

Fisheries Management

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BY THE NUMBERS

Member clubs – 53

Affiliated members – 38,519

Life members – 13

Zone Board representatives – 8

IGFA approved representatives – 8

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"Kua tawhiti ke to haerenga mai, kia kore e haere tonu. He tino nui rawa ou mahi, kia kore e mahi nui tonu"

You have come too far, not to go further. You have done too much, not to do more.

Sir James Henare – 1988

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Attendees at the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council hosted by the New Plymouth Fishing and Underwater Club, New Plymouth. Covid-19 restricted attendance numbers in 2021. Fancy dress party hosted by Richard van der Fits and the Cape Egmont Boat Club.



President's Report

NEW ZEALAND SPORT FISHING COUNCIL

Bob Gutsell, NZSFC President



As my fourth and final year as Council President draws to an end, I can honestly say this has been the best year of the 10 years I've spent on the NZSFC Board. Two of my personal objectives when I took

on this role was to build our profile, and more importantly, our ability to positively influence.

Three key measures of success for these objectives were – to what extent can we engage the public in influencing alongside us; and how close can we get the minister's decisions to our submissions. i.e. to what extent does the minister agree with public ambitions for achieving an abundant fishery? And thirdly, we are on record for doing the right thing for the members of our affiliated clubs.

To this end, our first success started in January 2021 where we were involved in pre-consultation meetings prior to the review of the west coast North Island Snapper 8 fishery. By late July 2021 LegaSea had mobilised 9500 individual submissions urging the Minister to take a conservative approach. Fisheries New Zealand (FNZ) had proposed 4 different options and recommended a 50% commercial catch increase. To our delight the Minister favoured an even more conservative approach. David Parker supported an option that reflected recreational take and a 23% commercial catch increase, as this is a mixed fishery with other species that are not as prolific as snapper.

At the 2020 AGM we ratified a policy for hāpuku and bass management. Hāpuku and bass for the North Island east and west coasts were reviewed by FNZ over 2021 and 2022. Our policy accepts

that recreational anglers have a significant impact in this fishery in terms of using modern fishing aids and technologies. So, we had a contribution to make to the rebuild. In terms of the HPB 1, 2, 7 & 8 fisheries, the Minister opted for our preferred conservative approach of formalised reduced bag limits, and introduced multi-day accumulation limits.

In August 2021, our lawyer Rowan Ashton supported by Barry Torkington, John Holdsworth and Andrew Johnson, presented our case for appropriate use of Fisheries Act management tools in lieu of the "Motiti style" RMA closures proposed by Forest & Bird and the Bay of Islands Maritime Park Incorporated in their appeal against the Northland Regional Council. The Court has recognised and appreciated our "voice of reason" arguments for a more balanced approach under the Fisheries Act management tools. At the time of writing no decision had been released.

More recently, we mobilised another 6400 submissions against elements of the [Fisheries Amendment Bill](#) and took advantage of the opportunity to present our case to the Select Committee on behalf of members of our affiliated clubs and supporters. The Bill goes back to Parliament in September for its second reading. It will be interesting to see what remains of it, given a large number of commercial, recreational and environmental interests have opposed various parts of it.

In March 2022 we were successful in having Rowan Ashton appointed to the Hauraki Gulf Fisheries Advisory Group alongside Tony Orton who is representing charter boat operators. It remains an uphill battle to remove trawling, dredging and purse seining from the Hauraki Gulf, as was agreed in the [Sea Change Plan](#).

Finally, we are part way through the extended consultation period for the draft [Waikato Regional Coastal plan](#). The Council is seeking to incorporate marine protected biodiversity areas into the coastal management plan. In July we coordinated a public awareness campaign so people could register their views prior to the release of a draft plan for wider consultation in late 2022. The upside is that this is being done through a consultation process as opposed to the Environment Court, where both Motiti and the Bay of Islands processes have landed.

I'm extremely proud of the achievements we have made in the last year on behalf of our members and supporters. The synergy between

LegaSea and NZSFC is stronger than ever. We have a high performing team of expert contractors working hard to support us in policy and submission development and presenting our case when required. We have an increasingly impressive track record of leading with policy ratified by our members and engaging them and the public to influence the Ministerial and authoritative decisions, or at least being on record when we disagree with approaches being taken. Thanks to our process, policy and the support of a high performing team, NZSFC and LegaSea are now in the best position we've ever been to really influence decision makers.



Photo: Stephanie Kirk

Chairman's Report

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

INTRODUCTION

Mark Connor, NZSFC FMSC Chair



The last year has been tumultuous. I am proud of the work completed by the Fisheries Management Standing Committee volunteers and our terrific team of contractors.

This year our Committee has included NZSFC Board members Bob Gutsell, Peter Campbell, Ken Barry, Richard Baker, Wayne Bicknell, Vance Fulton and Mark Connor.

We are grateful to have co-opted members Jim Yeoman (President of the New Zealand Angling & Casting Association and spokesperson for LegaSea Hawkes Bay), Allan Davidson (Environmental Advocacy Group Lead for the New Zealand Underwater Association), Tony Orton (charter fishing professional), Dirk Sieling, and Scott Macindoe.

Serving us in a contractor capacity have been John Holdsworth, Barry Torkington, Trish Rea, Sam Woolford, Momoko Burgess, Sydney Curtis, and our legal team of Stuart Ryan and Rowan Ashton.

I would like to thank Wayne Bicknell who has taken on more responsibility as the workload increased during the year. Wayne and I now co-chair the Standing Committee. We believe having this leadership balance from the North and South Islands works well, and it ensures at least one of us is available to attend meetings.

I would also like to thank Momoko Burgess who has the tough task of minuting our meetings, and coordinating our contractors on policy development and submission preparation.

We owe Rowan Ashton and Stuart Ryan a vote of thanks for their reliable and on-point legal counsel. More information on their input can be found in the President's report.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge our President, Bob Gutsell, for his remarkable contribution and leadership. Constant input to so many committees, all the while delivering on his CEO business and family responsibilities. Thank you Bob.

HOW DO WE FUND THIS ADVOCACY?

For the last few years the Council has anchored the Fisheries Management Standing Committee budget with a contribution of \$95,000 direct funding per annum. Over and above this is the indirect and substantial cost shouldered by the Council for their governance, strategic and administrative roles. Plus of course, the thousands of hours per annum of voluntary engagement by the Council's affiliated club committees, delegates through the regional Zone structures, the National Board and its advisors.

