



NZ ROCK LOBSTER INDUSTRY COUNCIL LTD

BUSINESS PLAN 2023-24

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OUR ROLE, MISSION & VISION

OUR ROLE

The NZ Rock Lobster Industry Council Ltd (NZ RLIC) operates as the representative body and central service agency for the commercial lobster fishing industry. In that role we liaise with government, tangata whenua, environmental groups, other marine stakeholders, the public and media to address common challenges. We do this on behalf of our constituents advocating for their best interests and that of the fisheries.

OUR MISSION

The rock lobster industry has consistently supported and advocated for the New Zealand fisheries management regime including the Quota Management System (QMS). This regime set out in the Fisheries Act is based primarily on ensuring sustainability through output controls on all extractive use, security and incentives created by rights, the resolution of competing interests, delivering on the Fisheries Settlement and addressing interactions with the marine environment by applying the legislated principles. Further work is needed to implement this framework and to realise its full potential.

Working within the Fisheries Act framework, the NZ RLIC will continue building a cohesive and sustainable industry operating to deliver responsible environmental performance. We will make a substantial economic contribution - regionally and nationally - to safeguard the social and cultural value of New Zealand's rock lobster fisheries through the practice of kaitiakitanga – guardianship and management – to ensure the health of the fisheries now and in the future..

OUR VISION

- To be a united, prosperous and ecologically sustainable rock lobster industry valued and respected by Government and by the wider New Zealand community
- To be regarded by local and international consumers as an industry that produces a beyond premium, fresh seafood product
- To be an industry well-equipped to take on a greater role in fisheries research and management and be acknowledged, both locally and abroad, as a leader in the sustainable and innovative management of rock lobster fisheries.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

THE NZ RLIC DELIVERS A WORK PROGRAMME THAT PURSUES OPPORTUNITIES WHILE WORKING HARD TO ADDRESS EXISTING AND FUTURE CHALLENGES FOR THE ROCK LOBSTER INDUSTRY.

As a representative body, NZ RLIC both guides and takes direction from all CRA and PHC Quota Share Owners (QSOs), iwi, processing and export companies and vessel operators that comprise our sector.

The work undertaken in this Business Plan will seek to inform legislation, public policy and management of lobster fisheries to;

- Enable responsive adjustments to management
- Apply a science and evidence-based best practice approach to resource sustainability and environmental stewardship
- Curtail unwarranted cost impositions and restrictions on fishing
- Maintain the necessary non-exclusive access to inshore fishing grounds
- Minimise habitat damage from threats such as terrestrial run-off and coastal habitat degradation
- Achieve effective management of recreational fishing and reduce uncertainty around the allocation of the TAC¹

The NZ RLIC's function is supported by engaged participation through its nine-person Board. The nine directors, each appointed by their respective CRAMACs², have demonstrated a long-standing commitment to improved fisheries management and environmental performance. The efforts by CRAMACs, our regional representative organisations and by our individual vessel operators – who contribute their time and effort to provide logbook coverage and enable observer catch sampling – deserve wider acknowledgement. While we have come a long way, and progress has been made and setbacks avoided, the challenges faced by New Zealand's rock lobster industry are daunting and increasing in scope and complexity.

¹ TAC – Total Allowance Catch

² CRA Management Area Councils – the regional organisations that represent the rock lobster industry in the nine QMAs



In seeking to address those challenges, the NZ RLIC's immediate level of cooperation and engagement is with CRAMACs and their membership. Our industry is full of hard-working, innovative, positive and resourceful characters who continually demonstrate their commitment to stewardship of the resource which underpins future benefits for the industry, and for non-commercial customary and recreational fishers.

NZ RLIC wants to consolidate working relationships with iwi, their companies and asset management groups and seek to better understand and incorporate their values and aspirations, including by encouraging their involvement in CRAMACs. We have a strong working relationship with Te Ohu Kaimoana and recognise their role in protecting the Fisheries Settlement, the importance of the Settlement to the integrity of the QMS and their mandate from Mandated Iwi Organisations (MIOs).

