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Nau mai, haere mai ki te putanga tuatahi o Te Tai Pari mai i Te Ohu Kaimoana - kei roto nei ngā pitopito kōrero e pā ana ki ngā kaupapa o te wā.

Welcome to the first edition of Te Tai Pari – our new monthly e-pānui that will keep you up to date with news from Te Ohu Kaimoana.

As I'm sure you're aware, we reached some historic milestones at the end of 2004 that have laid the foundations for allocation to occur.

We now enter a new and exciting phase in the allocation process. I look forward to working closely with Aotearoa Fisheries Limited (AFL) to ensure that Te Ohu and AFL are meeting the high expectations that iwi, industry and Māori have of us.

Enjoy the first issue of Te Tai Pari and the holiday season. Ngā mihi mō te wā o te whānau, te wā o te aroha.

Peter Douglas
Chief Executive Officer

Te pānui mātua

Navigating through the Maori Fisheries Act 2004

Everything you ever wanted to know about the Maori Fisheries Act 2004 can now be found online at Te Ohu's new website at <http://www.teohu.maori.nz>

A lot of work has been put in to the navigation so you can delve in to sections of the Act, cross-reference sections and bookmark the pages of particular interest to you.



The Maori Fisheries Act 2004 lays out all the legal requirements on the central organisations looking after Māori fisheries assets and the mandating requirements for iwi preparing to receive Māori fisheries assets.

You will also find a host of other general information about asset allocation, the role of iwi organisations and fisheries issues on the new website.

Te Ohu



The appointed day

On the 29th November 2004, the former Treaty of Waitangi Fisheries Commission was formally disestablished. Its assets were split between Te Ohu Kaimoana and a new fishing company called Aotearoa Fisheries Limited (AFL).

The day began with a small ceremony to bless the new office and to unveil Te Ohu Kaimoana's new logo.

There were tributes made to the architects of the Māori fisheries settlement, former Commissioners and staff who had worked hard to see this model come to fruition.

Shane Jones remarked during his mihi that; "There's a new pair of hands coming on the horizon and we'll have further needs but thank you all for coming to launch the new waka— although I tend to see it as a double-hulled waka with AFL and Te Ohu Kaimoana working closely together."

The seven new directors of Te Ohu Kaimoana held their inaugural board meeting to transfer Commission assets to Te Ohu and AFL. The directors unanimously agreed to elect Shane Jones as the Chairperson and Wira Gardiner as his deputy. You can read more about the directors at http://www.teohu.maori.nz/te_ohu/directors.htm

The day finished with tributes to the outgoing Commissioners who had not been re-appointed to the new Te Ohu Kaimoana. These Commissioners were Naida Glavish, Toro Waaka, Ken Mason, Maui Solomon, June Jackson and Craig Ellison. (see He Tāngata section)

Aotearoa Fisheries Limited



With the formal establishment of AFL on the 29th November 2004, the new board of Te Ohu Kaimoana were able to confirm the directors of Aotearoa Fisheries Limited. The new directors are Rob McLeod (Chairperson), Craig Ellison, Craig Norgate, Matanuku Mahuika and Keith Sutton.

You can read more about the AFL directors at www.teohu.maori.nz/afl/directors.htm

Important fisheries documents released

The Ministry of Fisheries has released two major consultation documents that will have a significant impact on the future management of New Zealand's fisheries.

The Ministry has released its draft Statement of Intent for 2005-2008 and a discussion document on Stock Strategies. Iwi and Māori have until 21 February 2005 to make submissions on both these documents.

You can request copies from the Ministry or view copies at www.fish.govt.nz

Opening of Parengarenga Fishfarm



Parengarenga Fishfarm in a remote part of Northland was officially opened in November 2004. The land-based kingfish farm is the first of its kind.

The venture which was initiated by Parengarenga Incorporation – a Māori land incorporation began building the facility in November 2003.

The Fishfarm is now fully operational and manned 24 hours a day. Senior Policy Analyst Kirsty Woods from Te Ohu Kaimoana said the facility is very impressive.

“The factory building contains over 30 raceways. Water is pumped from the harbour, circulated through the system and treated before it is discharged back into the harbour.”

Parengarenga Fishfarm aim to have their first harvest in late February 2005 once the kingfish reach around 3-4 kilograms. The fish will be processed in Awanui and sold to local and overseas markets. Ultimately, the company plans to make 600 tonnes of fresh fish available each year to domestic and overseas markets.

Mai i ngā iwi

Recognised iwi organisation for Ngāti Mutunga

Ngāti Mutunga on the Chatham Islands have created one entity called Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust that is now acknowledged by Te Ohu Kaimoana as a recognised iwi organisation.

It's a significant achievement for the iwi and sets the foundations for allocation to occur.

The process to create the single organisation began at a hui on 11 September 2003 between members of Te Rūnanga o Wharekauri Rekohu Inc Society & Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Trust. At that meeting, the members agreed to replace the two existing organisations with one entity that would represent and manage the affairs and interests of Chatham Ngāti Mutunga.

Chairperson of the new Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust, Phillip Seymour says the Establishment Trustees are encouraged and appreciative of the support received from beneficiaries over the past 18 months.

“There has been greater security in receiving annual catch entitlement for the 04/05 years and the funds held on behalf of Ngāti Mutunga have also been received”, says Phil. “We can now move forward with greater certainty for the benefit of beneficiaries.”

If you want to register with Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust you can request registrations forms by mailing “The Registrar” PO Box 50, Chatham Islands.

