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Fine Solution in Bin No. 1



Power Meat from Bin No. 2

Black-market fish retailer fined \$28,000 on paua and rock lobster charges

Media Release: Thursday, 28 April 2005

A Christchurch businessman was convicted and fined a total of \$28,000 in the Christchurch District Court yesterday (27 April), after he admitted selling black-market paua and rock lobster.

Peter Raymond Baird who set up fish retail businesses, World First Solutions and Karatau Export Trading Company, was sentenced on two charges of possessing paua and rock lobster for sale between December 2002 and June 2003. During this time Baird sourced 753 kg of paua and 391 kg of rock lobster outside the Quota Management System. This fish was then sold to a number of restaurants in Christchurch, Queenstown and Auckland. The minimum value of these sales was estimated at \$48,000 but the defendant stated that profits had been minimal.

The Ministry of Fisheries investigation centred on reconstructing invoices, which were supplied to the restaurants at the time of sale, and comparing these with legitimate sources of fish. This proved to be a time-consuming exercise but when completed revealed the full extent of offending.

Christchurch District Compliance Manager John Slaughter said the investigation required a high level of commitment in analysing the full extent of the offending and it was pleasing to see the court realise the seriousness involved.

Karatau Export Trading Co

A Division of W.F.S. Group
Licenced Seafood Exporters - Distributors License No. 510 1997
369 Witches Rd. Avonhead Christchurch, NZ. Tel: +64 3 369 5211 Fax: +64 3 369 5284
Email: jpr@securelink.co.nz

Tax Invoice

W.F.S.

CRT Ref: No. 69222012

Lakeside Palace Restaurant
5 Beach Street, P O Box 779
QUEENSTOWN

Invoice #: 0057829
Date: 7th Feb 2003
Account to: Lakeside-Queen

DATE	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT
7 th Feb 2003	Live Crayfish Grade A1, A2, A3, B1, B2 20 kgs @ \$40.00/kg	\$800.00
	Frozen Abalone (re-HUZPPF) 20 kgs @ \$115.00/kg	\$2300.00
	Delivery 07-02-03 Order Ref: 11395	
Sub total		\$3100.00
GST		\$ 387.50
TOTAL		\$3487.50

