

TE KOROWAI O TE TAI O MAROKURA

Kaikoura Coastal Marine Guardians

REPORT BACK FROM MAY/JUNE/JULY 2021 TE KOROWAI MEETINGS

KIA ORA FROM THE CHAIR



Kia Ora Koutou and greetings from Te Korowai members. We hope everyone is doing as best they can over these chilly Winter months.

Locally we know many of our community are busy and many are still adjusting to the difficulties Covid has brought and in particular the impact it has had on employment and general wellbeing. We know many of you are tired, stressed and worn out. We send the very best wishes out to you all and we look forward to warmer weather, longer days and more sunshine and happiness.



Early in May we welcomed back Te Korowai member and our Secretary, Gina Solomon who has been on 6 months' bereavement leave.

Te Korowai is very sad to have had to farewell the following members from our group:

Richard Craig
John Hellstrom
Krista Hupman
Sabrina Luecht
Kauahi Ngapora
Marty Sutherland



We are extremely appreciative of the work, contribution and expertise these fantastic members have provided to our group and to our mahi and for their friendship and kindness. It is a huge loss to Te Korowai. We wish them all the very best.

We are planning to workshop and look at our Te Korowai work, structure and purpose and will also be devising a membership strategy.



GENERAL BUSINESS

- NZ RELIC Whalesafe Programme have purchased 3 tracking buoys and are liaising with DOC for feedback. NZ Rock Lobster Council want to put this forward as their contribution to supporting Whalesafe. An app is being developed.
- Te Korowai members are reviewing our Te Korowai work, structure and purpose.

- TK members were circulated this link: <https://www.pmcsa.ac.nz/topics/fish/> which is a report on "The Future of Commercial Fishing in Aotearoa New Zealand". A report from the Office of the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor

"This report was prepared after a request from the Prime Minister in late 2019. By drawing on local and international research and experience, and highlighting best practice examples, we aim to inspire innovative thinking and changes in fisheries management in 2040 and beyond.

The report aims to identify ways we can fill knowledge gaps, increase our understanding of the marine environment, and ultimately take a more holistic approach to fisheries management.

The evidence base for this report includes scientific and peer-reviewed literature, government, research, and technical reports, working papers, and personal communications. The report does not attempt to cost solutions nor to prioritise them at a detailed level.

The report outlines detailed recommendations in seven themes, which represent the conversations in our panel meetings.

We describe the challenging context in which commercial fishing takes place and lay out the many stressors faced by the marine environment. To help understand how to make progress in this contested area, we try to capture the complexities of commercial fishing in 2020.

Finally, we outline ideas and innovations that could help us fish smarter in the future, and end with an aspirational vision to challenge old thinking and encourage new."

On pages 131-132 of the report is: "4.2 Case Study: Te Korowai o Te Tai o Marokura in Kaikōura shows how regional responsibility can streamline fisheries Management".

See below on pages 8-9 for this 2 pager.

- Te Korowai is discussing with Fisheries NZ on how we can support the Shellfish and Seaweed fisheries re-opening with resourcing and education.
- DOC staff are concerned about some recreational fishers' behaviour around marine mammals so will be working on an information/education pack.
- Ocean Ridge Catchment Conservation Group has received funding for a Wetland/Reserves Trapping Programme (Phase 1), Backyard Trapping Programme (Phase 2), and Shoreline Forest Trapping Programme to support and enhance biodiversity. Te Korowai will be administering their funds.
- Kaikoura Dark Sky Working Group, Te Korowai will be supporting this initiative by administering the funds for the Night Sky.
- Currently Incorporated Societies legislation is being reviewed. Te Korowai will review and update our Constitution after the legislation is enacted.
- Te Korowai has been in discussions with the committee overseeing the Kaikoura Marine Development Programme and were also given a presentation at its July meeting. Te Korowai has provided a written response and feedback to this committee on the Programme.
- Kaikoura District Council's Draft Long Term Plan was discussed.
5 key areas:
 - Resealing and renew roads
 - Footpaths
 - Urban rubbish collection
 - Destination Kaikoura
 - District Plan Review

Te Korowai presented their submission to the KDC Long Term Plan



- The Kaikoura Boating & Recreation Club advised Te Korowai they are no longer a member of Te Korowai. Te Korowai will be considering further representation from the Kaikoura recreation sector when we workshop and discuss our membership strategy.
- Gina Solomon was congratulated for her appointment as a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in recognition for services to conservation and governance in the 2021 Queen's Birthday Honours.

FINANCIAL REPORT & PREVIOUS MINUTES

Meeting approved the May, June and July Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes.



