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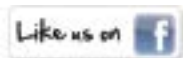


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Do you have blood on your hands?



The photo showing red gloves in this article is the start of an international campaign to tell the world that the NZ fishing industry has Dolphin blood on its hands and is trying to hide the fact. The fact is the Maui Dolphin is the smallest and rarest Dolphin in the world and they are very close to extinction. The National party applied a financial policy to double the value of the exports by 2025 to the wild fishery and didn't give a hoot what other species died in the process. All the National Party has done for the Maui Dolphin by extending the no fish reserve on the

West Coast is give the Maui a 50% chance of survival at best. The fishing methods that killed the Maui Dolphin in the first place, like gill nets and trawl nets are still fishing and being used the same way they did 50 years ago. But National didn't seem satisfied with that, they decided to wipe out and export the recreational fin fish from the inshore fishery. The fin fish in the BoP are down to 20% of their original stock and still the commercial fisher's export from the Bay. The Crayfish are all but wiped out in CRA2 and 3 and still the exporter's fish on with the full encouragement of the National Party. That's only a drop in the bucket to the living freshwater fish and koura that have been poisoned by toxic rivers or have died because there is no water in the river. The National party pledged to make rivers swimmable by 2050 at the same time as a health warning was issued for pregnant women not to drink the water as it may damage the unborn child. But this is all okay because the Department of Conservation will save the native wildlife of NZ with their policy to eradicate all introduced species including deer and wild pigs so they will surely step in before any native species goes extinct. Enter Maggie Barry the Minister of Conservation. Maggie was a most loved gardening show host before becoming a national party MP. Maggie must have been a simple sort of girl because she runs the conservation department using a three word policy - KILL, KILL and POISON. Under the guidance of Maggie,

DoC set about allowing the commercial fishers to kill the Maui when they are a DoC responsibility. You could add the thousands of birds and sea lions and not least the poor little penguins. DoC then set about killing all none native species in our bush. But Doc is responsible for the biggest kill of native wild life ever; to say DoC has blood on its hands would have to be a profound understatement. The poison of choice is 1080 a slow acting poison that likes to torture its victims to death over a three to four day period. 1080 also likes to kill everything that eats the poisoned victim. Given this information you may think there is a flicker of hope with the Ministry for the Environment. But no, because the Ministry for the Environment is run by the ugly little muppet Nick Smith. Nick Smith is the idiot who went to Canterbury and took away the elected councilors and appointed commissioners to run the resource consents around irrigation. Hell bent on the goal to double the exports by 2025 he set about destroying many of our pristine clear water rivers and all things that live in them. The world is not falling for this rubbish anymore. Mass social media, e-mail as well as texting and the like means the consumers of NZ export trade are about to be told the truth about the hidden cost of death and destruction that surrounds NZ primary products. Which National Party 'picture of death' would you send to a consumer of clean green NZ product? Would you send a picture of a dead Maui Dolphin to a young

lady in America who is in a restaurant eating a piece of NZ snapper? You could send a video of an owl dying slowly in pain because all it did was eat a mouse laced with a toxin paid for by taxpayers and spread by DoC. A good idea would be to advertise a peaceful bus tour. That's when you take some tourists to a patch of native bush that has had a DoC 1080 drop on it and they can hear the peace and quiet because every living creature in the bush is dead. Then on the way back to their motel take them to a river that isn't. FYI that's a river that has dried up because of intensive irrigation. If you look at the history of NZ you will see the death and demise of our native species has happened for the best part over the last 12 years while the National Party has been in Government. Whoever heard of a Ministry of Conservation or Ministry of the Environment anywhere in the world which is in support of the demise and near extinction of its own native species. Pretty easy really just get an investment banker to run you country for twelve years and the best you can hope for is to be broke, homeless or dead, with the country handed over to foreign ownership. The campaigners will be targeting consumers of NZ seafood worldwide, to explain that they have blood on their hands everytime they purchase or consume any seafood product that has been harvested or grown in NZ waters and that they must take some responsibility for it the manner in which it is caught. They believe that all living creatures that live in and around the NZ waters should be treated with equal living status rather than be disregarded because of their low monetary value and should not pay the ultimate price for no good purpose just because the NZ fishing industry is allowed by the MPI to navigate through NZ waters with a bent moral compass. This disgraceful disrespectful behaviour by the NZ seafood industry has now united a considerable body of well-funded people who intend to hold the consumers of NZ seafood responsible for their part in the deaths of seafood bi-catch. The NZ seafood industry is managed under the Quota Management System (QMS) and is promoted as world leading by the industry itself. The world now knows that the Maui

Dolphin has been killed by commercial fishers as bi-catch down to approximately 55 to 65 in number and is extremely close to extinction. As a result, all of the fish commercially caught or grown in NZ will be subject to the red gloves campaign because NZ fish is not sold with regional specific consumer information on it rather just branded as NZ snapper or NZ gurnard, to name just two species and in other cases the name is changed completely.

The Red Glove - Blood on Your Hands campaign is based on the Mexican campaign and has much the same support through the USA/Mexico and Canada and we would expect NZ exports to drop drastically for all NZ products within the next two years. Ahead of an international conference scheduled shortly to discuss rebuilding the Pacific bluefin tuna population, several organizations and influential leaders have urged countries to act quickly to stop what they claim is a steep decline in the species' numbers. Despite this Australian and NZ Fishing Companies want to put the quota up. "Unsustainable fishing isn't just the enemy of conservation, it's the enemy of fishermen everywhere," said John Kerry former US statesman. Advocates claim the current Pacific bluefin tuna biomass represents less than three percent of its historic population. They claim that, in many cases, commercial fishermen

are harvesting young fish that never get a chance to spawn. These are the young fish that are farmed after being caught and the industry is claiming that farmed tuna is sustainable. Chefs have an obligation to offer seafood dishes that promote a healthy, diverse living ocean ... there will be time to enjoy it again when their numbers are back. The commercial fishers and MPI deserve little sympathy for the plight they find themselves in because they are responsible for the appalling cover ups and dishonesty relating to commercial fishing in NZ that was outlined in the Heron report, yet continues today. The independent Heron report showed the deaths of Dolphin and the deliberate dumping of tonnes of unreported fish as an accepted standard of practice for NZ commercial fishermen. The MPI had over 400 reported dolphin deaths in twenty years, but commercial fishermen themselves have been reported as saying this figure is most likely only 1% of the actual dolphin deaths. One commercial fisher said in his area alone (BOP) the commercial fishers were catching and killing one Dolphin a week. **OUR FISH ARE IN TROUBLE!** Industrial fleets pursue them relentlessly with technology that was developed for warfare. Other species, such as Maui and Hector's dolphins are quietly literally caught up in this race.

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Smoked Fish Brine

1 Cup Brown Sugar
4 Tbsp Soya Sauce
3 Tbsp Sea Salt (must be sea salt)
1 Tbsp Olive Oil
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Smoking Salmon

Note: This recipe was designed



with the UFO cold smoke creator fitted to the UFO smoke box. Cube your salmon and thread it on to kebab stick. Season to your taste. Place salmon sticks on to the rack inside your UFO Smoke Box and smoke for approximately 2 hours. Salmon can be eaten anytime, it's all about how smoky and cooked you like it!

Smoked Cheese

This recipe was designed with the UFO cold smoke creator fitted to the UFO smoke box. Place your cheese on the rack inside the UFO Smoke Box. Start up the UFO Cold Smoke Creator and smoke for 45-120 minutes. The longer you smoke, the stronger the smoke flavour will be through the cheese. Absolutely delicious with the smoked salmon cubes.

Taragon fish fillets



Fillet a couple of decent fillets of snapper. Wash and dry the fillets with a paper towel. Liberally spread a decent quantity of tarragon over one side of each fillet and leave. Heat a tablespoon of olive oil in a frying pan. Place a dollop of butter in the middle of the oil, and when melted and the pan is hot

place each of the fillets in the pan. Cook for a minute and a half then turn over and cook for a minute max. Serve the fillets with your favourite greens and a spread of mustard sauce.

Whitebait Should be “De-commercialized” says CORANZ

by John McNab

“Take the dollar value out of whitebait to stop selfish, plundering.” That’s the message from the Council of Outdoor Recreational Associations of NZ (CORANZ). Tony Orman, past CORANZ chairman, said whitebaiting was meant to be a recreation in the truest sense of the word. “It’s about fishing for fun and a feed, not greed for money,” he said. Allied with loss of spawning habitat, over-fishing was a major factor too. However groups of city whitebaiters were descending on the West coast and other rivers with the motive of selling as much whitebait as

they catch. He gave the example of one trio of Palmerston North whitebaiters who went to the West coast annually, fished and fished and flew 100 kg lots back to their home to sell. At \$90 to \$100 a kg, big money was made in just a matter of weeks. He had heard of Wellington and Christchurch money minded fishers doing the same. In his home town of Blenheim locals advertised on the street, “whitebait for sale”. Bill Benfield, current co-chairman of CORANZ said whitebait were declining and action must be taken. “We’re loving it to death. If DoC doesn’t do something a ban on all

whitebaiting is inevitable,” he said. But the Department of Conservation disagrees saying it was not certain over fishing was the cause and that habitat loss was a key factor driving the threat status of whitebait. Tony Orman said bogus recreational fishermen who sold their catch were prostituting a recreational fishing activity. But a spokesman for West Coast Whitebaiters president Des McEnaney said there should be no knee jerk reaction. “Let’s deal with this in a rational way and get it right.”

Fishing crew murder captain

The Vanuatu Daily Post recently reported that Fijian authorities had intercepted a Fiji bound Fishing vessel and extradited the six Indonesians to Port Vila Vanuatu where they recently stood trial for the murder of their captain. Six Indonesians who murdered their Chinese captain on board a Vanuatu flagged fishing vessel have been sentenced to 18 years imprisonment. The court heard the men killed their captain over ill treatment including not being paid for over a year. They were sentenced to 30 years each, but the sentences were reduced taking into account their guilty pleas and that they were lucky to be prosecuted in Vanuatu as it did not have the death penalty.

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Foreign fishing crews still getting ripped off

There has to be something drastically wrong with the attitudes of our Fishing Companies, when they slap the Ministry of Business and Industry in the face and ignore the Code of Practice which they jointly instigated and signed; in continuing to rip off foreign fishing crews blatantly flouting the law. Most of the issues related to Sanford's Korean FCVs, who continue to be the biggest offenders, although it includes one NZ Japan Tuna Co vessel. Despite the best efforts of lawmakers to regulate the FCV sector, and as anticipated, the industry is still a law unto themselves. Not surprisingly given their culture - they see nothing wrong with what they do to maximize profits. The back wages and fines are merely an unexpected cost of doing business. Hundreds of thousands (\$800,000) of unpaid wages have been collected from fishing companies in 7 months as back pay to migrant fishing crew. Charles Hufflett a director of the Solander Group which manages the NZ Japanese Tuna Co (NZJT) stated in its submission to the Ministerial Inquiry into FCV's that they fully appreciated the reasons behind the Government's decision to implement the recommendations of the Ministerial Inquiry into FCV's and jointly signed the agreement with the Seafood Industry and MBIE. Interestingly NZJT's shareholders are Solander Bluefin Tuna Company Ltd and Sanford Ltd. Charles Hufflett, Talley's and Sanford's own the NZ Japan Tuna Co, while Charles Hufflett and Sanford's Greg Johanson are its directors. Sanford's owns the largest share of the three. Hufflett added that the allegations of poor crew conditions and inadequate pay had never been levied against the Japanese flagged FCV's and that there was no justification for doing so. He added that Maritime New Zealand

would vouch for the high standard and condition of the vessels as seen on their inspections and surveys. Yet the NZ Japanese Tuna Company (JTC) has failed the industry and proven that they have completely flouted the law. The short term charter of four Japanese flag long line vessels which spend between two or three months in New Zealand waters. This is part of an International voyage often lasting some 16 months. The vessels arrive in New Zealand mid-April and depart late June or early July each year. The target catch is Southern Bluefin Tuna (SBT). The current TACC for SBT is 413 tonnes but an in season increase during 2011 provided a final quota of 558 tonnes. The peak fishing of SBT in New Zealand waters occurred in 1979/80 when 120 Japanese Longline vessels caught 7610 tonnes. There have been substantial reductions in the global catches since this time. During the mid 1980's New Zealand was entering into bilateral and trilateral negotiations with Australia and Japan in respect to some quantitative controls over SBT fishing. Concern was being expressed that the resource was under considerable pressure and facing commercial extinction. New Zealand held strong views on the status of the resource but as the domestic catch had fallen to below 100 tonnes annually was negotiating from a weak position. In the event only NZJT was able to secure any charter vessels and five Japanese flag vessels entered the Fishery in the 1988/89 year. At the time of granting licence approvals to NZJT the company's New Zealand shareholders represented the largest domestic participation in the Fishery. The company is now 100% New Zealand owned and fishes to quota owned by the company and its shareholders.

Often vessels are singletons or part of a small fleet of two or three vessels. The four vessels chartered by NZJT are under three different owners; Ikeda Suisan Company Ltd, Toyama-Ken - two vessels; Watarai Company Ltd, Miyagi - one vessel and Taiwa Company Ltd, Tosa one vessel. NZJT is a signatory to the "Code of Practice on Foreign Fishing Crew" and the "Deed of Guarantee of Financial Obligations in Respect of Foreign Crew". This charter arrangement has been in place for 23 years during which time there has been almost 100% observer coverage. At no time has there been any detrimental observer report with regard to conditions onboard the vessels. As previously stated these are elite vessels with victualling and welfare standards to the highest order. On 5 January 2016 the Labour Inspectorate lodged a statement of problem in the Authority seeking the imposition of a penalty for a "failure to provide wage and time records". NZJT defended the application on the basis that it had not failed to provide records but, if the complaint was that the records supplied were inaccurate, that complaint stemmed from the fact that there was a misunderstanding on the part of the Labour Inspector as to the way that the crews worked. NZJT operated a fishing vessel called Roshin Maru 77 in the New Zealand exclusive economic zone (EEZ) for 50 fishing days between 30 April 2015 and 23 June 2015, as part of a longer voyage of approximately 290 days. There were six Japanese officers aboard the vessel and 16 Indonesian crew members. Whilst the Roshin Maru 77 was operating in New Zealand waters, a Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI)

fisheries observer was on board. The observer became concerned that the hours he had recorded the crew as working were significantly longer than those which had been recorded by NZJT. Accordingly, on 1 July 2015, the MPI observer provided to the Labour Inspectorate a copy of his diary. The MPI observer's diary records were provided to the NZJT on 30 March 2016, and the parties worked together to establish what hours the crew had worked while they had been fishing in the New Zealand EEZ. On 7 October 2016 the EPA received video evidence from the MPI observer who had taken footage of the activities on board the Boshin Maru 77 as part of his duties. The video footage proved that fewer crew hours had been recorded by the officers on board the vessel than was likely to have been worked by the 16 crew. It was eventually agreed between the Labour Inspector and NZJT that the 16 crew members had had their hours of work under-recorded by a total of 5,200 hours over the 50 fishing days in New Zealand EEZ waters. This worked out as an under payment of NZ\$87,100, or NZ\$82,252

after permissible deductions for food had been taken into account. An attempt was made to pay the short fall to the crew members in January 2017 but this attempt was unsuccessful for bank related reasons. The majority of the crew was finally paid their arrears by 22 February 2017. The Labour Inspector is satisfied that all under payments have now been properly made.

