

Kicking off the free loaders

The Ministry's Biosecurity division are putting together a discussion document aimed at identifying the major marine pest 'risk' pathways – and boats are high on their list. While we are absolutely committed to keeping New Zealand's water clean, it's a tough and continual challenge when many of our large ports are already contaminated and right next to the heavy shipping lane, hundreds of recreational boats are moored up waiting for a nice weekend.

We're keeping a close watch on this document as hulls of boats, bilge water, fish bait, transportation of live product and fishing gear (all inshore issues) have been identified as being easy targets for hitchhiking pests.

Inshore Fisheries New Zealand Workshop
INFORM > DEBATE > SHAPE
14th May 2013, 10am—5pm
Novotel Hotel, Auckland International Airport
Registrations close this coming Tuesday. [Register here](#)

Hands up for BCO 5

The Blue Cod 5 Association is inviting all quota owners and ACE holders sharing an interest in this fish stock to join their Commercial Stakeholder Organisation (CSO).

BCO 5 works on projects that ensure the continued sustainable management and enhancement of their fishery for the benefit of all participants. The Association will continue to use the Data Collection Form the fishery established for the research program which includes the commercial fishers' log books and diaries. They will also begin investigating the most effective method of enhancing the Foveaux Strait fishery through increasing the size of fish being targeted.

The first idea they will be looking into include changing the size of the pot mesh and installing escape gaps. For more information please contact Steve Allen steve@southfish.co.nz



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The 2013 Fisheries Assessment Plenary Schedule kicks off next week and Snapper is on **Friday 10 May 9.30am.**

Both recreational and commercial fishers' on-water experiences lead fishers to feel strongly that a TACC increase is needed.

The TACC is constraining fishers effort to the point that it is adversely affecting their ability to catch other species and fishers are forced to spend long periods of time steaming away from schools of snapper.

Hector Dolphins

The Ministry's East Coast South Island flights aimed at estimating the dolphin population is now complete and yesterday in Wellington scientists seemed quite excited. Survey projects using spotter planes don't come cheap, so it was good news to hear that dolphins were spotted.

Members voice:

We had a fabulous two days on Great Barrier with Southern Seabird Solutions. The objective of the trip was to create a DVD on seabirds and inshore fishing, primarily focusing on the Black Petrel. Biz Bell from Wildlife Management, has been researching the black Petrel on Great Barrier for 17 years and it was a pleasure to assist Biz in banding Black Petrel chicks.



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