

Fishers stand united



Most photogenic of the 19 fishermen who sacrificed a day of perfect weather to stand united at the Thames meeting with their colleagues in Whangarei, Leigh, Auckland and Tauranga.

Snapper 1 fishers and quota owners across FMA 1 have been meeting to discuss the [Ministry's IPP](#). At stake is not the sustainability of the stock, everyone agrees stock biomass is steadily trending upwards. Option 2 of the IPP proposes a 500 tonne increase and fishers and quota owners are united in their support that this increase must be shared between recreationalists and commercial.

These fishers are currently working on a joint submission to the Minister but Fisheries Inshore also encourages people to have their own say and lodge a submission.

Putting his hand up

Check out the submission [here](#) from one local snapper fisher and quota owner who says that even though snapper is only bycatch for them if there were to be a reduction in SNA1 TACC this will reduce their catches of our other species because of having to avoid areas where they know snapper will be a dominant part of their trawl.

Members voice:

Taking watch keeping to a new level

Fisher Nick Hayes became a regional Talkback star when he rang the radio station at 2am and talked snapper.

Well done Nick, we heard you did a great job standing up for the real facts.



Nick Hayes, Fisher

Bluenose Quota owners come together

A meeting was held last Friday for Bluenose quota owners to discuss a management plan and research programme. The meeting had a great turn out with everyone being in support of Option 1—status quo.

Laws Lawson will be writing a submission on behalf of quota owners and fishers and a special mail out will follow.

Recreational charters

There are 200 hundred registered recreational charter vessels in SNA 1. Most of these target big snapper and advertise 'catch your bag' deals. It's estimated this industry takes 200 tonne of snapper a year; that's one tonne per vessel. Along with the Ministry's review of fish stocks this year, the IPP documents include reviewing the reporting requirements of charter vessels—read the MPI discussion document [here](#).

Submissions on this document close on 23rd August and deserve your attention.



Dolphin Watch

There are still no decisions regarding the Maui and Hector dolphin consultation. While Nick Smith (Minister of Conservation) indicated that he would announce decisions in July, that date slipped by in silence. Seafood New Zealand understands that the Minister is evaluating new information (although we've not been told what it is) and any announcements are still some time away.

Rest assured our Fisheries Inshore team will respond once intentions are clear.

Welcome new members!

Te Henga Ltd
Margret Ward
Eric Jorgensen



3 Things

to know about Snapper

1. The biomass is healthy and trending upwards
2. Commercial fishers keep inside the TACC
3. Recreational catch is taking almost double its limit