Since we established LegaSea the team has distributed to Council 100% of all contributions received from the public and unaffiliated clubs and organisations. Today this amounts to \$130,000 per annum. In addition, we seek support from grant making entities to help resource projects aimed at restoring the abundance of our inshore marine environment.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT

Rowan Ashton continues to help us respond to Resource Management Act issues. We have worked closely with the Bay of Islands Swordfish Club in responding to marine protection proposals that threaten fishing access to waters from Mimiwhangata to the eastern Bay of Islands. The Environment Court has granted a time extension to allow a broader discussion among hapū and iwi to consider the options available, including using existing customary tools under the Fisheries Act. A meeting of all parties was due in late June followed by a report back to the Environment Court.

LOCAL FISHERIES ENGAGEMENT

We continue to be actively involved and encouraging of localised fisheries management by mana whenua and surrounding communities. Mana whenua have kaitiaki (guardianship) obligations. Groups with a gazetted rohe moana can apply customary tools ([rāhui](#), mātaimai, taiāpure) to manage species, harvesting and areas. These customary tools are important because there is no localised management tool available to us, the public, to manage the intertidal zone where a lot of the concerns arise.

During the past year we have submitted in support of rāhui, and 2-year temporary closure applications in Northland, the Hauraki Gulf and Coromandel. We also supported LegaSea Hawkes Bay in [opposing the Regional Council's application](#) to dump dredge material from the Clive River onto the foreshore, due to environmental concerns. The Hawke's Bay Regional Council eventually withdrew its application and is now seeking a land-based solution.

RECREATIONAL BAG LIMITS

In June 2021 we were confronted with reports that thousands of pink maomao were being taken from around Tairua, Coromandel. The public were outraged when they realised there was a gap in recreational fishing regulations, and no bag limit applied to vulnerable reef fish. We wrote to the Minister and urged him to close the loophole.

LegaSea mounted a public campaign with hundreds of people supporting the notion that all finfish species must be included in bag limits. Meanwhile, local iwi Ngāti Hei stepped in to quell growing anger. Local leader Joe Davis placed a rāhui banning any fishing for pink maomao within their rohe on the eastern Coromandel coast.

The Minister subsequently reviewed the bag limits. From May 2022 all finfish, including

snapper but excluding baitfish, are now included in the daily recreational bag limit.

We continue to advocate for a maximum limit of 3 per person, per day, for these reef species: pink and blue maomao, granddaddy hāpuku, pigfish and wrasses, and a maximum combined daily limit of 6 for sweep and blue maomao. Our updated Council reef fish policy includes a ban on the sale of these reef species.

WHAT NEXT?

We continue to build a portfolio of policies to show that our organisation, members and supporters are serious about conserving fish so future generations have a fair go.

We want the Government to give effect to ecosystem-based management, and to adopt the principles of our Rescue Fish policy, a well researched solution to the failed Quota Management System.

With strong incentives and a positive attitude we work humbly toward our goal of restoring fish numbers and marine ecosystems for the benefit of all New Zealanders.

86

working groups, meetings and hui attended

1400

submissions in defence of blue cod

\$190,000

invested in advocacy, research, management and alignment

Committee Report

1 JULY 2021 – 30 JUNE 2022

The Fisheries Management Standing Committee is pleased to report a growing appetite by the public for effective change and more localised fisheries management. Our team, skillset and workload are expanding as we increase participation in a number of fisheries, environmental, policy and community matters.

In summary, we report the following achievements over the past 12 months:

- Participation in 86 forums, working groups, and hui.
- 19 submissions completed.
- 4 quarterly meeting reports.
- Attended hearings and provided substantive evidence to Environment Court hearings on marine protection in the Northland region.
- Adopted policies regarding bluenose, recreational catch reporting, hāpuku and bass, reef fish and Official Information Act requests.

GAMEFISH UPDATE

In a summer where COVID-19 restrictions were finally ending, enthusiastic game fishers headed out to the deep blue to seek the thrill of fishing for pelagics. Marlin were striking well in the far north and a number of fish were caught off Gisborne and Hawke's Bay, off the west coast of the South Island and even Fiordland. Yellowfin tuna and skipjack were around, but overall numbers were low this past season.

Southern bluefin tuna showed up earlier in the season and were found in unexpected places, such as off the west coast of the North Island in January. Usually, they would be found in parts of southern Australia around that time. We will be keeping an eye out to see whether this is a new sport and food fishery or a one-off occurrence.

During May, bluefin moved up the east coast of the North Island. The fishing off Cape Runaway peaked in late June, and the Waihou Bay Sport Fishing Club worked hard to arrange suitable parking and collect catch information. If you are processing bluefin out at sea and returning to Waihou Bay, please measure the fish length and keep the head so the fish can be aged. The annual length at age of fish caught in NZ is used in the global stock assessment.

In mid-2022 Fisheries New Zealand asked for a meeting with NZSFC about future management options for the recreational southern bluefin tuna fishery, with discussions ongoing.

The southern bluefin tuna amateur bag limit of one per person per day was introduced by Gazette Notice in 2019. NZSFC supported the administrative change to shift this into amateur fishing regulations. We also supported a [14 tonne increase](#) in the recreational allowance to 34 tonnes, which was implemented in October 2021.

So far, there have been two tagged striped marlin recaptured this season. The first was tagged on 26 February 2022 from the vessel Maitaitai at 8 nautical miles north of North Cape and released after 10 minutes. It was recaptured on 25 March 2022 from the vessel Free & Easy off Cape Karikari, approximately 38 nautical miles south-east from where it was tagged. Its weight was estimated at 95kg before the tag was removed and the fish released. The second striped marlin was caught near Mayor Island on 20 February 2022. It was tagged after a 45-minute fight, and was estimated to weigh 90kg when released. This fish was recaptured by the surface longline vessel Sniper fishing off Fraser Island, Queensland on 1 May 2022, around 1400 nautical miles across the Tasman, weighing 67kg headed and gutted.

