

Precision Seafood Harvesting Programme Quarterly Progress report, January to March 2014

This period completes the eighth quarter of PGP funded activity for the Precision Seafood Harvesting programme.

This quarter has been another where significant progress has been achieved within the Precision Seafood Harvesting programme.

The acute post-harvest survival rates in juvenile snapper have been very encouraging and show tremendous potential for future developments in fish handling off the new harvest systems.

MPI and PSH are working to establish new protocols to evaluate performance of the test fishing vessels against mortality reduction objectives for unintended catch.

Brand development for the PSH products and technologies has been significantly progressed during this quarter with new branding selected and the process of formal protection started.

Initial sample testing of product in the market has had positive results and the co-investors are now looking to bring consistency to the supply and increase capacity.

The first trials have been conducted at-sea on a modern factory trawler targeting hoki.

Plant and Food Research has now opened their new purpose built seafood research facility in Nelson. This will be utilised by PSH to deliver some key PGP programme objectives.

Programme expenditure for this quarter was within budget.