Many of those MIOs are also rock lobster QSOs. Therefore, we work with them and Te Ohu Kaimoana so that our positions are aligned and mutually supportive.

Through our involvement in the Commercial Fisheries Forum (CFF), NZ RLIC ensures the development of well-formulated and integrated positions and collaborative working relationships with Sector Representative Entities (SREs) including the Pāua Industry Council, Seafood New Zealand (including its Inshore and Deepwater Councils), Te Ohu Kaimoana and Aquaculture New Zealand. NZ RLIC also maintains positive working relationships with stakeholder groups including environmental NGOs and recreational fishers. We actively seek to instil a greater understanding amongst the public and the media of industry's efforts in responsible resource stewardship and the positive economic and social contributions made by the rock lobster industry.

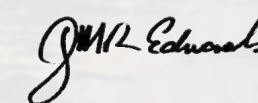
We work constructively and in a professional manner with central and local government agencies and Ministers. After the October election, we will work with the government with the objective of improving legislative and management frameworks to deliver better outcomes and ensure the government is well informed on the implications of reform for our sector.

This Business Plan acknowledges the ongoing uncertainty and rapid pace of change in our operating environment, both in terms of government policy and reform but also the push toward ecosystem-based management and implications of climate change. The NZ RLIC is very aware of the environmental variability and regime shifts that affect rock lobster stocks and their habitats and seek a better understanding of the role of rock lobster in the ecosystem. We are responsive to advances in science and technology and increased attention to ethical and animal welfare matters. Our approach is intended to ensure a long-term future for our industry through best-practice research and environmental performance informed by industry initiated and/or directly funded stock monitoring and research.

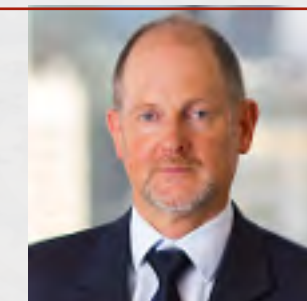
COVID-19 and geopolitical events have highlighted risks to market access and the desirability of diversification. However, despite considerable efforts by our exporters, there are no viable alternatives that can absorb the volume, or provide the return needed, commensurate with current production costs. The NZ RLIC has continued the dialogue with quota share and ACE³ owners, iwi and exporters to consider the carry-forward mechanisms that could be used to mitigate the consequences of loss of market access or inability to obtain a viable economic return.

COVID-19 has reinforced the importance of a strong relationship between the catching sector and quota share owners, processors and exporters and brought about positive changes in business arrangements. Our industry recognises the shared interests, and this cooperation is facilitated by the CRAMAC operating model and the NZ RLIC's working relationship with Lobster Exporters of New Zealand (LENZ⁴).

It is important to improve public understanding and appreciation of what the rock lobster industry delivers to our nation. Our sector has a compelling story to tell – we can be proud that New Zealand's commercial rock lobster fishery is a high-value and low-environmental impact sector. Industry participants are resourceful and hard-working, place a high value on the fishing lifestyle and are therefore inherently conservative on sustainability and environmental issues. The rock lobster industry provides a significant economic contribution and employment regionally and maximises the return to the national economy from the sustainable commercial harvest through its live exports.



Mark Edwards
Chief Executive Officer



³ ACE – annual catch entitlement

⁴ Lobster Exporters of New Zealand is an incorporated society whose members comprise rock lobster export companies

100 THE ROCK LOBSTER INDUSTRY HAS AROUND 100 LANDING POINTS ACROSS NEW ZEALAND AND A STRONG PRESENCE IN REGIONAL CENTRES.



\$370 M EXPORT REVENUE FOB IN THE 2022 CALENDAR YEAR.



1800 FTES EMPLOYED BY THE NEW ZEALAND ROCK LOBSTER INDUSTRY.



85% OF THE NATIONAL ROCK LOBSTER TACC IS FROM STOCKS WITH A BIOMASS GREATER THAN B_{MSY} BASED REFERENCE LEVELS. ALL STOCKS ARE ABOVE SOFT LIMITS.

