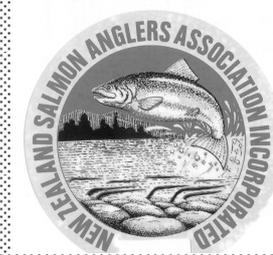


NZ Salmon Anglers Newsletter

May 2014 Number 114



Make a Date in Your Diary:

**NZSAA
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 20 May 2014
at 7.30 pm**

**Details inside
Note change of venue**

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**NEW ZEALAND SALMON ANGLERS ASSOCIATION (INC)
2013-14 OFFICE HOLDERS AND COMMITTEE**

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Honorary Auditor	Trevor Hayes		

Committee Meetings

The Committee meets on the first Monday each month (except January) at 7.30 pm in the Canterbury Softball Association premises, Cuthberts Green Sports Complex, Pages Road, Christchurch. Members and supporters are welcome to attend these meetings.

Life Members

Lindsay Dell, Pam Ellis, Tim Ellis, Brian Foley, Trevor Hayes, John Healy, John Hodgson, Ken Hughey, Ross Lightfoot, Dennis Long, Athol Price, Doug Roy, Stephen Sparrow

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EDITORIAL

May 2014

I do hope that you have had a good season. Unfortunately I missed a good part by being overseas. I still managed three fish but didn't hit a double figure one. However, they all taste the same when they're smoked.

It will be interesting to get an overall view from the experts once the season is over. Hopefully our AGM speakers from Fish and Game can give us a summary.

While it was not like last season with a lot of big fish there was plenty of action from the smaller ones. It was a real pleasure seeing the delight of first time catchers, especially the British angler here on a fishing holiday with his mates catching a nice 13lb fish.

No doubt the experienced anglers will be grumbling about the lack of big fish. The point is this: Is it better to have some smaller fish or no fish? The number of fin clipped fish means the hatchery programme is working by augmenting the wild hatch.

The Waimakariri Salmon Fishing Competition was a great success and a huge thanks goes to the Hunting and Fishing group who were our major sponsors. It appears that a good time was had by all. A special thanks to our Secretary Heather Saunders who did all the organising of the entries and prizes.

A big thanks from me to all the committee members for carrying on in my absence.

As the season has pretty well ended it's a good time to check tackle for any wear and tear and get things ready for next year. A good tip I got some years ago was to take the pressure off the drag and get reels cleaned if necessary.

Please make a note of the AGM date and new location at the Canterbury Softball Park, Cuthberts Green, Pages Road. There's a lot more parking too. Come along and enjoy the evening. The main presentation is by Fish and Game on the runs in the Rakaia and Waimakariri over the last few years. As usual there will be a raffle and supper.

Please consider putting yourself forward to help on the Committee. The duties are not onerous or time-consuming but we do need some younger members with fresh input to keep our association moving forward.

With sadness we record the passing of Noel MacPherson, in his 89th year, and member and supporter of NZSAA for 24 years. We celebrate Noel's long life and extend condolences to his family.

Cheers

Tony Humphreys

ACTING PRESIDENT

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**The Annual General Meeting of
New Zealand Salmon Anglers Association (Inc)
will be held on Tuesday 20 May 2014 at 7.30 pm**

**at Canterbury Softball Association premises, Cuthberts
Green Sports Park, 220 Pages Road, Christchurch**

Business for the Meeting

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes of AGM 21 May 2013
3. Matters arising from Minutes
4. President's Report
5. Auditor's Report and Adoption of Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet
6. Election of Officers and Committee
 - Patron
 - President
 - Vice Presidents (2)
 - Committee (6)
 - Secretary/Treasurer
 - Honorary Auditor
7. Fishing Competition Results and Awards
8. Athol Price Plaque presentation
9. Barry Craig Memorial Trophy: NZSAA Salmon Angler of the Year
10. Guest Speakers
12. Fish & Game Update and Questions/Answers

A raffle will be run during the evening and supper served at the conclusion.

Please bring this agenda, reports, accounts etc with you to the meeting.

President's Report to NZSAA 41st Annual General Meeting for the Year Ended 31 March 2013

I hardly imagined I would be in the President's role this time last year. I was pleased to be accepted on the committee for the year. As events transpired I found myself in the role of Acting President. When Bruce Moody was elected President he said he would do his best. And he did, but for a regrettably short time. In that time he grew into his role and proved good to his word. The discovery of cancer while he was in hospital for a routine operation was a great shock. His death shortly after was quite distressing.

There was further sadness in our year with the passing of three other NZSAA longstanding members: life member and former Patron, Athol Price; committee and life member Brian Foley; and past president and life member Ross Lightfoot

I can't remember a time when we have lost a president and two committee members in one year. The loss of the combined knowledge and experience of these people will be sadly missed.

