

Edminstin vs Sanfords Ltd: An Oyster skipper fights for his rights to intellectual property

Dr Peter Knight



Photo shows Oyster Skipper John Edminstin (courtesy Southland Times)

The case of Edminstin vs Sanfords Ltd involves the ownership of fishing positions stored on a ship's 'plotter'. The case was heard in Dec 2016-Jan 2017 in the High Court in Invercargill and Auckland, resulting in a defining moment in New Zealand law in support of fishermen's intellectual property (IP). However proposed legislation on the recording of all fishing positions throughout NZ fisheries, together with video surveillance, is imminent, and fishers are organizing to defend rights to privacy and IP.

Biography: Dr. Peter Knight obtained his doctorate from the University of Otago in 2008. His PhD Thesis examined management in the Bluff Oyster Fishery. He is the principal of Geomatics N. Z. Ltd.

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