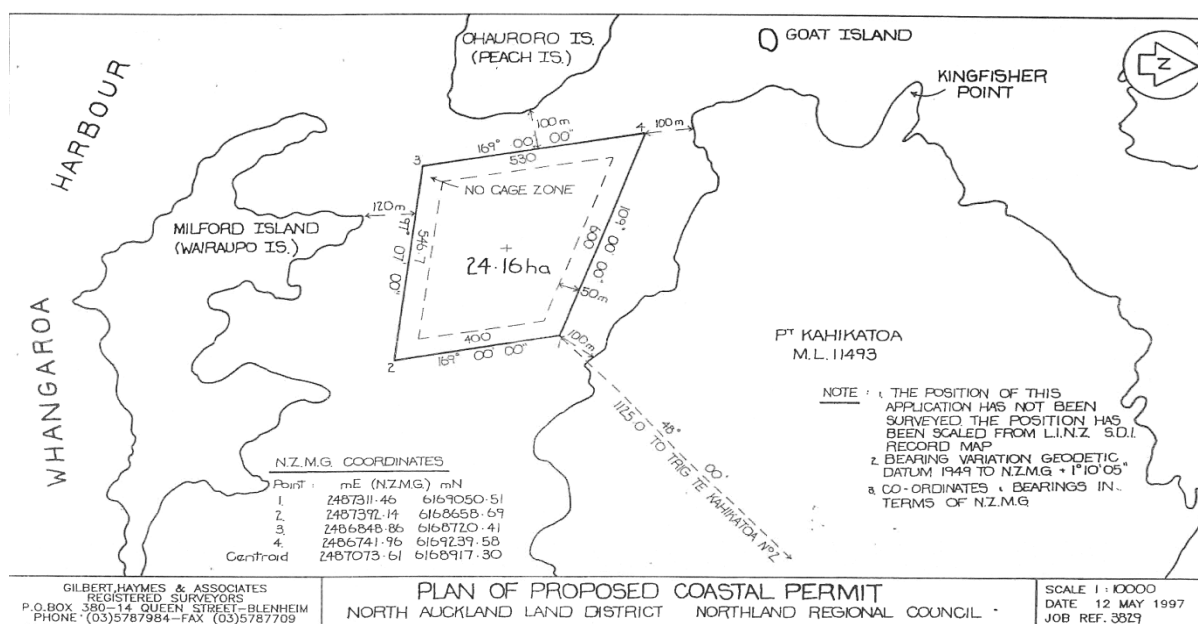


Fin Fish Farm Application

24.16 Hectares beside Peach Island

Te Runanga O Whaingaroa, through Whaingaroa Fisheries Limited has reactivated the 1996 application lodged by Hiwi Tauroa. The application has been publically notified by Northland Regional Council. Submissions close on Friday 9th November.

A summary of the application is attached. There is a bundle of supporting information which is available from NRC. The application is for 24.16 hectares beside Peach Island mainly for king fish farming – but also other species and shell fish too. The site is as follows:



The Whangaroa Maritime Recreational Park (WMRP) steering group which includes Tangata Whenua representation have been:

- Monitoring aquaculture developments
- Working to establish a maritime recreational park including the harbour and bay out to Stephenson's Island.
- Involved as a party in the Environment Court case about NRC's Plan Change 4 establishing the new regime for aquaculture in Northland.
- Opposing the application by Westpac Mussels to establish a 125 hectare mussel farm inside Stephenson's Island.

We believe the application is ill advised and entirely inappropriate for such a key position on our beautiful harbour.

Briefly:

- There are technical issues as to whether Whaingaroa Fisheries Limited “own” the application.
- The application conflicts with NRC’s agreement in mediation to exclude any further aquaculture inside the Whangaroa Harbour.
- The application conflicts with recreational boating in harbour.
- The application conflicts with maritime safety.
- Most importantly the application and proposed use create serious marine environmental risk.
- The economic and employment benefits touted by the applicant have been grossly overstated.

Everyone is entitled to their own opinion.

We wanted to make sure that you were aware of the application and have the opportunity to form your own opinion – before 9th November.

WE can provide a blank or pre-prepared submission form or you can get them from FNDC in Kaeo

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you want to discuss the application or require further information or assistance.

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