



Supply Chain

# Fishing Rules.



The legal right to fish and obligations for accurately reporting fishing activities in New Zealand are tightly controlled under the Quota Management System (QMS). The seafood industry is held accountable for accurately reporting their catch, balancing their catch against harvest allocations, ensuring they hold valid fishing permits and registering their vessels.

# 158.5k



Fishserve processed over 158,500 catch effort and landing returns last year.

# 1,000



The New Zealand Government conducts more than 1,000 commercial vessel inspections per year.

# 4<sup>th</sup>

New Zealand's Exclusive Economic Zone is the 4th largest in the world and over 12x the size of its landmass.

## NEW ZEALAND APPROACH

New Zealand's Quota Management System is a rights based framework whereby quota shares for a fixed proportion of each fish stock, rather than a quantity of catch, are granted in perpetuity. Sustainable catch limits set by the Government provide the basis for allocating the total allowable commercial catch.

## IMPLEMENTATION

Annual catch entitlements for the commercial fishing industry are implemented through a catch balancing regime. Permit Holders, Vessel Operators and Licensed Fish Receivers all have legal registration and reporting requirements they must meet.

## COMPLIANCE

The seafood industry must balance catch within catch limits or face penalties. Conformance and verification measures are ensured through Government programmes of surveillance and discrepancy reviews. Fisheries legislation allows for various enforcement and penalty regimes dependent upon the severity of offending.

## COMPARABILITY

New Zealand was world leading in the implementation of a rights-based quota management system in 1986. Today New Zealand continues to be one of the top regarded operators in the world for fisheries management.