



5 October 2018

Dear Stakeholder

## Request for a 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 Ngāi Tai ki Tamaki and the Umupuia Marae, for a two-year temporary closure of Umupuia Beach, Manukau, to the harvest of cockles (tuangi). As part of the consultation process, Fisheries New Zealand will publish a public notice in *The New Zealand Herald* on Saturday 6 October 2018.

The request is made under section 186A of the Fisheries Act 1996, which provides that the Minister of Fisheries 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.

The proposed temporary closure covers the New Zealand fisheries waters at Umupuia Beach landwards of a straight line from Te Puea (at the western end of Umupuia Beach) to Whakakaiwhara Point (at the eastern end of Umupuia Beach). The area of the proposed temporary closure is approximately 1.4 sq km.

The Trust consider that a 2-year closure will recognise and provide for the management practices of Ngāi Tai ki Tamaki and the Umupuia Marae, in their exercise of non-commercial fishing rights, and allow time to develop protocols for future management and any future harvest options.

A copy of the request, including a map of the proposed area, will be available on the Fisheries New Zealand website ([www.mpi.govt.nz/fisheriesnz](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/fisheriesnz)), or by contacting Fisheries New Zealand at the address below.

Written submissions in response to the request are invited from persons who have an interest in the species concerned or in the effects of fishing in the area concerned.

Any written submissions should be made by **Monday, 5 November 2018** to Customary Fisheries and Spatial Allocations, Fisheries New Zealand, PO Box 2526, Wellington 6140, or by email to [FMSubmissions@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:FMSubmissions@mpi.govt.nz).

Note, that any submission you make becomes public information. People can ask for copies of submissions under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). The OIA says we have to make submissions available unless we have a good reason for withholding it (refer to 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 that 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 tell us to release it.

Yours sincerely

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