

Christchurch Fishing & Casting Club Inc.



(The Friendly Bunch)

www.cfcc.co.nz

President

John Collins

03 332 3947

Secretary

Shirley Salisbury

03 322 8218

Treasurer

John O'Connell

021 507576



**Next Meeting and
AGM**

Weds 5th September

07:30 PM Start

**At Cotswold Preschool Hall, 37
Colesbury St, Bishopdale**

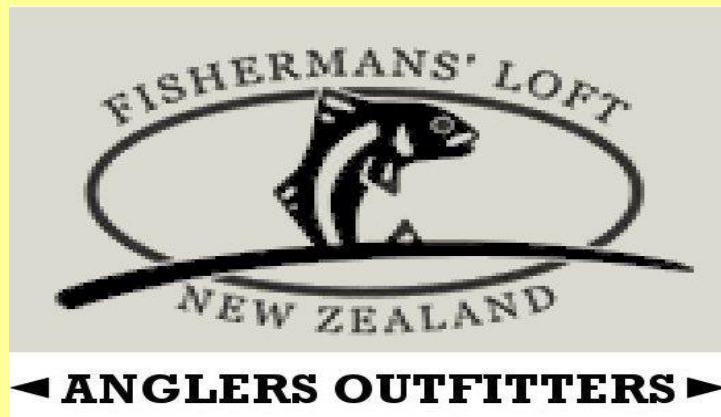
Our speaker this month is Emily Arthur-Moore from North Canterbury Fish and Game. Emily will be speaking about the

Silverstream restoration project currently undertaken to improve fish recruitment in the Selwyn river catchment.

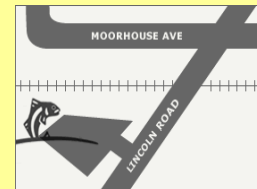
Advertisements in your Newsletter

The club newsletter can be used to advertise a trade or service or special skill you have to offer. The advertisement is a standard half-page, and costs \$5.00 per advertisement per month. You must be a financial member to advertise in this Newsletter.

Fisherman's Loft
for all your Fishing Requirements
Support the sponsor of our Raffle



359 Lincoln Road,
over the railway line
Phone now 3383131



www.fishermansloft.co.nz

Message from the Editor

Well a few apologies from me for last months newsletter. It would appear not only was it a little late but the dates were a bit off. However this months meeting will be the AGM so please as paid members do you best to attend and get involved as it's "your" club. On the fishing front, the Surfcasting gear has been polished up, given the warmish winter I've tried getting out and on these occasions I've made it out only Spiny dogfish appear to be hungry, however reports and photos show the rig are out there. To this end I will be trying to put together a surfcasting trip with a few members of the Canterbury Surfcasting club to help and advise anyone wanting to try and/or take up this form of fishing and I have a few rods spare (who doesn't). I hope members planned their trips to the high country better than me as on the day I decided I got a lovely wet and snowtainted day meant an early (and cold) finish after about a hour. I must however sing the praises of the pies and coffee in Hororata that came to the rescue. With my birthday approaching I'm planning a quick trip down in a couple of weeks to the mackenzie country for a final winter trip.

Gavin

President's Comments

Hi Folks,

It's getting closer to the new season, no doubt everyone has received the magazines from Fish and Game. It has been quiet this month fishing wise although I managed one last trip to Lake Coleridge last weekend coming home with a nice 3 lb Brown Trout.

This month we have Emily Arthur-Moore from Fish and Game speaking to us. Emily will be talking about the Silverstream restoration project to help fish stocks for the Selwyn River.

A reminder to newer members of the club, September is the free casting lessons and practice at Victoria Lake Hagley Park every Sunday from 10 am to 11.30 am. A great opportunity to brush up your Fly-casting and possibly learn something new. Feel free to bring a friend or two. The club however will also need helpers for this. We have also had it confirmed that in October there is Take a Kid Fishing at the Groynes and the club will be looking for members to help with at lake 2. Finally a reminder that the OCTOBER MEETING WILL BE HELD AT FISHERMANS LOFT. This will be a 6.30 PM START to hopefully allow for rod demo's in the car park.

Looking forward to catching up.

