



SEABIRD - NPOA

The NPOA (National Plan of Action) Seabirds sets out objectives over five years to guide management of incidental seabird captures in New Zealand fisheries (New Zealand is an important breeding ground for about 70 seabird species and various fisheries interact with at least 30 of these).

The NPOA is part of an internationally visible management framework, a requirement of the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP) members of which New Zealand is a party and linked to UN and FAO processes and guidelines.

The NPOA Risk Assessment tabulates the possible impact of potential fisheries mortalities on the 70 seabird species that breed in New Zealand and risk scores each. Sometimes high risk scores are driven by a lack of information on captures or the size and nature of a population.

A key part of the NPOA-S is the objective to move seabird species to a lower risk category within the five year timeframe. Currently about 20 species are assessed to be in a high or very high risk category that suggest priority attention.

The current management approach will see the objectives achieved through MPI Fisheries Plans.

To support implementation an advisory group is being established. The Seabird Advisory Group (SAG), made up of representatives from industry, Government and interested parties, will monitor and assist with implementation of the NPOA Seabirds.

Fisheries Inshore cares about seabirds. We were active in the development of the National Plan of Action (NPOA) Seabirds. We are absolutely committed to talking more about the great things our fishers are doing out on the water to ensure that they don't catch birds.

FISHERIES INSHORE NEW ZEALAND AGM

The AGM for Fisheries Inshore New Zealand was held yesterday in Wellington at Seafood New Zealand House. We're just compiling the notes and plan to send out an update with outcomes as a special communication piece soon.

Members voice:

Our apologies to fisher Ray Yearbury who attended the local Thames fishers SNA 1 meeting and gave us great feedback for the fisher initiatives that probably saved us from a TACC cut.

We did the unforgivable and forgot to add your name to the supporter's list. Sorry 'Every-Day-Ray'.

Please accept our sincere apologies - we love having you on our team.



Ray Yearbury