

Getting our voice heard

Fisheries Inshore put in a submission on the Fisheries (Foreign Charters and other Matters) Amendment Bill. That title would lead you to think it was just a response to the FCV inquiry. Fisheries Inshore New Zealand supports FCV vessels operating completely under New Zealand law. But the detail of the proposed legislation means it would extend to significant changes for every fishing vessel in the country – not just the deepwater FCVs. Fisheries Inshore support necessary changes in regulation that enhance compliance but we oppose this – there has been no discussion with industry on why it is included and we consider there is no justification for extending any changes to the inshore fleet.

The detail in the draft legislation also proposes to give the Chief Executive of MPI the power to suspend or cancel registration of a vessel based on him considering that your use could be a risk to fisheries management, employment or vessel safety. There is also no ability to appeal his decision to an independent body. Fisheries Inshore opposes granting the CE these additional powers. Such measures are not transparent, breach natural justice and will only increase uncertainty in the seafood industry and will decrease investment.

Fisheries Inshore will be presenting our submission to the Primary Production Select Committee. [Click here](#) to read our submission.

Laws Lawson, CEO

Trident

Trident is industry's solution to reducing the cost of fisheries science. A group of forward thinking quota owners have invested into the company with the aim to positively influence MPI science working groups and inform TACC debates from a fishers' perspective. This week SNA 1 quota owners greatly benefited from being able to access Trident science expertise to feed into the Northern Inshore stock assessment working group.

Snapper 1 Recreational Catch

There is no doubt that snapper catchability for recreational fishers is changing in the Gulf – more are hitting their bag limits faster and the fishing is easy. In Auckland, talk on the waterfront is that charter vessels are keeping their customers happy and only need to burn half a cup of fuel as they no longer need to motor long distances for a strong school.

National Plan of Action—Sharks

We are participating in the development of the National Plan of Action on Sharks. If anyone would like to participate, please let us know at info@inshore.co.nz.

Members voice:

Many fishers across the country will be struggling this year to balance their Bluenose catch against available ACE. Fishing has been good and we're seeing new year classes coming through. With still a year to go in the Ministry's rebuild strategy and another big cut in the Bluenose TACC expected, it's vital that everyone gets behind the industry initiated catch sampling programme. The only way we're going to challenge the Minister's decision is by proving (with science) that the Bluenose stocks are in better shape than estimated.



Nathan Reid - AFL



Reminder

Longline fishers

Remember the current seabird mitigation rules prohibit setting longlines during daylight hours unless both a tori line and line weighting are used. The line weighting used must meet certain specifications ([click here](#)). The alternative is to set during the hours of darkness and use a tori line. Seabird mitigation rules will be a focus of both compliance and management attention during the year.

Diary dates:

Fisheries Inshore Workshop

Tuesday 14th May 2013, 11am, Auckland. More details to follow in the next issue of CATCHup.

Longline and Albacore meetings

Friday 12th April 2013 at Mount Ocean Sports Club, Salisbury Avenue, Mt Maunganui

Longline workshop will be 10am—1pm

Albacore meeting from 2pm—4pm.