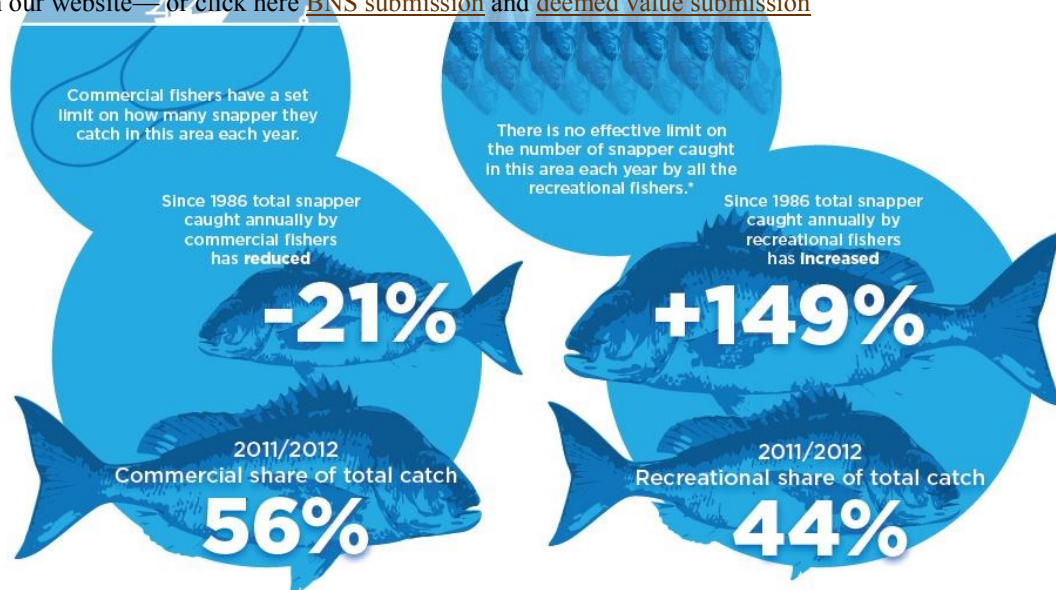


### INDUSTRY COLLABORATES ON BNS

There was a strong response to the BNS IPP. It was great to see, it shows industry is collaborating. Analysis shows we can retain the current BNS TACCs without any detrimental effect on the recovery of the fishery. If the Minister agrees to retain the current TACCs, industry has committed to resourcing analysis so there can be a full review and catch sampling of the stocks next year.

In our submission we recommended the deemed values for BNS3 be adjusted and that FINZ be consulted. Our submission was developed in conjunction with FINZ quota owners—it can be read on our website—or click here [BNS submission](#) and [deemed value submission](#)



### SNAPPER IS BACK ON THE MENU

Up north, commercial fishers over the last two months have taken unjust criticism as recreational lobby groups (RLG) in their protest to suggestions that the recreational bag limit (9 snapper in a mixed bag of 20 fish) might change, have pointed to commercial fishing as the issue. As our poster points out, the reality is quite different—[view the full poster here](#)

The SNA 1 recreational allowance is 2600 tonnes. In 2012/13 MPI estimated that 3954 tonnes was caught by recreational fishers - excluding recreational charters. That's 52% over allowance.

The RLG responded to our poster saying you can only overfish quota, we're not part of the QMS.

*We don't agree, the foundation of the QMS is the setting of a Total Allowable Catch (TAC). That's a limit for everyone. The TACC and the non-commercial allowances are proportions of this overall limit. Recreationalist don't have an Individual Transferable Quota but there is a cumulative total catch allowance made for recreation fishers and a requirement to stay within in.*

*Recreationalists currently take 52% over their allocation – that's the problem that needs addressing because left uncontrolled it's putting at risk the sustainability of the fishery.*

Recreationalists argue their allowance should be a reflection of what they catch. After anglers have their social and culture wellbeing provided for, they say commercial quota is what remains.

*We don't agree - 2009 the Supreme Court found recreational fishers didn't have higher, innate rights. The Court said fish are a limited resource and providing for people's wellbeing isn't of direct relevance when apportioning the TAC between commercial and recreational.*

### Diary date:

#### FINZ AGM

Seafood Industry  
House, 74 Cambridge  
Terrace, Wellington  
11am—1pm Thursday  
**19th September 2013.**

Open to all FINZ  
members.

### Welcome new members!

Silverspray  
Fishing Limited

### Members voice:

These fishermen turned up at their local SNA 1 fishers meeting looking for answers.

The fishing has never been better they say and in their opinion the problem is that scientists and the people actually out on the water aren't getting together to exchange knowledge and expertise.



Steve O, Ray and Wokkie  
SNA1 Fishermen