

## Fisheries Liaison Group Meeting Record

Fisheries Liaison Group for 6 Wharf (Te Whiti)  
 Meeting held at Napier Port  
 July 19, 2023 - 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm

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**Invitees:**

**Independent Chair**

Eileen von Dadelszen

**Area 2 Committee Representatives**

Rick Burch - Commercial Fisher  
 Rosa Edwards (FINZ) - Area 2 Committee  
 Rawinia Lewis (FINZ) - Area 2 Committee

**Napier Port**

David Broad - General Manager Assets and Infrastructure  
 Paul Rose - Senior Environmental Advisor  
 Te Kaha Hawaikirangi - Pou Tikanga - Infrastructure Environmental & Cultural Advisor  
 Hannah Strauss - Graduate Environmental and Sustainability Advisor

**Note-Taker**

Grant Russell - Stantec

**Recreational Fishers**

Jim Yeoman - Legasea  
 John Stewart - Legasea  
 David Scott - Legasea

**Co-Opted**

Karl Warr - Independent Fisher

**HBRC**

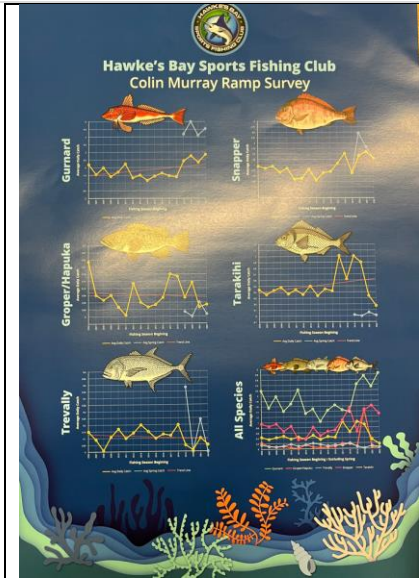
Alice McNatty - Biosecurity Senior Advisory  
 Matt Wilkinson - TL Urban and Industrial

**Pre-circulated material:**

- a) Unconfirmed FLG Minutes (29 March 2023)
- b) Napier Artificial; Reef Site 1 Observations of Community Development – May 2021 to November 2022 (Cawthron Report No; 3925))

Ref:	Item:
1.	Present and Welcome The meeting was opened with Eileen von Dadelszen welcoming all in attendance.
2.	Apologies were received from Matt Wilkinson and Alice McNatty (HBRC), Rosa Edwards and Rawinia Lewis (FINZ – Area 2 Committee) and David Scott (Recreational Fisher).  <b>Yeoman / Hawaikirangi</b> <span style="float: right;"><b><u>Carried</u></b></span>
3.	Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of 29 March 2022  <b>Moved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record.</b>  <b>Stewart / Rose</b> <span style="float: right;"><b><u>Carried</u></b></span>
4.	Matters Arising from Meeting of 29 March 2023  Rosa Edwards (FINZ - Area 2 Committee) had additional points raised from these Minutes (29 March 2023) as set out in the email to the FLG (10 March 2023).  <b>Action:</b> The FLG are happy to receive these additional notes from Rosa Edwards (FINZ - Area 2 Committee) as a separate 'paper' for consideration at the next FLG set for 15 November 2023.  <b>Note:</b> Please note that alterations to reports prepared by others cannot be done.
5.	Agenda Review (anything to be amended or re-ordered)  NEW Item 9:  (i) HB Sports Fishing Club ramp survey

