

## Paul Wright – Kaitiaki Kaimoana



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My name is Paul Wright, son of Bill and Zela Wright (nee Hart). My Partner is Tira Renata-Matthews. My earliest childhood memory of Aohanga is with Bill and some of his shearing friends. I am Dad to Melissa Matson, Hayden Wright and Cina Moynihan. My Whakapapa to Aohanga is through William & Etarina Wright.

### **Kaitiaki Kaimoana**

As 1 of 7 Kaitiaki, my role consists of issuing Customary Fishing permits, telling them where to get kaimoana from, making sure they report back to me (most don't) and the Sustainability of Resources.

I haven't noticed any impacts or difference regarding Commercial fishing, and or the quality and quantity of kaimoana, within our rohe? I am in Recreational, Customary and Commercial (Sealords).

I haven't issued any permits this year. At other times, I can give out 3 or 4 a month. There has

been no usual pattern. Regarding support, I would ring MPI if I was unsure of something.

My recommendation in relation to Customary fishing, would be to have a Database of past poachers or those who go from one Kaitiaki to the next getting permits (greed). Training and Professional Development would also be beneficial.

### **Aspirations**

My recommendations/suggestions, towards upgrading Pāpāuma, would be to replace rotten boards (borer) and general upkeep. For Pāpāuma to be loved and used like it once was. My Dad was a long-standing Member of the Committee of Management, I think he would approve with how the Incorporation is doing now.

My aspiration is for the Incorporation to continue to do well, for our future generations.