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## Review of sustainability measures for 1 April 2022

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**Submitter details: Richard Eiger**

<b>Name of submitter or contact person:</b>	
<b>Organisation (if applicable):</b>	Self only
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Fishstock(s) this submission refers to:</b>	Scallops
<b>Your preferred option as detailed in the discussion paper</b> (write "other" if you do not agree with any of the options presented):	Option 2

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Based upon history and data – Dredging for Scallops must be immediately stopped and a new group established to over see the regrowth of Scallop population .

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### Submitter details:

Name of submitter **Melissa Arseneault**  
or contact person:

Organisation (if applicable):

Email:

Fishstock(s) this submission refers to:

Scallops (SCA 1 & SCA CS) for 2022/23

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## Review of Sustainability Measures for New Zealand scallops (SCA 1 & SCA CS) for 2022/23)

I support FNZ view that the longer-term approach to scallop management needs to be reviewed with measures implemented to protect the scallop fisheries in the short-medium term and provide opportunity for stocks to recover while FNZ works with tangata whenua, stakeholders and community to develop a long-term sustainable management plan.

Therefore I support Option 2 with the inclusion of a two-year temporary closure (under s186a) for Smugglers Bay and Urquharts Bay. There has already been a significant increase in concentration of recreational fishing in both Smugglers and Urquharts Bay which from my view is unsustainable therefore these areas must be closed to promote and enable the maximum recovery potential.

I support a permanent ban on all dredging.

There needs to be better engagement, consultation and planning with community, tangata whenua and other stakeholders in the future management of the Whangarei harbour.

There is a need to improve data and disseminate more up to date information including non-fishing stressors.

There needs to be more monitoring and enforcement of all regulations relating to the management of scallops in the Whangarei Harbour.



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**From:** [Geoff Pike](#)  
**To:** [FMSubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Scallop harvest submission  
**Date:** Tuesday, 8 February 2022 4:02:13 PM

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Geoff Pike

Email

I choose option one complete closure.

We have to start looking at this from the benefit of the ecosystem not the scallop harvesters who contribute nothing to the sustainability of the scallops.

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**Submitter details:**

<b>Name of submitter or contact person</b> Barbara Strack	
<b>Organisation (if applicable):</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	
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<b>Your preferred option as detailed in the discussion paper</b> (write "other" if you do not agree with any of the options presented):	2

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Closing Urquarts and Smugglers as well.

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### Submitter details:

Name of submitter Sydney Curtis-Wilson  
or contact person:

Organisation (if applicable):

Email:

Fishstock(s) this submission refers to:

SCA 1 and SCA CS

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I support the decision to close SCA 1 and SCA CS to recreational and commercial dredging. However, I deeply believe that they should also be closed to divers until there has been adequate research done in suitable areas that can show what the scallop populations look like. We shouldn't allow take to continue until we have a deeper understanding of population densities. If we had a chicken shortage would we continue to eat consume chickens?

Once we have a better understanding of the scallop stocks that is when we should make a conscious decision of opening the stocks to only divers. Dredging is outdated, destructive and should be removed from all waters surround Aotearoa.

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**Submitter details:**

Name of submitter  
or contact person: Heidi Rosser

Organisation (if applicable):

Email:

Fishstock(s) this submission refers to:

SCA 1

**Your preferred option as detailed in the discussion paper**

(write "other" if you do not agree with any of the options presented):

**OTHER**

Option 1 for a defined window e.g. rahui for one scallop season at a time to be reviewed against pre-determined improvement criteria before deciding to continue or downgrade

Also, discuss with tangata whenua about whether/how they also could agree to voluntarily uphold a rahui or reduce customary fishing (tangi, hui, food gathering) in the spirit of kaitiakitanga

Followed by a downgrade to...

Option 2 with some changes as follows:

In addition to no dredging, add 'NO TANKS' for anyone – so free-diving only. In that way scallops are 'earned' and it's a more even contest between divers and kai moana.

Leave all areas open, otherwise Smugglers and Urquharts will likely get wiped out with partial special closures in other areas



Discuss with tangata whenua about whether/how they could agree to voluntarily reduce customary fishing in the spirit of kaitiakitanga. Is there an acceptable and workable middle ground between a rahui and maintaining the current allowance?

Also...

Identify and address any other key contributing factors e.g. run-off or fanworm or... at the same time

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### Submitter details:

Name of submitter  
or contact person: John Gardiner

Organisation (if applicable):

Email:

Fishstock(s) this submission refers to:

Scallop management Area 1

Your preferred option as detailed in the  
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**Details supporting your views:**

**This submission is focussed entirely on the recreational scallop fishery in SCA1 although the principles discussed would doubtless apply to any other scallop area under threat of collapse.**

I am 76 years old and have been snorkelling for scallops most of my life. I observed the decline in scallops at snorkelling depth in the BOI during the 1980's which led to me being eventually squeezed out by the overly effective scuba divers (divers). When shifting to Whangarei the same thing has happened in the Whangarei Harbour but much more recently. For many years during the latter part of January, I have always been able to get a feed in the harbour until this year when my usual two sites returned 2 legal scallops from 5 snorkellers after an hour of searching. For years, stories have been common knowledge on how divers at the start of the season head out into the Whangarei Harbour sites more than once a day and day after day, filling their freezers. These stories seem to be more prevalent in recent years as the stocks have come under increasing pressure i.e. the greater the pressure on the scallop fishery the more pressure is applied by the scuba divers (FOMO). These stories may be exaggerated but I do know some responsible divers are very angry, having more reliable knowledge on what's going on.

The simplest and most effective means to manage scallop numbers in a sustainable manner is to ban the use of aqualung as a harvesting method for recreational fishers.

