

Ngapuhi's Advocacy in Non-Commercial Fisheries

Te Runanga A Iwi o Ngapuhi

2005 – 2008

Process for writing and ratification of Ngapuhi affidavit to Kahawai Legal Challenge

The affidavit in support of the Kahawai Legal Challenge from Te Runanga A Iwi o Ngapuhi (TRAION) only came about after extensive process and consultation with the many hapu that makes up the iwi.

Great care was taken to ensure opportunity for people to achieve understanding of the complex issues at stake, as can be seen in the schedule of meetings and discussions that took place and are still taking place and will continue to take place.

We have certainly learnt the value of good process from working with tangata whenua on this issue. They have so much obligation to ensure people have input.

Ngapuhi can be justifiably proud of this work and the commitment they have made to ensure “more fish in the water/kia maha atu nga ika i roto te wai” and a better quality non-commercial fishery for all.

Tautoko and thank you.

Description	2004
Several Ngapuhi Board members meet with option4 representatives to discuss non-commercial fishing issues of mutual concern.	December
Description	2005
Discussion at TRAION Board meeting	25th January
option4 presentation to TRAION Board	25th January
Kahawai Legal Challenge team participate in the inaugural Ngapuhitanga Festival, Kaikohe.	29 - 31st Jan
Discussion at TRAION Board meeting	Feb, March
First Hokianga Accord hui at Whitiara Marae	29th April
Ngapuhi chairman Sonny Tau discusses the Whitiara hui on Tautoko FM radio.	30th April
Media Release - Maori and recreational fishing interests plan a united front.	15th May
Easy to follow background information provided to the media covering what happened at the Whitiara hui, why and what next.	15th May
Discussion at TRAION Board meeting	April, May, June, July
Resolution to support KLC-Res # 2005/05/05	23rd May
Takiwa and Taurahere monthly meetings	Feb, Mar, April, May

Description	2005 cont..
Discussion at TRAION Board meeting	August, Sept
Takiwa and Taurahere monthly meetings	Ongoing
South Auckland Taurahere meeting and vote	10th May
West Auckland Taurahere meeting and vote	June
Personal invitation to the second Hokianga Accord hui from Ngapuhi and Accord Chairman Sonny Tau, to MFish CE John Glaister.	23rd June
The Hokianga Accord write to MFish to 'straighten up the play' in regards to MFish resourcing of the forum.	30th June
How taiapure and mataitai can assist the non-commercial fishing sector - speech to NZ Recreational Fishing Council AGM	9th July
Second Hokianga Accord hui - Whakamaharatanga Marae	27 - 29th July
The outcome of the July hui was an agreed position from Hokianga Accord participants and the Ministry of Fisheries.	29th July
Ngapuhi Kahawai Legal Challenge affidavit signed and witnessed	10th August
Filing of Statement of Claim in Auckland High Court - Kahawai Legal Challenge	12th August
The Minister of Fisheries, David Benson-Pope, congratulates Tai Tokerau iwi for working with other recreational fishers to form the Hokianga Accord.	12th August
Third Hokianga Accord hui - Whakamaharatanga Marae	29 - 30th August
MFish feedback on the Hokianga Accord's draft Kaupapa Whakahaere (Memorandum of Understanding).	8th Nov
Fourth Hokianga Accord hui - Whakamaharatanga Marae	10 - 11th Nov
Overview of November hui presented by Stephen Naera to his takiwa	16th Nov
Guest editorial by Sonny Tau, published in Seafood New Zealand magazine.	November
Hokianga Accord 'short line out' Working Group hui report.	18th Dec
Description	2006
Kahawai Legal Challenge and Hokianga Accord teams participate in the Ngapuhitanga Festival held in Kaikohe.	28 - 30th Jan
How the law is being ignored to the detriment of Maori - a very powerful speech given to the Te Matau a Maui Maori Fisheries Conference in Napier.	27th February
Chairman of Ngapuhi, Sonny Tau, address to the iwi chairpersons hui in Wellington. Maori fishing interests lie in their recreational right.	3rd March
Hokianga Accord panui to the Whitiora Marae hui distributed and published in the New Zealand Fishing News magazine.	7th March
MFish' late response to the Hokianga Accord structure, as proposed during the December 2005 hui.	17th March
Working Group's response to the Ministry's concerns about the Accord's structure, status and funding.	4th April
MFish issue a last minute list of concerns, on the eve of the Whitiora hui and threaten not to participate in the April hui.	5th April