As I assumed the Acting Presidency quite late in the term this report will be comparatively brief. Committee-wise it has been a difficult year. My personal thanks to Heather Saunders for her work as Secretary-Treasurer and to Pam Ellis for her work on the magazine and competition.

On other matters, the wheelchair fishing platform plans are still progressing so please watch this space.

The volunteer work at Montrose, Isaacs, fin clipping and egg planting at various places cannot go unthanked. A huge thanks go to all who made an effort to get out and help.

The fishing season was perhaps a vindication of those efforts. A good proportion of the fish caught were fin clipped or had been a result of egg planting. While there were many "smaller" fish caught they provided great entertainment and great sport. It was great to see the number of first time anglers catch a fish. This only emphasises the importance of what we do.

The Waimakariri Salmon Fishing Competition was again a highlight of the year. It was a great day and plenty of competitors. The full details will be published in the magazine. Congratulations to the main prize winners and hopefully you won a spot prize. Many thanks go to Jeremy Burke and his fellow Hunting and Fishing sponsors. Please remember to support them during the year.

Thanks also to Fish and Game for their cooperation and support in various matters.

It's interesting to see the current debate over clean water. I remember going to Environment Canterbury in 1996 with then president Ron Dougherty to give them a hurry up over their water plan. A twenty year wait for action isn't good enough. The clean water debate is a "no brainer". Having clean town and recreational water is a

number 1 priority. As it's election year ask your local MP, or any government person you get to see, what they're doing about it and don't accept the party rhetoric. Keep the pressure on them.

Our membership is healthy but we always need new members. So if you can, get friends or family to join.

Finances are always a worry but we are in a sound position. The full details will be presented by our auditor, Trevor Hayes, and thanks to him for his long standing stewardship of our finances.

To conclude: my thanks to the committee members for their confidence and support. Thanks to all members for their continued membership of the NZSAA. We must continue to promote and protect the great fishery we have.

Tight lines.

Tony Humphreys

ACTING PRESIDENT



ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

NZSAA Annual Subscriptions for the year commenced 1 April 2014 are now due (no increase from last year).

Adult membership:	\$25
Family membership:	\$30
Junior membership (under 18 years)	\$10

Formal accounts will be sent out but it will greatly assist the Treasurer if payment can now be made by:

- Mail to NZSAA P O Box 1113 Christchurch 8140; or
- Direct Credit to NZSAA Westpac account 03 0802 0099970 00; or
- To the Treasurer at the AGM

Thank you for your continued support of NZSAA

**N.Z. SALMON ANGLERS ASSN INC.
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE
FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014**

Y/e 31.3.13	Income	Y/e 31.3.14
4411.00	Subscriptions	5515.00
55.00	Donations	117.10
946.32	Interest Received	806.53
64.28	Dividends	62.49
158.37	Raffle	250.00
140.00	Advertising	160.00
136.33	Profit/Loss on sale of stock	(108.75)
-	Fin Clipping	1500.00
2353.36	Waimakariri Competition Profit	2565.57
		<u>\$10867.94</u>
	Expenditure	
1690.61	Newsletter and Postage	626.20
1650.00	Secretary/Treasurer Honorarium	1920.00
529.47	Office Expenses	310.57
260.57	Meeting & Travel Expenses	-
1256.94	AGM Costs	546.93
462.40	Depreciation on Assets	469.20
181.58	Sundry Expenses	473.93
5093.12	Salmon Enhancement	727.09
<u>400.00</u>	Subscriptions	<u>1250.00</u>
11524.69		6323.92
		<u>\$10867.94</u>
<u>(3260.03)</u>	Excess income over expenditure	<u>4544.02</u>
<u>\$8264.66</u>		<u>\$10867.94</u>

**N.Z. SALMON ANGLERS ASSN INC.
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2014**

Y/e 31.3.13	ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
36410	Balance as at 1.4.13		33295.61
(3260)	Plus Excess Income over Expenditure		4544.02
<u>146</u>	Less Profit/Loss on revaluation of shares		<u>(58.40)</u>
<u>\$33296</u>			<u>\$37781.23</u>
	THESE FUNDS ARE REPRESENTED BY		
	Office Equipment	52.40	
52	Less Depreciation for Year	<u>10.50</u>	41.90
	Computer	109.80	
	Plus Additions	<u>188.00</u>	
		297.80	
110	Less Depreciation for Year	<u>90.90</u>	206.90
	Shed	135.30	
135	Less Depreciation for Year	<u>20.30</u>	115.00
	Emergency Beacon (replacement)	404.80	
84	Less Depreciation for Year	<u>111.30</u>	293.50
	Website	304.00	
304	Less Depreciation	<u>152.00</u>	<u>152.00</u> 809.30
	INVESTMENTS		
20771	Term Deposits with Westpac Trust	21567.37	
1314	Shares in Sanford Ltd	<u>1255.60</u>	22822.97
	CURRENT ASSETS		
3273	Westpac Trust Savings Account	3908.64	
8104	Westpac Trust Bank Account	9750.60	
125	Subscriptions in Arrears	100.00	
877	Sundry Debtors	809.48	
<u>1144</u>	Stock	<u>2205.07</u>	16773.79
<u>36293</u>	TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$40406.06</u>
	LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		
530	Subscriptions in Advance	175.00	
200	Sundry Creditors	<u>272.83</u>	447.83
	LESS RESERVE FUND		<u>2177.00</u>
2177	Barry Craig Memorial		
<u>\$33296</u>	NET ASSETS		<u>\$37781.23</u>

