

## **LegaSea Update 3**

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### **Notable response to LegaSea**

A big thank you to every Bay Fisher reader that has gone online and contributed to LegaSea. It is heartening to have so many Kiwis willing to stand up for themselves and their kid's fishing future. Like many freedoms, we don't realise how precious they are until they are gone, or some bureaucrat decides he wants to make a quick buck by charging us a fee for what we've always enjoyed!

LegaSea's vision is 'more fish in the water for future generations'.

This vision can only be achieved if enough people take the opportunity to get on board and bring their family, mates or colleagues with them. If 20,000 people all contributed a little that would make a huge difference to our fishing interests. See [www.legasea.co.nz](http://www.legasea.co.nz)

### **Why we need LegaSea**

- There is increasing pressure from commercial and political interests to reduce recreational bag limits to subsidise exports.
- Our access to healthy fisheries is threatened by increasing demands to privatise or prohibit use of public waterways.
- By 2030 there could be another 25% more people living in New Zealand. We need to act now if we want our kids and grandchildren to enjoy similar or better fishing than what we have today.
- There are a host of local issues and groups around the country that need support.
- A dedicated team of New Zealand Sport Fishing Council (NZSFC) volunteers and professionals produce no-nonsense, well-researched submissions and advocate our interests where it's most effective.

## Recent activities

- NZSFC meeting with the Minister of Primary Industries, David Carter – acknowledgement that licensing recreational fishers would be political suicide.
- Quick-fire submission responding to proposals, affecting commercial fishers in Taranaki waters, that could undermine the Quota Management System.
- LegaSea retail units distributed to initial outlets. See <http://www.legasea.co.nz/find-a-host.php>
- Skipper Packs available for boat owners willing to get their crew on board with LegaSea. See <http://www.legasea.co.nz/skipper.php>

We have had great support from Matt Watson too. His ‘Open letter to all New Zealand’ certainly stirred up plenty of interest and support. <http://www.legasea.co.nz/matt-watson-open-letter.php>

While he might seem like a perennial fun-seeking lad, Matt is seriously passionate about conserving fish for future generations and ensuring that we have a healthy marine environment. LegaSea is grateful for his ongoing commitment to protecting the sea, our Kiwi culture and general wellbeing.

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