220 ROCK LOBSTER VESSELS ARE DEPLOYED NATIONALLY, FISHING FROM THE THREE KINGS, MANAWHATĀWHI; ALL THE WAY TO STEWART ISLAND, RAKIURA; AND THE CHATHAMS, RĒKOHU/WHAREKAURI.



FUNDING

THE NZ RLIC HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ROCK LOBSTER COMMODITY LEVY, FIRST IMPLEMENTED IN 2013 AND RENEWED IN 2018 AND 2022. THAT RENEWAL WILL ENABLE A DISTINCT LEVY FOR PACKHORSE ROCK LOBSTER (PHC) AT THE REQUEST OF THOSE QSOs.

The administration of the mandatory levy (invoicing and debt collection) is contracted to Commercial Fisheries Services Ltd (FishServe).

The NZ RLIC has a separate income stream from the operation of the rock lobster stock monitoring contract with the Ministry for Primary Industries. Income is also derived from providing a range of contract management, financial management and administrative services to a small number of clients. Income earned in this manner offsets the amount required to be collected by way of the Rock Lobster Commodity Levy.

The NZ RLIC operational expenses for the period 1 October 2023 through to 30 September 2024, have been formulated to fund the capacity, services and activities needed to address risks and opportunities identified by the Board. Close financial management of expenditure and careful prioritisation of available resources will continue

with regular oversight from the Board. The NZ RLIC has a number of governance and accountability policies to ensure the organisation operates with appropriate procedures and controls.

The 2023/24 Rock Lobster Commodity Levy will be set to recover \$1,114,496.00.

This budget takes into account the expanding scope and complexity of the policy and regulatory work programme and the need for fiscal constraint. The Board seeks to provide the resourcing needed to engage in the many issues, including those that threaten access.

The total 2023/24 CRA TACC is 2,777.386 tonnes – the CRA Commodity Levy will be \$396.65 per tonne.

The PHC TACC is 49.300 tonnes – the PHC Commodity Levy will be \$260.35 per tonne.



KEY COMPONENTS OF THE 2023/24 BUSINESS PLAN

The work undertaken by NZ RLIC under its Business Plan and resourced by the budget can be divided into five categories.

In each of these categories, the outcomes sought and the steps that will be taken are outlined in the following sections.

1. POLICY AND MANAGEMENT
2. STOCK MONITORING AND RESEARCH
3. COMMUNICATIONS
4. ELECTIVE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
5. PRODUCT STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION



01 POLICY & MANAGEMENT

NZ RLIC seeks to influence the development and implementation of policy, legislation, regulation and the performance of the fisheries management framework, nationally and regionally, to support environmentally sustainable, efficient, ethical and economically and socially optimal benefits from the use of the rock lobster resource.

The security and confidence to invest in the resource and its future, and the incentives for stewardship, are underpinned by the rights and incentives inherent in the QMS and ongoing non-exclusive access to inshore fishing grounds. The range of access and allocation pressures will continue to be a primary focus along with progress in addressing actual risks to the health and productivity of the inshore marine environment. The NZ RLIC's approach will always be underpinned by science and evidence and developed in collaboration with other representative bodies where appropriate so that integrated and cost-effective positions are developed through resource sharing and collaboration.

OBJECTIVES

Enhance performance of the fisheries management framework

ACTIONS

- Work with the National Rock Lobster Management Group (NRLMG) and the Ministry in the annual review of rock lobster stocks, the TAC, TACC allowances and regulatory controls
- Pursue cooperation to develop and achieve revised management targets and create shared incentives including through improved certainty about allocation
- Engage constructively in the recognition and provision for customary rights through customary marine title applications, settlement legislation and mechanisms under Part IX of the Fisheries Act, while ensuring there is appropriate consideration of the ability to utilise commercial entitlements
- Aspirations for finer-scale management and localised abundance need to be cognisant of information requirements, cost and implications for access rights.
- Many initiatives including new MPAs (marine protected areas) and coastal plan changes impact commercial access and use rights – we will engage to protect the integrity of the fisheries management regime, address risks to biodiversity, and safeguard access and utilisation.

