



## Q2 REPORT

01/01/2021 - 31/03/2021

Te Ohu  
**Kaimoana**  


# TE HĀ O TANGAROA KIA ORA AI TĀUA

## SUMMARY

This briefing for iwi provides an overview of Te Ohu Kaimoana's work against the 2020/21 Annual Plan and covers the period 01/01/2021 - 31/03/2021.

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# KARAKIA

Poua ki runga

Poua ki raro

Poua ki tāmoremore nui nō papa

Poua ki tāmoremore nui nō rangi

E rongo he aio

Tēnā tawhito pou ka tū

E kore e uea

E kore e unuhia

E kore e hinga

E kore e wharara

Tēnei te pou ka tū, e hai!



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Tēnā koutou katoa e ngā iwi o te motu,

This is Te Ohu Kaimoana's second quarterly (Q2) report to iwi against the 2020/21 Annual Plan and covers the period 1 January to 31 March 2021.

The key strategies and work streams identified for the year are:

- Leadership, collaboration and communication
- People development and capacity
- Policy development and operational performance
- Te hā o Tangaroa and rights protection

As with our previous quarterly reports, this report has been developed to give more regular insight into the work the organisation undertakes on behalf of Mandated Iwi Organisations.

As always, we welcome your feedback on the structure and content of our reporting.

Noho ora mai, nā



**Lisa te Heuheu**

Te Mātārae, Te Ohu Kaimoana

# MAORI COMMERCIAL AQUACULTURE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT AMENDMENTS BILL

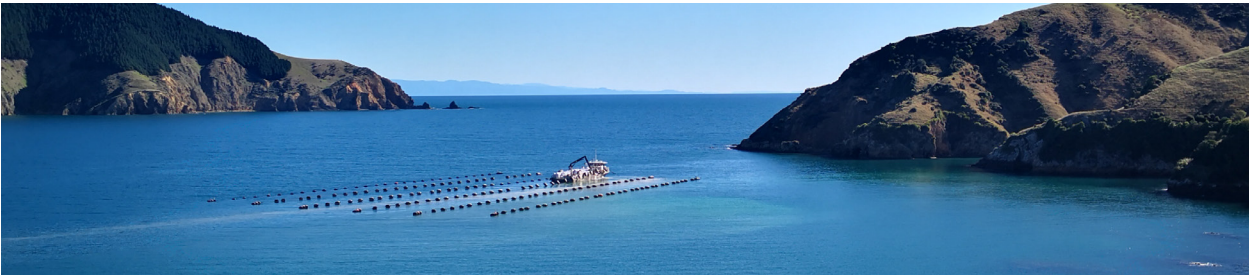
On the 14 December 2020, the Minister of Oceans and Fisheries moved the first reading of the Maori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Amendment Bill (the Bill) to the Maori Affairs Select Committee. We were required to provide a response to the Bill by 7 February, and we appeared before the Select Committee. Their report back is expected on 8 June.

The Bill was amended based on a proposal co-developed with iwi in 2018 that seeks to amend some of the requirements in the Maori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004. Currently legislative restraints mean that significant numbers of iwi in Northland and Bay of Plenty (with the potential to effect other regions) are prevented from accessing their aquaculture settlement. Passage of the Bill will provide Te Ohu Kaimoana with greater flexibility to allocate and transfer aquaculture settlement assets.

Te Ohu Kaimoana, alongside Whakatōhea and Te Arawa, spoke to their respective responses on the Bill on 17 March. This was an opportunity for iwi and Te Ohu Kaimoana to come together to express a shared desire for these amendments. Te Ohu Kaimoana, Whakatōhea and Te Arawa sat side by side in the Select Committee as each party spoke to their response. This was an excellent opportunity for the Select Committee to see the value in the Bill for iwi.

There were nine responses on the Bill (including Te Ohu Kaimoana's), and all were in support. Two of these submissions expressed a desire for the Bill to have stronger hapū and whānau representation.

We are pleased that consecutive Ministers have championed the importance of these amendments and that the Bill is being moved quickly through the Parliamentary processes.



## MAORI FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENTS

In early 2021, Te Ohu Kaimoana was approached by the Ministry of Primary Industries to progress amendments to the Maori Fisheries Act.

In accordance with the Maori Fisheries Act 2004 ('the Act') an independent review of the four entities established by the Act was carried out between 2014 and 2015. The four entities ("Entities") include:

- Te Ohu Kai Moana Trustee Limited
- Aotearoa Fisheries Limited (AFL)

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- Te Pūtea Whakatupu Trustee Limited
  - Te Wai Māori Trustee Limited

The background to the current approach dates back to August 2017, when Te Ohu Kaimoana, on behalf of all Māori, presented a final report (Māori Fisheries Review) to the Minister of Primary Industries. The report outlined the basis for progressing 25 resolutions, of which 15 require a legislative change.

The proposed changes are intended to reduce cost, improve efficiency, move iwi towards greater rangatiratanga, and improve the entities' ability to provide settlement asset benefits to all Māori, in combination with the view of iwi that they will better achieve the purpose of the Act.

Te Ohu Kaimoana is working with officials from the Ministry of Primary Industries to progress the amendments. We also plan to discuss the approach and substance of the review with Mandated Iwi Organisations and Representative Maori Organisations as part of a series of regional roadshows.