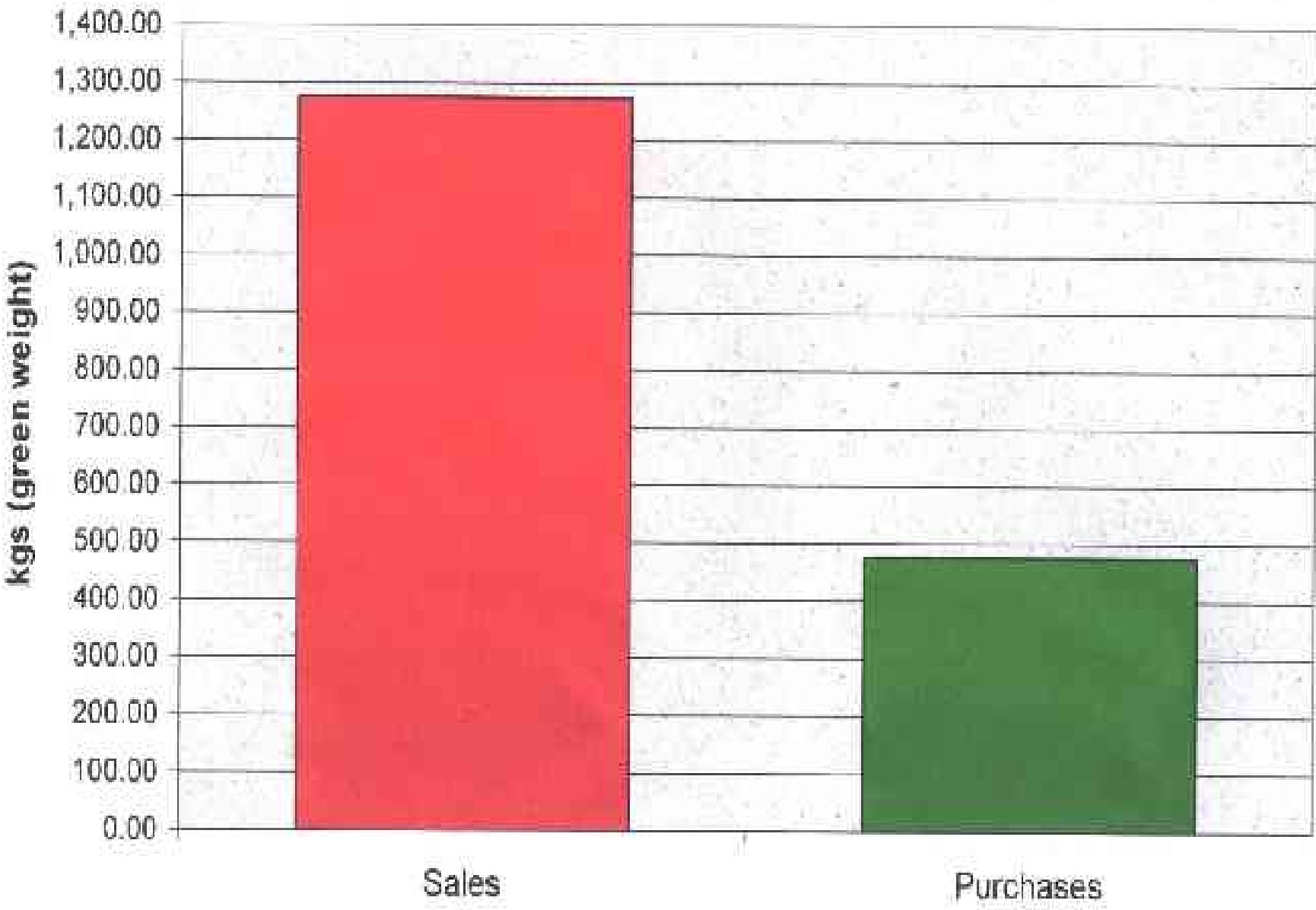
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W.F.S. GROUP
369 Witches Road, Avonhead
Christchurch

