



4 July 2016

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 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 temporary closure is due to expire on 29 October 2016. As part of the consultation process, the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) also published a notice in *The Northern Advocate* on Friday 1 July 2016.

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.

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

If you would like to make a submission on the request, please respond in writing by **Tuesday 2 August 2016** to Fisheries Management – Customary Fisheries and Spatial Allocations, Ministry for Primary Industries, Private Bay 14, Nelson 7042, or by email to FMSubmissions@mpi.govt.nz.

Please note, all submissions are subject to the Official Information Act 1982 (“the OIA”) and can be released, if requested. If you have specific reasons for wanting to have your submission withheld, please set out your reasons in the submission. MPI will consider those reasons when making any assessment for release of submissions if requested under the OIA.

Yours sincerely

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