Tight Lines

John

CHRISTCHURCH FISHING & CASTING CLUB (INC) COMMITTEE

President

John Collins - johnanddella@e3.net.nz 332-3947 / 0274311331

Vice President

Dave De Montalk - daveandlinda@clear.net.nz 942-2339 / 0272845688

Treasurer

John O'Connell- john@bigpicturenz.com 021-507576

Secretary

Shirley Salisbury - shirley_salisbury@hotmail.com 322-8218 / 0211415559

Editor

Gavin Atkinson - gav_atkinson@hotmail.com 0223524717

Committee

John O'Connell- john@bigpicturenz.com 021-507576

Jonathan Arps – arpshole@hotmail.com 027-5068913

Rex Gibson – rnjg@xtra.co.nz 358-2595 / 0211280404

CLUB EVENTS 2017/2018

Date	Event	Contact Details
5 th Sept	AGM and Trophy presentation	Committee
14 th Oct	Take a Kid fishing (Groynes)	Shirley Salisbury
Oct (TBC)	West Coast Trip	Dave De Montalk
23 rd – 25 th Nov	Black Forest Club Trip	Della Collins
8 th – 10 th Mar	Lake Taylor Trip	John Collins

Other correspondence

The NZ fly tying forum have their last fly tying evening at the Lone Star on Manchester Street on the 27th September. The evening starts at 19:00 and you will need your tying materials and equipment along with a lamp as some spots are a bit dark check out the link below if interested or to get in touch.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/790847597608473/>

As we have Emily coming to speak I thought I'd put in a pre-emptive plug.

For background into this there is the following link

<https://millionmetres.org.nz/open-project/restoring-a-tributary-of-the-selwyn-waikirikiririver>

Please contact Emily directly on emoore@fishandgame.org.nz or chat to her on Wednesday I am organising a day out at our restored section of Snake Creek (a tributary of the Selwyn/ Waikirikiri) to remove problem macrophytes. This would involve getting in the stream (in waders preferably) and pulling out Monkey Musk and Watercress. We need to do this as we have installed a lot of in-stream features to improve the habitat and until we can establish shade we need to remove weeds by hand to stay on side with the drainage committee. The alternative is mechanical excavation which is damaging to the waterway and to our features.

I was thinking sometime in mid-September. If anyone is interested, please let me know and if you prefer a weekend or weekday.

Cheers

Emily

Emily Arthur - Moore | Fish & Game Officer



**Become a
Member today**

Christchurch Fishing and Casting Club
 (The Friendly Bunch) Catering for Fly & Spin

To view the website, hover your cursor over the Club monogram (right) and press Control while Click the mouse to follow the link

Ethics in Angling

Back in the 1990s I completed a Post Graduate Diploma in Management. The final credit required a "mini-thesis". I did mine on International Marketing (specific to the field I was working in). An old friend who had done the 3 years of papers with me chose "Ethics" in our field. I swallowed deeply, gasped quietly, and rolled my eyes back when he told me his topic. I suggested "a cup of tea and a lie down". Ethics did not fit my life long cynicism, about, and experience with, business and public service executives. Strangely enough I do feel that it has had, and should continue to have, a place in angling.

In August I wrote a submission to a Fish & Game Region, on behalf of the Federation of Freshwater Anglers, on what we saw as unethical fishing behaviour occurring regularly in one of our major fisheries. It was logged in their file for the next review of Regulations (April 2019).

In the lead up to this submission I received a brilliant (well, in my eyes it is) dissertation from one of the "gurus" of New Zealand's freshwater angling; Ken Simms (a NZFFA Life Member). I will share some of this with you.

"Anglers love regulations. They must do, they have so many of them. They have regulations that tell them what sports fish are, what flies, bait and lures are, what is natural and artificial, what methods can be used when and where, what when and where they can and can't fish with, what and when they can and can't keep, etc., etc. None of which successfully keep up with changes in technology, methodology, environmental factors or species distribution.

Left: New methodologies?



Right: Current signage



Personally, I think that both fisheries and anglers are over-regulated because we try and use rules and regulations to govern something far more nebulous – ethics.

Ethics aren't something we are necessarily born with; they are something that we learn as we go along and are therefore subject to change over the angler's lifetime."

Neither Ken nor I have fished with bait for years but do not want to deny beginners or kids that option. Does this generosity apply to fishing to spawning fish, using egg patterns, scented baits, floating fish-finders, drones, and other methodologies, etc? Consultation on regulations allows us (the "royal us") to regulate our consensus accordingly.

As Ken noted however

"Behaviour on the water is a whole different beast. There is nothing like the promise of bounty to reveal people's true natures. We have all seen it, whether it is at the Canterbury Hydro Canals or the Tongariro's spawning runs. Even our local rivers are no longer immune."

