



10 April 2014

Dear Stakeholder

Request for a further temporary closure of Maunganui Bay, Bay of Islands, to the take of all fisheries resources (except kina)

The purpose of this letter is to consult with you on a request by Ngati Kuta and Patukeha ki Te Rawhiti, for a further two-year temporary closure of Maunganui Bay, Bay of Islands, to the take of all fisheries resources, except kina. The current temporary closure is due to expire on 30 November 2014. As part of the consultation process, the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is also publishing a notice in *The Northern Advocate* on 10 April 2014.

Ngati Kuta and Patukeha ki Te Rawhiti consider that a further two-year closure will provide continued statutory support for a customary rahui placed over the Bay in 2009, and allow continued enhancement of the local fisheries.

The request is made under section 186A of the Fisheries Act 1996, which provides that the Minister for Primary Industries may temporarily close an area, or temporarily restrict or prohibit the use of any fishing method in respect of an area, if satisfied that the closure, restriction, or prohibition will recognise and provide for the use and management practices of tangata whenua in the exercise of non-commercial fishing rights by:

- improving the availability and/or size of fish, aquatic life, or seaweed; or
- recognising a customary fishing practice.

If you would like to make a submission on the request, please respond in writing by **Tuesday 13 May 2014** to Fisheries Management – Spatial Allocations, Ministry for Primary Industries, PO Box 2526, Wellington 6140, or by email to FMSubmissions@mpi.govt.nz.

A detailed map of the proposed area is available on the MPI website (www.mpi.govt.nz), or by contacting MPI at the above address.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Scranney'.

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