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He kupu whakataki



Hei tīmatanga kōrero me mihi ki ō tātau tini mate. Rātau kua huri ki tua, nā rātau te huarahi i para. Nā reira e te pāpā, e Tame, haere koe. Haere ki ērā waha kōrero o te paepae o Ngāti Porou, o te iwi Māori nui tonu kua ngaro i te tirohanga kanohi. Nā reira e te pāpā, moe mai rā i roto i te Ariki. Te hunga mate ki te hunga mate. Te hunga ora ki te hunga ora. Tēna koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

Summer has been a great opportunity for whānau, hapū and iwi to celebrate. Te Ohu directors and staff have had the pleasure of attending three of the biggest tribal events in January; the inaugural Ngāpuhi festival, the opening of the Moriori marae and the opening of a new marae on the West Coast of the South Island.

2005 promises to be a challenging year for iwi, Aotearoa Fisheries Limited and Te Ohu Kaimoana.

Te Ohu's top priority is to ensure that iwi organisations are clear on the mandating requirements set out in the Māori Fisheries Act 2004. We have recently expanded our team (see *He Tāngata*) to work directly with iwi on the requirements and we are currently developing new resources.

Meanwhile, the ACE Rounds continue to provide iwi with income and greater experience in the New Zealand fishing industry. You can access the latest pānui for the April ACE Round at www.teohu.maori.nz/iwi/acerounds.htm

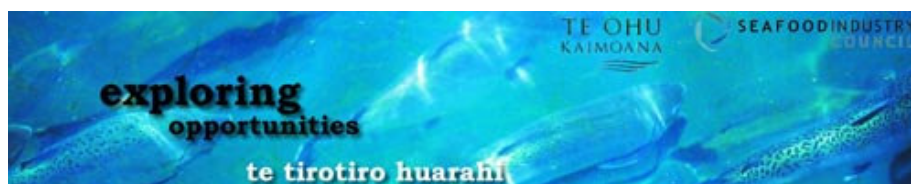
Peter Douglas
Chief Executive Officer

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Te pānui mātua

Māori commercial interests integrated into Seafood conference

This year, Te Ohu Kaimoana and the New Zealand Seafood Industry Council (SeaFIC) have decided to integrate the Māori commercial fisheries conference into the general Seafood Week Conference.



CEO Peter Douglas says, "With allocation imminent, it is important that iwi and the fishing industry see Māori as an integral part of the seafood sector. We realise there are some issues of particular concern to iwi and the workshops on Day 2 will give iwi an opportunity to focus on these."

The 2005 conference with the theme '*Exploring Opportunities – Te Tiroiro Huarahi*' will include a number of international speakers and a keynote address from Rob McLeod (AFL Chairperson & Te Ohu Kaimoana Director) on Day 1. Day 2 will feature workshops including aquaculture and Māori in the NZ fishing industry. Regular participants to the former Māori commercial fisheries conference will be pleased to know that the 'Great Debate' has been salvaged and will close proceedings on Day 2.

Book your calendar out for the 18-19 March 2005 and keep an eye out for more details at www.seafood-conference.com.

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Te Ohu

Preparing the Allocation Team

Paki Rawiri who is managing the Allocation Team says it is very pleasing to have two new staff members on board (See *He Tāngata*) to assist with the Iwi Readiness and Allocation work programs. "The fact that both Maru Samuel and Dianne Collier have experience of working with and for iwi organisations was central to their respective appointments", says Paki.

Te Ohu Kaimoana have been set the challenging task of transferring fisheries settlement assets within five years to the 57 Iwi organisations recognised within the Māori Fisheries Act 2004. Paki Rawiri says "That's one a month for the next five years so we certainly have our work cut out for us."

Since the enactment of the Māori Fisheries Act 2004, staff and advisors have been working through the legislation with a fine-tooth comb to ensure that Te Ohu is clear on the mandating requirements for iwi under the Act. To date, a set of draft allocation assessment and approval protocols have been developed which have been set for ratification by the Board later this month. A flow-chart outlining the steps required to achieve mandating status and a range of templates to assist iwi are all close to completion.

As soon as these resources have been ratified by the Board, they will be made available to iwi via the Te Ohu website at www.teohu.maori.nz

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Aotearoa Fisheries Limited



Like all New Zealand fishing companies facing difficult conditions, Aotearoa Fisheries Limited (AFL) is currently reviewing its operations and looking for ways it can do business better.

AFL is serious about working closely with iwi on ventures that are of mutual commercial benefit. In this regard, staff are developing a policy on the way AFL will work with iwi in the medium to long term while continuing to develop relationships around access to ACE for the current fishing year.

Sealord consolidates wetfish operations

In a highly publicised move, Sealord which is 50 percent-owned by AFL plans to consolidate its wetfish processing operations in Nelson. The Dunedin plant will be cut back while new positions will be created in Nelson.