The Labour Inspector says that there were 16 employees affected and that the failure occurred across all of the respondent's time record documentation and submitted that the breach, in relation to each employee, was one ongoing breach on the basis that each repeated instance of inaccurate time recording amounted to a substantially identical action. Therefore, there were 16 breaches of s.8A in total. The Labour Inspectorate submitted that having partial records makes it more difficult to establish whether any breaches have occurred because, prima facie, they look correct. But for the intervention of the MPI observer, the breach would not have been detected. What that meant in practice was that, on average, the employees were paid

at less than half the hours they actually worked. The employees were all low waged Indonesian nationals in vulnerable positions and that none of the six Japanese officers on board were affected, with no errors having been identified in their time records. The Labour Inspectorate further submitted that the crew's vulnerability stemmed from the fact of them being unfamiliar with New Zealand employment law and their entitlements under employment legislation, and how to access the information. It was not until the provision of video evidence from the MPI observer in October 2016 that the NZJT acknowledged that fewer hours were recorded by the officers than were actually worked by the crew. Paying Indonesian crew around 10% of the NZ min wage, seems to have been a feature of the NZ Japan Tuna Co boats (and particularly Sanford's Korean FCVs) since 1989. The Industry Code of Practice welcomes foreign fishing crew employed on foreign fishing vessels in New Zealand waters and sets down the guidelines of important information and states that crew must be paid at least the New Zealand minimum wage plus another NZ \$2.00 an hour.

Maori support 12nm ban for commercial


Hapu around New Zealand have submitted over one hundred applications seeking to protect the inshore fishery from continued decimation by commercial fishers. The claim under the Marine and Coastal Area Act is against the crown for failing to address the concerns raised in respect of Māori rights in the marine and coastal area ("foreshore and seabed" or "takutai moana by (1) the Waitangi Tribunal in its report on the Crown's Foreshore and Seabed Policy of 2003 ("the Wai 1071 report"), published in 2004; and (2) a Ministerial

Review Panel in its report "Paakia ki uta, paakia ki tai", published in 2009. Under the Treaty, the Crown has a number of duties which it must ensure Maori's ability to exercise tino rangatiratanga, including the right to possess, manage and control all their lands and have the means to develop and manage their resources and to actively protect the use of their lands and waters. And lastly to guarantee the rights of all citizens to equal treatment under the law. This encompasses a right to be treated equally with other citizens as well as

the protection of the rule of law. The claims allege that the crown has breached these Treaty principles. These applications are in line with the Treaty of Waitangi requirements to protect the rights of every New Zealander and will ensure that access to beaches, fishing ramps, and any areas of the coastline not privately owned will continue? The Federation of Commercial Fishers vehemently oppose this as they continue in the quest to destroy the inshore fishery.



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Bess missing the mark

Randall Bess the seafood industry paid advocate for recreational fishers says ‘New Zealanders are keen fishers. But they are concerned about decreasing fish stock abundance. They are also concerned that access to stocks, we once took for granted, is increasingly coming under threat.’ However Bess misses the mask seriously when he points the finger at recreational fishers. His biased and blatantly one sided proposals are absolutely disgusting and there is no justification on this report other than industry greed. This final report appears to have been written by the Seafood Industry or at least edited by them. The mere suggestion that Fish Serve an industry initiative speaks for recreational fishers shows how biased this report is. Bess reports fail to focus on the reasons that the inshore fishery is failing and his proposals are industry focussed, with a hidden agenda to increase the capability for the Industry to catch more. This self-appointed scientist who seeks to put himself on a pedestal to follow through on an Industry proposal to introduce Rec Fishing Licences and monitoring is a complete betrayal of trust. Bess is so far from the mark his reports and comments are completely laughable. He has not addressed any of the issues relating to why the inshore fishery is depleted and has offered no other solution other than focus on what

recreational fishers should be doing. His two earlier reports ‘What’s the Catch?’ and ‘The Overseas Catch’, and the most recent report ‘The Future Catch’ show how ridiculous his proposals are. There is nothing wrong with recreational fishing management – the problem lies squarely on the shoulders of the MPI and Seafood Industry. The MPI does not undertake or fund any initiatives that directly benefit recreational fishing. As rec fishing pressure increases from our climbing population and tourism boom, the Fishing Act needs to be applied as it was intended and commercial need to fish further out with the introduction of recreational fishing reserves. Our population was always going to increase and the Seafood Industry in its greed is not prepared to alter fishing methods and practices. There is no need for any of the proposals put forward by Bess, they are idiotic and unnecessary. Currently recreational sector level representation is by ‘industry bought’ representatives that are bias and do not have the voice of any recreational fishing clubs or the sector as a whole. Bess want to introduce petrol tax on fuel used by boaties, an annual licence fee for fishers and an annual licence fee for recreational boats. Recreational fishing in NZ is seen as a birth right and if managed cor-

rectly can continue to be so for many generations in the future. The one and only reason that the Industry wants to know what recreational fishers catch is so that any difference can be transferred to the commercial sector. This has nothing to do with the increase in population or tourism it is a red herring. Fisheries Management Director Dave Turner has finally come out of the closet and acknowledges there were pressures from industry, but said licensing wasn’t the way to solve them. “We are not going down the road of licensing in New Zealand. It’s not going to happen.” He said it wasn’t for Government to dictate how recreational fishing was managed, and he’d prefer fishers come to MPI with their own solution. Fishing for New Zealanders is a way of life, it’s part of our culture, so as the population increases obviously there will be pressures on the system. Fish and Game Council spokesman Don Rood is supported Bess idiotic report and believes pressure is increasing on recreational fishing, and says something needs to change. He said licensing was already required for freshwater sports fishing, and suggested that this model could be applied to other recreational fishers. What he fails to mention is what the licence fee includes that fresh water fish are introduced and breeding is required to stock rivers.

mainder of the fleet by 1 April 2018. A second stage, that of cameras on boats, will take effect from October 1 next year. The regulations require that all vessels, except for tenders deployed from purse seining vessels, must have a GPR device. There are more than 300 commercial fishing vessels and many are small, unpowered row boats that are tenders to vessels such as trawlers. Why these small vessels should be required to carry and operate a GPR when their principal vessel does is not explained and, in our view, imposes needless cost and duplication.

of joint is that it will allow the smaller commercial fisher to carry on, make a good living without the restriction imposed on them by the bigger corporates. It also means that kiwis that like their fish and chips fresh will be able to do so and it will stop the corporates selling inshore species for export. With other reserves they are closed to all fishers including customary which is one of the reasons that the kina have exploded. There should be very high penalties for the guys that attempt to export fish from these reserves.

Commercial continue bleat on IEMRS

Frustration is building around the introduction of the new monitoring technology as commercial try to find flaws and make excuses for the fact they have their backs against the wall. The industry is looking at every possible excuse to stop process as they say what the MPI is doing is rushed and unfair, which enables them to continue dumping and discarding fish unabated. Taking the matter through the court process will stretch the process even further continuing to allow the industry to kill

dolphin and other inshore species. The Ministry for Primary Industries are introducing the Integrated Electronic Monitoring and Reporting System (IEMRS). A group of whingers in the industry say they are being treated like criminals by MPI and are considering court action. The system will require commercial fishing vessels, regardless of size, to carry and operate a Geospatial Position Reporting device (GPR) and provide electronic monitoring; large trawlers from Oct 1 and the re-

Good news for commercial fishers

When Nationals promised reserves get passed into law means is good news for commercial fishers that were against the reserves but National has deliberately hidden the truth from them to cause dissention. National don’t care a hoot about commercial or rec fishers they only promised the reserves, have failed to deliver through three elections and only did it to buy votes. We need to make them deliver on their broken promises. Under the newly proposed Reserves

Act Commercial fishers will be apply for a concession to fish in a reserve. What this means is that providing the targeted fish are sold as local trade its business as usual! The other part of this is that a commercial fisher that gets a concession can pass this onto his family etc. The concession can’t be sold or traded and should stop the overfishing currently being denied by the trawlers and other commercial fishers that have plain and simply got too greedy. The reason their noses are out

Huge gaps remain in fisheries management changes

The Government has announced a \$30.5 million boost to fisheries management in the recently announced budget, to be used to introduce the world-leading Integrated Electronic Monitoring and Reporting System (IEMRS), which will give the most transparent and accountable commercial fishery anywhere in the world,” according to MPI Minister Nathan Guy, already renowned for lying through his teeth. This will be followed by cameras on every vessel phased in from Oct 1 2018.. This means that every fishing vessel can be monitored at all times, no matter where they are, and any illegal activity may be dealt with, according to MPI. These changes are part of the biggest alteration to fishing laws in a generation, are key parts of a Future Of Our Fisheries review launched in 2015, but don’t go far enough. Guy says that the industry deserves credit for accepting these changes. However had the industry been honest and transparent from the very start and not carried out the widespread dumping, under reporting and overfishing none of this would have been necessary. Commercial fishers have in the past found ways to cheat the system and will find a way

around the cameras and IEMRS. The short answer is that the industry is fundamentally dishonest and deceptive. Commercial fishers are hardworking and while some want to do what’s right to ensure fish stocks remain at sustainable levels, most do not. The deception, fraud and deceit comes from the top down. Quota owners, the fishing companies are where the rot is. The force the fishermen to do what they do, and are protected by paying huge sums of money to political parties to overlook what’s going on. The fishing companies give their skippers shopping lists and penalize them for bringing in unwanted species. Now those fishing boats have installed through hull cutters which chop up the unwanted species. There are currently 1356 quota owners, 1176 vessels, 206 licensed fish receivers and 994 permit holders to be brought into the system. There is no software currently available to enable electronic reporting and some fundamental details are still to be settled. These include what data is required to be reported, how often and to whom, and by what mechanism. These details have significant ramifications for the hardware

required, sourcing, installation, training and, not least, cost. Industry is avoiding any commitment to working with the regulators. Because of the continued deceit, dishonesty and fraud still prevalent in the industry those antagonistically declined to commercial fishing are continuing to be ignored while being severely criticized. Constructive arguments are ignored, while the MPI continues to collude and appear to support the fraudulent behaviour with only occasional prosecutions. If MPI says that it is determined to proceed in this vein then it will need to tightly manage its surveillance and prosecutions to regain public trust. Exercises like proposed rec licences and catch monitoring are frivolous nit-picking exercises to take more fish from the recreational sector to sell overseas. The rec fishing sector in New Zealand want a political party to stand up and make a firm commitment to ban all commercial fishing for export within 12 nautical miles of the coastline. Every single variety of fish is available in abundance outside the 12 nm line and the only reason that commercial don’t fish there is the costs of diesel. On the surface the industry says it supports the collection of good informa-

tion to improve decision quality but does everything it can to delay and stall. Industry has clearly demonstrated that it is unwilling to work on resolving current issues, an example being that only five of the gill netters are planning to stop trawling on the West Coast to save the Maui dolphin. Where is the MPI in this? The QMS worked well until the value of some species increased dramatically making the lower value species unwanted while they

still remain perfectly good quality, but are dumped for higher profits. Discarding has always been permitted across some stocks, Labour fisheries spokesman Rino Tirikatene acknowledged at the recent federation conference. “It needs more sophisticated management to ensure we get more consistency across the inshore fishery,” he said. But Tirikatene misses the point of downright dishonesty in the industry. Mr Tirikatene also suggested remov-

ing fisheries from the wider primary industries ministry, as was previously the case which is about the only positive comment he made. A trawler fisher Phil Clow, who has a camera on his boat shown on a recent Country Calendar programme clearly showed the catch being taken straight from the water below decks. This is where cameras need to be installed as well. To stop the high grading and chopping of perfectly good quality fish.

CORANZ Rates Political Parties on Outdoors

Political parties have come up for close scrutiny from the Council of Outdoor Recreation Associations off New Zealand (CORANZ) as to policies on outdoor recreation and the environment. Of parties currently in Parliament NZ First, was well ahead of United Future, followed by Labour and then the Green Party. CORANZ co-chairman Bill Benfield said NZ First showed a strong empathy with issues. ‘While they did not totally endorse bigger issues in a population policy need and putting greater emphasis on a quality of life index instead of GDP, they welcomed debate on the two subjects which was positive.’ He said the Green Party polled below their potential because of disagreement with charter points such as recognising deer and trout as valued wildlife and sporting assets and being pro-toxins such as 1080. “They unfortunately are still hung up on the anti-introduced phobia.

Illogical because humans are introduced as are sheep, cattle, potatoes and petunias,” he added. Big game management seemed abhorrent to the Greens. CORANZ co-chairman Andi Cockroft said the big disappointment was that National as the leading government party failed to respond despite a reminder after deadline. Similarly the Maori Party while at least acknowledging the reminder did not respond either. “It’s extremely disappointing because much of the outdoors-environment debate centred around government policy since the national Party has headed government for the last nine years,” said Andi Cockroft. Voters could see it either way as National just did not rank outdoor recreation and the environment highly, or perhaps they considered the government had too much to answer for, particularly around issues like “dirty rivers”, gutting of the RMA, foreign

ownership, 1080 and more far sighted issues looming like a population policy and discarding the monetary based GDP for a Genuine Progress Indicator embracing economic, social and environmental measurements. Commenting on the Maori party’s lack of response he said it would have been fitting for Maori because of their cultural empathy with the environment. Power Maori had been part of the National-led government and had some measure of responsibility for policy and decision making around degraded rivers, foreign ownership of high country and other issues. Both CORANZ co-chairmen urged all New Zealanders show enjoyed the outdoors to vote. “It’s imperative and it’s urgent because each three years between elections sees a slide downhill in terms of the environment and fishing and hunting.”

