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NZ Sport Fishing Council – LegaSea submission on the request for a further temporary closure of Maunganui Bay, Bay of Islands, to the take of all fisheries resources (except kina)

Submission: New Zealand Sport Fishing Council – LegaSea support the proposal.

NZ Sport Fishing Council - LEGASEA

1. The New Zealand Sport Fishing Council (NZSFC) is a national sports organisation with over 32,000 affiliated members from 57 clubs nationwide. The Council has initiated LegaSea to generate widespread awareness and support for the need to restore access to abundant fishstocks in our inshore marine environment. Also, to broaden NZSFC involvement in marine management advocacy, research, education and alignment. On behalf of our members and LegaSea supporters, we are “the submitters”. www.legasea.co.nz
2. The submitters have supported previous s186A fishing closures where there has been a clear purpose to restore abundance and productivity of the marine environment.
3. Our representatives are available to discuss this submission in more detail if required. We look forward to positive outcomes from this process. We would like to be kept informed of future developments. Our contact is Dave Lockwood secretary@nzsportfishing.org.nz.

Submission

4. The submitters support the application by Te Kupenga o 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 closure of Maunganui Bay is due to expire on 29 October 2016.
5. The submitters acknowledge Te Kupenga o Ngati Kuta and Patukeha ki Te Rawhiti for their consistent and generous commitment to delivering on their kaitiakitanga (guardianship) obligations on behalf of not only these taonga kai moana (treasured) resources, but also the efforts they make to educate the wider community. We urge the Ministry for Primary Industries to assist the applicants by providing the necessary resources to expand this mahi (work).