

Open session:

Presentation from the South East Advisory Group's discussion paper on Amateur Fishers Representation. Followed by a workshop, and current leadership's perspective, and panel discussion.

The issue is a view held by the Guardians of Fiordland, South East Advisory Group, and others, that the recreational fishing sector is not well represented. While there appears to be somewhere between 500,000 and a million New Zealanders fish from the sea, only about 30,000 are represented by clubs who in turn are affiliated of national bodies such as the NZRFC, NZBGFC, NZ Angling and Casting, etc.

Concern was expressed of the lack of a mandate from the majority of fishers for any particular course of action and the Ministerially appointed Regional Forums that did not have structured contact with grass roots fishers.

The meeting resolved to do more work on a possible new structure and consult other amateur fishing representative bodies for input.

Annual General Meeting

Reports were received from:

- The President
- Vice Presidents
- Board Members
- Immediate Past President.
- and Financial Report.

Election of Officers:

President:	Geoff Rowling
Vice Presidents:	Derrick Paull & Sheryl Hart
3 New Board Members:	Steve Penn, George Zander, (+ 1 TBA)

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APPENDICIES:

- NZRFC Conference Agenda
- AGM Agenda
- Minutes of the 2008 AGM
- President's Report
- Vice Presidents Reports
- Board Members Reports
- Immediate Past Presidents Report
- Auditor's Report
- NZRFC Statement of Financial Position (not for general circulation.)
- The Discussion Paper on Amateur Fishers Representation and Advocacy.