Having scallops only harvested by snorkel will have the following advantages.

- Ensure that plenty of scallops will remain to spawn in the deeper waters beyond the reach of snorkellers within the harbour.
- It is probable that recruitment rates will occur far more rapidly due to optimum fertilisation from increases in population densities at the deeper levels.
- Snorkelling for scallops will improve accessibility for a far greater number of people of all ages and yet, at the same time, healthy and sustainable breeding scallop populations will remain protected at the deeper levels. In other words, the recreational scallop fishery will be enjoyed by far more people but in a less impactful way. Health and wellbeing and a sustainable fishery will all be achieved at the same time – a much needed “win win” for the Ministry and the fishery.
- Given it is much more exhausting to snorkel for a feed of scallops than it is to scuba dive, even if there was an increase in numbers of snorkellers, it is anticipated that the total scallops gathered by snorkellers will be significantly less than the amount harvested currently. And, this is not even taking into account the impacts from superior levels of recruitment from the untouched increase in breeding densities at the deeper levels that would occur under this method of harvesting.
- Monitoring and compliance effort by Fisheries New Zealand will significantly decrease as, given the extra degree in difficulty to harvest by snorkelling, less breaches to the regulations will occur.

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The reason for not supporting the three options supplied by FNZ are as follows.

**Option 1. Temporary closure.**

Although the scallop fishery will recover under this option it will simply lead to a "boom and bust" outcome, unless additional measures are introduced to change or restrict people's behaviour. I have to admit to being somewhat astonished that this approach is being given serious consideration as it appears that the Ministry believes that this option will lead to more responsible behaviour from scuba divers once the scallop fishery has recovered. Without other behavioural measures restricting the pressure from harvesting of scallops the fishery will decline rapidly to what it is now.

Outcome: Unsustainable scallop fishery.

**Option 2. Partial closure.**

Again, I am surprised that this option is being considered. All that will happen is that all the scuba divers excluded from the rest of the harbour will flock to the Urquharts Bay and Smugglers Bay harvest sites. This additional pressure will lead to the collapse of these populations within a few years. FNZ may well say that by then the other sites will have recovered but, the question remains, is this not another version of the "boom and bust" mentality.

Outcome: Unsustainable scallop fishery.

**Option 3. Restrictions on fishing method.**

Whilst the banning of dredging is applauded, especially for recreational purposes, it will be insufficient to lead to a significant recovery and will not achieve a sustainable fishery.

The proposal to explore further commercial diving of scallops instead of commercial dredging is also supported.

Outcome: Unsustainable recreational fishery.

**Recommendations**

1. That dredging and scuba diving be removed as a legal means of harvesting scallops by recreational fishers. This is the only viable solution to restore and maintain a sustainable scallop fishery for the future. The recovery rate in the short term under this approach could be enhanced by closing the fishery for a period that could be determined by annual monitoring by the Ministry.
2. That the FNZ engage appropriately qualified human behaviourists to assist in the evaluation and designing of a recovery plan for the scallop fishery in SCA1.

John Gardiner





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- Given it is much more exhausting to snorkel for a feed than it is to scuba dive and, given the numbers of scallops gathered is likely to be significantly less by snorkellers it is not expected that an increase in snorkeller numbers would not come even close to the current scallop numbers harvested by the scuba diving fraternity. And, this is not even taking into account the impacts from superior levels of recruitment that would occur from the untouched increase in breeding densities at the deeper levels.
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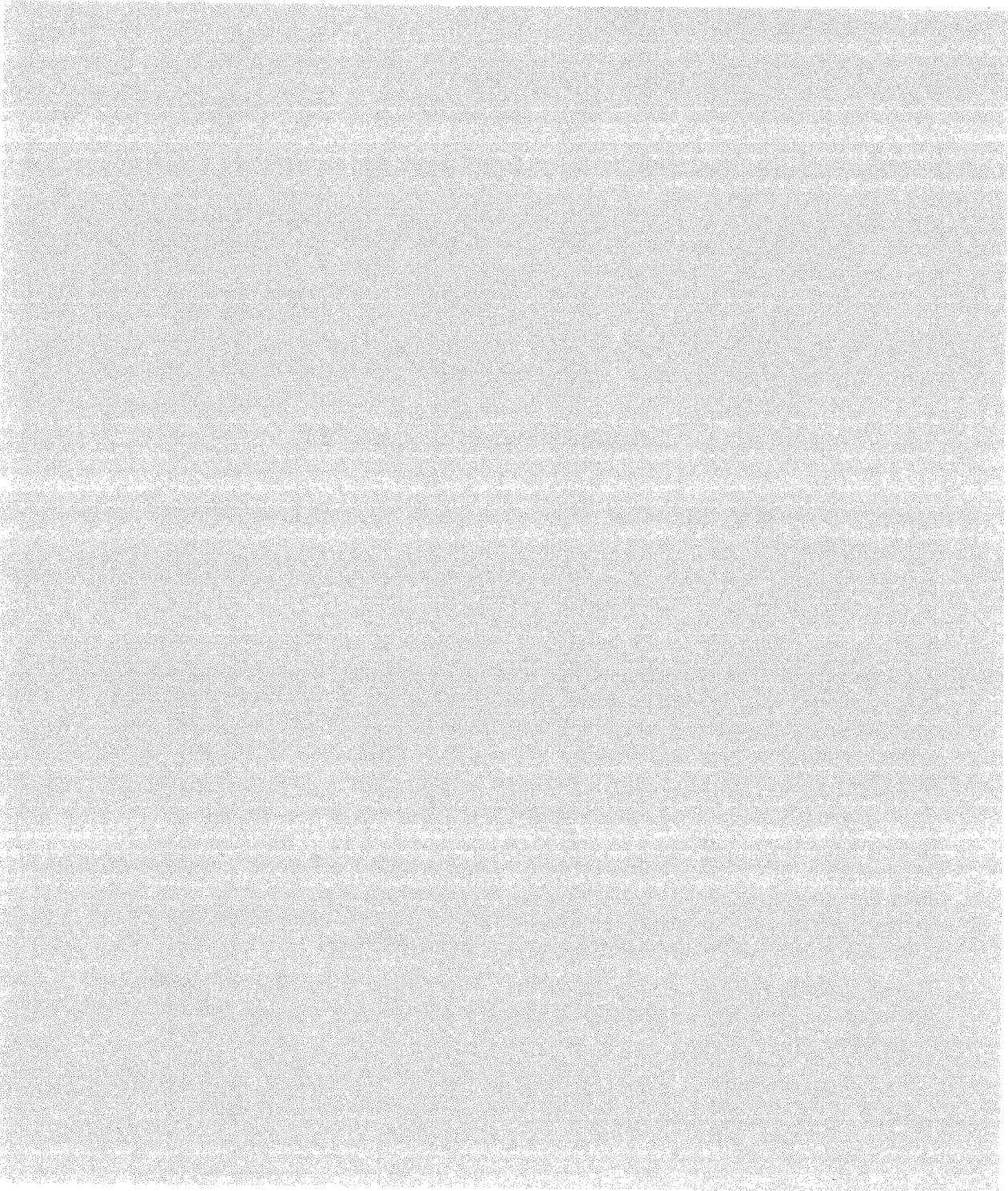
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<b>Name of submitter or contact person: Paul Buisson (personal)</b>	
<b>Organisation (if applicable):</b>	n/a
<b>Email:</b>	
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### Details supporting your views:

