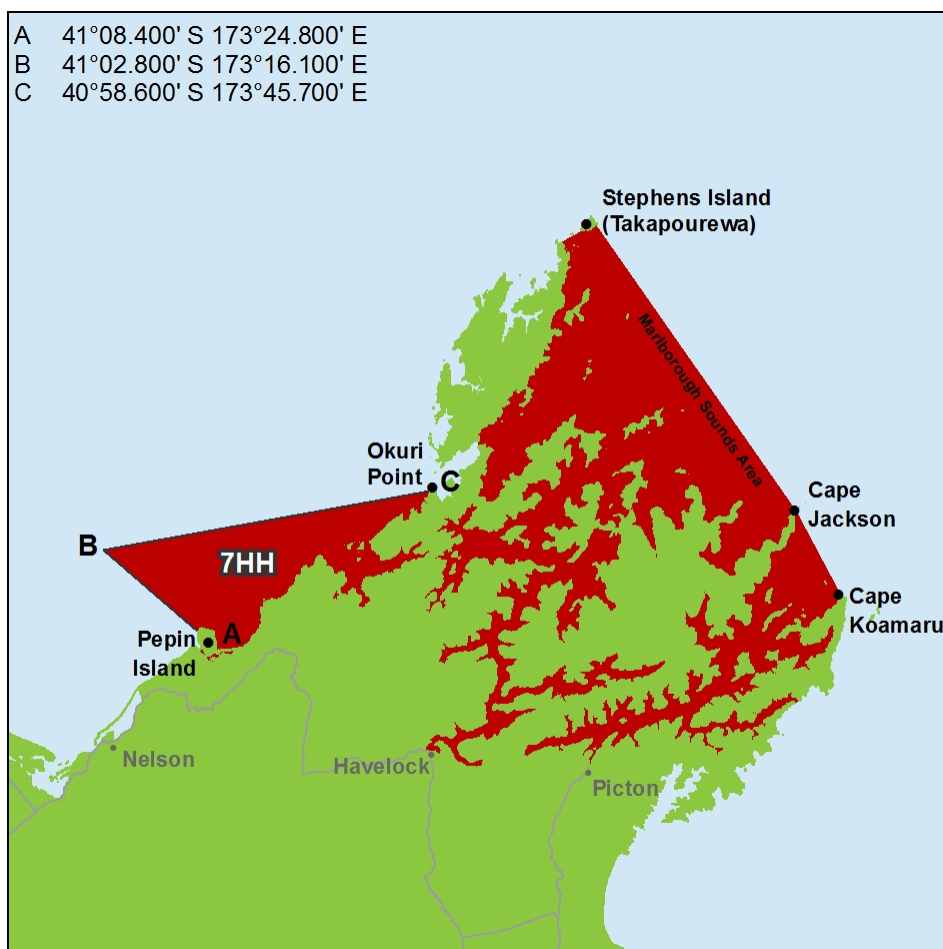


NELSON MARLBOROUGH SOUTHERN SCALLOP FISHERY CLOSING FROM 15 July 2016



Map showing the areas (in red) that are closed to the taking and possessing of scallops for the 2016-17 Southern Scallop Fishery season.

Following consultation on the long-term sustainability of the Southern Scallop Fishery (SCA7), there will be a temporary partial area closure in place for the taking and possession of scallops in the Nelson and Marlborough Sounds area for the 2016-17 season, starting **Friday 15 July 2016** and ending 14 February 2017. No person may take or possess scallops from the areas marked in red on the map above.

The partial area closure applies to both commercial and recreational fishers, and gives the scallop beds time to rest and recover. This ensures our shared fishery space remains sustainable now, and into the future. During the closure period, longer-term management options will be developed.

If you have any questions about the closure please contact the Nelson MPI Fishery office on 03 548 1069, search MPIFisheriesNelsonMarlboroughKaikoura on Facebook, or visit www.mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/consultations.