Like many anglers I learnt "fishing ethics" from my grandfather. When I joined a fishing club I absorbed more by a form of "spiritual" osmosis. The hallowed ethics were part of the club's culture. In our most "famous" fisheries today a majority of the anglers do not belong to conventional fishing clubs. Many clubs are now linked to liquor outlets. The prize for the biggest fish of the month can be a crate of the sponsor's product or a black labelled bottle of John Walker's finest. One local "watering hole" fishing club suspended a regularly successful neighbour of mine for a month when a bullet hole was noted through the head of his "prizewinning" salmon. It reinforced Ken's points about "bounty".

Some guides, often unregistered for good old GST, have to find dubious ways to satisfy their tourist client's needs for "that fish". We also see new attitudes coming in with new migrants; and I don't mean refugees and many Asians. They are usually so keen to "fit in" when it comes to freshwater angling. Although some of those who fish and collect on our sea shore would often benefit from a "re-education camp". My major concern is with the wealthy English, Europeans and North Americans who want to "own" the stretches of our rivers that hold the biggest fish. The naivety of the Overseas Investment Commission in not taking this into account, especially with high country stations, reinforces every shred of cynicism in my nature. Surely we, and generations of Kiwi anglers before us, want those "ownership" attitudes to stay in the neo-feudal societies of England and elsewhere.



Left: Notice for “visitors” Lake McGregor

Right: Our Twizel canal banks collection

Ken notes that it is simple to go on-line these days and learn a multitude of methods to catch fish. But where do anglers go to learn the ethics? He adds *“I think kiwi anglers are some of the worst when it comes to respect, ethics and behaviour on our fisheries. Whether it is cleaning your gear between waterways, picking up and packing out the rubbish and nylon you use, or respecting the fellow anglers that you meet on the water, we often lag far behind the visiting anglers from overseas that we love to hate.”*

In the past two years I have participated in the annual May clean-up of the banks of the Twizel hydro canals. While I have “scored” a good kitchen knife and a pair of pliers I have picked up enough beer bottles to satisfy an old fashioned boy scouts bottle drive organiser, enough discarded monofilament and braid to go around the moon and back (well nearly), shrimp and cigarette packets (and butts), take-away coffee cups and general flotsam and jetsam from anglers’ fishing accessories and life style; fortunately no needles (yet). A colleague even had the dubious job of removing a plastic shopping bag of human faeces. Ken is dead right when he links angling ethics with respect. Respect for each other as anglers, respect for the incredible environment we fish in (before it all goes “down the gurgler”) and respect for the sport of angling.

I have done work with two major government agencies in recent years on communicating regulations to people from non-English speaking backgrounds. Included, every time I spoke or wrote, were the sentences “a picture speaks a thousand words”, and “50% of the New Zealand population function at a reading age less than 12 - 14 years” (ask any journalist).

Perhaps this is what we need; something visual on the waterways known for unethical behaviours; billboards which spell it out in **simple English**, or pictures. I know that does not guarantee success but the visibility encourages the self-righteousness in the average angler to perhaps take a photo on his/her

camera/phone and use the app “Snap Send Solve” (look it up if you do not know it) when unethical behaviours are noted.

I would seriously question how many of our back-packer/freedom camper anglers do, or can, read our booklets of regulations. Better signage in high use areas could serve as a great introduction to the historical angling ethics of New Zealand.



L: Likely Canterbury signage (Selwyn R. etc). R: Trump supporters’(less government) outing

Rex N. Gibson

Take a Kid Fishing info

The annual "Isaac Take a Kid Fishing" event is scheduled for Sunday 14th October. As you may be aware, the lake weed has been growing prodigiously but a number of steps are underway to have the lakes ready for the event.

Aquatic spraying has been carried out as the first stage of weed removal. The second stage is a weed cutter that can be driven into the water and used in very shallow waterways. The third stage would be manual clearing of weed but at this stage we hope it is not required. With that positive outlook we are in full planning mode for the next event and hope that you can join us. The organised part of the day runs from 9am - 1pm

Isaac Take a Kid Fishing is mainly aimed at children aged 12 years and under, so the organised part of the day (from 9am- 1pm) is set aside for them.

There are four lakes.

- The top lake, closest to the Clearwater golf course, is for children 8 years and under who each get a short one-on-one session with an experienced

angler. They do not need rods or gear but sometimes there is a queue for this lake.

