

Ngāi Hapū o Waimārama Rohe Moana

1. Name of extended closure	Waimārama
2. Who is asking for the extended closure?	Ngāi Hapū o Waimārama Community of Waimārama
3. Contact person for the hapū and contact details	Rawinia Barlow [REDACTED] • [REDACTED]
4. What is the location of the requested area for an extended closure?	This has remained the same for Ngāi Hapū o Waimārama rohe moana “area/rohe moana” commencing at Whakapau Point (39°41.0'S and 177°03.7'E), then south to Te Rahui being a point on the coastline at Huarau (39°52.0'S and 176°58.9'E) out to the 2nm offshore as indicted in the map attached.
5. What are the species being requested for the extended closure?	Pāua Blackfoot
6. Why do the hapū want an extension to the current temporary closure?	<p>The request to extend the pāua stock for a further two years is so that that the pāua can continue to recover adequately. This is in terms of numbers and size. The temporary closure we think has enabled our pāua stock to replenish itself and maybe increase in number and size, but this needs to be proven by reliable data of which we have been planning for.</p> <p>The extended closure will recognise the tangata whenua and our own customary rights to kaitiakitanga of the pāua. We have appreciated all the support we've received from MPI Fisheries and continue to receive. The strong view from the tangata whenua and the local community is that further protection is needed to continue the rebuild the pāua stock before a sustainable harvest can be considered anywhere within the rohe moana of Waimārama. There is still concern that even though there has been a two-year closure on the gathering of pāua a further two year's is needed to give the stock more time to rejuvenate and re-populate. The first two years for us as Māori and within the community is that this is the tau/rest period for all things within te ao Māori to settle and now</p>

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	<p>the real work can start. The request for an extension is for tangata whenua, community purposes and the tiakitanga of their local taonga, pāua.</p> <p>The area is still inundated with holiday makers every year and this is increasing, especially during the summer period. The tangata whenua believe that the extended closure will assist the replenishing of the pāua stock. The belief is that it will make a positive impact on the wellbeing and state of the pāua and us the tangata whenua and community therefore ensuring that there will be pāua stock there for our tamariki and mokopuna.</p>
7. Surveys	<p>Last year we hosted a “Mai Paritu tae atu ki Turakirae” kaitiaki wananga held on our marae in Waimārama alongside Customary Fisheries/MPI and Rob Hewitt of Water Safety. This was to further train and equip current kaitiaki and the community about the roles of kaitiakitanga and the impacts of overfishing of any taonga species from the moana. This has provided the opportunity for us to look at how we can better manage and protect our pāua and other species within our rohe moana. As a result of this wananga last year we have spoken further with Rob to plan and conduct some surveys for us over a 12-month period to determine the current condition, numbers, and sizes of the pāua within specified grid areas of the rohe moana. This is something we have already talked and agreed about with Rob and so we will be sourcing funding to help us achieve that.</p>
8. Observations	<p>There is a strong intent from the Waimārama community and the tangata whenua of Waimārama to see the closure extended so that we can achieve the aspirations we have in seeing our pāua rejuvenate and replenish itself. However, to achieve this we will need to be successful with this request for an extension. We have noticed changes in people’s behaviours toward the state of the pāua stock and the need to further protect this for another two years to really cement the time that’s needed to support the pāua. We are the voice for our taonga species/pāua here in Waimārama. There has been no kaitiaki permits provided for the gathering of pāua during the closure and may be something we consider applying in this extension.</p>

