



The New Zealand Seafood Industry Council Ltd

Joint Working Group on Compliance in the Paua Fishery

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Background – 2004

- **PIC approached Minister of Fisheries**
- **MFish / PIC / SeaFIC discussions**
- **Terms of Reference agreed August 2004**
- **First meeting October 2004**

JWG - The Problem



- **MFish estimates 965 tonnes taken illegally each year (figures come with a health warning)**
- **Compares with 1057 tonnes total TACC for all areas**
- **Impacts on rights of all legitimate users**

JWG - Aims and Objectives



- 1. Prepare a compliance risk assessment**
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- 3. Recommend a Compliance Strategy**

JWG - Membership



- 1. Scott Williamson – Fisheries Management (Chair)**
 - 2. Dave Wood – Compliance**
 - 3. Shaun Driscoll – Compliance**
 - 4. Ed Arron – PIC**
 - 5. Alan Riwaka – Te Ohu Kaimoana**
 - 6. Tom McClurg – AFL**
 - 7. Bruce Chapman - SeaFIC**
- **Aoife Martin**
 - **Nathan Glassey**

JWG - How it Operates



- **Independent Working Group**
- **Frank Discussion / debate**
- **Consensus decision-making**
- **Formal report to Minister of Fisheries**

JWG - First Report to Minister



Key Risk:

- **Very high level of poaching activity / Black Market trade**

Strategies:

- **Information**
- **Detection**
- **Prosecution**
- **Voluntary Compliance**

JWG - Product Flow



- 1. Market - Largely to China**
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- 3. Export – NZ Border controls**
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- 5. Possession – holding / processing / transport**
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- 7. Taking – removal from the water**

JWG - Information Strategy



- 1. Improved communication / information / intelligence (NZ + Overseas)**
- 2. Make it easy to identify legitimate operators (Work with NZ paua industry)**
- 3. Working with other agencies (e.g. Border Agencies)**

JWG - Detection Strategy



Improve ability to detect and apprehend offenders:

- **Increased / targeted surveillance**
- **New technologies (e.g. forensic science)**
- **Working with other government agencies**

JWG - Prosecution Strategy



- 1. Workable regulations (fill gaps)**
- 2. Improved sanctions:**
 - appropriate penalties**
 - Making sure the courts appreciate severity of risks**
- 5. Removing enforcement obstacles**

JWG - Voluntary Compliance



- 1. Improved industry structures and performance:**
 - increased accountability
 - higher levels of training / professionalism
 - packaging / labelling
 - Working with MFish

- 7. Public information and awareness**

JWG - Next steps



- **Working Group**
 - **Analyse options (effectiveness, cost etc)**
 - **Identify priorities**

- **Report to Minister of fisheries August 2005:**

JWG - Conclusion



- 1. Robust, constructive process**
- 2. Taking a wide view of options:**
 - **Voluntary / regulatory**
 - **All points of product chain**
 - **From education / information to hard-line enforcement**
- 3. Ministerial support**
- 4. Key theme – industry working with Govt to support sustainability of resource for all**