It is hugely disappointing that NZ fisheries has failed to manage Northland's scallop fishery within sustainable limits. There are so many examples of scallop fishery collapses in New Zealand and internationally that this situation should never have been allowed to happen. Recreational pressure has increased massively in recent years and unless we change how this fishery is managed it is certain to fail.

My preferred option (of the options provided) is option 2. However this must be accompanied with a section 186 closure of Urquarts and Smugglers. Future management with a tool like a mataitai should include the entire harbour and smugglers.

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**Name of submitter**

or contact person: Alvah Simon

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**Email:**

**Fishstock(s) this submission refers to:**

Whangarei Harbor Scallops

**Your preferred option as detailed in the discussion paper Option 2**

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I support Option 2 in the absence of more nuanced adjustments, such as – shortened season, minimum size adjustments, rotating bed closures, and quota on a per boat basis.

I am also concerned that there is no mention of accountable oversight of "Customary Rights" totals. Surely, if this resource is so threatened then it is incumbent upon ALL stakeholders to make some sacrifices.

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or contact person: A.G. &amp; B.L. Phipps

**Organisation (if applicable):****Email:****Fishstock(s) this submission refers to:**

NZ scallops (SCA 1)

**Your preferred option as detailed in the discussion paper**

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Other: being a modified Option 2 (see below).

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**Details supporting your views:**

1. Of the three options proposed in the Fisheries NZ Discussion Paper (FNZ 2021/30) we **prefer a modified version of Option 2.**
2. We would prefer a version of Option two that includes an **expansion of the exception area to all of Whangarei Harbour**, balanced by **added protection of additional restrictions** on the recreational take, by hand gathering, being: the further **reduction of the daily bag limit per fisher to 10, and a further reduction of the Season to: 1 October to 31 December.** This should be accompanied by more rigorous enforcement.
3. We believe that this will reduce the risk of concentration of the impact of the Option 2 recreational harvesting at Smugglers Bay and Urquharts Bay only (refer para. 133, FNZ 2021/30), and allow some reduced recreational take, at the reduced bag and season, from other areas of Whangarei harbour where there are significant scallop beds that were not surveyed as part of the information gathering for this process.
4. The **additional restrictions, the further reduction of daily bag and season** suggested above, should be **applied to any exception area** included in Option 2.
5. We would also like to see a **review of the effectiveness of the management approach after two years**, and in order to have **better informed review and decision making**, a more comprehensive survey of the scallop population in Whangarei Harbour, not just the two sites (refer para 78, FNZ 2021/30) and **more current and accurate assessment of take**, both the recreational take (refer para 96, FNZ 2021/30) and the customary harvest (refer para 93, FNZ 2021/30).

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**Submitter details:**

**Name of submitter  
or contact person:** Paul Anderson

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**Email:**

**Fishstock(s) this submission refers to:**

Scallops

**Your preferred option as detailed in the  
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Other

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**Details supporting your views:**

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Scallops within Whangarei Harbour were scarce and small this 2021/22 season.

My suggestion is to close the harbour to scallop gathering for 2 years to allow the stock to regenerate and grow, this to also include collection by permit on cultural grounds.

Also permanently ban scallop dredging both commercial and recreational within the harbour.

Lastly ban all dredging of scallops within 2km of the shoreline of Bream Bay

Please continue on a separate sheet if required.

**From:** [Kathy Silk](#)  
**To:** [FMSubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Review of sustainability measures – 2022 April round  
**Date:** Monday, 7 February 2022 7:58:15 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to put forward a submission on sustainable measures for the future of our scallop population around northland particularly in and around Whangarei harbour. I live at Reotahi and would like to see our marine life be preserved for future generations.

Ideally I would like to vote for Option 1 however I think this is maybe extreme and will be difficult to police? I have watched from my cousins place in Urquharts Bay and seen divers in urquharts bay and often it would be the same divers coming back day after day. I can't imagine they are get these for themselves?

