REQUEST FOR FURTHER TEMPORARY CLOSURE AROUND HURIAWA PENINSULA (EAST OTAGO) TO THE TAKE OF PAUA

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to section 186B of the Fisheries Act 1996, the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has received a request from the East Otago Taiapure Management Committee, on behalf of Kati Huirapa ki Puketeraki, for a further two-year temporary closure around Huriawa Peninsula to the take of paua. The current temporary closure is due to expire on 25 October 2014.

The closure area includes all those fisheries waters enclosed by a line commencing at a point on the mean high-water mark (MHWM) (at 45°38.44′S and 170°39.81′E); then proceeding north-west to a point 50 m offshore (at 45°38.41′S and 170°39.80′E); then proceeding generally east then west around the Huriawa Peninsula along a line every point of which is 50 m from the MHWM to a point off-shore that is 50 m south of the MHWM (at 45°38.57′S and 170°39.78′E); then proceeding north-west to a point (at 45°38.54′S and 170°39.77′E); then proceeding generally east then west along the MHWM around the Huriawa Peninsula to the point of commencement.

MPI invites written submissions in response to this request from persons who have an interest in the species concerned or in the effects of fishing in the area concerned.

Submissions must be made by Friday, 23 May 2014 to: Fisheries Management – Spatial Allocations, Ministry for Primary Industries, PO Box 2526, Wellington 6140, or by email to FMSubmissions@mpi.govt.nz

Further information about this request, including a map of the proposed area, is available on the MPI website (**www.mpi.govt.nz**), or by contacting MPI at the above address.

Note: All submissions are subject to the Official Information Act 1982 ("the OIA") and can be released, if requested. If you have specific reasons for wanting to have your submission withheld, please set out your reasons in the submission. MPI will consider those reasons when making any assessment for release of submissions if requested under the OIA.

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