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Up Coming Events

Club Night 19th April 2011

7.30pm at clubrooms

Guest Speaker: Chris Wong from Jigs Direct

Committee Meeting Monday 11th April 2011

7.30pm at club rooms.

Whangamata Family Fishing Weekend

2nd-3rd April 2011

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President's Report

It's March again and by far and away the start of my favourite time of the year for fishing. Snapper are doing their big feed up to put on their winter condition before heading off for deeper waters. The best thing about this is they're in close and they're hungry. What does that really mean, Shallow water stray lining! Early mornings and late afternoons into dark. Go find yourself some shallow water, say 4-10 metres, make sure there's a rocky bottom, kelp and most of all lot's of current.

Flood the place with Burley and fish nice fresh baits of live or dead mackerel and piper, skippy or kahawai. The point here is that it must be fresh and bleeding! It's simply the best fishing because it's very direct and can be very fast paced, and the fish in shallow water are just unlike anything you can get any other time of the year. This phase will continue until about July so get out there and do it.

On the game fish front, things have started to quieten down considerably congratulations to John Sharp and Andrew Forkert who recently bagged a Marlin each of the coast of Mokau. A superb effort. Was speaking with Charter Boat Skipper, Rick Pollock a couple of weeks ago and he was a very depressed man, the central and eastern Bay of plenty has been a dry place for game fish for the season to date, and Rick couldn't get North fast enough.

My how things change. A week later he had scored a striped Marlin, Blue Marlin, Black Marlin, A small broadbill and a 16Kg Mahi-mahi on 4Kg line all in the space of a week! Needless to say he was a lot happier by that stage!

Speaking of Rick, he'll be gracing our club rooms on July 19th, regaling us with stories of his experiences with fishing the south pacific. As most of you know, Rick not only skippers one of the most famous of New Zealand Charter boats (actually not sure which is more famous, Rick or Pursuit!), but he just loves spending winters poking around pacific islands for all things piscatorial.

Don't forget our family weekend at Whangamata in April for April 2nd and 3rd. Tony Brinkworth is leading the charge for this one. By the time you read this you should have received details via email and there should also be something in this newsletter.

Sadly for me anyway, I won't make this one. It's on the same weekend as balloons over Waikato and the infamous night glow. Failing to take the family to the night glow could very well finally cost me my life! For those of you not living in such jeopardy. I hope you can make this weekend, and if you need any more information just give Tony a call.

I'm delighted to confirm we have got Chris Wong from Jigs Direct presenting at our April Club night, on April 19th. For those of you that don't know, Chris is the importer of Gamakatsu hooks and Zest jigs among other things. He's been one of the pioneers of modern Jig and more latterly Stick bait fishing techniques in New Zealand.

He's also pleased to advise that his Japanese contacts are all safe and well. He'll be presenting his own experiences as well as showing a couple of videos of some of his exploits. Put a ring around this date on your calendars, you don't want to miss this one.

You'll find an article in this month's edition from Dick Marquand. Some of you may remember Dick's articles he sued to write for fishing news when he was based in Marlborough. Dick has recently joined our club and has hit the ground running with this effort.

We had our Sponsor debrief night this week, and it would have to have been one of the most productive sessions we've ever had. We simply asked Sponsors what we should start doing, stop doing and keep doing in respect of running a better tournament and also providing better value for sponsors supporting the club. The level and quality of feedback was fantastic and has given us some great ideas for running better tournament and looking after sponsors better for the future. Thanks to those who made the effort to come along and contribute.

Finally, you'll also find a discussion paper in this issue written for the NZ Sport Fishing council about what might happen if we had a legislated overarching body for representing recreational fishing interests to the government. NZSFC has taken the line that such a body would need to be self funding and that this funding would come from mandatory fishing licenses and therefore rejects the proposal.

Meanwhile the Recreational Fishing council are in support of an overarching body, I don't believe they have specifically stated how the funding would operate but I believe they're not ruling out the idea of licensing. You need to read this along with other **FACTUAL** representations and decide what your preferences are.