SCALLOPS

In late 2020 our Council worked with mana whenua Ngāti Hei and community organisations to address concerns about scallop depletion off the east coast of the Coromandel Peninsula in the Hauraki Gulf. A [Coromandel Scallop Restoration Programme](#) was developed. Ngāti Hei placed a rāhui, banning all scallop harvesting in Opito Bay. In September 2021 the Minister of Oceans and Fisheries David Parker approved a 2-year temporary closure on all scallop harvesting in the Ngāti Hei rohe moana.

In February this year we supported a [full closure](#) of the Northland and Coromandel scallop fisheries for a minimum of three years. In March the Minister agreed to close the Northland fishery and most of the Coromandel fishery. Two areas, one around Little Barrier and the other in Colville Channel remain open to harvesting with a reduced commercial catch limit, a Māori customary and recreational allowance.

Also in February we supported Ngāti Manuhiri in placing a rāhui banning the harvest of scallops from their rohe within the Hauraki Gulf, including the remaining open areas. In May we were one of 21 parties in a letter to David Parker urging him to support this conservation initiative by Ngāti Manuhiri, by closing the remaining open areas.

In accordance with Council policy, we continue to advocate for a ban on all scallop dredging.

ROCK LOBSTER MANAGEMENT

John Holdsworth is our representative on the National Rock Lobster Management Group alongside Allan Davidson of NZ Underwater. With a view to the future, Sydney Curtis is now joining John and Allan to listen and learn.

When the Hauraki Gulf – Bay of Plenty CRA 2 stock was reviewed in 2018 abundance was found

to be below the key reference point. The then Minister Stuart Nash was obligated to approve a rebuild plan, which he did. Stock abundance and management controls for CRA 2 will be reviewed over the next nine months and indications are the stock is recovering after such a long time below acceptable levels.

When the Northland fishery was reviewed earlier this year we advocated for a [15% reduction](#) of the commercial catch limit. The Minister applied a 5% reduction and cut the recreational allowance. Later this year we expect consultation on reducing the Northland recreational daily bag limit.

We are disappointed the Minister has agreed to increase the commercial catch limits in the Otago and Southern rock lobster fisheries by 5%, from 1 April this year.

SOUTH ISLAND ENGAGEMENT

In December 2021 the Kaikōura Marine Area [reopened to pāua fishing](#) for the first time since the 2016 earthquake. A busy season of gathering has been enjoyed by all fishers. To avoid localised depletion there will need to be more cohesive rules around harvest and seasonal access to the fishery in the future.

On the west coast and top of the South Island we supported the Minister taking an ecosystem-based approach to managing the mixed trawl fishery. In July this year we [submitted on proposals](#) reviewing catch limits for red gurnard, snapper and rig (spotted dogfish). We urged the Minister to make conservative decisions taking into account the vulnerabilities of the interdependent species that are not currently under review. David Parker must acknowledge that some species, such as snapper, are more abundant than others.



BLUE COD

The unfairness of nonsensical rules in the [2018 National Blue Cod Strategy](#) has been echoed by southern recreational blue cod fishers. The traffic light system specifies different blue cod daily catch limits depending on the area fished around the South Island. We continue to talk with local fishers and advocate for changes to the unfair traffic light system.

We continue to push for changes to the transit rules so a defence to possessing more than the inshore daily limit of blue cod would be available to amateur fishers when transiting through differing management areas, where bag limits may be significantly lower inshore than further out where the fishing occurs.

We agree with local fishers that they ought to be able to fillet blue cod at sea if frames are kept whole and measurable. It's important we are allowed to keep the frames in order to minimise waste and maximise our blue cod catch.

In July 2022 we supported changes to [decrease allowances](#) and commercial catch limits to the Blue cod 7 fishery, which encompasses the Marlborough Sounds down to Fiordland. Blue cod in the Marlborough Sounds are not recovering.

CAMERAS ON VESSELS

In May the Government confirmed the roll-out of cameras onboard commercial fishing vessels. All inshore trawl and set net vessels fishing off the west coast of the North Island will have cameras installed by 30 November 2022.

Currently there is a list of exemptions for setnet vessels under 8 metres, and deepwater vessels including scampi vessels. We continue to [advocate for all vessels](#) to be included in the roll-out. Camera footage and data needs to be transparent – easily accessible and data to be in a machine-readable format.

SNAPPER 8

We were pleased the Minister exercised his discretion and made a conservative decision for the future management of the Snapper 8 fishery (SNA 8), on the North Island's west coast.

Snapper in the area had been rebuilding from a low base of around 7% unfished biomass in the 1980s. The 2021 assessment estimated biomass to be at 54%.

In 2021, Fisheries New Zealand proposed to increase the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) and allowances. They also proposed to increase the Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) by either 23, 50, 75 or 100%.

LegaSea successfully campaigned, generating over 9400 submissions in support of a [conservative Ministerial decision](#).

In September 2021 David Parker announced his support for a 23% increase to the Snapper 8 TACC. We continue to advocate for a ban on bottom trawling in this mixed species fishery, as other species such as red gurnard, trevally, John dory and tarakihi are not doing as well as snapper.

FISHERIES AMENDMENT BILL

In November 2021 the Government released the [Fisheries Amendment Bill](#) seeking to make legislative changes to enable the rollout of

cameras. We didn't realise until much later that there were provisions in the Amendment Bill that had nothing to do with fitting cameras and everything to do with squeezing public fishing into a broken Quota Management System.

Our team worked with LegaSea, the NZ Angling & Casting Association and NZ Underwater Association to object to changes aimed at slipping in proportional allocation via pre-set decision rules, reducing the public's say in fisheries and removing Ministerial discretion. This discretion is vital as it's the last line of defence against excessive catch limits.

The [joint submission](#) was sent to the Primary Production Committee on 17 June 2022. At a hearing with the Committee our representatives urged members to split the Amendment Bill into two parts. Proceed with the camera rollout changes, and consider a separate Bill so the public can have their say on pre-set

decision rules, proportional allocation and the removal of Ministerial discretion from fisheries management.

9500

submissions to save west coast snapper

2

tagged striped marlin recaptured this season

6400

people said no to the proposed Fisheries Amendment Bill



Photo: Conor Meredith

Policy Development

NZSFC

DEMONSTRATING LEADERSHIP THROUGH POLICY

Over time the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council has come to realise the value of having [fisheries management policies](#) that are contemporary and relevant.

