

SUSPENSION OF COMMERCIAL SET NET ACTIVITY AROUND RAKIURA

These voluntary closed areas commenced on 1 November 2022 and will be in place year-round to mitigate risk from set netting operations to yellow-eyed penguins foraging in those areas. The closures will be monitored by Fisheries New Zealand (FNZ) and any breaches will be notified to Fisheries Inshore New Zealand (Fisheries Inshore) in a timely manner for follow up.

The closures will be reviewed by Fisheries Inshore with support from FNZ after the completed Hoiho Multi-Threat Risk Assessment is available to determine the risks and appropriate conservation measures for yellow-eyed penguins.

Table 1. Latitude and Longitude of the proposed set net suspension boundaries.

Closure	Latitude	Longitude
а	4 nautical mile radius around Whenua Hou/Codfish Islands	
b1	-46.880426	168.149972
b2	-46.881081	168.283824
b3	-46.993798	168.214797
c1	-47.189556	167.834135
c2	-47.263723	167.645157

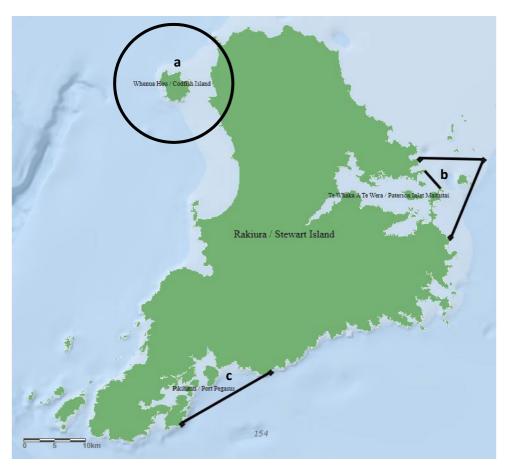


Figure 1. Location of the three voluntary commercial set net suspension areas around the Rakiura coastline. The internal boundary in closure (a) indicates the outer boundary of the Te Whaka ā Te Wera mātaitai that has excluded commercial fishing since 2004. These boundary lines are approximate, please refer to the latitude and longitudes in Table 1 for the true coordinates.