Despite this I am going to vote for option 2, but would hope that these areas would be well policed by fisheries to stop the greed of the few! It's nice for people to be able to get a fed for there families but some people abuse this. I've seen this with snapper fishing in the harbour to, very sad.

Kind Regards  
Kathy Silk  
Sent from my iPhone



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### Submitter details:

#### Name of submitter

or contact person: Amy Macdonald

#### Organisation (if applicable):

#### Email:

#### Fishstock(s) this submission refers to:

SCA1 – New Zealand Scallops

#### Your preferred option as detailed in the discussion paper

(write "other" if you do not agree with any of the options presented):

Option 2 (*with* S186a temporary closure)

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Submission:<sup>1</sup>

Details supporting your views:

- My name is Amy Macdonald. I have a BSc *Hons* in Ecology, and my career has been spent working in freshwater conservation. I am an elected councillor on the Northland Regional Council, representing the Coastal Central constituency which includes the communities on the northern side of Whangarei Harbour. This is my personal submission.
- Scallops are a taonga in Northland, our communities love to gather and share kai moana – it is an important part of our culture. Our communities also care about sustainability and health of our coastal ecosystems both for today, and for future generations. Many members of the community have contacted me expressing concern over the state of the scallop beds in the harbour, and the intensity of the recreational take in recent seasons.
- It is disappointing to learn that Fisheries NZ has failed to manage Northland's scallop fishery within sustainable limits. The frequency of monitoring and analysis has been insufficient, and the data for recreational take is completely inadequate for good management. Given the numerous examples of scallop fishery failures from around NZ and internationally, FNZ should have taken a more proactive and precautionary management approach.
- My preferred option (of the options provided) is option 2. However, only if this is accompanied with a section 186a closure of Urquharts and Smugglers bays to protect and sustain these two (heavily fished) beds into the future.
- Ideally I would like to see a section 11 closure of all of Northland with a section 186a closure of all of the entire Whangarei Harbour including Smugglers bay. This would bring the Whangarei Harbour ecosystem into one unit for more effective management, and also makes sense from a compliance/monitoring perspective. Into the future I would like to see the Whangarei Harbour fishery managed with a greater degree of local engagement and input.
- Many thanks for the opportunity to submit my feedback. The scallops are a taonga in our harbour here in Whangarei. The community expects a higher level of science monitoring to be undertaken from now on, and would appreciate improved engagement with Fisheries NZ – this would enable local people to be better informed and involved in the management of the scallop fishery and wider ecosystem into the future.

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**From:** [Anthony Anderson](#)  
**To:** [FMSubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Review of sustainability measures – 2022 April round  
**Date:** Monday, 7 February 2022 8:42:24 PM

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To everyone it may concern,

I support option one- full closure all Northland until scallop stocks have recovered.  
No recreational take, no customary take. Minimum closure period three years, review again in two years.

Thanks,  
AJ.





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**Submitter details:**

Name of submitter  
or contact person: Sally Griffin

Organisation (if applicable):

Email:

Fishstock(s) this submission refers to:

[Review of sustainability measures for scallop \(SCA 1 and SCA CS\) for 2022 \[PDF, 2.9 MB\]](#)

Your preferred option as detailed in the discussion paper  
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Option 2 or 3

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## Submission:<sup>1</sup>

### Details supporting your views:

Dredging should be banned as its an outdated method of fishing worldwide. It's inefficient and damages the seabed. Option 2 and 3 reflect a cautious and sustainable approach. I would like my tamariki and mokopuna to be able to enjoy scallop diving in the future.

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### Submitter details:

<b>Name of submitter or contact person:</b> Lil Craig	
<b>Organisation (if applicable):</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Fishstock(s) this submission refers to:</b>	Scallops
<b>Your preferred option as detailed in the discussion paper</b> (write "other" if you do not agree with any of the options presented):	Option 2 – with an S186A for Urquhart Bay and Smugglers Bay

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**Submission:<sup>1</sup>**

**Details supporting your views:**

Having frequented Whangarei Heads for over 40 years, and having lived here permanently for over 20 years I have observed many more people diving for scallops – particularly over the past 5 years... and stocks have diminished drastically. I have family, including 7 grandchildren, living in this area, I want them to be able to enjoy all the taonga here – kaimoana included. We must allow the stocks to rebuild so we can harvest them sustainably, or our grandchildren will never have the experiences we have had.

I think this option is a good balance – no commercial fishing and limited recreational harvesting once stocks have had the opportunity to rebuild.

Please continue on a separate sheet if required.

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**From:** [Vivienne and Allen](#)  
**To:** [FMSubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Review of sustainability measures – 2022 April round  
**Date:** Monday, 7 February 2022 9:27:45 PM

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I would like to submit my support for option 1, the full closure of all commercial and recreational scallop harvest in Northland, under s11 of the Fisheries Act.

Yours sincerely

Allen Temple



**From:** [Davey Milich](#)  
**To:** [FMSubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Sca1  
**Date:** Saturday, 22 January 2022 12:18:32 PM

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Good afternoon

I'm replying to an email that I received about the sustainability and management of the area 1 sca fisheries as I'm involved in this fisheries I thought I should reply with my some of my views and thoughts and what I have seen over the years.

First of all I will introduce myself my name is Davey milich and I have been a commercial fisherman from about the age of 16, to the present day so ruffly 18 years. In this time, I have worked in most departments/ sectors of the Industry from long lineing, potting for cray fish diving for Kina and dredging for scollops though out my years of crewing and skippering .Four years ago I decided to purchase my on vessel a boat called Scania a 42ft 34 ton steel boat in which I set up for surface long lineing in the winter and scallop dredging in the summer. In my spare time I fish recreationally ,dive and hunt plus raise two children I have grown up in the far north and it's were I call home.