SECTOR & AGENCY UPDATES

COMMUNITY

- South Bay action plan meetings have occurred.
- It was noted the number of displaced people around NZ. Queenstown are encouraging people to head to the coast because you can fish and access the ocean. MSD have been made aware and they are dealing with these displaced people. Business association are continuing to support businesses and keep people in jobs. Will be a challenge if we lose our core business. Look at how business adapt and change, food resilience. Eg, Hislops focusing on organics, try and keep our businesses operating. We have to go back

to the roots of our economy and this is the canyon.

- Vision week there is a use and abuse, people use the coastal area and don't always give back, people rely on it but few people truly care. Is convenient for everyone.
- World's Oceans Day 8 June noted.
- The recent entanglement of humpback whale was noted. We no longer have Mike Morrissey and Brett Cowan involved. There was a delay in bringing in people to help. Commercial were part of the problem so are working with DOC and FNZ to be part of the solution. They will be providing equipment and personnel to help going forward.

DOC



- Jody Weir (Snr Biodiversity Ranger - Marine) was introduced.
- Increased work around enforcing the closure of the Ohau Stream Walk due to unsafe and dangerous issues and as directed by the private owners who own this piece of land.
- Preparation for the Great Kaikoura Whale Count. Information training evening will be held at the Kaikoura Museum and will be live streamed.
- The re-establishment of the whale disentanglement team who have recently dealt with a whale entanglement.
- Concern raised about the behaviour of some recreational fishers around marine mammals. DOC will focus some work around this and are planning on creating an education and information pack developed to hand out to fishers.
- The influx of conservation job opportunities was noted.

- Justin Watson (Ranger, Biodiversity) has started with the Kaikoura office. His role will have a focus on weed and predator control.
- Whale count continuing – seeing good numbers of whales (humpbacks, sperms and blues!)



ECAN



- Jane Doogue to attend August meeting. We are bringing farmers up to speed with working around water. Awesome report from Niwa, lot more targeted. Stripping nitrogen from waterways.
- There is a “Making Regenerative Agriculture work for you”, Kaikoūra first Farmer-Focused Regenerative Event on 17 July 2020 at the Old Kaikoura Winery. Heath noted that leading water scientists are touting regenerative farming as the way of the future if we are to be sustainable and address water quality issues.
- Trying to and secure some funds for a South Bay beach action plan. All of next year to progress this.
- Ted attended a biosecurity hui last week. Is pushing the biosecurity issues. The number of new organisms and scale is huge.



FISHERIES NZ



- PAU₃ Kaikoura Fisheries Plan approved.
- KMG Reopening consultations have gone live.
- Met with KMG Chair for catch up.
- Kaikoura Boat Club and the Rūnanga are discussing the options around some form of Recreational Permitting
- Pāua consultation process closed.
- Compliance winter has been quiet.
- Rec fisheries coming and going as the weather comes and go.
- Peter Field who is a resident of Conway has joined the team, ex defence. Wide range of skills and connection to the Conway area.
- We hope to have a new member join us in September.
- Compliance gathers a defined set of information when out in the field. The data we do gather is very carefully considered for the purposes it can be used for. Thought about wider data collection and can be challenged on what it can be used for. Our efforts are targeted. In terms of gathering more observational data, without some good purpose behind it would be cautious in gathering other information.

KAIKŌURA BOATING & RECREATION CLUB (KBRC)

Not Present. No report received.



KAIKŌURA CHARTER BOAT OPERATORS (CBO)

Not present. No report received.

- MPI are going nationally with the electronic reporting on charter vessels.

KAIKŌURA DISTRICT COUNCIL (KDC)



- A lot of potential projects. We are still waiting on criteria on DOC budget funds.
- New wharf out for tender.
- Esplanade – Boardwalk area has been left with Matt Chambers to progress this, need for input into signage from TK noted.
- Rates will be less than that singled in 3 year plan – Councillors are really looking at savings and options.
- Responsible camping AUT survey back now. Will become public when received by KDC.
- Long Term Plan has been the focus, decision on KDC website.
- Reduction of funding from NZTA, national issue.
- In the environmental area are waiting for the Biodiversity National Policy Statement. How biophysical limits are when looking at policy, changes to RMA in this space.

KAIKŌURA FOREST & BIRD

- Business as usual.
- Ailsa doing banded dotterel.
- Titī stuff happening.
- Bunch of planting and trapping initiatives, cats being the number one issue.

KAIKŌURA MARINE GUARDIANS (KMG)



- A consultation paper was released. Officials have spoke with the Rūnanga and informed them what the agencies will be doing in relation to the re-opening of the shellfish and seaweed fishery.
- Kaikoura Marine Guardian reappointments are on hold until after fishery re-opening.
- Kaikoura Marine Guardian's Annual Report is being collated.
- Next Guardian's meeting is on 10 August.
- Have requested to DOC and Fisheries involvement in the review of our Terms of Reference, waiting to hear back.

