

Precision Seafood Harvesting Programme Quarterly Progress report summary, July to September 2014

The innovations from PSH towards improved sustainability performance in commercial fishing were recognised at the NZ Innovators Awards (2014). PSH was the “Supreme” winner and the winner of the “Sustainability & Clean tech” award.

PSH, Plant & Food Research and MPI are now finalising the methods and data analysis that will be used to validate acute post-harvest survivability in juvenile snapper. This is showing tremendous potential for the PSH’s modular harvesting system over other harvest methods in the test results to date.

The introduction of new larger prototypes designed for hoki capture will enhance the PSH objectives for delivery of new seafood quality to market and validation of fish quality potential using the new technology.

There were no incidents, accidents or injuries reported this year for PSH programme activities.

Expenditure for the quarter was below budget. The total programme costs were \$1.36 million against a budget of \$2.56 million, split 50% between MPI and PSH.