Our guiding principle is the need to maintain abundant fish populations and behave responsibly so future generations can benefit from policies implemented now.

The resulting policies keep everyone safe, in providing guidance for our submissions and fisheries management input.

THOROUGH POLICY PROCESS

Developing policy focuses the advocacy efforts of our fisheries team, volunteers and LegaSea communications. Ultimately it means we can all proceed with confidence without having to wait for the next management meeting.

It's worth noting that policy is always becoming; it is never just a set and forget. We remain alert to the lessons we learn from policy decisions as the real world gives us its inevitable feedback. Policy can be changed, and it is always valuable to have some off ramps, a way of escaping when we learn of policy mistakes.

Each policy is framed as a motion for consideration at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Clubs or the Board must propose and distribute a motion explaining the policy at least 60 days prior to the AGM. Clubs, delegates and affiliated members are encouraged to ask questions and provide feedback prior to the AGM. Delegates attending the AGM are briefed by their clubs on how to vote. Amendments may arise during the AGM and these are discussed, adopted or rejected.

AGM OUTCOMES

In 2018 the Council confirmed its support for the research and study of fisheries management systems that will deliver abundant fisheries and a diverse marine environment. Since then, the Fisheries Management Standing Committee has overseen the development of our most ambitious project – the [Rescue Fish policy](#). This policy now underpins our advocacy, efforts and LegaSea’s communications.

Policies adopted in 2019:

1. Rock lobster fisheries.
2. Southern bluefin tuna.
3. Marlin (amendment).
4. Broadbill swordfish.
5. Catch shares.
6. Peak body for recreational fishing interests.
7. Added protections for pink maomao.

Policies adopted in 2020:

1. Hāpuku and bass.
2. Bronze whaler.
3. Spatial planning, marine protected areas, Resource Management Act area closure applications.
4. Scallop dredging.

Policies adopted in 2021:

1. Bluenose.
2. Official Information Act.
3. Catch reporting, recreational harvest.
4. Hāpuku & bass (updated).
5. Reef fish.

These policies remain effective unless amended or deleted at future AGMs.

The Council acknowledges these policies are not legally enforceable however, all affiliated clubs are encouraged to adhere to them and promote them to their members.

Income and Expenditure



NZFSC

	30/6/2018	30/6/2019	30/6/2020	30/6/2021	30/6/2022	Notes
SOURCE OF FUNDS	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	
NZSFC club member levies	70000	80000	95000	95000	95000	
LegaSea Legends, public, and unaffiliated clubs donations	121379	140614	133448	141391	132354	1
Grant income	0	0	0	9130	0	
Grant income – Rescue Fish	0	10000	0	0	0	
Sundry Fisheries Management income	0	4605	0	0	3275	2
Total Fisheries Management Income	191379	235219	228448	245521	230629	
EXPENDITURE						
Sustainability and management processes						
Snapper	46	375	3243	12019	8630	
Crayfish	12905	12167	4931	1911	17829	
Pelagics	6016	9995	3543	4520	1247	
Other fisheries	15799	18644	20132	33625	31811	
Total Sustainability and Management processes	34766	41181	31849	52075	59517	
FNZ processes and political engagement	74558	22780	25372	31452	35737	3
Marine Protection and RMA process	4328	7111	30770	64109	65135	4
Regional issues/support	3019	7142	1439	23594	3236	
Rescue Fish investment	0	125169	104491	62148	0	
Contractor attendance to FMSC requirements	21042	12541	9588	10860	8862	
Policy development	0	0	0	8965	1743	
Hokianga Accord/Symposium	4343	158	0	0	105	
Reporting and public awareness	24708	18236	18090	19856	18189	
Total Expenditure	166764	234318	221599	273059	192524	
Surplus/deficit	24,615	901	6,849	-27538	38,105	
Unspent LegaSea Contributions Reserve	26304	27205	34054	6516	44621	

1. Two years of Covid has seriously impacted on events and other fundraising activities.
2. LegaSea Hawkes Bay reimbursement of Council costs incurred.
3. Blown out by the need to respond to the unforeseen ‘pre-set decision rules’ elements of the Fisheries Amendment Bill.
4. Ongoing attendance to Resource Management Act litigation particularly the Bay of Islands case.

Annual Report

LEGASEA

INTRODUCTION

Sam Woolford, LegaSea project lead



Like many organisations, LegaSea has faced another year of COVID related disruptions. As such, it has been a challenge to get meaningful engagement and hold people's attention.

However, thanks to ten years of consistent and focused efforts to raise public awareness for the issues affecting our coastal fisheries, [LegaSea](#) has been able to rise through disruptions.

We're proud to have established the confidence and support of many organisations and trusted brands. We are grateful for the support of our parent organisation, the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council, their delegates, affiliated and non-affiliated clubs, in providing a solid platform that helps us maintain a high performance team committed to restoring our coastal fish populations.

GOVERNANCE

The LegaSea Governance Advisory Standing Committee (LGAS) includes both LegaSea Directors Mark Connor and Peter Campbell, Bob Gutsell, Scott Macindoe, Richard Baker, Wayne Bicknell, Ian Steele and Dirk Sieling. Contractors who have generously shared their expertise over the past year include Simon Yates, Pieter Battaerd, Louise O'Sullivan, Jess Beetham, Momoko Burgess, Benn Winlove, Dallas Abel and Trish Rea.

It is also important to acknowledge our guiding lights, the brains trust, who we look to for expert advice and wisdom. The Fisheries Management Standing Committee and in particular, Barry Torkington and John Holdsworth who generously and reliably offer sage guidance.

PEOPLE

As demands and expectations of LegaSea continue to rise we have engaged the following people; Sydney Curtis – Volunteer Coordinator, Ellie Martel – Communications and Government Relations Manager, and Louis Mulcare – Kai Ika Leading Hand, Dave Ahoia – Lead Filleter and Elena Zakharova – Part time Support Crew.

PUBLIC AWARENESS

As COVID restrictions were lifted, the 2022 Hutchwilco New Zealand Boat Show went ahead. The team constructed an engaging stand and we graphically demonstrated the impact of trawling on our marine environment.

One of our core roles is raising public awareness. Campaigning provides us with opportunities to discuss important marine issues. In the past year we have published 58 print articles, 27 online newsletters and seven media releases.