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## RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT MATTERS

On 3 December 2020, iwi resolved for Te Ohu Kaimoana to take a lead role in responding to the implications of the Court of Appeal's decision in *Attorney-General v The Trustees of the Motiti Rohe Moana Trust* (the 'Mōtītī Case').

As a result of the mandate bestowed by iwi, we are now actively involved in two Environment Court appeal proceedings in respect of the Northland Regional Council Plan. We have been successfully joined as a s 274 party to those proceedings, which will preserve our standing right of appeal to any higher courts once the decision of the Environment Court has been released. If the case is appealed to the Court of Appeal or Supreme Court, Te Ohu Kaimoana may be able to challenge the findings in the Mōtītī Case and in particular the scope of the Regional Council's jurisdiction under the Resource Management Act 1992 to introduce fishing controls.

We are now actively engaged in preparing evidence with Mandated Iwi Organisations for Ngāpuhi and Ngāti Wai in the Northland appeal proceedings. The evidence is to be filed in May. Hearings have been set for the period 12 to 23 July 2021. We are closely monitoring other proceedings in regions such as Marlborough and Taranaki as well.

We attended a recent Māori engagement hui on the Resource Management reforms that the government has committed to undertake this term. The hui was facilitated by the Minister of Conservation Hon Kiritapu Allan, the Secretary for the Environment and Chief Executive – Vicky Robertson and Deputy Secretary of Natural and Built System and Climate Mitigation – Janine Smith seeking Māori views on the Randerson Report recommendations specific to Māori.

From the material that was disseminated at this hui, it is reported that the Crown will be releasing an exposure draft for the Natural and Built Environments Act (NBA) towards the middle of this year. Before the Bill is drafted, there is Māori engagement commencing on the Randerson Report recommendations specific to Māori (March-April 2021). In addition to this, we have held a meeting with Janine Smith to express our views on the RMA reform, particularly the interface between the RMA and Fisheries Act 1996 – drawing on the mandate we have under the Maori Fisheries Act to ensure that both the Treaty and Fisheries Deed of Settlement obligations are upheld. We hope this opportunity provides as a basis to further engage with the Ministry for the Environment over how this might affect management of the coastal marine area.

# TE OHU KAIMOANA QUARTER 2 DASHBOARD 2021

**34** Hui with iwi



**4**

Government  
proposals  
co-developed



- MFA Amendments
- April Sustainability Review
- NPOA sharks
- Open Ocean Aquaculture Hui



**2** hui with other  
organisations

**4**

Key issues in  
national fisheries  
and aquaculture  
policy this  
quarter



- RMA Reform
- Motiti/Northland Proceedings
- MFA Amendments
- Open Ocean Aquaculture

**26**

Meetings with  
industry  
representatives



Locations of where  
our mahi relates to  
this quarter

- Bay of Islands – Northland
- Bay of Plenty
- Gisborne
- Northland
- Top of the South
- Wairarapa/ Wellington
- Chatham Islands
- Te Waipounamu

**80**

Meetings with  
Government  
agencies



**4**

Responses to  
Government



- April Sustainability Rounds
- CSP Research Advisory Group
- Submission on Aquaculture Amendment bill
- Response to Marlborough District Councils Variation 1 and 1A on aquaculture in Marlborough Environment Plan

Number of people  
engaging with our  
posts

**4,700**



**7,219**

minutes of video  
watched



**4**

Number of research  
projects we are  
engaged in or leading



- Hoki research
- Moana research
- BoP regional agreement
- Taitokerau spat nursery

Total social media  
posts published

**49**



# TE OHU KAIMOANA QUARTER 2 DASHBOARD 2021



## Destinations travelled to by kāhui staff

- Auckland (flatfish management)

## Delivered services within budget



1.1m

## Number of visits to our website

4,137



1



## Number of recommendations made that were adopted by FNZ or DoC for consultation

- April Sustainability Rounds (28% alignment and 43% some alignment from our response)



1,493

Total pānui opened



## Total clicks on our social media content

3,925



## Total followers across all channels

3,259



## Number of permits issued on Ikanet

3

60,000

Number of people who have seen our messaging



849

Downloads of materials from our website



3

## Interactions with the media

- RNZ: Ngāti Paoa rāhui
- RNZ: Delegation of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO)
- Newshub: Rangitāhua / Kermadec Ocean Sanctuary

# TE IKA A MĀUI - Q2



We have been reviewing a draft Terms of Agreement for the Rangitāhua / Kermadec Sanctuary with Crown officials for a Treaty compliant approach to establish a sanctuary.



We continue to support iwi as a member of the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhē Spat Working Group to investigate the feasibility of a mussel nursery that would on-grow Te Oneroa-a-Tohē mussel spat to larger sizes



We are actively engaged in preparing evidence with Ngāpuhi and Ngāti Wai in the Northland proceedings to assist in countering the Resource Management Act controls being sought to control fishing.



We worked with the iwi and MPI to agree the wording of an Addendum to the Waikato East Regional Agreement that will provide the authorisation for the Coromandel Marine Farming Zone and the associated Crown financial assistance.



At the request of the Hauraki MIO, we provided an analysis on the potential impact the Waiheke closure would have on the iwi's commercial assets.



We continued to assist iwi in Northern Taranaki to resolve their respective entitlements to the area of coastline between Waipingau and the Mōkau River.



We continue to implement the Eastern Taranaki Rebuild Plan alongside Fisheries New Zealand and Industry Representative Entities.



