

# Kenepuru & Central Sounds



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Dear Dr Smith

## **Proposed Commercial Fishing Ban – Marlborough Sounds**

The Kenepuru and Central Sounds Residents' Association Inc. would firstly like to congratulate you on your appointment as Minister for the Environment.

The Association was established in 1991, and currently has over 200 household members whose residents live fulltime or part-time in the Kenepuru and Pelorus Sounds. The Association's objects include, among others, to coordinate dealings with central and local government and promote the interests of residents of Kenepuru Sound and adjacent areas, and to promote and act in the best interests of residents, ratepayers, and persons associated with the Kenepuru and central Sounds area. For further information see our website [www.kcsra.org.nz](http://www.kcsra.org.nz).

The purpose of writing to you is also to let you know that the Prime Minister's announcement reported on 7 September as to the creation of two new recreational fishing parks was extremely well received by our members. In passing we note that the Association has been working on such a scheme since 2010 and is very pleased to see this policy development.

The Sounds fishery has been heavily impacted by the concentrated mussel farming now present in many of the traditional spawning grounds in the Pelorus/Kenepuru Sounds. A commercial fin fish ban would see a reduction in biomass removal from such areas which, in the Association's view, would go some way to improving the state of the Sounds' fin fishery.

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The Prime Minister's announcement stated a discussion paper would be prepared some time in November 2014. We would be grateful if you could keep an eye on progress and, if the opportunity arises, champion this initiative with your Cabinet colleagues such as the Minister of Conservation. Naturally the Association is keen to support this initiative.

Yours sincerely



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