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"No water, no life.  
No blue, no green."  
*Sylvia Earle*



### Fish Forever Matters #9 (March 2017)

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Prof. James Renwick

# Climate Change

what it's about, where it's going, and what we can do about it

Vision Kerikeri, Public Meeting

**Thursday, 9 March at 7pm**

**Cornerstone, 144 Kerikeri Road**

(new Union Church corner KK Road/Heritage Bypass)

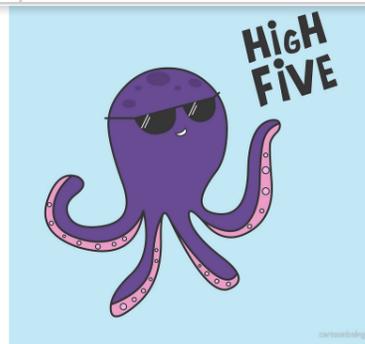
**Summary:** Climate change looms as the greatest threat human societies have ever faced. Impacts on health, food security, and migration have the potential to be hugely disruptive over coming decades. This presentation will cover the basics of what's driving our changing climate and how things in Northland, New Zealand, and the globe have changed already. We will look at a range of future climates and what we as individuals can do to help steer the climate system towards safer shores.



**James Renwick** has over 30 years' experience in weather and climate research. He is currently Professor of Physical Geography at Victoria University, specialising in large-scale climate variations.

This talk is in support of the proposed *Te Haa o te Ao* "Breath of the World" sculpture by Chris Booth at the entrance of Kerikeri: a greeting, a climate change signal involving school children, a tourist icon, a cooperation of Maori & Pakeha, an outstanding piece of living art - Donations are welcome/needed.



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## Murky Microbeads

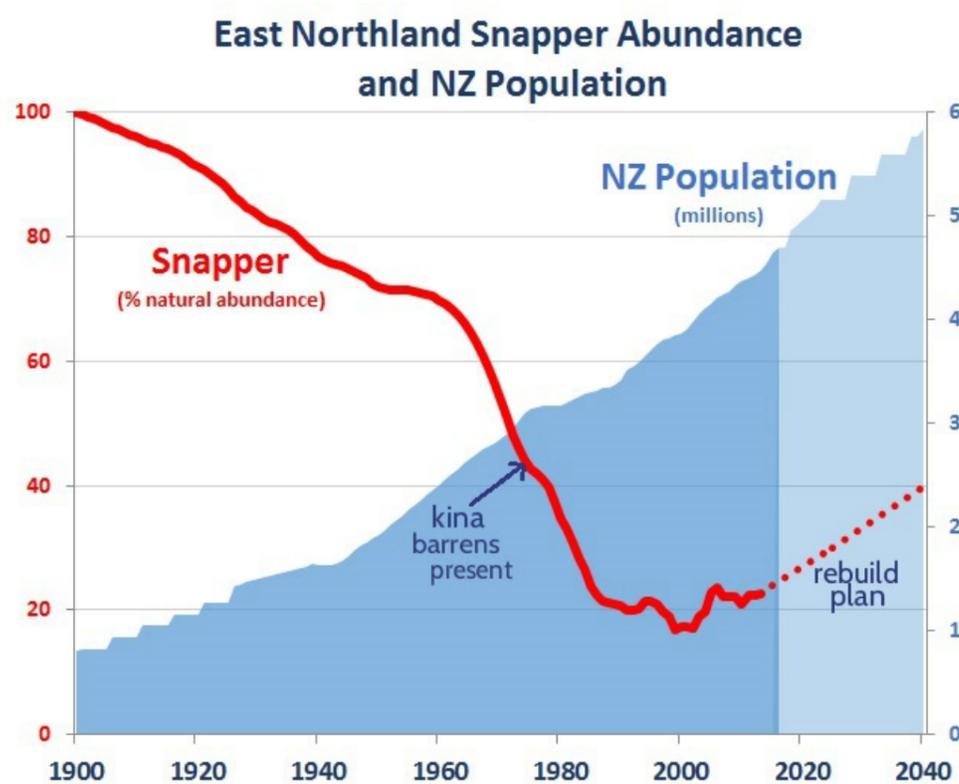
A big thank you to the 56 people who sent in the submission to support the proposed ban on microbeads in our cosmetics. Hopefully the government will follow through and it will be another small step to clean up our oceans.

## Talking to the Big Boys

We did well on our first time presenting to people with influence. Thanks to your 292 submissions on the Fisheries Management Review, the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) appointed by the Minister invited us to talk to them about our vision for the Future of Fisheries Management. The group was Sir Rob Fenwick (Chair), Graham Stuart (ex-CEO Sealords), Lesley Campbell (CEO of Commercial Fisheries Services), Harry Burkhardt (Chair of Ngāti Kuri Trust Board) and Graeme Sinclair (of Gone Fishing fame). We met them at the end of day 4 of 5 days they were hearing from stakeholders.

John Booth, Karen Field, Wendy Killen, Dean Wright, and Shane and Julia from Northland Dive went to Auckland to present our wish list. We all took different angles on the lack of fish in the sea and the impact it has on us.

Shane and Julia spoke about how remote their dive operation had to be, because apart from Maunganui Bay's sea life being enhanced by the rahui of 6 years, there was essentially not enough to show their clients inside the Bay of Islands. Dean and Wendy spoke of their experience of watching fish life decline over the past few decades. John addressed our desire for ecosystem based fisheries management to counter the affects of things like kina barrens. And, Karen encouraged the group to recommend managing fisheries for much higher abundances than is currently the case (eg. snapper managed at about 20% of natural abundance for the past 30 years, see below).



We encouraged the TAG group to consider the advantages of managing fishstocks for much higher abundances. The Quota Management System was introduced in 1986 because in the 1980s people at the time considered the inshore fisheries to be in dire straits, and wanted them to recover to the abundances of earlier years. And yet the current rebuild plan for snapper is to only rebuild to 40%, which is the same level people in the 80s thought was far too low!! We would love to see fisheries management embrace a more ambitious target than that.

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*A big thanks to everyone who has sent in our various submissions over the past 12 months. Your support is being noticed in Wellington, which means various groups making decisions are becoming interested in our view on how things could be improved.*

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