**N.Z. SALMON ANGLERS ASSN INC.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014**

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. General Accounting Policies

The general accounting principles as recommended by the N.Z. Society of Accountants for measurement and reporting of income and expenditure on an historical cost basis have been applied.

2. Particular Accounting Policies

The following particular accounting principles which materially affect the measurement of profit or the financial position have been applied -

- (i) Depreciation has been charged at 20% on the written down value of office equipment, 40% on the computer, 15% on the Storage Shed, 33% on the Emergency Beacon and 50% on the Website.
- (ii) Subscription Debtors - included at amount expected to realise of \$100.00.
- (iii) Shares owned in Sanford Ltd. have been included at market price.

3. Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies that have a material affect in the current year or may have a material effect in subsequent years.

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MEMBERS

I have obtained all the explanations and information I have required. In my opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the Association insofar as appears from my examination of those books. In my opinion, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books, the accounts, Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account are properly drawn up and give the information required by the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. The Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account give a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs as at 31 March 2014 and of the operation of the Association for the year.

Christchurch
1 May 2014

T.G. HAYES, C.A (Hon. Retired)

**MINUTES OF THE 40th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
NEW ZEALAND SALMON ANGLERS' ASSOCIATION (INC)**
Held at the Canterbury Horticultural Society Hall, Hagley Park, Christchurch
Tuesday 21st May 2013 at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Approximately 40 members and invitees were present at the meeting, chaired by the President, Bruce Moody

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Ken Paterson, John Crawley, Steve McNeill, Roger Williams, Diane Eaton, Warwick Brown, Martin Clements & Jeanette Hall. These apologies were accepted on a motion from Tim Ellis and seconded by Peter Robinson.

REMEMBRANCE

The meeting stood in silence in remembrance of members who had died during the year: John Inkster and Lady Isaac.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the 39th Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Salmon Anglers' Association (Incorporated) held on 22 May 2012, as circulated to members, were approved and adopted as a correct record on the motion of Bruce Moody and seconded by Jerry Van der Krogt. Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Heather apologized for mistakenly naming Selwyn Hawke as being deceased – thankfully he is very much alive.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bruce Moody moved that the President's Report for the year ended 31 March 2013 as circulated to members be adopted. This was seconded by Russell Mackay. Carried.

FINANCIAL AND AUDITOR'S REPORT

It was moved by Bruce Moody on behalf of the Auditor, Trevor Hayes, who is overseas at present, that the audited Financial Report, and Accounts & Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 March 2013 be received. Seconded by Pam Ellis. Carried. Bruce extended a vote of thanks to Trevor for once again undertaking the audit.

Matters Arising:

Ron Stuart asked about the spraying payment for gorse eradication made by the NZSAA, from a bequest from the late Garth Taylor's estate, to Fish & Game and the fin-clipping payment not yet received from Fish & Game. It was reported the fin-clip payment would come through in the following month and Steve Terry said the spraying had all been completed and Peter Robinson said the \$4,000 was gratefully accepted.

JOHN HODGSON - NZSAA Patron

John had thoughts and concerns as to where the NZSAA is situated with present activities and problems. He felt our constitution needs revisiting and that more committee members were needed and recommended a younger member be Patron for the ensuing years. Since 2000, we have come a long way and learnt of many aspects of salmon enhancement. There is still a long way to go. The chances of achieving our goals are better now because of our submissions about water takes and salmon requirements. The authorities are starting to understand the importance of the salmon fishery. John spoke of river water temperatures stressing that 17 degrees is a key temperature and that at 19 degrees all water take should stop. A two degree margin is necessary so action can be taken as soon as 17 degrees is reached.

Ron Stuart put a motion that we totally support his actions and dedication to the fishery. Seconded by Colin Eaton. Carried.

Paul Hodgson says we need help and support for putting in submissions, and that emotions worked.