For me, I can't see how a legislated body operating between the recreational fishers and government would add value. I do however think that the current organisations need to kiss and make up and organise how they will represent our interests to the government. Inventing a new body to do this will not resolve the existing problems.

Well that's about it from me for now, so keep your selves safe and those lines tight and we'll hopefully see most of you at the April Family weekend, April 2nd & 3rd or the April Club night April 19th.

Cheers

Bob

Whangamata Family Fishing Weekend 2nd-3rd April 2011



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By Dick Marquand

A couple of Eagle rays cruised past me in about a foot of water. "The Orcas are in the Harbour at the moment hunting Stingrays" said a friendly local who was fishing close by .

That explains it, I had always heard about a pod of Orcas that frequently visited the west coast harbours pack hunting rays. Apparently they bite off the wings of the ray , discarding the body.

It was an overcast but warm day, in my opinion ideal for fishing and the tide was on the make. Every few minutes a ray would slowly cruise past the Putoetoe point of Raglan harbour. These were decent sized fish estimated between 45 and 100 pounds.

The question in my mind, was whether or not I was under gunned for the circumstances. My Penn fly reel certainly had a powerful yet smooth drag and if I kept the tip low on my 8 weight fly rod, it could all come together.

I chose a fly known as a "merkin", an imitation of a crab , developed in the USA for permit fishing. The 20 pound tippet would be strong enough.

I spent the next 3 hours fishing to over 30 eagle rays. It was a matter of spotting a slow cruising ray and presenting my fly well ahead of it to give the fly time to settle on the bottom. When the ray approached , I twitched the fly and waited with excited anticipation.

I saw the fly line move indicating that the fly had been taken and when the line came tight , I pointed the rod at the fish and struck by pulling the line hard several times. The hook held for a few seconds then pulled free of the fish. That certainly got my pulse rate going.

About 30 minutes later, a ray of about 45 pounds took the fly and this time when I struck I was rewarded with the feel of a solid hook-up. The ray did a run of about 50 yards , unloading the reel of all the fly line and some of the backing. By keeping the rod very low I was able to put hurt on the ray and with careful pumping , I managed to get most of the fly-line back onto the reel. After about 20 minutes I was able to make out a yellow brown body with large blue spots.

I watched as the eagle ray rippled up it's wings sending up a small flurry of sand. When the sand settled , I could just make out it's eyes and the central part of its back. Despite applying pressure from different angles the ray did not budge an inch. In the end there was no alternative so I waded out , put my fingers under the leading edge of the fish and prised it out of the sand. Fifteen minutes later I was able to ease the ray onto the waters edge remove the fly and give my quarry its freedom.

The day had come together , I had spotted cast to, hooked and landed an Eagle ray on the fly. I was ELATED!

Waikato Sport Fishing Club

Whangamata Family Fishing Weekend

Date: 2nd April 2011

Venue: 206 Barrowclough Road, Whangamata

Entry: Financial Members of Waikato Sport Fishing Club per Person \$5, Non Members \$10.

If you intend to participate please send the entry form from the following page to:
Taryn Olsen, PO Box 9036, Hamilton and pay on the day.

Will help to judge numbers for catering etc. Sausage Sizzle Supplied by WSFC after quick prize giving. Please bring a salad for shared meal. BYO Refreshments and other meats - BBQ is available for cooking. Limited Vehicle and Boat parking available at Venue, No Security Supplied - Park at owners Risk.

This weekend emphasizes Family Fishing Fun and socialising between Club Members. A fun fishing competition will be run. 3 categories: Heaviest Snapper, Heaviest Kahawai & Heaviest other Game Fish.

