagoon

Photos: Ian Smith



The White Heron, 'kotuku', is common in Australia, the South Pacific & Asia. But in New Zealand it only breeds near Whataroa, South Westland; between September and January.

After breeding, the birds disperse to coastal estuaries including our Tomahawk Lagoon. It is believed that the colony in Westland was formed by the natural introduction of birds from Australia several hundred years ago.

On your way to the Tautuku Fishing Club it's worth the stop to view these majestic birds, originally from Aussie!

'CUTTING' DIDYMO FIND IN REMOTE FIORDLAND

*The
worst
of bad
news*

From Wilderness Magazine (www.wildernessmag.co.nz)

A recent water sample collected by the Department of Conservation (DOC) and Fish and Game confirmed the presence of the invasive freshwater algae didymo in Fiordland's Large Burn valley. It is the first time that a river west of the divide has provided a positive didymo sample.

The Large Burn (which drains into Caswell Sound) is infrequently visited by fishing and hunting parties.

"We're at loss to know how didymo got here, given anglers are strictly required to obtain a 'Clean Gear Certificate' before entering Fiordland to fish," said Fish and Game field officer Bill Jarvie. "Fish and Game has worked hard alongside DOC, physically cleaning fishing gear prior to certifying anglers to enter Fiordland. Hunters aren't subject to the same strict requirements, but they too have been actively encouraged to check, clean and dry their gear."

The incursion into the Large Burn valley is the first positive didymo sample in Fiordland since 2010 when it was discovered in the lower reaches of the Iris Burn River. Together, Fish and Game and DOC collect the samples from high risk waterways around Fiordland each year.

"It's pretty gutting really – it's the first confirmed positive sample of a waterway west of the divide," said DOC freshwater ranger Lyndsay Murray. "The geographic barrier of the mountains that helped keep it out of remote Fiordland has been breached."

The suspicious algal bloom was alerted to DOC and Fish and Game by a local helicopter operator who had heard a report from a client that they had dropped in to the area that they believed Large Burn was affected.

Read the full article here: <http://www.wildernessmag.co.nz/view/page/articles/read/gutting-didymo-find-in-remote-fiordland/>

Tautuku Fishing Club Dunedin & Haast Inc



PRIZE GIVING 2013



Gooch Photo Trophy

Brett Bensemann

Southern Cup (Clay Target)

Mark Fraser

Ladies Clay Target

Kelly Fraser

Ladies Open Sights Trophy

Leanne Mathieson

Mens Open Sights Trophy

Phil Seque

Ladies Tele Sights Trophy

Leanne Mathieson

Mens Tele Sights Trophy

Mark Fraser

Top Junior Shooter

William Mathieson

Winter Cup

Cate Bardwell, Blue Cod
3.135kg

Corbett Memorial Trophy

Don White, 5 Species

Mathieson Memorial Trophy

Murray Muir, Tope 21.4kg

Line Class Trophy

Russell Moylan, Albacore
6.435kg on 1kg

Mattingly Cup

Don White, Barracouta 2.725kg

Junior Trophy

Jorja Hutton, Salmon 8.795kg

East Coast Blue Cod Trophy

Cate Bardwell, 3.135kg

West Coast Blue Cod Trophy

Mike Archer, 2.525kg

Jock Stewart Trophy

Nathan Pitcher, 1.235kg

Barracouta Trophy

Mark Fraser, 5.225kg

Senior Salmon Trophy

Brett Bensemann, 8.825kg

Salmon Trophy

Grant Hutton, 9.50kg

Trumpeter Trophy

Murray Muir, 3.610kg

Groper Trophy

Nathan Pitcher, 14.315kg

Kahawai Trophy

Colin Laing, 2.495kg

West Coast Tuna Trophy

Ian Gunion, Blue Fin Tuna
25.9kg

Associate Members Trophy

Lynn Muir, Groper 2.685kg

Ladies Trophy

Cate Bardwell, Groper 11.45kg

Non GameFish Skippers Trophy

Nathan Pitcher

Gamefish Skippers Trophy

Mike Archer

Most Meritorious Gamefish Trophy

Russell Moylan, Albacore
6.435kg on 1kg Line

Bar Managers Trophy

Don White

Most Enthusiastic New Member Trophy

Mark Fraser

Presidents Trophy

Warren Mathieson



Tautuku Fishing Club
Dunedin & Haast Inc



PRIZE GIVING 2013



**Tautuku Fishing Club
Dunedin & Haast Inc AGM.**

Calling ALL Club Members !