Legislative reform provides for confidence and sustainable development of the rock lobster sector

- Support the resolution of landings and returns issues through the exemption process and adjustments to the offences and penalties regime
- Engage with government on the new resource management Bills, and in particular, seek to address the overlap in function with the Fisheries Act
- Seek reform to marine biodiversity conservation legislation integrated with the Fisheries Act
- Work with agencies on other reforms including conservation statutes and Revitalising the Gulf
- Promote policies and plans that support adaptation of the industry to climate change.

Enable responsive and equitable management

- Support the development of new TAC decision rules (management procedures) and the associated mechanisms to adjust management controls
- Seek improvement in the measurement and management of recreational fishing, and clarity about how allowances and management controls will be adjusted in relation to changes in the TAC.

OBJECTIVES

Regional coastal plans and policies address threats to coastal marine ecosystems and provide certainty for the wild harvest sector

ACTIONS

- Continue to engage and advocate in regional planning process including challenging encroachment in fisheries management and duplication of matters that are addressed through the Fisheries Act
- Re-direct regional coastal plans and policies to focus on addressing threats to the health and productivity of marine ecosystems
- Encourage integrated monitoring and management of all activities across the coastal marine environment
- Participate in upcoming coastal plan reviews.

Seek improvement in the regulatory environment to deliver outcomes while being practical and cost-effective

- Continue the initiative to improve the quality of at-sea reporting to inform science and management
- Resolve ongoing issues and costs with digital monitoring and reporting
- Pursue an enhanced role for industry in management and service delivery to support responsive and lower-cost management including enabling collective decision-making, ACE shelving and fishery management planning
- Ensure cost recovery is consistent with the legal framework, only the attributable costs of services are levied and seek improvement in service transparency and cost-effectiveness
- Continue collaborative work with MPI Compliance to better estimate and reduce illegal activities and improve voluntary compliance.

Advocate for practical vessel operational requirements

- Engage with agencies, including Maritime NZ, with the objective that vessel operational requirements deliver against their outcomes while being practical and cost-effective.

Improved response and support for industry well-being

- Ensure regulators understand the consequence of imposition of restrictions and advocate for interventions supported by evidence that are cost-effective in their design to achieve good fishery management outcomes
- Support the provision of mental well-being services to provide targeted counselling and support services to industry participants, while avoiding overlap in function with SREs and maintaining cost-effective scale

OBJECTIVES

Better management outcomes through collaboration and relationships

ACTIONS

- Enable and support CRAMAC initiatives with regular face-to-face engagement and provide oversight and support on policy and operational issues
- Support cohesive and credible whole-of-industry positions on all legislative and policy matters affecting the seafood industry by supporting the Commercial Fisheries Forum
- Encourage alignment and recognition of the shared interests and responsibilities of the catching sector and quota share owners
- Foster constructive relationships with iwi, including MIOs and their companies, including through working with Te Ohu Kaimoana
- Support and work with LENZ on their export and market-related initiatives
- Maintain information sharing and co-investment initiatives with Australian rock lobster industry groups and agencies
- Work to maintain and develop constructive relationships with recreational and eNGO groups and representatives and build on areas of common interest.





02

STOCK MONITORING & RESEARCH

To maintain sustainable levels of harvest and environmental performance, the NZ RLIC invests in world-leading and innovative stock monitoring and stock assessment.

We seek continuous improvement in the quality of the information, data and science that informs management and delivers social, economic and cultural benefits to all stakeholders. Greater understanding of the environmental variables that impact the productivity of rock lobster stocks informs responsive management and will support delivery of an ecosystem approach to fisheries management that is inherent in the Fisheries Act.

OBJECTIVES

Invest in research to inform decisions on sustainable levels of harvest

ACTIONS

- Fund research that assesses stock biomass relative to agreed management targets and limits
- Support the peer review, transparency and publication processes that give government and the public confidence in the quality and integrity of the science that informs rock lobster management
- Participate in all relevant research processes including the Rock Lobster Fishery Assessment Working Group, the Marine Amateur Fisheries Working Group, the Aquatic Environment Working Group, and others
- Facilitate research planning that identifies priority areas to invest in new science and information collection
- Monitor developments in research and science in other jurisdictions to identify improvement opportunities.

