

## Poutū-te-rangi 2005

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### He kupu whakataki



Ka mihi nui ki ō tātau tini mate, i hinga i te marama kua pahure ake nei. Rātau te hunga mate ki a rātau. Tātau te hunga ora ki a tātau. Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

Ki ngā kaiwhakarite o te hui taumata i karanga atu ki nga rangatira o te motu kia hui tahi ai, ka nui te mihi ki a koutou. He kaupapa rangatira te kaupapa o te hui, arā kia huhua ake ai ngā huarahi hei takahi atu mā te iwi Māori ki te ao umanga kia hua ai, kia tupu ai, kia toa ai tātou katoa.

It has been more than two decades since Koro Wetere – the Minister of Māori Affairs and current Director of Te Ohu Kaimoana convened the first Hui Taumata in Wellington. The 1984 economic summit was a watershed moment for Māori leaders of that time.

This year's Hui Taumata in Wellington provided an opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the last twenty years and to plan for the future. During the hui, Te Ohu Kaimoana also launched two new trusts that are focused on the economic future of Māori. For more details on the trusts and their board of directors, check out [teohu.Māori.nz/trusts/index.htm](http://teohu.Māori.nz/trusts/index.htm)

#### Peter Douglas

Chief Executive Officer

### Te pānui mātua

On 2 March 2005, Te Ohu Kaimoana formally established Te Putea Whakatupu and Te Wai Māori Trust CEO Peter Douglas says the establishment of these trusts marks another significant milestone in the allocation of assets from the Māori fisheries settlement.

“Since the passing of the Māori Fisheries Act in September 2004, Te Ohu Kaimoana has been focussed on allocating assets out to the various entities that will hold assets on behalf of all Māori. These two trusts both have important roles to play in the development of our people and our assets.” says Peter.



Te Putea Whakatupu Trust and Te Wai Māori Trust will both receive \$20-million in capital funds from the Māori fisheries settlement. Under the Māori Fisheries Act 2004, the purpose of Te Putea Whakatupu Trust is to promote education, training and research including matters that relate to fisheries, fishing and fisheries related activities.

Te Ohu Kaimoana directors have appointed **June Jackson**, **Teresa Tepania-Ashton** and **Wira Gardiner** as [directors of Te Putea Whakatupu](#).

The purpose of Te Wai Māori Trust is to manage trust funds for Māori in order to advance Māori interests in freshwater fisheries. This could include undertaking research and development or education related to Māori interests in freshwater fisheries and the enhancement of the water itself.

The board of Te Ohu Kaimoana has appointed **Archie Taiaroa, Prue Kapua and Morrie Love** as [directors of Te Wai Māori](#).

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## Te tari

### Resources available to assist iwi

Recognised iwi organisations can now access a range of templates that will help them meet the mandating requirements outlined in the Maori Fisheries Act 2004. These resources have been developed in the hope of reducing the costs incurred by iwi organisations to meeting statutory requirements.

The templates include a trust deed and a constitution for an asset holding company, memorandums of understanding for settlement quota and quota share agreements. Recognised iwi organisations can access these templates by contacting the Allocation Team at Te Ohu Kaimoana.



A flowchart which sets out 10 generic steps to allocation and transfer is also available online at [teohu.maori.nz/getmandated.htm](http://teohu.maori.nz/getmandated.htm)

### Marine Protection Policy

Te Ohu Kaimoana has raised concerns about Māori being ignored in the development of the Draft *Marine Protected Areas Policy Statement and Implementation Plan*. The draft has been released by the Ministry of Fisheries and the Department of Conservation. The plan will initially affect areas such as important fishing grounds in the near shore but is proposed to be extended out to 200 nautical miles (or the Exclusive Economic Zone).

Te Ohu Policy General Manager Craig Lawson says that Māori involvement, values and uses need to be included from conception to implementation and the draft in its current form ignores the Māori viewpoint and the Crown's obligations to protect the fisheries settlement. "There should be an inventory of what marine protection exists and specific consideration of threats and the best options to minimise the threats to ensure that Māori rights are not being reallocated to other users without compensation."

You can view Te Ohu Kaimoana's [submission here](#). (PDF - 146kb)

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## AFL



AFL directors and staff were closely involved with the Hui Taumata. Chair Rob McLeod was a member of the Steering Committee and delivered a keynote address on developing assets. Director Craig Norgate, CEO Robin Hapi and Quota Manager Tony Craig also delivered presentations at the hui.