**Sunday 22nd September 2013
at 3pm.**





The Otago Students Spearfishing and Hunting Club (OSSAHC) was created this year by a group of friends at Otago University. The club was founded on the following principles;

- To provide unique, new, and innovative ways for students to participate in the outdoor life of Dunedin and surrounds.
- To build a diverse community of Dunedin students committed to strengthening progressive spearfishing and hunting.
- To advance the ethos of kaitiakitaka (stewardship) and preserve the majesty of our lands.

The club has managed to attract around 70 members in the first six months that it has been on campus. There are a wide range of backgrounds in the club, with some members having been involved in hunting and fishing for many years and some members having never touched a fishing rod or been in the hills.

We are lucky that we have such a diverse range of skill sets within the club to call on and it helps us to abide by the principles that the club sets out to achieve. We have held potluck BBQs for the members where plates of paua, greenbone, fresh water crayfish, rabbit, hare, venison and trout have all been served up. Butchering workshops showing members how to bone out legs of venison, fillet fish or shuck paua have also been held at these BBQs and there have been videos made of these for future reference for club members to utilize.

Mid-way through semester one we held our first official club outing by taking members of the club up to Moeraki and chartering 'The Sirrocco' for a day long fishing charter. It was great to see many members of the club catch blue cod for the first time and to be able to take a feed home to their flat.

The club was successful in being awarded a grant from OUSA in May 2013. With this grant the club purchased all of the essentials for spear fishing.



This gear is available exclusively for club members to use for free and we hope to hold education sessions in the near future to show club members the basics of spear-fishing.

A fundraising committee has been set up in the second semester with the goal of trying to raise funds to purchase a club boat. We have been successful in helping supply OUSA with wild meat for a staff function for which they gave a generous donation to the boat campaign. We have also started selling raffle tickets for whole lambs that we have been able to source off some charitable farmers and we hope to create a recipe book with all of the wild game meals served up at our BBQs for members to purchase for friends and family at the end of the year.

Hopefully the club can team up with the Tautuku fishing club in the future and organize 'have a go days' or tap into the knowledge base that exists within the club for a few education nights on fishing in and around Dunedin.

OSSAHC is not yet a year old but we believe we offer a unique and beneficial service to the student community at large. Being a member of our club is an outlet for students to break the mold of living the majority of their Dunedin life within the four blocks of university and eating substandard food from the sales bin at the supermarket. By hosting and organizing events outside of campus we believe we are opening up the eyes of our members to the true beauty and resources that Dunedin and Otago has to offer. This, we hope, will create a certain respect for this area that is not shown by some members of the student community and encourage our members to live a more balanced 'scarfie' lifestyle.



Winner of the Hart Trophy (NZ Sports Fishing Clubs) for the best photo by an amateur photographer is:

Team Bosca – Whangarei Deep Sea Anglers Club – Black Marlin



Moeraki Club Fishing Competition

Saturday 28th September 2013

Contact: Russell Moylan PH: 456 1162 russell_m@xtra.co.nz for details



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OUR FISHING FUTURE



Recreational
fishing is good for the
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New Zealand

STEPPING UP TO STEWARDSHIP

Taking care of New Zealand's fisheries is a shared enterprise by all who benefit from an abundant and healthy marine environment. That means you and me. The time to take care is now. What follows is how...