We commissioned an independent report regarding the Minister's Hector and Māui dolphin management decisions



We presented to the Select Committee alongside Whakatōhea and Te Arawa on the proposed Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Amendment Bill.

# TE WAKA A MĀUI - Q2



We have focused on key fisheries to resolve some of the outstanding issues with 28N rights. We supported the work of the 28N Right Working Group.

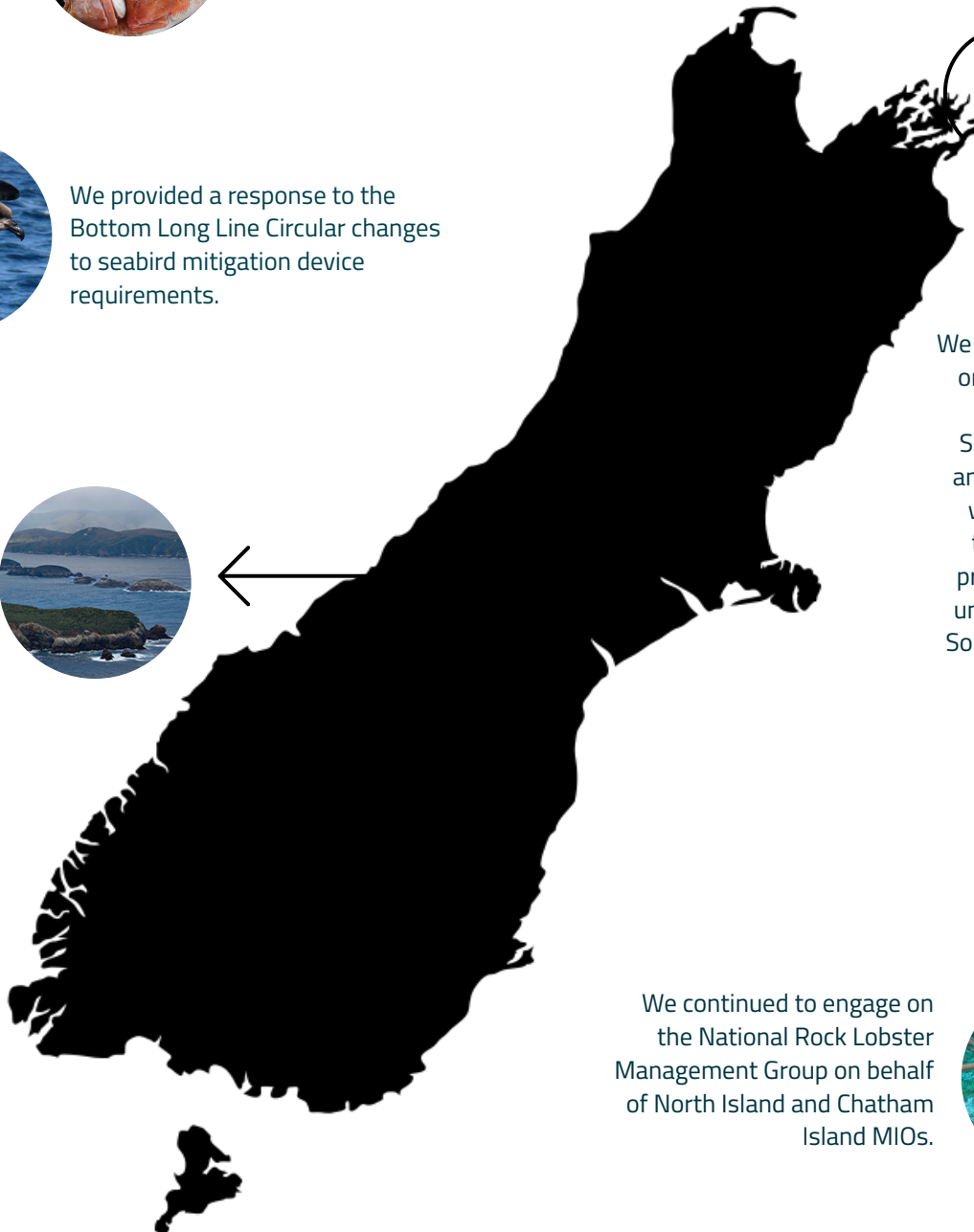


We provided a response to the Bottom Long Line Circular changes to seabird mitigation device requirements.



We continue to participate on behalf of Te Tau Ihu iwi in the Southern Scallop working group and sub-working group which is progressing the implementation programme developed under the Marlborough Sounds Scallop Strategy.

We continued to work alongside legal consultants, MPI and Ngāi Tahu on New Space Regional Agreement for Southland.



We continued to engage on the National Rock Lobster Management Group on behalf of North Island and Chatham Island MIOs.



Te Ohu Kaimoana is working with officials from MPI to progress amendments to the Māori Fisheries Act. The proposed changes are intended to reduce cost, improve efficiency, move iwi towards greater rangatiratanga. We also plan to discuss the approach and substance of the review with Mandated Iwi Organisations and Representative Maori Organisations as part of a series of regional roadshows.

# FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AGAINST PLAN

The following table summarises each area of work identified in the 2020/21 annual plan, by comparing actual to budgeted expenses for the quarter.