Footnote: See www.coranz.org.nz

Book review



Book Review
“Hunting New Zealand - Parts Unknown” by Peter Ryan, published

by Bateman, Price \$39.99. Reviewed by Tony Orman. Peter Ryan’s first book *Wild South* (2013) earmarked him as a special outdoors writer particularly as regards hunting. Too many books are about slaughter, some unashamedly bragging of poaching and spotlighting but Peter Ryan was never of that type. He is a sportsman, sensitive to the animals, thoughtful, stylish in his prose with just the right touch of eloquence. So when I heard he was writing a sequel, I was eagerly looking forward to it. It didn’t disappoint as far as Peter Ryan goes. There was his same fine style, the same insights and delightful, absorbing reading. But I said “as far as Peter Ryan goes” for the writings are not all Peter’s and that is a pity. Peter invited others with well-known hunting celebrities such as Greg Duley, Ken Tustin, Daryl Crimp and Davey Hughes and others to pen a chapter. That is an indicator to Peter’s mod-

esty. With all due respect to the contributors - and they all write well - , I wanted a full book by Peter Ryan - he’s so damned good. It’s not all big game hunting. Duck shooting, firearms and trout fishing feature too in a nice mix. I particularly was absorbed by the author’s portrayal of Captain Mitchell who accompanied famed Western writer and fishing author the flamboyant Zane Grey on a visit to New Zealand in the 1920s. His delving into another flamboyant character, big game and bird hunter and novelist Ernest Hemingway and his inner demons is tops too. But then anything Peter Ryan writes is polished, beautifully told and intelligently reflective afterwards. “Hunting New Zealand - Parts Unknown” is highly recommended. Some clusters of good colour photos and black and white photos sprinkled throughout enhance a finely produced book. Top marks to Batemans. Go out and buy a copy.

Lost and Declining Trout Rivers Identified by NZFFA



New Zealand’s trout fisheries are going downhill and in some cases such as Canterbury’s Selwyn and Irwell Rivers, “lost” as public trout fisheries says Graham Carter, president of the NZ Federation of Freshwater Anglers. Co-ordinated by Federation executive

member Steve Gerard of Methven, the federation had compiled a list of rivers that were either lost or in noticeable decline. “It’s very eye opening and a sharp reminder with an election looming, that water and rivers is an issue to take up with politicians. At the very least all anglers must vote and vote with the future of our trout rivers in mind,” he said. “Lost Rivers” represents a decline of the ‘intergenerational equity’ and every New Zealander shares in our freshwater resources. A link gives all the other lost rivers in the South Island - see <http://www.nzffa.co.nz/map.html>

“This mapping lists rivers where a significant loss of

opportunity to catch fish has been identified, and highlights the significant decline in our freshwater fisheries. The causes generally relate to developments

such as large scale irrigation, intensive farming particularly dairying and forestry clear felling and forestry monocultures within catchments that have impacted on those river environments.” Graham Carter said the mapping was compiled using NIWA angler usage and perception surveys and expert angler input. Only rivers where there was an obvious decline have been listed, there remain a significant number of others where there wasn’t enough collaborating information to include them. “The purpose of the mapping is to further raise awareness of just how big an issue this really is, and is a work in progress, we will keep updating the map as more information is compiled.” He urged anglers to tell the Federation about any degraded rivers that should be included: maps@nzffa.co.nz or info@nzffa.co.nz



Mussel farmers not telling the truth

Under pressure from the very bad publicity generated for Aquaculture by the dirty sediment infested Salmon industry the Coromandel Marine Farmers Association (Co-roMFA) commissioned a report on the economic impact of aquaculture in the Coromandel area. This was full of good news for the economy of this region but did not take into account the Bi-Catch effects on the region. This report didn't need to be done at all because the MPI tax payer funded Situation and Impact Report released 2017 said the same thing.

How the Thames Coromandel District Council (TCDC) could justify putting out a supporting brochure most likely paid from a rate payer fund is just plain stupid. The TCDC chose not to tell the Co-roMFA to clean up the thousands of tonnes of plastic mussel farm rubbish around the Hauraki Gulf but instead spent rate payer money on a booklet in support of the industry. The current Mayor or TCDC Sandra Goudie is not a very memorable Mayor and we hope she is forgotten entirely by voters in the next local government elections.

MPI is no better than TCDC because they used tax payer money for the first report that told them that Aquaculture creates jobs and export earnings. That fact is not in question, but what is in question is what the Bi-Catch Effects to the other creatures trying to live in or use the same water is. Where the fish or mussels are defecating in the water column and the plastics from the farms settle on the beaches and the seabed how many other non-farmed species will die. It's not thought that the MPI are as brainless when it comes to marine management as the TCDC but they are much more dangerous. MPI is now attempting to change the Resource Management Act to give aquaculture more discretion with its resource consents and to drop the need for the aquaculture industry to consult the public. The NZ public has already lost the ownership of the fin fish fishery when in 1987 the commercial fishers were given ownership of a portion of all quota species and with it the monopoly on price and supply of local trade with the introduction of the quota management system. Now the public will lose the water space right for recreational needs to the aquaculture exporters. Oyster farms are the best example of a public shut out because once the Oyster farmers put their wooden structures in your favourite flounder bay, that's it access denied. This is one of the most corrupt scumbag MPI tricks yet. There is a point when the public will take no more and will unite in numbers on the Aquaculture farms or farmers. Large flotillas of boats have been seen actively protesting against new Salmon farms in the Marlborough Sounds then those people have united and are spending time and money to stop the Aquaculture bulldozer. TV footage

depicting this went all around the world and the protestors went to the High Court as well. The Aquaculture industry, MPI and the Councils should pull their heads in and better manage the marine farms they already have rather than create a large public uprising that will be seen by millions of people severely damaging the brand name of NZ that will affect all

NZ export industries in the future. The MPI is incompetent and corrupt, but I don't think even they will be pleased if they gain export value in the aquaculture industry only lose more value in Agriculture or Horticulture sectors. Just a reminder for MPI, people tend to care more about fish, seabirds and dolphin than they do about a block of cheese or an apple.

Sir David Attenborough would be very unlikely to make a documentary on the life of a block of cheese, but you could ask him. Local government needs to place emphasis on the cleanup process and prevention i.e.: stricter enforceable rules for polluters, rather than being only the ambulance at the foot of the cliff.

Mussel farm plastic - a major environmental issue

When you take a close look at a Mussel farm it is essentially a floating plastic assortment of ropes and floats. By design, these different forms of plastic are made to be strong, hard wearing polypropylene/polymers that are tough enough to withstand the forces of nature while being placed under extreme pressure when the Mussel lines are loaded with tonnes of product. Plastic is a man-made catastrophe when it comes to the ocean and has become a major worldwide problem with its long lasting ability to kill a variety of marine creatures including sea mammals and birds. The range of travel for some of the plastic floats and ropes from mussel farm debris is almost without limit because most of it floats to where ever the tidal current or the wind takes it. When the plastic has enough marine growth attached is likely to sink and then it sits on the bottom of the farm as an unnatural object that will be covered in silt and mussel waste and cause bottom sediment build up. The phenomenon in the fishing industry where in the act of catching your fish you have a negative impact on a species unrelated to the seafood you are harvesting is called the Bi-Catch Effect.

The best example of this is the almost total loss of the Maui Dolphin on the west coast north island of NZ caused by the trawl and gill net commercial fishers who in their attempt to harvest west coast table fish for export almost forced the Maui Dolphin into extinction. The seafood industry in NZ is very skilled at promoting the jobs they create as well as the export dollar value their industry has while avoiding the subject of the Bi-Catch Effect. The best example of this was when the Ocean Bounty programme aired on NZ TV this year. Not once was did recreational turncoat Graham Sinclair mention the Maui Dolphin or that the reason the seals were in need of a stock rebuild was because the commercial squid fishers had caught too many as Bi-Catch in the first place. Another example is the Aquaculture in the Coromandel booklet distributed by the TCDC and Co-roMFA, where no mention is made of the Bi-catch effect or lack of beach cleanups. The Aquaculture industry is no different and promotes itself as a truly sustainable industry and for the best part, the Salmon, Mussel

and Oysters themselves are well farmed by the marine farmer because his/her income depends on it. But if you farm in a natural public water space with plastics as structure you must be prepared to clean up your waste if need be. Aquaculture is farming of seafood that eats either the natural bio-plankton or in the case of Salmon Farming man made supplements; if you add food to seafood through its mouth then some form of waste will come out the other end. The only difference between high-intensity dairy farms and a high-intensity seafood farm is that dairy farmers have effluent ponds, seafood farms do not. The Aquaculture industry seems to have learnt some of the same scummy tricks as the commercial fishing export industry, but that's hardly surprising because some of the big seafood fishing companies own large numbers of marine farms. These scummy tricks have an effect on most NZ tax payers or rate payers of some district or regional councils. There are two cases of point that are worth a mention and are quite serious.

Seafood Industry support rec licencing

The seafood industry continues to bleat on about rec fish licences and the like despite David Turner saying that it won't happen. However Turner is renowned for changing his mind and can't really be trusted either. Randall Bess made a number of recommendations which are rather pathetic given his murky background and dissatisfaction with how the Ministry operates which is why he resigned after years of service. Bess fails to mention anything which substantiates his suggestions and shows that his distaste for recreational fishing goes beyond most people's imagination. He also neglects to mention what will happen to the thousands of kids fishing from wharves, many without parents. Will they require a fishing licence?

His reasoning and justifications are full of holes. The one and only reason the industry want rec licencing is so they can take what rec fishers don't catch – it's plain and simple and he fails to mention this with regards rec fishing in other places around the world where he gained his information. New Zealanders already have advocacy groups which have been ignored for years. Why would the MPI suddenly want to sit up and listen now? The MPI and Seafood industry are a disgrace to New Zealand as they are only interested in what the industry does for employment and economic growth with no regard for the environment whatsoever. Recreation fishing doesn't need management – what recreational

fishing needs is a Ministry and industry that is not corrupt, is transparent and don't collude with one another to decimate the inshore fishery. The greed and corruption in the industry has almost seen the collapse of many rec fishing areas. The simplest answer to Bess' preposterous proposal is very simple and quick to implement – ban commercial fishing for export outside 12 nautical miles and create 30 mile zones which will allow commercial fishing for local trade only. There are few outlets around New Zealand that sell fresh fish to kiwis. Most fish and chi shops serve up frozen fish because the fresh fish supply is difficult to access and expensive to buy so they are forced to sell imported frozen fish some of which comes from dubious markets in Asia.

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Trout Fishing the Tongariro River



good fishing water or a pool to yourself. You may have to walk a bit further - perhaps 20-30 minutes, but that is easy on good tracks. The famous Tongariro rainbows originated from Steelhead stock from San Francisco harbour tributaries. Instead of growing in the Pacific Ocean the trout migrate from the river redds down to Lake Taupo. This lake covers about 600 square kilometres. About three years later they return up the river. Spawning runs occur all year round

although the biggest runs are in late winter - early spring. The Trout Centre on the Tongariro includes a hatchery used for kids fishing days and for supplying other locations without the natural physi-

cal advantages of a wild fishery. The inaccessible upper reaches of the Tongariro River are closed off from end of May to December for spawning but the main accessible river is available for fly fishing all year round. In addition to the "Big T" there are many other well-known trout fishing rivers north of Turangi - towards Taupo - including Waiotaka, Waimarino, Tauranga-Taupo, Hinemaiaia and Waitahanui. Other well-known lakes for fishing in the Taupo region include Kuratau, Rotaira and Otamangakau (Lake "O"). In total there are 13 rivers and streams, 5 lakes and 32 river mouths. Turangi deserves its reputation as the Trout Fishing Capital of the World, as it is located alongside the mighty Tongariro River. Tongariro River is the largest river draining the central mountains and is the main spawning river for big browns and fighting steel-head rainbows, migrating each year from Lake Taupo to the spawning tributaries.



Signs entering Turangi claim it is **"The Trout Fishing Capital of the World"**. This reflects the mighty Tongariro River which flows through the town. To qualify for the lofty, ambitious title of the Trout Fishing Capital of the World, a number of special characteristics need to be satisfied, such as, huge numbers of trout, reasonable affordability, easy access, a natural wild fishery, BIG trout, rainbow and brown trout, all year round fly fishing, a variety of fishing styles (dry, nymph, wet lines), fly fishing spawning runs and resident trout, offering big deep pools, fast riffles, slow glides, boisterous runs, long reaches, endless pocket water, ... something for everyone. The entire Taupo fishery offers great variety, casting into a big river or small tributaries, various river mouths, lake edge fishing, boat fishing (jigging, harling, trolling, fly fishing), plus lots of back up facilities, various good specialised tackle shops, and world

renowned historic precedents

'But, within the region, the Tongariro River is the jewel in the crown.'

The river is being promoted as '50 pools to fish before you die' in a new map which is available through the local tackle shops. Free guiding maps to all the main pools are available at Sporting Life, the Tongariro River Motels, Sporting Life, Turangi Tavern, RaftingNZ, Creel Fishing Lodge, and Grieg's Sports. The Tongariro River has drive-on access over most of the most popular pools up to the winter limit. There are walking tracks down either bank and most pools are wadeable. The upper river is more difficult as the stones get slippery but these get ground down to sand by the time they reach the lower river. Chest waders are the most popular - either breathable or neoprene style. Even during peak spawning runs when there are over 100 anglers on the river it is still easy to find

Trout Licences now available

Freshwater anglers are eagerly anticipating the start of the new trout and salmon fishing season with Fish & Game's 2017-18 licences now on sale. The new fishing season begins in about six weeks on October 1 and keen anglers have been waiting to buy their new licence. Nine different types of licence are on offer, including those catering for families, older anglers, and people who want to try their hand at trout fishing for the first time. All categories offer great value but the premium types are the whole season and family licences. These two types of licence provide superb value and flexibility - a year's worth of fishing anywhere in the country, except for Taupo where the trout fish-

ery is administered by the DoC. The family licence in particular allows an angler, their partner and children or grandchildren to go fishing together. It is a great way to introduce the next generation to the joys of fishing. Internationally, this country is regarded as having some of the world's finest trout angling which is unfortunately being slowly destroyed by intensified dairying, the over extraction of water for irrigation which has stopped water flows, pollution and the political parties putting the economy ahead of the environment, along with Councils not. The 2017-18 season licences are available now in accredited sports shops and other outlets.

Who to give your vote to?