Entry's taken at Whangamata Venue on Friday Night (1st April 2011). From 7pm. Late Entries on Saturday (2nd April 2011) Morning till 8am or preferably by the entry form enclosed. Whangamata Coast Guard - Channel 84 Int. Fishing Starts 12.00am and ends: 4pm, Saturday 2nd April 2011

Weigh-in: 5pm - 6pm, All fish in the queue at this time will be weighed. All fish waste to taken from venue. Prize Giving and Sausage Sizzle will follow as soon as possible. If you do not have a boat, there are limited spots on club members boats, first in first served also land Based fishing allowed.

Any enquiries contact Tony Brinkworth, 027-827465 or tony@protechstainless.co.nz

Accommodation Available at Whangamata Motor Camp Or Bach available, capable of 2x Families & 2x Boats (contact Tony)

Weigh Masters decision is final, contest rules as per most fishing contests, or as agreed by the committee. No responsibility will be taken by WSFC Inc for the safety of contestants or their craft. Skippers are at all times responsible for the safety of the boat and all people on board. If weather conditions are deemed unsafe by the committee then fishing will be cancelled and an alternative date chosen at the next committee meeting. All boats and property parked at the venue are at the owner's risk. No Security Supplied.



Waikato Sport Fishing Club Whangamata Family Fishing Weekend

2nd April 2011 Entry Form

Club Members: \$5 per Person, Non-Members: \$10 per Person

Send To: PO Box 9036, Waikato Mail Centre, Hamilton

Please fill in details

Skipper:		
Address:		<i>Office Use Only</i>
Boat Name:		Member - Y/N \$
Mobile Number:		
Make:	CallSign:	Angler #
<i>Angler Details</i>		
Angler:		Member - Y/N \$
Address:		Angler #
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		Total Paid \$
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Please Send To Records Officer:

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Waikato Sport Fishing Club

Catch Card

Mr/Mrs/Miss Name: Date:/...../.....

Address:

Address:

Club: Membership No:

I HEREBY DECLARE that I am a financial member of a club affiliated to the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council and that in accordance with the club and I.G.F.A rules, I have tagged or landed the fish described below and that all details given are true and accurate.

Species:

Time Hooked:

Time Boated:

Caught Where:

Boat Name:

Line Weight: Kg

Courtesy Weigh: Club:

Tag & Release: Tag No:

Angler Signature:

Skipper Signature:

Caught On

Bait:

Lure:

Fly:

Category

Men's:

Ladies:

Junior:

Day Member:

Club Use Only Fish:

Weight:Kg Length:cm Girth:cm Ref No:

I certify that the weight and measurements are correct and the tackle complies with the club and I.G.F.A rules.

Weigh Masters Name

Weigh Master Signature

Downloadable from www.waikatosportfishing.co.nz/downloads.htm



Waikato Sport Fishing Club

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Membership Renewal

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City _____ Email _____

Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

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Child (B) _____ D.O.B.: _____ M / F

Child (C) _____ D.O.B.: _____ M / F

Child (D) _____ D.O.B.: _____ M / F

Boat Name: _____ Make: _____

Call Sign: _____

Fees: Adult \$40.00, Family \$60.00 (2 Adults + Children 16 yrs and under as at 1st July 2010), Junior \$15 (16 Yrs and under as at 1st July 2010), Student \$20.00 (Must have Student ID card).

Have you ever been banned or barred from any club in the past? YES/NO

I hereby agree to abide by the club rules.

Do you want you Newsletter Emailed. YES/NO

Do you give consent for your email address to be added to the NZBGF Council database? YES/NO

Signed By: _____ Date: _____

You can Download this form at

www.waikatosportfishing.co.nz/membership.htm

Background discussion document on the New Zealand Recreational Fishing Council

(NZRFC) Strategic Plan released January 2011

By the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council *March 2011*

What is the problem?

The success of any proposal aiming to fix or improve something will largely be determined by how well the problem is understood. An analysis of the proposition that the fishing public will achieve more favourable fishing outcomes by being compulsory members of a Statutory Body must begin with a thorough enquiry into current problems.

