



# Fisheries New Zealand

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Dear Shaun Lee

Thank you for your email of 3 July 2025 requesting information relating to mana whenua consultation on trawl corridors within the Hauraki Gulf. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

*Please tell me which mana whenua groups have been consulted with on limiting bottom trawling and Danish seining in the Gulf and provide a short summary of their position.*

Following the release of *Revitalising the Gulf*, Fisheries New Zealand (FNZ) met with iwi with interests in the Hauraki Gulf between October 2021 and April 2022 to hear feedback on proposals in the [then] draft Hauraki Gulf Fisheries Plan, including trawl corridors.

Between July and August 2023, FNZ officials then met again with Hauraki Gulf and Tāmaki iwi, Mandated Iwi Organisations (MIOs), the Mid North, Te Hiku o te Ika and Mai ngā kuri a Whareī ki Tihirau iwi fisheries forums and Te Ohu Kaimoana, to discuss the development of the trawl corridor proposals in more detail.

The following table lists the mana whenua groups that were engaged on the proposals:

<b>Mana whenua groups engaged</b>
<u>Ngāti Pāoa:</u>
<u>Ngāti Manuhiri:</u>
<u>Ngāti Hei</u>
<u>Ngāti Hauā</u>
<u>Ngāti Pukenga</u>
<u>Ngāti Tara Tokanui</u>
<u>Ngāti Maru</u>
<u>Ngāti Porou ki Harataunga ki Mataora</u>
<u>Ngāti Hinerangi</u>
<u>Ngāti Tumutumu</u>
<u>Ngai Tai ki Tāmaki</u>
<u>Ngāti Te Ata</u>
<u>Ngāti Hako</u>
<u>Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea</u>

<u>Ngāti Whātua</u>
<u>Ngāti Whātua o Ōrākei</u>
<u>Ngāti Whātua o Kaipara</u>
<u>Ngātiwai</u>
<u>Te Patukirikiri</u>
<u>Ngāti Tamaterā</u>
<u>Te Kawerau a Maki</u>
<u>Ngāti Whanaunga</u>
<u>Te Ākitai</u>

Te Runanga o Ngāti Whātua, Ngai Tai ki Tāmaki Trust, Hauraki Māori Trust Board and Pare Hauraki Fishing Trust, and Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust provided formal submissions, and their views were summarised alongside other public submissions that were noted in the previous release, by the office of the Minister for Oceans and Fisheries, under response OIA332.

Information provided by iwi following engagement is withheld pursuant to section 9(2)(ba)(i) – *to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.*

In accordance with section 9(1) of the OIA, I have also considered countervailing public interest relating to the release of the information. I am satisfied that, in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available.

Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at [Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz). Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely



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