Coordinate collection of stock monitoring information that provides key data to inform stock assessment and assess impact of spatial exclusion

- Organise the collection of spatially and temporally representative fishery-dependent information including length frequency, sex and state from observer catch sampling and the voluntary vessel logbook programme
- Implement tag release and recapture programmes to provide growth estimates and movement information to inform length-based population models
- Support revised approaches to collect information on strength of recruiting year classes.

Commission science that supports responsive management

- Support the development of new stock management targets and the formulation of a new generation of management procedures to provide clarity and responsive adjustments to the TAC as new information becomes available.





03

COMMUNICATIONS

We will communicate the reputation of the New Zealand rock lobster as a sustainable, ethically harvested, healthy and premium value food with substantial export returns to the national economy, and a generator of significant economic activity in regional towns and communities.

Developing the level of understanding and awareness among government and the public of the sector's positive contributions is central to the opportunity to engage in decision-making and influence processes to achieve our vision. We will maintain a calm, evidence-based and rational approach to our advocacy and maintain constructive relationships with government and all fisheries stakeholders. NZ RLIC's internal communications will endeavour to inform, coordinate and connect industry so there is commonality of purpose, and an understanding of our responsibilities and outcomes that are sought.

OBJECTIVES

Increase community connection by improving public understanding of the rock lobster industry's environmental and sustainability credentials and its contributions to New Zealand's social and economic fabric

There is consensus within industry about the outcomes we seek to achieve and the role components of industry play

Ensure NZ RLIC is using the most effective communication approach and tools

ACTIONS

- Reinforce the image of the rock lobster sector as responsible, with a strong commitment to sustainable use of the fishery, including a long-standing record of constructive management and investment into the fishery through science and monitoring
- Targeted communication addressing inaccurate and imbalanced information and educating the public on the science and management principles behind the New Zealand fisheries management framework
- Convey the value contributed by the industry to regional towns and communities including through associated servicing and support businesses and employment.
- NZ RLIC will ensure there is regular engagement and discussion with the CRAMAC membership to ensure unity of purpose and understanding of our priorities and responsibilities.
- Take steps to implement the communication strategy, in coordination with CRAMAC initiatives
- Maintain and enhance the NZ RLIC website to ensure content is relevant, current, accurate and easily accessible by all, and encourage CRAMAC use of their sections of the site.



ELECTIVE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Sustainable use of a marine resource throws up constant challenges. We need to be aware of emerging food safety and biosecurity risks and threats to the health and welfare of lobsters.

Marine biotoxin events have been occurring with greater frequency and intensity with serious implications if they were to be detected in export shipments. Industry must continue to build on past work by considering scientific and procedural developments that support assessments. It is also important to monitor advances in animal husbandry and respond to changes in protected species interactions. The NZ RLIC will invest through direct purchase or elective research to allow the industry to act responsibly, adapt, progress and be resilient.

OBJECTIVES

Ensure responses to emerging risks and opportunities are informed through investment in science

Reduce the risk of whale interactions and support positive outcomes to any entanglements

Ensure vessel operators and catch sampling technicians have the equipment and support required

Inform industry submissions on spatial access loss, re-allocation and other mechanisms impacting on economics of operation

Inform response to our environmental footprint including greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions

ACTIONS

- Monitor research on biotoxins in Australasia including their detection, testing mechanisms, accumulation and persistence in crustaceans
- Examine developments in the science related to crustacean welfare and support the development of standards that meet or exceed international best practice
- Scan for new or emerging threats, including biosecurity risks.

- Promote and disseminate the WhaleSafe Manual
- Implement a revised approach to disseminate information on cetacean sightings and movements
- Review best practice approaches and gear modifications that have reduced the incidence of entanglements in other jurisdictions
- Work with DoC on the use of the GPS location buoys purchased by the NZ RLIC to allow timely intervention in any entanglement incident.



