An unlikely alliance forged to protect fish

Recreational fishermen have joined forces with environmental groups in a bid to protect marine species and get the Government to rethink its approach to fisheries.

"We all want to see a healthy ocean and more fish in the water," said Greenspace campaigner Karl Thomas said while the organisations that make up the group did not work together, they shared these goals in common.

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The group included the New Zealand Recreational Fishing Council, Forest and Bird, the Council of Outdoor Recreation Associations of New Zealand and the Hokianga Accord.

The minister will decide next week what form the 300 Fishermen plan will take, and whether the group and unions should be included in it.

"If the group is useful, or if we deliver our vision," Forest and Bird spokeswoman Katrina Knott said. — NZPA

Pays to take the rough with the smooth

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HUNDREDS COME TO HELP: Nobby stranded at Papamoa Beach in September 2008. PICTURES / INGRID VISSER

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FAMOUS FIN: Ingrid has known this orca — Nobby — with a distinctive fin for almost 20 years. This picture on the left was taken on August 2 in the Bay of Islands. The photograph at right was taken later in Whangarei. Ingrid said many people are frequently mistaken by the same Distinctive areas to

INTERESTING ANGLE: From left, three young orca approach the boat, watched by Esther Malcolm and Ingrid Visser.

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