

## **CUSTOMARY FOOD GATHERING POLICY JULY 2018**

In 2009 the Whanganui River Māori Trust Board registered Tangata Kaitiaki under the Fisheries (Kaimoana Customary Fishing) Regulations 1998 and confirmed the Whanganui iwi rohe moana. The Kaimoana Regulations enabled two (2) iwi members to be registered to issue permits for customary food gathering.

In 2015 the administration responsibilities of the Kaimoana Regulations was transferred from the Whanganui River Māori Trust Board to Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui Trust (the Trust).

### **What is customary food gathering?**

The Kaimoana Regulations recognises gathering customary food for special occasions, as determined by whānau, hapū and iwi, and the special relationships that whānau, hapū and iwi have with places of importance for customary food gathering.

### **What kaupapa are eligible for customary fishing permits?**

Since 2009, an application for a customary food gathering permit can be made by anyone for tangihanga and hui. Your application must be approved by one (1) of the two (2) authorised representatives referred to as Tangata Kaitiaki. The Tangata Kaitiaki are John Maihi and Beryl Miller.

### **When will I know if my application is successful?**

The Trust will endeavour to meet tangihanga requests **within twenty-four (24) hours** of receiving notice.

For all other applications, these must be received at **least one (1) week** out from the event, the Trust will provide a response as soon as possible, after receiving your application. We recommend that your application is sent well in advance of one (1) week prior, in case further information is required.

### **How do I make an application?**

#### **Tangihanga:**

An application for a customary food gathering permit can be made without prior notice by calling **0800 PATAKA (0800 728 252)** or emailing **[pataka@ngatangatatiaki.co.nz](mailto:pataka@ngatangatatiaki.co.nz)**.

#### **Hui**

Hui applications must be sent to Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui, **PO Box 544, Whanganui**, or delivered to **357 Victoria Avenue, Whanganui** or sent by email to **[pataka@ngatangatatiaki.co.nz](mailto:pataka@ngatangatatiaki.co.nz)**. Applications must be received at least one (1) week out from an event and must be submitted to the Trust in writing (i.e. by letter or email) outlining the following:

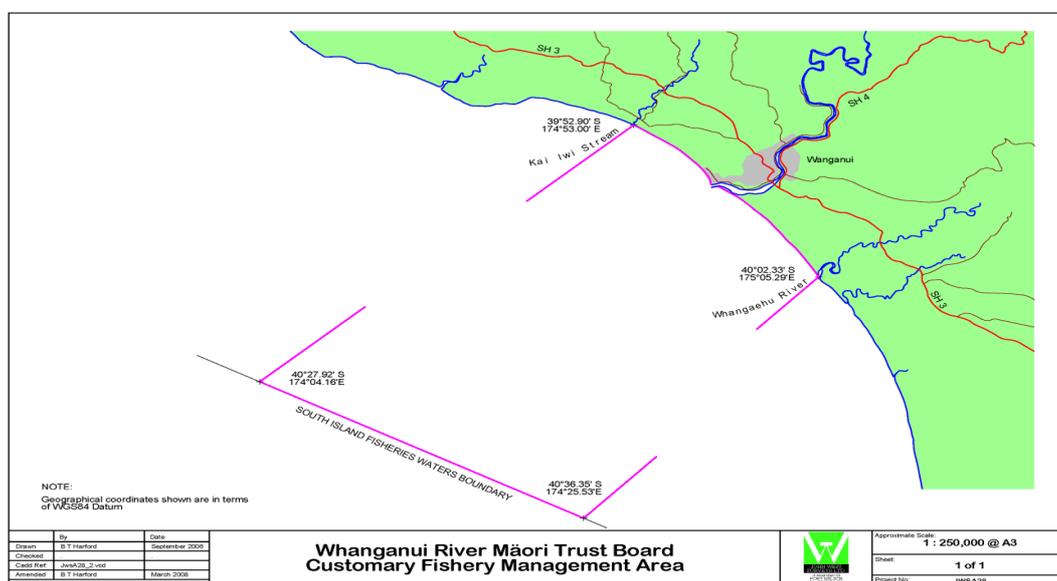
- The date(s) you will gather kaimoana; and
- The names of every individual gathering kaimoana; and
- The species that are requested to be taken (e.g. snapper; trevally; crayfish); and
- The quantity of each species that is requested to be taken; and
- The method each species is to be taken (e.g. longline rod; setting a net); and
- The purpose the species may be taken (e.g. tangihanga; hui); and
- The venue at which the catch may be used (e.g. marae or private residence).

**Please note:**

- A permit is used to gather kaimoana for charitable purposes only. A permit **will not be provided 'for profit' events** i.e. events or contributions to an event that will generate a private profit for an individual or business. Under no circumstances is any kaimoana to be bartered, traded or sold.
- Tangata Kaitiaki can impose further conditions such as quantity and size limits relating to each species to be taken.

**Where can I fish?**

You can fish within the rohe moana of Whanganui iwi. The rohe moana falls in Customary Fishery Management Area 8. Outlined in the map below Whanganui Iwi boundaries are from the Kai Iwi Stream (53 04 Lat S; 174 06 Long E) in the north to the Whangaehu River (42 04 Lat S; 175 06 Long E) in the south.



**What are the conditions of my permit?**

Sustainable management of our fishery is the paramount priority of Whanganui Iwi. It is our responsibility to ensure the management of our customary fishery is upheld, to ensure access for future generations. The following conditions must be exercised if you are granted a permit:

- You must always carry your permit during the gathering of kaimoana.
- Your permit is not transferrable.
- You must strictly adhere to the permit specifications and not go beyond any of the limits imposed.
- You are required to provide catch details to the Trust for species monitoring purposes.

**Where can I get more information?**

Further information about customary food gathering permits is available by calling **0800 PATAKA (0800 728 252)** or by visiting **www.ngatangatiaki.co.nz**.