

Report - Hokianga Accord hui
Mahurehure Marae, Auckland.

12 April 2013



The Hokianga Accord brings together the commercial and non-commercial interests of Ngapuhi, Ngati Whatua, other northern iwi and hapu, environmental and fishing interest groups. Greenpeace, the Environment and Conservation Organisations of Aotearoa New Zealand and NZ Sport Fishing Council representatives are regular contributors to the Accord's hui.

The intention of this Forum is to assist the Minister of Fisheries (the Minister) fulfil, in part, the Crown's ongoing statutory obligation to provide for the input and participation of tangata whenua having a non-commercial interest in fisheries, an interest in the effects of fishing on the aquatic environment while having particular regard to kaitiakitanga. (Fisheries Act 1996, s12 (1) (b))

Resolution

- The Hokianga Accord supports the New Zealand Shark Alliance in seeking a ban on shark finning in New Zealand waters, to have whole sharks landed with their fins naturally attached, and to have that fish fully utilised.

Moved: George Riley
Seconded: Mark Connor

Action

- The Hokianga Accord will research and consult on quality, practical measures that can be implemented by commercial fishers to enable live release of sharks or maximum utilisation of sharks taken and retained, rather than fishing exclusively or primarily for their fins.