As this email is to do with the management of the area 1 scallops I would like to share some of the knowledge I have learnt from being hands on catching the shellfish to information I have had passed on to me from previous fisherman.

My first introduction to the scallops fisheries was about 15 years ago when I ran a boat named the Sharlene 2 for Aquarius Fisheries. I had no previous experience at this time of fishing and was sent to bream bay and told to just follow the other boats who worked for the company there, where 3 of us were owned by Aquarius and about 7 other boats that unloaded to the same company plus others that fished to I think was Sanfords. The fishing was plentiful and we we're limited to how much we could unload so the factory could keep up with the shucking. The limit was 16 bins a day and the big bins so about 36 to 40kg green weight but to save on trucking and reduce fishing days we were aloud to gather 32 a day and just fish two days a week. I remember the experienced boats leaving the fishing grounds before 11am in the morning with there 32 bins from a 6 a clock start .As I didn't have the know how of the other fisherman I was always last back to unload but nether the less would get my limit. This carried on till the end of the season.

The following year we returned to nothing but empty dead shell still in tact and I was told from one of the older fisherman that a algae bloom had killed them all and that he had seen it before and it was going to take a few years for them to recover.

A lot of the boats were tied up or changed over to other types of fishing

The Sharlene 2 was tied up for the season

The following year I worked in rangunu bay and was the only boat doing so, the fishing was good and I fished the last month of season getting 16 bins a day. After the season finished the boat was tied up and I moved on.

When it comes to management of scallops and sustainability I believe there is many factors to take into consideration to get a good understanding of what is happening and what is needed to keep our fisheries in a good healthy state to ensure its looked after and will be here for many seasons to come and for future generations.

There are many things I believe that play a part on how well the scallops do from season to season and need to be taken into consideration so the best informative decisions can be made some of these are .

The environment: human related including

Run off from land (fertilises ,pine trees ,silt ,pollution ,the mass production of avocados only meters from tidal estuaries .cattle farming ,market gardening ect ) are any of these affecting the habitat?



The natural environment:

(Tides ,storms ,water currents , sea temperatures star fish algae blooms ect.  
I have seen scallops wash up on the beaches for years including 90 mile beach in the tens of thousands over 3 different cycles from the size of an old 50c coin the first time to about 45mm the second to 80mm the 3rd then nothing since. Was this our bio mass from sprits bay or rangunu?

Harvesting:

Whether this is by recreational or commercial it all has an impact on the scallop population we all know how much the commercial sector is taking but is there enough data being collected from the recreational fisherman I hear places like the bay of islands has been over fished by the public. Is this the case for that area? Also customary harvesting /permits how well is this being policed and monitored how many are going to the intended destination and not the black market.

Dredging :

I don't believe that commercial dredging has the impact that is been portrayed to were people believe it has destroyed the sea bed to The point it no longer houses scallops. As we fish sand and only dig about 40mill into the sea bed after a storm the sea floor moves and re shapes just like a beach the amount of broken or damaged fish would ( I estimate ) would be less than 3% and which is taken off the ace .I see the whangarei scallops are returning in good numbers yet places like whangaroa haven't yet it has never been dredged so there is other factors to consider .there are hardly any small shell fish in rangunu bay which makes me wonder we're has the spat landed or did it survive ?. I commercial dive in doubtless for Kina and notice ther is a lot of silt. Does this effect the scallops there. I think each area needs to be assessed to determine what is leading to the depletion in some areas yet an increase in others.

For the future of the scallop industry it would be a great loss to lose the commercial dredging boats not only for the fisherman the factory's the public who cannot collect their own and rely on the commercial harvesting but over all for the scallops. A lot of data and information comes from the commercial boats and we have the best intentions of keeping the industry in good order. It is what we make our living from and have invested not only money but a lot of years into. As there doesn't appear to be enough information to determine if commercial dredging is the sole reason that some areas aren't doing so well i would like to see more research done including tagging programs and seeding of areas to see if an increase of over biomass helps or whether the juveniles that are tagged don't survive at all this will give us more of a understanding of what's happening and will help when making decisions. I would also like to see a review into the size limit to maybe a 95mm this will reduce the amount of time to collect the quota also how long the season is open.

I would love to discuss these issues more and be kept informed on any decisions made.  
Feel free to contact me via phone  
r via email.

Regards,

Davey Milich.



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### Submitter details:

Name of submitter  
or contact person: **Brendon Chetham**

Organisation (if applicable):

Individual

Email:

Fishstock(s) this submission refers to:

Scallop Closure Bream Bay Whangarei Harbour

Your preferred option as detailed in the  
discussion paper  
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I PREFER OPTION ONE WITH FULL RAHUI FOR  
MINIMUM OF 3 YEARS

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MANAIA TE MAUNGA  
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PATUHARAKEKE TE IWI  
TAKAHIWAI TE WHENUA  
NO RAURIRI AWA TAKU KAINGA.  
KA BRENDON CHETHAM TAKU INGOA.

E TE RANGATRIA MEA TE KOMITI MO NRC.  
TENA KOUTOU KATO

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING THESE SUBMISSIONS

MY FAMILY HAVE LIVED IN THE AREA SINCE 1920 AND MY WHANAU ON MY GRANDMOTHERS SIDE FROM TAKAHIWAI A FEW 100 MORE. MY GREAT GRANDFATHER WILLIAM CHETHAM WAS THE FIRST CHAIRMAN OF THE EARLY SETTLERS ASSOCIATION AND BUILT THE FIRST HETTY AT TAKAHIWAI OFF OUR FAMILY FARM. HE OPERATED A 36 FT KAURI PASSENGER AND GOODS LAUNCH HAD HIS SON JACK ATTENDED TAKAHIWAI NATIVE MAORI SCHOOL AND MARRIED HIS CHILDHOOD SWEETHEART JULIE JOHNSTON FROM TAKAHIWAI.