Summary of Annual Plan FY 2019/20 Goals and Objectives	Year to date (1 October 2020 – 31 March 2021)		
Areas	Actual	Budget	Variance
Fisheries Allocation	110,171	147,971	37,800
Fisheries Policy	301,632	388,620	86,988
Takutai Allocation	60,737	100,610	39,873
Takutai Policy	55,866	85,330	29,464
Governance Services	184,895	192,266	7,371
Management Services/Relationships	357,870	637,434	279,564
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,071,171</b>	<b>1,552,231</b>	<b>481,060</b>

Summary of Annual Plan FY 2019/20 Goals and Objectives	Year to date (1 October 2020 – 31 March 2021)		
Areas	Actual	Budget	Variance
Fisheries Allocation	240,369	316,228	75,859
Fisheries Policy	563,490	658,620	95,130
Takutai Allocation	120,038	169,354	49,316
Takutai Policy	114,252	175,030	60,778
Governance Services	380,562	386,815	6,253
Management Services/Relationships	780,869	1,162,497	381,628
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,199,580</b>	<b>2,868,544</b>	<b>668,964</b>

**Please note:** the figures shown in the tables above have not been audited.

## COMMENTS ON Q2 VARIANCES

The expenses recognised in the Fisheries Allocation programme for the year thus far can be attributed to mainly quota owner levies for settlement assets which have not yet been distributed to iwi and the annual valuation of this quota. The budget included assistance to iwi for mediation that has not been required year to date.

Fisheries Policy expenditure is favourable to date, mostly due to reduced travel resulting from the change in environment since COVID-19 and reflects the increased use of technology in lieu of physical travel, such as meetings held online. Further to this, the favourable expenditure is due to delayed legal costs and it is anticipated that these expenses will be reflected in future quarters.

Governance services is under budget due to timing of expenses; however, these expenses will be aligned by year end.

Management Services/Relationships are favourable in year to date due to anticipation of an increase in staff numbers. Many of the vacancies have been filled late in Q2 and therefore we anticipate that this change will be reflected in upcoming quarters.

In relation to Takutai, much of the initial budget was to facilitate agreements between iwi and the Crown on satisfying new space settlement obligations, this is progressing slower than anticipated.

# OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE AGAINST PLAN 2020/21

The following summarises what Te Ohu Kaimoana worked on during Q2 in each of the highlighted areas.

## FISHERIES ALLOCATION

Objective

1

**Assist iwi gain/retain MIO status and transfer population-based assets where relevant by 30 September 2021**

- Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Tama have indicated they intend to become ratified as the Mandated Iwi Organisation for Ngāti Tama (Taranaki) in the first half of 2021. We have met with Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Tama to discuss the next steps to achieve this milestone.
- Te Rūnanga o Te Whānau intend to become ratified as the Mandated Iwi Organisation (MIO) for Te Whānau-ā-Apanui through their historic Treaty of Waitangi settlement. We are engaged in ongoing discussions with Te Rūnanga o Te Whānau about the progress of their settlement negotiations.

Objective

2

**To allocate and transfer remaining settlement assets**

- We continued to assist iwi in Northern Taranaki to resolve their respective entitlements to the area of coastline between Waipingau and the Mōkau River. We have met with one of the affected parties to develop a plan to resolve this dispute.
- We continue to be engaged in discussions with iwi with interests in LFE / SFE 20 about the allocation of that stock.

Objective

3

**Facilitate agreements using statutory processes under the Act (s 181 and 182) where required**

- We generally avoid resorting to using the statutory processes provided for in section 182 of the Act where possible. Where coastline disputes exist, we are working closely with the relevant iwi to develop processes to resolve those disputes.

Objective

4

**Make ACE available to iwi who have not received their settlement assets**

- The April ACE Round is underway, with the allocation of ACE being done following previous years methods.
- Most iwi in the round have returned their Deeds of Agreement, and we are progressing with releasing Pāua 2.

Objective

5

#### **Allocate and transfer funds on trust**

- An ongoing piece of work is the continuous review of funds held on trust and the status of disputes. It was not possible to facilitate agreements between iwi during the previous quarter.

Objective

6

#### **MIO and Te Ohu Kaimoana compliance with the requirements of the Maori Fisheries Act 2004**

- We continued to be engaged with one MIO for which issues of compliance with the requirements of the Maori Fisheries Act 2004 have arisen. We applied to the High Court to have an independent trustee appointed to this MIO, to assist with resolving their issues of non-compliance. This work is still ongoing.

## **FISHERIES POLICY - Management settings**

Objective

1

#### **Improve managing and reporting the overall catch**

- We provided a response to Fisheries New Zealand regarding changes in electronic reporting circulars to specify protected species mitigation devices.

Objective

2

#### **Develop efficient policy tools for fisheries management**

- No formal steps are being taken by the Minister of Oceans and Fisheries to amend the Fisheries Act at this time. However, we understand that officials have been providing advice on possible options. We continue to ensure with officials at every opportunity to outline the improvements we have identified as being needed.
- We have focused on key fisheries to resolve some of the outstanding issues with 28N rights. We supported the work of the 28N Right Working Group.

## **FISHERIES POLICY - Fish stock management**

Objective

3

#### **Protect Māori settlement interests through continuous engagement in fish stock kōrero**

- We continue to support the national body for tuna, Te Mana o Ngā Tuna.
- We continue to work with Te Wai Māori, Fisheries New Zealand the Department of Conservation on the National Long Fin Eel Strategy.
- We provided the Ministry of Primary Industries with further feedback on their draft International Fisheries Strategy to better reflect a Treaty partnership approach.

