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Tēnā koe,

Draft Chatham Islands (Pau4) Fisheries Plan

- 1. This submission, in relation to the Draft Chatham Islands (PAU4) Fisheries Plan, is made by Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust, a properly mandated organisation currently engaged in Treaty negotiations with the Crown.
- 2. Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust and its commercial subsidiary, Ngati Mutunga o Wharekauri Asset Holding Company Ltd, are fully committed to the sustainable management of its fisheries and ensuring their protection and continued productivity for future Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi members and Chatham Islands generations to come. This is paramount to both Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauris and the Island's own sustainability.
- 3. Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust commends and congratulates all those involved in the development of the PAU4 Fisheries Plan and, in particular, PāuaMAC4.
- 4. Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust fully supports in its entirety the PAU4 Fisheries Plan. It is an excellent example of an industry-initiated fisheries plan that is good for ngā uri o Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri and the Chatham Islands community generally. It provides a framework and associated management measures that the Pāua Industry needs to urgently implement to ensure sustainability of both the PAU4 fishery and the wider Industry. Critically, the shelving measures and fine scale management initiatives within the plan are key to its success. Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust and Ngati Mutunga o Wharekauri Asset Holding Company Ltd remain committed to supporting the shelve for



2018-19. Further, Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust asserts that not only is shelving the best way to manage this fishery but it is, in fact, the <u>only</u> course of action available to Ministry for Primary Industries that is consistent with Section 5 of the Fisheries Act 1996.

5. We strongly submit that the Minister of Fisheries approve this plan for prompt implementation.

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