Description	2006 cont..
The Working Group respond immediately answering the challenges raised in the Ministry's letter dated 5th April.	5th April
Fifth Hokianga Accord hui - Whitiara Marae	6 - 7th April
MFish clarification of their interpretation of "input and participation" as per section 12 of the Fisheries Act 1996.	12th April
Hokianga Accord 'short line out' Working Group hui report	20 - 21st April
The Ministry maintain the Hokianga Accord is not an iwi regional forum and will not fund its activities.	26 May
The Ministry are advised they have no grounds for withdrawing funding for the Hokianga Accord.	20 June
Ngapuhi, Ngati Whatua, Ngati Wai, Te Uri O Hau and Te Roroa meet with MFish in Whangarei.	30th June
The Chairman of Ngapuhi acknowledges the Ministry's input into the meeting held in Whangarei on June 30th.	2nd July
The Hokianga Accord send out a panui inviting people to the Naumai Marae hui.	3rd July
The Ministry has a vastly different perspective of the 30th June meeting held to discuss the Hokianga Accord with tribal leaders.	19th July
The Ministry do a full 180 on the Hokianga Accord and deny it is the mid north iwi Forum. They wont pay the costs either.	19th July
Sixth Hokianga Accord hui - Naumai Marae	20 - 21st July
A letter to MFish clarifying the statutory obligations the Crown has to provide for tangata whenua's input and participation into fisheries management.	31st August
The Hokianga Accord's letter of appreciation to the Outboard Boating Club for the use of their premises to launch the new information website www.fish4nz.co.nz , an opportunity to increase public awareness of kaitiakitanga.	14th Sept
MFish advise they will not pay for the November hui. In their opinion the hui will not be a meeting of the regional iwi fisheries forum. MFish will send staff to discuss items on the agenda.	28 th Sept
MFish invite Ngapuhi to another hui to continue discussions about the development of a mid-northern iwi fisheries forum.	6 th October
Ngapuhi advise MFish they will not be attending the Whangarei meeting, as it was superfluous due to previous correspondence explaining Ngapuhi's position and understanding of the Hokianga Accord.	11 th October
Joint submission from non-commercial fishers on the Deemed Value Review	20th October
Seventh Hokianga Accord hui - Whakapoumahara Marae	16 - 17th Nov
Ngapuhi write to MFish pointing out their lack of funding for Hokianga Accord hui, their failure to pay marae hui fees and their continued refusal to recognise the Hokianga Accord as the mid-north Iwi Forum.	5th Dec

Description	2006 cont..
Preliminary View issued - A critique and analysis of the MFish Shared Fisheries proposals.	15th Dec
Description	2007
Joint submission from non-commercial fishers on the Shared Fisheries proposals.	28th February
Kahawai Legal Challenge and Hokianga Accord teams participate in the Ngapuhitanga Festival held in Manukau City.	3rd March
Kahawai Legal Challenge judgment delivered by Justice Rhys Harrison. A win for all non-commercial fishers.	21st March
The Hokianga Accord send out a panui inviting all to the Oturei Marae hui.	23rd March
Eighth Hokianga Accord hui - Oturei Marae	19 - 20th April
Ninth Hokianga Accord hui – Whakamaharatanga Marae	16 -17 th Aug
MFish respond to NZBGFC queries regarding the status of the Hokianga Accord as the mid north iwi fisheries forum.	31st Aug
The NZBGFC's letter to the Minister of Fisheries regarding the Crown's obligations to tangata whenua in fisheries management.	4th Sept
The Accord's invitation to MFish to attend the 10th overnight hui at Waipapa Marae on November 9th and 10th.	17th Sept
Joint submission on the Marine Protected Areas Standards document from MFish and DoC.	1st Oct
The Accord's Waipapa hui invitation to the Minister of Fisheries and other fisheries spokespeople.	8th Oct
MFish senior officials advise they are unable to attend the November hui and object to the manner in which they received the hui invitation.	16th Oct
The Minister of Fisheries advises he is unavailable to attend the hui but is happy to receive an invitation to meet at another time.	18th Oct
The Accord's respond to MFish. The forum is growing weary of MFish senior manager's obstructive and divisive behaviour. The hui invitation is re-issued in case they change their minds.	26th Oct
The Minister does not accept the Crown is failing its obligations nor does he recognise the Accord as being an iwi fisheries forum. A response to the NZ Big Game Fishing Council's letter of 4th Sept.	7th Nov
A list of questions put to MFish from the Hokianga Accord hui held at Waipapa Marae, Auckland University.	9th Nov
Accord supports MFish proposals to include freshwater in the Kaimoana Regulations. Submission sent to MFish.	22nd Nov

Description	2008
MFish letter following the mid-December meeting held to discuss mid north iwi's engagement with MFish.	17th Jan
Hokianga Accord team participate in the Ngapuhitanga Festival held in Kaikohe.	26 - 27th Jan
Jim Anderton's response to the Accord's Update #4 asking where the \$17 million of Deed of Settlement Implementation Programme money has gone.	7th Mar
MFish answers to the questions about the \$17 million Deed of Settlement funding were supplied in an article written by Jim Anderton (see item above).	7th Mar
Accord's letter to the Minister expressing concerns about the proposed amendment to section 13 of the Fisheries Act 1996.	