We are immensely grateful for the platforms that allow us to make sure the public voice is heard, PMA Leisure, NZ Fishing Media, The Adventurer, the Outboarder, and Dive New Zealand. With their support we can continue to raise awareness for more fish in the water.

FINANCES

Public donations

The rise in recurring donations is a positive indicator of the widespread support and desire of New Zealanders to see real change in fisheries management. We have a long-standing policy that 100% of public and unaffiliated club donations to LegaSea are distributed to the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council. These distributions are tagged specifically for investment in fisheries advocacy, research, education, policy and alignment work streams.

Platinum and Gold Partners

Despite another particularly disruptive year our Partners have stuck with us.

Si Yates continues to do an outstanding job running our Partner programme. We are always looking at ways we can further collaborate with our partners to work towards our common goal. A number of outstanding consumer initiatives driven by several key partners is worth highlighting.

1. Whitehaven launched a week-long promotion with [Kōparepare Wines](#) whereby 100% of purchases made were donated to LegaSea. The result saw \$33,400 raised for LegaSea bringing their overall total contribution to LegaSea since Partnering in 2016 to \$110,060.
2. During the 2021-22 summer period [Barkers](#) successfully took the full LegaSea apparel range into their stores nationally. Over 5500 garments were sold, backed up by generous production of LegaSea in-house t-shirts. The total value of the Barkers relationship this period is in excess of \$40,000.
3. A powerful collaboration this year has been with [Turkish Bread Ltd.](#) to improve Kiwi kids' knowledge of coastal marine species. Turkish Bread took our popular Hī Ika | Go Fish card game and converted it into a collectable series which they've been distributing in their pizza base packs. The response has been overwhelmingly positive. So far they have distributed 2,000,000 cards, and 18,000 educational posters were given away with the April 2022 issue of NZ Fishing News magazine.

Grant seeking

In the last year we have secured over \$860,000 in grants. The grants covered a wide range of activities and supported our ongoing efforts to distribute kaimoana during the extended

lockdown period. Funding helped us with:

1. Supporter engagement and public awareness.
2. Kai Ika operational costs.
3. Feasibility case study and research grants.
4. COVID recovery grants.

We would like to thank the following organisations for their support; Ministry for the Environment – Waste Minimisation Fund, Auckland Council Waste Minimisation Fund, Lottery Community, Marine Research Foundation, Mt Wellington Trust, Activate Auckland, Tindall Foundation and Guardians of the Sea Trust.

Regular accountability reports are produced for funders and supporters.

VOLUNTEERS

Our Volunteer Coordinator, Sydney Curtis, (3rd from left), has been developing our volunteer engagement programme. She has successfully:

1. Enabled volunteers to invest 421 hours in LegaSea projects. Applying the 2022 living wage hourly rate, this has generated value in excess of \$10,000.
2. Placed four volunteers into paid positions.
3. Enabled us to strengthen our relationships with key science institutes.



LegaSea crew and volunteers helping on a crayfish survey



NEW ZEALAND'S DYSFUNCTIONAL FISHERIES SYSTEM NEEDS REFORM

Pirate flags on scallop dredgers, gross catch increase proposals, bottom trawling and more delays to installing onboard cameras are just some of the pointers to a dysfunctional Quota Management System.

Last August people were outraged when Coromandel commercial fishers flying a pirate flag were seen dredging scallops, undoing the conservation efforts of the community and a Ngāti Hei rāhui.

In September west coast snapper were saved from a proposed 100% commercial catch increase by the Minister who exercised his discretion, settling for a more conservative 23% increase. Te Ohu Kai Moana has since legally challenged this decision.

And, the timeline for installing cameras on commercial vessels has been stretched out to November 2024.

In the past 12 months our team has highlighted numerous examples of current dysfunction. We've raised issues around quota aggregation, management inertia due to regulatory capture, and the demise of regional small-scale commercial enterprises.

In May, thanks to the generosity of the Hutchwilco New Zealand Boat Show organisers, our LegaSea team signed up thousands of people who supported our campaign to ban bottom trawling, Danish seining and scallop dredging from the Hauraki Gulf.

Splitting the [Rescue Fish](#) policy into separate elements, as highlighted in the above campaigns, has proven to be a successful way to gather support for reform. There is a growing realisation that inshore marine ecosystems are continuing to decline despite expectations of future abundance and diversity.

The New Zealand Sport Fishing Council has invested considerable resources to research alternative structures, and sought to learn what has worked and what has not from other developed countries. The reforms we are advocating comprise five fundamental policy changes:

- Unwind the rights based allocation system.
- Set national non-discretionary stock management targets.
- Establish a co-governance body comprising Māori and Government to set Total Allowable Catches.
- Establish regional fisheries management bodies to maintain a marine spatial plan to meet local needs.
- Establish a resource rental.

The primary purpose of reform is to overcome the regulatory capture of Government agencies by fisheries rights holders. The mechanism is to repatriate all rights, except indigenous rights, back to the government. Without this, no reform is possible.

The secondary purpose is to improve fish stock abundance and diversity, primarily by setting legislated stock targets. The catch limits that would conform with these targets will be decided by the co-governance body using the precautionary principle.

Regional marine spatial plans will be informed by research and include fishing controls, gear restrictions, and marine protected areas. Resource rentals will ensure commercial fishing is profitable and that low impact techniques are used to protect the marine environment.

The Council is committed to gathering support for fisheries reform because the current dysfunction cannot continue.

'HE IKA HE TAONGA' – THE GIFT OF FISH

The [Kai Ika Project](#) is the collaborative brainchild of LegaSea, the Outboard Boating Club of Auckland and Papatūānuku Kōkiri Marae of south Auckland.

Since 2016 we have collected and distributed over 240,000 kgs of previously unwanted fish parts to families through various marae, faith-based groups, and community centres Auckland-wide. In an attempt to achieve maximum utilisation, non-edible parts are also used as organic fertiliser in marae gardens.

Our team is committed to providing a head to tail solution, shifting public perceptions and developing a collective mindset of respect for every fish harvested.

2021, AN OUTSTANDING YEAR

The quality of output and innovation generated by Kai Ika over the past year is outstanding.

Covid disruption has resulted in a lot of uncertainty for families around the country. There has been an exponential increase in requests for kaimoana.