Are you concerned with which party you should give your party vote to? We have weighed up the various issues surrounding our environment based on the policies each party has. Single issue parties are great but mostly they focus on only one of the environmental issues and are miles away on some of the others. We suggest that if you care or are slightly concerned with issues including: 1080 aerial dropping, water quality and swimmable rivers, freshwater royalties, pollution, banning commercial fishing for export inside 12 nautical miles, river and stream degradation. We rated the various parties on their

environmental policies taking into account their 1080, water extraction and pollution, intensified dairying, and inshore fishing policies. We have rated them out of 10 one being the worst 10 being the best. Of course it's up to you the voter. Then you should consider this:

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Business Group’s Recreational Fishing Plan Rejected

by Dick Featherstone

A high powered New Zealand business group’s plan to reorganize the New Zealand saltwater recreational sector has been criticised because it is seen as a plan to privatize the NZ recreational fishing sector and absorb it into the free-market Quota Management System (QMS). Following a meeting in Blenheim where the New Zealand Initiative (NZI) presented its proposals, many rejected or were suspicious of the true agenda. Presenting the plan was Dr Randall Bess, former Ministry of Fisheries scientist and Canadian commercial fisherman who led a group to Western Australia to examine the Australian state’s setup. The NZ Initiative is described by Wikipedia as “a market oriented think tank—formed from a merger of the Business Roundtable and the NZ Institute.” Peter Watson, president of the Marlborough Recreational Fishers’ Association said basically the West Australian delegation and the resulting report were funded by “big business interests.” “It promotes privatization of the recreational catch to allow trading with commercial quota holders of a national public resource. The report claims to be concerned with protecting recreational fishing. However as a former commercial fisherman and now a recreational one, I perceived the result of “The Future Catch” would solely benefit commercial quota shareholders, by diminishing recreational fishing rights and allowing them to be traded off.” Accompanying Dr Bess was Motueka’s Geoff Rowling, former president of the now defunct

NZ Recreational Fishing Council. Geoff Rowling said he was initially sceptical when asked to be part of NZI’s West Australian delegation. He described the state’s fishing as poor compared to New Zealand’s. West Australia had a corporate board structure. Referring to the NZ fishing scene he expressed disappointment with the Ministry for Primary Industries. “We don’t trust MPI and in MPI they don’t trust each other. I’m surprised MPI can function at all. They’re dysfunctional,” he said. But Peter Watson replied, “This begs the question, if the fishery is poorer than New Zealand’s why adopt the Western Australian model?” On MPI Peter Watson said any future NZ government must examine the current situation of MPI dysfunction, undue corporate commercial influence and resulting mismanagement. “Currently fisheries management has been absorbed in the mega-ministry of Primary Industries. It is urgent a separate, well-resourced Ministry of Fisheries be re-established,” he said. “A Commission of Enquiry into MPI and the NZ Fisheries management is the only path to a better way - not a Western Australian model that owns a “poor fishery.” The real issue was depletion of inshore fisheries under the “free market” Quota Management System (QMS) that encourages commercial overfishing, fish dumping and misreporting of catch. As one informed source put it “NZ has a captured ministry, a paralysed management system now dominated by a handful of corporate quota owning rent tak-

ers, and fishing undertaken using archaic, destructive, bottom trawling methods that are incredibly damaging to the marine environment.” Peter Watson said no mention had been made of the environmental disaster of heavy siltation such as was occurring in the inner Marlborough Sounds. “No habitat, no food, no fish. It’s that simple,” he said. NZI’s “The Future Catch” proposed financing the scheme by persuading government to take from its Consolidated Fund, petrol taxes boaties and fishers have paid in boat fuel. Peter Watson said that just would not happen. “Is it a smokescreen to a recreational licence? When government inevitably declines to surrender money, a licence is the obvious option. I suspect NZI well knows this,” he said. New Zealanders had a traditional right to go fishing. Licensing would be an additional tax on fishers. Recreational fishing was not costing there country, to the contrary it benefited the national economy today and without licensing recreational fishers. “Rec fishing generates at least \$188 million in taxes for the government every year. Recreational fishing already ‘pays its way’ while contributing substantially to the economy to the tune of \$1.7 billion per annum.” However Dr Eric Crampton, NZI’s Head of Research said in rebuttal, “But every dollar spent on fishing is a dollar that was not spent elsewhere.” Over 100,000 people rejected licensing when it was last proposed in 2000-01, said Peter Watson.

List) is the electorate candidate for Coromandel, and Peter Salter (No. 2 on Party List) is the electorate candidate for West Coast - Tasman.

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Kiwi Violence to Wild Animals Shocks USA

by John McNab

An American professor of ecology has slammed New Zealand education authorities for teaching youngsters to hate wild animals and thereby practise cruelty to them. Marc Bekoff at the University of Colorado recently wrote a number of essays about New Zealand youngsters being encouraged to harm and to kill animals as part of their education. “It’s all part of the country’s war on wildlife, the goal being to get rid of all predators by 2050,” he said. Recently young possum joeys were taken from their mother’s pouch and drowned in a bucket of water during an annual fundraising hunt for a South Auckland school. Hundreds of adult possums were killed during the event raising money for Drury School with a witness telling the newspaper at least one teen-aged girl - not a student of the school - was allegedly involved in the drowning of the baby possums. Information filtering through from New Zealand motivated Professor Bekoff to publicly take issue with the teaching of cruelty. The first

was an email he received from a woman who thanked him for opposing the taught violence to animals. The woman was appalled and mentioned other parents agreed with her and were at wit’s end because people in power were telling the kids it was perfectly okay to harm and to kill the animals and to parade around with corpses of the animals they slaughtered. Another motivator was an essay by Christina Persico that contained some incredibly disturbing images of kids abusing animals. There were also a number of entries for the dead possum dress-up including a butcher, a cowboy and a Donald Trump, complete with the shock of blond hair. One student summarized what happened as, “It’s a good day out and we have lots of fun.” Professor Bekoff also did an interview with New Zealand’s ‘Safe and Sound’ radio about how wrong it is to teach children to harm and to kill other animals. “I’m incredulous that something like this actually occurs” he said. “Just say ‘no’ to violence toward

animals. It’s wrong and there is no way to justify this sort of brutality. It feels downright abusive for people in positions of authority to have youngsters sanction violence toward animals as part of school programmes,” he said. “I was incredulous when I heard and saw what was happening in New Zealand and how killing contests are chalked up as fun and how they become family affairs. I find it very disconcerting when one considers a phenomenon called “the link,” which highlights the relationship between violence toward animals and violence toward humans.” Professor Bekoff said he hoped, everyone in New Zealand who opposed killing contests that include youngsters and adults would speak out against such unnecessary violence. “I imagine, and can only hope, that the teachers and school administrators who encourage kids to harm and to kill other animals, and that youngsters who say they enjoy it, are in the vast minority (in New Zealand)”, he said.

The people have had enough – stop 1080 poisoning

Te Hapu Wakaminenga Wahi o Maniapoto, the traditional and rightful hapu owners of these Tupuna sovereign lands of Aotearoa Rohe Potae (a.k.a. King Country, or Rohe Potae) of Aotearoa Nu Tirenī have served Notice on Ospri, Ruapehu District Council, Horizons Regional Council, Epro Ltd, Ecofx Ltd, Department of Conservation, Benefield Carrier and Towing Te Kuiti, Lakeview Helicopters Ltd, Councilors, CEO, Staff, and

Agents to Stop, Cease, Activities Harmful to the people and environment, and hapu owners of the Aotearoa Rohe Potae (a.k.a. King Country or Rohe Potae) of Aotearoa Nu Tirenī. The notice specifically requires these companies to Stop and Cease and Desist from trespassing on Tupuna sovereign lands, and dumping harmful poisonous substance 1080 Sodium Fluoroacetate on their land and environment.

Te Hapu Wakaminenga Wahi o Maniapoto says that if they continue this action, they will be in breach of Te Tiriti Waitangi 1840 that guarantees to the hapu of Nu Tirenī the undisturbed possession of their lands, Article 2. While in Article 3 Her Majesty the Queen gives her royal protection of the native peoples of Nu Tirenī (New Zealand).

Firearms case dismissed

A man seen taking a gun into the Ashburton public toilets says he’s been “vindicated” by the courts, with all charges against him dismissed, after a judge ruled police

improperly obtained evidence. Richard Lincoln, 56, was facing charges including possession of two restricted firearms, in the local court. On the day of his arrest, Lin-

coln had been travelling from Timaru to Christchurch to deliver a Heckler & Koch SL8 firearm to a gunsmith for work. He says he stopped twice with the gun slung over his shoulder, “as the law requires you to not leave firearms in an unattended vehicle.”

Fish for Gold Promotion

Anglers fishing the opening few days on the Rotorua lakes are again in with a chance of scoring more than just some nice trout! Eastern Fish & Game are pleased to announce that their Fish for Gold, tagged trout promotion will again

be running from the start of the new trout fishing season on October 1. Held for the last two seasons, the Fish for Gold promotion encourages trout fishers to get out onto lakes Rotoiti, Tarawera and Okataina for the first 10 days of the trout fish-

ing season and have a crack at the big prizes on offer. Catching one of the specially tagged trout will put registered fishers into the draw for a worthy prize pool. “We’re yet to finalise the final prize package, but it will be impressive” said Fish & Game officer Mark Sherburn.

Ban 1080

Ban 1080 Party

The Ban 1080 Party is calling for an immediate cessation to all 1080 poison use in New Zealand. Government agencies currently spread over 2 million kilograms of poison bait across our forests and waterways, every year. That’s enough poison to kill over 20 million people. The Ministry of Health recently stated* that there has been no research undertaken to investigate chronic effects of 1080 poison on humans. The Ban 1080 Party believes that an immediate moratorium must be placed on all 1080 poison use until robust, independent research has been undertaken to investigate the chronic and negative effects on children, and pregnant mums. Research undertaken to consider the adverse effects of 1080 poison on native wildlife shows that some species of native birds are at great risk of non-recovery*. The manufacturer’s warning label states “Ensure a good covering of earth is applied over bait immediately to prevent access from scavenging birds”. In New Zealand,



baits are cast across native bird habitat, and remain in place until they are consumed or broken down by weather. Kea are in rapid decline in poisoned forests. Kiwi are now extinct in some forests where 1080 poison has been repeatedly spread. Data from advocacy areas like the Tongariro Kiwi Sanctuary*, and Mt Bruce Wildlife Sanctuary* shows that kiwi are dying in large numbers in the repeatedly poisoned forests. Conversely, kiwi populations in forests that have never been aerially poisoned are in a healthy state, and even thriving. The Ban 1080 Party believes that no poison bait should be spread where birds can access it, or where birds can access the decomposing carcasses of poisoned animals. The manufacturers warning label states* “Take measures to minimize the chance of baits accidentally entering any body of water” and “Harmful to aquatic organisms”. The official toxin flight charts* show that the poisonous baits are dropped directly into almost all waterways within the operational areas. When the aerial operations take place, the baits are not “accidentally” dropped into the water bodies, they are deliberately dropped into them

– the waterways cannot be avoided when poison baits are aerially spread. The Ban 1080 Party believes no poison bait should be spread by aircraft across our forests and waterways. Research shows that many thousands of deer are poisoned every year, 100’s of thousands of birds and other smaller animals, and unknown numbers of insects. Animals can take many hours to die, and following their death their carcasses convert into large toxic baits, poisoning any other animal, bird, fish or insect that consumes them. The manufacturer’s poison label states “1080 wastes are eco-toxic” and “where practicable, the exposed bodies of all poisoned animals should be collected and destroyed by complete burning or deep burial at a land-fill approved for hazardous wastes” and “Avoid deep disposal or burying where groundwater contamination may occur”. The Ban 1080 Party believes that using 1080 poison to kill animals is unethical and cruel, and that no poisoned animal carcasses should be left in forests and waterways to decompose. The Ban 1080 Party is calling for an immediate ban to all aerial 1080 poisoning operations. Co-leader Clyde Graf (No.1 on Party

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Hunters Welcome DoC's Crackdown on Poachers

A hunting organisation the Sporting Hunters Outdoor Trust (SHOT) has welcomed the Department of Conservation's crackdown on poachers and is hopeful that includes deer poachers too. SHOT's spokesman Laurie Collins of the West Coast said DoC's director general warning to poachers and others "acting illegally on public conservation land" showed a new, refreshing attitude by the department.

"Poaching in marine reserves and breaching whitebait regulations remain the most common form of offending he says. "But we also see regular wilful killing of protected species, illegal land encroachment, timber theft and the organised smuggling of wildlife and endangered species," said DoC. DoC is also asking people to be our eyes and ears and help by reporting suspicious or illegal activity to our 24-hour hotline 0800 DOC HOT.

"The law abiding recreational hunting public is fed up with illegal spot lighting of deer and helicopter operators poaching at will because previously DoC had turned a blind eye to deer poachers as there had been an entrenched anti-deer hatred within the department." Laurie Collins said it seemed that anti-deer ideology had dissipated and he looked forward to DoC encouraging and fostering game animal management and recreational hunting.

Hunting & Fishing in the gun

Guns have been seized by Police from the Otaki Hunting & Fishing store in Otaki as the owner is appearing in court on drug-related charges. Charlie Meyer 44, the owner said there had been a burglary recently and this caused the Police to revoke his firearms licence and the complete confiscation of the stores firearms. He added that: "he was going through a process until

one of his staff gets a license." Meyer appeared in the Levin District Court on "drug-related charges". Hunting & Fishing New Zealand general manager Trent Smith confirmed the guns had been taken by police. "At this stage all I can say is the store owner has been working with the arms officers and police over the last few weeks and today and yesterday police have re-

moved the firearms from the store." He was aware a burglary had happened "some weeks ago" but was not sure if the two incidents were connected. Smith said they hoped the store would be operational as soon as possible, but he wasn't sure when that would be.

