

### Enquires keep coming from all over the world

Precision Seafood Harvesting, a technology launched at the Seafood NZ Conference last month, continues to receive great interest from around the world.

View underwater footage of the Precision Seafood Harvesting technology in action [here](#).



### BUMPER START TO BNS SEASON

Sheds have been busy packing bluenose with a great start to the season across BNS1, BNS2 and BNS8! Both Northland and Bay of Plenty fishers have commented that stocks are in good health but are still facing the major problem of orca de-predation, often to the point of having to finish trips early or steam overnight to get away from them.

This interaction has a significant effect on CPUE data for this fishery and further work is needed to understand to what extent as usually fish are removed from the line at considerable depth, meaning it is very hard to know how much is taken.

Any BNS fishers and sheds who are not already, need to get on board with the Trident BNS catch sampling programme. This programme along with further analysis of the latest data is part of the undertaking offered by BNS quota owners across the country. MPI supported retaining the TACC at current levels on the basis that this would occur.  
*Tom Searl – Leigh Fisheries*

### We welcome our newest member!

Phillip Clow

### DOC calls for nominations in Otago

The Minister of Conservation invited nominations to join the Otago Marine Protection Planning Forum. The forum will develop recommendations on the location and types of marine protected areas that should be established in the Otago region – this is an important issue for fin fish and Fisheries Inshore will front foot it, be involved and provide creative, positive and innovative feedback. As always, our goal is to be collaborative and solutions orientated.

### Where does our effort go?

We've heard rumblings that it's thought too much of Fisheries Inshore resource was invested into the snapper debate up north at the detriment of other fish stocks. Rest assured this is not the case.

The SNA1 Commercial defence of the TAC was very much a united, collective effort of independent and contract fishermen (trawl, set net, seine and long line), Licensed Fish Receivers, fishing companies, quota owners and four branches of the Federation of Commercial Fishermen. The group resourced themselves. Everyone put in effort and goodwill, see the submission [here](#).

Fisheries Inshore gave access to Seafood New Zealand (SNZ) science advice at the MPI Northern Inshore working group. But when extra science was needed, SNA1 Commercial purchased expertise (Paul Starr, Vivian Haist, Adam Langley and David Middleton).

Fisheries Inshore also provides SNZ science into the MPI Southern Inshore working group, Aquatic Environment Working Group and when needed, into Highly Migratory.

### Northland fishers promote seabird-smart fishing

Commercial fishers swapped tips and techniques to keep seabirds away from their boats during a one-day [Southern Seabird Solutions](#) workshop at Mangonui recently.

"For our fishermen these workshops are a time to come together with their peers to learn new skills and share new initiatives. It's always pleasing to see the high level of participation from our team of fishers," says Nathan Reid of Aotearoa Fisheries (AFL) Inshore. Last year one of AFL's fishermen, Adam Clow won the Seabird Smart Award for his efforts in saving seabirds.

The content of each workshop is tailored to the needs of the particular fishing fleet attending, with information provided about local seabirds, the latest developments in seabird-smart fishing practices, how to care for seabirds if they are caught, and benefits for the fishing industry of being seabird-smart.

Southern Seabird Solutions will keep in touch with workshop participants and can offer support and advice to fishers wanting to learn more or test particular seabird-smart practices to measure their effectiveness.