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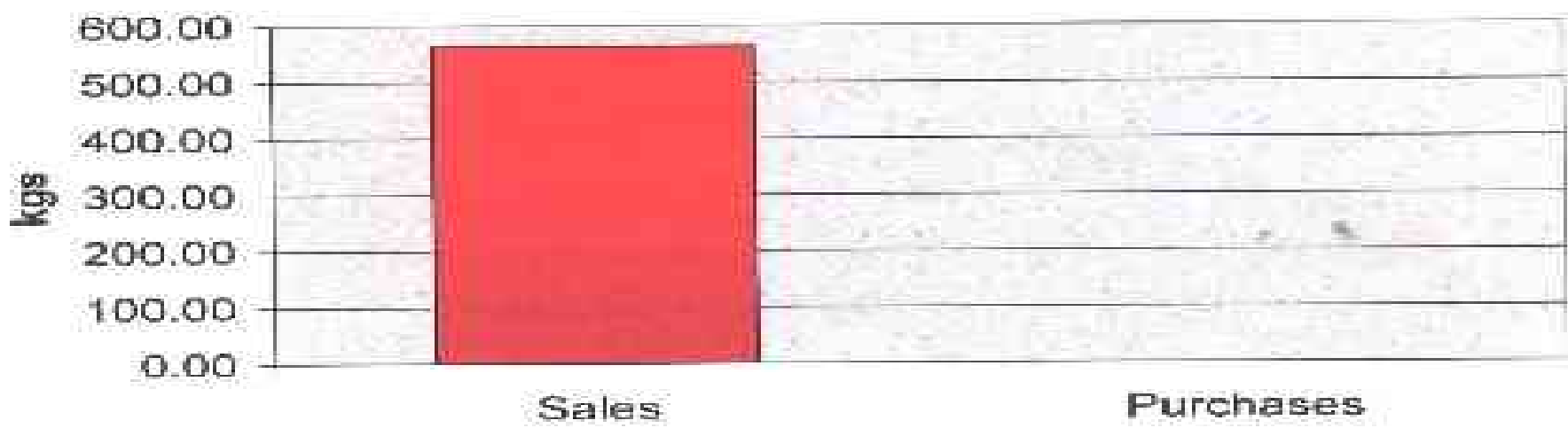
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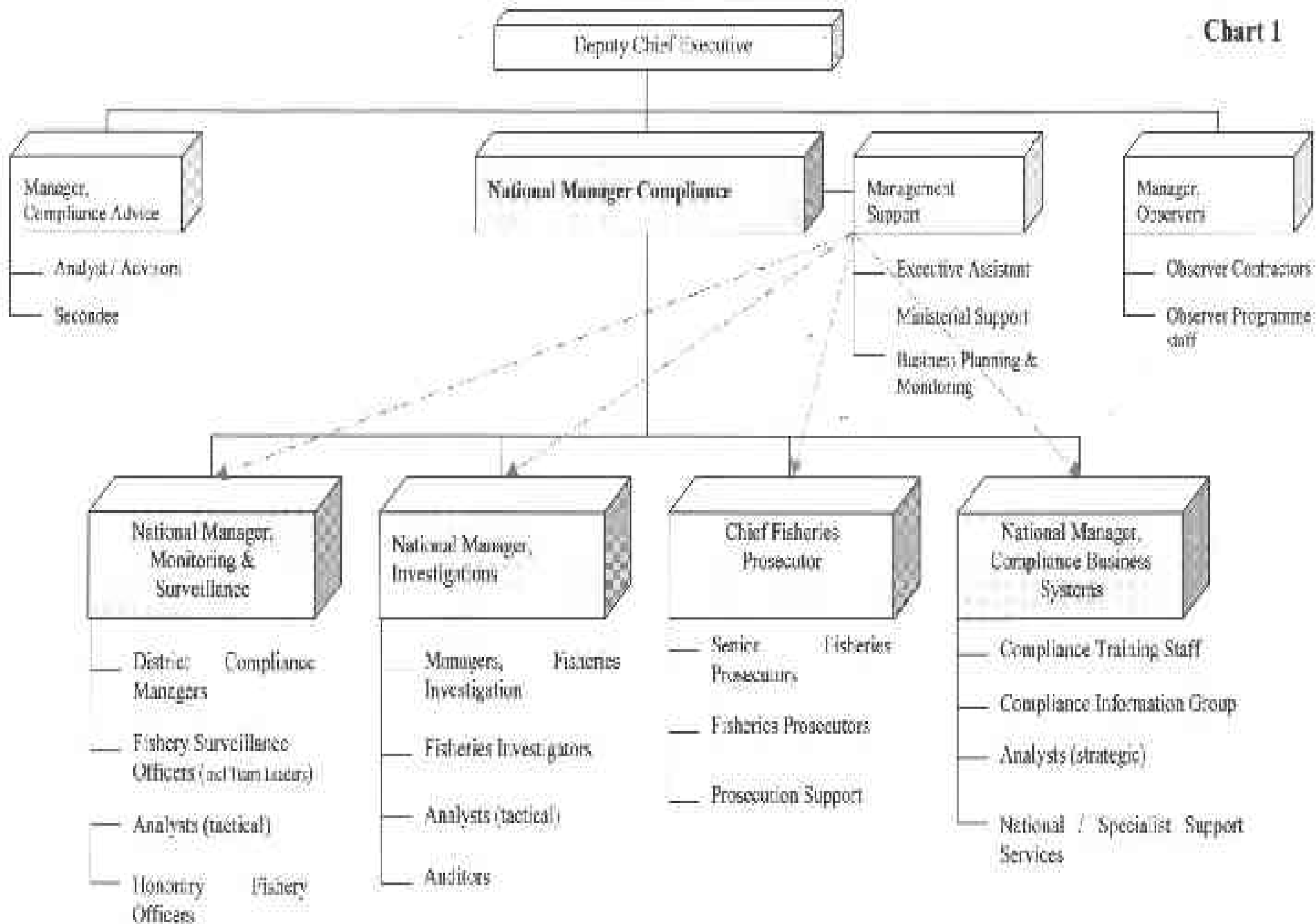
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DATE	Exhibit	Invoice number	Ref	Name	kgs	\$/kg	kgs	\$/kg	kgs	\$/kg	kgs	
17-Jan-02	PB/JG832/016	11357	0355-03	Sale Sale Restaurant	7.92	\$45.00					7.92	
25-Jan-03	PB/JG832/018	11373		Oriental Warehouse	25.00						25.00	
26-Jan-03	PB/JG832/019	11374		Sale Sale Restaurant	15.00						15.00	
27-Jan-03	PB/ME796/001	027/338-1		Sale Sale Restaurant	15.00	\$36.00					15.00	
05-Jan-03	PB/JG832/017	028-937		Memories of Hong Kong Restaurant	120.00	\$40.00					120.00	
29-Jan-03	PB/JG832/018	11378		Memories of Hong Kong Restaurant	70.00	\$30.00					70.00	
29-Jan-03	PB/JG832/018	11379		Lakeside Palace Restaurant	40.00	\$30.00					40.00	
30-Jan-03		028-934	11379	Memories of Hong Kong Restaurant	40.00	\$40.00					40.00	
30-Jan-03		030-315-03	11377	Foodjoy (New Zealand) Ltd	30.00	\$40.00					30.00	
02-Jan-03		030-335-02	11380	Lakeside Palace Restaurant	30.00	\$40.00					30.00	
07-Feb-03		038-327	11384	Foodjoy (New Zealand) Ltd	30.00	\$40.00					30.00	
07-Feb-03		037-328	11385	Lakeside Palace Restaurant	20.00	\$40.00					20.00	
18-Feb-03		040-315		Memories of Hong Kong Restaurant	40.00	\$40.00					40.00	
21-Mar-03	PB/JG832/007	11381	889210	Lakeside Palace Restaurant	20.34	\$40.00					20.34	