Diarmuid Toman helped John with his presentation and supplied invaluable work in the making of videos which proved interesting, especially the underwater videos.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers and Committee

The following were nominated and duly declared elected:

		Moved / Seconded
Patron	John Hodgson	B Moody / W Windelburn
President	Bruce Moody	W Windelburn / D Long
Vice Presidents	Dennis Long	L Corbett / P Ellis
Committee	Pam Ellis	B Moody / W Henwood
	Dave Leigh	B Moody / T Ellis
	Athol Price	B Moody / P Ball
	Phil Ball	B Moody / B Bayne
	James Parberry	B Moody / T Ellis
	Warren Windelburn	B Moody / A Price
	Paul Stewart	B Moody / J Hodgson
	Tony Humphreys	B Moody / P Ellis
	Brian Foley	A Price / W Windelburn
Secretary/Treasurer	Heather Saunders	B Moody / D Weeber
Honorary Auditor	Trevor Hayes	D Leigh / A Price

GUEST SPEAKERS

Rod Cullinane, North Canterbury Fish & Game Manager

Rod said that the Fish & Game is deeply indebted to the volunteers from the NZSAA and the work they do. He congratulated John on getting up and speaking his mind on behalf of the NZSAA.

Rod said that Canterbury and the Hawkes Bay are the two areas where resources are mostly spent in fighting battles on behalf of everyone. They are happy to send out information when asked and the website is kept up to date with what is happening.

Licence sales to the end of April had increased by 8½% on the previous 12 months. There was a general increase in licence sales around the country. Peter Robinson has been elected National Chairman of Fish & Game. The hot issue they were dealing with at the moment – collaboration. Fish & Game are active behind the scenes and make sure they are heard and Rod feels they are making ground.

3 Horatio St is now a car park and is later to become part of a swimming complex. Staffing: Ross Millichamp has resigned and Emily is now working 2 days a week.

Rod said they are the only region taking people to court if justified. He feels it is an important signal to send out.

The Youth Program is a pilot program being rolled out in Canterbury – attracting the next generation of members is very important. Fish & Game will help with any youth initiative.

One of the main burning issues at present is the seasonal bag limit. (Ron Stuart made a recommendation to the NZSAA for a bag limit of two to remain). The Salmon Management Plan is an important document on how we manage fisheries in our area. Fish & Game have helped with fencing in some areas - \$118,000 worth of fencing has been put in.

Steve Terry had just completed an aerial survey and showed some aerial photos of rivers and spawning streams, in the Waimak, Rakaia and Waiau areas. The goal is to do a salmon count.

Dirk Barr, Manager of the Montrose Hatchery

Dirk said the Montrose lease was not signed yet but will be a three year lease. A Register of Volunteers will now be kept at the gate. He appreciated the NZSAA have done there to help. About 220 fish have returned to Montrose, 270 to Silverstream and 450 to McKinnon's. Thirty thousand have been transported to Silverstream to be released in June, 30,000 to be released at Ohaikino and 60,000 to be released in July at Montrose. Ova planting eggs are looking a good quality and looking at 2nd/3rd week of June for planting. There are about 19 schools in the Fish in Schools program. Dirk thanked the NZSAA for all our effort and said that we led the way for volunteers.

Rob McCaw, Environment Canterbury

Unfortunately Rob cancelled on day of AGM.

NZSAA FISHING COMPETITION

The 2012–2013 NZSAA's Annual Salmon Fishing Competition attracted 16 entries. This is open to all financial NZSAA members.

Aquarius Trophy – Heaviest Salmon Overall

Wayne Henwood. 10.75kg salmon caught on 28 March 2013, at the Waimakariri River.

Cromb & Merritt / Fisherman's Loft Trophy – Heaviest Salmon Waimakariri
Pat Hartland. 8.77kg salmon caught on 18 March 2013 at the Waimakariri Mouth

Alty Roscoe Memorial Trophy – Heaviest Salmon Rakaia
Dave Leigh. 8.25kg salmon caught 9 February 2013 at McGuinness, Rakaia

Lucky draw for remainder of entries
Bruce Moody

**BARRY CRAIG EARTHQUAKE MEMORIAL TROPHY
NZSAA SALMON ANGLER OF THE YEAR**

The trophy was presented to Colin and Diane Eaton. This is an award given to dedicated salmon anglers seen by their peers as a salmon angler showing outstanding sportsmanship.

ATHOL PRICE PLAQUE

This year's recipients, Rosalie and Jules Snoyink, presented for outstanding service to the salmon sports fishery. They have been members of the NZSAA for 32 years and we are grateful for their assistance and knowledge in submission presentations, and their huge efforts on our behalf to retain and maintain our salmon fishery for the future.

Acknowledgements and Close of Meeting

Grateful thanks were made to the following sponsors of raffle prizes:
Anglers Warehouse, Hornby Sports & Outdoors, Christchurch City Hunting & Fishing, Woods & Moulin Auto Trimmers, Blackwells, Kaiapoi.