- Invest in maintaining and updating electronic vessel logbook platforms
- Ensure electronic data collection and data storage protocols meet or exceed the required standards
- Maintain the *TagTracker* database that provides key growth increment data and provides upgraded feedback reports to vessel operators who report rock lobster tag recaptures

- Establish an approach to analyse the impact of closure, restriction and increased cost including the collection of specific, credible economic data.

- Assess GHG emissions for the rock lobster industry and potential mitigation responses.



05 PRODUCT STANDARDS & CERTIFICATION

Obtaining maximum value from quota-limited landings is critically dependent on maintaining market access for live rock lobster exports and quickly addressing any barriers or threats to access.

There is a need to be responsive to new issues and changes in the requirements and standards that apply in export destinations and changes in preferences or requirements in the market. The NZ RLIC will continue to work closely with LENZ and the Seafood Standards Council in these areas. The global COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated serious market risks and operational difficulties. NZ RLIC needs to support LENZ's work to mitigate those risks and consider what steps the sector can take to develop resilience. There is also ongoing work needed to provide accessible and authoritative information to demonstrate the environmental sustainability of rock lobster fishing.

OBJECTIVES

Coordinate industry responses to issues that have implications for market access and food security including food safety, quality, animal welfare and environmental performance

Support LENZ initiatives to examine market opportunities, and promote and enhance the reputation of rock lobster as a "beyond premium" product

Support industry managing and adapting to market disruption and access issues, including pandemic response

ACTIONS

- Commission elective research and undertake analysis to address risks and issues concerning food safety, biotoxins, biosecurity, product standards and animal welfare
- Continue the development of the National Marine Biotoxin Risk Management Plan to ensure readiness and response, and coordinate its implementation with CRAMACs
- Promote ethical treatment in handling, processing and distribution of lobsters.

- Facilitate work by LENZ to promote and market rock lobster, explore opportunities to diversify markets and address challenges including freight and logistic issues, including through seeking support from and advocacy with government agencies
- Monitor developments and the uptake of third-party certification, seafood labelling and traceability in the China market and coordinate the development of appropriate responses
- Support the operation of the OpenSeas initiative, including using the revised risk assessment framework to certify rock lobster fisheries
- Encourage and facilitate use of environmentally friendly packaging.

- In the event of market access issues, work urgently with government to develop and implement adjustment and mitigation approaches
- Continue engagement across industry to develop a consensus on carry-forward of uncaught ACE, and advocate with government for legislation to support that mechanism
- Where pandemics emerge, work with the Seafood Standards Council to provide protocols, information and advice, including requirements to maintain and operate "essential service" status and protect health, safety and wellbeing.



The Fish Finder on openseas.org.nz

OUR TEAM OUR BOARD

THE NZ RLIC AIMS TO OPERATE WITH HIGH STANDARDS OF GOVERNANCE, PRUDENT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND STRICT ADHERENCE TO LEGISLATIVE AND CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE RELATED TO HEALTH AND SAFETY AND AN INDEPENDENTLY AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.

The financial independence provided by the levies contributed by our members allows us to apply energetic focus and well-informed representation on the many policy, operational and administrative issues that confront the lobster industry. This Business Plan reflects the scope of work to be undertaken and the process of engaging with the industry on priorities.

The NZ RLIC team provides timely support and facilitation for the regional CRAMACs and for industry participants generally as requested. Every effort will be made to deliver the necessary submissions and manage programmes and deliverables outlined in this Business Plan to deadlines, and within budget. The reactive nature of the operating environment requires responsiveness and adaptation within the year and may lead to our team recommending adjustment of the programme to the NZ RLIC Board.

The NZ RLIC team comprises of chief executive officer **Mark Edwards** and chief operating officer, **James Robertson**. **Helen Regan** serves as the business manager and **Leigh Brown** is contracted to provide administrative support. **Daryl Sykes** holds a support and advisory role.

