

Motiti – Tuhua Plans Newsletter No. 3

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Kia ora

Since the last newsletter was sent out in March 2005, preparation of the District Plans for Motiti and Tuhua has continued.

On 15 May a hui was held at Toroa Marae in Whakatane. Around 40 of the hapū members along with Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) and Beca staff attended the hui. The discussion was fruitful and it was informally resolved that Beca would prepare a Draft Environmental Management Plan for Motiti, with which further consultation could be undertaken.

The idea behind doing that was that people felt uncomfortable with not knowing what the plan might contain or what kinds of activities it might provide for. It was considered that in this instance people would find it easier to review and provide feedback on a draft discussion document if necessary rather than to discuss the endless possibilities. Beca has now prepared a draft Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for Motiti, based on feedback received during the initial consultation. The plan has been distributed for comment.



Western coast of Motiti

The Motiti Draft EMP

The draft EMP contains a vision for the future of the island. The vision is used as a reference point for all of the issues, objectives, policies and rules in the plan.



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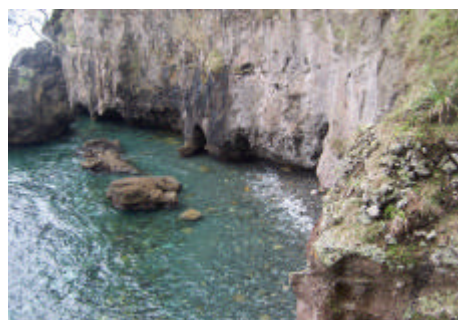
The draft vision is:

“to sustain the unique island character and lifestyle of Motiti for the cultural, social, environmental and economic benefits of present and future generations.”

Residents of Motiti experiencing the character that is unique to the island appreciate the close community and freedom of choice that the lifestyle brings.

This draft vision has been suggested as a way of guiding the content of the plan. We would like your feedback on the vision and the rest of the plan. Feedback on the content of the draft plan is welcome at any time.

The next period of consultation will be during October and November. In particular a hui with Te Patuwai and Maumoana groups will be scheduled shortly. Further hui are proposed with Tauwhao ki Motiti and meetings with other stakeholders. As always we appreciate any feedback you wish to provide through the contact details attached.



Tuhua south west coastline

Tuhua

In regards to progress on the EMP for Tuhua, the Tuhua Trust Board (TTB) recently nominated Shadrach Rolleston to fulfill a role as cultural advisor to Beca during the consultation and plan preparation process. Shadrach's role as cultural advisor is to liaise between the TTB and Beca as a facilitator.



Tuhua cliffs

A few weeks ago the Beca team along with Shadrach and Alan Jones (Department of Conservation representative on the TTB) visited Tuhua. Alan recalled a great deal of interesting information on Tuhua's ecology and recent history.

It is proposed that a workshop hui will be held with the Tuhua owners to discuss the vision for the Tuhua EMP, covering such matters as how Opo (South East Bay) will be managed compared to the remainder of the island. The Tuhua owners will be advised of a date for the workshop hui in due course.



Looking towards Oira from track - Tuhua

Thank you for your input to date and we look forward to further meetings and discussion.



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Heoi anō (kind regards)



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