LOBSTER

- Information on the NZ RELIC Whalesafe Programme with buoys was shared.
- Industry issue due to Australia issues with Chinese market. NZ are under demand, prices have risen. CPU and catch effort gone through the floor.
- Puerulus collection, collectors are in Hurunui, Rosy Morn, each side Peninsula, Jacobs Ladder and Port Underwood. This year supposed to be a poor settlement year but having amazing settlement.
- Industry providing DOC with whale tracking noise, have been delivered and training on how to operate them. Hoping now entanglements will be easier to manage.



PĀUA 3

- Minister has approved the PAU₃ Kaikoura Fisheries Plan – meaning it now has status under S11A of the Fisheries Act (Minister takes the plan into account in management decisions and that ECAN and KDC need to take account of it in any coastal plans.
- Cabinet and the Minister have signed off on the PAU₃ subdivision – becomes two new QMAs, mid boundary at the Conway. Currently FNZ legal is working on legislative amendments required. Will trigger at midnight on 30 Sept for the new season.
- Public consultation for the reopening of the earthquake closed area is occurring.
- Paua industry is in process of defining, identifying and mapping Habitats of Particular Significance for Fisheries Management (HPSFM) – as part of our move towards ecosystem approaches to fisheries management. Kaikoura is intended to be mapped first. Will be discussing further with TK and TROK as part of development before mapping starts.
- The economic funds issued due to covid, paua are continuously swept under the carpet. Paua have had a stop start season since 18 November with frequent closures interspersed with brief and sporadic openings.
- We await events beyond our control. Market conditions remain poor, as does the weather.



RECREATION

- The dumping of fish frames as reported on the Facebook Kaikoura Notice Board continues to be an ongoing problem. What makes this worse was most of these fish were Perch which can be used as cray bait or even returned to the sea for recycling. This will be an ongoing issue while we have higher cod bag limits and therefore more outsiders fishing here. I have actually found frames on the grass in the council reserve just along from the Coastguard building in front of my house.

RESTORATION LIAISON GROUP (RLG), NCTIR (Kaikōura Marine Guardians [KMG])

- Some Claverley residents have raised issues about beach access at Claverley after Kiwi Rail work was carried out - large rocks are blocking access have been unsettled by weather conditions.
- This will be the last report back as the RLG are no longer meeting.

TE RŪNANGA O KAIKŌURA (Clint)

Not present. No report received.



TE RŪNANGA O NGĀI TAHU (Nigel)



- Blue cod regulations coming in force on 1 July.
- The complaint from local farmers on the 3 freshwater Mātaitai. The issue is with the lawyers. Problem for Te Korowai cuts to the heart of Te Korowai. Back in the day, both the Kaikoura Boating Club and Kaikoura District Council had a position but now it appears that both the Kaikoura Boating

Club and Kaikoura District Council have changed their position in support of the strategy. There is a real shift in supporting the Tāiapure as well. The issue is the future and integrity of Te Korowai. Not healthy to say we are supporting it but years down the track to say no we have changed our mind or. Te Korowai needs to sort this issue.

- Customary areas, enshrined in the Treaty and the Acts of Parliament and we have to recognize the significant areas.
- Their whole argument ignores that a Mātaitai, is a fishing right, the maps and the GPS give you the co-ordinates of the waterways, doesn't affect the land.
- The number of voters regarding the Mātaitai at the Kaikoura Boating Club was noted. The motion to withdraw their letter of support for the freshwater Mātaitai was 24-11 in favour, at their AGM. The Club has 420 family members.

**WE WILL CONTINUE TO
STRIVE TO KEEP YOU
UPDATED AND INFORMED ON
TE KOROWAI'S MAHI**

Te Korowai continues to look for ways to improve our communication with our members; sector groups; our funders; our friends and to our community and wider. We are keen to engage with you all and to keep you regularly up to date with our Te Korowai mahi and keep positing fresh information on coming events, research, what's happening out in Te Tai o Marokura, our precious coastal space.

After each Te Korowai meeting we want to provide you with a summary and report back on what we discussed and/or the decisions we made.



This summary will also be posted to our Website: www.teamkorowai.org.nz and is emailed out to our email contact list. If you would like to be added to this list please email our Secretary: ginaandsteve@xtra.co.nz.

FACEBOOK



You can also find our Facebook Page by searching "Te Korowai o Te Tai o Marokura". Like our page for updates.

