

**Perfecting the marriage:**

## **Fisheries Plans with Regional Compliance and Enforcement**

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Guardian of the multitudes of Tangaroa – maximising the value New Zealanders obtain through the sustainable use of fisheries resources and protection of the aquatic environment

## Outline

- Why Fisheries Plans?
- What are New Zealand's fisheries plans?
- Collaboration - compliance and enforcement considerations
- Perfecting the relationship

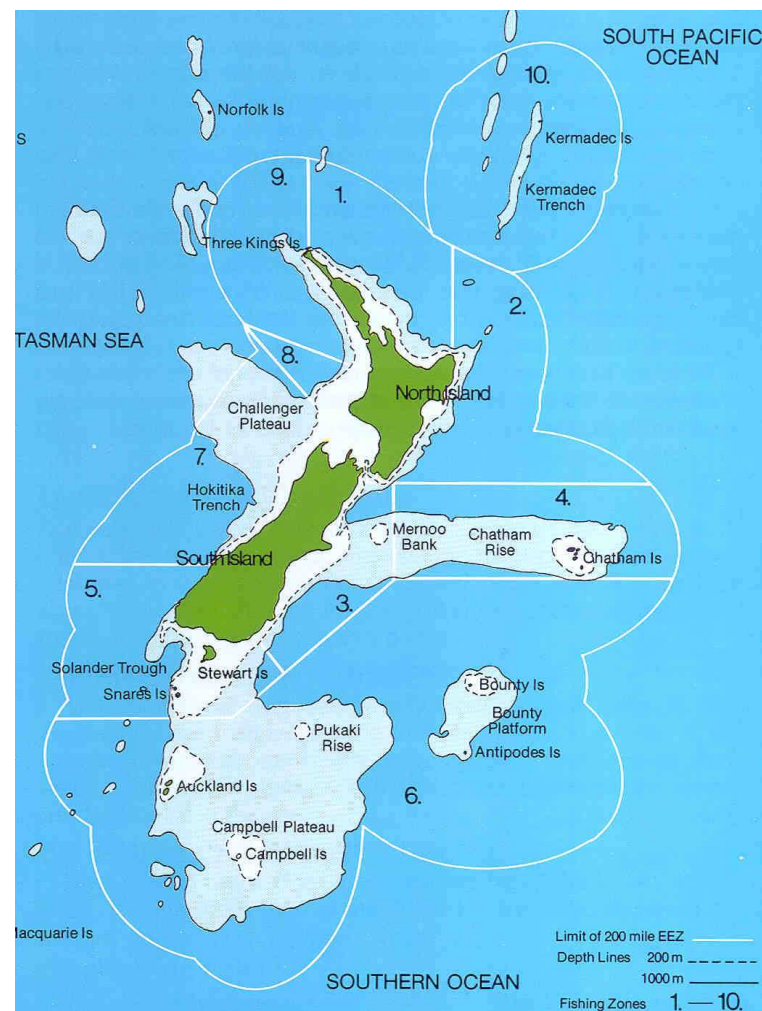


## Why Fisheries Plans?

- Better way for management to identify and maximise different stakeholder values
- Few fisheries have formal plans
- Strong link between objectives, management measures and services
- Different parties reach common ground
- Tangata whenua, commercial, recreational and environmental group participation
  
- Better meet demands for improved performance from fisheries
- Clear and transparent process for fishery direction and decisions

## What are New Zealand Fisheries Plans?

- Focus is single or grouped fisheries
- Initially 26 – inshore, deepwater - finfish, shellfish, seaweed, FW eels  
e.g. Challenger inshore finfish, paua, Northland scallops
- Some national plans now have sub-area plans e.g. PAU5A, CRA3
- Staged approach to deliver 5 year plans
- Statutory basis



## What will Fisheries Plans include?

- Current situation – sustainability, environmental, management
- Minimum government standards e.g. seabirds, benthic impacts
- Goals and objectives
- Operational plans - management measures, services, performance measures
- Out of scope links e.g. aquaculture, customary management, land use
- Monitoring and review plan
- Assessment of existing management and alignment plan, if needed
- Evaluation of risk and priorities for implementation (within and across)

## Collaboration - Compliance and Enforcement Considerations

- Plan focus is fishery management units – species/area
- Compliance focus is activity of defined entities across the supply chain
- A compliance service:
  - is likely to be for multiple species or sectors and multiple fishing areas;
  - is based on multiple tools to establish offending for multiple offence types
  - may be directed by factors outside of the plans scope e.g. international, other agencies
- A ‘risk management framework’ drives priorities – basis not all open source

## Collaboration - Compliance and Enforcement Considerations

- Stakeholder experience limited to date – enforcement or regulatory focus
- Stakeholder incentives – differing drivers e.g. cost recovery
- Service type – response based on offender intent and impact
- Service level – operational decisions on right activity, right time and right part of the supply chain
- Fisheries environment has significant criminal cross-over
- Management rules – complex and a lot
- Multi-agency approach for efficiency
- Wide ranging Fishery Officers powers including personal freedom

