



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Mātaimai reserve application at Waikouaiti, East Otago

Pursuant to Regulation 17 of the Fisheries (South Island Customary Fishing) Regulations 1999, Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki has applied to the Minister for Primary Industries for a mātaimai reserve for the fisheries waters extending from approximately 45 m west of the wharf at the mouth of Waikouaiti River to the Waikouaiti Fishing Easement; and includes Te Tauraka Poti (Merton Tidal Arm); and Kirikiri Whakahoro (Merton Stream) to approximately 500 m northeast of the intersection of SH1 and Butters Road.

A mātaimai reserve is an identified traditional fishing ground in fisheries waters established for the purpose of customary food gathering.

Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki and the Ministry for Primary Industries have previously consulted with the local community on the application.

Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki have amended the boundary of the proposed reserve to exclude the wharf and immediate surrounds.

Pursuant to Regulation 19(5) this notice outlines the details of the application and invites written submissions about the fish stocks in the area specified in the application from persons who take fish, aquatic life, or seaweed or own quota, and whose ability to take such fish, aquatic life, or seaweed or whose ownership interest in quota may be affected by the proposed mātaimai reserve.

Written submissions must be made by Monday, **15 December 2014** to: Fisheries Management – Spatial Allocations, Ministry for Primary Industries, PO Box 2526, Wellington 6140, or by email to **FMSubmissions@mpi.govt.nz**

Further information about mātaimai reserves, including a map of this proposed mātaimai reserve, is available on the MPI website (**www.mpi.govt.nz**), or by contacting MPI at the above address.

Note: All submissions are subject to the Official Information Act 1982 (“the OIA”) and can be released (along with the personal details of the submitter) under the OIA. If you have specific reasons for wanting to have your submission or personal details withheld, please set out your reasons in the submission. MPI will consider those reasons when making any assessment for the release of submissions if requested under the OIA.