



Kahawai Legal Challenge

As family budgets are stretched to breaking point the ability of our whanau to go fishing and put food on the table gains in importance. It is vital we maintain easy access to kahawai and other key fisheries including snapper, tarakihi, crayfish, paua, mullet and flounder.

Kahawai was once a staple food for many families, but since the advent of bulk harvesting in the form of purse seining many of our whanau have been denied access to this traditional food source.

The Kahawai Legal Challenge has received strong support from the Hokianga Accord because of the need to protect the well-being of our mokopuna.

These proceedings were the first time that amateur (recreational) fishers and Maori have worked together through the courts to ensure that all New Zealanders can continue to put kai on the table.

Our non-commercial fishing interests, both customary and amateur, suffer similar difficulties in depleted fisheries. Fishing with or without a permit is meaningless if there are no fish to catch.

The majority of the time Maori fish for food it is under the amateur fishing regulations, not within the customary regime. Permits are for special occasions.

There is an obligation on fisheries managers as well as the people to protect this taonga so our mokopuna inherit healthy fisheries and an environment that will sustain them in the future.

The fisheries Minister has to have particular regard to kaitiakitanga/guardianship and 'allow for' our non-commercial fishing interests.

Having abundant fisheries, clean water and a healthy and diverse marine environment will help to sustain us all.

Achievements:

- Twelve overnight hui
- Numerous hui with working groups and other fishing interests
- Substantial submissions to the Ministry of Fisheries and Department of Conservation
- Wider understanding of kaitiakitanga/ stewardship of our natural resources
- Public awareness of customary management tools and mechanisms to achieve fish abundance and a healthy marine environment
- Regular updates of Hokianga Accord activities in fishing publications
- Support for innovative fishing practices that reduce fish mortality and damage to the sea floor and environment
- Promotion of co-operation and understanding between various fishing sectors
- Advocacy of every New Zealander's right to fish for food
- Meaningful participation in fisheries management and marine protection processes.

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Ngapuhi and Ngati Whatua iwi and hapu, commercial and non-commercial fishing interests are working with other customary and amateur fishers to achieve a common goal.

“More fish in the water”

“Kia maha atu nga ika ki roto i te wai”

Having a healthy moana and plentiful fish will ensure our mokopuna can put food on the table for their moko and manuhiri, while enhancing the mana of tangata whenua.

Kia Timata Nga Whakawhanaungatanga

“Let the building of relationships begin.”



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Robust discussions

Every hui is based on the theme “more fish in the water/kia maha atu nga ika ki roto i te wai.”

To facilitate greater understanding and awareness a number of presentations from a variety of speakers is scheduled at each hui. These are supplemented with progress reports of earlier initiatives the Accord has discussed.

Customary, commercial and amateur fishing representatives participate in hui discussions. The New Zealand Big Game Fishing Council and advocacy group option4 have supported the Accord since its inception in 2005.

Non-commercial fishing, whether for Maori customary, recreational or sustenance purposes relies on having enough fish available in the places we normally fish.

To achieve this we need:

- fisheries to be managed at abundance levels that allows small fish to grow to adult size;
- the rich diversity in the ecosystem protected from damaging fishing practices; and
- to protect our taonga so our mokopuna inherit healthy fisheries and an environment that will sustain them in the future.

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Hui Schedule		
Dates	Marae	Location
May 2009	Omaha	Leigh
Sep 2008	Whitiora	Bay of Islands
Apr 2008	Whakamaharatanga	Hokianga
Nov 2007	Waipapa	Tamaki Makaurau
Aug 2007	Whakamaharatanga	Hokianga
Apr 2007	Oturei	Kaipara
Nov 2006	Whakapoumahara	Whananaki
July 2006	Naumai	Kaipara
Apr 2006	Whitiora	Bay of Islands
Nov 2005	Whakamaharatanga	Hokianga
Aug 2005	Whakamaharatanga	Hokianga
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How you can participate:

- You and your whanau are welcome to join and contribute to the discussions at any Accord hui. A koha is appreciated to assist with marae costs
- Call Shelley Naera for details about the next Hokianga Accord hui on 0275 5872466 or 09 4015542.
- Send Trish Rea your email details so we can add your name to the contact list so you receive prior notification of the next hui
contact@HokiangaAccord.co.nz
- Register online to receive the latest news on fisheries management and forum details from option4 <http://option4.co.nz/register.php>.

“We are merging as one people from today onwards.”

Hugh Nathan
Ngati Whatua Kaumatua

“The Hokianga Accord is beyond just fish, it is about shaping our future.”

Hone Sadler
Ngapuhi Kaumatua



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