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Tena Koe

RE: Invitation to Hokianga Accord Hui, Waipapa Marae, Auckland University.

The Hokianga Accord is the mid-north iwi forum consisting of all mid-north mandated iwi organisations (MIO) including Ngapuhi, Ngati Whatua and Ngati Wai. As you are aware this forum has invited all other fisheries interest holders to participate in discussions about the future of our shared fisheries. This is the only fisheries forum in this country which is not segregated.

The Hokianga Accord is having its 10th meeting and warmly invites you to attend that hui scheduled for the 9th and 10th of November 2007 and participate in a panel discussion with the fisheries spokespeople from four other political parties. Those parties are National, the Greens, NZ First and the Maori Party. The hui will be held at Waipapa Marae, Auckland University, 16 Wynyard Street, Auckland from 10am Friday to 12 noon Saturday.

The theme of the panel discussion is, “Future fisheries management in light of the judicial review of the previous Minister of Fisheries decisions for kahawai and subsequent High Court decision, and the Department of Conservation and Ministry of Fisheries Marine Protected Areas policy”.

The panel will be convened at 1.15pm on Friday 9th November and will be chaired by Julian Wilcox, host of Maori Television. Each panellist will have seven minutes to speak to the theme with a 20-minute question and answer session to follow.

You are most welcome to join the hui earlier; the whakatau will be at 10am on Friday. It would be a pleasure to host you overnight on the marae if you want to stay for the duration of the hui and participate in other discussions.

A copy of previous hui reports are available online if you would like to appraise yourself of how the mid north (Tai Tokerau) iwi fisheries forum is developing. These can be found at www.HokiangaAccord.co.nz.
Would you please reply by October 18th with confirmation of your attendance as we will await your response before finalising the hui agenda. Appreciate your time.

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