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Tēnā koe,

As previously discussed, the application to extend the s.186a Temporary Closure on our coastline has been submitted.

The process for this extension is like the initial application, involving public notification and an invitation for submissions regarding the extension.

To demonstrate strong support for the extension, we are requesting our marae/pā and whānau provide a written submission in favour of the closure. A template has been provided below for your convenience.

Key points to consider in your submission:

- Data indicates that while mātaitai is present on our pūkawa, the current levels are not sufficient to support sustainable harvesting, considering past instances of overharvesting.
- There is a high likelihood that the overharvesting previously observed on our coast will resume in the upcoming summer months.
- Extending the closure would provide additional time for hapū, whānau, and the community to discuss and plan future protection measures.

Please ensure that your submission is made by 27th September 2024.

You can email it to <u>lisa@taranaki.iwi.nz</u> or drop it off at any of the designated locations: Ōpunakē Library Plus, Whare Kotahi (Ōpunakē), Whare Taiao (Pungarehu), or Te Kāhui o Taranaki Iwi (Level 4 Ngamotu House).

Noho ora mai,

Ngawai Terry

Pou Taiao – Iwi Environmental Manager

Te Kahui o Taranaki lwi

REQUEST TO SUPPORT THE EXTENSION OF THE WESTERN TARANAKI SECTION 186A TEMPORARY CLOSURE

I/ My organisation/ hapu, iwi, whānau

I am/is willing to support the continuation of the closure under Section 186a of the Fisheries act 1996 based on the following reasons:

- There is evidence showing that while Mātaitai is present on the pūkawa, its levels are not sufficient to support sustainable harvesting, especially considering past instances of overharvesting.
- Overharvesting on the coast is likely to resume in the upcoming summer months.
- Extending the closure would provide time for hapū, whānau, and the community to discuss and plan future protection measures.

| Signature: Date: | | | |
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Contact:

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