

**NEW ZEALAND TRAILER BOAT FEDERATION (INC)**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2008**

	2008	2007
<b>Income</b>		
Levies (General)	4,577	4,365
NZ Recreational Fishing Council	76	88
Bank Interest	1,842	2,535
	<u>6,494</u>	<u>6,988</u>
<b>Less Expenses</b>		
Annual General Meeting Costs	206	552
AGM Donation	400	-
Auditor Expense	50	50
Bank Fees	-	-
General Expenses	575	347
NZRFC Subscriptions & Registrations	563	563
Secretarial Expenses	800	1,400
Website	90	-
Travel Expenses	2,121	904
	<u>4,803</u>	<u>3,815</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(LOSS)</b>	<u>\$ 1,691</u>	<u>\$ 3,173</u>

**NEW ZEALAND TRAILER BOAT FEDERATION (INC.)**

**AUDIT REPORT  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2008**

The financial accounts of the New Zealand Trailer Boat Federation (Inc.) have been audited at their request, and from the records and information furnished by them, in my opinion:

- Proper accounting records have been kept by the organisation as far as it appears from the examination of those records; and
- The financial statements have been drawn up to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the organisation as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.

This is my unqualified audit opinion.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SM Young', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**SM Young (BBS – Accountancy)**

2<sup>nd</sup> August 2008

Presidents Annual Report  
NEW ZEALAND TRAILER BOAT FEDERATION Inc

The last twelve months have been very busy dealing with the many issues associated with family pleasure boating throughout New Zealand, and I attended the Gore Boat and Water Ski Clubs 50 years anniversary during the year.

There still seems to be strong interest in family boating even with the price of petrol reaching new heights but as families say it is a very good recreational activity and they all cost money and boating is not any more expensive than other sports.

At the Boat Show in Christchurch in July the Canterbury Outboard Boating Club had a stand promoting join a club, this gave us the opportunity to get first hand information on how boating families see the activity as it is today and there was no negative talk only positive thoughts looking forward to the next summer and to get out on the water with the family be it fishing /skiing and other water sports.

The greatest challenge over the last 12 months has been the issues on recreational fishing with new proposed changes to protect the Hector and Maui dolphins round all of the coast line of New Zealand and the introduction of more reserves around the coast and in some harbours the big success was the winning of the quota High Court case against the Minister Fisheries Jim Anderton. Don Glass our representative at the Recreational Fishing Council will cover it in detail in his report.

We the Federation and elected DEC need to progress forward in making the organisation more successful in looking after the interests of Family Trailer Boating in New Zealand over the next year.

In conclusion I would like to thank all of the members of the Executive John Ron, Don, Lindsay, John, Eddie for there help and contributions to the success of running the Federation during the last twelve months.

David Beattie President



## Taranaki Area Delegate

Another fairly quiet year at the Cape Egmont Club. The Game Fishing season was a bit indifferent, a few boats hooking up on Marlin, but no fish actually being caught. Although further North off New Plymouth they were even catching Mahi Mahi.

As you can see a very nice Blue Fin Tuna on the wall. Caught off the west coast of South Island by a member and donated to the club.

The light house project is nearing completion.

Ohawe are having problems with not much sand on their beach, leaving rocks showing, thus causing damage to boats launching & retrieving. There seems to be a bit of indecision on the exclusion zone of the Kupe pipeline.

Patea Boating club have a Web Cam set up for the crossing of their Bar which is proving very popular. They also have plans for a boarding pontoon on the river.

Good news from Urenui of 100% use of lifejackets, other wise the club is ticking over nicely, as is Opunake.

Tom Goodin



2<sup>nd</sup> August 2008

South Island Report  
New Zealand Trailer Boat Federation Inc

Boating in the South Island has been very busy and successful with Clubs from Nelson to Southland growing in membership numbers

The four clubs in the South Island are Monaco Nelson, Canterbury OBC Christchurch, Milton Waiholā Otago, Gore Boat & Water ski Club Gore Southland,

Two of the South Island Clubs now have there own web sites, Monaco Boat Club web site is (monaco boat club) and the Canterbury Outboard Boating Club web site (cobc)

All of these Clubs have good membership numbers as related to there location, and have very active participation in club outings.

