



FISHERIES NEW ZEALAND SUSTAINABILITY REVIEW KAIKŌURA RECREATIONAL PĀUA FISHERY

Fisheries New Zealand is consulting on reopening the Kaikōura recreational pāua fishery for a further season in 2024.

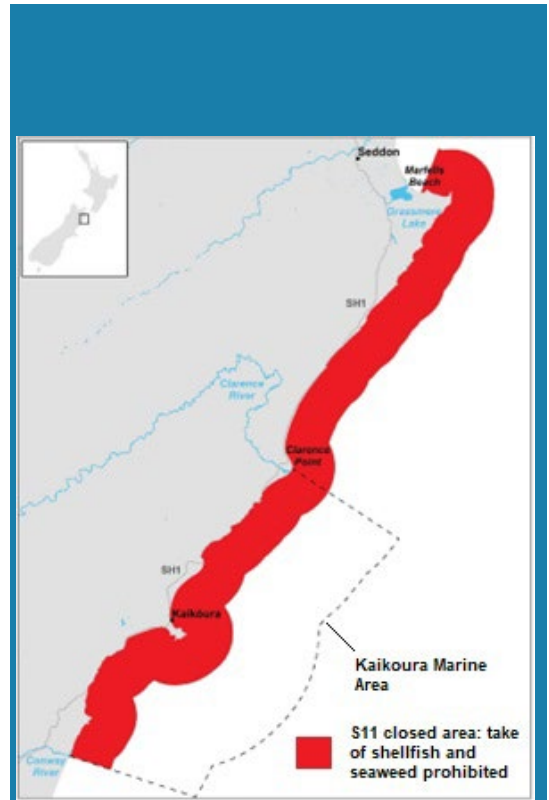
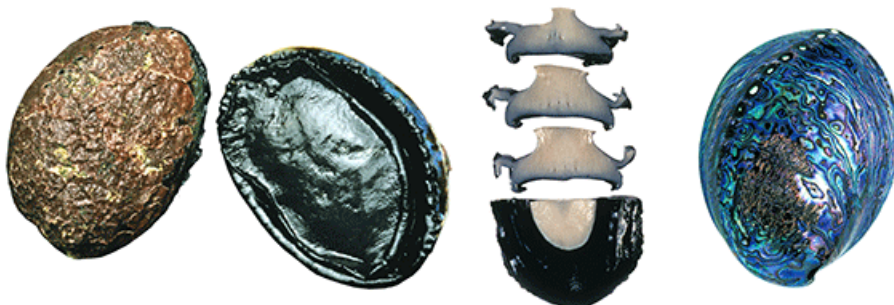


A series of closed and open seasons have been used to help ensure the fishery rebuilds following the 2016 Kaikōura earthquakes that caused major coastal uplift and mortality of pāua in the area.

The recent 2023 season occurred during autumn/winter when visitor numbers and recreational fishing activity in the Kaikōura region were lower than during summer, to help constrain catch to a sustainable level. This approach is also proposed for the 2024 season.

Options are proposed of either a two or a three-month season and would apply to both blackfoot and yellowfoot pāua. Under both options, all other existing management measures would continue to apply to the Kaikōura recreational pāua fishery. Customary management areas would continue to remain closed (with exception of the southern Oaro-Haumuri Taiāpure).

Option	Description
Option 1	Wider Kaikōura recreational pāua fishery open from 22 April to 22 June 2024 (two months)
Option 2	Wider Kaikōura recreational pāua fishery open from 22 April to 22 July 2024 (three months)



For the full rationale for the proposed options, read the technical discussion paper available here:

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/consultations/review-of-sustainability-measures-2024-april-round>

HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY

Send your feedback via email to: FMSubmissions@mpi.govt.nz

Consultation closes at 5pm on 2 February 2024.