LIKE MANY AROUND WHANAGREI HARBOUR, OUR WHANAU AND WHANAUNGA HAVE BEEN BLESSED TO HAVE LIVED IN SUCH EARLIER TIMES WHEN TODAY'S CONCERNS IN THE ROHE SUCH AS DEPLETING KAIMOANA HAVE US GATHERED TOGETHER FOR THIS KAUPAPA

I HAVE FOND MEMORIES WHEN EVERY PERSON IN THE COMMUNITY COULD EASILY ENJOY GATHERING OF KAIMOANA, FISHING AND OBEYED THE RULES WITHOUT THE NEED FOR GREED.

COMMERCIAL FISHING SEEMED TO BE A LAW UNTO THEMSELVES AND GREAT CHANGES HAVE HAD THE MORE RESPONSIBLE COMPANIES TAKING THE LEAD IN NOTING DEPLETION OF STOCKS AND APPROACHED IWI AND MPI ON THEIR DISCOVERIES.

SADLY A FEW HAVE NOT CARED AND HENCE I BELIEVE WE FACE THE SITUATION WE ARE IN TODAY.

OUR COMMUNITY OF RECREATIONAL FISHERS ARE ULTIMATELY THE GREATEST NUMBER AFFECTED AND A SHAME ON OUR MANA WHEN OUR MARAE ONCE KNOWN FOR THE KAIMOANA AT HUI WAS ALWAYS RECOGNISED AND LOOK FORWARD TO OUR MANUHIRI. THE DAYS OF A DYING RELATIVES REQUEST OF A LAST MEAL OF KAIMOANA IS NOW SADLY DENIED, DUE TO THE INABILITY TO FIND SUCH DELICACIES.

WITH THE CURRENT KAIMOANA RAHUI AT MAIR ROAD, EXPERIENCE AND ASSISTING PATUHARAKEKE TE IWI regular pipi count with the assistance and support of local schools businesses such as Takahiwai Kohanga, One Tree Point and Ruakaka Primary School, Bream Bay College, NZRC and Northport have shown stocks are slowly returning but to a very poor quality of flesh in the samples dissected.





In 1987 after the closure of the MRC NZ Refinery expansion, vehicles, cranes, machinery 44 gallon drums were buried near Mair Rd and the Gas Pipeline. These vehicles were fully laden in some cases of oil, diesel,, some driveable into the pit and then buried. This was guarded by a Tuhoe Rangatira My Joe Henry, now living in Opotiki, whom was eye witness and shared this korero with me.

These were buried and leaching over the past 30 years and probably still there today.

As a child in 1979 we would dig for pipi at Mair bank and as I dug into the black coloured sand I could smell a benzene strong smell and was told not to pick the pipi there by my father whom had also worked on the Construction site.

We lived on our farm at the mouth of Takahiwai creek where in waist deep water I could gather pipi, cockle, and scallops. In 1980s these were plundered by the workers living in the area at that time for the expansion and back then we were no longer able to find scallops. Poaching above limits were common.

As much as last week an experienced Marine Engineer witnessed three local fishing vessels dredging at night with no lights. I reported a vessel anchored and photographed a new appearance of a fishing vessel which was dredging west of Mt. Tiger towards Parua Bay and then at daylight remoored. I was able to photograph this vessel in several spots and reported to NRC Deputy Harbour, MPI Hotline and it disappeared shortly after this and has not been seen since.

Pre Covid a commercial Sea Urchin company from Coromandel came up one weekend with divers for their supply after stocks in Coromandel were depleted. I estimate they had two large 30 foot length aluminum hull boats and approximately 100 sacks in the boats, and had 6 vehicles laden full in the rear under canopy. They visited the area twice but Covid restrictions had them make a hasty retreat home.

The other concern is the Fanworm supposedly in our harbour near Parua Bay, and gaining speed which is a pest to our kaimoan.

THEREFORE I PROSE OPTION ONE IS A FULL RAHUI TO MATCH HAURAKI GULFS TO GREAT BARRIER ISLAND AND FOR OUR ROHE TO MATCH ON THE REQUEST FOR THE FOLLOWING IN TANDEM.

NRC ORGANISE WITH LOCAL IWI, COMMUNITY FISHING CLUBS, COMMERCIAL OPERATORS TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING BASELINES OF SCALLOP STOCKS.

THESE MAY BE BY VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE, COPIES OF CURRENT AND MOST RECENT MPI RECORDS, AND TO HELP BE REVIEWED IN 3 YEAR MINIMUM, HOWEVER BASED ON THE MAIR BANK RAHUI, IT MOST LIKELY A MINIMUM OF 10 YEARS IS MORE REALISTIC.

IN REGARDS TO FANWORM IN THE HARBOUR NRC NEED TO ALLOCATE RESOURCES FOR PERHAPS LOCAL DIVE SQUADS TO PHYSICALLY RID THESE PESTS AND NOT ANY STRANG SPECIES NOT YET IDENTIFIED.

I WOULD HOPE THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY WOULD MAKE THIS COMMITMENT INCLUDING THE COMMERCIAL PARTNERS SO THAT THESE WILL RETURN QUICKLY.

PLEASE VOTE FOR OPTION ONE.

NO REIRA TENA KOUTOU KATOA.

