


PART ONE: IDENTIFICATION

<b>Place Name:</b>	KOHUKOHU WHARF PILES				
<b>Image:</b>	 <p>Copyright: Heritage New Zealand (#3947), photo by Stuart Park (undated)</p>				
<b>Site Address:</b>	Within the intertidal zone, east of Kohukohu Road, Hokianga Harbour				
<b>Legal Description:</b>	Pt Section 81 Blk X Mangamuka SD; Pt Section 81 Blk X Mangamuka SD 0.5950				
<b>Certificate of Title:</b>	N/A				
<b>Physical Description:</b>	<p>Constructed in 1879 the wharf was originally reported to be 450ft (137m) in length and 30ft (9m) in width. The piles are all squared totara and the rest of the timber used in its construction (now gone) was heart of kauri. In its day vessels drawing up to 20ft (6m) of water could load at the wharf during high tide. A photograph dated 1913 shows the wharf was 'T' shaped and had a large timber wharf building near the landward/ western end. Today the wooden piles (with top ends cut for the bearers of the wharf runners and decking) are sticking out of the mudflats. The former alignment of the wharf, running east into the Hokianga Harbour, is evident and it is possible the wharf extended further landward (now under Kohukohu road) to the west. The piles and area of reclamation are the only visible remains of the late 19th to early 20th century timber mill.</p>				
<b>Site Type:</b>	Historic Wharf				
<b>Approx. date (or range)</b>	Construction date c.1879. Out of use c.1913/ 1914				
<b>NZAA Site No:</b>	O05/229				
<b>NZ Heritage List:</b>	List Number 3947, Historic Place Category 2 (entered 1984)				
<b>Regional or District Plan Schedule</b>	Not scheduled in the Far North District Plan as outside jurisdiction (but listed for reference in Appendix 1 of the plan). The wharf is outside the boundary for the Far North District Council Kohukohu Heritage Precinct.				
<b>Recorded NZTM grid reference*:</b>					
<b>Easting:</b>	1649526	<b>Northing:</b>	6086830	<b>Position:</b>	Visible western extent of piles

\*Taken from the NZAA Site Record Form

## PART TWO: HISTORIC HERITAGE EVALUATION

Criterion	Comments	Value*
<b>(a) Archaeological and/or scientific importance</b>	The wharf contributes to our understanding of large scale timber mills operating in the 19th century in New Zealand and the transport facilities that serviced these operations. It is possible that the site may yield further information on this important aspect of New Zealand history through archaeological investigation in the future. For example, the extent, condition and significance of subsurface remains associated with the wharf under the Kohukohu Road, the saw mill further west of the road, other jetties, and the reclamation deposits as shown on a 1885 plan (SO 3976).	2
<b>(b) Architecture and technology</b>	It has a similar construction to other timber wharfs of the period, and it is unlikely any architectural/ technological innovations are present in the design. However the wharf was a substantial structure in its day, reportedly of superior quality to the usual style of wharf serving saw mills, being constructed of heart of kauri and totara piles.	2
<b>c) Rarity</b>	Wharfs servicing timber mills were common in the 19th century, however the Kohukohu mill was possibly one of the largest in the Southern Hemisphere at the time (although this could not be verified). The wharf is a rare survival from the 19th century, possibly owing to the fact it was a substantial structure of good quality. It is one of two timber pile wharfs in Northland included in the New Zealand Heritage List (the Lane and Brown shipyard wharf was built c. 1888).	3
<b>(d) Representative-ness</b>	Due to the loss of fabric and poor condition of the extant remains it can no longer be considered an excellent example of a wharf. However what remains of the piles are representative of 19th century design and materials.	2
<b>(e) Integrity</b>	The wooden totara piles are the only visible survival of the wharf structure, which appear to be original fabric from the 19th century. However, the decking and other structural elements (such as the wharf shed evident in 1913) are no longer intact.	2
<b>(f) Context</b>	The wharf forms part of a substantial timber mill, which is associated with other local mills in Hokianga and the region. The industry was a major influence on the development of the early township of Kohukohu and at one time was the largest social and cultural centre in the north. Together this group of mills represents a major industry in late 19th and early 20th century New Zealand, particularly under the umbrella of the Kauri Timber Company.	3
<b>(g) People and events</b>	The site is closely associated with the kauri timber industry, which was of great importance to the New Zealand economy, through the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The Kohukohu timber mill was part of the Kauri Timber Company, which dominated the industry from 1888 onwards and expanded the Kohukohu site in 1892, ceasing operations at the site c. 1913.	3

<b>(h) Identity</b>	It is unknown if the resource provides a sense of place, community identity or cultural or historical continuity	U Not Known
<b>(i) Tangata whenua</b>	It is unknown if the resource, place or feature is important to tangata whenua for traditional, spiritual, cultural or historic reasons.	U Not Known
<b>(j) Statutory</b>	The resource is recognised nationally on the New Zealand Heritage List/Rārangī Kōrero as Category 2	3
<b>Threshold for Scheduling</b>	Minimum of 3/High in two criteria:	<b>Yes</b>

\*Outstanding – 4; High – 3; Moderate – 2; little – 1; None – 0; or Not Known or unassessed - U.

