



30 May 2018

Dear Stakeholder

Consultation on proposed temporary closures at Wakatu Quay, and Te Rae o Tawhiti (Mudstone Bay) in South Bay, Kaikōura

The purpose of this letter is to consult with you on two requests by Te Taumanu o Te Waka a Māui Taiāpure Management Committee for temporary closures to the take of any species of fish, aquatic life, or seaweed.

The first request is for a further temporary closure at Wakatu Quay, Kaikōura, until July 2019. The current temporary closure is due to expire on 20 July 2018. The second request is for a temporary closure at Te Rae o Tawhiti (Mudstone Bay) in South Bay, Kaikōura, for two years.

As part of the consultation process, Fisheries New Zealand has published a public notice in *The Marlborough Express* and *Kaikōura Star* on Wednesday, 30 May 2018.

The requests are made under section 186B of the Fisheries Act 1996, which provides that the Director-General may temporarily close an area of South Island fisheries waters, or temporarily restrict or prohibit the use of any fishing method in respect of an area, if satisfied that the closure, restriction, or prohibition will assist in replenishing the stocks concerned, or recognise and provide for the use and management practices of tangata whenua in the exercise of non-commercial fishing rights.

Te Taumanu o Te Waka a Māui Taiāpure Management Committee considers that:

- (a) A further closure at Wakatu Quay, until July 2019, will provide statutory support for the traditional rāhui (traditional closure) in the area; assist with post-earthquake replenishment of the stocks in the area by operating as a refuge for ecosystem and species recovery; and provide time for longer term fisheries management measures to be put in place.
- (b) A two-year closure Te Rae o Tawhiti (Mudstone Bay) will provide statutory support for a traditional rāhui (traditional closure) at the bay, and assist with post-earthquake replenishment of the stocks in the bay by operating as a refuge for ecosystem and species recovery.

Copies of the requests, including maps of the proposed areas, are available on the Fisheries New Zealand website (www.mpi.govt.nz/fisheriesnz), or by contacting Fisheries New Zealand at the address below.

Written submissions in response to these requests are invited from persons who have an interest in the stocks concerned or in the effects of fishing in the areas concerned. Please state clearly whether your submission relates to one or both of the requests.

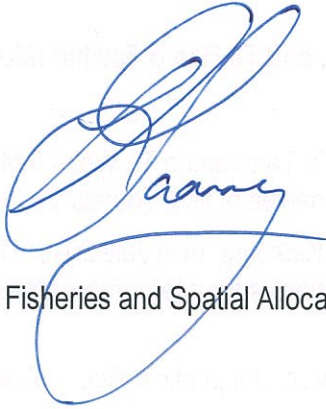
Any written submissions should be made by **Monday, 2 July 2018** to Customary Fisheries and Spatial Allocations, Fisheries New Zealand, PO Box 2526, Wellington 6140, or by email to FMSubmissions@mpi.govt.nz.

Please note that any submission you make becomes public information. Anyone can ask for copies of all submissions under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). The OIA says we must make the information available, unless we have a good reason for withholding it. You can find those grounds in sections 6 and 9 of the OIA. Tell us if you think there are grounds to withhold specific information in your submission. Reasons

might include, it's commercially sensitive or it's personal information. However, any decision that Fisheries New Zealand makes to withhold information can be reviewed by the Ombudsman, who may require the information be released.

If you have any questions, please contact me on 03 545 7796, or at david.scranney@mpi.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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