Bruce thanked all members and guests for their attendance and encouraged members to check out our website and that any new stories or photos would be appreciated.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm and was followed by supper served by Adrienne Dougherty and the drawing of raffles.

Signed as a correct record.....Chairman 20 May 2014.

NZSAA LAPEL BADGES



**New style NZSAA Salmon Badges
are available at \$15 each + \$3 p&p.**

If you would like one (or more),
please contact the Secretary,
Heather, at janandh.s@ihug.co.nz
or phone her on 03 3238118
or buy one at the AGM

NZSAA SALMON FISHING CONTEST WAIMAKARIRI RIVER 2014

Saturday 22 March 2014 was a great day for fishing - calm, sunny, moderately warm, the tides and river conditions were favourable. The organisers had their usual worry at lack of entries but many came late in the week and on the day for a total of 173 entrants, made up of 45 members, 115 non-members and 13 juniors.

xx salmon were caught during the day ranging from 3.87kg to 5.41kg. These weights were considerably lighter than last year's competition which was won with a 9.55kg salmon. The NZSAA Otago competition this year also had similar returns and their results and comment are included later in this newsletter.

The day concluded with a sausage sizzle and prizegiving at Kairaki Beach Motor Camp.

There was an impressive array of prizes thanks to the generosity of sponsors. In particular we thank our major sponsor

Hunting & Fishing, Christchurch Region Stores
75 Clarence Street (Tower Junction) Christchurch
Christchurch City Centre, 575 Colombo Street
North Canterbury, 305 Flaxton Road, Rangiora



The Hunting & Fishing sponsorship team
Jeremy Burke (Clarence St), Simon McMillan (Colombo St) Phil Scurr (Rangiora)

Other prize sponsors were Kairaki Beach Camp (Alan and Bronwyn Waters), Woods & Moulin Auto Upholstery, Bairds Collision Centre, Mega Advertising, Blackwells Department Store Kaiapoi, Fishermans Loft, Kaiapoi Alignment & Tyres, Industrial Radiators, The Complete Angler, Dennis Long.

We appreciate the generosity of these sponsors - we ask you, in turn, to support these people and businesses with your custom.

Competition results and photos follow.

2014 Waimakariri Salmon Fishing Competiton



**Heaviest Salmon Overall Winner
Cory Beecroft
5.41kg salmon
caught at the Banana Hole**



**Junior Winner - Largest Salmon
Josh Creedon
4.13kg salmon
caught at McIntosh's**

Winners for the next heaviest salmon were

2nd	Petrus Hendriks	5.20kg	Banana Hole
3rd	Gary Worthington	4.97kg	McIntosh's - boat
4th	Anthony Courtier	4.97kg	Banana Hole
5th	Scotty Blackler	4.93kg	McIntosh's - boat
6th	Gary O'Connor	4.71kg	McIntosh's - boat
7th	Michiyasu Irie	4.679kg	Burka Point
8th	Craig Price	4.58kg	Mouth, south side
9th	Dave Parker	4.42kg	McIntosh's, south side
10th	Nick Greene	4.41kg	Mouth, south side

Junior winners

Largest (and only) Salmon	Josh Creedon	4.13kg caught at McIntosh's
Largest other species	Ashley Burnett	Kahawai at Mouth, in boat

Early Bird Draw: Robin Riley



2nd Prizewinner Petrus Hendriks



Third Prizewinner Gary Worthington



Fourth Prizewinner Anthony Courtier



**Winner Junior Other Species
Ashley Burnett**



Waimakariri Mouth



**MacIntosh's
during the Competition**

Top Left: **The bank & boats**

Top Right: **"Best Dressed"**

Bottom Left: **The bank**

Hunting & Fishing

Christchurch Region Stores

Principal Sponsor

Waimakariri Salmon Fishing Competition

75 Clarence Street, Tower Junction, Christchurch: Phone 03 3430212

Christchurch City Centre, 575 Colombo Street: Phone 03 3775090

North Canterbury, 305 Flaxton Road, Rangiora: Phone 03 3131313

Otago Harbour Salmon Fishing Competition

by Peter Coory,
Secretary/Treasurer, NZSSA Otago

The Otago Harbour Salmon Fishing competition held on 1st and 2nd March went really well with 253 entries for the weekend which was well up on last year.



22 fish were weighed in on the Saturday which started off a bit choppy but calmed down a lot in the late afternoon and evening. 14 fish were weighed in on the Sunday. The day was warm and calm. A cold showery front was forecast to hit about lunch time but thankfully this arrived at the end of the competition and only meant that the weigh in had to be held indoors.

Most of the fish were caught off the wharves on the Saturday and only a couple from boats due to a large amount of weed floating around both the upper and lower harbour. The Sunday was the opposite with most fish caught from boats trolling with downriggers or paravanes. The other problem anglers have is Barracuda. Although not a problem in the upper harbour, they are particularly troublesome from Port Chalmers to the heads at the entrance to the harbour. It can become quite frustrating catching 20 or more Barracuda and no Salmon.