The New Zealand Recreational Fishing Council offer a list of five reasons a Statutory Body needs to be established for recreational fishing (p.6).

1. *Time to move towards a world of connection, one of mutual trust, and support towards the vision of guaranteed access to abundant fisheries (which encapsulates the desire for more fish in the water).*
2. *2. To achieve parity with customary and commercial stakeholders, it is essential to have a unified voice. This requires coordination of specialist bodies in recreational fishing to then engage with the fishing public to leverage the most might for advocacy and fisheries management.*
3. *Although all bodies have a vested interest in ongoing access to abundant fisheries, none have the stand alone capacity (funds or human resources) for active management of recreational fishing rights.*
4. *To take ownership of the data and information about recreational fishing harvest and provide the best information for fisheries management purposes.*
5. *To be of substance to attract sustainable funding that is self sourced, ongoing, and not wholly reliant on Government.* In the absence of analysis and examples there are several assumptions promoted in the NZRFC Strategic Plan posed as current problems:

1. That voluntary representation achieves inferior outcomes when compared to professional representation.
2. The funding available to National Bodies by way of subscriptions is inadequate.
3. That modern fisheries management is so different from the past that today's organisations are ineffective.

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4. The Statutory Body is seen as a way to obtain a single voice for recreational fishers, and will deliver parity with other stakeholders.
5. Recreational fishing will be 'better' when administered by a Statutory Body.
6. That registered fishers providing data on their daily catch will be of some value to managers and the fishers themselves. To decide on the merits of a Statutory Body, the main thrust of the NZRFC Plan, we need a clear understanding of existing shortcomings and problems. To this end we will briefly address each problem statement.

Voluntary representation is inferior. Examples within the recreational sector are limited, as most clubs and National Organisations are entirely voluntary. The people currently fishing hold a vast pool of fishery knowledge. All groups, from those with large boats mounting extensive off shore expeditions, to the weekender with a runabout, to the shore based fisher are a valuable source of local knowledge.

While professional advocates are useful at bringing together views, undertaking research and analysis, and presenting them in the context of modern fisheries management, there is no substitute for the wealth of knowledge held by the fishing public, often gathered over several generations.

Simple statements like 'paid is better than unpaid' says little to nothing. An alliance of the New Zealand Sports Fishing Council (NZSFC), Hokianga Accord, and option4 use a mix of voluntary and paid advocacy in their model. A full time coordinator oversees the work streams in preparation of submissions, attending meetings, and maintaining a public record via magazine updates and a website. The model is inclusive with the participation of Iwi leaders, environmental groups and other fishing organisations, particularly at the Hokianga Accord meetings where senior MFish officials are usually invited to answer questions on the latest policy changes. External professional services are purchased as required. A thorough budgeting process aims to maximise effectiveness of expenditure by prioritising work and targeting areas having the greatest benefit for non-commercial fishers and the environment.

MFish have six regional recreational forums which have a say on the development of new management measures and how the new Fish Plans will be implemented through the Annual Operating Plan. NZ Sport Fishing Council tried hard to get a paid professional present at every regional forum but MFish rejected the offer, preferring volunteers with local knowledge.

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Funding by way of subscription is inadequate The funds raised by New Zealand Recreational Fishing Council via subscription from members is very modest, due to low membership numbers and low subscription rates. The NZ Sport Fishing Council, by contrast, also has modest annual fees, but a large number of contributors. The setting of subscription rates reflects the value proposition of an organisation. People will generally agree to pay for a service that provides value. All organisations need to be vigilant that they have an attractive package of services being offered, keep current, and price the service accordingly. When an organisation fails to attract sufficient subscriptions to deliver its promised services it must return to the heart of its value proposition. Generally, the message being delivered is that not enough people value the service for it to be viable. Funding by way of compulsory membership via a license fee, as would be the case with a Statutory Body, removes this need to offer an attractive suite of services. It is odd that people who don't see an annual individual subscription of \$25 or a club affiliation contribution of \$1 per person as being of value would now be forced to pay \$50 or more, presumably against their better judgment.

