



NZ GAME FISHING COUNCIL FORMED

THE New Zealand Big Game Fishing Council was formed last night at a Whangarei meeting attended by representatives of the Whangaroa, Bay of Islands, Whangarei, Mercury Bay and Tauranga big game fishing clubs.

First patron of the new body is His Excellency the Governor General (Sir Willoughby Norrie).

Mr R. G. Chitty (Tauranga) was elected chairman.

All decisions reached last night were unanimous, a constitution was approved and adopted, and it is expected that the new body will become incorporated soon.

The inaugural meeting of the council followed an Auckland meeting held six weeks ago when it was decided to form a national body.

Representation on the council is two members from each of the five New Zealand clubs.

The chairmanship will rotate annually among the clubs.

Mr Chitty said today:

"The formation of the council will bring the 3000-odd active big game anglers in New Zealand closer together.

"It will work in close cooperation with the Government Tourist and Publicity Department to encourage overseas anglers to visit New Zealand.

GOLD CUP

"The council will be responsible for the awarding of national trophies, the most important of which is the gold cup to be presented by the Governor General.

"The cup is for the captor of the heaviest striped marlin caught in New Zealand waters in any one year."

Each club would have equal voting power, said Mr Chitty, and the council would particularly benefit smaller clubs.

National and international contests would be promoted and trophies secured.

The Governor General will officially hand over his trophy to the council at a special function in the near future, said Mr Chitty.

PERSONNEL

Personnel of the council is: Messrs R. G. Chitty, chairman; H. P. Brastins (Tauranga); C. T. Baker (Bay of Islands); A. J. Black, J. Crawford (Mercury Bay); T. M. Roberts; A. Baker (Whangaroa); R. Dinsdale, secretary; I. C. Watkins (Whangarei).

• Picture above shows:

From left front row: Messrs A. Armstrong (Bay of Islands secretary); C. T. Baker (Bay of Islands president); R. G. Chitty (Tauranga president); T. M. Roberts (Whangaroa president); and J. Crawford (Mercury Bay secretary).

Back row: Messrs L. A. Baker (Whangaroa); I. C. Watkins (Whangarei president); R. Dinsdale (Whangarei secretary); A. J. Black (Mercury Bay); and H. P. Brastins (Tauranga vice-president).