21-Mar-03		11383	800211	Foodjoy (New Zealand) Ltd	20.07	\$40.00					20.07	
21-Mar-03	PB/JG832/001	88821	14393	Foodjoy (NZ) Ltd								
21-Mar-03		11384	800213	On the Boardwalk Restaurant	20.33	\$40.00					20.33	
21-Mar-03	PB/JG832/001	88809		On the Boardwalk Restaurant								
16-May-03	PB/JG832/031	88823	993318	On the Boardwalk Restaurant	10.00						10.00	
18-May-03		88817		Lakeside Palace Restaurant	14.20	\$38.00					14.20	
19-May-03		88818		Memories of Hong Kong Restaurant	15.00	\$38.00					15.00	
20-May-03	PB/MS765/001	88818		On the Boardwalk Restaurant	10.00	\$38.00					10.00	
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STATEMENT OF INTENT: ADDITIONAL SERVICES 2005/06: Fisheries Enforcement.

This initiative introduces a range of innovative poaching and black-market deterrence strategies backed by an improved intelligence/analytical capability and strategically placed teams of enforcement personnel capable of executing enforcement operations on a much wider scale than is currently possible.

Existing staff will complement this activity through the maintenance of local focus and strategies, much as they do now.

A failure to act will mean that legitimate commercial export trade will be under threat and both recreational and customary fishing will become impossible (as it already is in many areas).

(Specific mention is made of both paua and rock lobster in this section).