



Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi  
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### 'Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi launches their new 'waka' - TAKITIMU SEAFOODS

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#### **TAKITIMU SEAFOODS - Wholesalers, Processors, Exporters & Retailers of Fresh Fish.**

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated is overjoyed and proud to be the 101% owner and operator of TAKITIMU SEAFOODS.

Previously owned by Hawke's Bay Seafoods, Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated wants its new business to provide connectivity to its 32,000 registered members through culture and commerce.

Ngāti Kahungunu has had a long standing relationship with Hawke's Bay Seafoods and its owners, the D'Esposito family. In the past they fished our quota and provided pataka fish for hundreds of whānau tangihanga from Wairoa to Wairarapa for many years and we are so grateful to their whānau for this koha.

Ngāti Kahungunu has already assured the 100 plus workers that their jobs are safe. "We had a standing ovation from the workers in the factory when we announced that we were buying the business", said Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Chairman Ngahiwi Tomoana.

Business will be driven by our three core values,

- ✓ **Kounga/Quality**
- ✓ **Kitenga/Transparency**
- ✓ **Kaitiaki mo ake tonu/Sustainability.**

TAKITIMU SEAFOODS will officially launch on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at their main office on the corner of Pandora Road and West Quay, Ahuriri, Napier. 10am Pōhiri, Guest Speakers, Karakia and cutting of the Ribbon by His Majesty Kingi Tūheitia. Complimentary Fish 'n' Chip Picnic Lunch. All Welcome!

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*Ngāti Kahungunu is the third largest iwi with 31,000 registered members. Geographically the tribe has the second longest coastline in the country from Paritū in the North to Turakirae in the South. Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated maintains an independent position to provide research, advice and advocate for the interests, rights, values, beliefs and practices of Ngāti Kahungunu alongside our whānau and hapū. Our mission is to enhance the mana and well-being of Ngāti Kahungunu.*