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Foveaux Strait ecosystem management workshops

NIWA, together with the Bluff Oyster Management Company and Foveaux Strait commercial blue cod fishers, will be holding two workshops in Invercargill to discuss a case study of ecosystem management in the Foveaux Strait oyster fishery area. A majority of the stakeholder representatives have expressed a preference for a Friday workshop. It is desirable to have one workshop where all stakeholder representatives could meet together to discuss a draft of the proposed research and to collectively raise issues to be addressed. We have scheduled the main workshop on Friday afternoon and a second workshop on Saturday morning, to allow those representatives unable to attend the Friday workshop an opportunity to participate. Both workshops will be held at the same venue.

To provide a focus for the workshop, we will give a presentation on proposed investigations, and the background and rationale behind them as a starting point. We will then list issues raised by stakeholder representatives not covered by the draft research proposal. We will discuss each issue as a group and prioritise key research. We expect the NIWA presentation to take less than an hour with the remainder of the workshop dedicated to discussion of the research. Following the workshop, we will circulate a draft research proposal to summarise the outcomes of the workshop.

Although the workshop is focused on designing research to provide information to stakeholders, to better make informed management decisions, this workshop will not discuss management of the oyster or blue cod fisheries.

Dates:	Friday 27 August	Saturday 28 August
Time:	13:30	10:30
Venue:	Invercargill Working Men's Club Cnr 154 Esk & Jed Streets Invercargill	

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Best regards
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