

Surf break values assessment – Bluehouse to Pines, Tauroa Point

Name	Quality	Consistency	Rarity	Uniqueness	Popularity	Isolation / wilderness	Education	Weighted Total	Status
Blue House (Patito)	8	7	10	10	8	6	1	42	Regionally significant
Pines	7	7	10	10	8	5	5	44.5	Regionally significant

The table above set out the scores attributed to various values of surf breaks in the Tauroa Point area near Ahipara. The scores range between 1 and 10. With 10 being highly valued and 1 being of low value.

Eighty-two surf breaks around Northlands coast were assessed to record their values and to determine their relative significance. Some attributes have a greater influence over the significance of a break than others. For that reason, some attributes (e.g. wave quality) have been given more weight than others.

The breaks have been assigned one of the following three categories;

- Nationally significant surf breaks are those breaks that are identified in Schedule 1 of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010
- Regionally significant surf breaks are those with a weighted total greater than the threshold for regional significance (threshold = 31)
- Other surf breaks are those breaks that were assessed and have a weighted total less than the threshold for regional significance.

Surf breaks in Northland were assessed in line with;

- Northland Regional Council, 2016. *Methodology – Identifying Regionally Significant Surf Breaks in Northland*
- Northland Regional Council, 2016. *Application of methodology Identifying Regionally Significant Surf Breaks in Northland*

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