There are changes to the Recreational Fishing around the coast line of the South Island to protect the Dolphin population from set net entanglement a number of reserve are in the Fiordland and Te Wee-wee bay

Fish & Game New Zealand has agreed last week in principal with the Minister of Conservation to ban the use of soiled wading boots for fresh water fishing this will be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> October 08 and applies to freshwater sport anglers in all New Zealand waterways except those within the Taupo Fishery.

The ban applies to felt soiled boots as they are considered a high risk carrier of microscopic aquatic organisms like Didymo. It is increasingly understood that felt soles are an effective victor for other microscopic pest organisms . This is part of a long term plan to reduce the spread of Didymo and slow the spread in other fresh waterways and stop the spread to North Island waterways.

The cleaning of all fishing equipment and boats and trailers before moving to an other waterway is VERY IMPORTANT.

Blue cod fishing in the Marlborough is to be closed, and the closure will take effect on 1<sup>st</sup> October 08 and will expire on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 It will be illegal for recreational fishers to take blue cod caught within the enclosed Marlborough Sounds area this includes all enclosed waters of Pelorus, Kenepuru, Queen Charlotte Sounds and Tory Channel. Fishing for other species within the Sounds will still be allowed but Blue Cod caught unintentionally must be returned to the water immediately.

Water Safety is a very important part of recreational boating and all clubs should have an on going training program to educate all members and there children on safe boating practices

WSNZ General Manager, Matt Claridge says the ongoing steady reduction in drowning per year is very satisfying. In 2007 51 (46%) of all drowning deaths were Recreational based The major reduction was noted in the number of Boating related drowning deaths with 13 (11%) which is well below the annual average (last five years of 18 (15%).

South Island report  
David Beattie and Kevin Jory.

## NORTHLAND OBC DELEGATES REPORT TO THE NEW ZEALAND TRAILER BOAT FEDERATION AGM 2008

As a result of a question from Kate McNabb of Maritime N.Z. last year at our AGM, there has been clarification as to what the effective life of emergency maritime flares is. Research has established that there needed to be no change from the existing recommendation of the 3-year expiry date.

### **Northland OBC**

The Northland Club has other safety concerns however, which it is attempting to address through various mediums. Boat speed within the two hundred metre zones; boats not showing lights when travelling or fishing at night; and fishing in the marked navigation channels. We do have a system where boat marshals man the boat ramps at weekends and holidays times, and we are constantly reminding our membership through the magazine which is published 5 times a year.

Over the past year negotiations have been held with the Northland Regional Council, who have the responsibility for the harbour and port to install a 5 knot buoy in Parua Bay where the OBC and public ramps are situated. The NOBC have paid 50% of the total cost for the buoy which is now in situ.

Northland Regional Council have backed away from their idea of establishing an aquamarine area within the harbour. It would have covered 216 hectares in the area known as Takahiwai and stretching for 5 kilometres, for oyster farming. It may be that the Whangarei District Council with their regular and frustrating sewage spills into the harbour would impose too great a pollution constraint on any shellfish farming operation! Shellfish are currently declared off limits in the harbour after yet another sewage spill. The problem doesn't appear to be under urgency and it seems there are no plans to remedy the situation on the horizon.

Fishermen are still being apprehended fishing within the harbour marine reserves even though the areas are clearly marked. The Northland OBC has been invited to provide a member for DOC's Whangarei harbour marine reserve advisory committee, to which they have agreed.

At the AGM of Northland OBC, which will be held 27 August, Stephen Tapp of canoe fishing fame will be our speaker. Unfortunately both the commodore Warren Miller and his wife Shirley who is secretary/treasurer will retire. Tribute must be paid to them both for their outstanding and loyal service over the years and they will be greatly missed. They leave due to relocation to the Bay of Islands and we wish them and their family well. They may get more fishing time up there, benefiting from the more sheltered waters due to the many offshore islands. Here in Whangarei where we are more subject to big

swells that quickly build up due to the large expanse of open water, can make for difficult fishing conditions. I think Auckland boaties also benefit from more shelter afforded them from their offshore islands.

Club membership continues to grow which has increased the work pressure on those who serve on the committee. However, we have now employed a part-time administrator who is doing a great job and has been of enormous benefit, especially to the secretary/treasurer.

The Northland OBC continues to have a representative at meetings of the M.Fish Northern Non-commercial Fisheries forum.

John Torr  
Club Captain OBC Northland

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**NZRFC Delegates Report**  
to  
**NZ Trailer Boat Federation**

**New Zealand Recreational Fishing Council**

The Annual Conference and AGM of the NZ Recreational Fishing Council was held at The Tatapouri Sport Fishing Club, Gisborne, on the 18 – 19 and 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2008.