## FISHERIES POLICY - Fish stock management

Objective

3

cont.

**Protect Māori settlement interests through continuous engagement in fish stock kōrero**

- We had two analysts attend the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Commission online. In doing so, we were able to better understand international fishing efforts in the South Pacific Ocean.
- We continue to participate on behalf of Te Tau Ihu iwi in the Southern Scallop working group and sub-working group which is progressing the implementation programme developed under the Marlborough Sounds Scallop Strategy.
- We continued to engage on the National Rock Lobster Management Group on behalf of North Island and Chatham Island MIOs.
- We are actively participating in the science working groups which become more frequent as we enter the stock assessment and management control review phase.
- We provided our response to the Minister of Fisheries on the review of the April 2021/22 sustainability measures and management controls. We maintained a key focus on the management of Rock Lobster stocks under review as part of the April Sustainability Rounds. This involved participation in the National Rock Lobster Management Group convened by MPI on behalf of the Minister of Oceans and Fisheries.
- We are actively engaging with Fisheries New Zealand and Sector Representative Entities on the review of snapper 8 for the 2021/22 fishing year.
- We are participating in a hoki genetics research project led by Seafood Innovations Limited, Plant and Food Research and the Deepwater Group. We participated in a hui that focused on developing a framework to manage/protect the data of this taonga consistent with iwi aspirations and consistent with the Māori led/claimant response to Te Pae Tawhiti - WAI262.
- We continue to engage on the development of the National Plan of Action (NPOA) for Sharks 2021.
- We continue to engage with industry and attended hui with the Commercial Fisheries Forum, Seafood New Zealand and Deepwater Group.

## FISHERIES POLICY - Managing effects of fishing

Objective

4

**Develop efficient mechanisms to manage effects of fishing on protected species while ensuring Māori fishing interests are protected**

- We are engaging with Fisheries New Zealand about an approach to further reduce fisheries risk to Hector's dolphins in the South Island.
- We are engaging in the Department of Conservation's Conservation Services Programme which delivers protected species research about fisheries from funds recovered from quota owners.
- We provided a response to the Bottom Long Line Circular changes to seabird mitigation device requirements.
- We commissioned an independent report regarding the Minister's Hector and Māui dolphin management decisions and released this report in confidence and without prejudice to the iwi most affected along the west coast of the North Island. The report includes a number of recommendations for improving the management of marine mammals and other protected species.

Objective

5

**Ensure sustainability in fisheries while protecting Māori fishing interests**

- We continue to implement the Eastern Tarakihi Rebuild Plan alongside Fisheries New Zealand and Industry Representative Entities.
- We met with Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor to discuss progress with a draft of a report 'The future of commercial fishing in Aotearoa New Zealand'. This meeting took place before comments from a broader consultation were incorporated into the final report which was released in March. The Minister has indicated he will be considering the report before deciding on the nature of any proposals to amend the Fisheries Act.

Objective

6

**MIO and Te Ohu Kaimoana compliance with the requirements of the Maori Fisheries Act 2004**

- We have been working with Ngāti Wai and Ngāpuhi on collating evidence from witnesses for the Northland Proceedings. In addition, we have been gathering evidence from witnesses who have/were engaged in the fisheries settlement, legislation, policy, and regulatory frameworks to assist in countering the Resource Management Act controls being sought to control fishing.
- We participated in the Māori Engagement hui on the Resource Management Act reform held in Wellington with the Minister of Conservation/

Objective

6

cont.

## **MIO and Te Ohu Kaimoana compliance with the requirements of the Maori Fisheries Act 2004**

Associate Minister for the Environment. This session focussed on providing iwi and Māori with an update on the timeframes of the reform as well as discussion on Māori definitions and statements looking to be included in the new Natural and Built Environments Act legislation. Freshwater reform as well as matters concerning the coastal marine area were out of scope for this hui.

- We have been reviewing a draft Terms of Agreement for the Rangitāhua / Kermadec Sanctuary with Crown officials. Once we have final agreement of the terms, we anticipate participating in a process that develops a Treaty compliant approach to establish a sanctuary.
- We continue to work alongside Fisheries New Zealand and Sector Representative Entities to transition fishers post implementation of fisheries measures to reduce fisheries risk to Māui and Hector's dolphins.
- We participated in the online intersessional negotiations for Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction as observers attached to the New Zealand delegation. The online session explored the cross-cutting issues including access and benefit-sharing from the use of marine genetic resources, the application of area-based management tools, environmental assessments and capacity building.
- We are participating in the Ministry for Primary Industries sponsored Biosecurity Act Overhaul via a Māori Reference group.

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## **FISHERIES POLICY - Customary fishing**

Objective

7

### **Ensure efficient, balanced and current management of customary fishing rights**

- We delivered an IkaNet training session to Moana New Zealand staff to build their understanding of the functionality of the IkaNet tool for kaitiaki and pātaka arrangements.
- We have reached out through associated MIOs to the proponents of both the Waiheke Island and the East Coromandel proposed temporary closures. At the request of the Hauraki MIO, we provided an analysis on the potential impact the Waiheke closure would have on the iwi's commercial assets.
- We have reached out to both Fisheries New Zealand and Ngāi Tahu kaitiaki to provide further insight into the development and implementation

Objective

7

cont.

