

Seafood New Zealand

COVID-19

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Seafood New Zealand is continuing discussions at the highest level with the Ministry for Primary Industries. We will continue to notify you as and when conditions or decisions change.

Squid season sails on

While the industry battles the COVID-19 pandemic on the ground, we should not forget our people out every day on the water.

Today, a shout out to the 14 vessels operating in the Auckland Islands squid fishery (SQU6T).

There have been more than 1300 tows this season, 99 percent of those have been observed and not one sea lion has been caught.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank the MPI observers who remain on board for multiple trips, resulting in a continued high percentage of coverage.

In 2019, squid was a star economic performer with a bumper season a big contributor to total New Zealand seafood exports surpassing \$2 billion.

Industry doing their bit

Seafood New Zealand also acknowledge those who have made sacrifices to comply with the requirements of operating as an essential business and protecting their staff and the families they go home to.

We know this has been particularly challenging, especially for our smaller operators.

We welcome any images you would like to share.



Pāua diver Jason Baker of Saavid Diving unloading at Picton makes sure all his crew are observing two metres and wearing full PPE.

Trade and market access meetings

Seafood New Zealand are attending weekly inter-government trade agency meetings which provide the industry an opportunity to outline its trade-related impacts of COVID-19.

Seafood Standards Council manager Cathy Webb is calling on any market intel and information on the impacts you may be facing to accurately report on the status of the seafood sector as part of this inter-government agency collaboration.

Please email this information to: cathy.webb@seafood.org.nz.

Maritime New Zealand update #19

The national state of emergency remains in force.

Maritime New Zealand's 14th covid-19 update (25 March) pointed to the Ministry of Health's Border Advisory 16 and invited readers to visit the [MoH website](#). This information is now available and is [attached](#) for clarity.

Shortly after sending MNZ update 18 (3 April), the director-general of Health made [an order](#) pursuant to s70(1)(f) of the Health Act 1956.

In paragraph 2(e)(iii) it excluded the following from being considered essential personal movement in the limited recreation purposes permission:

".....swimming, water-based activities (for example, surfing or boating) hunting, tramping, or other activities of a kind that expose participants to danger or may require search and rescue services"

New Zealand Police have also [published additional guidelines](#) on alert level 4 rules.

Marine crew

Marine crew are considered to be essential workers, therefore may travel for the purposes of their work, including getting to and from work.

Transport such as the ferry and domestic air services may be used by essential workers if this is necessary for them to get to and from their place of work. This is not carte blanche to travel as they like, but if they need to travel for essential work purposes, then that is approved.

It is recommended that employees carry a letter from their employer stating they are an essential worker, and that travel is necessary to get to their vessel.

We encourage you to keep checking the [Ministry of Health's website](#) for new COVID information.

The MNZ COVID 19 response team is contactable via MNZCovid-19@maritimenz.govt.nz; please contact us via this email address with any concerns or questions.

Stay safe – unite against COVID19.

Ngā mihi nui | Kind regards,

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Maritime New Zealand COVID 19 Response Team - **Working from home**

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Nō te rere moana Aotearoa

Key contacts

Subsidies and assistance

The government has implemented a number of support packages for businesses to help get through the COVID-19 crisis, including wage subsidies. Information on support packages for businesses, including wage subsidies can be [found here](#).

The wage subsidy application form can be [found here](#).

Ministry for Primary Industries

Operators looking to register as an essential service or with essential service-related queries must contact MPI directly:

Ph: 0800 00 83 33

Email: info@mpi.govt.nz

Maritime New Zealand

For any maritime questions or concerns, please contact the MNZ COVID-19 response team:

Email: MNZCovid-19@maritimenz.govt.nz

FishServe

FishServe is operating as normal, with a helpline available for all FishServe-related queries. You can also fill out their [online form](#).

Ph: 04 460 9555

Email: helpline@fishserve.co.nz

Seafood New Zealand

The latest COVID-19 updates and resources can be found on Seafood New Zealand's industry website. For further enquiries contact us on:

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