Northern iwi consortium



Six northern iwi have joined forces to market the fishing quota they have access to. Ngāpuhi has joined with Te Rarawa, Whaingaroa, Te Aupōuri, Ngāti Kahu and Ngāti Whatua in a bid to gain better returns on their ACE.

Hally Toia from Te Runanga o Ngāti Whatua has been pushing for a consortium to market ACE for several years. Hally says that in the longer term, this arrangement will create new commercial opportunities for iwi and give fishing companies a stable and larger supply of ACE to fish.

“With the larger quantities of ACE available to us it should be possible for us to gain a greater financial return in the future”, says Hally. “We’ve had some hiccups this year but with good management it is possible for us to increase the market value of our ACE and get on with the business for the 2005/06 fishing year.”

Ngāpuhi already has a profitable joint venture arrangement with Northland Deepwater which charts two boats off the Northland coast.

Fishing a career with Snapz!

There is a new fullah in cyberspace who is making quite a splash. Snapz – te tamure is the mascot for Te Ohu Kaimoana’s new scholarship website.

Fishfingers is a funky new website targeted at all Māori interested in training and studying for a career in the fishing industry. Te Ohu spokesperson Darrin Apanui says “It has been developed with our rangatahi in mind since 70 percent of Māori are under the age of 35.”

The site includes information on fishing scholarships, profiles on Te Ohu Kaimoana scholarship recipients and their road to success, including some useful study tips.

If you’re interested in a career in the fishing industry, or know someone who is, you can apply for scholarships directly on line on www.fishfingers.maori.nz or by contacting Kae Ranger-Knox at Te Ohu Kaimoana.



He Tāngata

The **Minister of Māori Affairs Hon. Parekura Horomia** was only able to appoint seven of the 13 former Commissioners to the new Te Ohu Kaimoana board. That meant the end of an era for five former Commissioners. Among them were two of the longest standing Commissioners Naida Glavish and Craig Ellison who have both served on the Commission since the early 90s.



Craig Ellison was the former Deputy Chair of the Commission has been appointed as a Director of Aotearoa Fisheries Limited. Craig expressed his support to the Board of Te Ohu and wished them well. His knowledge and experience of the New Zealand fishing industry will be invaluable for AFL.

The other four Commissioners to leave are **June Jackson, Maui Solomon, Ken Mason** and **Toro Waaka**.

June Jackson who was appointed in 2001 says it was always a challenge ensuring the consideration of urban Māori interests. “I’d like to think I made a difference in developing an understanding of urban issues among the Commissioners”, says June. “Despite our differences I made some good friends.”

Toro Waaka was also part of the 2001 intake and hopes that the enactment of the Māori Fisheries legislation allows for some old wounds to be healed. “The allocation process caused tensions between some hapū and iwi. I hope those relationships can be mended. I also hope that iwi will get the assistance they need to help them successfully manage their fishing assets.”

The Te Ohu Team

The Te Ohu Team: **Louie Te Kani** (Ngāi Te Rangi) who worked with numerous iwi over the last two years as an adviser on iwi readiness requirements has left Wellington and returned home to Tauranga. Louie was a very popular staff member and will be sorely missed. (See photo)

Sam Cruickshank (Ngāti Whatua, Ngāpuhi) who brought a burst of creative energy to Te Ohu and particularly to the new fishfingers website has finished his contract with Te Ohu Kaimoana.

Former Finance staff -**Daphne Grant** and **Richard Patete** (Ngāti Koata, Ngāti Kuia) are part of the ‘final’ migration of former Commission staff to go to Aotearoa Fisheries Limited. Both Daphne and Richard will take on similar roles within AFL.

Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou katoa. Ka mate kāinga tahi, ka ora kāinga rua.

Meanwhile, **John Diggins** has been appointed to replace Richard Patete as the Finance Manager. John is a chartered accountant with six years experience in taxation, financial and management reporting for Mobil Oil New Zealand and more than two years experience as a tax auditor for the Inland Revenue Department. John has also brought a healthy dose of humour to the office.

Tirotiro mai!

The inaugural Ngāpuhi festival

Aē marika rā! It is time for anyone with Ngāpuhi connections to organise their travel so they can get up to Lindvart Park, Kaikohe on the 29-30 January 2005.

For more information, check out the Ngāpuhi website at www.ngapuhi.iwi.nz

Customary permits

If you are going to be gathering kaimoana for customary purposes over the summer break, you need to contact the local Ministry of Fisheries office to find out:

- Who the local kaitiaki is for your local area so you can apply to them for a customary permit
- Exactly what the customary permit entitles you to collect and for what purpose.

You can check the current regulations at www.fish.govt.nz/customary/introduction

0800 4 POACHER

If you suspect anyone of poaching shellfish or fish stocks you can contact the Ministry of Fisheries' freephone line on 0800 476224.

He kupu whakamutunga



“Well it’s been exciting. It’s been an excellent experience. It’s been a time in which there was a lot of changes happening in the world of Māori – in terms of the recognition of urban Māori and the bridges that were built between urban and iwi.

“I’m only disappointed that after such a long, hard struggle I won’t be there at the end where allocation actually happens to our people. But that will happen anyway so I guess, one door closes and another one opens.”

Naida Glavish
Former Fisheries Commissioner (1993-2004)
Performing the honours at the launch of Te Ohu Kaimoana's new logo. - 29 September 2004

He kōrero tāhau?

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