



# Friday update



## Captain's Blog

July 29, 2016



### Seafood Conference – Celebrating 30 years of sustainable seafood

We are celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of New Zealand's quota management system (QMS) at this year's seafood industry conference.

Over the last three decades, the QMS, with its bedrock of sound science, has been instrumental in helping us achieve and sustain healthy fish stocks.

Of the 157 stocks of known status in New Zealand, 83 per cent are above the sustainable limits set by Government, representing 97 per cent of our annual catch.

There's much to celebrate about the QMS this year – well-managed healthy fish stocks and record seafood export returns, which totalled \$1.75 billion in the year to end April.

This year's conference then is the industry's chance to not only mark 30 years of sustainable seafood but also look forward to what's ahead for the next

## In the Media

### Kermadec Ocean Sanctuary named – but no compensation

NZ Herald (July 22) reported on the decision to name the Kermadec Ocean Sanctuary as the Rangitahua Ocean Sanctuary, but no compensation will be paid to Maori or commercial fishing companies. Hailed by environmental groups, there has been controversy over the amount of consultation with Maori before the project was announced by Prime Minister John Key at the United Nations last September. The Maori Fisheries Trust, Te Ohu Kaimoana (TOK), has taken legal action against the sanctuary, saying it undermines the fisheries settlement and therefore all Treaty settlements. [Read more](#)

### Committee sanctions extinguishing Maori fishing rights, says TOKM

Te Ohu Kaimoana (July 28) released a statement concerning the Parliamentary Committee's recommendations on the Kermadec Ocean Sanctuary Bill. The statement said Local Government and Environment Select Committee had ignored the concerns of iwi and supported the confiscation of Māori fishing rights in the Kermadec region. Dion Tuuta, Chief Executive of Te Ohu Kaimoana said the committee's recommendations further erode the 1992 Fisheries Settlement between Māori and the Crown and give no regard to the durability of Treaty Settlements in

30 years.

There's an exciting [programme](#) to look forward to, with an impressive line-up of [speakers](#).

Two high profile speakers of international standing will be addressing the conference.

John Connelly, the President of the National Fisheries Institute (NFI) and Professor Ray Hilborn of the School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences at the University of Washington.

Connelly, who is an advocate for seafood on the world stage, will speak about New Zealand seafood in the international context in his keynote presentation. Prof Hilborn, who specialises in resource management and conservation, will talk about the state of the world's fisheries in the conference's Science and the QMS session.

Dr Pamela Mace, principal advisor fisheries science, Ministry for Primary Industries, will share a scientist's viewpoint of 30 years of the QMS, and the latest state of our fish stocks report.

The success of the Maori Fisheries settlement, and the growth of Maori owned fisheries will be highlighted by Hon Sir Doug Kidd, former Minister of Fisheries and Sir Tipene O'Regan, the founding Chairman of Te Ohu Kaimoana, who will speak about the Sealord settlement and the QMS, while Jamie Tuuta, current Chairman, Te Ohu Kaimoana, will talk about the growth and future of Maori fisheries.

Foodstuffs National Sustainability Manager, Mike Sammons will share his experience of walking the talk when it comes to sustainability, while MPI's Deborah Roche, Deputy Director Policy and Trade will provide insights into consumer markets.

Delegates will gain some insights from Nielsen New Zealand into what New Zealanders actually think of the seafood industry from research carried out late last year. Rebecca Smith, Director, New Zealand Story will delve into building and maintaining reputation in her address. Kono NZ CEO Rachel Taulelei, who is passionate about New Zealand's primary sector and developing values based business models, will look into selling sustainability and delivering what the world wants. Darren Lovell, chef/owner of Queenstown's Fishbone, New Zealand's acclaimed and most diverse seafood restaurant, will delve into selling sustainability on a plate.

Finally, the significance of 30 years of the QMS and sustainable seafood couldn't be underlined without mentioning the New Zealand orange roughy fishery, and the outstanding story of its recovery, accomplished with the help of rock solid science and prudent fisheries management.

The day's final session will have Gone

general. "With all of the conservation measures taken by iwi and industry to protect biodiversity and fishstocks, through voluntarily stopping fishing in certain areas and spending millions of dollars in new technology to protect juvenile fish, for example, iwi are being penalised through having their rights legislated out of existence," Tuuta said. [Read full statement](#)



### Mussel Bound on Country Calendar

Don't miss this week's Country Calendar episode – Mussel Bound – featuring Clearwater Mussels' John Young and Lyn Godsiff and their remarkable journey to farming these tasty bi-valves in the Marlborough Sounds.

"The green-shell mussel is native to New Zealand and till 40 years ago no one had any idea if they could even be farmed. But in the Kiwi way, a bunch of pioneers gave it a go" and the rest is history.

**Saturday, 30 July at 7pm on TV One.**



### Aquaculture Decision Report – Squally Bay, Banks Peninsula

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has made a decision on a coastal permit application to extend an existing marine

Fishin's Graeme Sinclair speaking about his experience filming Ocean Bounty, an industry-sponsored series that will screen next year over 13 weeks. This year's conference will also for the first time, award our dedicated, hard-working and environmentally conscious "seafood stars". So a reminder to keep those fantastic nominations coming until Sunday, July 31. Visit this [Seafood Stars Awards](#) page for all details. For more info about our Conference speakers and programme visit the [conference website](#) or [submit your registrations here](#).

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## Register

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### Seafood Stars Awards

Nominations close this Sunday!

Last chance to send in your nominations. Check the link below for all details and send those nominations before end of day, this Sunday, July 31!



### Nomination form

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farm in Squally Bay, Banks Peninsula, Canterbury. [Click this link](#) to check what the decision paper says about the proposed farm's effects on commercial fishing. The report concludes that proposed aquaculture activities will have no undue, adverse effects on commercial fishing. A notice was due to be published in the Gazette on Thursday, July 28, 2016. A request for a judicial review of the aquaculture decision must be made within 30 working days of the Gazette notice. Keen to receive alerts about new coastal permits for aquaculture, including recent MPI decisions? Email your request to [stephen.beatson@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:stephen.beatson@mpi.govt.nz)



### Havelock Mussel & Seafood Festival AGM

Have your say at the Havelock Mussel & Seafood Festival's annual general meeting.

**When:** On Monday, August 1 at 7pm

**Where:** Havelock Bowling Club

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