**PART THREE: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

<b>Statement of Significance:</b>	Dating to c. 1879 the Kohukohu wharf piles are rare remaining elements of the Kohukohu timber mill, possibly owing to the fact it was a substantial structure built of good quality wood (totara and heart of kauri). It is one of two timber pile wharfs in Northland included in the New Zealand Heritage List. The wharf has high contextual values as the mill was associated with other local mills in Hokianga and the region. The mill was a major influence on the development of the early Kohukohu township. Together this group of mills represents a major industry in late 19th and early 20th century New Zealand. In particular, the Kohukohu timber mill was closely associated with the Kauri Timber Company, which dominated the industry from 1888 onwards and expanded the Kohukohu site in 1892. Overall, the Kohukohu wharf piles are of high regional historic heritage significance.
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**PART FOUR: EVALUATION RECOMMENDATION**

<b>Identified criteria</b>	(c),(f), (g), (j)
<b>Overall Value*</b>	High
<b>Overall Score*</b>	3
<b>Overall Context**</b>	Regional
<b>Eligibility for scheduling:</b>	Yes
<b>Extent of Place:</b>	Yes [Refer to diagram in Part 6]
<b>Interior protected:</b>	N/A
<b>Potential Tangata Whenua value:</b>	Not a site of Maori origin, but local Maori were involved in its construction and operation
<b>Pre-1900 or gazetted archaeological site:</b>	A pre-1900 site protected under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014

\* Outstanding/ Score 4: of exceptional importance and interest: retention of the identified value(s)/ significance is essential.

High/ Score 3: of great importance and interest: retention of the identified value(s)/ significance is very important.

Moderate/ Score 2: of some importance and interest: retention of the identified value(s)/ significance is desirable.

Low/ Score 1: of limited importance and interest: retention of the identified value(s)/ significance is of low importance.

NA/None/ Score 0: none identified.

\*\* Overall Context: the geographical significance at a local, regional or higher scale, should also be given.

**PART FIVE: MANAGEMENT/ RISK INFORMATION**

Criterion	Comments	Value*
<b>Occupancy/ Use:</b>	Presently abandoned/unused	4
<b>Management</b>	The site is not protected under the District Plan (outside jurisdiction) or Regional Plan (not scheduled), but there is recognition of its heritage value through inclusion on the NZ Heritage List. There are no known conservation plans or active management of the site.	4
<b>Condition:</b>	Condition is assumed to be poor based on photos, however the site was not visited	3
<b>Fragility/ Vulnerability</b>	Fragility is assumed to be very high, as it is actively eroding in the foreshore environment and constructed of wood.	4
<b>Threats</b>	The site is threatened through coastal erosion, encroachment by mangroves and lack of maintenance/neglect. Future works to Kohukohu Road could be a threat depending on the location and depth of works.	4
<b>Overall risk:</b>	<b>Critical</b>	<b>4</b>

\*0 – None, 1 - Low, 2- Moderate, 3 - High, 4 – Critical

Criterion	Comments	Value*
<b>Opportunities:</b>	There is a limited opportunity for public appreciation/interpretation, given that most of the site is in the intertidal zone and not easily accessible. However, as some of the wharf piles are visible from the road just outside the Far North District Council Kohukohu Heritage Precinct, the site could be included in any initiatives to promote the heritage values of this area. Historically the rest of the sawmill site was within part of the land now included in the Precinct.	<b>Limited - 1</b>

\*0 – None, 1 - Low, 2- Moderate, 3 - High, 4 – Outstanding

PART SIX- EXTENT OF PLACE



**NZTM coordinates:**

<b>Easting:</b>	1649526	<b>Northing:</b>	6086830	<b>Position:</b>	Visible western extent of piles (1)
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**Note** Without a site visit it is not possible to obtain more accurate coordinates for the extent of the wharf in this area. The extent of place is for the visible section of the wharf only. The associated 1870s–1880s reclamations and mill site itself could only be included in the extent of place following further investigation.

**ADMINISTRATION**

<b>Desktop Date:</b>	20/03/2016	<b>Site Visit Date:</b>	Not Visited		
<b>Site Accessibility:</b>	N/A				
<b>Evaluated by:</b>	Adina Brown	<b>Date:</b>	20/03/2016		
<b>Reviewed by:</b>	Sarah Macready	<b>Date:</b>	31/03/2016		
<b>Approved by:</b>	Jon Trewin	<b>Draft:</b>	31/03/2016	<b>Final:</b>	5/04/2016
<b>NRC Assessment ID:</b>	08				

## APPENDIX 1 Supporting Research

Sources Checklist:	Checked
Northland Coastal Plan schedule	Y
Kaipara District Plan schedule	-
Far North District Plan schedule	Y
Whangarei District Plan schedule	-
NZAA ArchSite database	Y
Heritage New Zealand List	Y
LINZ/ Quickmaps	Y
Google Maps	Y
Whangarei Libraries Northland Room Digital Collections ( <a href="http://whangarei.recollect.co.nz/">http://whangarei.recollect.co.nz/</a> )	-
Whites Aviation Archive National Library	Y
Papers Past	Y
Te Ara Encyclopaedia	Y
NZ History Online	-
Archives NZ	-
IPENZ Engineering Heritage Register <a href="http://www.ipenz.org.nz/heritage/default.cfm">http://www.ipenz.org.nz/heritage/default.cfm</a>	Y
<b>Sources are fully referenced in the historical background report (Appendix 2)</b>	

## Bibliography:

Author(s)	Date	Title	Publisher	Location
Elizabeth Clark	16 March 2016	Historical Background Research: Former Saw Mill Wharf Kohukohu	Not published	Appendix 2 of this report