With demand increasing and a growing team we have been able to expand our kaimoana distribution reach beyond Papatūānuku Kōkiri Marae. We continue to receive expressions of interest from organisations keen to receive then share kaimoana through their networks. To keep up with the community's insatiable appetite, we are focused on securing additional resourcing.

Our Auckland based [Westhaven Z Pier](#) site is now operating seven days a week. We also have a brand new mobile events trailer that is available to attend fishing competitions across the upper North Island. At these facilities people pay \$3.00 to have their fish filleted. This generates an income stream that is helping us to cover our operational costs, plus we get to keep any unwanted fish parts. A real win, win.



In early 2022 we were lucky enough to be invited to give a TedX talk. We used this opportunity to highlight the need to achieve maximum utilisation of all seafood harvested and the food insecurity issues we face as a community.

The Kai Ika Project has attracted support and financial assistance from a wide range of organisations and agencies. It is encouraging for the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council, LegaSea, Papatūānuku Kōkiri Marae, and the Outboard Boating Club of Auckland that this collective investment is being appreciated by the community.

240,000kgs

fish parts repurposed

2,000kgs

fish parts repurposed weekly



Kai Ika filleters at our Westhaven Z Pier trailer. Photo: Guy Macindoe

LegaSea Hawkes Bay



INTRODUCTION

[LegaSea Hawkes Bay](#) (LHB) is a volunteer group established in 2015 to address declining fisheries in the Bay. Our team includes Wayne Bicknell, Jim Yeoman, Brian Firman, Alex Smith, David Cheetham, David Bicknell, David Scott and Carl Fairey. Our Chairman is John Stewart. LegaSea Hawkes Bay enjoys the support of LegaSea (national) and the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council.

LHB continues to build strong relationships with mana whenua and local organisations that have an interest in the marine environment. We have firmly established ourselves as the go-to organisation when it comes to matters that affect our fishery. We are represented on several working parties including the Hawke's Bay Regional Council's Marine and Coastal Group and Napier Port's Fishing Liaison Group.

SUBMISSIONS

LegaSea Hawkes Bay has submitted in response to a range of resource consent applications and fisheries related issues over the past year, including: Proposed bylaws for the Te Hoe Mātaitai Reserve at Mahia, Hawke's Bay Regional Council's resource consent application to dredge the Clive River, Ravensdown's resource consent application relating to emissions and discharge of stormwater, and proposal for protection of three pipelines in the marine area of Hawke's Bay owned by Napier City Council, PanPac and Hastings District Council.

ARTIFICIAL REEFS

Hawke's Bay has two new artificial reefs created as a result of negotiations between LegaSea Hawkes Bay and Napier Port. These reefs are set to enhance the existing habitat and health of the region's marine life and provide for recreational fishing. Repurposed natural limestone boulders dismantled from the Port's revetment wall where

the new 6 Wharf has been constructed have been used to build the new artificial reefs.

The first reef located 1.4 kilometres northeast of Pania Reef in 22 metres of water was previously muddy seafloor void of any structure or high value habitat. Now it is a developing reef with a footprint of approximately 300 x 300 metres and ranges in height up to 4 metres above the seafloor. Discussions are underway between stakeholders to give the reef added protection. The second reef is at the Gwen B shipwreck in 55 metres of water at the Northern Springs area. 16 nm from Napier Port. We are delighted that ~1400 tonnes of rock has been deposited there, to enhance an already popular fishing spot.

A recent dive survey shows that the reef adjacent to Pania is already attracting a range of fish species and new growth. Everyone involved in this project are justifiably proud of collaboratively working together for the benefit of the community.



The artificial reefs already support sea life.
Photo: Napier Port

6 WHARF PROJECT

The new 350 metre container wharf at Napier Port, named Te Whiti, officially opened in July 2022. This massive two-year project has seen 1,200,000 cubic metres of marine sediment taken to the dump site 4 km offshore.

LegaSea Hawkes Bay has been a significant representative on the Napier Port Fisheries Liaison Group monitoring the port dredging programme. We are pleased to report the entire project has conformed to all consents. A Cawthron dive survey of Pania Reef conducted in December 2021 indicates that there has been no deterioration of the various marine communities the reef supports and no significant change in the accumulation of sand and silt on the reef. This is good news and congratulations must go to everyone who has been involved in the project.

CLIVE RIVER DREDGING

In December 2021 LegaSea Hawkes Bay [submitted](#) on a publicly notified resource consent application by Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC) to dredge the Clive River. The thrust of our submission was to oppose the proposal to dump approximately 60,000 cubic metres of silt to the coastal beach area, because of the cumulative effects on the marine environment and indigenous biodiversity. We supported disposal on land.

The resource consent hearing was set down for the end of March 2022, but the Council sought a delay to enable them to gather additional information and evidence, to assist with consideration of the application.

In late May the Regional Council advised submitters that it had withdrawn its resource consent application. In announcing its decision publicly, the Council indicated it would investigate land-based options for disposal of dredge material.

LHB has all along accepted the need to dredge the Clive River to cater for recreational users. We congratulate the Council on its decision to fast track a land-based disposal option. This is a major win for us and a decision which we believe will lead to a better outcome for the marine environment.

HAWKE'S BAY MARINE AND COAST GROUP

The Hawke's Bay Marine and Coast group (HBMaC) was formed due to concern about the depletion of inshore finfish stocks, environmental degradation and sedimentation from the major rivers..

The Group's vision is to "achieve a healthy and functioning marine ecosystem in Hawke's Bay that supports an abundant and sustainable fishery". The group is administered by the Hawke's Bay Regional Council and comprises mana whenua, a wide range of stakeholders and LegaSea Hawkes Bay.

The primary focus of HBMaC has been the development of a Roadmap to clarify understanding and research needs and facilitate sustainable management of the coastal marine area. This work has progressed into a project with Sustainable Seas exploring ecosystem-based management, where the two main stressors, sediment from the land and bottom trawling were considered.

This work is ongoing and hopefully will lead to an improved marine environment in Hawke's Bay.



Team photo – From left to right: Dave Bicknell, Wayne Bicknell, Brain Firman, John Stewart, Jim Yeoman, Carl Fairey, Alex Smith, David Cheetham. Photo: Lynda Forrest

Working Together

Over the past year the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council and LegaSea collaborated with member clubs, aligned organisations, individual experts and advocates to develop a range of material. These included submissions, presentations and responses to fisheries management reviews, policy proposals, environmental initiatives and ongoing community outreach.

