



Friday update



Captain's Blog

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More industry and science collaboration for aquaculture growth

The Government needs to do more to assist aquaculture, Prime Minister John Key told the New Zealand Aquaculture conference in Nelson yesterday.

That would enable the industry, currently returning about \$400 million, to reach \$1 billion in annual exports by 2025.

Without that assistance, Mr Key doubted the target would be met.

He said 70 percent of marine consents were up for renewal by 2024 at a potential cost of \$48 million.

That was a waste of money. It was not acceptable to have to go through a highly bureaucratic process.

He likened a consent for a marine farm to that of a casino. If the operator was doing the right thing, the licence should simply be rolled over.

A directive was being prepared by MPI Minister Nathan Guy and Environment Minister Nick Smith that would provide a lot more clarity.

It would be consulted on by the end of the year and be in place by May next year.

It would not completely cut the cost of re-consenting but it would streamline the process.

"I'm really interested in aquaculture and I think we can do a lot better," he said.

"The Government has got to do better on your behalf. If we don't get you enough space you can't reach your potential.

"Norway makes more money out of

In the Media



Aquaculture Conference highlights research for safe seafood

Stuff (September 28) reported on the New Zealand Aquaculture Conference in Nelson, which highlighted collaboration as the way forward for the aquaculture industry. As the government aims to grow the aquaculture export industry to \$1 billion by 2025, there has been an emphasis on collaborations between industry and research organisations. Understanding the effect of harmful algae on New Zealand's aquaculture industry was also one of the topics discussed during the first day of the New Zealand Aquaculture Conference. Cawthron Institute marine toxin chemist and Safe New Zealand Seafood programme leader Dr Tim Harwood talked about some of the research the Safe New Zealand Seafood programme had been doing to ensure New Zealand seafood was safe to consume and met strict international market access requirements. The programme is Cawthron led and involves other leading New Zealand scientists from Plant and

salmon farming than it does from oil and we've got a better product."

He was frustrated by the Supreme Court decision that overturned the proposed King Salmon farm at Port Gore but that was beyond the Government's control. He said the wider seafood industry, with exports at a record \$1.8 billion, was a big part of the economy.

Mr Key, who is also Tourism Minister, said his minister in that portfolio had been doing an outstanding job.

It was important to understand what success looked like. Tourism was booming, partly driven by the landscapes featured in Lord of the Rings and the Hobbit, and it was expected that numbers would rise next year to 1.5 million Australians and 500,000 Chinese. And the Chinese would spend more than the Aussies, showing it was more than a numbers game, just as with seafood.

He said Australia had gone terribly wrong with its wine industry in going down the volume path, selling wine in bladders. And, ever the optimist, he believed the TPP trade deal could still go through. The conference had the theme "we're for good".

NZ Aquaculture chairman Bruce Hearn, introduced by chief executive Gary Hooper as "serial innovator, mussel farmer, oyster farmer", said the sector stood for doing the right thing.

It had a light touch on the environment, provided jobs that supported 3000 families and was the mainstay of small regional communities including Coromandel, Havelock, Twizel and Bluff. The biggest challenge was securing enough space.

Sanford chief executive Volker Kuntzsch said there was a misalignment between perception and facts in the wider seafood industry.

He said some would have it there was hardly a fish left in the ocean and that our fishers were all up to mischief beyond the horizon.

In looking to the future of oceans management, he called for decisions based on science rather than eNGO emotion, a better job of promoting seafood as safe and sustainable, greater security of tenure and more collaboration.

– Tim Pankhurst

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Top of the South cray proposals to stop illegal sales

Stuff (September 29) reported on the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) asking for public feedback on introducing two new rules, successfully used during the past two years near Kaikoura, to halt rock lobster poaching along the upper South Island coastline. In a pre-consultation paper released this week the ministry has proposed all rock lobster caught by recreational fishers in Marlborough and Nelson to be tail, or telson, clipped to identify it as legally caught. Clipping the fifth telson of the tail would identify the lobster had been legally caught by recreational fishers and could not be sold on the black market. Papanoa Point rock lobster fisherman Johnny Clark said the move has to help stop poaching.

"...But poachers might go elsewhere so why not create a similar management area to include the whole New Zealand coastline." [Read more](#)



NZ King Salmon attracts investors from New Zealand and Australia

Taranaki Daily News (September 27) reported on the high interest among institutional and "mum and dad" retail investors, both in New Zealand and Australia, seeking a stake in New Zealand King Salmon.

New Zealand King Salmon, which grows and markets three premium brands of king salmon – Ora King, Regal and Southern Ocean – will list on the New



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Hon Matua Shane Jones.

Fight against IUU fishing

Pacific Ambassador Shane Jones is in Jakarta in follow up discussions after the signing of a communique to fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. It was signed between Trade Minister Todd McClay and the Indonesian government during the PM's recent visit to Indonesia.

Mr Jones has met with the volatile Indonesian Fisheries Minister, Susi Pudjiastuti, who has ended illegal fishing from foreign vessels in their national waters. Her tactics have gained worldwide attention as offending boats have been blown up by the Indonesian navy.

During the meeting a project was announced which will see NZ fund \$5 million to develop data collection and management systems regarding the the

Zealand and Australian sharemarkets when it releases shares to the public next month. The share price has been calculated at \$1.12.

New Zealand King Salmon chief executive Grant Rosewarne said buy-in from institutional fund managers was oversubscribed and a "considerable" number of shares were set aside for the public, or "mum and dad" investors, with a minimum purchase of 1000 shares.

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The Kermadec controversy

New Zealand Centre for Political Research (September 18) The New Zealand Centre for Political Research (NZCPR) published an article by its founding director Dr Muriel Newman about the proposed Kermadec Marine Sanctuary and fishing rights issue. "It [the sanctuary] was intended to establish our sustainability credentials on the biggest international stage. Instead it has turned into a complex political and policy tangle that some say is threatening the stability of the National Government," Dr Newman wrote.

"Looking back, it is clear that the biggest mistake in the Kermadec affair was that good quality advice was not provided to Cabinet *before* the decision to proceed was made, despite it being a Cabinet Office requirement."

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Pacific Tuna caught in Indonesia, Vietnam and Phillipines. A volume of 140,000 tonne or 23 percent of the overall Oceanic catch is taken in waters of these ASEAN nations. This money will be utilised via the WCPTC, the RFMO established to address the management of the huge Pelagic resource that is caught from Kiribas through to Indonesia.

Of the annual world tuna catch of six million tonnes, 70 percent is caught within the Pacific and East Asian seas. The landed value is \$7 billion, approximately \$4 billion of which is caught within the Pacific EEZs.

Next month a fisheries conference also will be held in Indonesia which is designed to boost support for illegal fisheries to be classified as transnational crime. Mr Gary Orr will represent NZ at the conference.

