



NEW ZEALAND PAUA INDUSTRY

TRAINING PRESENTATION

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Could This Happen To You?

Authorities impound fishing boat

A \$550,000 fishing boat has been seized and three men could face up to five years' jail after alleged under-reporting of crayfish catches in Northland.

The Ministry of Fisheries said the 16m commercial vessel and other equipment had been seized after a three-month operation.

The ministry alleges that landing returns from the vessel's last 10 trips under-reported its crayfish catch by

700kg, estimated to be worth \$38,500.

If found guilty the men could lose the fishing boat, their quota rights and other equipment, and face up to five years in jail as well as a maximum \$250,000 fine.

A Ministry spokesman said all commercial fishers and licensed receivers had to complete landing and or fish receivers' returns. — NZPA

How Do I Avoid These?

- Infringement Notices – fines
- Fines of up to \$1 000, \$100 000, \$250 000 or \$500,000 for each offence
- Forfeiture of boat, fishing gear, trucks etc
- Loss of quota
- 5 years imprisonment
- Community-based sentences (Periodic Detention)

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VERY Brief Introduction to QMS

- **TAC / TACCs**
 - How are these set?
 - Who has input into how many tonnes each stakeholder group gets?
 - The effect **poaching** has on how much ACE is available to fish each year
- **Recreational Fishers** –
What rights & responsibilities do they have?
- **Customary Fishers** –
What rights & responsibilities do they have?

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HARVESTING

- What causes mortalities?
- Best Harvesting Practices to reduce mortalities
- Paua biology
- Methods for reducing damaged paua
 - Type of tool
 - Maintenance of tool
 - Action of removing the paua
- Measuring
- Ways to maximize condition of paua at the LFR

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FISH TAKEN HOME BY CREW ~ How to do it legally

- **Section 111 approvals**
 - Amateur Catch
 - Charter Boat
 - How & when to complete the CELR for recreational fishing trips
- **Wharf sales**
- **Authorised Customary Fishing**

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Love them or Hate them.... Fishery Officers

- Who is a Fishery Officer?
- What Powers do they have?
- What can / can't they do?
- What are MY RIGHTS?
- What questions must I answer?
- Honorary Fishery Officers
– what powers do they have?

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