CEO Robin Hapi made the point at the Globalisation workshop that the Māori economy based primarily on fishing, forestry and farming is twice as export intensive as the general New Zealand economy. This means that the overall 'Māori' economy is more exposed to international markets and fluctuations to the New Zealand dollar.

Market access barriers cost the New Zealand fishing industry about \$100-million each year.

Robin says the real challenge now is for Māori to implement the ideas presented at the hui. "We need to take a greater level of ownership of the challenges that we face to raising the living standards of all Māori."

### Sealord continues to consolidate

Sealord is pleased to report that enough staff at the Dunedin plant have opted for voluntary redundancy so no further job cuts will be necessary.

The company, which is 50 percent owned by AFL, announced that it would reduce staff numbers at the Dunedin plant this month in order to consolidate its wetfish operations. CEO Doug McKay said the slashing of Sealord's commercial hoki quota from 75,000 to 30,000 tonnes per annum over the past five years was the primary reason

for the move.

Meanwhile Sealord has sold one of its charter vessels *Aorere* and purchased a 50 percent share in *Paerangi* which it has chartered for the past two years.

CEO Doug McKay says *Paerangi* is a state of the art modern trawler with the flexibility, capability, technology and economy we require. "We are very pleased to have her as part of our freezer fleet on a permanent basis along with our wholly owned freezer trawler *Rehua*."



## Mai i ngā iwi

### New mātaītai reserve for Rakiura



The new Te Whaka a Te Wera mātaītai reserve in Paterson Inlet, Stewart Island reflects the philosophy of the customary fishing regulations and fulfils fisheries aspirations of the local community.

The reserve which was established by the Rakiura Māori Land Trust last year will use tools available under the customary fishing regulations to manage the local community's 'kete kaimoana'. (See photo of Tangata Tiaki Phillip Smith and Maureen Jones at Te Whaka a Te Wera).

Ministry of Fisheries' Pou Hononga Raymond Necklen says this reserve is an excellent local solution to that age-old problem of too many people chasing too few fish. "The customary fishing regulations have increased iwi Māori involvement in the management of their fisheries, which in turn has helped the community develop a local solution to a local problem," he says.

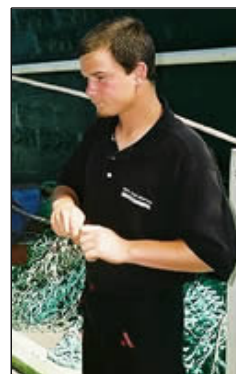
You can find out more about mātaītai and other customary fishing management tools at [fish.govt.nz](http://fish.govt.nz)

### Ngāi Tahu Seafood awards scholarship

Matthew Whitfield (Ngāi Tahu) is the first recipient of Ngāi Tahu Seafood Deep Sea Fishing Scholarships. To gain his cadetship, Matthew successfully completed two trips at sea on a trawling vessel.

Ngāi Tahu Seafood has offered Matthew an all-expenses training package at the Westport Deep Sea Fishing School which includes mentoring by key personnel at Ngāi Tahu Seafood and a guaranteed job as a permanent crew member with the company when he graduates.

Matthew will work towards completing a Level 2 National Certificate in Vessel Operations and Seafood Processing during his 12 week training stint before continuing on-the-job training when he works back on the trawler. Matthew's mother says the scholarship has literally turned his life around and set him on an excellent career path.



## Te Ahumahi kaimoana

### Seafood Innovations launch

A new research consortium has been launched to help optimise the value of the current catch in New Zealand. Seafood Innovations is 80 percent owned by the New Zealand Seafood Industry Council (SeaFIC) with Crop and Food Research holding 20 percent of the shares.

SeaFIC CEO Owen Symmans says it is a shining example of how industry, government and science can work in partnership for the benefit of the seafood industry and the national economy.

Seafood Innovations sees the possibilities of adding value to the New Zealand seafood industry by utilising every part of the fish and developing new products that are appealing to customers and consumers around the world.

Check out [seafoodinnovations.co.nz](http://seafoodinnovations.co.nz) for more information.

### Shellfish introduction into QMS

Most remaining stocks of scallops, dredge oysters, cockles, pipi and tuatua will be added into the quota management system.

