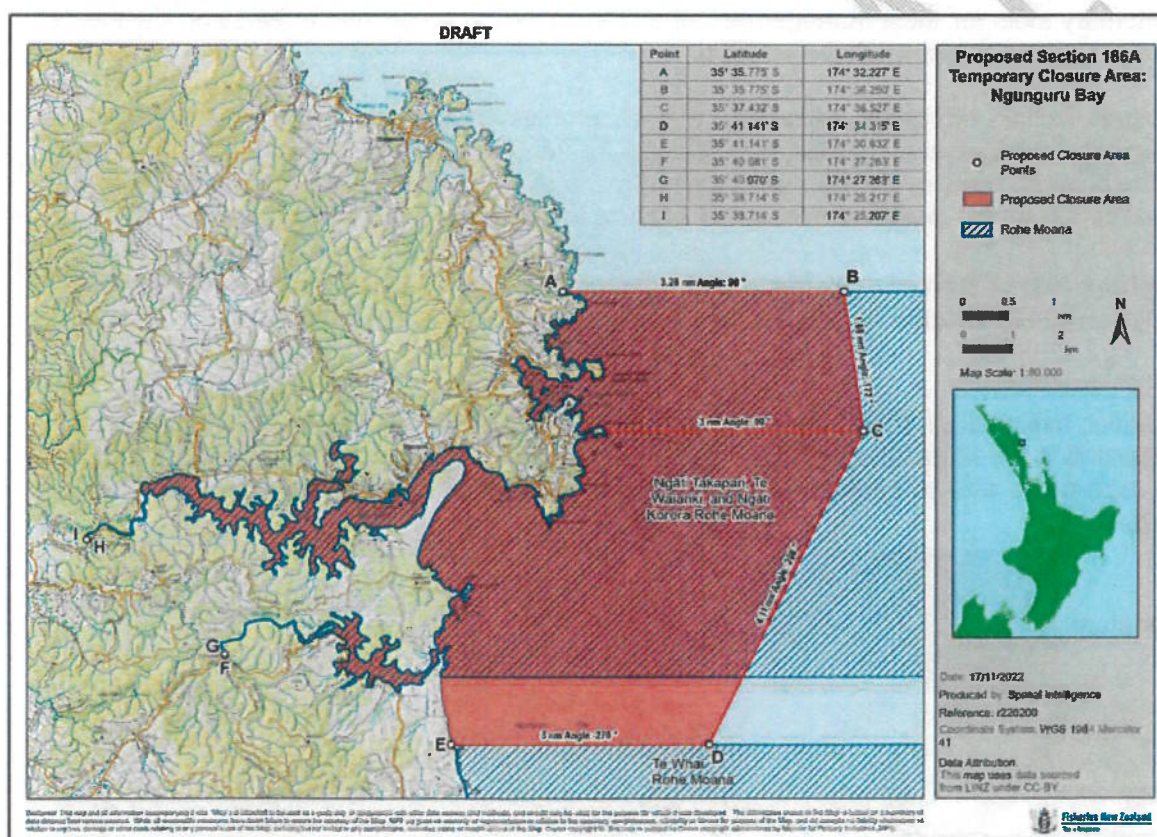


Request for a Temporary Fisheries Closure
(under section 186A or 186B of the Fisheries Act 1996)

We, the Tangata whenua o Ngati Takapari, Te Waiariki, Ngati Korora "Whangai Mokopuna' Rohe Moana make this application for a temporary fisheries closure under section 186A of the Fisheries Act 1996.

The requested closure area would follow the northern boundary line of Whangai Mokopuna Rohe Moana from point (A) out to 3 nautical miles due east of Waiparore (Second Gable) being point (B) then 3 nautical miles due east of Rauhomaumau Island being point (C), then to a point 3 nautical miles due east of the Northern boundary of 'Te Whai Rohe Moana being point (D) and following the line of that boundary to landfall at Paparua being point (E) incorporating all of the inner area as shown on the provided map. (Area Description Appendix)



This temporary closure would apply to the following species managed under the Fisheries Act 1996.

- **Pāua / Blackfoot and Yellowfoot**
- **Koura / Red Rock lobster and Pack Horse Rock Lobster**
- **Kutai / Mussels (all species)**
- **Manaia / Seahorse (all species)**
- **Whai / Stingray (all species)**
- **Ihe / Piper / Garfish**
- **All other Shellfish including Wheke / Octopus & Ngu / Squid. but excluding Kina and Scallop. *scallops are subject to a Section 11 closure***

The fishing methods that are prohibited within this temporary closure are:

- **Netting, including scoop nets, gillnets, setnets and dragnets.**

This temporary closure covering the identified species and fishing methods would be in effect for a period no longer than two (2) years or for a shorter period based on the completed process of our forthcoming Mataitai application.

This temporary closure is being requested as the listed species have been identified having dramatically reduced populations. The purpose of this closure would be to restore the populations of these identified species to ecologically sustainable quantities.

The Tangata kaitiaki have held two hui with our coastal Hapu, the most recent being 3rd September 2022. The consensus was fully in favour of Mataitai as a means to restore the species most at risk, and a temporary closure to be applied for while an error in the location of the southern boundary of the Whangai Mokopuna Rohe Moana is corrected.

A hui was also held with the community in June 2020 which was well attended. Use of customary tools for local management of declining fish species was voiced and community concerns about the process were heard.

Tangata kaitiaki alongside experienced professionals, Ngunguru School students and the Dragonfly Data Science, contracted to Ministry for Primary Industries, have carried out surveys of the shellfish beds in the Ngunguru awa. Stocks of pipi were found to be present, however they remain small - despite a section 11 closure on the beds since 7th January 2016.

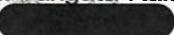
We have also utilised Tikanga Maori and independent marine researchers from Te Wairua O Te Moananui to validate the decline of the wider list of identified species.

In effect, this section 186A temporary closure application resembles much of what is being requested in the Mataitai application which identifies the traditional fishing grounds that is of an appropriate size to be effectively managed by Tangata whenua and appointed Tangata Kaitiaki.


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