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## **NZ Sport Fishing Council – LegaSea submission on the request for a temporary closure of Umupuia Beach, Manukau, to the harvest of cockles**

**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 34,000 affiliated members from 56 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](http://www.legasea.co.nz)
2. The submitters supported the previous s186A fishing closure application for Umpuia Beach in 2016, and other applications 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 Helen Pastor [secretary@nzsportfishing.org.nz](mailto:secretary@nzsportfishing.org.nz).

### **Submission**

4. The submitters support the application by Ngai Tai Umupuia Te Waka Totara Trust (the Trust) on behalf of Ngai Tai ki Tamaki and the Umupuia Marae and, for a two-year rahui, s186A temporary closure of Umupuia Beach, Manukau, to the harvest of cockles (tuangi).
5. The submitters acknowledge Ngai Tai Umupuia Te Waka Totara Trust for their consistent and generous commitment to delivering on their kaitiakitanga (guardianship) obligations on behalf of these taonga kai moana (treasured) resources, and their efforts to educate the wider community. We urge Fisheries New Zealand to assist the applicants by providing the necessary resources to expand this mahi (work).