

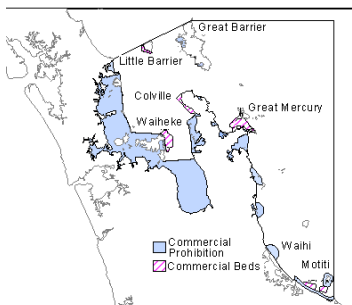
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The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) Inshore Team is reviewing catch limits for the Coromandel Scallop Fishery. Any changes would be approved by the Minister in time for the start of the fishing year commencing 1 April 2013.

An important step in the review is providing for tangata whenua input and participation as stipulated under the Fisheries Act 1996.

The Coromandel Scallop Fishery covers the follow area:



The Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for the fishery has not been reviewed for ten years. In view of the current high biomass of scallops (refer [www.fish.govt.nz/en-nz/Consultations/Archive/2012](http://www.fish.govt.nz/en-nz/Consultations/Archive/2012) for latest survey results), MPI considers there is confidence about biomass levels over the next two years and that the TAC can be increased.

The inshore team invites your input into the options for the fishery. Please provide any comments you may have before **4pm on Monday 17th December 2013**. This information should be sent to Allen Frazer, Ministry for Primary Industries, Private Bag 1926, Dunedin 9054, or emailed to [allen.frazer@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:allen.frazer@mpi.govt.nz)

Following your feedback, the Inshore Team will incorporate the information you provide into the consultation document and final advice provided to the Minister. Please note that you will, of course, have the usual opportunity to submit your views again when we formally consult with the public later this month.

For any enquiries regarding this letter please contact me on (03) 466 3682 or at the above email address.

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