



7 June 2016

Dear Stakeholder

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

The purpose of this letter is to consult with you on a request by Ngāi Tai Umupuia Te Waka Totara Trust (the Trust) on behalf of Umupuia Marae and Ngāi Tai, for a further two-year temporary closure of Umupuia Beach, Manukau, to the harvest of cockles (tuangi). As part of the consultation process, the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) published a notice in the New Zealand Herald on 4 June 2016.

The current temporary closure is due to expire on 24 September 2016. The Trust considers that a further two-year closure will allow them time to develop a management regime for the cockle fishery, taking into account the results of the most recent survey. The final results of that survey are not yet available, and the Trust considers them intrinsic to future planning.

The request is made under s 186A of the Fisheries Act 1996. Section 186A provides that the Minister for Primary Industries may temporarily close an area in respect of any species of fish. Before doing so, the Minister must be satisfied that closing the area 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 in that area.

If you would like to make a submission on the request, please respond in writing by **Monday 4 July 2016** to:

Fisheries Management – Customary Fisheries & Spatial Allocations
Ministry for Primary Industries
PO Box 2526
Wellington 6140

or by email to:

FMSubmissions@mpi.govt.nz

A detailed map of the proposed area is attached. It is also 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 the grounds for withholding information 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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Scranney', written in a cursive style.

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