STAGE 1 was the February 2013 FISHinFuture Search event that proved Kiwis do have an appetite for changing the way we go about our recreational fishing.



STAGE 2 is now, building Our Fishing Future.

STAGE 3 is the future envisaged in the side box of a representative and accountable national body that promotes and protects responsible recreational fishing.

Our national heritage:

The freedom to go fishing is integral to the Kiwi psyche yet currently the voices looking out for recreational fishing are fragmented. The antidote to fragmentation is a shared understanding and commitment.

Such a shared enterprise includes all recreational fishing from diving, spearfishing, surfcasting, sportfishing, angling to kayak fishing and shellfish collecting. It also includes all stakeholders wanting abundant

fisheries and a healthy marine environment into the future.

Costs:

It is estimated it will cost around \$1.5 million over three years to effectively establish a new national body so it can get on with achieving the outcomes described in the side box.

Your help:

We seek support and funding for this initiative. We invite all New Zealanders to contribute to building Our Fishing Future.

Sponsors:

Sponsors will receive nationwide exposure for your brand, valuable network opportunities and knowledge you are contributing to NZ's heritage. A detailed Sponsorship Opportunities brochure is online.

More information:

More information on the initiative is found online at www.fishinfuturesearch.co.nz. Here you will find the solid multi stakeholder basis of the initiative that gives confidence for the future build.

A strong national body will provide:

INFORMATION

Good information to be at hand for all users on a national recreational fishing portal. Data to be researched, collected and stored. Information to be learned, coordinated and shared. The national body to bring information together from diverse sources in a uniform way.

ADVICE

World class policy advice to be provided to recreational fishers and government. The national body to directly provide policy advice AND support local fishing experts to get their advice heard by decision makers.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

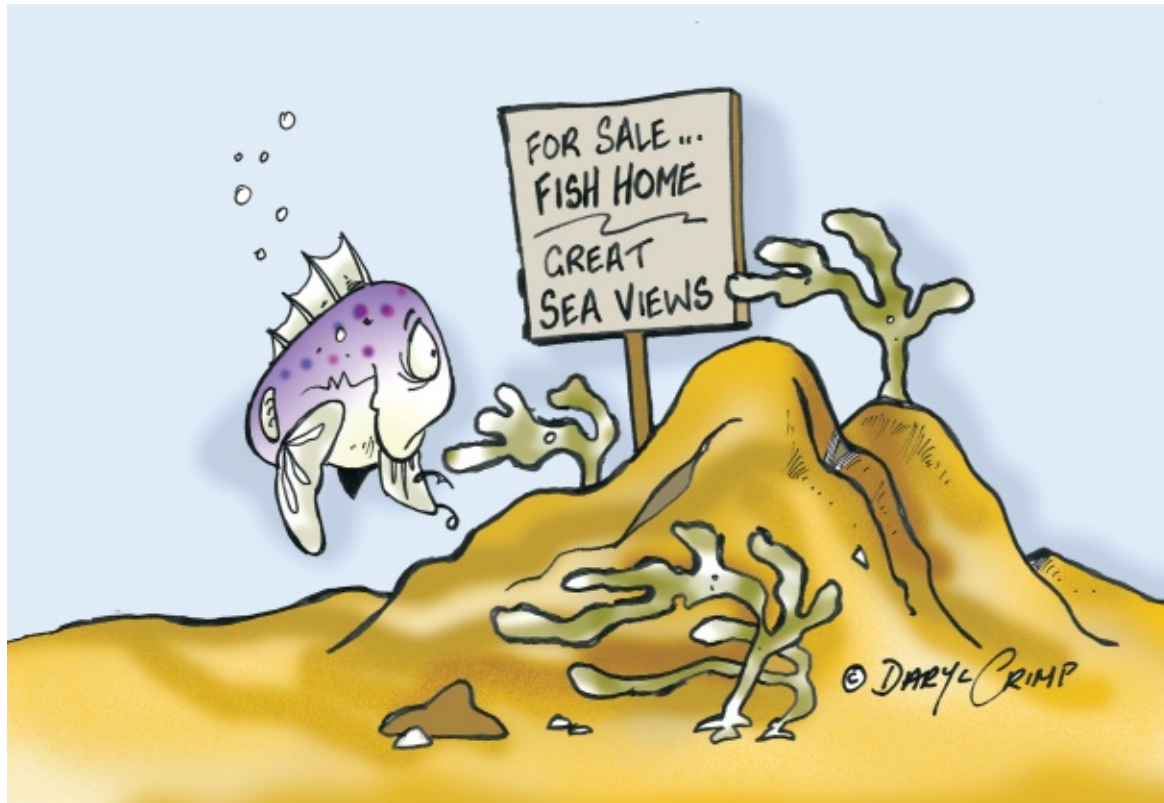
The national body to manage funds on behalf of all recreational fishers. These funds to finance fishing related projects for improved fishing experiences, for social good, for good education, for good knowledge and research and for enhancing fish stocks.