Dairy should pay their dues

The Waikato Regional Council (WRC) have stated that at Lake Whangape, sedimentation and nutrient loading from intensive dairying, coupled with aggressive spread of alligator weed, has led to a decline in the water quality and habitat. The project being part-funded by the Government will restore the health of the lake and associated wetlands through: fencing to exclude stock revegetation of lake margins and wetlands accelerated

tor weed containment implementation of a kai-tiaki monitoring framework. Graham Carter President of the Federation of Freshwater Anglers said that these admissions by Council have shown that the government and Federated Farmers have been deliberately lying and hiding the truth regarding the damage intensified dairying has had to our public waterways. "While the funding boost from government is a little late farmers should be levied to pay

their share as well," he says. "While some blame can be laid squarely on the shoulders of Council for their own incompetence in handling waste and storm water and Fertilizer companies for the overuse of fertilisers that have introduced cadmium and other heavy metals into our river systems the damage is done. Farmers should be levied for the number of stock units they carry over what the land can manage." The WRC's drive to help protect the Waikato's waterways has been given a \$1.64 million boost

with funding to two key projects. Councils and government have been buying the services of scientists to state that there is nothing wrong with our waterways and now they have finally admitted the truth. If scientists tell the truth they run the risk of having funding cuts. Every single Council member involved in these denials and cover-ups should be sacked as the resulting cost to the taxpayers will be huge. Fencing waterways does little to stop fertilizers and nitrogen from seeping into waterways, when riparian planting, stopping stock increases combined with over fertilizing needs to be addressed. Dairy, viticulture and industries continued bleating about paying for their water use is deplorable. The Chairman is a "Dairy Farmer", and so has to agree with Rod Brown, this is why our Dairy produce and other industries are competitive internationally, mainly because they don't have to care about the environment and don't have to pay for raw resource. Everyone else does so why are they different. They are no longer the biggest GDP money earner so let's get it sorted. Nationals scaremongering re-

garding Labour's water policy shows how desperate and idiotic their grizzles are. The fact is it's the primary industries that are the culprits, those industries where they get their political donations to buy favouritism from. What this approach ignores is that water has an intrinsic value of its own, rather than just the value we place on it when we use it. It is there to support the ecosystems we all value, and anything we take out to 'use' diminishes that capability. So the only real question is - how much stress to the aquatic ecosystems are you prepared to live with? Oh, and perhaps one more, 'should the amount of stress you are prepared to live with be acceptable if it is greater than the amount of stress I am prepared to live with?' And for the financial purists; if water has its own intrinsic value, part of which is supporting aquatic ecosystems and part of which is the recreational enjoyment and industries it sustains, where is that factored into any decisions on its 'use'? Because I have never seen it. Maybe this is where the problems occur.

Two key points:

1. We are not short of the water that flows via our waterways and in fact the oft quoted 'we only use 2%' could well be correct. The key issues are WHEN its taken (season) and WHERE from. This is where the problems occur. Our aquifers - well that is another story all together. 2. The real concern I have is seeing what could be precedents for putting 'a price on water'. Regardless of whether we agree with 'water is owned by nobody' (Key) or 'water is owned by everyone' setting a price on water is something that cannot happen if everyone is to benefit - not just a wealthy few. Another one is 'what state it's in when it's returned' ie. when water used for dairying returns to the waterways it does so in grossly polluted form. So, abstraction is but one issue, pollution remains a major issue. Councils charge for water usage by water meters so why can't water bottle plants be charged the same way either by councils or central governments mean extra income either for councils to help fund themselves or if central government gets its can go to services it's a national or regional resource. Seems an easy fix really benefits all that way.



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MPI Performance quite unsatisfactory

There has been much criticism of the MPI and fisheries management over the last decade and this newspaper has reported on many of the issues surrounding which they have colluded with the Seafood Industry. We have accused the MPI of many atrocities and their response was threats of legal action which we were gladly able to prove that any such action would bring ‘egg on their faces’ as they were in fact the ones that had breached the Fisheries Act on many occasions. **Guy the MPI Minister has the power to enact emergency measures under the Fisheries Act to sort out many of the areas around New Zealand coastline which are depleted, where he allows commercial fishing practices to continue, e.g. the BOP where the biomass is below 20%. But he chooses not too because he supports the focus of the national party – to double the export value of the fishery. Never mind the damage that is happening and the demise of the fishery.** The biggest issue we have in the in-shore fishery is the export industry. This brainless decision to allow commercial fishing in these areas shows that the ministry is colluding with industry and is more interested in the economic benefits rather than sustainability. Current marketing campaigns by the industry tell of how they are focussed on sustainability yet they still overfish areas which are depleted. Randall Bess worked for the MPI for thirteen years with people that were highly qualified in fisheries management. We asked Randall Bess if he considered that the MPI understands fisheries management. He said that he believed they did and he has worked with many people that are good at their jobs but the series of changes to

government departments and restructuring has caused many that were very experienced, qualified and knowledgeable to leave. “Now we have a lot of people trying to do a good job but they don’t always have a lot to draw on in the way of experience and first-hand knowledge in relation to fisheries.” “Related to that is the restructuring of the fisheries management function which has gone from a regional focus to a more centralized focus and now they are going back to that as it’s very difficult for people in one office to be knowledgeable of the differences of fisheries and species in another part of the country. This is an example of a structural change which they have found didn’t work as they had hoped.” “There are many improvements that could be made in fisheries management especially in the areas of policy. There used to be close to 30 people in the policies area of fisheries management that is essentially gone or reduced for budgetary reasons or actually placed in other areas. So there is not really much of a policies capability anymore. Those that are left are not just related to fisheries either.” “To date the commercial sector has been able to exert a considerable amount of influence over ministers and over the direction of fisheries management.” “An example is the work that was being done by a number of very qualified people and central government agencies to set standards for the impact of fishing on the benthic environment. Some industry leaders went to the minister and the project got stopped real fast. This is something of great concern.” “Martyn Dunne, MPI’s Director General, is in an invidious position it’s a tough job and he could surround himself with more qualified and experienced people in fisheries man-

agement. But as the structure of the organisation is, as it stands now, what can we actually expect when Martyn’s Deputy-Director General has fisheries as one component of several in his portfolio of responsibilities. Fisheries are going to be a secondary consideration at best? “It’s unfortunate as fisheries are too important to New Zealanders for it to be relegated to this low priority status, something needs to be done about that and I hope Martyn Dunne does something but it’s going to take more than him it’s going to take the government to direct him to do things differently not just to migratory fisheries but fisheries overall.” Randall Bess was dissatisfied well before the MPI was created. He says he left because he was dissatisfied with watching so many of his colleagues go out the door dissatisfied with how they had been treated, with the options they had been given and they found it to their advantage to leave. “Now that was a sorry sight, seeing so many qualified and dedicated people leaving an organisation because it’s so poorly managed.” “This has affected MPI decisions around fisheries management because there is less experience around those decisions – I feel for my former colleagues who are still there who have been put in a difficult position, they cannot really talk much about that position and it’s unfortunate that the situation is as it is. Australian Recfishwest CEO Dr Andrew Rowland who Bess has been working with states that in the 1970’s recreational licences for SOME high value fisheries were introduced and in 2010 a ‘Fishing from Boat’ licence came into effect for all fishing from a powered vessel. There is no license required in Western Australia to undertake fishing from the beach. He says that fishers are generally very supportive

but doesn’t mention the vast majority that refuses to pay for a licence. All that a rec licence appears to do for rec fishers in Western Australia is give them a seat at the table when deals are being struck and to influence the development of policy. This shows that unless rec fishers pay a licence fee they don’t get a seat which appears to be a little like blackmail.

NZ advocacy groups have been negotiating with Fisheries for decades and get completely ignored so it is doubtful that a licence fee will do anything other than make it another tax. In Western Australia Recreational Fishing licences also provide an income stream to government. This supposedly makes government more accountable to the rec-

reational sector (more blackmail). Rowland also added “there are only a few areas of disagreement (usually around resource sharing of individual fish stocks). In these circumstances we try to work out a mutually agreeable solution to take to government, it doesn’t always work but in many cases it does.

Politics

*A little boy goes to his dad and asks, ‘What is Politics?’
Dad says, ‘Well son, let me try to explain it this way:
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So the little boy goes off to bed thinking about what Dad has said.
Later that night, he hears his baby brother crying, so he gets up to check on him.
He finds that the baby has severely soiled his nappy.
So the little boy goes to his parent’s room and finds his mother asleep.
Not wanting to wake her, he goes to the nanny’s room. Finding the door locked, he peeks in the keyhole and sees his father in bed with the nanny.
He gives up and goes back to bed. The next morning, the little boy says to his father, ‘Dad, I think I understand the concept of politics now.’
The father says, ‘Good, son, tell me in your own words what you think politics is all about.’
The little boy replies, ‘The Prime Minister is screwing the Working Class while the Government is sound asleep. The People are being ignored and the Future is in deep shit.’*

National’s broken promises continue

This paper has been doing its best over the last few years to keep its readers in touch with some of the corporate tricks in relation to the fishing and outdoors. We do this because we believe a person should not live to work but work so they can live and enjoy their hard earned leisure time. We have over the years uncovered some shocking liars who have their own agenda that involves somebody making their large corporate bonus of the back of someone losing their shirt. We have a theory that makes us very suspicious of the National Party and their links to Fonterra and a pattern that seems to emerge. It appears to us that Fonterra seems to be able to have a high pay out in an election year but the years in between can see a dramatic slump in the payout. The 13/14 election payout was \$8.40 then a sudden drop down to \$4.40 very shortly after. Struggling Dairy farmers were disgusted when the CEO of Fonterra took a huge sum of money for his bonus. But of course why wouldn’t he because the less the company pays for milk at the farm gate the more the company makes. Fonterra is a big company and in our experience when a company starts spending money on expensive PR advertising it self-trying to convince the viewing public how wonderful they are the truth is usually the opposite. It is believed that Fonterra will keep the forecast price high and then something will happen totally unexpected again like all the other years in between elections that the directors can all be shocked about some event that cause’s a price drop. The reason for this is that dairy farmers tend to vote for the government when the payout is high. This is not a coincidence but you

can make up your own mind by following the link below or google the history of milk prices and see what you think. It could be handy for budgeting or voting purposes. Nobody likes being conned. National has had 12 years to bring in the promised recreational only fishing reserves and have not done so. How many more years will

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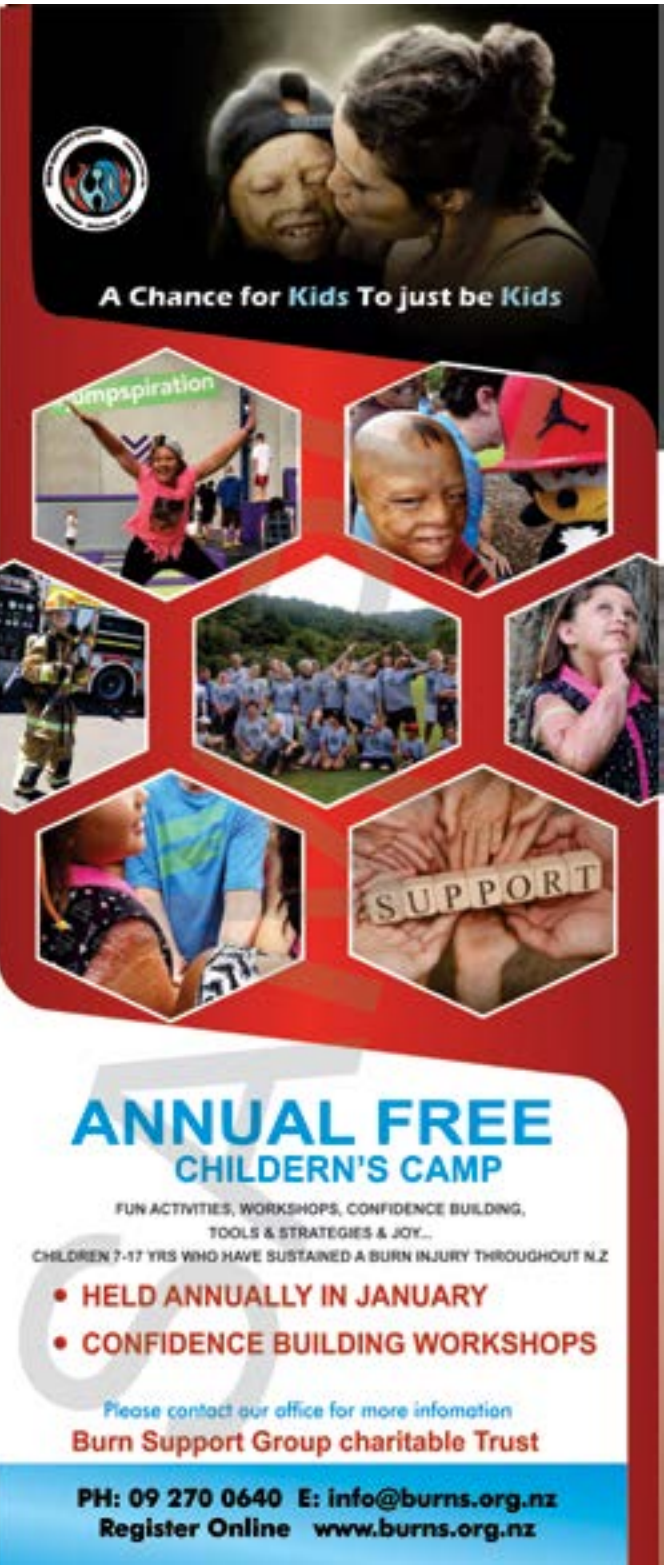
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Inserted by Laurie Collins, Convenor Sporting Hunters Outdoor Trust, 15 Greenfield St, Hector, West Coast

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alongside great fishing equipment, kayaks, paddle-boards, specialist outdoor apparel and much more." The show features new and used motor and sailing vessels from some of the world's best known boat builders, as well as a huge range of trailerable boats, recreational craft, including PWCs, paddle boards, kayaks, inflatables and more. 2017 will break all previous show records for numbers of aluminium trailer boats, which will complement an impressive range of New Zealand-built and imported fibreglass trailer boats. New Zealand's leading boat distributors, importers and brokers will be supported by the country's best known marine electronics, marine engineering,

safety and ancillary equipment suppliers, along with chandlers and marine service providers. If you are looking to buy a vessel of any sort, searching for marine and outdoors equipment, clothing and safety gear, contemplating building a new boat, or else refitting or re-powering an old one, you'll find what you need at the show, says Cook. Kev and Ian's Marine will be exhibiting on Stand 05-19. For a full list of exhibitors, more information and tickets visit please visit www.auckland-boatshow.com Online ticket price is only NZ\$18, so take advantage of the special pricing and purchase online www.auckland-boatshow.com and go in the draw to win one of 10 prizes online!

