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TO: OHIWA IMPLEMENTATION FORUM
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UPOKOREHE IWI REPORT TO THE OHIWA HARBOUR IMPLEMENTATION FORUM

This report provides the Ohiwa Implementation Forum with the Upokorehe Iwi position regarding the following matters;

1. Upokorehe Iwi Forum Membership

Since the inception of this forum Upokorehe Iwi have had representation, separate to that of any other member of the OHIF. We confirm that Trevor Ransfield is the Upokorehe Iwi representative and Maui Manuel is the alternative. Upokorehe does not recognise the representation of any other member attempting to represent Upokorehe Iwi on the OHIF or OHSCG unless they have been formally appointed and mandated by Upokorehe Iwi at a duly convened hui a iwi.

2. Shellfish Monitoring and fishery compliance in Ohiwa Harbour

Upokorehe Iwi Resource Management Team and Upokorehe Iwi Community continue to monitor the take of shellfish and compliance on the beach within and around Ohiwa Harbour. This is an ongoing issue that Upokorehe Iwi manage the best they can with very little training and resources. Regardless of these barriers, Upokorehe Iwi continue to actively carry out their kaitiaki role across Upokorehe rohe. Holiday periods are challenging and require more whanau to monitor breaches. Upokorehe has raised this issue at the Mai nga kuri a whare forum and have requested proper resourcing and training from MPI.

3. Consultation and Engagement with Upokorehe Iwi

Upokorehe Iwi have expressed their concern to BOPRC staff, regarding the lack of engagement and consultation with Upokorehe Iwi to discuss the resource consent recently approved for the mussel research project in Ohiwa. BOPRC advised that their resource consent approval team, decided that consultation with OHIF was adequate to approve the consent.

Upokorehe are aware the OHIF is a non-decision making forum that was established by BOPRC and funded by BOPRC. As such, Upokorehe Iwi does not cede their mana/tinorangatiratanga to BOPRC and or any other member of the OHIF/OHSCG forum, to make decisions on Upokorehe Iwi's behalf.

Going forward, Upokorehe Iwi formally advise the OHIF and OHSCG, that they must consult with Upokorehe Iwi directly, via a duly convened Upokorehe hui a iwi to discuss all matters pertaining to the OHIF Strategy and the implementation of the strategy within the Ohiwa Harbour.

This process protects the integrity of our OHIF and OHSCG representatives, when decisions are being made by OHIF or OHSCG, in the absence of Te Upokorehe Iwi as a treaty partner.