Brendon J. Chetham

**From:** [kris wyatt](#)  
**To:** [FMSubmissions](#)  
**Date:** Thursday, 27 January 2022 12:34:15 PM

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Hi, I'm writing this submission concerning the northland scallop fishery, area 1. How is it possible to compare tacc caught to in the past, when there has only been 3 boats fishing for only 3 months a year, compared to 30 boat fishing in the past, fishing full seasons. The 3 boats caught around 7ton this year, so if you do the math that would be equivalent to 70tons in 3 months in the past and for a full season would be over 150ton with 30 boats working it. How is it possible to cut a quota due to insufficient numbers of fishing boats. It doesn't make sense.

**From:** [sam.cook](#)  
**To:** [FMSubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Review of sustainability measures – 2022 April round  
**Date:** Thursday, 27 January 2022 1:53:35 PM

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Dear Whom it may concern,

I have lived in Whangarei Heads from 1989 until now and personally have seen the devastating effects of the decline in scallop population in the Whangarei harbour. A vast increase of population, dredged and bottle divers are the reason for this. A complete closure of the harbour for at least 2 years would be the best way forward to repair this damage and after the closure a complete ban of bottle diving and dredges for a further 2 years or forever. This would allow our children, grandchildren and so on to hope in the water with a mask and gather scallops.

Your sincerely

Samuel Cook



**From:** [Jan Boyes](#)  
**To:** [FMSubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** 2022 Sustainability Review, Fisheries Management, Fisheries New Zealand, Email to: FMsubmissions@mpi.govt.nz  
**Date:** Tuesday, 8 February 2022 9:30:25 AM

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Submitter details:

Name of submitter: Jan Boyes

or contact person:

Organisation (if applicable): n.a.

Email:

Fishstock(s) this submission refers to: **Scallop 1**

Your preferred option as detailed in the discussion paper: Option 2

(write "other" if you do not agree with any of the options presented):

Details supporting your views: I found the document difficult to understand, but we do need some good and nimble scallop management for the Whangarei Harbour. We dont need a 3 year closure, with little chance of it being opened again. I cant understand why dredging has not been banned already, for recreational use. Obviously commercially dredged beds are in trouble, so I am happy for them to be banned completely. Thankyou for the opportunity to submit.

**From:** [andrew williams](#)  
**To:** [FMSubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Review of sustainability measures – 2022 April round  
**Date:** Sunday, 30 January 2022 10:31:19 AM

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Hi. I live in Mcleod Bay on whangarei heads rd. At the start of the commercial scallop season about 2 weeks before it opened to the recreational season a commercial boat with a dredge came through the bay at about 12am on a Sunday and Monday night. now divers are reporting the clean out that has taken place. A commercial company came into the bay 3 weeks ago with two massive nets and cleaned up on yellow eye mullet and piper. I would like to see a total ban on commercial fishing of any species in the harbor. Also I would like to see a ban on taking scallops from Mcleod Bay for 3 to 5 years to repair the damage from the commercial dredging. I believe if commercial fishing is kept out of the Harbour and recreational fishing is managed there absolutely no reason why my kids and grandchildren can't enjoy this resource.

Thanks

Andrew Williams



**Fisheries New Zealand**

Tini a Tangaroa

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### Submitter details:

Name of submitter or contact person: Peter Thorne	
Organisation (if applicable):	
Email:	
Fishstock(s) this submission refers to:	Scallops
Your preferred option as detailed in the discussion paper (write "other" if you do not agree with any of the options presented):	other

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**Submission:<sup>1</sup>**

**I support option 2 with the addition of a 2 year temporary closure of Smugglers and Urquharts Bay under a section 186A**

A two year temporary closure of Smugglers and Urquharts Bay would protect these areas in the short-term, provide opportunity for stocks to recover and enable community to work with Fisheries NZ, tangata whenua and other stakeholders to develop a long-term strategy for the sustainable harvest of scallops in the Whangarei harbor.

This must include the customary fishing rights.

Leaving Smugglers and Urquharts Bay open when all other areas are closed will result in overfishing by locals and others from further afield (this is already occurring).

Other suggestions if there is not a closure or for when the fishery reopens:

- Reduce the season length
- 20 scallops per person – must be gathered by each person (at present they just have to be in the boat) OR set a boat limit – say 40 per boat?
- Count scallops in a fridge or freezer as part of a 'number of scallops allowed in a persons possession' – this will stop accumulation through regular fishing

Create a maximum number of times a person can fish – an app or similar that a gatherer must fill in each time they fish – a licence?

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**Subject:** Review of sustainability measures – 2022 April round  
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To whom it may concern,


I write this email in support of option 3 of the proposal for scallop harvesting around whangarei Harbour and applicable areas included.

Please accept this submission for sustainability measures - 2022 April round

Yours sincerely  
Reuben Boyd  
P.O.:



**From:** [William Andrewes](#)  
**To:** [FMSubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Fish stocks Scallops Northland  
**Date:** Tuesday, 8 February 2022 9:54:17 AM  
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<b>Fishstock(s) this submission refers to:</b>		Review of Sustainability Measures for Scallops in Northland.	
<b>Your preferred option as detailed in the discussion paper (write "other" if you do not agree with any of the options presented):</b>		Option 1	
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Organisation (if applicable):

Email:

Fishstock(s) this submission refers to:

Sustainability Measures for Scallops in Northland

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Desperate, severe measures are called for in desperate times. It's sad that we have over-fished and used greed-filled tactics to fill our bellies, but we have. Unfortunately we can no longer trust ourselves to 'do the right thing'. Option 1 is the only option that will hopefully give Nature time to restore and replenish to a time where we understand ways to sustain both ourselves AND Nature.