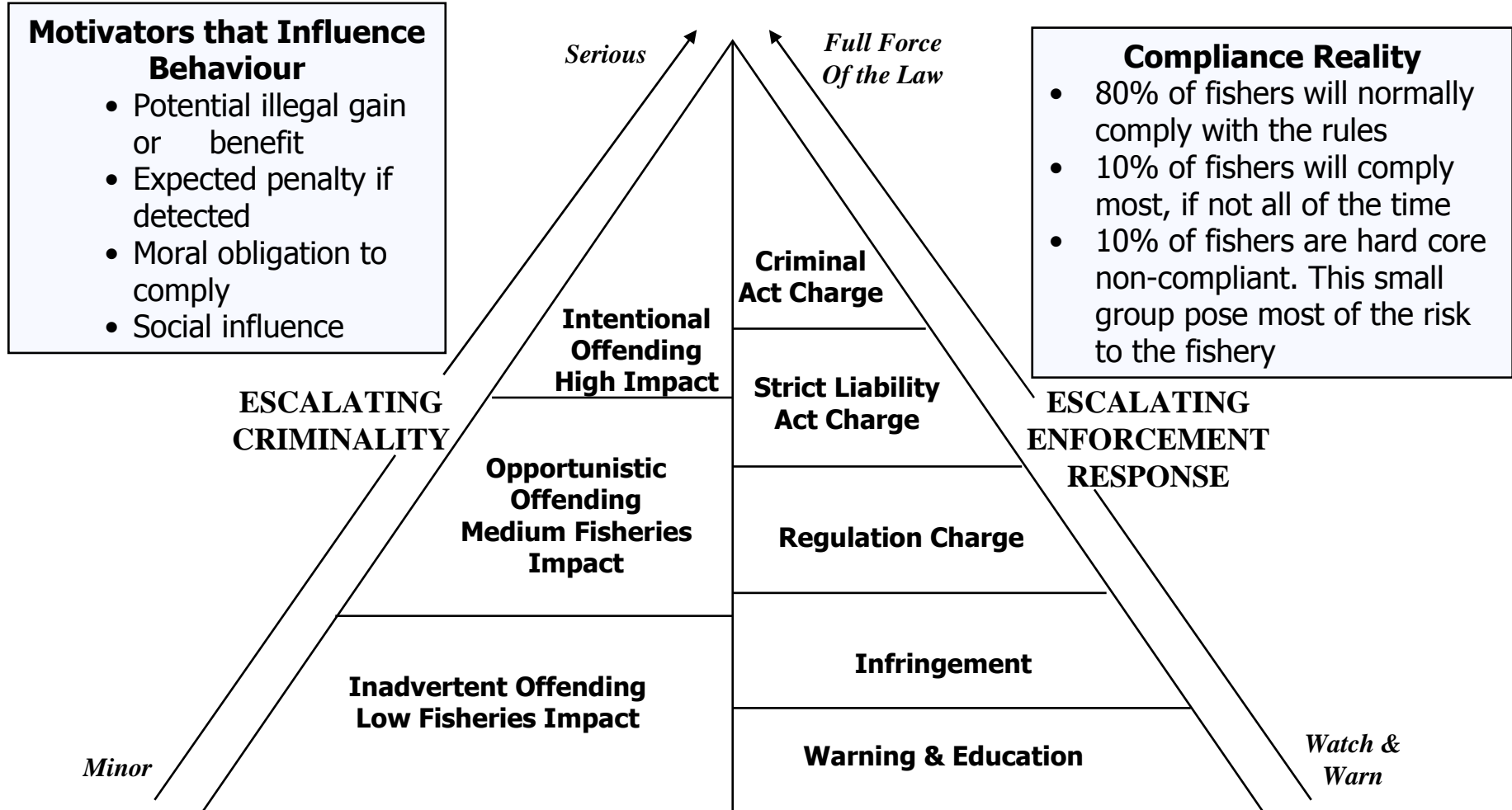
## Approach to perfecting the marriage?

- Clear management direction and priorities to direct compliance strategies – informed by compliance risk management framework
- Compliance services aligned to fisheries plans to achieve national strategies and outcomes
- Focus stakeholders on services [not individual activities] for voluntary compliance and monitoring not enforcement
- Ensure plans describe the supply chain, characteristics of operators and operations to assist in risk definition
- Promote stakeholder and Ministry action – simplify, who best positioned?

## Perfecting the Relationship

- Manage expectations - response model, operational decisions, law enforcement priorities
- Open discussion of compliance risks, information sources used
- Collaborative definition of outcome and service performance standards
- Propose options where stakeholder expertise can help e.g. information for risk assessment – post processing supply chain, changing compliance risks, additional reward/penalty options, sector based management or monitoring
- Work in progress and will evolve as Fisheries Plans evolve

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**Ensuring the enforcement responses are proportionate to the detected criminality is essential for retaining public support for enforcement activity.**



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