Sealord CEO Doug McKay says analysis showed a strong business case for a single wetfish processing site in Nelson. A major bearing on this move is the slashing of Sealord's commercial hoki quota from 75,000 to 30,000 tonnes per annum over the past five years.

Hoki is a significant part of Sealord's business. Doug McKay says, "Sealord strongly supports the reduction in the hoki TACC (total allowable commercial catch) to the stock to recover, but we expect it to take at least three to four years for the hoki fishery to bounce back."

Following consultation with the Union and staff, the Dunedin site will operate primarily as a squid processing plant and it will also retain one wetfish processing line and the fishmeal plant.

Sealord will begin reducing staff numbers from 200 to around 80 at the Dunedin site from 31 March 2005. Doug McKay says Sealord will help staff who do not obtain a position to find other employment.



AFL pick up iwi eel ACE



AFL has successfully secured access to more than 90 percent of iwi North Island eel ACE (annual catch entitlement). Iwi recently received 20 percent of all ACE for North Island eel when it was introduced into the quota management system on 1 October 2004. Iwi will own the eel quota outright once they become mandated iwi organisations and their quota is transferred from Te Ohu Kaimoana.

CEO Robin Hapi says these ACE arrangements complement its recent purchase of an eel processing and marketing operation based at Whenuapai in Auckland.

“We already acquired a significant block of eel quota as part of the deal when we bought Thomas Richards and Co. So AFL is now in a good position to influence the sustainable management of this important species in partnership with iwi” says Robin.

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Te ahumahi kaimoana

Paua poaching threatens Māori rights

Recent media attention given to Te Kaha’s light sentence for his part in a black market paua operation continue to remind us of the importance of protecting such a high-value species.

AFL CEO Robin Hapi says iwi and Māori have secured a very important position in the paua industry as substantial quota owners and they also have customary interests to consider.

“We need to ensure that our commercial and customary rights are not undermined by people working outside the law. The sustainability of this valuable resource is a challenge for all of us,” says Robin.

In the last three months, the Ministry of Fisheries took 23 cases involving paua poaching to court with a 100 percent success rate. The Ministry of Fisheries are asking anyone who sees suspicious activity to ring on 0800 4 POACHER – 0800 476 224.



Fish facts

According to the latest figures available from Statistics New Zealand, the total value of New Zealand’s fisheries assets has risen 30 percent in the last seven years to \$3.5-billion. The rise from \$2.7-billion (1996) was caused by more species been brought into the quota management system and increases in the asset values of the main stocks.

Ten key species under the QMS accounted for 80 percent of the value. Despite the recent cuts in hoki quota, hoki continues to be the mainstay stock of the industry representing nearly a quarter of the entire value of New Zealand’s fisheries assets at \$815-million.

For more fish facts go to www.stats.govt.nz/analytical-reports/natural-resource-accounts/fish-natural-resource-accounts.htm

Rāhui on bay continues



The Ministry of Fisheries has extended an official ban on all fishing at Pukerua Bay on the Kapiti Coast until December 2006 which supports an iwi-initiated rāhui that is also in force.

Ngāti Toa with the backing of the local Residents' Association originally requested a temporary closure of Pukerua Bay in 2002 to allow fish stocks in the area to regenerate.

Ngāti Toa resource management officer Rā Pomare says a diving survey of the marine life at Pukerua Bay found it was not yet rebuilt sufficiently to allow the resumption of fishing.

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Mai i ngā iwi

Tūhono advise iwi of their affiliation counts

The registration initiative to connect individual Māori with their iwi organisations has reached another important milestone. Iwi organisations have now been notified of the number of Māori who claimed an ancestral connection to their tribe through the Tūhono initiative.



Te Ohu Kaimoana is a major sponsor of the Tūhono campaign because it will assist iwi organisations reach the registration numbers required to receive fisheries assets. (See [Māori Fisheries Act 2004](#), Part 1, Section 14)

Tūhono CEO Dan Te Kanawa believes that if iwi are able to verify all of the provisional returns, around 80 percent of iwi will met their registration requirements for allocation. (See [Māori Fisheries Act 2004](#), Schedule 3) "On the face of it, Tūhono could provide a significant boost for many iwi registers," says Dan.

Tūhono has received returns from more than 95,000 Māori who have recorded over 205,000 affiliations. For more information on Tūhono, visit their website at www.maori.org

Ngāpuhi Festival Exceeds All Expectations

More than 6500 Ngāpuhi descendants from all around New Zealand and the world found there way back home to Kaikohe last month to celebrate their connections to Ngāpuhi.

The turn-out and the response to the inaugural event surpassed all expectations. Te Rūnanga ā-Iwi o Ngāpuhi made the most of the opportunity and enrolled more than 1500 new tribal members on to their roll.