- The next lake, back towards the caravan and other tents, Lake 2, is also reserved for children 8 years and under and we ask that only float fishing be used there (so no spinners).
- The remaining two lakes are for children 12 years and under and can be fished with either float or spinning gear, but to avoid accidents we ask that people not use long, surf-casting type rods or heavy weights.

A few changes for this year:

- There is a new loan system for gear that requires photo ID. No ID - No loan - No exceptions.
- We are mainly releasing rainbow trout rather than salmon.
- Anglers must stop fishing once they have caught two fish, regardless of whether they were released or (taken) killed.
- We are again selling second hand fishing gear to raise funds for The Kids Fishing Charitable Trust. If you have some surplus gear (who hasn't!) either drop it in at Fishermans Loft or bring it on the day.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Thanks

Dale Coulter - Event Manager

Kids Fishing Charitable Trust

Email: takeakidfishingnz@gmail.com

Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/TakeAKidFishingNZ/



© Can Stock Photo

A friendly reminder that the club subs are now due.

The subs are \$15 Junior, \$35 adult or \$40 family.

These can be paid by posting cheque and

Application Form to the Treasurer (John O'Connell)

at 23 Ryelands Drive, Lincoln 7608 or by online banking the clubs bank account

Westpac Bank 03-1588-0089548-000. Alternatively brought to the next club meeting. Just remember if there is any change to your email address or details you will need to contact Treasurer or Secretary so we can update club records and you continue getting the club newsletter etc.

Tackle Tip of the Month

Below is a letter from the president of the New Zealand Federation of Freshwater Anglers from last month that I felt should be shared with club members.

Fellow Anglers

The Federation has published several Press Release covering a number of National Issues which have affected our waterways, several of which have been picked up by Newshub, Scoop and Stuff and made their respective radio stations.

Each of us as individuals can support the NZFFA by advising us of issues in your area, you can write directly to me at president@nzffa.co.nz or call my cell phone.

We strive to keep our members advised of issues and ask that you like our Facebook page and keep up-to-date of issues through the website.

Several of our committee members have instigated submissions to many issues and have appeared before Council on similar issues involving our waterways.

We held our AGM in Christchurch this June and had a strong attendance and representation from several Canterbury clubs along with Fish and Game. Next year's AGM is forecasted to be in Wellington around the end of June.

Our social media platform has grown significantly as we have shared the various news items. Comments have been varied and most anglers see us as an integral part of the angling community and while they don't always agree it gets the Federations name out there.

Brian Coddington has filled our advertised Communications Manager position. Brian is from Turangi, is an avid angler and has a room for rent if you are ever up for a fish and a chat.

He has taken on a fundraising role to assist the federation fight some of the larger battles which are appearing on the horizon, and to sort out several administration issues.

We have also sent in requests to meet with the Minister of Conservation Eugenie Sage, David Parker Minister for the Environment to no avail.

We have been pursuing and completed our five year Strategic Plans and have addressed most matters that we concerned with.

More importantly the Federation has decided to shelve membership fees as we would like to ensure that every angler in New Zealand is represented, so we are asking all anglers to contact their members spread the word to every angler throughout the country and to get them to register on our website.

This will give us significant clout in the battles that lie ahead.

Most importantly I invite all executive members to write letters to the editor and to draft Press Releases on Issues of which they are passionate about and affect our fishing experience.

Graham Carter
President NZFFA

John Collins
C.I.D.D. - NZADVT. CERT PT & DEC
M 0274 311 331
John@PaintersDecorators.co.nz

PO Box 30047, St Martins
Christchurch 8246
F 03 332 3971
T 03 332 3947 (After Hours)

JOHNCOLLINS
PAINTERS & DECORATORS

Quality Workmanship Domestic & Commercial Decorative Techniques
PaintersDecorators.co.nz

Free quotes - Hanging of Wall Coverings - Visit my Website

Attitude To Fishing Vital

by Tony Orman

Fishing is just another sport and like many other sports attitude and mental approach is so very important on two counts. Take golf for instance. One golfing authority reckoned the mental side of golf is as much as 90 percent of the game. Top golfers know it. They can't let a bogey get them down, or a putt that sits on the lip of the cup and won't go in. Focus and positive attitude is vital.

Think rugby. Watch in rugby how top goal kickers mentally rehearse, staring and focusing at the posts, back to the ball, back to the posts then focus back on the ball before running in to kick.

The human factor, attitude and approach is a key factor.

Fishing is no different. Too often we think the most expensive, classiest rod and gear in general will mean more fish. They help to some degree but generally it's overrated.

