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Dear Randall

Submission in support of the proposed temporary prohibition on all fishing methods in Maunganui Bay (Deep Water Cove), Bay of Islands

The Bay of Islands Swordfish Club Inc. submits in support of the proposed temporary prohibition on all fishing methods, for a period of two years, in Maunganui Bay (Deep Water Cove), in the Bay of Islands. This application has been made by Ngati Kuta and Patukeha ki Te Rawhiti, and is supported by the local community.

We also confirm our support for the positive submission made by the Hokianga Accord, the mid north iwi fisheries forum. That submission is dated 15 December 2009.

Our Club committee endorses the recommendations made by the Hokianga Accord, that the Minister of Fisheries, Phil Heatley:

- ⇒ Approves the s186A temporary closure application by Ngati Kuta and Patukeha ki Te Rawhiti;
- ⇒ Provided resources for the ongoing effort to increase abundance of inshore fish stocks; and
- ⇒ Supports customary management tools as a means of achieving active, local management of important areas within the Bay of Islands and the expression of kaitiakitanga.

Club members are very aware that fisheries are not as plentiful as they used to be. We consider that the use of section 186A to close Deep Water Cove for a temporary period, to help rebuild fish abundance will be a positive move.

The Bay of Islands Swordfish Club agrees with the Hokianga Accord, that there is a clear need for a public awareness campaign to educate the public, and our club members, of the potential benefits in implementing local area management tools. Increased fish abundance is beneficial for all those with an interest in the Bay of Islands.

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President