A new beginning for Moriori

The first ever Moriori marae in modern times was officially opened on the Chatham Islands last month. At least one thousand people made the effort to attend the celebrations. Visitors to the island were well rewarded with a kaimoana feast including giant Chatham crays.



Former Fisheries Commissioner Maui Solomon (Moriori, Ngāi Tahu) says the marae named Kopinga is an important affirmation of Moriori identity. "The marae has been named after the groves of Kopi (Karakā) trees that grow on the island where Moriori traditionally gathered", says Maui. "It's a new beginning for our people and it gives us a place of our own to gather on Rekohu."

South Westland marae recalls Maui 's first landfall



More than two-thousand people also attended the opening of the first West Coast marae for almost 140 years. Te Tauraka Waka a Maui marae at Mahitahi (Bruce Bay) in South Westland celebrates the place where Maui first landed.

According to local legend, Maui (featured on the tekoteko) killed two taniwha at the entrance to Mahitahi before making landfall and then carrying on around the bottom of the South Island to fish up the North Island . Many of the place names in the area and around the bottom of the South Island recall his journey.

Fishing a career with Snapz!

Budding scholars need to apply early

If you're considering a course at any level on vessel operations, business training, food technology or you want to study marine-related courses overseas check out the scholarship website at

www.fishfingers.maori.nz You'll be surprised at the range of scholarships available for Māori women and men.



While scholarships are open all year round, it is advisable to have your applications in to us at least a fortnight before your course starts. With the new fishfingers website, you can even apply online. Put the word out to whānau and friends so they don't leave it too late. For further information, contact Kae Ranger-Knox at the Te Ohu office.

Turning Japanese

This year's Global Fisheries Scholars are settling back in to work at Nissui after a wonderful Christmas in Aotearoa.

Francene Wineti (Te Ati Haunui ā Paparangi, Ngāti Kahungunu) and Joseph Butterworth (Te Arawa, Ngāti Porou) were welcomed back to Toyko with a Japanese style pohiri. True to the Japanese work ethic, they were whisked off to Kyushu the next day where they began their training for the next four months.

See photo of Francene (centre back) with Nissui staff from the Olta Marine Biological Centre in Kyushu. You can keep an eye on Joseph's and Francene's progress via the fishfingers website.



He tāngata

Maru Samuel (Ngāiterangi, Te Rarawa, Te Aupōuri, Waikato) and Dianne Collier (Ngāti Porou, Waikato) have joined forces with Paki Rawiri to make up the Allocation team that will be working closely with iwi.

Maru Samuel grew up on Matakana Island where fish was a regular part of their diet. Maru holds a law degree and a Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Management which has led to a career in local government. His most recent position was as a planner for the Heritage department of the Auckland Regional Council where he worked with local iwi and Māori.



Dianne Collier grew up in a commercial fishing family-her step-father was one of the fisheries manager's for Talley's Fisheries. Di managed Tama Fishing Company Ltd - a company owned by Ngāti Tama Manawhenua ki Te Tau Ihu Trust, which owns scallop and hake quota as well as a mussel farm in Golden Bay . She has also worked extensively for Ngāti Tama Trust on a range of projects including co-ordinating the Waitangi Tribunal hearing into Ngāti Tama's claim.

Maraea Bellamy (Ngāti Kahungunu, Te Ati Haunui ā Paparangi, Te Atiawa, Ngāti Toa) has been appointed as the Advisor to the Transition Project. Maraea has an extensive background in the public sector primarily in the areas of Māori affairs, policy and health.

Maraea says the goal of the Transition Project is to ensure that Te Ohu Kaimoana has robust systems in place and the resources to match its core function which is to manage the transfer of assets from Te Ohu to iwi.

Tiroiro mai!

Te Wai Māori

The future of NZ's freshwater resources is now up for discussion at a series of Government hui being held around the country. The Government has released a discussion document called Freshwater for a sustainable future and

the submission deadline is for 18 March 2005. You can check out the consultation programme and discussion document at www.mfe.govt.nz

Snap it, don't catch it!

Southern Seabird Solutions is inviting budding New Zealand photographers to enter its 'Seabird Photo Competition'. The competition is open to all New Zealand commercial fishermen – skippers, crews and whānau. Entries close by the end of March 2005. Check out the Southern Seabird Solutions website for more information at www.southernseabirds.org

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He kupu whakamutunga

"2004 was a long year for Ngāpuhi with political highs and lows. We're not quite ready to land the big commercial fish from Te Ohu Kaimoana so I've been exercising my recreational rights over the summer. There's nothing quite like a baby tamure from the Hokianga. It looks great in the photo and even better in the smoker!"

Sonny Tau

Chairperson of Te Rūnanga ā-Iwi o Ngāpuhi



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He korero tāhau?



If you have any news or events coming up that you'd like covered in an issue of Te Tai Pari, drop us an email at tari@teohu.maori.nz

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