CELEBRATION

The national body will celebrate and promote recreational fishing for Kiwis and tourists. Active promotion will keep the issues of good recreational fishing 'front of mind' for all users and decision makers.

CONNECTIONS

The work of the national body will embody collaborative practice and enable the building of community around abundant recreational fishing.



Quote: Plato argued that "the minimum drinking age should be 18, and then wine in moderation may be tasted until 31."

When a man reaches 40, he may drink as much as he wants to cure the "crabbedness of old age."



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Bright Sparks

Ignite Consultants uses talented, motivated and creative University students to maximise the impact of community organisations in Dunedin.

Ignite is a charitable organisation started by a group of Otago University students in 2010 who saw the potential to build strategic partnerships between talented students and community organisations who require their expertise.

Each semester Ignite recruits 15 student consultants from all areas of academic study to work on three projects for local community organisations over an eight week period. Projects are focused on helping the organisations better utilise their resources by offering creative solutions to challenges such as funding and marketing.

Ignite has successfully worked with various organisations including the Cancer Society, Habitat for Humanity, Presbyterian Support Otago and the Sophie Elliot Foundation.

“The idea was that we wanted to be able to work with anyone, even if an organisation is just one person trying to make a difference” says Chairman Jordan Campbell.

The most recent round of projects included long-term funding strategies for ChatBus Trust (a free mobile counselling service for children in lower-deciles schools) funding and marketing options for Camp Quality South and strategic direction for the Hearing Association in Dunedin.

The unique Ignite model is a win-win for both parties. Student consultants work with experienced business mentors throughout the project to apply their University studies to real clients and real outcomes.

“We give students the opportunity to gain practical work experience whilst giving back to their community” says Executive Director Victoria Watt.

Client-organisations receive quality consultancy culminating in a strategic report and formal presentation. Ignite provides organisations with innovative and feasible solutions completely free of charge.

The success of the Ignite model was recognised this year when the organisation won the Education and Child/Youth Development category of the TrustPower Dunedin Community Awards.



The future is bright for this organisation. Ignite has been inundated with proposals from organisations seeking their help and the number and calibre of students applying for consulting roles continues to rise.

As the organisation undertakes its next round of projects, including a marketing strategy for Dunedin Community Salmon Trust, Ignite is considering ways to expand in order to meet the demand in Dunedin's challenging not-for-profit sector.

Anglers Correspondence - July 10th, 2013 (abridged)

It is in all anglers' interests to know and understand what is going on and being negotiated behind the scenes by anglers organisations such as NZFFA – New Zealand Federation of Freshwater Anglers – and how they represent fresh water anglers interests.

The following is the interesting response by David Haynes, President New Zealand Federation of Freshwater Anglers to Willy Leferink, Federated Farmers Dairy Chairman's long provocative speech – specifically the following statement:

"Take our friends from Fish & Game who were party to a long overdue Sustainable Dairying: Water Accord. This, I can tell you, took a lot of negotiation to get to a meaningful outcome of improving water quality, but guess what?