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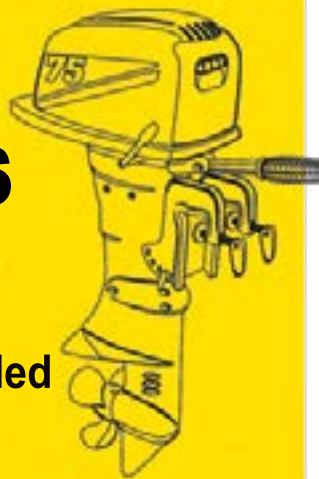
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Kev & Ian's Marine are proud to announce sponsorship support to the Maraetai Beach Boating Club. Kev & Ian's have a long standing relationship with the club dating back to the days of the very popular annual "Stabicraft - Maraetai" 3 day fishing competition where over the years more than six Stabicraft boat and motor packages were awarded. Maraetai Beach Boating Club, located on Auckland's South East Coast at Maraetai Beach, is the gateway to the pristine beaches, boating waters and popular fishing grounds of the Hauraki Gulf inner islands, Waiheke, the Bottom End, and the Firth of Thames. Being a central location it draws its 1400 members not only from the immediate vicinity of Beachlands, Maraetai, Clevedon, and Whitford but from as far as Pukekohe, Drury and Papakura in the South, and extending to Manukau, Pakuranga and Howick to the North. There are also members from out of town who like to spend their holidays on Auckland's waters. Boasting excellent launching fa-

cilities the club has a three car wide ramp, breakwater, floating pontoons, and secure parking within the compound. The clubhouse has recently been upgraded with enlarged decks and outdoor entertaining areas. Boating and Community members enjoy the restaurant overlooking the water and can quench their thirst in two bars while relaxing to the sounds of live entertainment provided by an enthusiastic social committee. Fishermen are well catered for with monthly meetings and presentations from NZ's most popular fishing personalities. The Fish and Dive section runs regular competitions and is forefront in its desire to protect the fishery by promoting catch, measure and release photo competitions. The fishing section offers affiliation to the NZSFC and has recently installed a weighing gantry for those members with greater ambitions. The Maraetai Sailing club, operating out of the MBBC, has a small but strong contingent of Opti, P-Class, Jollyboat, and Starling sailors that form the backbone of the Sailing

club. In recent years, a strong wind-surfing division has emerged and is now branching into the trending pastime of SUP's or Stand Up Paddleboarding. The sailing club offers Learn to Sail instruction as well as weekly coaching for more advanced sailors and regularly hosts Regional and National sailing regattas having run the 2016 Auckland Optimist & Starling champs and will run this event again in January 2019. Later this year MSC will host the Olympic Finn Class as well as the P-Class for their Auckland Championships. The waters off the club provide champagne sailing conditions with little swell or tidal influence and the large adjacent Maraetai Reserve is ideal for rigging up and running events from. How fantastic would it be to watch the next America's cup from the new decks? Full Boating and Community membership as well as Sailing options are available. Contact the club via email admin@maraetaiboatclub.org.nz or by phone 09 536 6649.

Inshore fishery must be export free

Let's make a point very clear to all recreational fishers that read this site. The commercial fishing industry wants more of the high-value inshore fish species for export. They can only achieve this by knowing exactly how big or small the recreational catch is. If we catch more than the current allocation then MPI will constrain recreational again so as not to impede the commercial fishers financially. If the recreational fishers catch less than the current MPI allocation then the extra fish will be allocated to the export industry in order to double

the value of the exports by 2025. The Ocean Bounty BS by Graham Sinclair tried again to justify recreational monitoring. I did not believe a word the IWI representative said on the show. If a recreational fisher goes out 365 days a year and catches 6 crays surely that fisher is in breach of the law because the fisher must be trading or selling his/her recreational catch which is illegal. I don't see any good reason why the recreational or customary fishers should share the inshore fishery with the exporters at all. It is the exporters that have moved

into the inshore fishery and it is they who should move out. It is the development of air freight and shipping containers able to freeze seafood that has changed the sustainability of the inshore fishery NOT the recreation or customary fisher. The ridiculous MPI management strategy of fishing the biomass of fish down to 40% of what it used to be leaves no room for any natural event that can and will cause a total collapse of a fishery. The inshore fishery should be export free.

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Letter to editor

Fish and Game need the guts to stand up to DoC

Dear Ed,
While I have no doubt that deep in his wee heart Mr Lyons does have the best interests of NZ's gamebird hunters at heart, he is absolutely NOT correct in saying that no countries have taken steps to ban steel shot. With the resources available to him from F & G head office he would most certainly have considerable info available to him if he bothered to ask. The Governor of the State of Minnesota has recently signed State legislation banning steel shot in his State and I believe in the report that I saw that there are 9 or 10 other States about to do the same thing! It would NOT be too hard for F & G's highly paid staff to do some research and follow this up, would it? But then if they found evidence which would support a similar action here, it would mean having the guts to stand up to the top guns at the Dept of Confection and their boss, her highness Maggie! Show some intestinal fortitude F & G and poke the hornet's nest!!! You never know -license sales MIGHT go up?

Honest Dave Mingins
Rotorua

How stupid are we

Dear Sir
As the politicians are coming out of their holes to remind and tell us how wonderful they are, we need to reflect on what a lot of baloney their statements are. How many times have we heard the cry – we're not in office so can't do anything. The truth is that they don't want to rock the boat.

List MP's are a scourge on our society. They are the very leeches in government that we need to eradicate. How many times do we accept National false promises to create Recreational Fishing reserves? To date they have promised them over three elections and not say they will definitely enact them after these elections. Really do they think we are that stupid. These self-serving leeches do little for the voters other than sucking the coffers dry. In order to revolt against these leeches we urge you not to use your party vote. Just pick your candidate of choice and leave it at that.

Bruce Smith
Auckland

King Salmon Cover-up

Congratulations on your great full page story in the August issue of "Fishing and Outdoors." And congratulations for being the Fishing and Hunting publication that exposes the issues with a healthy dose of investigative journalism. Other publications just run stories on fish caught. If threats are allowed to go unexposed and undetected, one day there'll be no fish to brag about. What will those uncaring publications do then for stories? The saga of King Salmon - a majority foreign owned corporate - has been a sorry one for the public. King Salmon against over whelming evidence presented were allowed to expand their operations. Reports of disease outbreaks and fish deaths were heard "around town" in Marlborough but the media seemed loathe to investigate in any depth. The Marlborough Sounds is a jewel in terms of scenery and recreational fishing and tourism for

Kiwis and overseas visitors. It is in danger of becoming an "industrial zone" with ugly salmon farms and mussel farms proliferating. Mussel farms are crowded in and applications continue with the Marlborough District Council usually giving the green light. But mussel farming has a finite carrying capacity. It is not surprising growth rates for mussels have dropped considerably. As for the Ministry of Primary Industries it has constantly sided with commercial interests. In a show of bias, the Ministry for Primary Industries gave \$1 million to King Salmon to search for relocation sites for its languishing farms. Now King Salmon is 53% owned by the very wealthy Tiong family from Malaysia. Why did MPI give \$1 million of public money to such a wealthy corporate? The Kenepuru Residents Association deserves praise for their sterling efforts.

Peter Watson
Chairman
Marlborough Recreational Fishers Assn

LEAD SHOT & WATERFOWL

Dear Editor
What Lindsay Lyons has to say is in serious conflict with the real facts regarding lead shot and waterfowl. The only restriction on the use of lead shot in the UK for waterfowl hunting is on the foreshore and in the USA much has changed since Trump got elected and most of the Obama nonsense about the use of lead shot has been filed where it belongs – in the rubbish bin! And what the new Dictator in Canada is up to has nothing what-

ever to do with New Zealand! I have been involved in shooting sports since I was 15 and since then I've had a lifetime of serious involvement in shooting sports and with waterfowl and wetlands ever since. Whilst there are a number of western-bloc countries that are totally controlled by the EU & the UN and have a restriction on the use of lead shot for waterfowl hunting in wetlands it is widely known that wild waterfowl do not die from ingesting lead shot – nor does any bird species – and the move by our Dept of Conservation, the Ministry for the Environment and the NZ Fish & Game Council to place a total ban on lead shot for waterfowl hunting in wetlands is simply a political and anti-shooting sports decision and one that is likely to result in the demise of waterfowl hunting and the demise of the NZ Fish & Game Council. This blatant nonsense was 'inspired by the United Nations way back in the 1950's - with sole aim being to restrict the private ownership and use of firearms! The only legitimate, independent, professional research and with a non-pre-determined outcome covering the ingestion of lead shot by waterfowl was carried out in the Waikato between 2001 and 2004, when over 700 mallards were shot and autopsied during the duck seasons. This research determined that 6% percent of the mallards had lead shot in their gizzard and that the condition of the birds was in no way indicative that they were in the process of being poisoned and, like all birds shot were in excellent condition – and were flying when shot. But even if it were proven that wild waterfowl die from ingesting lead shot, the numbers that died would be insignificant in comparison to the number shot and not recovered when so-called 'non-toxic' shot is used as an alternative to lead shot. The number of birds shot and not recovered when alternatives

to lead shot are used has risen from 6% when lead shot is used to between 30% and 90% – according to research conducted by the Humane Society in the USA. What our bureaucratic dictators - including the NZ Fish & Game Council - also forget (or don't know/care) it that the life expectancy of a wild mallard is only 1.2 years – but thanks to bureaucratic incompetence the life expectancy of a wild mallard is now in the vicinity of just 8-months! The number of mallards now surviving in New Zealand has also plummeted from 2.5 million to less than 500,000 - thanks to NZ Fish & Game incompetence, steel shot and high capacity semi-auto shotguns and it looks increasingly likely that waterfowl hunting in this country will soon be a thing of the past! What the NZ Fish & Game Council has done is destroy 200-years of history in less than a decade! I have spent a lifetime in wetlands with my Labradors (I'm now on my 6th) and we have never found a mallard – or any other waterfowl species – that looked as though it was dying from lead shot poisoning; remembering that "scientists" claim that it takes three weeks for waterfowl to die from ingesting lead shot. Since 1967 I've been privileged to hunt on some of New Zealand's finest wetlands but mallard numbers in the North Island are now so low it is very unlikely that I will ever purchase another duck hunting licence.

Neil Hayes QSM PhD CEnv

Total National Disgrace

Dear Sir
After over 60 years and hundreds of millions of taxpayers dollars used to TBFree NZ these idiots running our country have deliberately injected possums with TB and let them go in the wild as a trial. Talk about the brains of a chocolate fish! Now TB Free plans to try and kill the possums by a huge aerial

drop of 1080 in the Rimutaka Forest all over rivers, streams, walking tracks and hunting areas. NZ First MP Richard Prosser who is along with many of us totally anti-1080. This is where my vote will be going and thousands of others with me. All of us cannot get our heads around these idiots for going ahead with such a brainless stupid idea, as to what TB Free NZ are doing. This government has to go at all cost, especially when they entice stupid ridiculous brainless ideas like this one. Vote NZ First for non-idiots. This way you are not wasting your vote voting for national is voting for toilet material

Dick Featherstone
Thames

Funding of community based environmental groups a croc

Dear Sir
Environment Canterbury and the Christchurch City Council jointly sponsored the 3rd networking meeting of environmental groups. They considered two issues: (1) Funding of community based environmental groups. This was a real "croc" as it was all about steering groups towards "Social Enterprise" funding sources, rather than local bodies. (2) The Waterways partnership. This is a CCC initiative to get the "community" to carry more of the responsibility. The emphasis was on 'sharing the load'. They got the message loud and clear that if this was to happen we, the third sector (the new term for not-for-profits), want an equal say in the planning, and we are not just there to carry out the ideas of those at the top. Most of it was a great idea with \$200,000 available for education and waterway improvement project, but only applied within the city boundaries. As significant numbers of the city's workers live in nearby Waimakariri



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and Selwyn districts and their councils are not involved, then it is of very limited value. When will these local body silo-mentality staff understand that river catchments do not respect local body boundaries???? Half the crap in rivers comes from ‘across the border’, no matter where you live in NZ. The most positive thing to come out of these networking meetings has been the “networking”. F & G attended and contribute positively, and I am impressed with the F & Bird reps who seem to have got past the ‘trout are the stoats of the river’ mentality. Long may it last. Several other “water activists” are really positive about my oft made point about trout being the canaries in the mine as far as waterways are concerned. It is also clear that Nick Smith has drawn lots of desperate groups together with his swimmability nonsense.

Rex
Christchurch

Waterway Decline

Dear Sir
The government announcement of an intention to spend \$44 million into cleaning-up rivers is breathtaking as a daring election sweet. While the deterioration in NZ's rivers probably began 20 or 30 years ago, the last nine years of the National-led government has seen the quickening of the rot accompanied by denials of any problem, particularly by Minister for the Environment Nick Smith. Indeed the dismissal of the ECan council and replacement by a government puppet committee was carried out by an act of Parliament. Section 31 of the ECan Act, granted Minister for the Environment, Nick Smith, special powers to decide where and when New Zealand environmental law applied in Canterbury. It was tantamount to a situation where a government gives a minister the power to ignore the law without reference to Parliament. Also alarm-

ing was the public's loss of a democratically elected council in ECan. Water is a big issue this election and the latest government move some 40 days off election day, may be seen for what it really is - an election lolly.

Graham Carter
President
NZ Federation Freshwater Anglers

Wellington Fish & Game

Dear Sir
Thank you for sending out the questionnaire for the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee. After reading their document, I'm left with the view that, despite the admirable sentiments in Maori, their role is to greenwash, obscure and posture to provide a cover for local government to continue with the destruction of our rivers. If they were at all genuine in their intent, they would have vigorously raised the issue of the granting of consents by Greater Wellington Regional Council in November 2016 for the continued discharge for 35 years of partially treated sewerage by South Wairarapa DC into the Papawai Stream, same too for Martinborough sewerage into the Ruamahunga. If they were at all genuine in their intent, they would have demanded a moratorium on all further bores and irrigation consents until the true nature of the consequences to the land and rivers has been assessed by independent reviewers. If they were at all genuine, they would have sought to expose and stop the “accretion land” scam which privatises river margins. It takes away public access and means all flood control work must be done in the river channels. If they were at all genuine, they would have demanded an immediate cessation to all cross-blading and bulldozer work in the river bed to the Ruamahunga and all the main tributaries (Waingawa, Wiaohine) from where they leave to gorge to almost the tidal margins. It has destroyed the river as a habitat for public recreation and for both fish and fowl. These people are not there to help the New Zealand public or your diminishing pool of license holders, they are there to serve the council and other masters.

Bill Benfield,
Martinborough

We need a decent government

Dear Sir
We need a government that can act and actually do what's needed to be done to get rid of 1080, clean waterways and to police farmers and waterways to ensure they are kept that way, sort out the inshore fishing problem once and for good. They need to stop immigrants coming to our two small islands using us as an easy touch for benefits etc., stop people coming here to live unless they have a job to come to, have in place if you come here and commit crimes then you're gone for good. Listen to your people for we are the ones that put you there to begin with.