**Conference program**

- Karakia and customary welcome by Temple Isaacs, Kaumatua, Ngati Oneone.
- Welcome from Roger Faber, President of TSFC.
- Address by Keith Ingram, President NZRFC.
- Opening address by Phil Heatley MP. National Party fisheries spokesperson.
- Fishery Plans Process from Jonathan Peacey, MFish National Mgr. Fisheries Operations
- Address by Peter Dunn, Leader, United Futures Party.
- Address by Graham Brecknell, Tourism Eastland.
- Address by Jim Anderton, Minister of Fisheries.
- Address by Wayne McNee, Chief Executive, MFish.
- MFish Vision and Strategy.
- Shared Fisheries workshop.
- The Future - Where to from here, RFC
- AGM.

A number of items and subject material came out of the various sessions, and addresses.

**Funding:**

From its inception over 30 years ago the RFC, despite its significant input into preserving the public's rights of access to a reasonable share of our marine fisheries, it has been hampered by a shortfall in funding. This has put severe financial constraints on the office holders and the board which has impacted on the extent to which they have been able to represent non-commercial fishing interests. The RFC is in a very bad state financially, with a pre-conference/AGM balance of just over \$30,000. Given the expense of a national operation, travel costs to attend meetings, etc. it is evident something has to change. At present the RFC's revenue is derived from individual subs (\$25 per member per annum), affiliates fees of \$1 per head per member per annum, donations, and some limited sponsorships.

There has always been an RFC policy of no licensing of the public to fish. It has been argued that licensing may provide a revenue stream from which the RFC could be funded, if there was the political will? However, there is a strong indication from members and affiliates that make it clear that they do not support having to pay a fee to catch fish that they consider are theirs as a birthright. By contrast, trout is an introduced species and the fishing license required for trout fishing pays for the breeding stock and release programs.

Politicians have often made noises about funding the non-commercial fishing sectors, but little has been forthcoming.

In his report to the conference the President spoke at length of the financial burden and the inability of the RFC to continue on its present path. (*This delegate notes that the incoming President has been known to favour licensing of recreational fishers*).

The President referred to many areas where the recreational (non-commercial) interests were not given sufficient significance particularly by past Ministers and MFish, financial assistance being one.

### **Ministerial Advisory Group and Regional Recreational Fishing Forums**

It was reported some Ministerial Advisory Group and the Regional Forum members are starting to feel ineffectual. They are expressing growing levels of frustration and discontent. MFish often ask for their advice but often ignore it, or even do the opposite.

### **NZRFC Struck off Register of Incorporated Societies**

In 2006 the then Secretary/Manager, Max Hetherington, passed away unexpectedly on the Monday immediately after the AGM. While all the accounts were in order, in the turmoil of sorting out the Councils affairs and recovering documents and records, etc., only the annual returns with the IRD were filed and it was not appreciated that a duplicate was also needed to be filed with the Incorporated Societies Office, and a new address recorded. Subsequent Companies Office reminder notices went to the old address.

In 2007 the interim secretary had a motor accident and as a result required ongoing medical treatment. During the course of this cancer was also diagnosed and chemo and radiology treatment followed. This obviously compounded the difficulties of administration of the Councils affairs

The Incorporated Societies Office has accepted the Councils situation, and has now agreed to the restoration of the NZRFC as an Incorporated Society. Presently the NZRFC has a reserved status, pending completion of the final process work.

### **CRA3.**

The rock lobster area CRA3 which covers the east coast around Gisborne, from East Cape to Wairoa is still seriously depleted by poaching, alleged commercial over fishing, and arguably MFish mismanagement.

For the last 10-15 year it has been known there was extreme poaching occurring in the region. The latest available statics estimate 89.5 tonnes was illegally caught in CRA3 during 2003-04, 27% of the entire TAC and four times the allocation (20 tonnes) for the recreational and customary sectors. From 1990 to 2003 an average of 113.2 tonnes is estimated to have been taken illegally each year. With statics such as these, it is not hard to understand why the recreational fishers of the area are up in arms.

The problems in this seriously depleted fishery has been exasperated further by the local commercial fishing effort and their ability to legally take 52mm concession size male lobsters (as opposed to recreational 54mm tail width), adding to depletion and causing ongoing localised spatial conflicts.