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Subject: FW: Request for a further temporary closure of Umupuia Beach, Manukau, to the harvest of cockles

Dear Stakeholder

With regard to the letter of 10 April 2014 (attached), MPI has received preliminary results for a recent cockle survey at Umupuia Beach.

Umupuia beach was surveyed on behalf of MPI in late March/early April 2014. Data analyses have not been finalised and checked, therefore 2014 results should be treated as preliminary and indicative only. The preliminary 2014 results suggest a 2014 abundance of 168 million cockles at Umupuia Beach. In comparison, cockle abundance was estimated to be 124 million in 2012, and 102 million 2010. Shell length data has yet to be analysed. Finalised results are expected approximately October 2014.

You may like to consider this information in any submission you make on the request by Ngai Tai Umupuia Te Waka Totara Trust, to renew the two-year temporary closure at Umupuia Beach to the harvest of cockles.

As noted the 10 April letter, submissions must be made by Tuesday 13 May 2014.

Regards

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