

Transcript of letter from Maketu Taiapure Committee of Management

MAKETU TAIAPURE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

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Re: Fisheries Services Proposed for 2007/08

The Maketu Taiapure (stage 1) is located in the Bay of Plenty equidistant from Tauranga and Whakatane. The Taiapure was gazetted on 16th September 1996, with a Committee of Management appointed by the Minister of Fisheries after that.

The short term goal of the Committee was to study the existing resource and harvesting activity in the area. This has been achieved and is ongoing.

The medium term goal is to control the harvesting of the resource to a sustainable level and to undertake enhancement. This is a continuing activity.

The longer term goal is that there will be sustainable use for all users of the resource.

We find there is continuing pressure on our resource, especially with the closure of mussel beds at both Tauranga and Whakatane. Our work is all voluntary and we would appreciate assistance from the Ministry of Fisheries compliance section.

We therefore request that the Ministry of Fisheries undertake to increase the number of Compliance Officers, especially in the Bay of Plenty, which has a huge impact from not only the Bay of Plenty residents but those from the Waikato.

Yours truly

(signed) Elaine Tapsell
Secretary