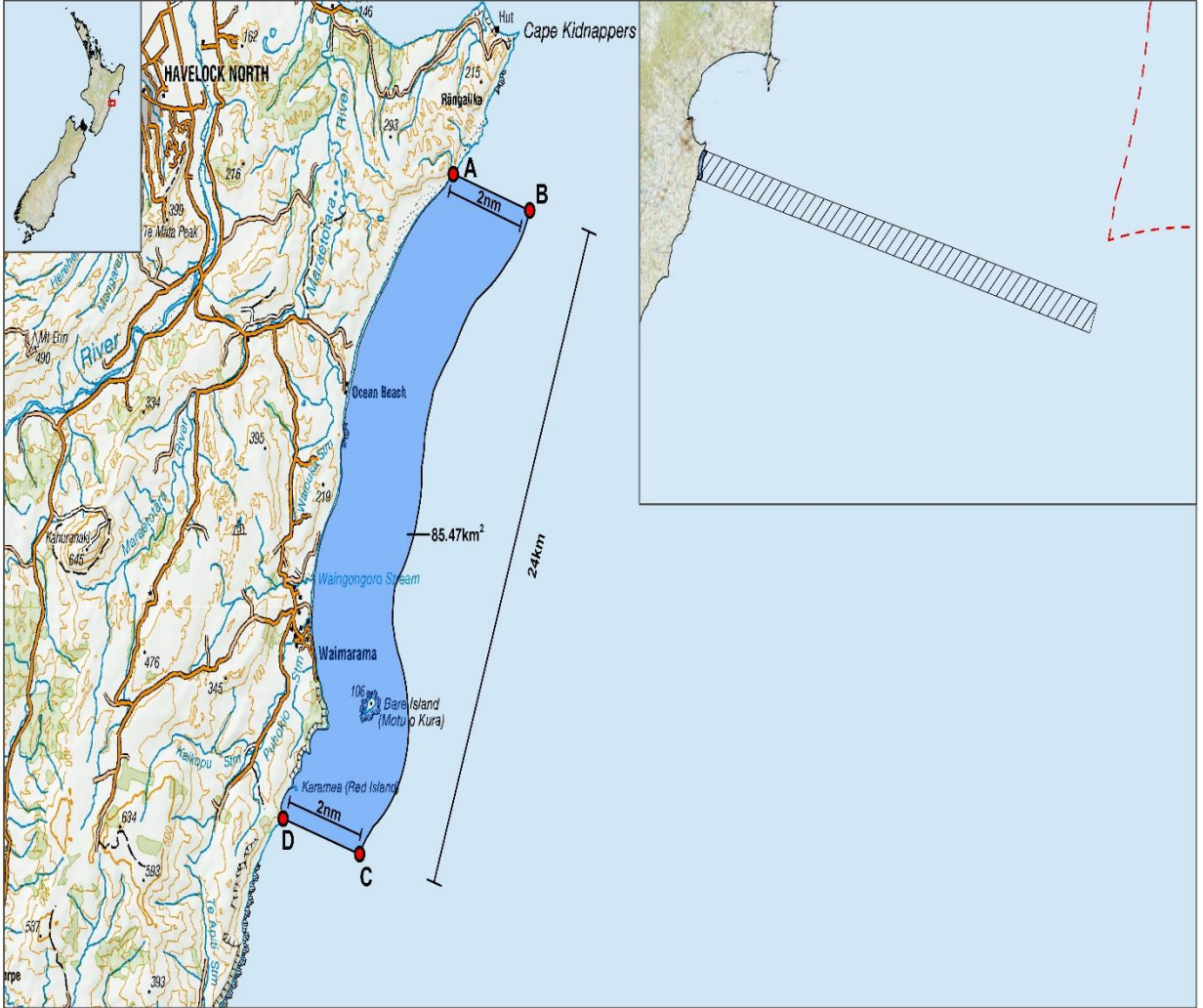
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	<p>We have not experienced or received anything negative from the Waimārama community or the Waimārama tangata whenua. Fisheries officers from MPI and Harataki Manihera from the Customary team have been very supportive, and they support this request. There have been no infringements issued by Fisheries officers for the gathering of pāua within the closure to my knowledge and can be confirmed by speaking with Tyrone Robinson, Compliance manager Ahuriri.</p>
<p>9. How long should the extended temporary closure last (up to two years)?</p>	<p>A further two years please...2023 & 2024</p>

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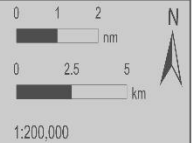


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- Proposed Temporary Closure Boundary Points
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Coordinates	
A:	39°41.019'S 177°03.793'E
B:	39°41.542'S 177°06.286'E
C:	39°52.511'S 177°01.427'E
D:	39°52.003'S 176°58.913'E



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