

A warm welcome to our first issue



Fisheries Inshore New Zealand representatives were present at the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Industry Workshop this week. Left: Te Tane Trinick – Sealord Telesales Manager Foodservice and Right: Chief Executive Rupert Howes from MSC

Welcome to the first edition of our biweekly e-newsletter focusing exclusively on inshore finfish: What we are doing to protect and enhance our fisheries business, the policies, proposals and on-the-water experiences of our fishers, quota owners and ACE members.

First up, I am pleased to report that Fisheries Inshore membership is steadily growing. We hold the mandate to represent 75 inshore, tuna and pelagic fish stocks (with more than 51% of quota shares in these stocks joining us). This support coupled with the membership of several Commercial Stakeholder Companies is a strong foundation for building our national inshore voice.

Fisheries Inshore directors are Craig Boote (Westfleet), Greg Bishop (Lee Fish), Peter Douglas (Te Ohu Kaimoana—the Maori Fisheries Trust), Shane Walsh (Sanford) and myself (AFL) as Chair. Milan Barbarich (Northern Inshore), Charles Hufflett (Pelagic and Tuna) and Aramanu Ropiha (Area 2) are part of the board as representatives for their CSO membership. In the near future we are also hoping to welcome two independent fishers. Laws Lawson has agreed to work as Chief Executive. All up, a great team with a lot of experience.

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Science Working Groups

We want our fisheries to be managed on a robust evidence based system. To help this we have contracted science expertise from Seafood New Zealand to participate in the Ministry for Primary Industries Northern and Southern stock assessment working groups and are now developing a pathway for our member CSOs to further benefit from this.

We will have science representation at all working groups where our fish stocks, TACCs or other management measures are under challenge.

Working with Commercial Stakeholder Organisations and regional groups

It's good to have Area 2, Northern Inshore and Pelagic and Tuna on board as members and to be able to access the expertise of their fishers and quota owners. Fisheries Inshore will support the work of our CSOs and regional groups – our goal is collaboration for a strong inshore and pelagic voice to protect and enhance our fisheries and businesses.

If you're not already a member—download the application form [here](#)

HMS Pelagic

Fisheries Inshore hit the ground running at the first industry meeting on the National Plan of Action – Sharks. The Ministry announced it wanted its Plan out for public submissions by the end of April but we've made it clear that more discussion is needed.

Decisions around shark as both a by-catch and quota species in the pelagic (and inshore) fishery needs careful consideration and your input; for example when and under what conditions you want to use Schedule 6 for these fish stocks and how much, if any, of the animal needs to be landed— both issues clearly need more discussion.

You can directly participate in this work, simply contact us at info@inshore.co.nz with your views.

A close relationship with Trident

While Trident is an independent stand-alone science provider, we recognise that many of Trident shareholders are also Fisheries Inshore members. Some of Trident's work (currently in TRE 1 and 7 and SNA 1 and 8) directly benefits inshore ensuring there is better quality information available for management decisions.

Diary date:

Fisheries Inshore inaugural AGM will be held 4th March at Seafood House in Wellington at 10am.

All members are very welcome.

Download the agenda [here](#).



Bird flash

Black Petrel Sightings

Several commercial fishers are seeing large numbers (150 - 300) of un-banded black petrel about 45km North East of Great Barrier. This is great news for those of us who have been meeting regularly to work on a commercial response to the draft National Plan of Action—Seabirds, which currently suggests that Black Petrel is the greatest at-risk seabird from fishing related mortality.

If you are out on the water and see these birds, please help us by reporting sightings. See material and attached forms below. Send the information to info@inshore.co.nz

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Members voice:

Dave Kellian, long time long line tuna fisher said during a meeting with MPI on the National Plan of Action – Sharks; 'we need a way forward that does not require us to land fish with no commercial value or I'll be out of business real fast (plus I'd have the added insult of paying dump fees). For pelagic sharks that probably means similar treatment to SPD for inshore'



Dave Kellian - Fisheries Inshore New Zealand Member