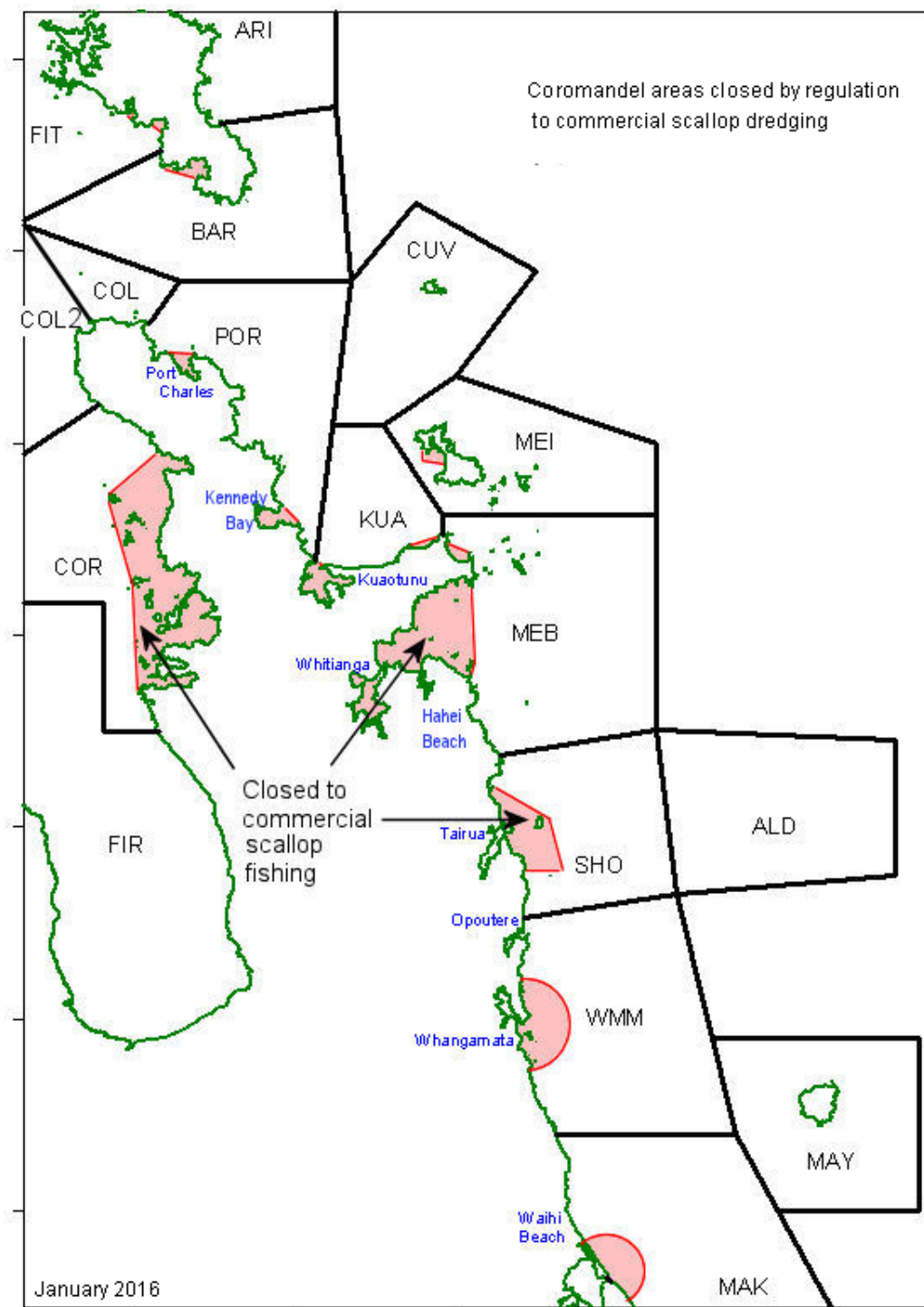


# FAQ – Is commercial scallop dredging allowed inshore around the Coromandel?



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Yes, but there are bans in some places. Below is a map with closed areas around the Coromandel and southern Great Barrier, in pink. These are closed by regulation.



There are closures in Opito Bay and Otama, but the prohibition line does not run from headland to headland, this means commercial scallop dredgers can come in quite close to land and dredge areas popular with recreational fishers.

Historically there were voluntary agreements closing some areas to commercial dredging, but those agreements seem to have lapsed some time ago.

### **Further Reading**

New Zealand Sport Fishing Council. Submission on the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) review for the Coromandel Scallop fishery (SCA CS). NZSFC (2013). <http://nzsportfishing.org.nz/userfiles/file/Coro-SCA-NZSFC-submission-Feb13.pdf>

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