



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Proposed Totara/Ross and Arahura mataitai reserves

Pursuant to Regulation 17 of the Fisheries (South Island Customary Fishing) Regulations 1999, Te Runanga o Ngati Waewae and Te Runanga o Makaawhio have jointly applied to the Minister of Fisheries to establish a mataitai reserve at Totara/Ross, and Te Runanga o Ngati Waewae has applied as the sole applicant to establish a mataitai reserve at Arahura.

Te Runanga o Ngati Waewae and Te Runanga o Makaawhio have manawhenua manamoana over the area/rohe moana for which they have applied for mataitai reserves.

A mataitai reserve is an identified traditional fishing ground in fisheries waters established for the purpose of non-commercial customary food gathering. A mataitai reserve applies to all species managed under the Fisheries Act 1996, and does not apply to species managed under the Conservation Act 1987, such as whitebait.

Pursuant to Regulation 18 of the Fisheries (South Island Customary Fishing) Regulations 1999, this notice outlines the two proposed mataitai reserve areas and invites written submissions from the local communities.

Totara/Ross

An area enclosed by a line commencing at a point on the MHWL 0.5 km north-west of Frenchies Island, then proceeding seaward in a north-westerly direction for approx 400 m, then proceeding generally in a south-westerly direction along a line 400 m from the MHWL to a point offshore 1 km north-west of Shearer Swamp, then proceeding in a south-easterly direction to a point on the MHWL, then proceeding along the MHWL to the point of commencement (approx 4.0 km²).

Arahura

An area enclosed by a line commencing at a point on the MHWL on the north side of the Taramakau River mouth, then proceeding seaward in a north-westerly direction for approx 400 m, then proceeding generally in a south-westerly direction along a line 400 m from the MHWL to a point offshore from the north side of the Hokitika River mouth, then proceeding in a south-easterly direction to a point on the MHWL on the north side of the Hokitika River mouth, then proceeding along the MHWL to the point of commencement (approx 9.4 km²).

Written submissions in response to these applications are invited from those persons who own land in the proximity of the proposed mataitai reserves, or who have a place of residence in the proximity of a proposed mataitai reserve and have been in occupation for a cumulative period of no less than three months in the three consecutive years prior to March 2009. Submissions must be made by **Monday 25 May 2009** to:

*Spatial Allocations Manager
Ministry of Fisheries
PO Box 1020
Wellington
Randall.Bess@fish.govt.nz*

Detailed maps and descriptions of the areas and copies of the applications can be obtained by contacting the Ministry of Fisheries at the above address.

A previous notice advertised the Totara/Ross and Arahura applications with others along the West Coast. Any submissions received at that time will be considered for these two applications.

Further notices will be advertised regarding a public meeting with the local communities and an invitation for written submissions from those 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 mataitai reserves.