	(ii) Potential / dive site
6.	Commercial fishers update following Cyclone Gabrielle, any studies completed/planned  Item removed due to absence of Rosa Edwards and Rawinia Lewis (FINZ – Area 2 Committee).
7.	<p>Update on commercial fishing in Hawke Bay</p> <p>Rick Burch verbally provided the following:</p> <p><b>Noted</b> that approx. 1/3 of the commercial fishing site was decimated by Cyclone Gabrielle.  <b>Noted</b> that commercial fishers may look to trawl a 'heavy chain' (covering 10 metres in length) along the seabed between two fishing trawlers. The chain weight may determine the impact to the seabed as was likened to the trawler equipment used by trawlers.  <b>Note</b> that FINZ have approved funding (\$900K) to examine the location of woody debris on the seabed.  <b>Noted</b> that FINZ (Rosa Edwards) would obtain any necessary approvals to do this from the relevant agencies / authorities.  <b>Noted</b> that the Port have used multi-beam to identify structures on the seabed and that they are keen to see a non-disruptive method is adopted where practicable to locate woody debris .          Noted by Karl Warr that this is non-fishing event. ....          Note cleaning up is an on-going issue e.g. Port Beach was cleaned up but shortly after woody debris return to the Port beach.  <b>Noted</b> by Karl Warr that smooth logs were discovered in the sea and the method of recovery.          Noted and commented on the loss of fishing ground and feeding habitat and the flatfish recovery in the local fishing ground.          Noted that CG may have created small artificial reefs.</p> <p>Request for more detail on the proposed methodology to the FLG would be useful to better understand the process / methodology of woody debris location and the process to carry out this exercise.</p> <p>Artificial reef - Reef 1</p> <p>a) Rahui approved by MPI – see attachment 1 Hawke's Bay Today article for information purposes. This has been approved and was signed off on 22 June 2023, for 2 years.</p> <p>b) Te Kohanga Project          Funding approval through the Customary Fisheries Research Fund \$30K, Legasea \$5K and Napier Port - services in kind i.e. dive surveys pre and post project.  <b>Note:</b> Te Kaha is working with mana whenua on a pilot for kuku and kelp growing in/near the artificial reef to establish biogenic habitat. Wānanga at Waiohiki Marae for weaving taura kuku (Ti kōuka) for spat ropes is taking place on 22 July.</p>
8	<p>Planned upcoming surveys: Benthic @ ODA, Benthic @ R-Ext/IA and Pania Reef/Artificial Reef dive surveys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benthic @ ODA – this survey is completed.</li> <li>• Benthic @ R-Ext/IA – planned (March) - delayed due to poor visibility. Planned to take place when weather / visibility is more optimal.</li> <li>• Napier Artificial Reef Site 1. Observations of Reef Community Development: May 2021 – November 2022 (Cawthron 3852). <b>Note</b> and <b>accept</b> the report.</li> </ul>
9.	<p>General Business</p> <p><b>NEW Item 9:</b> HB Sports fishing club ramp survey diagram was tabled by John Stewart. Refer image below.</p>

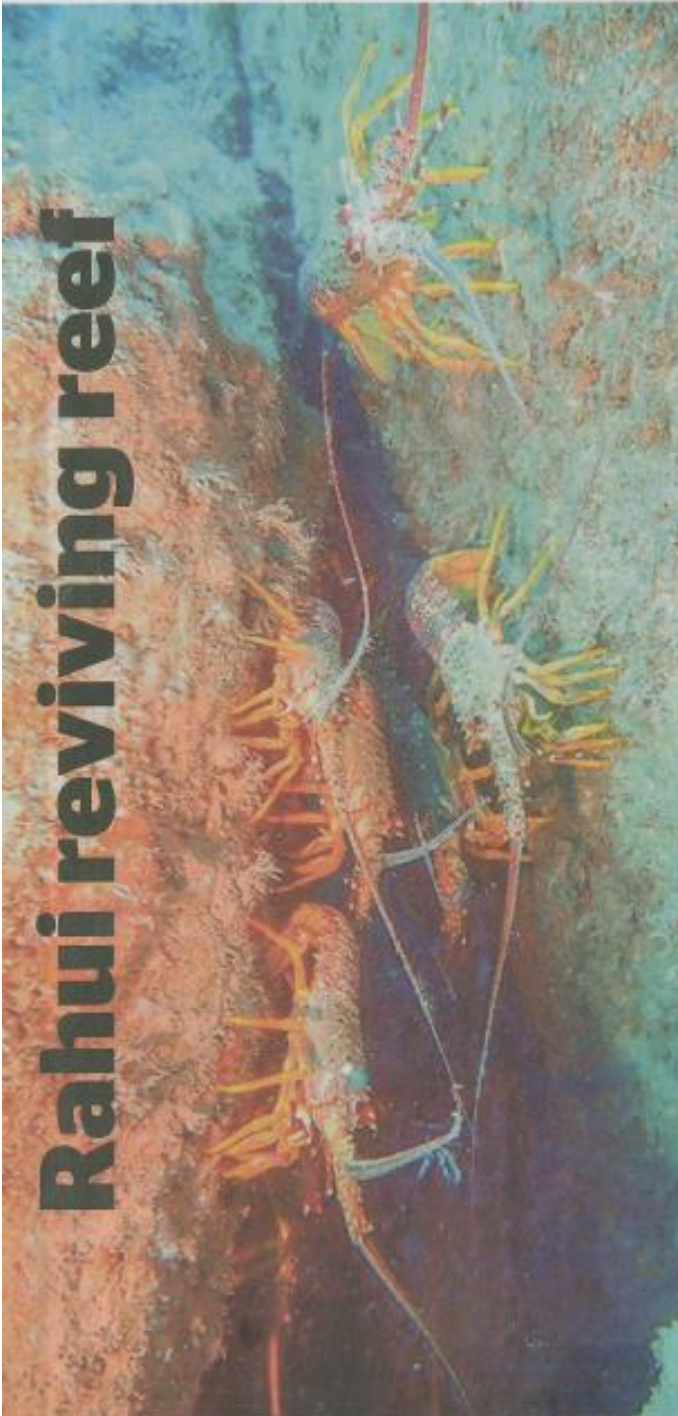
	<p>Noted the potential artificial reef / dive site proposal. Legasea to facilitate one or two location as potential sites. A location at Flat Rock at a depth of approx. 22 metres was noted. They are working with Jenny Mauger to assist in mana whenua engagement. Currently completing due diligence and engaging with numerous key stakeholders including HBRC and Rosa Edwards and Laws Lawson<sup>1</sup> (FINZ). Noted by Te Kaka that engagement with Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust (MTT) under the RMA) and MACA (as a claimant) is required.</p>
<p><b>Noted</b> and <b>acknowledged</b> that Paul and TK wished to pass on their heart-felt thanks for contributions for TK ('Aroha for TK').</p>	
<p>10. The meeting closed at 4.56 pm.</p>	
<p>11. Next scheduled meeting in 2023 will take place on <b>Wednesday 15 November 2023</b> at <b>4.00pm</b> at Napier Port.</p>	