As this is a two day event a lot of the wharf fishermen choose to stay on the wharves from the Friday night through to the weigh-in on the Sunday. Many set themselves up with tents, generators, lighting and cooking facilities to keep them going over the whole weekend. The Saturday night was very warm and calm which made for a pleasant stay for these fishermen.

Most of the wharf fishermen use pilchards or sprats suspended below a float. This is cast out and either gently jigged or left floating using the movement of the water to give the bait some action.

The boat fishermen would use either a paravane or downrigger to get the lures down to where the fish are holding. Predominantly silver hex, spoon or similar lures are used but there is such a great array out there that fishermen will try out many different options to find the lure that is working.

There was a great turnout at the prizegiving even though it had to be held indoors. Some great prizes were given out and the Salmon Anglers Committee ran some great raffles which were very popular, raising more money to keep the harbour salmon fishery viable. This annual competition is a fun way for the Dunedin fishing community to raise funds for the ongoing release of salmon in Otago Harbour to keep a viable Salmon Sports fishery alive. Of the 253 tickets sold, there were 57 junior entries which was great as these are our budding fishermen and women of the future.

The competition was organised and run by NZ Salmon Anglers Association Inc, Otago. Prizes generously sponsored by Daniels Showcase Jewellers, Casio and other Dunedin and national companies.

Results

1st	Barney Topping	6.01kg	Boat
2nd	John Cunningham	5.23kg	Land
3rd	Blair Hore	4.75kg	Wharf
4th	John Perry	4.30kg	Wharf
5th	Russell Simpson	4.28kg	Boat
6th	Laua Tuisano	4.27kg	Wharf
7th	Ngama Ngatai	4.26kg	Wharf
8th	Nick Cockill	4.24kg	Wharf
9th	Fred Green	4.06kg	Wharf
10th	Jeremy Hill	3.97kg	Boat

Ladies

1st	Denise Downey	3.76kg	Wharf
2nd	Karen Beattie	3.72kg	Boat
3rd	Marilyn Olsen	3.09kg	Boat

Juniors

1st	Sam Hutton	5.24kg	Boat
2nd	Jorja Hutton	3.60kg	Boat
3rd	Jahlin Hotene	3.55kg	Wharf



**Overall Winner Barney Topping
6.01kg salmon**

Skinny salmon signal shortage of food

By Rebecca Fox, Otago Daily Times, on Tue, 11 Mar 2014

"Skinny" salmon caught in Otago Harbour may be suffering from the same lack of food as Otago's yellow-eyed penguins.

Recent catches in the harbour had been skinny and the heaviest fish at the recent salmon-fishing competition weighed 6.01kg, which was usually the average size caught not the biggest, New Zealand Salmon Anglers' Otago branch chairman Wayne Olsen said. "It's a bit of a concern. Something is happening in the food chain, as they don't have a lot in their stomachs."

Normally, signs of sprats and krill were noticeable around the harbour and at Taiaroa Head but this year "there hasn't been that food to make the salmon grow big", he said.

Given yellow-eyed penguins were starving, the lack of condition on sea-run salmon was further evidence of a gap in the food chain, he believed.

The cause of the problems could be as simple as weather patterns and it was too soon to say if there was an ongoing problem, Mr Olsen said.

"It could be just a poor season."

There were signs other fish were doing well in the harbour and he had even seen kahawai, a species he had not seen in the harbour in about 15 years.

University of Otago ecologist Prof Steve Wing said salmon and yellow-eyed penguins were important marine sentinel species for the health of the ocean.

As both species needed to find food from the sea every day, coming back skinny was a direct measure of what the ocean was doing, he said.

Oceans were extremely variable in their productivity and those patterns were not fully understood.

"The only thing we can really say is if conditions are warm or cold we can expect productivity to be different than normal."



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Salmon Nostalgia

This newsletter contains results of salmon fishing competitions this year with the top prizes being taken with weights around a maximum of 6kg. The following is a view of what we were catching in 1984: (Reprinted abridged from Freshwater Catch 84)

Salmon Competitions in the 1980's

The Rakaia competition attracted 765 entrants, each paying \$30 to enter and fished for stakes of \$1000 for the heaviest salmon caught each day and \$6000 for the heaviest fish overall. 362 salmon were weighed in. 131 salmon were caught on the second day which almost equalled the total number (151) of fish weighed in for the whole of the competition the previous year. Anglers weighed in 33 trout, including one rainbow. The heaviest salmon was 16.59 kg caught by Mr G Andrew of Fairton, near Ashburton.

