

## **LegaSea Update 6**

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### **LegaSea is constantly morphing**

LegaSea is six months old and like any infant we have gone through some quite dramatic changes since our conception. We have accepted your feedback and altered our approach to make it easier for you to get your family and friends on board.

Keep your eyes open for LegaSea material in your local fishing or trade store, any outlet where fishermen might gather for work or a yarn. If you don't find it soon, check with your local businesses to find out who can host LegaSea material. We need local people to champion LegaSea. A breaking wave starts with the smallest ripple!

LegaSea is not a new entity; it is the NZ Sport Fishing Council. All money raised through LegaSea goes directly to the Council to use in four areas, namely:

- **ADVOCACY**
- **RESEARCH**
- **EDUCATION**
- **working TOGETHER**

These work streams have been identified as the best way to achieve the updated vision of 'more fish in the water for future generations'.

This vision is based on the reality that we have more than 4 million people in New Zealand now, soon that will be six. With this growth we will need 1.5 times as many fish in the water to provide for future recreational harvest and conservation needs, if we are serious about leaving a legacy of abundance for our children.

### **ADVOCACY**

Sustainability is described in the Purpose of the Fisheries Act as meaning "maintaining the potential of fisheries resources to meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations...".

Aside from northern kahawai, we have yet to witness any indication from our fisheries overseers that our fish stocks are being managed with future interests in mind. Hence the need for LegaSea!

It is common knowledge that the decision to manage kahawai at higher abundance levels was due to the Kahawai Legal Challenge.

But as recreational fishers we don't want, nor can we afford, to race off to Court every time we disagree with a management decision.

It is much more productive and promising to have decisions based on meeting the foreseeable needs of our kids and grandchildren.

Like ours, their interests will encompass having kaimoana available in the places we normally fish, being able to conserve fish without fear that they will be scooped up and exported on the next plane out of town, and ensuring that the marine environment remains healthy and vibrant. A no brainer!

### **Your contribution**

LegaSea is seeking a simple contribution of \$20 per person, more for families and business support is most welcome. Reports will be quarterly. In a year's time we are hoping that you will be suitably impressed with progress and dip into your pocket again for another few bucks.

More so, we need you to bring your mates on board. With so little funds we cannot reach these people. We are relying on you to be bold and get them and your family into LegaSea. We are doing our best to impress; we just need your endorsement.

### **How to get involved**

W: [www.legasea.co.nz](http://www.legasea.co.nz) – sign up for e-news, buy great merchandise and make an easy, secure contribution

E: [info@legasea.co.nz](mailto:info@legasea.co.nz) - we have a new batch of brochures & business cards for you to distribute to family, friends & colleagues.

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