



Public meetings for consultation on nine West Coast mataitai reserve applications

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Regulation 19(2) of the Fisheries (South Island Customary Fishing) Regulations 1999, public meetings will be held for consultation with the local community on the matter of nine proposed mataitai reserves on the West Coast of the South Island by Te Runanga o Makaawhio, being tangata whenua who hold manawhenua/manamoana over the proposed areas.

The proposed mataitai reserves are situated at the following locations:

Barn Island, Okahu/Jackson Bay, Okuru/Mussel Point, Popotai/Taumaka (Open Bay Islands), Tauperikaka, Paringa, Mahitahi/Bruce Bay, Manakaiaua/Hunts Beach, and Okarito Lagoon.

Meetings to discuss any of the proposed mataitai reserves will be held at the following locations:

Hokitika – Monday 30 March 2009, 7.00pm, St Mary’s School Hall, 87 Sewell Street, Hokitika

Whataroa – Tuesday 31 March 2009, 7.00pm, Whataroa Community Hall, Main Road, Whataroa

Bruce Bay – Wednesday 1 April 2009, 7.00pm, Bruce Bay Hall, State Highway 6, Bruce Bay

Haast – Thursday 2 April 2009, 7.00pm, Haast Rescue Centre Hall, Pauareka Road, Haast Township

Copies of the mataitai reserve applications are available from:

Spatial Allocations Manager
Ministry of Fisheries
P O Box 1020, Wellington
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A further notice will be advertised after the public meeting to invite written submissions by those who take fish, aquatic life, or seaweed or own quota and whose ability to take or whose quota ownership may be affected by the proposed mataitai reserves.

A previous public notice requesting written submissions on the applications included two other applications that are not proceeding at this time.

Proposed Mātaitai Reserves

1. Barn Island
2. Okahu/Jackson Bay
3. Okuru/Mussel Point
4. Popotai/Taumaka (Open Bay Islands)
5. Tauperikaka
6. Paringa
7. Mahitahi/Bruce Bay
8. Manakiaua/Hunts Beach
9. Okarito Lagoon

