



13 September 2022

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

The purpose of this letter is to consult with you on a request by Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki Trust for a further two-year fishing closure of Umupuia Beach, Clevedon, east of Auckland, to the harvest of cockles. The Trust consider that another 2-year closure will recognise and provide for the management practices of Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki 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.

The request is made under s186A of the Fisheries Act 1996. Section 186A provides for the Minister for Oceans and Fisheries to temporarily close an area in respect of any species of fish, aquatic life or seaweed, or temporarily restrict or prohibit the use of any fishing method, for up to two years. However, to approve a temporary closure, the Minister must be satisfied that it will recognise and make provision for the use and management practices of tangata whenua in the exercise of their non-commercial fishing rights by:

- a) improving the availability or size (or both) of a species of fish, aquatic life or seaweed; or
- b) recognising a customary fishing practice in that area.

As part of the required consultation process, Fisheries New Zealand is publishing a notice in the *NZ Herald* on Wednesday, 14 September 2022, calling for written submissions on the request from persons who have an interest in the species concerned or the effects of fishing in the area concerned.

If you would like to make a submission on the request, please email your submission to FMSubmissions@mpi.govt.nz.

While we prefer email, you can post your submission to:

Spatial Planning and Allocations
Fisheries Management
Fisheries New Zealand
PO Box 2526
Wellington 6140

The closing date for submissions is **5pm, on Monday, 31 October 2022**.

A detailed map of the proposed area is attached. The map and a copy of the request are available on the MPI website (www.mpi.govt.nz/consultations), or by contacting Fisheries New Zealand at the above address or FMSubmissions@mpi.govt.nz.

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Telephone: 0800 00 83 33
www.mpi.govt.nz

Note that all, part, or a summary of your submission may be published on the MPI website. Most often this happens when we issue a document that reviews the submissions received. People can also ask for copies of submissions under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

The OIA says we must make the content of submissions available unless we have good reason for withholding it. Those reasons are detailed in sections 6 and 9 of the OIA. If you think there are grounds to withhold specific information from publication, make this clear in your submission or contact us. Reasons may include that it discloses commercially sensitive or personal information. However, any decision MPI makes to withhold details can be reviewed by the Ombudsman, who may direct us to release it.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dee Wallace'.

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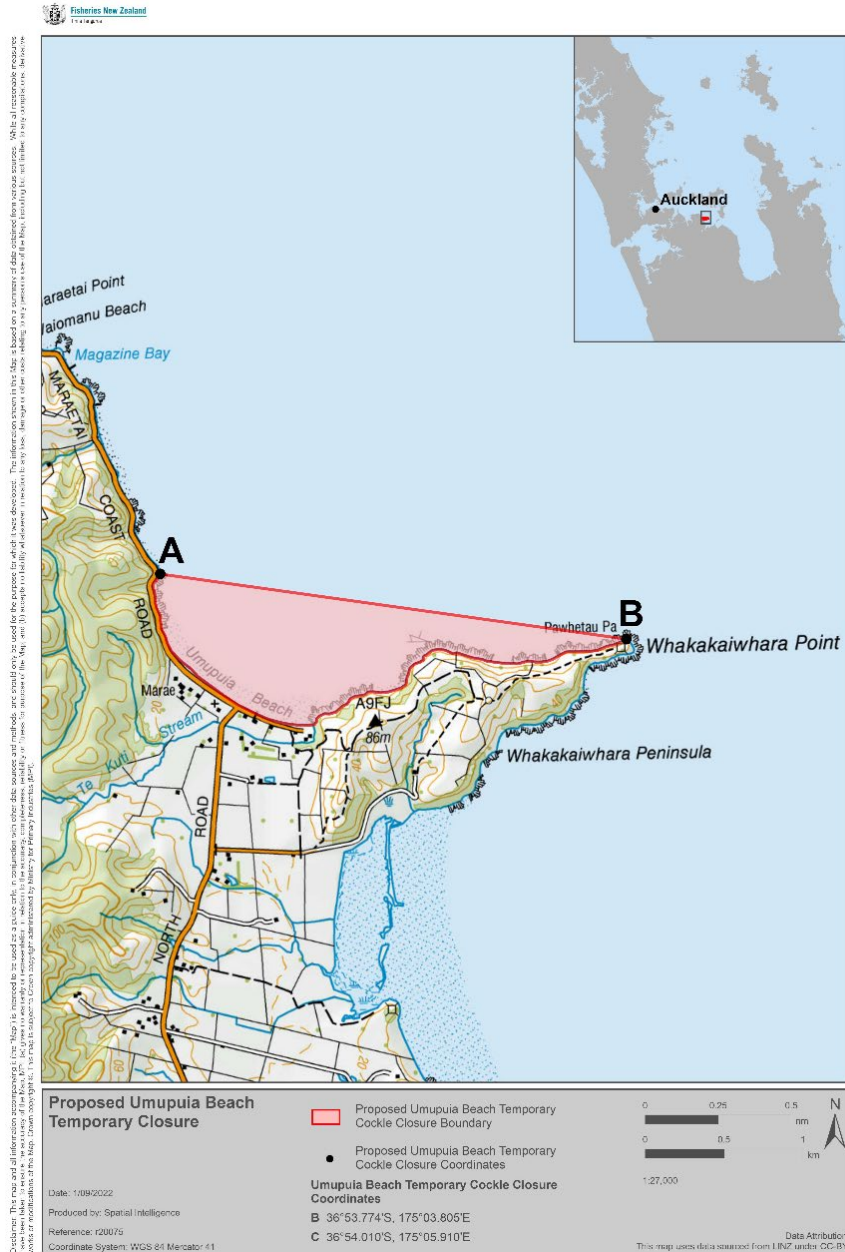


Figure 1 Map of Proposed Umupuia Beach Temporary Closure

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