



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Temporary fishing closure around Astrolabe Reef, Bay of Plenty

Pursuant to section 186A of the Fisheries Act 1996, the Motiti Rohe Moana Trust, on behalf of Nga Hapu o te Moutere o Motiti, has requested a two-year temporary closure to the take of all fisheries resources, in the fisheries waters within three nautical miles of a point on Astrolabe Reef, Bay of Plenty, at 37°32.420'S and 176°25.730'E. The proposed area is approximately 97 km².

This notice invites written submissions on the request from persons having an interest in the fisheries resources concerned or in the effects of fishing in the area concerned.

Submissions must be made by Monday, 14 March 2016 to: Fisheries Management – Spatial Allocations, Ministry for Primary Industries, PO Box 2526, Wellington 6140, or by email to FMSubmissions@mpi.govt.nz

Further information about temporary closures, including a map of the requested area, is available on the MPI website (www.mpi.govt.nz), or by contacting MPI at the above address.

Note: Any submission you make becomes public information. Anyone can ask for copies of all submissions under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). The OIA says we must make the information available, unless we have a good reason for withholding it. You can find those grounds in sections 6 and 9 of the OIA. Tell us if you think there are grounds to withhold specific information in your submission. Reasons might include, it's commercially sensitive or it's personal information. However, any decision MPI makes to withhold information can be reviewed by the Ombudsman, who may require the information be released.