



Memorandum

To:	s 9(2)(a)			
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From:	s 9(2)(a)			
Date:				File Ref:
Subject:	Operation Purse			
Remarks	<input type="checkbox"/> Urgent	<input type="checkbox"/> Reply ASAP	<input type="checkbox"/> For Your Review	<input type="checkbox"/> Please Comment

Operation Purse involved the investigation of five associated companies and their directors. The companies are:

- Pelco NZ Ltd
- Tawera Fishing Co Ltd
- Matariki Ltd
- Nelson Fisheries Ltd; and
- Sealord Group Ltd.

Of these all faced charges in the court with the exception of Sealord Group Ltd which was formally warned. Further s 9(2)(a) also faced charges. All the companies that were charged had convictions entered against them. The charges against s 9(2)(a) were withdrawn.

Forfeiture of two Purse seine vessels, the Matariki II and Tawera II, were also ordered forfeit by the Court and these were subsequently returned upon the payment of a redemption fee

At the conclusion of Operation Purse copies of files have been retained in 25 Boxes in archives.

Each box has been labelled with the contents. An Index of these has been completed.

All original documents and exhibits have been returned to the person from whom they were seized or the owner.

Each prosecution file held by administration in relation to this Operation has had a copy of this memo and a copy of the index placed on it.

Offences has been updated and these files are now ready for closure.

s 9(2)(a)
Fishery Officer



Ministry of Fisheries
JOB SHEET

Subject: OPERATION PURSE

09.02.04

Briefing for Operation Purse with FI s 9(2)(a) and FO s 9(2)(a).

s 9(2)(a) conducts briefing for Operation Purse. s 9(2)(a) shows me CELR, MHR and other documentation pertaining to Pelco Fishing, Tawera Fishing and Sealord Group Limited. This documentation contains anomalies in the information reported by these companies.

Termination scheduled for Wednesday 11 February 2004.

11.02.04

0730 hrs

Meet with FI s 9(2)(a) at the Nelson office.

0830 hrs

Travel to Sealord premises in Vickerman Street, Port Nelson.

Meet with s 9(2)(a) (Risk Manager) and s 9(2)(a) (Quota Manager) of Sealord Group Limited.

I inspect and uplift documentation from s 9(2)(a) office relating to Pelco Fishing and the fishing vessel *Tawera II*.

From shelving located on the right hand side wall of s 9(2)(a) office and from inside a folder titled 'Contract Vessels 2003/2004', I uplift:

⇒ copy of an e-mail from s 9(2)(a) of Pelco Fishing dated 6 November 2003 sent to s 9(2)(a) of Sealord Group Limited.

From a second folder titled 'Contract Vessels 2002/2003' located in shelving to the rear of the office, I uplift:

⇒ copies of 9 e-mails from s 9(2)(a) of Pelco Fishing to s 9(2)(a) of Sealord Group Limited, dated 4 December 2002, 11 February 2003, 10 March 2003, 9 April 2003, 12 June 2003, 10 July 2003, 5 August 2003, 3 September 2003 and 14 October 2003.

⇒ copy of an e-mail forwarded from s 9(2)(a) to s 9(2)(a) dated 6 May 2003, originally sent to s 9(2)(a) from s 9(2)(a) of Pelco Fishing.

From the desk belonging to s 9(2)(a) I uplift:

⇒ a letter from FishServe dated 12 January 2004 pertaining to the fishing vessel *Tawera II*.

Name: s 9(2)(a)
Position: Fishery Officer
Warrant No.: s

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From a 'To do' folder on s 9(2)(a) desk I also uplift:

⇒ copy of an e-mail from s 9(2)(a) dated 15 October 2003 regarding a Ministry of Fisheries Infringement Notice for Pelco Fishing and the vessel *Tawera II*.

I request s 9(2)(a) to print out information from the Sealord's Solution Multiplier Quota Management System. This information relates to landings by the vessel *Tawera II* 63935 from October 2002 to November 2003. s 9(2)(a) prints this information from his personal computer to the printer in his office and I consequently uplift these documents.

I itemise the uplifted items from Sealord Group Limited and place these in an exhibit folder labelled Sealord Group.

1100 hrs	Attend audio interview between s 9(2)(a) and FI s 9(2)(a) at Harbourside Motel, Vickerman Street, Nelson.
1330 hrs	Attend audio interview between s 9(2)(a) and FI s 9(2)(a) at Harbourside Motel, Vickerman Street, Nelson.
1630 hrs	Sign over exhibits to FI s 9(2)(a)