The Rangitata competition organised by the Geraldine Rangitata Salmon Association, attracted 247 anglers, competing for \$15,000 in cash prizes. 142 salmon and 20 trout were weighed in. The first prize \$3000 for the heaviest salmon was taken by a 16kg fish.

The Waitaki competition attracted many anglers who fished in both the Rangitata and Rakaia competitions. A jet boat was the prize for the heaviest fish over 20kg but this went unclaimed as the largest salmon weighed in tipped the scales at only 16.45kg. The first prize of \$5000 went to Mr D McLeod.

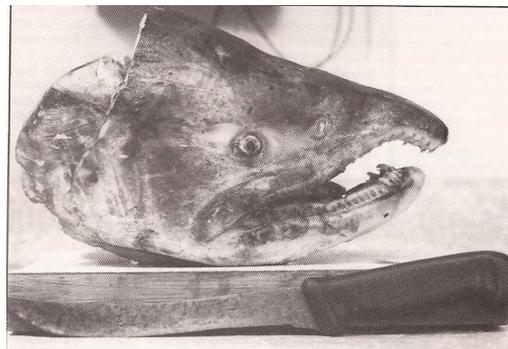
Some "Super" Salmon Landed in 1984

The 1983/84 salmon angling season will be remembered by anglers for the number of exceptionally large salmon landed. Although fish of 16kg were heavy enough to win both the Rakaia and Rangitata fishing competitions, there were reports of salmon in excess of 20kg being taken at various times during the season.

One "biggie" that did not get away was an 18.4kg, 117cm, tagged salmon landed by an angler at Kowhai Flats in the Rakaia River. The head found its way to the tag recovery laboratory at MAF's Fisheries Research Division and was quite the biggest tagged salmon they had yet recovered. Considering that it was caught late in the season, roughly 80km above the river mouth, they wondered what its weight would have been when it was fresh.

The tag on this four year old male salmon identified it as one of 21,330 fish released from Glenariffe on 14 April 1981 at an average weight of 19g. When it was caught on 15 April 1984, it had been liberated for 3 years and 1 day, during which its weight had increased one thousand times.

The photo shows the head of this 18.4kg salmon. The knife in the foreground is 35cm long.



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Salmon pioneer recalls early days

Until recently fisheries work was the almost exclusive domain of men. This was particularly so in the early 1900s and it is intriguing that an exception to this was involved in the introduction of salmon to New Zealand in the early 1900s.

Lake Falconer Ayson, as Chief Inspector of Fisheries for the Marine Department from 1900 to 1926, was the man most responsible for the successful introduction of salmon to New Zealand. During years of dedicated application to this task he received help from many other people, including his son, Charles Lake Ayson. Both men travelled to Europe and America to obtain ova for their attempts to introduce several species of salmonids into New Zealand, and both were involved in the development of the receiving hatchery on the Hakataramea River. Charles Ayson was hatchery manager, and married with one daughter, May Doreen Ayson.

In August 1983 I travelled to Port Chalmers and met Mrs May Spiers (nee Ayson), the only remaining direct link with those early hatchery days. She remembered clearly with delight, her association with the events of the time.

"L.F. was a very special grandfather and told me all he knew."

She recalled how she and her mother, Bridget Ayson, "held the fort" in the absence of the men on a



A highlight for FRD staff during the open weekend at Glenariffe was a visit by Mrs May Spiers, the granddaughter of L F Ayson, who as Chief Inspector of Fisheries in the Marine Department, first introduced salmon into New Zealand in 1901. She was most pleased to be invited to visit Glenariffe during the open weekend to see what developments have taken place in recent years as a result of her father's and grandfather's efforts many years ago.

number of occasions. "No one knows the part mother and I played back in the early 1900's — meeting the trains on midwinter nights to collect ova from Temuka perhaps — and then the long cold drive up the gorge, by horse and dray over bad, unsealed roads; then to lift those cans down, two pint-sized women. measure the eggs into their baskets, all by candlelight, then the horse to be cared for. There was no other way when my father wasn't there."

Things were pretty rugged in those days. They were remote from a doctor. The roads were poor and sometimes blocked by floods or slips, so from necessity they grew their own fresh vegetables. Trees were planted around the site to provide shade and protection as well as to provide a change of scenery from the barren tussock. May recalled oaks, elms, larch and Japanese poplars, all of which have since been chopped down.

She also recalled one occasion, shortly after the hatchery had acquired a motorised truck, that a consignment of eggs arrived at the railway station in the dead of night. Neither she nor her mother knew the first thing about the truck. May was young and game and could remember where the starter button was, so there was nothing for it but to give it a go. The eggs could not wait. Somehow she got it into gear, drove straight out of the garage and down the gorge to the station. She managed to stop and with the assistance of the station master load the eggs. Then she drove from the station, up the gorge and straight back into the garage. With the help of her mother she unloaded, counted and placed the eggs in the hatchery. All the time she had been praying she would not meet an obstacle because she couldn't see how she could push the truck backwards, not realising at the time that the truck had a reverse gear.