Cheers
Andrew Gladwin



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Fishing Advocacy Groups Unite

In a show of strength the NZ Sports Fishing Council has agreed with other fishing advocacy groups and pretty much adopted the policies they have been promoting since the last elections, and with this has become even closer to having a national body to represent the 700,000 recreational fishers. Macindoe Legasea spokesman says New Zealand's fisheries are owned by the public of New Zealand, yet all too often that is forgotten in the rush to commercialisation, something this newspaper and others have been saying long before Legasea would support the ideas. But where was Legasea when these ideas were put forward, they blatantly refused to adopt any of them. Rhys Smith spokesperson for Fish

Fight Aotearoa asked Macindoe years ago if they could find a one or two things that they could all agree on and he said no. But this is exactly what they have done at last. Now after several years of articles and news items they have finally decided to claim them as their own. Establish a Royal Commission of Inquiry into fisheries management and the Quota Management System. Amend the Fisheries Act 1996 to include an Allocation Principle. Remove industrial fishing methods such as trawling, seining and dredging from the inshore zone. Establish a separate, well-resourced Ministry of Fisheries. Amend section 13 of the Fisheries Act to deliver a minimum

biomass target of 50%, in line with international best practice. The challenges facing New Zealand's fisheries are broad and complex and merely tinkering with the detail of the current system simply won't work. We face a tipping point for many overfished stocks and if we don't act now we may not have a fishery to protect in years to come. The MPI have colluded and protected the Commercial Fishing sector for too many years, along with political party board members advising government on how our fisheries should be managed. All rec fishers need now is a political party to show the guts and support recreational fishers without watered down policies to use in their coalition talk preparations with other parties.

MPI - another demonstration of industry capture at work?

The MPI is introducing a new Integrated Electronic Monitoring and Reporting System (IEMRS) for the electronic monitoring and reporting of fishing activities which MPI is responsible for under the Fisheries Act 1996 and associated regulations. Research into precedent within international regulatory authorities with the equivalent 'observer' and monitoring functions for commercial fishing vessels has been completed. This research has specifically focussed on the minimum retention period by international regulatory authorities of digital video footage records of fishing activity from automated cameras deployed on commercial fishing vessels. The introduction of the new IEMRS

system has seen the 'Observer Programme' extended to include the activity of electronic monitoring of fishing activities through the collection of digital video footage of fishing activity from automated cameras deployed on commercial fishing vessels. The MPI has requested the modification to its records retention schedule with regard to the Integrated Electronic Monitoring and Reporting System and that Disposal coverage is being sought for the records created/received by the introduction of this new activity. Considering how easy it is to keep electronic information this is absolute rubbish. The key thing here is that they say they

will only look at a sample of the footage then based on finding nothing dump all the footage. This is completely out of step with the time under the Fisheries Act to take out a prosecution. In a nutshell whoever in the MPI dreamed this up needs to take a look at the Fisheries Act. Maybe they have and this is another demonstration of industry capture at work. There is also an allowance that if the commercial fishers report that their electronic equipment broke down at sea they can ask for permission to keep fishing. So we all know where this is going and how often this is likely to happen.

Dive Cylinder approvals withdrawn

Worksafe NZ considers that there are health and safety risks arising from SCUBA and SCBA cylinders manufactured from aluminium alloy 6351, and has

withdrawn their design approvals. In 2016 there were two serious harm incidents following the catastrophic failure of SCUBA cylinders made from the grade of aluminium.

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These cables are laid in three submarine cable corridors in the greater Auckland area where anchoring and fishing is prohibited under the Submarine Cables & Pipelines Protection Act.

These areas are:

- **Muriwai Beach** out to the 12 mile territorial limit where both anchoring and fishing is prohibited.
- **Scott Point to Island Bay** in the upper Waitemata Harbour where anchoring is prohibited.
- **Takapuna Beach** this runs from Takapuna Beach in the south to just north of the Hen & Chicken Island (opposite Taiharuru Head) where anchoring and fishing is prohibited.

Note: These protected areas are monitored by sea and air patrols.

Symbols Relating To Submarine Cables





	Submarine cable
	Submarine cable area
	Anchoring prohibited
	Fishing prohibited

Figure 1.

These are some of the penalties

- A maximum fine of \$20,000 for a non-commercial vessel.
- A maximum fine of \$100,000 for a commercial vessel.
- A maximum fine of \$250,000 for damaging a submarine cable.

Additional to the fine for damage, the cable owners would inevitably pursue the recover of costs associated with repairs, this could be up to \$750,000 plus a day; a typical repair can take up to two weeks (around \$10 million).

Be Aware

These International submarine cables carry up to 10,000 volts to power the system repeaters along the cable.



What should you do?

- If you are going into any of these areas, be sure to check your marine charts and/or GPS plotter so you know the exact locations of the prohibited zones. The relevant charts are NZ53, NZ5322, NZ532, NZ522, NZ42 and NZ43. The symbols used to mark the zones are detailed in Figure 1.
- If you suspect you have snagged your anchor or fishing gear on a submarine cable in one of these areas, don't try to free it. Note your position, abandon your gear, then call 0800 782 627.

What happens outside the prohibited areas?

These cables are covered by the Submarine Cables and Pipelines Protection Act regardless of whether they are inside or outside a prohibited area. Beyond the confines of the "anchoring and fishing prohibited" areas, the cables are clearly marked on the appropriate marine charts.

Considering possible positioning inaccuracies and repaired cable section deviations, fishermen are advised to keep a minimum distance of one nautical mile from either side of charted cables.

Note this number:

For any queries regarding submarine cables call: 0800 782 627

How the Political Parties Stack up on the Outdoors

The Council of Outdoor Recreation Associations put a 17 point charter (see August issue advertisement) to political parties for comments and answers.

**Analysis was as follows by a four person panel:-
Parliamentary Political Parties:-**

NZ First 94 out of 100

United Future 76

Labour 64

Greens 58

National 0

Maori 0

Parties Not in Parliament:-

Outdoor Party 76

Ban 1080 did not respond

Note: National and the Maori, despite an e mail reminder after deadline, did not respond.

CORANZ's executive urges all fishers and hunters to vote and vote after deep thought particularly with the party vote. It's your duty to your children and grandchildren

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From the Creel Tackle House and Cafe, Turangi

Fishing Alaska

I think most anglers are aware by now the fishing on the Tongariro this winter has been the best for many a year. So why would you go to Alaska to fish? because it had been on my "bucket list" for many years, a friend and I have just returned it was so amazing I thought I should mention it. After much research into the many fishing options available in Alaska, decided we would not be interested in the "combat fishing" so often found along the Kenai Peninsula and other areas close to Anchorage, the option we chose sounded exactly what we were looking for one River one Lodge a long way from anywhere, this journey began in Anchorage of course where we spent a day familiarising ourselves, visiting Cabela's Sporting Goods store this one huge taking several hours to browse through, grabbing additional tackle and information. The following day departing Anchorage for the settlement of Anvik some 430 miles North West, or into the South West Yukon where we and the twelve other guests met our host Cliff, gear was loaded into vehicles, a toilet stop in the Indian village of Anvik home to around seventy people, before transferring to a couple of boats powered with Honda 200 hp outboards with jet units for the two hour journey up the Anvik river a tributary of the mighty Yukon, the river was high and dirty after several days of rain, arriving at the Anvik river Lodge, met warmly by Sheryl, (Cliffs wife)

guides and staff, shown to our cosy rooms in the rustic log building then meeting for a quick lunch, orientation and safety briefing (think Grizzly Bears) before heading out for a few hours fishing. It was a little surreal we were here in this vast wilderness Silver Birch, Spruce trees, Bears, Wolf, Moose and Beaver, Eagles and Osprey, Red Headed Cormorants, Ducks and Blue Jay, many species well hidden by the brief summer foliage, Lynx and Wolverine paw prints in the snow the only evidence of their existence during winter. Winter temperatures in this area as low as to -40 F the river freezes to a depth of 4 ft, we were thankful for 20 degrees. After a hearty breakfast we were on the river each day by 9am returning at 6pm lunch was either sandwiches or barbequed fish whatever was caught usually Grayling or Pike, Salmon being too big. Each day with a different guide to another area of river targeting a particular species Pike, Grayling, King, Sockeye, Silver Salmon travelling up to 2 hours up or down river the boat rides equally exciting every bend revealing a beautiful vista, an eagle a bear and cubs or grazing moose. Some days we drifted the silence deafening as they say. As we were here for ten days, (most stay for five) we included clay bird shooting, wildlife viewing, a day hike through tundra and up glaciated slopes of Mt Egypt the view over the river valley and beyond "awe inspiring" glassing the area for movement in the clearings and forest below, sitting for some time contemplating the grandeur we had only seen on National Geographic. Everyday relished, the guides a fine group of young men passionate about their environment, knowledgeable, attentive, most are experienced hunters all packing large handguns up to 50 calibre on the hip or chest as a warning device primarily for any aggressive bears which might be



encountered, all with a great sense of humour we spent more time with these guys at the lodge than the other guests swapping our stories and experiences. As you would expect the food was very good, particularly the Steak and Alaskan Crab, accommodations most comfortable. So to the fishing we brought our own tackle, mine a Redington Vapen 8 weight with sink tip and floating lines, a Scott 10ft 6 weight with floating line and my HANAK Alpen 5 wt with a zero weighted Sunray floating line which I used almost exclusively on everything except King salmon to the amusement of our guides, catching grayling often two at a time a beautiful fish usually found sitting close behind the salmon, we caught hundreds of them, close by in faster water the Arctic char were holding usually up to a couple of lb, red belly spots orange fin tips great eating both species fun on light gear, one day cast to and hooked a 10lb sockeye in full spawning colour leaping out of the water many times stripping my reel of line I guess years of practice allowed me to land this awesome fish as with many others. Hooking my first King Salmon blew me away with its utter power the first leap like that of a freaking marlin, revealing an enormous girth and huge tail ripping line off and half way into my backing within seconds, expect a thirty minute battle minimum, on a large one if you are in fast water where they are usually found, if I can add a sales pitch here I was most impressed with the Redington Vapen, leaning heavily on a fish is important if you want to land one, relatively light for a bigger rod, distance is required and it was effortless. Naturally my biggest King was lost after an epic thirty minute struggle almost netting it three times before it threw the fly the Salmon deservedly won. Sight fishing for Pike was exciting found mostly in quiet side waters amongst weed under logs or other obstruction sometimes hitting the stripped in fly like a freight train or grabbing a still presentation either way you know you have one on, we caught about 60 one day. To have had this river to ourselves was very special, to experience this wonderful lodge and all it offered even more special we shall return to Anvik Lodge.



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Didymo Dave

FROM THE RIVERBANK

Firstly let's see if we can overcome modern technology problems ha ha by getting my phone number correct for those of you who wish to order Pukeko flies. We seem to have skipped the last number in the previous 2 issues so here it is....027 240 9603. Feel free to order some flies tied with Pukeko feathers but please remember under the Wildlife Act we cannot accept payment or donations. We would simply like you to accept them as a gift. When the new fishing season began in Taupo on July 1st the bag limit was lifted from 3 fish to 6 fish per angler per day. The good news is this seems to have stopped the high grading which is when fishermen keep 2 fish then catch a nicer one n keep that n throw the poorest of the other two in the bushes. Since July 1st I have not found any fish in the bushes on the Hinemaia Stream so that's a big change and put a stop to feeding the rats. However I can't say the same thing for rubbish n nylon. Currently on

that stream I'm doing rubbish pickups through the carparks at least twice a week which is very disappointing. The nylon trout I've been building from discarded nylon picked up off riverbanks and out of carparks weighed 6.8kg last October and it's growing at an alarming rate. I'd be really happy if you people made it difficult for me to finish by doing a spot of clean up on the riverbanks every now and then. Many of you know my son and I have been trapping vermin in the Hinemaia Stream valley for a number of years now and there has also been a rat poison project in village of Hatepe and lately some trapping done there too. Over the years the bird life in the valley has improved considerably but this year we seem to have reached another level. North Island Robin are friendly little birds that hop around on the forest floor making them easy prey for vermin but my mates and I are seeing more of them this year while fishing than ever before. In fact it's almost a daily occurrence to see a Robin and

sometimes several on the same day so a big thanks to all who have supported this project over the years particularly the Rise Film Festival which is due back in Taupo on September 25th and at other venues around the country on other nights. Speaking of the Hinemaia Stream, I have noticed that when the water levels are high and some colour in the water the number of anglers on the Stream drops right off. I believe that's due to a focus on nymphing upstream: I was 18 when nymphing took off in the Taupo area and prior to that we fished with a wetline downstream. One afternoon in mid-August this year the carparks in the upper Hinemaia Stream were all empty because the stream was high n coloured n yes I accept it was not good nymphing conditions but it was perfect for wetlining and swinging a fly around. So I see lots of missed fishing opportunities particularly for young fishermen with this focus on nymphing. So if you are not familiar with how to wetline on small streams and where the fish are in those conditions give me a call and I'll be happy to give you some hints and toss in a few wetlining flies. I don't like mixing money with my sport so if it helps you I'll be happy to do it for free.

Commercial Exploiters and Polluters Must Cough Up



Commercial users of water and especially polluters must fully pay for the use and for degradation of water, says a nationwide trout angler's advocacy. Graham Carter president of the NZ Federation of Freshwater Anglers said the responsibilities for commercial users to pay for the use of a public resource were undeniable. "If you make a monetary profit by removing or diverting water from public aquifer or water body, then

you should pay a royalty for the privilege, commensurate to the amount used" he said. "It would need to be a charge clearly associated with consents. They do pay now even if it is peanuts. But it has to be realistic and upped. Just as you would for oil or gas but to the regional authority, not the government's consolidated fund". Being able to take or use water from any aquifer or water body should only be allowed after scientifically established minimum flows had been established to maintain volume and biodiversity. The concept of mitigation and rectification were basic to the principles of the Resource Management Act. "If you pollute, then you do whatever is required to mitigate and rectify that pollution. Courts may well impose a monetary fine as well as a deterrent," he said. Fundamental were the polluter (a) stops polluting, (b) does whatever it takes to ensure it doesn't

reoccur and (c) cleans up the damage caused by the pollution. It was vital that water did not directly become a tradable commodity. "It shouldn't be allowed to be traded in any form so as to stop further profiteering from the public resource." Graham Carter said commercial users should pay for the privilege as it would encourage less wastage. He said businesses should not have to pay for everyday usages such as staff teas, coffees, showers etc., but where water was used in the production of products, i.e. using it to profit from, then sensible costs must be paid. He warned that public recreation such as anglers, river kayakers, jet boaters and swimmers should not be included. "Some neo-liberals may by twisted logic argue public sport use of waterways could have to pay too. That would be utter nonsense and irrational," he said.

Freshwater reform opponents accused of 'scaremongering'

Fish & Game has dismissed as "scaremongering" claims that imposing a royalty on commercial use of water will hurt the public. Labour leader Jacinda Ardern announced the policy at the recent Environmental Defence Society conference saying New Zealand already charges royalties for gold, oil and gravel, and water should be no different.