TE KOROWAI & KAIKŌURA MARINE GUARDIANS 2021 MEETING DATES

TE KOROWAI	KAIKŌURA MARINE GUARDIANS
2021	
Mon 9 Aug & AGM	Tues 10 Aug
Mon 6 Sept	
Mon 4 Oct	
Mon 8 Nov	Tues 9 Nov
Wed 8 Dec	



“The Future of Commercial Fishing in Aotearoa New Zealand”. A report from the Office of the Prime Minister’s Chief Science Advisor: <https://www.pmcsa.ac.nz/topics/fish/>: “

4.4.2 CASE STUDY: TE KOROWAI O TE TAI Ō MAROKURA IN KAIKŌURA SHOWS HOW REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITY CAN STREAMLINE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

Recognising the need for integrated land, water and infrastructure management to protect their local marine environment, Te Korowai o te tai Ō Marokura in Kaikōura developed the [Kaikōura Marine Strategy](#) in 2012 which led to the [Kaikōura \(Te Tai o Marokura\) Marine Management Act 2014](#). The Act established a group of Marine Guardians who advise Ministers, modelled off the Atawhenua Fiordland approach (see 4.4.1: case study: Fiordland created a novel model for managing the marine area). The statutory Guardians and Te Korowai are closely linked, with almost all members overlapping. Members represented iwi, central and local government agencies, environmental interests, tourism interests, and commercial and recreational fishing interests.

In 2016, the Kaikōura region suffered a significant earthquake. In response, the Minister of Fisheries, in consultation with the local Kaikōura community, immediately closed several local fisheries. A rapid response was required to protect affected pāua, seaweed and other shellfish populations while the area recovered.

Since a diverse range of local stakeholders were already connected and had built consensus on their shared goals for Kaikōura’s marine environment, the previously established local group allowed the local pāua industry to more easily draw on the collective views of the community to inform the efforts to manage and reopen the fisheries, arguably with greater agility than the regulator.¹⁰² The shared goals of Te Korowai, underpinned by specific localised legislation, helped fisheries management approach these challenges in a nimble way.



Figure 49: Top – Fishing boats off Kaikōura coast. Image credit: Nick Brunson/Flickr (CC BY-NC-ND 2.0). Bottom – Rock lobster, Kaikōura. Image credit: Kelvin Perrie/iNaturalist (CC BY 4.0).

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Some examples of how having this regional body has streamlined processes in fisheries management include:

- **Providing consolidated feedback into the regulatory amendment process.** In the pre-consultation phase of a regulatory amendment process to reopen fisheries, Te Korowai engages with the community and

¹⁰² Input from industry.

provides feedback on the views to the Kaikōura Marine Guardians, who then advise Ministers on their [recommendations](#). Te Korowai's views also feed into the proposal to amend the regulation and are considered during the later public consultation.

- **Feeding directly into the earthquake response effort.** A representative from the Guardians was part of the Earthquake Restoration Liaison Group for informing the design, management and monitoring for the reconstruction of infrastructure along the coast. Their role was to [provide advice and expertise](#) into the rebuild process from the experience within Te Korowai and the Guardians.
- **Being across rapid research and data to inform decisions.** The Ministry for Primary Industries funded \$3.5 million of community-led research projects to generate data to inform decisions in response to the earthquake, some of which [related to fisheries management](#). The Marine Guardians have stayed across this evidence and support it feeding into regulatory processes through their advisory process.
- **Proposing localised solutions to fisheries management problems.** Through community discussions and collaboration, the group collated local knowledge about the unique bathymetry and ecology of Kaikōura and the impact to the Kaikōura community to [inform a Kaikōura-specific option for the Hector's and Māui Dolphin Threat Management Plan](#), which was submitted to Fisheries New Zealand and [informed the final advice](#) to the Minister of Fisheries.

The emergency setting highlighted the utility of a regional group in informing agile fisheries management by the local community and industry. An established strategy and trusted relationships meant that consensus could be built quickly to inform decision making. As the demand for more responsive fisheries management increases (see section 6.2.1: Changing fisheries demand nimble and responsive decision making), regional responsibility similar to that held by Te Korowai and the Kaikōura Marine Guardians may provide a key tool to facilitate the shift to quick, responsive management underpinned by strong local knowledge.



TE KOROWAI O TE TAI O MAROKURA VISION

By perpetuating the mauri and wairua of Te Tai o Marokura our community as kaitiaki of Tangaroa's taonga are sustaining a flourishing rich and healthy environment where opportunities abound to sustain the needs of present and future generations.

Ka ora te mauri me te wairua o "Te Tai o Marokura" i a tātou ngā kaitiaki nō te hāpori tonu, ka ora hoki ko ngā wai, ko ngā uri, ko ngā taonga a Tangaroa, hei painga mō tātou, ā, mō ngā uri ā muri ake nei.



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