

PACKHORSE CRAY TRACKING PILOT PROGRAMME

FIGHTING THE ILLEGAL CATCH & SALE OF PACKHORSE CRAYS

The volume of packhorse crayfish illegally sold in New Zealand is currently suspected to be at high levels. In a move to stop this, LFR's (Licensed Fish Receivers) in the Auckland area will now be horn tagging all packhorse crayfish that go through their premises for local sale.

A white, numbered, security tag will be attached to an antenna of each crayfish. Each LFR will



maintain a register of the date and the tag numbers that have been sent to each of their customers, and these tag numbers will be included on every invoice you receive. The tags are food safe and unobtrusive. The tag, its inscription and number should not and cannot be removed.

The horn tagging programme lets you know your product has come from a legitimate source and will allow easy identification for Fishery officers. If the packhorse you receive do not have these official tags you should ask why, as it may be illegal catch and you will be risking a visit from Fisheries Officers to determine where your purchase has come from.

Please support this programme and a healthy fishery for all by insisting that all packhorse crayfish you buy is horn tagged. Please leave tags on until immediately prior to consumption.

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