May remembered how she often swam in the hatchery pools with the salmon, which were friendly and seemed to recognise her shadow. She helped strip the mature fish returning to the hatchery and her technique was watched with approval by her grandfather.

The hatchery was visited by a number of Prime Ministers and many tourists. A visitors book with their names was lost, along with the



Left to right: Charles Lake Ayson, May Doreen Ayson, Bridget Ayson (1909).

original hatchery, during a flood. The wooden hatchery building was replaced with a concrete one, which May considered far less serviceable.

Lake Ayson died a few weeks after his retirement from the Marine Department in 1926. In the meantime, Charles Ayson had gone into farming and the family moved away from the old hatchery, which closed down due to the war effort in 1941 and was never re-opened.

May Spiers fondly remembers those pioneering days — the good and bad times, as well as the marvellously stimulating childhood she enjoyed. She quite rightly enjoys a little inward pride in that she and her mother successfully helped the men to introduce salmon into New Zealand — even though salmon fishing is still mostly done by men.

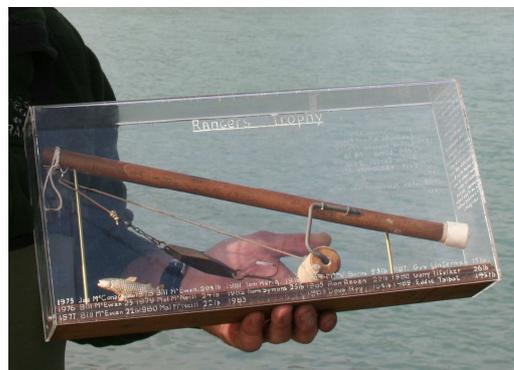
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Rangers Fishing Competition

Over 100 anglers entered this year's Rangers Salmon Fishing Competition on 19 March at Kairaki Beach on the north side of the Waimakariri. Organiser and Fish & Game Ranger Brian Smart said there was 'good colour' in the river and ideal tides for the competition. Ten salmon were weighed in before the competition closed at 1.30pm. The heaviest salmon (6.8kg) was caught by NZSAA member Ron Stuart. (Had Ron caught this salmon a couple of days later in NZSAA's Waimakariri Salmon Fishing Competition, he would have won first prize. However we are sure Ron was very happy with his catch.)

The Rangers competition has an interesting history. In 1975 four Fish & Game rangers were fishing the south side of the Waimakariri River. Three had already caught a salmon but the fourth, Mal McNeil, had had no luck. Then he mysteriously fished up a carefully constructed doweling rod and reel threaded with string line and a ticer. No one knew where it had come from, but the rangers agreed it would make a great trophy for a fishing competition.



The competition was restricted to the rangers for the first few years then it was opened up to the public. It has been popular with anglers ever since



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Tukituki Decision a Win for Water Quality and Farming

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

The draft decision by the Board of Inquiry (BOI) on the Tukituki Catchment proposal represents a significant win for freshwater management and the urgency of a transition to environmentally sustainable agriculture in New Zealand, says Fish & Game NZ.

Fish & Game lead the evidence presented against the most contentious issue in front of the BOI which was Hawke's Bay Regional Council's proposed "single nutrient management" approach – this focussed only on the management of phosphorous and set instream nitrogen limits at toxic levels.

"This would have paved the way for unconstrained land intensification, and subsequently all the adverse impacts on water quality that flow with that," says Fish & Game chief executive Bryce Johnson.

The ruling by the BOI is that such an approach would neither safeguard the life supporting capacity of our freshwater resources, nor provide for the public's right to access water that is safe for swimming, fishing and food gathering.

For farming in the catchment to be environmentally sustainable the BOI ruled that both nitrogen and phosphorous needs to be managed to ensure ecosystem health.

"We all want a strong and vibrant economy, but public opinion clearly shows that New Zealanders will not tolerate unfettered economic growth or subsidised irrigation schemes that have a detrimental impact on their environment and their waterways," says Mr Johnson.

"The BOI has delivered a ruling that should sit well with Kiwis – essentially it acknowledges we can have agricultural growth, but the challenge now laid down is that any intensification must not be at the expense of the environment or the natural resources owned and enjoyed by all New Zealanders."

Fish & Game is confident this ruling will set a national precedent and have direct implications for not only all other proposed large scale irrigation schemes, such as the one being talked about for the Wairarapa, but also the Government's National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management which, in its currently proposed form, will allow all rivers in New Zealand to reach toxic nitrogen levels and result in our waterways becoming the most polluted in the OECD.

Mr Johnson notes that this is a draft ruling and that Fish & Game now needs to work through what is a very comprehensive report, in anticipation of a full response when the decision is finalised in late May.

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