Together we acknowledge and appreciate the support and relationships formed with many individuals and organisations including the following:

- Blue Water Marine Research
- DeepSea Conservation Coalition
- Environment and Conservation Organisation of Aotearoa New Zealand – ECO
- Environmental Defence Society – EDS
- Greenpeace New Zealand
- Guardians of the Sea Charitable Trust
- Hawke’s Bay Marine and Coast group (HBMAC)
- Hoani Waititi Marae
- Kelly Tarltons Marine Wildlife Trust
- KASM (Kiwi’s Against Seabed Mining)
- Marlborough Recreational Fishers Association
- Napier Port
- Napier Port Fishing Liaison Group
- New Zealand Angling & Casting Association
- New Zealand Marine Research Foundation
- New Zealand Underwater Association
- NIWA
- Opito Bay Ratepayers Association
- Outboard Boating Club of Auckland (OBC)
- Papatūānuku Kōkiri Marae
- Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society of New Zealand
- SEA LIFE Trust
- Spearfishing NZ
- Sustainable Coastlines
- SeaCleaners
- Te Pūtahi a Toi, School of Māori Knowledge,

- Massey University
- Te Rūnanga Ā Iwi O Ngāpuhi
- The University of Auckland
- Waiheke Marine Project
- World Wildlife Fund New Zealand – WWF New Zealand
- Yachting New Zealand

PRODUCTIVE COLLABORATION

Since November 2021 the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council and LegaSea have taken our campaigning to the next level – forming an alliance to tackle the issue of bottom trawling, scallop dredging, and Danish seining in the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park.

While this is ongoing, we are pleased to report we have established good working relationships with: New Zealand Underwater Association (NZUA), Greenpeace, Forest & Bird, Environmental Defence Society (EDS), WWF – New Zealand, The Environment and Conservation Organisations of New Zealand (ECO), New Zealand Angling and Casting Association (NZACA), Yachting New Zealand and the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron (RNZYS).

The Hauraki Gulf Marine Park has been a large focus for our team over the past year after the Government released the ‘Revitalising the Gulf’ plan, a plan which proposes major changes in marine resource management, yet fails to address declining fish populations.

Over the past year we have successfully collaborated with a number of Hauraki Gulf and Northland Iwi to pave a future for co-management of marine resources. We’d like to thank Ngāti Hei, Ngāti Pāoa, Ngāti Manuhiri, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāpuhi, Te Roopu Kaitiaki Whakature I Nga Taonga o Tangaroa, and Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea for exchanging insight and knowledge around the future of your rohe moana.

Income and Expenditure



LEGASEA

	30/6/2019	30/6/2020	30/6/2021	30/6/2022	Notes
INCOME		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	
Donations from Legends, public & unaffiliated clubs	144900	137644	159213	135225	
Partner sponsorship programme	154657	184061	181656	200441	
Building LegaSea and LegaSea Works	31361	38517	32498	40176	
Grants received	438905	559569	698314	668377	
Merchandise income	44583	36457	15233	16205	
Other income	15032	13280	76728	8333	1
Total income	829438	969528	1163642	1068757	
EXPENDITURE					
Donations to NZSFC and LegaSea Hawkes Bay	144900	137644	159213	135225	2
Public outreach	198658	182667	171884	226994	
Fundraising	81565	95348	68446	83326	
Governance, Strategy and planning	58044	85351	82317	99548	
Administration	93649	103110	104608	100930	
Campaigns	346819	403065	474917	353333	3
Total Expenditure	923635	1007185	1061385	999356	
Surplus/Deficit	-94197	-37657	102257	69401	

1. Other income includes donations from affiliated clubs.
2. Distributions to NZSFC to be administered and invested in Advocacy, Research, Education and Alignment. Distributions to LegaSea Hawkes Bay go to support their valuable work.
3. Campaigns – FishCare, Kai Ika, Rescue Fish, Scallops, Fisheries Amendment Bill, Snapper 8, Blue Cod 3, Reef Fish, Hauraki Gulf Alliance.

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT STANDING COMMITTEE



ALLAN DAVIDSON

Allan is the Environmental Advocacy Group Lead for the New Zealand Underwater Association (NZUA). Allan is a keen diver, and is the current secretary & past President of the Mana Aquatic Dive Club Inc. Allan has been co-opted onto the Fisheries Management Standing Committee to provide an underwater perspective of the marine environment and its management, and a Wellington-Marlborough Sounds viewpoint.



MARK CONNOR

Mark is the South Island's representative on the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council's Executive Board, and the chair of the Fisheries Management Standing Committee. Mark is a long standing member of the Ashley Sport Fishing Club in north Canterbury, and is actively engaged in local and regional fisheries management processes. Mark was the President of the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council between 2012 and 2015, and has been a director of LegaSea since 2012.



PETER CAMPBELL

Peter is based in Tauranga and has been a Zone delegate to the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council's Executive Board for 22 years. He has been Vice President of the Board twice, from 2001 to 2009, and 2012 onwards. Peter is an active contributor to all aspects of fisheries and resource management, and marine protection activity. He is also a LegaSea director.



RICHARD BAKER

Richard has been involved with the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council for over 30 years. Richard was Council President from 2008 to 2011, and is the Council's youngest ever life member. He is one of New Zealand's eight representatives to the International Game Fish Association. Richard is the Council's spokesperson on fisheries management and public education issues.



SCOTT MACINDOE

Scott has been an active contributor to the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council in a management and public awareness capacity for more than a decade. He has been a member of the Warkworth Gamefish Club committee for 10 years. Scott provides strategic advice to the fisheries management and LegaSea teams. His insights and contributions are highly valued by the team and Council.



WAYNE BICKNELL

Wayne is a life member of the Hawke's Bay Sport Fishing Club and is a New Zealand representative to the International Game Fish Association. He is also a New Zealand Sport Fishing Council's Executive Board member. Wayne has years of experience in local and national issues. He is also a founding member and spokesperson for LegaSea Hawkes Bay.



BOB GUTSELL

Bob is the President of the Zealand Sport Fishing Council. He is also a past President of the Waikato Sport Fishing Club. He has been a member of the Executive Board for 10 years and now contributes his expertise to the Fisheries Management Standing Committee.



