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Kia ora koutou,

Ngāi Tahu Seafood has not made a written submission to the MPI Discussion Paper No 2103/06 but wishes to state its position in respect of the proposed changes. While some initial discussions have been held with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu by MPI, there have been no direct discussions with the commercial arm, Ngāi Tahu Seafood. However Nigel Scott has kept us informed of the discussions to date.

Ngāi Tahu Seafood generally supports the intentions of Option 2 and also the submissions made by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, and any of the Papatipu Rūnanga, on the following basis:

1. Where there is clear evidence of traditional food gathering (mahinga kai) in any of the areas proposed for opening, then Ngāi Tahu Seafood would support the continued closure of those specific areas to commercial harvesting.
2. On the other hand, where there is no evidence of traditional food gathering, Ngāi Tahu Seafood would support the opening of those areas to commercial harvesting on the basis that the spreading of commercial catch effort is an important management tool in the sustainable management of the overall fishery.

The paper has generated a lot of discussion – some informed and some not so – and it would seem that a forum where key stakeholders (customary, commercial, recreational and MPI) could discuss issues prior to general release may be beneficial.

Ngā mihi

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