**Ensure efficient, balanced and current management of customary fishing rights**

of both the North Island and South Island customary regulations, as well as the broader customary tools provided for in the Fisheries Act 1996, this engagement assists us to improve our understanding and contribute to the report of the customary fishing regime.

## AQUACULTURE - Allocation

Objective

NOR

**Northland:**

**1. Gain agreement between participating IAOs and the Crown on satisfying further new space settlement obligations in the Northland region**

**2. Gain agreement between Northland IAOs on the allocation of regional aquaculture settlement assets**

1. No action on this strand this quarter.
2. No action on this strand this quarter.

Objective

AKL

**Auckland:**

**1. Gain agreement between regional IAOs and the Crown on when and how to satisfy further new space settlement obligations in the Auckland region (at next reconciliation or before)**

**2. Gain agreement between Auckland IAOs on the allocation of any additional regional aquaculture settlement assets**

1. No action on this strand this quarter.
2. No action in this period. We are aware from discussions with the iwi of the region what their preferences are on how additional obligations will be settled. Action on this region can commence as soon as the draft Review of the New Space Plan is out for consultation.

Objective

WKE

**Waikato (East):**

**1. Progress the delivery of actions and transfer of assets under the Waikato East Regional Agreement between IAOs and the Crown for new space settlement obligations in the Waikato (East) region**

1. We worked with the iwi of the region and MPI to agree the wording of an Addendum to the Waikato East Regional Agreement that will provide the authorisation for the Coromandel Marine Farming Zone and the associated Crown financial assistance. That Addendum has now been submitted to the Minister for his approval and referral of the Addendum to other Ministers for their signing as well. It will subsequently be forwarded to iwi and Te Ohu Kaimoana for signing.

Objective

**WKW**

#### **Waikato (West):**

- 1. Gain agreement between IAOs and the Crown on satisfying new space settlement obligations in the Waikato (West) region**
- 2. Gain agreement between Waikato West IAOs on the allocation of regional aquaculture settlement assets**

1. No action on this strand this quarter.
2. Letter sent to FNZ for Regional Agreement to be extended to 6 March 2022 to enable enough time for the development of a model for valuing spat catching in the Waikato (West) region; and the development of a forecast of any further potential development in the Waikato (West) region.

Objective

**BOP**

#### **Bay of Plenty:**

- 1. Gain agreement between Bay of Plenty iwi and the Crown on satisfying new space settlement obligations in the Bay of Plenty region**
- 2. Gain agreement between Bay of Plenty IAOs (and Te Rūnanga o Te Whānau) on the allocation of regional aquaculture settlement assets**

1. We met with the steering group early in the new year to discuss key elements that needed further clarification to ensure their appropriate inclusion in the work programme. We continue to have monthly virtual hui with Bay of Plenty iwi Representatives, project manager and consultants for the opportunities assessment work and also contribute to the work directly between meetings. The project is currently completing stage 2 and commencing stage 3. The continued lock-downs in Auckland (and therefore inability to organise and gain attendance at a sizable hui) has led to the postponement of a joint hui to present Stage 2 and more clearly identify for particular sites the proposed aquaculture crops. The resulting delay in gaining feedback on particular options will reduce the momentum on the project. It is clear that with the additional work underway that a Regional Agreement will not be able to be concluded before June 2022 – an extension in timing will need to be sought.
2. No action on this strand this quarter. We are aware from discussions with the iwi of the region what their preferences are on how additional obligations will be settled. Action on this region awaits two other developments - the draft Review of the New Space Plan that will contain both the forecast of New space in the Bay of Plenty and valuation of the forecast space and the passage of the Amendment Bill that can assist to progress allocation.

Objective

**WGN**

#### **Wellington:**

- 1. Gain agreement between IAOs on the allocation of settlement assets in the Wellington region**

- No action on this strand this quarter.

Objective

**TAS**

**Tasman:**

**1. Facilitate the allocation of settlement authorisations to jointly owned iwi companies in the Tasman region**

1. No action on this strand this quarter.

Objective

**MAL**

**Marlborough:**

**1. Facilitate IAOs participation in any processes to consider the proposal to relocate certain NZKS salmon farms pursuant to s 360A of the Resource Management Act 1991**

**2. Gain agreement between IAOs and the Crown on satisfying further new space settlement obligations in the Marlborough region**

1. No action on this strand this quarter.
2. Te Ohu Kaimoana developed a draft submission on the Marlborough District Council' Variation. This was discussed via a Zoom hui of iwi reps and subsequently refined. Te Ohu Kaimoana's response to Variation 1 and 1A was lodged with the Marlborough District Council.

Objective

**STH**

**Southland:**

**1. Gain agreement between Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and the Crown on satisfying new space settlement obligations in the Southland region**

1. We continued to work alongside legal consultants, MPI and Ngāi Tahu on New Space Regional Agreement for Southland. Currently modifying regional agreement regarding the Southland ASA application and awaiting Ngāi Tahu legal reviews before it goes to Ministers.

Objective

**EVAL**

**Evaluation of Benefits of the Settlement**

**1. Conclude the Evaluation of Benefits of the Settlement and agree to extent and rate of recommendations**

1. We started to develop our response to the recommendations. All are accepted and we are looking to progressively incorporate the recommendations into our forward work programme and policies. It is intended that a number of the recommendations will be directly implemented as part of the work on the Review of the New Space Plan. We will produce a response to the recommendations and include these and seek feedback from iwi on them as part of the Review.