KEN BARRY

Ken has represented the Zone 6, North Island west coast, clubs on the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council Executive Board for the past three years. He is also President of the Raglan Sportfishing Club. Ken is an active advocate for local, regional and national issues. Ken is proud to stand with all Zone representatives in advocating for more abundant fish stocks and support efforts to enhance ethical fishing practices.



JIM YEOMAN

Jim is the President of the New Zealand Angling & Casting Association (NZACA). He is also a spokesperson for LegaSea Hawkes Bay. Jim has been co-opted onto the Fisheries Management Standing Committee to represent the NZACA's members' interests. His generous and authentic contribution to the Committee and the discussions over the past seven years is much appreciated. He continues to advocate for local and regional interests in fisheries and the marine environment.

Profiles

SERVICE PROVIDERS



JOHN HOLDSWORTH (BSC)

John is a director of Blue Water Marine Research, established in 1997 to conduct research including surveying recreational fishers and various tagging projects. His 20 years experience in fisheries research and management, combined with his love for fishing, provides a powerful scientific and topwater perspective. John is the ideal representative for our club members' interests in the science, policy and working group processes run by Fisheries New Zealand.



BARRY TORKINGTON

Barry Torkington has worked in the commercial fishing and aquaculture industry since the 1970s, as a fisherman and in marketing and product innovation. He was a director of Leigh Fisheries for 10 years. Barry's particular interest over 40 years of policy development is in the use of industrial fishing methods and their restrictions, and productivity, in terms of yield per recruit and benthic protection. Barry has been a policy advisor to the NZ Sport Fishing Council since 2005.



TRISH REA

Trish has over 20 years experience in fisheries management and advocacy, driven by a passion to ensure everyone now, and in the future, can enjoy fishing and gathering kaimoana. A skilled communicator and coordinator, Trish has developed a variety of valuable skills that allows her to effortlessly flit between working with organisations and communities, and work on policy and fisheries management issues on behalf of the Council.



STUART RYAN

Stuart is a barrister with specialist practice in public law, environmental law and related areas. He represented the (then) New Zealand Big Game Fishing Council and other non-commercial interests in the [Kahawai Legal Challenge](#) proceedings from 2004 to 2009. Stuart has over 20 years experience in advising public and private sector clients. Over the years Stuart has built a strong relationship with many non-commercial environmental and fishing group interests.



ROWAN ASHTON

Rowan is a senior associate with Brookfields Lawyers and specialises in resource management, local government and public law. Rowan has experience in a diverse range of resource management matters. This experience has proven to be invaluable as he helps the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council respond to Resource Management Act fishing controls arising from a growing involvement of Regional Councils and environmental groups in the marine space.

Friends and Partners

KEN VAUGHAN – TURKISH BREAD

[Turkish Bread's](#) Managing Director, Ken Vaughan, is pleased to be teaming up with LegaSea to help promote the restoration of our oceans. Turkish Bread has supported the creation of the Go Fish collector cards. Hi Ika means to fish with a line and hook.

We collaborated with LegaSea to develop a fish version of this popular children's card game, with 25 educational collector cards. This collective effort has encouraged our customer base to collect and swap cards to learn about our marine creatures.

One of the most pleasing aspects of the campaign has been the overwhelming response from schools. It's pleasing for Turkish Bread to be working with LegaSea on such a worthwhile educational initiative.

GARETH HUGHES – VICTORY KNIVES

[Victory Knives](#) are proud to be a supporter of the LegaSea team and the Kai Ika Project. We share values around the management and longer term conservation of our recreational fisheries for the benefit of generations to come. LegaSea is championing effective advocacy supported by science. Victory Knives is pleased to be part of such a generous team who are willing to share food and their experience to help others in the community.

HILARY WEST-REEVE – PHOENIX METALMAN RECYCLING

[Phoenix](#) is honoured to become a Platinum Member of the LegaSea family to support its cause. There are powerful synergies between our organisations. We both share similar values; protecting and ensuring intergenerational sustainability of New Zealand's resources.

We are a 100% NZ owned, net carbon zero certified business – leading NZ's metal recycling industry in the environmental stewardship of an infinitely renewable resource. Recycling metal emits 80% less CO2 than metal production from raw materials, reducing raw material mining; keeping secondary raw materials in circulation, saving natural habitats and forests.

By collaborating with LegaSea we can deliver sustainable outcomes for our land and our oceans.

BLAIR JAMES – JAMES GROUP

[James Group](#) is on a mission as a proud Platinum Partner of LegaSea to help protect and restore New Zealand's marine environment. As a team of avid boaties, divers and fishermen, this cause is one that sits close to our hearts, alongside the opportunity to make a real difference to preserve our ocean for all New Zealanders to enjoy.

SAMANTHA WHITE – KÖPAREPARE WINES

We are so appreciative of our partnership with LegaSea, which has only strengthened throughout the years as we engage more people in connecting with the ocean. In 2022 we led another successful campaign during Matariki celebrations to donate 100% of [Kōparepare](#) wine sales to LegaSea, raising over \$33,400. The support we have had from New Zealanders who clearly care about the ocean is incredible, and we are so happy to be able to make a difference to marine projects in New Zealand.

Platinum and Gold Partners

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Our Partners are our lifeblood. They help with funding, communication, social engagement, brand enhancement and materials. Their support motivates the team and demonstrates a commitment to all New Zealanders, to ensure our lives are made richer through the health of our fisheries and the environment that surrounds us.

The New Zealand Sport Fishing Council and LegaSea gain confidence from having these Partners onboard the waka (canoe) seeking to rebuild our inshore fisheries to abundant levels.

Our team strives to act in a fair and professional manner, and our dedication to detail has given our Partners the confidence to stick with us. Rebuilding our inshore fishery to a level of abundance is now a shared vision.

We could not achieve our collective outcomes without the generous support of many people and businesses. The New Zealand Sport Fishing Council and LegaSea appreciate this ongoing trust and confidence in us to deliver the best outcomes for today's fishers and future generations of New Zealanders.

GOLD











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MY BOTTOM!**



BAN BOTTOM TRAWLING IN THE HAURAKI GULF
Sign the petition at HaurakiGulfAlliance.nz

