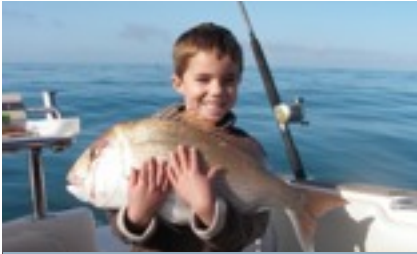


New Zealand Recreational Fishing Council

Our Vision:

Guaranteed access to abundant fisheries



JUNE PRIZE WINNER



George Shaw with his pride and joy "Pearly Shells". My reason for joining NZRFC was to make a small financial contribution towards supporting those who are safeguarding the interests of recreational fishers like myself. Without the advocacy of the NZRFC I think the fishery would be divided between commercial interests and Maori, eventually leading to us having to pay the aforementioned parties for the right to catch a few fish if there are any left!

JULY PRIZE WINNER

Bill Walsh says: Through the committee work for my club, including a four year term as club president, I get copies of correspondence relating to recreational fishing events and issues. The NZRFC features strongly in this and I have been impressed with what the NZRFC stands for and what it is trying to do for the recreational fishers throughout our beautiful country.



Items of interest to all recreational fishers

Until a national body with statutory backing is in place, constant vigilance is required to hold off the major threat of loss of access to abundant recreational fishing.

NZRFC CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

The annual conference and AGM of the NZRFC held in July in New Plymouth was a success. Many attendees commented on the upbeat positive nature of the conference.

Highlights were talks by Martin Salter (ex UK MP for angling), Len Olyott (ex CE of RecFish Australia) and across the political spectrum support for moving the recreational sector to a stronger level of influence.

FOSTERING A NATIONAL CONVERSATION

Delegates at the AGM unanimously voted to pursue a **Future Search** as a tool for having a national conversation on the future of recreational fishing in NZ.

Watch this link to learn more <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICOfUAMSPpY>

WORLD RECREATIONAL FISHING CONFERENCE IN BERLIN

33 countries shared common challenges for recreational fisheries and discussed possible solutions.

There is no quick solution to ensuring recreational fishing and fisheries are well managed for resilience and sustainability. It is a journey for which the NZ recreational sector need to get coordinated and increase their capacity to make a difference. Read more at

www.recfish.co.nz

RECREATIONAL-ONLY FISHING AREAS

After 3 years of opportunity to deliver on the key government policy area of providing recreational-only fishing areas, the Minister has invited the President of the NZRFC and other recreational representatives to meet with him on 7th September.

He has asked attendees to identify some "low hanging fruit" that he can deliver for an "enhanced recreational fishing experience."

Watch this space....

ADVOCACY WORK:

The recent sustainability round saw the NZRFC active in submission writing on the following species **Bluenose** 1,2,3,7 & 8, **Yellow Tail Kingfish** 8, **Blue Cod** 5 & 8, **Ribaldo** 9, **Rig** 2. Full copies are on the website www.recfish.co.nz

Deemed Values

This is the amount that commercial pay to the government for the overcatch of our fish. Each year certain species come up for review. We believe that this should not happen and that a mathematical equation should be in place to automatically control this price.

Issuing of Special Permits

This would have to take the cake. The opening of a fishery that is presently closed to showcase New Zealand Seafood to an international audience. Reasons the fishery is closed are:

- 1) Fish are not in good condition.
- 2) There are sustainability issues.
- 3) Fish are spawning.

Good reasons to keep the fishery closed!