I've been privileged to fish with some "master" fishers. One was Jim.

He had incredible catch statistics on northern South Island rivers like the Motueka, Maruia and Buller. When I first met him he was using a blue fibreglass rod, made by Kilwell NZ Ltd, branded the Robin Hood and marketed as a "beginner's rod". Older trout fishermen may remember it?

Well, he used that boy's rod and would catch 300 to 400 trout each summer using the nymph or little wet fly. He would catch big trout and eventually after several highly successful summer seasons with it, on a large 3.5 kg brown trout in the Buller River the trusty and proven rod broke.

Jim then decided to buy a carbon graphite rod. Jim was living example the person is more important than the gear. However, that doesn't mean you shouldn't buy and enjoy the best of gear if you wish to and can afford it!

The often-quoted adage, ten percent of the anglers catch ninety percent of the fish is so true. Wanting to learn is another, i.e. thirst for new ideas.

It's true, your attitude should never be one of knowing it all. With that should come humility. Ask questions and listen. Read and accept or reject the ideas. But consider it. Some very wise men think so too. Voltaire, French writer and philosopher said "The more I read, the more I acquire, the more certain I am that I know nothing." And innovative Scottish entrepreneurial, whisky distiller Thomas Dewar said "Minds are like parachutes - they only function when open."

A closed mind, a conceited smugness that you know it all and an arrogant belief that you're always doing it right, will stop you succeeding. Have an open mind when you are listening or reading fishing books or magazines.. But remember amongst the thousands of fishing books, there's a few that frankly are suspect in their advice. On the other hand, some are brilliant but they stand out - the top ten per cent!

The great early 20th century UK trout fishing writer G E M Skues wrote "The true function of an authority (book) is to stimulate, not to paralyse original thinking." Here's a few rules:-

- (a) Be determined, dedicated and committed
- (b) Focus and concentrate
- (c) Enjoy it

Everyone can have a blank day. So just enjoy being fishing. You could be doing worse things! But if it's a blank day, analyse what you did that did not succeed and surmise what you might have done. Don't lose your humour. Keep a balance and things in perspective. Laugh at yourself if the occasion rises.

- (d) Keep a diary
- (e) Be observant

Observing means not only eyes but ears too. One summer's day trout fishing I was failing to score but then I realised cicadas were singing. I switched to a cicada pattern and the day turned from troutless to troutfull.

(f) Be innovative

Seek new ideas that might just work and flexible not just in tackle but in tactics, techniques and locations. It's an adage of winning sport games. Losing? Then try a change of tactics whether it be location, lures or techniques.

(g) Be Patient

Trout can feed in cycles.

(h) Go fishing

To learn more, go fishing. Every fishing day is a learning day, fish or no fish. But the major reason to go fishing is that it's good for you. It's therapy.

It's healthy.

Ted Trueblood, a wonderful writer for the US "Field and Stream" magazine in the 1950s. Ted cruelly dying of brain cancer took his own life at about 69 - a relatively young age.

His wise words were: "Never say I'll go tomorrow. When you get a chance to go fishing, go! If you wait until tomorrow, tomorrow will drag into next week and next week will drag into next month and next month into next year - and some day it will be too late."

There's another rule that should be mandatory. Look after the trout and rivers by getting involved in the "politics". Yes politics is a dirty word to some. But reality is politics in the matters of trout and rivers is nothing more than "cause and effect." Take the adverse effects of large scale dairying.

That all began with a government intention growing and growing and growing dairying with dairying - mainly of the big business corporate type - being introduced to low rainfall areas like Canterbury and the Mackenzie Basin. Water was needed. It wasn't going to come from the rainfall so it comes from the aquifer and rivers, which in most cases is the one and same resource.

Then there's the nitrate leaching into the natural water system.

Large scale forestry - again mostly corporate - with clear felling and silt-laden runoff smothering spawning streams and bigger rivers is another threat. Where will MP Shane Jones grand plans for one billion trees end - more exotic



forest plantations? Keep an eye on it and speak out if necessary. Then there's the 'exclusive' access issue where a guide or wealthy syndicate pays money to get sole exclusive access while the rest of anglers are 'locked' out.

So resolve to get involved. Support your fish and game council, stand for election, or nominate someone and vote. Get into your local fishing club, write a letter or two to social media or your local paper.