NZ RLIC staff are guided and supported by the nine Board members nominated by each of the CRAMACs and the Chair;

CRAMAC 1
Paul Knight

CRAMAC 2
Butch Waterhouse

CRAMAC 3
Salve Zame

CRAMAC 4
Mark Peychers

CRAMAC 5
Mitch Campbell

CRAMAC 6
Terry Gittings

CRAMAC 7
Chanel Gardner

CRAMAC 8
Malcolm Lawson
(Chair of NZ RLIC)

CRAMAC 9
Sonya Tuerlings

We also work closely with the professionals appointed by most CRAMACs and with the CRAMAC executive committees to address issues in their regions and improve coordination and communication.

The NZ RLIC team leases office space in NZ Post House in Wellington. The facilities are co-located with other seafood representative bodies and Commercial Fisheries Services Ltd (FishServe). As it has done since 1996, the NZ RLIC will coordinate the delivery of a wide range of technical, science, legal and policy advice to CRAMACs and individual industry members. On request from the CRAMACs, financial administration of rock lobster Stock Specific Levy income is undertaken by the NZ RLIC.



Mark Edwards



James Robertson



Daryl Sykes



Helen Regan



Leigh Brown



CRAMAC 1
Paul Knight



CRAMAC 2
Butch Waterhouse



CRAMAC 3
Salve Zame



CRAMAC 9
Sonya Tuerlings



CRAMAC 4
Mark Peychers



CRAMAC 5
Mitch Campbell



CRAMAC 8
Malcolm Lawson
Chair of NZ RLIC



CRAMAC 7
Chanel Gardner



CRAMAC 6
Terry Gittings



SINCE 1990...

2700 T OVERALL ANNUAL
COMMERCIAL ROCK LOBSTER
HARVEST HAS REMAINED
STEADY AT ~2700 T

^ **380%** CATCH RATE (CPUE) HAS
INCREASED BY OVER 380%

✓ **58%** NUMBER OF VESSELS HAS
REDUCED BY 58%

✓ **75%** NUMBER OF POT LIFTS HAS
REDUCED BY 75%

^ **340%** EXPORT REVENUE HAS
INCREASED BY 340%

COMMODITY LEVY

THE NZ RLIC SHAREHOLDERS AGREED THAT THE 2023/24 ROCK LOBSTER COMMODITY LEVY WILL BE SET TO RECOVER **\$1,114,496.00** TO OFFSET NZ RLIC OPERATIONAL EXPENSES AND SUPPORT CRAMACS FOR THE PERIOD 1 OCTOBER 2023 THROUGH TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2024.

CRA	2023/24 TACC	COMMODITY LEVY
	2,777.386 TONNES	\$396.65 PER TONNE
PHC	2023/24 TACC	COMMODITY LEVY
	49.300 TONNES	\$260.35 PER TONNE

Should you have any enquiries about the proposed 2023/24 NZ RLIC Business Plan and Budget, or about the Rock Lobster Commodity Levy, please contact the NZ RLIC office at your convenience.

NZ Rock Lobster Industry Council Ltd



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2023/24 BUDGET

	BUDGET 2021/22	BUDGET 2022/23	BUDGET 2023/24
INCOME			
Commodity Levy	\$982,867.51	\$1,279,743.00	\$1,114,496.00
External Service Provision	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$27,000.00
MPI Stock Monitoring Contract	\$485,100.00	\$623,700.00	\$765,100.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,487,967.51	\$1,928,443.00	\$1,906,596.00
EXPENSES			
Policy and Management	\$200,000.00	\$275,000.00	\$275,000.00
Communication	\$83,300.00	\$61,350.00	\$43,300.00
Elective Research	\$25,000.00	\$48,000.00	\$48,000.00
Product Standards	\$45,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$76,000.00
Staff and Resources	\$649,667.51	\$730,093.00	\$823,348.00
MPI Stock Monitoring Contract	\$350,000.00	\$559,000.00	\$560,948.00
Direct Purchase Research	\$135,000.00	\$175,000.00	\$80,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,487,967.51	\$1,928,443.00	\$1,906,596.00



KAITIAKITANGA

GUARDIANSHIP IS AT THE HEART OF NEW ZEALAND'S ROCK LOBSTER FISHERIES MANAGEMENT



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