

# Awaawaroa stream interpretation

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## Situation

Rob Morton asked me to come out and have a look at the options for interpretation along the Awaawaroa stream in relation to the wish to raise awareness of the fact that there are precious fish species in the stream and that fishing for these species is prohibited.

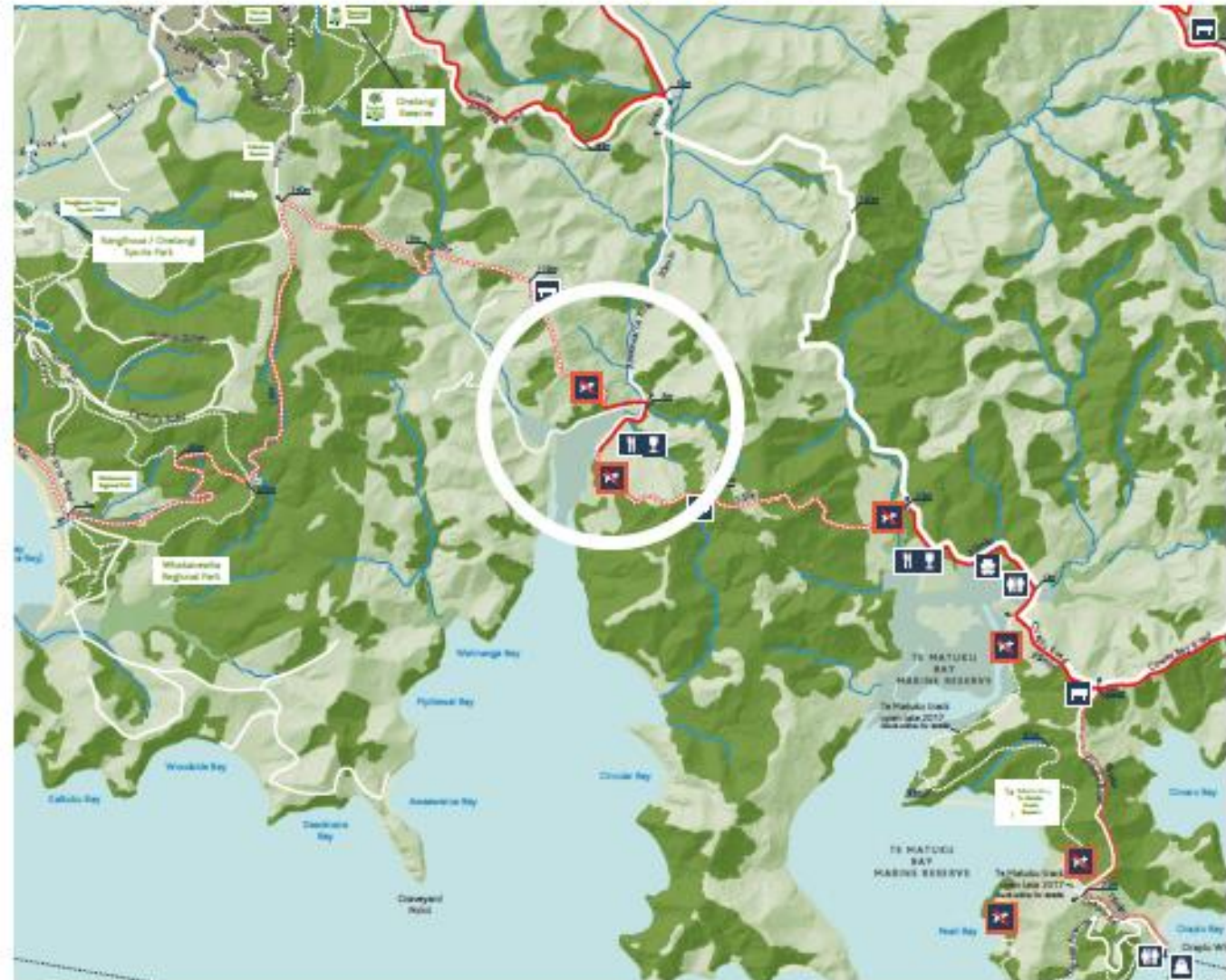
I had a quick look at the location and Rob and I discussed some options.

Since then I have looked at the plans of the two main Council reserves along the stream, and the notes and suggestions in recent emails.

Unfortunately I don't have time at this stage to come up with detailed proposals, but I will attempt to convey some considerations and suggestions.

Generally I would separate regulation messages from interpretive messages - ie we could have a few 'no fishing' notices at key places along the access points to the stream (legible from a vehicle), and then have interpretive display(s) at points where people are likely to stop and spend time.

Secondly, keep in mind that the Te Ara Hura walking route passes through part of this area, and that this walking route is likely to generate most of the visits by walkers, who are more inclined to stop and take in interpretive content. Te Ara Hura is expected to become a major feature of Waiheke's 'to do' list and people will also be looking for start or pick-up points along the route. The junction with the stream and the nearby vineyard are very likely future pick-up-drop-off points.



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## Two kinds

Warning signs about no fishing could be created in a positive style - see the recently developed signs that ask walkers to keep their dogs on the lead to protect native bird species.

Interpretive signage can then go into detail to explain the reasons why this stream, its flora and fauna are special.

- No fishing warning sign
- Possible site for interpretive sign



No take sign locations

Interp sign locations

Te Ara Hura route

Possible locations for interpretation and warning signs near the ford

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## Design and production

We have worked in this subject area for many years now and we can assure you we will be able to come up with a well balanced set of proposals for interpretation, siting of signs and accompanying structures.

It is tricky to indicate what all this may cost, but here are some ballpark figures that may help with decisions:

- one medium to large interpretation sign, including design, production and installation: \$4000 - \$5000
- design for four types of 'no fishing' warning signs with local fish pictured: approx \$2000
- production and installation of 10 of these signs (estimated) \$3000
- design of a detailed plan for stream interpretation, including multiple sites: \$3000 (includes some consultation with Auckland Council and Auckland Transport to gain permissions) - this covers going beyond the two reserves.

Prices exclusive of GST.



Harbourview Forest & Bird executive members standing at a recently completed interpretation sign along the Causeway Motorway upgrade. We developed three signs that covered the wetlands and mudflat ecosystems here.