

Te Rūnanga-ā-Iwi o Ngāti Kahu



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Ko Tokerau te Moana
Ko Mamaru te Waka
Ko Te Parata te Tangata
Ko Kahutianui te Tupuna
Ko Ngāti Kahu te Iwi*

Te Runanga-a-Iwi O Ngāti Kahu is the mandated Iwi Authority for the 15 marae of Ngāti Kahu.

Ngāti Kahu Mana Whenua – Mana Moana:

As affirmed in Te Tiriti O Waitangi - Ngāti Kahu is the guardian of the natural resources – land, foreshores, sea, waterways etc – within our tribal region.

Nga hapu katoa o Ngati Kahu declare that our mana whenua and mana moana encompasses from Te Whatu, te Maunga Tohora, Hukatere and Te Make and the seas from these boundaries to Hawaiiikinui and inland to Ngakahu, Okakewai, to Maunga Taniwha and in this whole area that nga hapu katoa o Ngati Kahu hold mana whenua

Population:

We have an estimated population residing in our rohe of 2,300 people. While the total number of Ngāti Kahu spread throughout New Zealand is estimated at 8,313 (information from Statistics NZ 2006 census).

More recent calculations based on genealogical information put that figure closer to 15,000.

Purpose:

The principal role of Te Runanga-a-Iwi O Ngāti Kahu (TRIONK) is to protect, enhance and promote the well being and assets of our people.

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Tena koe Ray,

Option 4 [and others] Submission on MFish Performance Indicators

The people of Te Runanga-a-Iwi O Ngati Kahu are stakeholder in the fisheries of New Zealand by virtue of having continually fished everywhere within the New Zealand Economic Exclusion Zone [and beyond] for millennia.

We are commercial, customary and recreational fishers and we share the concerns of others regarding diminishing stocks of fish.

Te Runanga-a-Iwi O Ngati Kahu is disheartened to read that MFish propose to reduce the commercial allocation, of *kahawai*, by just 3% (30 tonnes) a year in the area from North to East Cape.

Remembering this is a fish that has a good potential as a [tourist] game fish and is a good eating fish. *Kahawai* is being caught in vast quantities to be sold, at ridiculously low prices, as a bait fish [for catching other species], as cat/dog food or as fish-meal.

Te Runanga-a-Iwi O Ngati Kahu supports the submission of Option 4, the Hokianga Accord and the NZ Sport Fishing: *'Non-commercial submission in response to MFish request for information and advice on indicators to measure sector outcome performance - dated 09 July 2010.'*

Te Runanga-a-Iwi O Ngati Kahu believes this submission raises important questions about the validity of the majority of the proposed performance indicators.

Naku noa, na,

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cc Phil Heatley – Minister of Fisheries

