Spatial conflicts in New Zealand fisheries: the rights of fishers and protection of the marine environment
(the race for space)

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Competing rights and obligations

- Commercial fishing rights
- Māori indigenous (customary) fishing rights
- Recreational fishing rights
- Protection of the marine environment
Causes of conflicts

• 10% of NZ waters in protection by 2010
• Ad hoc approach
• Disparate processes
• Varied thresholds
• Cumulative effects
• Differences in bases for allocating rights
• Reallocation of ocean space
• No compensation
Solutions

• Integrated fisheries management
• Systematic approach to establishing the MPA network
• Clarification of rights
• Oceans management framework
• Other initiatives
Conclusion

Political, social and economic aspects resemble a Rubik’s cube.

Are the solutions enough to solve the cube?