

WAIHEKE RĀHUI

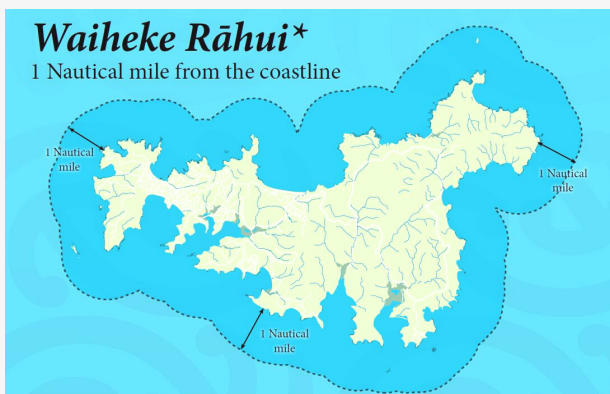
RĀHUI ON WAIHEKE ISLAND TO PROTECT DEPLETED KAIMOANA



TE MOTU-WAI-HEKE WAIHEKE ISLAND AREA OF RĀHUI

A rāhui around Waiheke Island from the foreshore to 1 nautical mile offshore for a minimum 2-year period to allow these taonga species to restore and replenish.

Ngāti Pāoa asks for your support to replenish the mauri of our combined resources.



"We have been encouraged by local support. What's clear is we all share a sense of responsibility to protect our kaimoana across Tkapakapa for future generations".

He Rāhui

SUNDAY 31 JANUARY 2021
ONEROA BEACH, WAIHEKE

Ngāti Pāoa will place four shellfish species under a rāhui on Waiheke Island, the most populated island in the Hauraki Gulf. The customary tikanga practice of rāhui will be held on Sunday 31 January 2021 at 5.30am at Oneroa Beach, Waiheke Island.

The species included in the rāhui are *tīpa* (scallops), *kūtai* (mussels), *kōura* (crayfish) and *pāua* (abalone). The rāhui is due to the declining inshore biodiversity. If nothing is done urgently our mātaītai, our kaimoana beds will not only be severely depleted, but will reach the point of collapse along our estuarine environment.

The rāhui will be carried out by Ngāti Pāoa tohunga and kaumātua. It follows a series of meetings with the local community, Piritahi marae, Ngāti Pāoa Trust Board, Ngāti Pāoa Iwi Trust, iwi and hapū.

A management plan including new detailed signage, boundary markings and cultural marine monitoring are part of a wider discussion. Meanwhile the rāhui will be in place for a minimum of 2 years and failure to comply may lead to prosecution under the Fisheries Act Section 186A.

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