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OWEN MARSHALL,

Email:

**RE: Review of Sustainability Measures 1 April 2022 : SCA1**

Preferred Option: **OTHER** (I do NOT agree with any of the options presented)

I Owen Marshall am a second generation Commercial Scallop Fisherman, I have a partner who I have a family of two children, 8 and 7 years old with and a mortgage on my house and fishing boat.

My father started Scallop fishing in 1980 and I've grown up on the boat deck through the 1990s when there were 38 boats involved in the Scallop Fishery.

Since those days many have retired and in past years only 3 to 4 boats are still involved in the Fishery.

I've been self employed since 2007, owning my own boat and since then we've had a couple of seasons that we did not fish. From 2016 we have had a steady fishery that has supported 3 to 4 boats, that only fish 4 months of the Season, only harvesting scallops when they are above 12% yield when fat. This was our way of looking after what we see as a very important part of our lively hood and it has been by far better than when it was 7 months long.

We do less days fishing now for the same catch, per ton, than some fishers did in the early 1990's.

Bream Bay, Mangawhai and Pakari have huge numbers of recruitment that in some areas are growing through rapidly. Last Season gone by, 2021, I have seen areas that look better than ever.

We supply our scallops locally, to a locally owned and operated Fish Factory that employs local people. The Scallops are sold locally and are enjoyed by many people that are either too old, unwell, or are unable to get their own Scallops. No Scallops are Exported !!

I cannot stress enough that a Full Closure is the wrong way to go! Leaving Sca1 at a 10T fishery would by far be the most sensible option.

The Survey in 2021 in which I was involved using my fishing vessel with NIWA Scientists on board showed 88T of 100mm Scallops in Sca1. No one has said how many hundred tonnes of stock there is between 50mm and 100mm that is coming through in the next few years. NIWA/MPI are keeping that all very quiet.

As a long time Scallop Fisherman I see our fishery as perfectly fine as it does not have the pressure of too many boats, it is not overfished and out of the 7 months Season we fish only 4. We let it rest longer than we fish it.

When I bought my latest fishing vessel in May last year, I based my Business Plan on how healthy the Fishery looked from my own fishing experiences and the tonnages shown in the NIWA Survey that I had just assisted with. Even the last day I fished in the 2021 Season the numbers of Scallops looked like it would be great for the 2022 Season and many Seasons to come. It was with total disbelief when I heard that MPI are planning to make our Scallop Fishery a 0 take for the next two years. This will cut my Winter Income by 100%. It makes it very difficult to run my business when this is done so quickly and there is no forewarning. There is no other fishing I can do at this time of year.

I am hoping that NIWA and MPI will go back and look carefully at the figures in that last Scallop Survey and decide to leave Sca1 as a 10T fishery.

Regards,

Owen Marshall



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Cc:  
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Date: Fri, 4 Feb 2022 12:19:50 +1300  
Subject: Proposed closure of SCA1. Review of sustainability measures for 1 april 2022

Dear minister, In 1982 i started my first scallop season as a deckhand on a scallop boat. After a couple of scallop seasons i skipped a small scallop boat and then in 1987 i brought my first boat. They were tough times, as i had borrowed heavy to pay for the boat. In 1992 i sold my fishing boat and brought a bigger boat that i still have today, some thirty years later. I have been involved in the scallop industry a long time, and as fisherman it has been in our interest to look after the scallop fishery. We brought in fishing hours 6am to 6 pm, daily bin limits of 16 bins, catch rate of 1.5 per hour. In the later years, only fished for four months of the season to rest the beds, and no weekend fishing. We had been asked by MPI if we wanted to lower the scallop size to 90mm but keep it at 100mm in the interest of looking after the scallops. In recent years there has been only two to three boats fishing scallops so the fishery hasnt been under pressure. Looking at the 2021 scallop survey, the results dont add up with what had been coming out of the water, the small scallops coming on from 50 cent size to up to 95mm is very abundant and what i saw at the end of the scallop season they look very healthy. Finacially the scallops are half of my income for the year and as i have just replaced the motor in my boat at a cost of \$100,000 i am relieing on the scallops to get though this year. We are open to closing areas that we havnt fished in years and open to discussion with FNZ with ideas. We basically have not had any consultant with FNZ on the future of this scallop fishery and look forward to discussion. Preferred Option = Other, i do not agree with any of the options presented. Yours faithfully Paul Mason.



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Name of submitter  
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Organisation (if applicable):

Email:

Fishstock(s) this submission refers to:

Scallops

Your preferred option as detailed in the  
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Option 2

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I totally support that dredging should be banned from Whangarei harbour. The stocks of scallops in Urquharts Bay in particular have diminished quite significantly over the years.

Urquharts and Smugglers Bay should be closed for two years so stocks can replenish.

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Organisation (if applicable):	
Email:	
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Option 2 with some reservations.

That all recreational Dredging should be banned

That any closure should be time framed with a reopening date specified and no further closures continued without returning for a further mandate from the community.

That some scientific review be in place for the period of beginning of the closure til the end of the proposed closure and that information / review be made available to the community  
I understand this to mean:

Full closure of commercial scallop harvest in Northland (S11 Fisheries Act)

All of Northland closed for recreational scallop harvest (S11 Fisheries Act) except Urquharts Bay and Smugglers Bay.

Urquharts Bay and Smugglers Bay remain open for recreational diving (all recreational dredging banned)

It is indicated that a Section 186A closure could be used but it is not explicitly part of option 2. to protect the Whangarei harbour fishery an additional S186A temporary closure must be put in place for Urquharts Bay and Smugglers Bay (2 year closure).

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Name of submitter or contact person:	Michael Badham
Organisation (if applicable):	
Email:	
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