<sup>1</sup> Laws is the Chairman of Fisheries Inshore New Zealand and serves on the board of Aquaculture New Zealand. Accessed [Laws Lawson – Te Ohu Kaimoana](#)

Attachment 1: HB Today article – 6 July 2023

Thursday, July 6, 2023

# Rahui reviving reef



An artificial reef off Napier shore is subject to a rāhui placed to stop harvesting or fishing of any species for the next two years. Photo / Wayne Bicknell

## Two-year temporary closure of artificial reef off Napier allows sealife to flourish

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**A** large artificial reef 1.4 kilometres northeast of Pania Reef off Napier will be under a two-year rāhui – or temporary closure – recently approved by the Minister for Oceans and Fisheries, Rachel Brooking.

The reef northeast of Pania Reef is one of two new artificial reefs created between 2020 and 2021 as part of the construction of Napier Port's new wharf, Te Whiti / 6 Wharf and was constructed from limestone boulders taken from a revetment wall which was dismantled as part of the new wharf build.

Life is already flourishing and a range of species can be found including crayfish, blue cod, and sponges. LegaSea and others involved are banning harvesting or fishing of any species for the next two years to help the reef grow.

LegaSea Hawke's Bay team spokesman Wayne Bicknell explained the closure is important as it allows the new reef an opportunity to flourish as new species establish themselves on and around the habitat.

"We're all pleased that recent dive monitoring already shows some new life inhabiting the reef, like juvenile crayfish," Bicknell said.

The rāhui allows the group to monitor artificial reef biodiversity and growth without any external pressures.

Mana whenua hapū has created the 'Te Kōhanga Project, aimed at monitoring and enhancing the reef habitat and LegaSea support is collaborating with the trust on this work.

This will involve ongoing monitoring and enhancement by creating spat ropes out of woven cabbage tree leaves to support the rapid growth of important habitat species such as

kelp and green-tipped mussels, whose spat linger in the area.

There has been collaboration going into not only the artificial reefs but also the placing of the ban.

LegaSea New Zealand worked with LegaSea Hawke's Bay, New Zealand Sport Fishing Council Inc, Hawke's Bay mana whenua, the Port of Napier, New Zealand Angling & Casting Association and NZ Underwater to show support for the closure and ongoing community collaboration in the area.

Now, Te Rāhui o Moremore will allow habitat growth on the new reef, while an ongoing reef monitoring and enhancement programme is in effect from June 22, 2023, for two years until mid-2025.

Local fishing clubs have been notified and the groups are relying on the public to respect the rāhui. Napier Port and mana whenua hapū will be monitoring the reef.

A Napier Port spokesperson explained MPI manages the compliance for the reef with respect to no fishing and the Napier Port will be doing dive surveys of the reef to document the establishment.

LegaSea Hawke's Bay Bicknell told Napier Courier it was set up to enhance the recreational fishery in this area. After the new reef has time to establish and flourish, mana whenua hapū are looking to apply for a mid-lateral reserve similar to the one on Pania Reef, where commercial fishing is prohibited but other fishing activities are allowed.

Bicknell added, "The temporary closure of the new reef is one of many successes in the artificial reefs project. LegaSea Hawke's Bay is proud to provide support and work collaboratively with local mana whenua, Napier Port, and others to restore the marine environment around Hawke Bay."