A Statutory Body would require a CEO, administration and data entry people, significant computing power and an office (in downtown Wellington) just to run and update a database of fishers. There may also be a need for regional staff with vehicles, to work with locals and checking that fishers are licensed. A new and expensive bureaucracy would need to be established before a single management meeting is attended. There will need to be professional administrators employed. Most of the professionals with an in depth knowledge of the NZ fisheries management system are ex-MFish employees (there may be a few more looking for work next year). How do we know the non-commercial sector will be well served if those professionals are not truly dedicated to the cause? Fishing by the public for non-commercial purposes is currently free and should remain so. It is a lasting expression of fisheries as common property, administered by the Government of the day, ensuring future generations enjoy abundance. What Government will want to meddle with free and fair marine access rights after the experience with the foreshore and seabed legislation? That modern fisheries management is so different from the past that today's organisations are ineffective.

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Some analysis and detail would be needed to support that statement. The major apparent difference over time is the Quota Management System that regulates commercial fishing. Recreational fishing continues to be administered along the lines it always has, under the same legislation with the same goals.

The catches taken by recreational fishers are allowed for when a Minister sets the commercial catch limits, and are controlled by size limits, gear restrictions, and bag limits.

There is nothing in today's fisheries management practice that demands a new organisation. The Statutory Body is seen as a way to obtain a single voice for recreational fishers. That would appear self-evident. There is no analysis of any benefits that accrue from having a single voice, and it would be simplistic to assume that one voice is better than two, and even more simplistic to assume a Statutory Body, by itself, would deliver parity with commercial or customary stakeholders. The fact that different views are expressed by National representative organisations isn't of itself a sign of dysfunction; it is likely each has a different view. There are many ways to incorporate differing views, and broker better understanding amongst organisations, without the need to silence any. Of recent times little effort has been made by the larger National representative bodies to form an alliance and forge a working process to co-ordinate views. If this is not possible under a voluntary model it is clear a single, compulsory Body will stifle and silence a large number of current advocates. Recreational fishing will be 'better' when administered by a Statutory Body.

The crux of this debate is how a recreational fisher will enjoy better conditions by being forced to purchase a license to fund the activities of a Statutory Body. There is no point in continuing to talk about forming a Statutory Body without first talking about licensing. Administering a licensing regime for salt water fishing would be the inevitable, primary purpose of any Statutory Body, as is the case in all examples researched. In this regard, future discussion on a Statutory Body should be limited to funding, as a revenue stream must be established before any functions are possible. The discussion to date have focused on the bureaucratic possibilities of the Statutory Body. What activities it could undertake, what revenue opportunities are glimpsed, what functions it could claim as it's own. In this regard there are clearly huge opportunities once Statutory Authority is granted to create a formidable bureaucracy.

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What, though, will these changes mean for people who fish, and future generations of Kiwis looking to the ocean for recreation and food? There is no analysis or study of benefits for the fishing public – only general phrases uttered to garner faith that a brighter future awaits those forced to buy licenses and comply with unstated further impositions. Most of the key levers that determine the success and enjoyment of recreational fishing are currently enshrined in law. The Statutory Body will not make the law, but administer the new law as passed by others. Voluntary reporting of catch will provide be better harvest information than surveys. Recently an international panel of experts with years of experience in collecting and using harvest information from recreational fishers met to discuss the most reliable and repeatable way of collecting information from fishers in New Zealand. They all agreed that a census approach to try and collect everyone's catch information was the worst option. It generates a large, unwieldy amount of information with no quality control, no way to scale it up and no way to estimate bias or confidence intervals. The Minister has signed off on a large-scale multi species survey of fishers and nonfishers in NZ. In accordance with advice from the panel of experts, it is a stratified random survey where every person has an equal (or known) chance of being selected.

The pilot survey starts in March 2011.