At the eleventh hour and 55th minute, our friends decided it was not for them so they packed up their toys and ran for door. It has me questioning if Fish & Game truly has the environment at heart or, as their less than cuddly unofficial moniker, "Hook & Bullet," suggests, more interested in license fee revenue for pulling a trigger and casting a line."

(Full article here:

www.tongarirorivermotel.co.nz/2013/07/anglers-correspondence)

Dear Willy

On behalf of all freshwater anglers in New Zealand I wish to express disappointment towards your speech given at the above AGM as reported by the Scoop Business Section 3 July 2013, specifically your little dig at Fish and Game.

When all other parties, including ourselves and Fish & Game, are giving their all to foster a climate of collaboration in order to resolve conflicting needs with respect to fresh water, it is saddening to see you positioning yourself outside of the consensus and reverting to incitement and name calling. No-one, including Fish & Game, would disagree with the need for fresh water standards, nor that many local councils are responsible for some terrible pollution, but inferring that Councils are dirtier than dairy and so should get more flak does nothing to help anyone – two wrongs do not make a right. If it just that you are sick of being pilloried by the media, then I suggest you harden up. If you truly believe dairy farming does not denude fresh water sources then I am at a loss to help.

As a final note, I would remind you of the maxim, "stick to your knitting". Your comment that the introduced trout is the benchmark for freshwater makes you read like a very silly Willy. Unless you have been hiding under a rock for the last six months you would know that Freshwater reform is the MfE's hot topic at the moment.

Furthermore, if you had even a schoolboy grasp of fisheries science you would understand why trout are so much more sensitive to degraded fresh water than any of our native species. I have good contacts at the Cawthron Institute's globally acknowledged freshwater research facility if you wish to have a basic education in this area.

Sincerely yours, from one introduced species to another.
David Haynes,
President New Zealand Federation of Freshwater Anglers



Whitebait Season starts – 15th August 2013!



Letter to the Editor



Dear Sir,

The Ministry for the Environment's latest river indicator summary shows alarming trends that make a mockery of recent and past governments' claims of "clean and green" and "100% pure".

Over half of New Zealand's rivers are unsafe for swimming and one third of lakes are "unhealthy." Further detail heightens the seriousness of the situation with 61 percent of rivers unsuitable for recreation and aquatic life such as invertebrates deteriorating. The invertebrates are vital food for the public's trout and salmon plus native fish.

Consequently the public's rivers are being degraded with no authority at national or local level seemingly taking action to alleviate the crisis.

With election year next year, the public should be asking political parties, MPs and aspiring MPs what are you going to do to halt the decline.

David Haynes,
President NZ Federation Freshwater Anglers

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TWELVE POINT MANIFESTO

1. Keep Fresh Water Fresh

Freshwater is 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, including their beds and margins to 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 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 where any damage or failure to meet set limits occurs.

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. Require Riparian Enhancement:

Central and regional Government policies and programmes should require fenced vegetation buffers along water margins where the adjacent land is farmed intensively.

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 diploid grass 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 species of trout (including rainbow trout), char and perch to be "recreational fish only" and not to be farmed other than to stock recreational fisheries.

9. Retain User Control of Fish & Game Councils:

NZFFA strongly supports the 130 plus year old Fish and Game user management democratic model for trout, salmon and introduced game birds. Fish and Game Councils should remain licence holder elected/appointed, (ie the sport remain 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.



Winter Cup Months are:
July, August and September

Progress to date:

Jorja Hutton is not only showing her Dad 'how to fish,' but is leading the Club, with a Blue Cod weighing in at 2.335kg. This Blue Cod is @ present the Junior & Blue Cod award winner at the start of our Club new Fishing Year. Grant, could only manage a .665kg Jock Stewart!!!! Yep at the moment this is the "fish to beat" for Jock Stewart's, and Grant has 3 skippers points.

The Club Fishing Season has Started!!!!