Minister of Fisheries David Benson-Pope says industry groups will be consulted about catch limits which should apply to these shellfish stocks. He says the introduction of these species into the QMS recognises the importance of these fisheries for recreational and customary Māori fishing interests.

### Plans for freshwater may reduce iwi rights



Te Wai Māori Director Morrie Love is concerned that plans to centralise the management of freshwater will reduce management rights for iwi.

The Ministry for the Environment (MFE) recently released a discussion document called Freshwater for a Sustainable Future and conducted a series of consultation hui around the country.

Morrie Love believes the consultation paper is advocating for freshwater to be managed at a national level. "Iwi already have working relationships with regional councils where water is currently being managed and a steer towards national management would disadvantage Māori. If Māori are the treaty partner then they should have a co-management role."

Summaries of feedback from the consultation meetings and written submissions will be added to the Ministry for the Environment website soon at [mfe.govt.nz](http://mfe.govt.nz)

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### Snapz

The establishment of Te Putea Whakatupu Trust this month will not disadvantage any current students who have received Te Ohu Kai Moana Charitable Trust Scholarships. Darrin Apanui who will be managing Te Putea Whakatupu Trust says Te Ohu will continue to support those people on the current scholarship programme.



"We are committed to developing Māori skills through excellent educational and training programmes. There is no way we would want to diminish a programme that has increased the skills that Māori can offer the industry. More importantly the educational programme is destined to go from strength to strength with a set of directors on Te Putea that are totally committed to enhancing Māori capability."

So for all those Māori out there wanting to get more out of life through education and study log into [fishfingers.maori.nz](http://fishfingers.maori.nz) to apply for a scholarship now.

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### He tāngata

**Robin Hapi** (CEO of AFL) has been reappointed to the board of the New Zealand Seafood Industry Council for a further three year term. He joins Dave Sharp (Chairman), Peter Dawson, Doug McKay, Andrew Talley, Daryl Sykes (New Zealand Rock Lobster Industry Council) and Callum McCallum (NZ Oyster Industry Association).

**Whaimutu Dewes** (Ngāti Porou, Te Arawa) has been reappointed to the board of Sealord. Robin Hapi says "He has been a valuable contributor to the board and has extensive experience and knowledge of the industry." The other three Māori appointed representatives on the Sealord board are Shane Jones (Chairman), Robin Hapi and AFL Director Keith Sutton.



After more than 10 years of service to Te Ohu Kaimoana, Fisheries Operations Manager **Tom Norris** has retired. His former boss Robin Hapi says Tom joined the Treaty of Waitangi Fisheries Commission at a time when the organisation was in real need of someone with some experience in fisheries management.

"Tom came to us with a reputation as a practical operator who had an in-depth



knowledge of the Fisheries Act and practices. His contribution over the years has been invaluable and he quickly gained the respect of the many iwi he assisted." he says.

Tom Norris believed the Commission and Te Ohu Kaimoana have succeeded in establishing the place and standing of Māori in New Zealand commercial fisheries and went some way to getting Māori into the business and activity of fishing by establishing the biannual ACE Rounds. However he laments the fact that many iwi have yet to actively participate in fisheries management.

Tom leaves the workforce after 46 years of formal work, having started as a recruit in the Inland Revenue Department in January 1959. He and his wife Margaret are looking forward to his retirement.

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## Tirotiro mai

### Register Now

You can now register on-line for the 2005 conference with the theme 'Exploring Opportunities- Te Tirotiro Huarahi' at [seafood-conference.com](http://seafood-conference.com). This year's programme includes a full day plenary session and workshops on aquaculture and Māori in the New Zealand seafood industry.



### Statistics on paua, koura and tuna

The environment team at Statistics New Zealand has just released three articles and an excel workbook on New Zealand's commercial fish resources to their website at [stats.govt.nz](http://stats.govt.nz).

The three articles are on paua, rock lobster and freshwater eels and include biological and fisheries information (commercial, recreational and customary) and exports, landings and regional asset value data for these species.

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## He whakamutunga

*"People are inclined to exaggerate the economic significance of treaty settlements. For example, there are approximately 600,000 Māori and treaty settlements to date have cost into \$715-million. This represents a one-off sum of about \$1,200 per Māori. If Māori were to up-skill and earn the same average wage as non-Māori, this could mean a lump sum payment in the order of \$41-billion."*

AFL Chairman and Te Ohu Director Rob McLeod, Hui Taumata 2005



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Protecting Māori fisheries assets for future generations

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