The NZ Federation of Freshwater Anglers is fighting for your trout and your rivers. Get in and support the Federation. **Your** trout and rivers? Trout and rivers belong to future generations too - your children and grandchildren. Your legacy to them should involve a solid contribution



to fighting threats and indeed turning things around so that tomorrow we have better trout and rivers .

<c> Enjoy your fishing but look after it by getting involved.



YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

OR PRIZES FROM YOU AT LEAST

We are always on the lookout for raffle prizes so if you can provide anything for the monthly raffle please bring them along to the meetings or see a member of the committee.



The New Zealand Federation of Freshwater Anglers Inc.

What you, as a member, got from NZFFA over the last year.

- An excellent and well maintained website <http://www.nzffa.co.nz>
- Regular newsletters from NZFFA

- An administrator to help with communications with clubs and individual members (Brian Coddington) codsy01@gmail.com
- Easy access to the executive via president@nzffa.co.nz
- Submission to the Minister of Conservation and Fish & Game on the overseas licensing situation
- Advocacy that aided the reinstatement of access to Lake Hochstetter.
- **Submissions to:**
 - a. ECan on their Long Term Plan (2018 – 2028)
 - b. ECan on their Water Management Strategy
 - c. Environment Southland re. Gore Dairy factory discharge
 - d. Ministry of the Environment re. The Clean Water Consultation
 - e. Otago Fish & Game Council re. Upper Clutha fishery sustainability
 - f. Queenstown Lakes District Council re Navigation Safety Bylaw Amendments 2017 and 2018
 - g. Mackenzie District Council re. Plan Change 19 (Boats on L. Pukaki)
 - h. Waikato Regional Council re. Oraka Stream
 - i. Waikato Regional Council re. Water Quality and Enhancement Consultation
 - j. Taupo District Council re. Pest Management of Hinemaiaia & Waitahanui rivers.
 - k. Gisborne/Opotiki Council re. forestry in Waioeka Gorge
 - l. Waikato Regional Council re. NZ Pure Springs Ltd Putaruru Water Abstraction Consent Application
- **Additional written support for members, and enquiries to:**
 - a. Cawthron Institute re. Report on 1080 in trout flesh
 - b. NZ F&G re. 1080
 - c. NZ F&G re. Non-resident licences
 - d. NZ F&G re. Triploid trout in Lake Arapuni
 - e. NZ Salmon Anglers Association Inc. (NZSAA) support re. Rangitata Diversion Race Screens issue
 - f. NZSAA support re Rakaia abstraction issues
 - g. Landcare Research and Waikato Regional Council re. impact of 1080 on trout.
 - h. Brook Valley Community Group Inc. (Nelson) support re. RMA Exemption Regulations excluding consultation re. effects on freshwater angling.
 - i. Brook Valley Community Group Inc. re. Freshwater rescue plan
 - j. Numerous Media releases on members' concerns e.g. urging anglers to get involved in Fish and Game elections, the danger from pine monocultures (clear felling siltation), and pesticides affecting trout and their food etc.
 - k. Numerous letters to the editors of a wide variety of publications re. members' issues.

Focus issues for 2018 -2019

1. Involving more clubs and individual members in supporting the Executive in enhancing the sport of freshwater angling in New Zealand.
2. Further developing our digital communication systems to aid members.
3. Strategize the NZFFA's countering of commercialization of freshwater angling including trout farming.
4. Strategize NZFFA's actions to counter the increasing trend for foreign ownership of access to our fisheries.
5. Revival of concern about the stalled situation around 'access lost' areas.

6. Tackling Regional Councils that fail to monitor and follow-up on RMA non-compliance that adversely affect fisheries.
7. Advocate re. the significant fish population declines in the Rakaia and Rangitata Rivers.
8. Advocate re. the habitat destruction in trout fishing areas with significant environmental and conservation character; including the Mackenzie Country and other backcountry areas.
9. Advocate generally against the growing use of persistent insecticides, fertilizer and pollutants that are adversely altering the quality of New Zealand's fisheries and the enjoyment of the sport.
10. Actively pursue water quantity and abstraction issues resulting from industrial farming.

Note:

The NZFFA is there to serve its members. Ensure your club is a member and/or take the opportunity to join up as an individual. **There is NO subscription fee.** The Federation is based on voluntary contributions from its Executive members. They have a deep pool of expertise and "institutional knowledge". Take advantage of it, and keep the NZFFA informed about local and national issues for our sport.

Contacts:

Brian Coddington – codsy01@gmail.com Graham Carter – president@nzffa.co.nz