



# Friday update



## Captain's Blog

October 14, 2016

### Science-based stock management does more for oceans than MPAs

Marine protected areas are not the answer to saving the world's oceans.

That is according to prominent fisheries scientist Prof Ray Hilborn in an opinion piece published by Fox News.

The Hilborn paper was discussed at this week's International Coalition of Fishing Associations annual meeting in Rome.

A UN bottom fishing review, management of tuna fisheries, effective measures against illegal fishing, working conditions in the fishing industry and protection of endangered species were amongst other agenda items.

The peak seafood bodies from US, Canada, Japan, Spain, France, Netherlands, Denmark, Australia, New Zealand, Iceland and Taiwan attended the meeting.

"Around the world we see fish stocks increasing in abundance when fisheries management is effectively applied, without MPAs playing a significant role," Prof Hilborn said. As a Professor of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences at the University of Washington in Seattle, he leads several research projects on the status of global fish stocks.

"Fish stocks in the US, Iceland, Norway, New Zealand, South Africa and Australia have all been shown to rebuild from overfishing through traditional fisheries management," he said.

"We don't need MPAs to rebuild fish stocks.

## In the Media



The new barge will be moored at Waitata salmon farm. Photo: Fairfax NZ.

### New Zealand King Salmon invests in \$2million barge

Stuff (October 12) reported on Marlborough engineering company Cuddon Ltd winning the tender to build a \$2 million fish feed storage and accommodation barge for New Zealand King Salmon.

Cuddon Ltd has a long association working with King Salmon and the company's project proposal was the "best fit" in quality and price over larger international companies, New Zealand King Salmon chief executive Grant Rosewarne said.

The permanently moored barge would be used to store and distribute salmon feed at the company's recently opened Waitata farm in Pelorus Sound. Construction of the 250-square metre barge would be completed by early 2017, with a delivery date scheduled for May. [Read more](#)

“In reality, redirecting hundreds of millions of dollars spent on MPA advocacy towards other threats to the ocean, or to improving fisheries management globally, would provide much more comprehensive and proactive protection.

“The MPA advocacy movement needs to embrace the reality that closing ever larger areas of the ocean to fishing, when it happens, should be guided by clearly stated objectives, independent scientific evaluation of alternatives, and public consultation on the impacts on people.

“MPAs should be established where the problems are, not where it is politically expedient. A race to see who has the biggest or the most is running in the wrong direction.”

The MPA movement has become a religion, he said.

“Political leaders argue they are protecting the oceans with MPAs, but mostly they aren’t.

“The major threats to ocean health and biodiversity – including global warming, ocean acidification, oil spills, floating masses of plastics, pollutant run-off from land, and illegal fishing – all are not addressed by this conservation measure.

“In US waters, fish stocks are increasing, and overfishing is declining rapidly, without a significant number of MPAs.

“Why? For one thing, we already have myriad well-enforced laws that protect fish stock health and marine biodiversity very well through a science-based management system. They do it better than simply closing off large sections of the ocean.”

Exactly the same arguments apply in this country.

Like the Kermadecs ocean sanctuary, the proposed recreational marine parks in the Hauraki Gulf and the Marlborough Sounds are politically driven, they are not sustainability measures.

What they will do, if enacted, is sink family fishing businesses.

The Federation of Commercial Fishermen commissioned [a video to tell their stories](#).

The video was this week sent to all MPs so that they can better understand the impact of policies adopted without consultation or proper consideration.

What we can all agree on is the need to protect our marine environment.

The means of achieving that, whilst maintaining healthy seafood production for a hungry world and supporting employment and economic returns, is the issue.

– Tim Pankhurst



Graham and Nadine Taylor run their fishing business out of Picton and Port Underwood.

## Legacy Fishing's Nadine Taylor elected to Council

**Stuff (October 9)** reported on Legacy Fishing's Nadine Taylor being elected to the Marlborough District Council after scooping the most votes in the Marlborough Sounds ward, where she was joined by incumbents David Oddie and Trevor Hook.

The Picton businesswoman scored 1090 votes in the provisional results released on Saturday, 312 more than Oddie with 778 votes, the report said. Taylor said she was thrilled to be elected to the council and was lucky to be working with two sitting councillors. [Read more](#)

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## MSC continues to make waves

**Sustainable Brands (October 12)** reported on the release of the Marine Stewardship Council's (MSC's) latest annual report, which highlights growth in MSC-certified fisheries and supply chain.

The volume of MSC-certified catch has increased by 6 per cent since 2014-15, while the MSC certified supply chain has increased by 16 per cent over the same period. More than 20,000 products now carry the blue MSC label and can be traced back to fisheries, which meet the MSC standard for sustainable fishing.

“Accelerated growth in the MSC certified supply chain, and more MSC labelled products, demonstrate a growing demand for traceable, sustainable seafood,” MSC CEO Rupert Howes said.

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### Safer commercial fishing and internationally recognised tickets

**Scoop (October 10)** reported on New Zealand adopting international rules on certification for commercial fishermen, aimed at making fishing safer and ensuring New Zealand fishers will have their tickets recognised internationally. Following public consultation in April 2015, the Government decided to accede to the International Maritime Organization's International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel, 1995 (known as STCW-F). The Convention covers crew working on fishing vessels of more than 24 metres in length or with propulsion power of 750kW or more, operating beyond 12 nautical miles from shore. Maritime New Zealand is currently consulting on rule changes required as part of this process.

#### Have your say

*The invitation to comment document is available on the Maritime NZ website [on this link](#). Consultation closes on November 7.*

### Applications closing soon – Kellogg Rural Leadership

#### Programme

Want to gain skills to become a leader in the primary industry sector? The Kellogg leadership programme, which has now been expanded to include the seafood sector, is an industry focused, cost and time effective option that hones future leaders. The programme has two course start options, with Course 1 applications closing in three days on **October 17, 2016!**

Course 2 applications close March 20, 2017.

Check out programme and course details below or visit [www.kellogg.org.nz](http://www.kellogg.org.nz) for applications.

#### 2017 Course dates:

**Course 1:** January 24 – June 29, applications close October 17, 2016.

**Course 2:** June 20 – November 23, applications close March 20, 2017.

#### Programme details

- Six-month programme with two course start options
- Four modules of experiential learning including three residentials
- Supportive environment with skilled facilitators who link themes and discussions



- A research project targeted to individual leadership aspirations & influence
  - Future development and mentorship planning
  - Strong engagement with cross sector industry leaders & influencers
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## WEBINAR

### How can independent labelling enhance trust in brands?

The Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) has organised a one-hour webinar to explore findings from a global analysis of attitudes to seafood consumption. The research was carried out by independent research and insights consultancy GlobeScan. Topics to be covered include 'Do consumers care about ocean/seafood sustainability?' and 'Consumer expectations of seafood business and industry on protecting oceans and the role of certification labels'. The session will also have guest speakers representing John West Australia and Tesco UK. Participants will also have the chance to ask questions. Click the button below to register.

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