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Ministry for Primary Industries
Manatū Ahu Matua



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Graham Carter
Care of FYI website

Dear Graham Carter

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 6 March 2017 requesting the following:

1. *Can Maori (iwi) take Toheroa from the toheroa area on the West Coast beaches near Dargaville, whether by customary fishing permit within their rohe or not?*
2. *How many permits have been authorized by Marae Committee, Maori Committee, Runanga or Trust Board that represents the Tangata Whenua of this area over the last two years.*

The following information is released to you under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

Can Maori (iwi) take toheroa from the toheroa area on the West Coast beaches near Dargaville, whether by customary fishing permit within their rohe or not?

Yes, but Maori can only take toheroa with a permit issued by an authority that meets the requirements of the relevant fisheries regulations, those being the Fisheries (Kaimoana Customary Fishing) Regulations 1998 and sections 50 and 51 of the Fisheries (Amateur Fishing) Regulations 2013. Toheroa cannot be taken under recreational provisions.

How many permits have been authorized by Marae Committee, Maori Committee, Runanga or Trust Board that represents the Tangata Whenua of this area over the last two years.

Over the last two years there have been 41 permits authorised for Toheroa in (TOH9) Fisheries Management Area 9 (FMA9) from North Taranaki to North Cape. A more accurate description that defines FMA9 is found under Schedule 1, Part 1 of the Fisheries Act 1996, linked here:

<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1996/0088/latest/DLM401190.html>

I trust this satisfies your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dave Turner', is written over the 'Yours sincerely' text.

Dave Turner
Director Fisheries Management