

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

1	Name of the proposed temporary fisheries closure	Waimārama
2	Who is asking for the temporary fishery closure?	Ngā hapū o Waimārama
3	Contact details	Name: Bayden Barber Position: Kaitaiki Moana o Waimārama Email: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]
4	Location of the proposed temporary fisheries closure Either describe the area or draw lines on a map. Fisheries New Zealand will create a map and confirm the area with you.	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	Are you proposing a fisheries closure, fishing method restriction/prohibition, or both? The request can be for a temporary fisheries closure and/or fishing method restriction/prohibition.	We are wanting to extend our current rāhui for a further 2 years.
6	If you are requesting a fisheries closure, what are the species you wish to include? This can be individual species (e.g. pāua) or a group (e.g. shellfish). Temporary closures only apply to species managed under the Fisheries Act 1996.	Blackfoot Pāua
7	If you are requesting a fishing method restriction/prohibition, what is the method you wish to restrict/prohibit? For example, this could be a restriction on the type of net (e.g. set net) or potting method (e.g. rock lobster pots).	N/A
8	How long do you want the temporary fisheries closure or fishing method restriction/prohibition for? This can be for up to two years or applied seasonally.	A further 2 years i.e. 2025 and 2026
9	Is there a traditional rāhui in place? If not, are you planning to place a traditional rāhui over the proposed area?	Yes there is a traditional and contemporary Rāhui in place through MPI.

10	If approved, are Customary Fisheries Authorisations for the requested species going to be issued during the closure period?	No
11	What discussions have already been held with the local tangata whenua, local community, and other stakeholders?	<p>The Kaitiaki o Waimārama held a wānanga on 13 September 2024. The kōrero was around what our kaitiaki had seen in their traditional pāua fisheries over the past 2 years. There was lot's of robust kōrero. The recommendation from the wānanga was that our Pāua were still not in a healthy state and that a further 2 years would be needed. Therefore it was recommended that the rāhui be extended for a further 2 years.</p> <p>A monitoring day was held on Saturday 28th September at Cray Bay where we had around twenty whānau including marine scientist Shade Smith and Director of the Taiao Unit for Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngaio Tuika give the scientific advice. We were able to complete 5 transect measures of Pāua that day. There was not one pāua at or over the legal size from the 60 pāua we measured that morning. Extending the rāhui will allow us to complete 2 years of measuring and collection of data across multiple fishing areas.</p>
12	<p>Why are you requesting a temporary fisheries closure and/or fishing method restriction/prohibition?</p> <p>E.g. you could provide details about what you have been noticing to species populations in the area.</p>	<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</p>

		<p>anywhere within the rohe moana of Waimārama. There is still concern that even though there has been a four-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 four 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 the real work can start. The request for an extension is for tangata whenua, community purposes and the tiakitanga of their local taonga, pāua. 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>
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Supplementary Information

In order for the Minister for Oceans and Fisheries to impose a temporary fishing closure or method restriction/prohibition, they must be satisfied that it would recognise and make provision for the use and management practices of tangata whenua in the exercise of non-commercial fishing rights by

- Improving the size or availability (or both) of the requested species in the closure area; or
- Recognising a customary fishing practice in the area

If the request includes a proposed fishing method restriction/prohibition, in addition to the above criteria, the Minister must also be satisfied that the fishing method is having an adverse effect on the use and management practices of tangata whenua in the exercise of their non-commercial customary fishing rights.

1	How would the proposed closure improve the size or availability (or both) of your requested species?	<i>It will allow time for pāua stocks to replenish after years of over fishing.</i>
2	How would the proposed closure recognise a customary fishing practice in the area?	<i>The closure recognises the mana whakahaere of Ngā Hapū o Waimārama and its ability to undertake it's kaitiakitanga responsibilities.</i>
3	If the request includes a fishing method restriction/prohibition, how is this fishing method having an adverse effect on the use and management practices of tangata whenua in the exercise of their non-commercial customary fishing rights?	<i>N/A</i>
4	Provide details of any research you know of that has been conducted in the area or is planned.	<i>We are planning a two year research and monitoring programme across our rohe moana. We will be using a mix of inshore tidal studies and deeper diving studies. Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc. staff and marine scientists Shade Smith and Ngaio Tuika will provide the support needed.</i>
5	Is there any more information you wish to provide to support your request?	<i>Ngā hapū o Waimārama takes its kaitiakitanga responsibilities seriously, whether its preserving the pāua or keeping vehicles off the beach to protect our tamariki and our taiao.</i>

Date: 1 October 2024

Name: Bayden Barber

Signature



Next steps

Please send this form to your local customary fisheries adviser or email to info@mpi.govt.nz

Te Rohe Moana o Ngā Hapū o Waimārama

