

New Zealand Fisheries at a Glance

Environment	2010/11	2009/10
New Zealand Marine Fisheries Waters (Exclusive Economic Zones and Territorial Sea)	4.4 million km ²	4.4 million km ²
New Zealand Coastline	15 000km	15 000km
Marine species identified ¹	16 000	16 000
Area closed to bottom trawling (fisheries restrictions)		
Territorial Sea	15%	15%
Exclusive Economic Zone	32%	32%
Primary productivity	Moderate/some high	Moderate/some high
Ecosystems	Diverse	Diverse
Climate	Sub-tropical to sub-Antarctic	Sub-tropical to sub-Antarctic
Fish stocks		
Species/species complexes in QMS	99	97
Individual stocks in QMS	636	633
Species commercially fished ²	130	130
% of landings (by value) from stocks of known status ³	66%	67%
% stocks of known status at or above target level	69%	69%
Total allowable commercial catch (TACC) ⁴	609 957 tonnes	623 915 tonnes
Actual commercial catch	418 306 tonnes	422 774 tonnes
Commercial Fisheries and Aquaculture		
Total seafood export value, (FOB) ⁵	\$1.56 billion	\$1.42 billion
Aquaculture exports ⁶	\$300.7 million	\$250.7 million
Total seafood exports	312 776 tonnes	290 537 tonnes
Total quota value ⁷	\$4.017 billion	\$4.017 billion
Quota holders	1 540	1 556
Commercial fishing vessels	1 304	1 278
Processors and Licensed Fish Receivers	227	220
Direct employment (full-time equivalents) ⁸	8 080	8 310
Cost recovery levies (fisheries services) and user fees	\$32.2 million	\$31.6 million
Total area of marine farms (hectares)	23 280	23 257
Total number of marine farms ⁹	1 289	1 284
Customary Fisheries		
Tangata Tiaki appointed (South Island)	126	127
Tangata Kaitiaki appointed (North Island)	308	283
Tangata Kaitiaki appointed (Chatham Islands)	13	13
Poutiriao appointed Te Arawa Lakes	9	
Temporary closures for customary purposes (section 186)	4	6
Taiāpure-local fisheries	8	8
Mātaítai reserves	20	10
Customary take provided for within the TACC	4 520 tonnes	4 813 tonnes
Recreational Fisheries		
Estimated participation (as a % of the total NZ population) ¹⁰	20%	20%
Estimated annual take ¹¹	25 000 tonnes	25 000 tonnes
Ministry of Fisheries		
Budget (excl. GST)	\$96.0 million	\$101.9 million
Net assets	\$13.3 million	\$13.3 million
Staff (FTEs) (March 2011)	428.3	427.0
Honorary Fishery Officers (March 2011)	225	205
Observers (March 2011)	61	47

- Environment New Zealand 2007*, Ministry for the Environment.
- All species commercially fished, including those outside of the QMS.
- Percentage of stocks calculated by weight and value, excluding squid.
- Latest complete fishing year, excludes OYU5, which are recorded as individuals.
- Seafood Export Summary Report*, SeaFIC 2009 calendar year.
- Mussel, salmon and oyster exports from Seafood Export Report, SeaFIC, 2009 calendar year.
- Statistics New Zealand, Fish Monetary Stock Account 1996–2009* reported biannually.
- Statistics New Zealand, Linked Employer-Employee database figures.
- Farms authorised, whether actually being farmed or not/productive or not.
- Sport and Recreation Profile: Fishing*, SPARC Active New Zealand Survey, 2007/08.
- 1999/00 Survey of recreational fishers – this is now believed to be a significant over estimate and we expect more robust information to come from the new integrated survey of recreational fishers that began in July 2011.