Objective

**NSP**

**New Space Plan:**

**1. Finalise the first statutory review of the Minister's New Space Plan**

**2. Assist IAOs and the Crown to agree the value and form of additional new space settlement assets where applicable**

1. We met with FNZ to resolve outstanding baseline data for the models, identify areas for further investigation and scoped up an outline of the content to be included in the draft Review of New Space Plan. As part of the outline, we agreed to set out what parts of the recommendations from the Evaluation of Benefits could be taken up through their implementation as part of the Review while making clear that the remainder would be picked up further on in

Objective

## NSP

cont.

### New Space Plan:

1. Finalise the first statutory review of the Minister's New Space Plan
2. Assist IAOs and the Crown to agree the value and form of additional new space settlement assets where applicable

the process. Feedback will be sought as part of the consultation with iwi on the draft Review.

We sought and gained agreement-in-principle for access to production and costing data for a new aquaculture enterprise. This will be followed up when the enterprise gains its consents and commences operations.

2. No work in this period – this work will commence with the inclusion of charts for each region in the draft of the Review of the New Space Plan and its valuation methodologies. The completion of the reconciliations will commence once the reviewed New Space Plan is approved.

Objective

## TRAN

### Transition:

1. Assist iwi to transition their PSGE to a new IAO where required

1. No action this quarter.

Objective

## STAT

1. Meet other statutory requirements
2. Maintain and update the Takutai website

1. No action this quarter
2. No action this quarter

Objective

## MPI

1. Maintain ongoing relationship with MPI officials
2. Value and transfer to Te Ohu Kaimoana any further pre-commencement space obligations, and work with relevant IAOs on their allocation

1. No action this quarter.
2. No action this quarter.

## AQUACULTURE - Policy

Objective

## 1

1. Protect the interests of iwi in aquaculture by collaborating with iwi, the aquaculture industry and government to identify and address any threats to aquaculture

- We continue to participate as a director of AQNZ to ensure collaboration and cooperation between industry, iwi and government on aquaculture policy.
- We continue to support iwi as a member of the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhē Spat Working Group. We continue



Objective

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cont.

1. **Protect the interests of iwi in aquaculture by collaborating with iwi, the aquaculture industry and government to identify and address any threats to aquaculture**

to engage with industry and iwi through phone calls and zoom calls to progress the annual review of the Code of Practice. We are also involved in discussions with iwi and others on the work being done to investigate the feasibility of a mussel nursery that would on-grow Te Oneroa-a-Tohē mussel spat to larger sizes that would ensure greater retention of that spat when transferred to farms throughout the motu. It is proposed to establish this in Northland and involve Te Hiku iwi, AQNZ and science providers.

Objective

2

**Objective 2: Open Ocean aquaculture;**

1. **Contribute to the design of a sensible policy framework to guide open ocean aquaculture developments**
2. **Work with MPI and iwi to develop a sensible settlement framework to account for open ocean aquaculture developments**

1. No action on this strand this quarter.
2. We worked with government officials to further refine policy for open ocean aquaculture

Objective

3

**Objective 3: Work with MPI officials to ensure a Bill is introduced to Parliament to amend the Maori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004**

- Te Ohu Kaimoana worked with iwi in the Bay of Plenty and Northland regions to develop responses to the Māori Affairs Select Committee on the amendments to the Maori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Bill. The provisions in the amendment bill are based on the proposal Te Ohu Kaimoana co-developed with iwi. They will better enable Te Ohu Kaimoana to allocate aquaculture settlement assets to iwi with those assets helping iwi to become active players in the aquaculture industry. Te Ohu Kaimoana's submission strongly supported the amendments. Te Ohu Kaimoana, Whakatōhea and Te Arawa jointly sat together at the Select Committee table and spoke to each of our submissions. Together iwi and Te Ohu Kaimoana shared their support in progressing this amendment.

## MAORI FISHERIES ACT 2004 REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION

We worked with officials from the Ministry for Primary Industries on a briefing to Ministers regarding the MFA Review amendments and consultation.

## GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Te Ohu Kaimoana ran its second consecutive hui-ā-tau (Annual General Meeting) via Zoom on Thursday 25 March. The meeting passed all tabled resolutions. For a copy of the presentation from the AGM, or to obtain a video file of the AGM, please email us at [ika@teohu.maori.nz](mailto:ika@teohu.maori.nz)

## HR & INFRASTRUCTURE

Te Ohu Kaimoana welcomed six new staff to the organisation in the second quarter. In February Lisa te Heuheu began her role as Te Mātārae | Chief Executive, as well as Bianca Hampton who started her role as a Tai Timu | Graduate Analyst in our Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy team. In March the organisation welcomed Teina Easton as our new Tai Tatau | Senior Accountant, Brianna Boxall as our new Tai Ture | Intermediate Legal Advisor, Myrah Walters as a Pūtai Kōrero | Communications Advisor and Victoria Fairweather who has also joined the communications team as a Pūtai Kōrero as maternity cover for Tai Kōrero | Senior Communications Advisor Fran Olds.