Labour says the royalty will be between one and two cents a cubic metre – a thousand litres – of water. Money raised from the royalty would go towards cleaning up degraded rivers, lakes and streams. Federated Farmers, fruit and vegetable growers and the National Party are opposing a royalty, saying it will cause consumer items like dairy products, fruit

and vegetables to soar in price. Opponents claim a two cent royalty for a thousand litres of water would result in cabbages costing \$15 each, while apples would be \$2.80 apiece. Fish & Game New Zealand chief executive Bryce Johnson says that is nonsense. "These figures just don't add up. Those sorts of prices would mean using millions of litres

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to grow a single apple or cabbage and that just doesn't make sense," Mr Johnson says. "This is scaremongering of the worst kind. It appears to be a panicked response to avoid paying the real cost of intensive agriculture production and the resulting damage to our rivers and lakes. "It is a cynical attempt to panic New Zealanders and it is a shame this new found concern for consumers' wallets hasn't been evident at other times," he says. Bryce Johnson says the critics need to base their

claims on facts, not hysteria. "The people making these outrageous claims just haven't done their homework. How can they be advocating irrigation schemes where water costing 25 cents a thousand litres makes good business sense, yet a two cent royalty brings the world to an end?" Mr Johnson says New Zealand agriculture cannot be successful if it is based on water costing nothing. "At the moment, agriculture is taking and using a public resource at no cost to itself. "This is just not sustainable

and neither is the resulting damage to the environment. "A water royalty will pay to repair this damage and frankly, it is the least the industry can do to fix the mess." Bryce Johnson says it is time the agriculture sector and its supporters started listening to the New Zealand public's growing anger over deteriorating water quality. "People are fed up. They want to be able to swim, fish and gather food from their rivers and the agriculture industry needs to start listening, not scaremongering and fighting efforts to restore water quality," he says.

"Fresh water is an election issue," Dr Newman wrote and then added "The export of bottled water has become the focus of an emotional debate that is being relentlessly politicised and propagandised." Commercial water bottlers have been demonized as exploitative but in fact, 98 percent of New Zealand's annual fresh water resource remained unused, said Dr Newman. Last year, bottled water exports accounted for nine million litres – 0.0001 percent of New Zealand's total annual fresh water use. Bottled water was not the important issue, she added. Accordingly, under common law and statute, all New Zealand's fresh water was vested in the Crown and cannot be privately owned. "That means that while landowners may have rights to the beds

and banks of the rivers, streams and lakes that lie on their properties, they don't own the water." The present water debate was politically motivated with New Zealanders being influenced by activist groups running well-orchestrated mass hysteria campaigns to introduce a tax on the commercial use of water. Such a move would suit Maori interests, since any charge on water would open the door to new taxpayer-funded Treaty settlements and water royalties in perpetuity. "And that's what's at the heart of this debate – Maori rights to own and control of fresh water," said Dr Newman. She said all political parties had confused the issue and claimed National was working with the Iwi Leaders Group on water policy since 2012. Once National's Technical

Advisory Group - established in collaboration with iwi leaders - reported back their water allocation policy proposals after the election, Maori would be elevated to co-govern and control fresh water decision-making in New Zealand, in conjunction with councils. "With ACT pushing for tradable water rights – irrespective of any consequential Treaty claim – and the Maori Party in favour of Maori ownership and control of fresh water, it seems that going into the 2017 General Election, those New Zealanders who want decisions over the allocation of fresh water to remain in the hands of democratically elected councillors - rather than vested interest Maori groups - have no champions at all in Parliament"

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onds to set it up. The unit is only 6kgs and 1750mm long and comes in a base unit or a full kit depending on what you desire. The second option is the Surf Smasher. This is a smaller hand held unit in which you simply put your rod in a rod holder previously dug into the beach, load the cannon with the sinker and bait, pump up to the pressure your require, then walk down the waters edge and shoot it out 150 to 200 metres, go back flip over your bail arm and take up the slack. That's it. The Surf Smasher is only 1140mm long and 3 kg so fits nicely into the storage boxes on most motor homes or easily into the boot of your vehicle. It comes in two different kits, the base kit or a full kit inc pump etc. The device can also be made lefthanded. The Bait Cannons are sold as an R20 device as it is not a toy. It has been manufactured in NZ,

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Water Up For Grabs by "Maori" Minority?

by James McFolly

Maori iwi elite have their eyes on ownership of water with

a view to making big money. That is the view of former MP Dr

Muriel Newman in her on-line newsletter NZCPR Newsletter.

Early Bird Bait & Tackle Report

Where did winter go? I'm sat here with both doors open and the sun beaming down on the Firth with hardly a ripple on the sea. I do hope this is an omen for the summer which for all purposes looks as if it will be a good one. I suppose after the brief piece of fortune telling you will want to know what the fishing is like and what is being caught in the region. Despite a lot of wind recently and plenty of rain, the fishing is not bad although size of fish has dramatically come down from two months ago. Snapper are smaller but I weighed in one last weekend at 11.5lb which was brought into the shop by a lady who was really happy she had beaten her best weight. On average, most Snapper caught are between 32cm and 40cm but they are in excellent health. There are work-ups everywhere and getting amongst them is a must. We all know that the bigger fish are down below these work-ups picking up the pieces but there are so many near the surface that you really don't stand a chance to get down to them. The Kahawai are feeding on Anchovies and White-bait but they will take anything. The schools are huge but the average fish would be reasonably small in

comparison with later in the year. It's all good fun for the kids so when you get out there give it a try; if there's not a lot of Snapper you can guarantee to get yourself a good feed of Kahawai. Gurnard can still be caught out on the mud with a massive one of 52cm being caught in 12m of water near Waikawau. Shore fishing from the rocks has been fantastic with everyone getting at least a few fish to take home. Waioumu and Wilsons Bay are popular fishing spots, the latter is a little walk to reach the best 'posies'. This is where you can cast out into deep water with no effort and more than likely pick up a Kingfish or two. Down in the shallows near Thames there are plenty of fish so whether you launch at Kopu or Tararu, you can be into the fish within five minutes from leaving the ramps and in only 4 metres of water. Many fisherman are getting more and more into softbaits but from what the locals are telling me, pilchards and squid are doing the damage. We have a good range of 'Z' Man softbaits in stock so get yourself stocked up ready for the summer. Last year even the supplier ran out of stock so get in early. We have a good range of rods and reels in now with a lot of top class European stock with the 'Fladen' brand from

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Farmers' Belated River Pledge Welcomed



A recently announced pledge by farming leaders to improve the quality of New Zealand's "dirty" rivers has been welcomed by a national trout fishing federation. "It's great news," said Graham Carter president of the NZ Federation of Freshwater Anglers. "It shows a new-found commitment by Federated Farmers NZ under its new invigorating leadership but I'm disappointed it's not sooner rather than later as today." He said the belated recognition would not help restore once prized fully flowing rivers like the

Selwyn and Irwell near Christchurch - both now dry in summer - but he suspected farmers had at last responded to public concerns and realized that the statements by the Minister for the Environment Nick Smith were denial of the crisis rivers were facing. The half-truths and denials had also come from the Ministry for Primary Industries and Ministry of the Environment. Most farmers were responsible and carers of the environment. It was necessary to draw a distinction between the Kiwi family farm and corporates as the former were mostly responsible environmental stewards while corporates just wanted to stock to the maximum and in mega-numbers to achieve maximum profits regardless of the environmental consequences. "It's crazy and irresponsible to run dairy cows in low rainfall areas like the Canterbury Plains, South Canterbury and MacKenzie Basin. Inevitably high irrigation demand depletes the public's rivers and causes high nitrate leaching."

Graham Carter said the previous PM John Key, government and the Minister for the Environment Nick Smith had shown scant respect for the public's rivers by championing more and more growth of the dairying industry. "They don't care a hoot about leaving a good legacy for their children or grandchildren," he said. He said few of New Zealand's rivers were in a good state and there are a considerable number that need restoration work, both in terms of flow and quality. Urban areas must stop discharging any sewerage into rivers. "This will take concerted effort by all New Zealanders - including farmers, urban areas, and local and central Government." The challenge facing New Zealand in improving freshwater quality was not just for farmers. "Urban New Zealand will also need to commit to improving stormwater, sewerage and wastewater systems to achieve the Government's goals and the Councils need to be forced to take action against

increased dairying stock numbers on land that can't sustain the numbers, and to charge royalties for water on land that was never intended for dairying," he said. While this appears to be nothing

more than an election stunt it will give us the opportunity to hold the next government and farmers more accountable. National has a track record of empty words and broken promises. They

have produced a monster which can't be put back in its cage easily. Intensive dairying along with water extraction and nitrate leaching has caused and continues to cause significant loss to our waterways.

Forty years of lies

For forty years the commercial fishers have been telling the NZ public they have been harvesting from our wild public fishery in an ecologically friendly and sustainable way. There are two very clear ways to prove that the commercial fishers and their PR companies have been lying to anyone who dares question the industry in regards to its ethics of harvest. Primarily when fish stocks go into decline in such a severe way that MPI are forced to take measures to rebuild a fishery, that fishery has been over fished. After thirty years of the QMS the reason areas like BoP and the HB are so seriously overfished is because the commercial fishers themselves have lied through their teeth on a daily basis and have been mis-

reporting their catch all this time. The QMS fishing system is a very good system of regulating a commercial fishery, but the commercial fishers haven't been fishing to the legal boundaries put in place to ensure the public wild fishery of NZ is sustainable for all users who wish enjoy a share of Mother Nature extraordinary gift of our inshore fishery. The confessions keep on coming from the commercial fishers. Every time the commercial fishers or the quota holders boast about harvesting better and smarter than before is an outright confession how badly their practices were in the past. One commercial fisher boasted that his new technology for trawl harvest had 60% less waste than other conventional methods.

That means that the commercial fisher with the new technology used to waste 60% of what he used to catch and it also means all those commercial fishers without the new trawl technology are still wasting 60% of their current catch. This is how the fishery becomes over fished by 60% year after year until a collapse accrues. The BOP is down to 20% of its original biomass and yet it is still fished by commercial fish exporters and promoted as healthy by the corporate quota holders PR machine. There is a serious danger in promoting a fishery that is in collapse because at some point that fishery will become so depleted it will be uneconomic to fish there.

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Schools shooting competitions

Northland Secondary Schools recently held a claybird shooting competition in Dargaville.

The Whangarei Boys High School A team came first, with Jago Irving (WBHS) coming first over all for the day, Ethan Hare and AJ Dickson coming 2nd and 3rd consecutively in Single Barrel.

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EPA WRONG ON ROUNDUP

Kiwis are becoming more aware and increasingly concerned with the damage to our waterways. Our Councils and government have accepted the widespread use of Roundup and refuse to accept the levels of damage being caused through its continued use around our rivers and streams. EPA's Chief Scientist claims evidence-based science is crucial in decision-making. There is an irreconcilable conflict between this claim and the implication in another article that glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup, is a safe chemical. It may well be that current research suggests glyphosate is non-carcinogenic. However there are no certainties in science, only the latest experimental results. Recent research suggests glyphosate blocks a crucial microbial metabolic pathway. This shikimate pathway is so widespread in microbes it is likely that glyphosate will affect all microbial ecologies affecting the health of soil, streams rivers and lakes, plants, animals and humans. Glyphosate may be effective but microbial research suggests that it is anything but safe. It is potentially hazardous to human health and ecosystem function. Genomes and genomics came to public attention in the much publicised human genome project. Faster and more efficient methods for probing the human genome were applied to all sorts of other organisms including the bugs living in microbial

ecosystems (microbiomes). A growing avalanche of research on these microbiomes and their genetics (microbiomics) shows how much bugs affect all aspects of human health, including it would seem brain function. Molecular biology has fundamentally changed our understanding of evolution and focussing scientific and public attention on microbiomes. We are indeed not alone in the universe. The aliens are not light years away. Myriad microorganisms preceded humans on this planet by millions if not billions of years. They created the atmosphere we breathe, the water we walk on and grow our food in. Consciousness evolved from microbial symbioses which may also play a role in human consciousness. In the same article trumpeting the safety of glyphosate, the EPA's Chief Scientist took a pot-shot at Rachel Carson's revelation in the 1960s of the potential ecological damage of the blanket use of DDT. It was this revelation that led to the establishment of the American EPA. The claim that Carson's work linking DDT and bird populations has been largely disproved is at best a politically motivated half-truth. If these utterances by EPA's Chief Scientist have the sanction of this Government then the NZ EPA is a parody of the American EPA on which it is presumably modelled. Rachel Carson's groundbreaking work alerted politicians and the public to the fact that environmental protec-

tion and human safety and health depend on ecosystem consideration. Molecular biology extends Carson's ground breaking work to include the largely unseen but equally important microbial ecosystems that underpin all life on this planet. Rachel Carson used scientific research to demonstrate to the public that using chemical sledgehammers to crack nuts has inevitable ecosystem consequences. Her work resulted in the establishment of the USA's EPA. New Zealand EPA's chief scientist claims that the regulatory environment in which it operates is informed by the evidence produced by research. If that is the case then there is an urgent need for the EPA to commission independent and thorough reviews of all available research on glyphosate, cadmium-containing superphosphates and zinc-containing facial eczema prophylactics. In particular, the public needs to understand the individual and cumulative effects of these compounds on the microbial ecologies that all life on this planet and human health depend upon. It is simply not good enough for either the environment or public health and safety that EPA regulations are based on the science of last century and on protecting the fiscal concerns of current players including state owned enterprises. <http://www.organic-systems.org/journal/92/abstracts/Swanson-et-al.html>

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A sweet grandfather telephoned St. Joseph's Hospital.

He timidly asked, "Is it possible to speak to someone who can tell me how a patient is doing?"

The operator said, "I'll be glad to help, sir. What's the name and room number?"

The grandfather in his rather weak, tremulous voice said "Brian, Room 302"

The operator replied, "Let me place you on hold while I check with his nurse."

After a few minutes, the operator returned to the phone and said, "Oh, I have good news. His nurse just told me that Brian is doing very well. His blood pressure is fine; his blood tests just came back as normal, and his physician, Dr. Cohen, has scheduled him to be discharged on Tuesday."

The grandfather said, "Thank you. That's wonderful! I was so worried as I was thinking I might miss out on my fly-tying classes next Thursday."

The operator replied, "You're more than welcome. Is Brian your son?"

The grandfather said, "No, I'm Brian in 302. No one tells me shit."

Your vote

on September 23 is important

It is vital to think about

- **Dirty rivers**
- **Lost water flows**
- **Corporate dairying**
- **1080 and other toxins**
- **Loss of access**
- **Foreign buy ups of
high country land**

and other similar issues.

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