Summary:

1. The NZRFC proposal for a Statutory Body arises from their lack of income and fading influence. The failure to attract sufficient members willing to pay a useful subscription has forced them to pursue another model.
2. The Statutory Body will administer a salt water licensing regime to achieve 'self funding' status, suggestions are between \$50 and \$100. Further rafts of exemptions and or additions are anticipated to roll out over time. The Statutory Body will be charged with administering the Total Allowable Recreational

Catch (TARC). The TARC will: a. replace the existing allowance made by the Minister for recreational catch;
b. be an explicit proportion of the Total Allowable Catch (TAC); and
c. act as a ceiling, the absolute catch limit that can be collectively caught by all fishers participating in each fish stock, in each region.

3. The change from a common law right to fish in the ocean to a statutory right granted under license will forever diminish the public's access to a common property resource and access to tidal waters.

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4. No analysis or case studies are included by the NZRFC to educate the fishing public, instead relying on faith alone to garner support.

5. There are no real problem statements provided. Vague general language is used to portray recreational fishers as victims of well funded and connected adversaries, and therefore powerless and desperately needing reform.

6. A Statutory Body moves political liability away from the Government and increases restrictions on recreational fishers. It will rest with the Statutory Body to set rules that restrict recreational fishing to Government legislated levels. Despite their readiness to extract license fees from the public, neither party are likely to take responsibility when challenged about unpopular policy or management decisions.

7. The current law (supported by a Supreme Court ruling), which empowers the Minister of Fisheries to explicitly increase allowances for recreational fishing, is invaluable. This allows the Minister to respond to public opinion, as is proper, when managing common property resources.

8. The advantages to recreational fishers of the status quo have only recently been understood and appreciated as a result of the Kahawai Legal Challenge. The Minister is directly accountable to the voter for public fishing conditions.

9. One obvious missing piece of information is a comprehensive estimate of the economic worth of public fishing in NZ. Dr Ralph Townsend, employed by MFish as their Chief economist for a time, often stated his opinion that the value of non-commercial fishing to New Zealand was about equal to all the commercial fisheries.

10. The social, cultural, and food value statements of having a high participation in successful public fisheries needs to be expressed as part of the value proposition for Government to consider when deciding catch regimes for NZ fisheries.



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Chris Wong - Gamakatsu

Chris Wong has been an importer of fishing tackle for over 20yrs starting as the NZ importer for Gamakatsu hooks. He also introduced and developed other fishing trends such as flasher rigs which are very popular for Snapper and Tarakihi. A good amount of current tackle trends have started as good ideas from him, 20 yrs in the business and I suppose there is a good chance of this occurring.

He has have been an importer of Zest jigs since 2004. The introduction of Zest started the revolution in jigging that we are seeing now. He also became Jigging Master agent for NZ where he has arranged jig trips for JM and Yoichi Mogi from the 2005 to the 3 Kings and Ranfurly Banks. The results from those trips helped fuel the growing interest in jigging to the popularity that is now.

Just a few years ago, He developed his own jigging rod under the JIG STAR brand. This brand now includes braided line, hooks, split rings and other terminal accessories some of which he developed and are unique designs. JIG STAR is currently sold in NZ, South Africa, Australia and the USA.

His tackle designs are a culmination of years of jigging in extreme locations targeting huge Kingfish and Bass.

Although he is heavily involved in the day-to-day running of his company, he still gets out there as often as possible as well as annual trips to the Ranfurly Banks and the 3 Kings each year. Such trips are necessary to test their tackle to the extreme, only the toughest, highest performing products will make the Jig Star brand which is an embodiment of who he is.





RAGLAN

BAR SAFETY DAY

Date: Sunday 10th April 2011

Venue: Raglan Fire Station,
Wainui Rd, Raglan

Time: 0830hrs registration, Start 9000hrs

Cost: \$25.00 **Lifejacket required.**

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Public Notice

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM IGFA REGARDING CLARIFYING THE CORRECT METHOD OF MEASURING THE LEADER

Due to an event that occurred recently during a Club's one base tournament an angler using a multi cm length of "connector" attached to the double line our Records Officer Pete Saul requested and just received the following IGFA ruling on this rig.

