

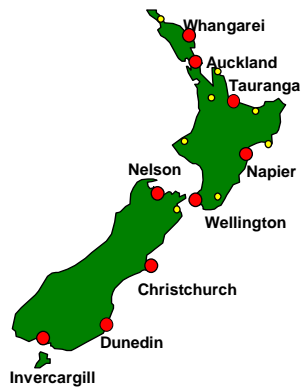


Ministry of
Fisheries
Te Tautiaki i nga tini a Tangaroa

Presentation to the Paua Industry Conference August 2006



District Compliance Offices



Whangarei – Kaitaia
Auckland – Whitianga
Tauranga – Hamilton
Gisborne – Opotiki*
Napier – Masterton
Wellington – New Plymouth
Nelson – Blenheim
Christchurch – Chatham Islands
Dunedin
Invercargill

*special project area 1 July 06 – 30 June 07



Compliance Staff

- 175 compliance staff (Analysts, Investigators, FSOs)
- Voluntary Honorary Fishery Officers
- Focus driven by local & national issues



Terminology

Poacher

- Commercial quantities
- Pecuniary gain (obtaining benefit)

s 232 \$250,000 (contravention of the act)

S 233 \$250,000 and up to Five years (obtaining benefit)

Greedy Amateur

- Within Infringement Thresholds
- Instant fine up to \$500

Fish Thief

Difficult term for MFish to label someone. More comfortable to:

Label the activity
POACHING IS THEFT



Operating Concept

- P & BM Initiative gave funding boost. (Funded positions, and capabilities)
- Realignment Investigators and Surveillance
 - Information Management - Intelligence
 - Systems Enhancement – COMCEN
- Special Ops funding for targeted Intelligence gathering capability
- Commitment to engage and collaborate with stakeholders.
- Paua Detector Dogs
- Promotion of voluntary compliance through education
- Disruption of supply chain – Surveillance forward on Beaches and Investigators targeting those higher in the supply chain to overseas destinations if need be



Operational Success

- 489 Infringement notices issued for paua offences in 05/06
- 103 defendants prosecuted for paua offences in 05/06. 99 defendants were convicted/proven. Success rate of 96%
- Summary of fines issued under the Fisheries Act 1996 1 Oct 01 – 31 Dec 05

	Number of Charges	Min	Max	Average per charge
§233				
Fine	4	\$1,500	\$5,000	\$3,167
Community Work	7	250 hours	400 hrs	319 hrs
Imprisonment	13	8 months	48 mths	22 mths
§232				
Fine	122	\$150	\$6,000	\$1,391
Community work	107	40 hours	400 hrs	181 hrs



Compliance Initiatives

- Number 1 Priority and the establishment of specific non commercial output class
- Paua Detector Dog
- Communications Centre
- Project Protector
- Coast watch with Paua and Cray Mac Initiative
- Education Programmes

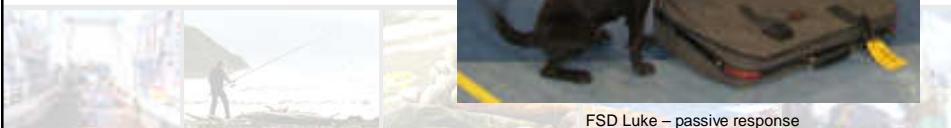


Paua Detector Dog

- A new, multi-agency approach to target black market and poaching activities.
- Two dogs are currently undergoing training with handlers who work for MAF in the Quarantine Detector Dog Programme.
- The dogs are being trained in two different types of responses, passive and reactive.
- They are now being introduced into the main worksites including the International Mail Centre, International Airport and some of the courier companies.
- The dogs are expected to be deployed in early August.
- Some legal issues



FSD Luke – passive response



Communications Centre



- Operational 12 hours a day 7 days a week
- Health and safety tool for Fishery Officers
- Direct liaison with the Police Communications Centre
- Improving information flow between MFish and Police to mutual benefit



Project Protector

- A government funded initiative to purchase new Navy vessels to provide maritime patrol services to meet civilian agency requirements.
- The project is led by the Royal New Zealand Navy and includes the Ministry of Fisheries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Department of Conservation, Maritime NZ, Customs and the Police.
- MFish are currently formalising the procedures that will guide our interaction with the Navy on the vessels including training needs, patrol requirements, capabilities, reporting etc.
- All vessels will under go an evaluation period upon acceptance.



- The initiative provides for seven new Navy vessels to be purchased.
 - 1 x Multi-Role Vessel (with 2 x landing craft mechanism)
 - 4 x Inshore patrol vessel
 - 2 x Offshore patrol vessel
- The Project Protector vessels' capabilities include sealift, coastal and offshore patrol, and at-sea training for the RNZN.
- The vessels will be tasked to fisheries patrols for an estimated 1031 sea-days, often in conjunction with the delivery of patrol services to other agencies.
- The contracted time line for the delivery of the vessels is by staged role out starting with the Multi Role vessel in December 2006 and completed by the end of 2007.



Multi Role Vessel



Offshore Patrol Vessel




Inshore Patrol Vessel



Coast Watch


- Joint Initiative Paua Mac
- Marlborough- Established 1 October 2006
- Catlins – second area
- Regional Network – Known only to coordinator
- Coordinator provides intelligence through 0800 4 POACHER
- Coordinator in HFO network – Honoraria
- Mfish – Analyse Intelligence for targeted operations
 - Limited response capability.





Education

- Promotion of voluntary compliance through education – all take ownership of compliance
- All Intermediate schools over two year period.
- Involve industry Cray and Paua reps
- Collateral – Stickers and brochures
- Collaborative development of new cray and paua brochures
- Part of Volunteer network



Future Challenges

- Effective deterrence.
- Educating ethnic groups.
- Population pressures on at risk fisheries.
- Meeting Expectations – MFish capacity to respond
- Industry Support.
- Information gaps – what we don't know
- Mixed messages- ie extraction methods/export quantities