Lisa  
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Walters

## COMMUNICATIONS

### 1. Promote the work of the Trust, our Māori stakeholders, and profile the stories of Māori fisheries

*Promote the work and stories of the Trust, Mandated Iwi Organisations, Asset Holding Companies, iwi, hapū and whānau, and Māori owned seafood and fishing companies.*

- We've been very active on our digital channels in the second quarter of this year, promoting a range of iwi/hapū/marae led kaupapa such as rāhui declared across the motu, and plans for iwi-led aquaculture business. Over January and February the Trust launched a six-part series called 'Kōrero ki Kāwhia', where we interviewed customary kaitiaki, Māori fishers and Māori involved in their own aquaculture businesses. The six-part series covered conversations regarding opportunities for rangatahi to return home, the importance of relationships, the perception of fishers in the media, sustaining mātauranga Māori in fishing, climate change, kaitiakitanga and Kāwhia moana. Over 32,000 people watched the video series.



## 2. Protect and build the reputation of the Trust

*Identify opportunities in the media and events where the Trust can have a voice and ensure that interactions are best managed to protect the integrity of the Trust.*

- Te Ohu Kaimoana received three media enquiries over the second quarter. In early January, Radio New Zealand's Te Aorewa Rolleston asked for comment on the rāhui declared by Ngāti Paoa for two years to combat the depletion of resources. The Trust advised that it supported the expression of rangatiratanga and kaitiakitanga that Ngāti Paoa had displayed. Later in January we were asked by Radio New Zealand journalist Conan Young about the Trust's involvement in the delegation of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO). New Zealand's delegation had been criticised by ENGO's in the media regarding its stance on bottom trawling. Due to the short-time frame in which Te Ohu Kaimoana was provided for comment, we were unable to make the deadline but did provide Conan a full letter explaining the Trust's position and involvement in SPRFMO. For a copy of this letter, please contact us at: [ika@teohu.maori.nz](mailto:ika@teohu.maori.nz). In early March the Trust was approached by NewsHub political journalist Jo Moir regarding progression on Rangitāhua / Kermadec Ocean Sanctuary. The Trust advised that it is continuing to work in partnership with the Government on the progression of Rangitāhua with iwi principles at the forefront of our position.
- The Trust has worked with Canterbury University and the Director of Business Taught Masters for two of our staff to present at two business taught masters (MBA) classes regarding Te Tiriti, history of Māori fisheries, Western vs Māori ideals and the Deed of Settlement. Our two staff (Te Taiawatea Moko-Mead and Te Aomihia Walker) will present in June and October of 2021.

**3**  
MEDIA  
ENQUIRIES



**130**  
NEW FOLLOWERS



**60,000**  
PEOPLE REACHED



**4,700**  
ENGAGEMENTS



## 3. Grow the brand awareness, audience and engagement with the Trust

*Build the following and number of engagements for the Trust and increase the awareness of our profile*

- The Trust increased its following on its social media accounts by 20% from the first quarter with a total of 130 new followers for Q2.
- The Trust increased its reach from 59,000 in Q1 to over 60,000 people in Q2 and nearly doubled its engagements with people with over 4,700 people liking, commenting, sharing or reacting to Te Ohu Kaimoana's content.
- The number of downloads from Te Ohu Kaimoana's communications remained steady and comparable to last quarter, with over 400 downloads of responses, reports and publications.

**400**  
DOWNLOADS



**48%**  
OPEN-RATE OF  
EMAILS



#### 4. Keep our stakeholders involved and informed in the work of the Trust

*Ensure that our stakeholders are kept informed of our work and performance and that iwi are involved in the strategic direction of the Trust.*

- Te Ohu Kaimoana's e-campaigns continue to return high engagement rates with iwi, with an average open rate of 48% and click through rate of 10%. The average rates for similar sized and type of organisations are a 25% open rate and a 2% click through rate.
- The Trust has published five news stories on its website in the second quarter regarding rāhui, vacancies, appointments and what happens to confiscated kaimoana.
- Te Ohu Kaimoana ran its second consecutive hui-ā-tau (Annual General Meeting) via Zoom on Thursday 25 March. The meeting passed all tabled resolutions. For a copy of the presentation from the AGM, or to obtain a video file of the AGM, please email us at [ika@teohu.maori.nz](mailto:ika@teohu.maori.nz)
- Communications staff from Te Ohu Kaimoana, Te Wai Māori, Te Pūtea Whakatupu, Moana New Zealand and Sealord Group Ltd continue to meet fortnightly to work better as a roopu.
- Communications staff from Te Ohu Kaimoana, Te Wai Māori and Te Pūtea Whakatupu continue to partake in weekly Iwi Communications Collective national hui.



##### Rāhui in place to protect scallop beds

January 18th, 2021 | Uncategorized

18 January 2021 Updated: 26 January 2021 Over the past few weeks, a number of rāhui have been put in place around the motu. This includes two on scallop beds in [...]



##### Kōrero ki Kawhia

January 29th, 2021 | Uncategorized

29 January 2021 Some of the best conversations happen over a kapu tī and pihikete. In late 2019, we visited Kawhia to meet and talk with local fishers and kaitiaki. While we were there, we happened [...]



##### Bella Takiari-Brame appointed to ACC Board

February 9th, 2021 | Uncategorized

Bella Takiari-Brame appointed to ACC Board We would like to celebrate the appointment of one of our own Directors, Bella Takiari-Brame on her recent appointment to join the Board of ACC. Bella Takiari-Brame from Hamilton is an [...]



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**Kaimoana**  
