

NEWS

# Fisheries reserve proposed for Cape Runaway

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A TE Whanau a Apanui hapu want to create a reserve that could mean commercial fishing, and possibly some types of recreational angling, would be banned around Cape Runaway.

Te Whanau a Kauaetangohia have applied to establish a mataitai reserve between the Mangatoetoe Stream and Potikirua Point. They have already established a rohe moana, or tribal fishing grounds, which enables them to engage in a process to set up a mataitai reserve.

A public meeting will be held on June 7 at Te Whanau a Kauaetangohia Marae at Cape Runaway and any submissions to Fisheries New Zealand on the matter must be received by July 5.

Spokesman Rawiri Waititi said the hapu believed the mataitai reserve would be the best way to protect fish species for future generations.

"We have seen the stock of

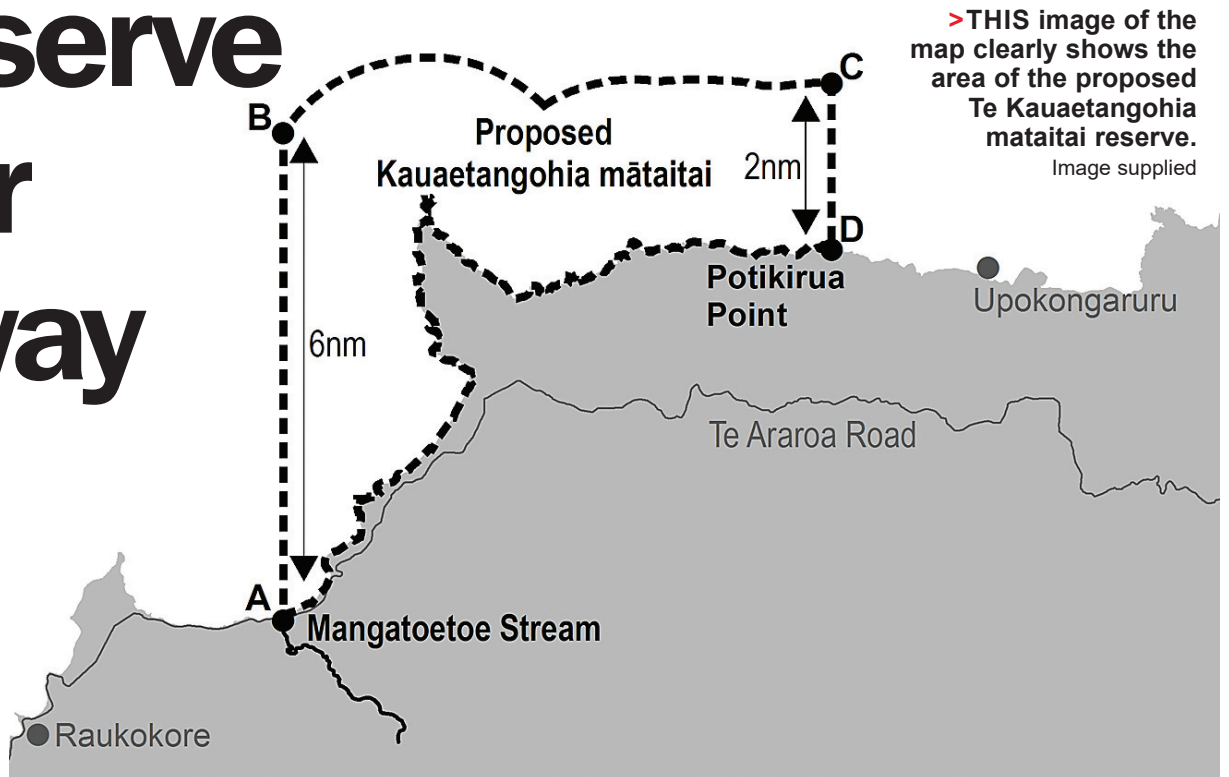
our kaimoana is in dire straits. "Some of our fishing grounds have been almost depleted and it is very hard to catch fish, which could be for a number of reasons."

Mr Waititi said if the mataitai reserve status was granted for the area then the hapu would explore areas that could be regulated through bylaws.

He said options could include imposing a complete ban on the taking of certain species or imposing lower limits.

"We will consider doing anything that protects the stocks for our mokopuna (grandchildren) and future generations. Te Whanau a Kauaetangohia are the kaitiaki (guardians) of this area and we must ensure that the mana of Te Whanau a Kauaetangohia is upheld."

Mr Waititi said the Waihau Fishing Club supported the proposal because it wanted to ensure the fish stocks in the area continued to be sustainable.



> REX and Guyleen Watson are presented a \$1500 Victa voucher by Briggs & Stratton area manager Kerry Manders. OB4304-04

## Prizes for purchasers

JAMES SANDBROOK

TWO prizes in a nationwide Victa lawnmower contest were handed out at Ericksens Chainsaws & Mowers yesterday.

Opotiki residents Rex and Guyleen Watson, who qualified for the competition after buying a Victa mower during the promotional period, won the first prize of a Gold Coast escape for two.

They were unable to take the trip abroad so Briggs & Stratton (owners of the Victa brand) area manager Kerry

Manders presented them with a \$1500 voucher for Victa products instead.

Mrs Watson said one of the things they were considering purchasing was an edge-trimmer.

"It takes ages trying to do it with the weed eater." As the owners of the branch that sold the winning lawnmower, Paul and Lee Ericksen were awarded a deluxe Air New Zealand mystery escape.

This is the second year their store has served the winners in a national Briggs & Stratton competition.

## POWER OUTAGE FOR OPOTIKI, WAIOTAHE AND TE KAHA AREAS – SUNDAY 10 JUNE 2018, 7:30am–5:30pm

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**Sunday 10 June 2018 from 7:30am – 5:30pm**

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5. While the power is off, treat all power lines and electrical wiring as being live at all times as it could be restored earlier than planned.

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