Should an angler present the double line with this rig the Club's weighmaster should be aware of the below rule. This rule has been the IGFA required leader measurement method for many years and so is not new just the creation of the "connector" is new.



D. LEADER

The use of a leader is not required. If one is used, it must meet the following specifications:

The length of the leader is the overall length including any lure, hook arrangement or other device, and is measured to the bend of the last hook. The leader must be connected to the line with a snap, knot, splice, swivel or other device. Holding devices are prohibited. There are no regulations regarding the material or strength of the leader.

Saltwater species: In all line classes up to and including 20 lb (10 kg), the leader shall be limited to 15 feet (4.57 meters). The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 20 feet (6.1 meters).

The leader on all classes of tackle over 20 lb (10 kg) shall be limited to 30 feet (9.14 meters). The combined length of the double line and leader shall be limited to 40 feet (12.19 meters).

Freshwater species: The leader on all classes of tackle shall be limited to 6 feet (1.82 meters). The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 10 feet (3.04 meters).



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Waikato Sport Fishing Club

Catch Card

Mr/Mrs/Miss Name: Date:/...../.....

Address:

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Club: Membership No:

I HEREBY DECLARE that I am a financial member of a club affiliated to the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council and that in accordance with the club and I.G.F.A rules, I have tagged or landed the fish described below and that all details given are true and accurate.

Species:

Time Hooked:

Time Boated:

Caught Where:

Boat Name:

Line Weight: Kg

Courtesy Weigh: Club:

Tag & Release: Tag No:

Angler Signature:

Skipper Signature:

Caught On

Bait:

Lure:

Fly:

Category

Men's:

Ladies:

Junior:

Day Member:

Club Use Only Fish:

Weight:Kg Length:cm Girth:cm Ref No:

I certify that the weight and measurements are correct and the tackle complies with the club and I.G.F.A rules.

Weigh Masters Name

Weigh Master Signature

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A little bit of Kiwi culcha -

Rural New Zealand Terminology:

LOG ON:	Adding wood to make the barbeque hotter
LOG OFF:	Not adding any more wood to the barbeque.
MONITOR:	Keeping an eye on the barbeque.
DOWNLOAD:	Getting the firewood off the Ute.
HARD DRIVE:	Making the trip back home without any cold beer.
KEYBOARD:	Where you hang the Ute keys.
WINDOW:	What you shut when the weather's cold.
SCREEN:	What you shut in the mosquito season.
BYTE:	What mosquitos do.
MEGABYTE:	What South Island mosquitos do.
CHIP:	A pub snack.
MICROCHIP:	What's left in the bag after you've eaten the chips.
MODEM:	What you did to the lawns.
LAPTOP:	Where the cat sleeps.
SOFTWARE:	Plastic knives & forks you get on an airplane.
HARDWARE:	Stainless steel knives & forks - from K-Mart.
MOUSE:	The small rodent that eats the grain in the shed.
MAINFRAME:	What holds the shed up.
WEB:	What spiders make.
WEBSITE:	Usually in the shed or under the verandah.
SEARCH ENGINE:	What you do when the Ute won't go.
CURSOR:	What you say when the Ute won't go.
YAHOO:	What you say when the Ute does go.
UPGRADE:	A steep hill.
SERVER:	The person at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.
MAIL SERVER:	The bloke at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.
USER:	The neighbour who keeps borrowing things.
NETWORK:	What you do when you need to repair the fishing net.
INTERNET:	Where you want the fish to go.
NETSCAPE:	What the fish do when they discover a hole in the net.
ONLINE:	Where you hang the washing.
OFFLINE:	Where the washing ends up when the pegs aren't strong enough.

Joke of the Month

A husband and wife are having dinner at an upmarket restaurant when a stunning young woman comes over to their table, gives the husband a big open mouthed kiss, then says she'll see him later. The wife glares at her husband and asks; "who the hell was that?"

"She's my mistress," he replies.

"Well, that's the last straw," says the wife. "I want a divorce."

"I can understand that," says her husband, "but remember, if we get a Divorce it will mean no more shopping trips to Paris, no more wintering in Barbados or summers in Tuscany, no more Mini Cooper in the garage and no more Yacht Club. But the decision is yours"

Just then, a mutual friend enters the restaurant with a gorgeous woman on his arm. "Who's that woman with Jim?" asks the wife.

"That's his mistress," says her husband.

"Ours is prettier," she replies.



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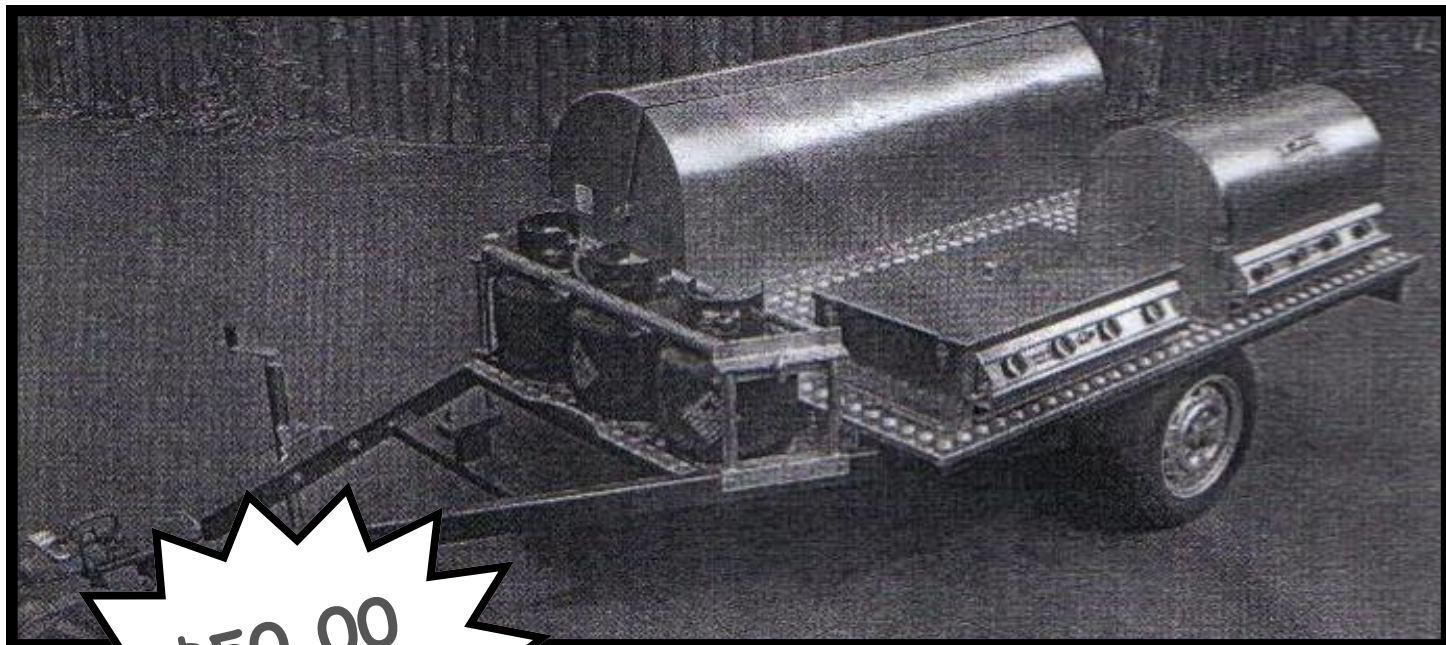
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