

## The East Otago Taiapure

The East Otago Taiāpure Local fishery was established in 1999 and is home to a rich and diverse range of species and habitats. The area (refer Map 1) has long been valued by both Māori and non-Māori fishers. Recreational and customary fishers and a small number of commercial operators fish in the area, catching fish like flounder, blue cod and red cod as well as rock lobster (crayfish), cockles, kina and pāua.

The Taiāpure is managed by a Management Committee made up of representatives from the East Otago Boating Club, Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki, Karitane Commercial Fisherman's Cooperative, University of Otago and the River-Estuary Care: Waikouaiti-Karitane.

Taiāpure-local fishery reserves and a committee of management are established under the Fisheries Act 1996. The objective of these reserves is to: "...make...better provision for the recognition of rangatiratanga and of the right secured in relation to fisheries by Article II of the Treaty of Waitangi."

Under section 185 of the Fisheries Act, a taiāpure-local fishery management committee may recommend to the Minister of Fisheries the making of regulations for the conservation and management of fish, aquatic life, or seaweed within the taiapure local fishery.

## Taiāpure vision

The Taiapure Management Committee's vision is a sustainable, healthy, abundant and accessible fishery inside the taiāpure that provides for the community's customary, recreational and commercial needs.

## Taiāpure objectives

The objectives of the East Otago Taiāpure-local fishery are:

- > To ensure customary, recreational and commercial fishers have access to and use of abundant supplies of fisheries resources;
- > To actively promote the use of traditional tikanga (customs) and kawa (protocols) such as rāhui (temporary closures) through the management regulations for the Taiāpure (using 'lore' to create the 'law');
- > To ensure that the adverse impacts of human activities on the marine environment, nursery areas, spawning grounds, fisheries habitat and associated and dependant species are avoided, remedied or mitigated.
- > To ensure all fisheries resources from the Taiāpure are fit for human consumption.

In meeting the objectives of the taiāpure, Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki have chosen to exercise their chieftainship through a community-based taiāpure management committee.

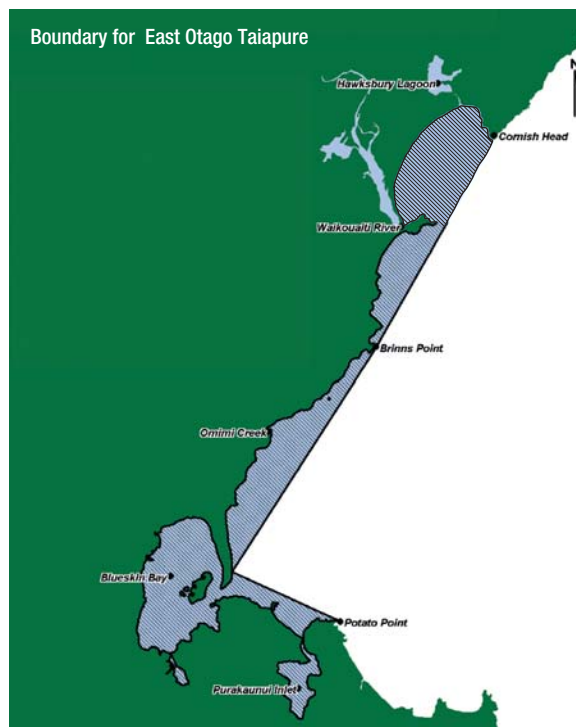
The taiāpure committee wish to manaaki (look after) the local community and in order to achieve this they need to ensure that the fishery is rebuilt and restored to abundant levels.

This will protect and future-proof the ability of the local community to 'catch a feed' in the taiāpure.

Mō tātou, ā, mō kā uri ā muri ake nei  
For us and our children after us

## East Otago Taiapure Area

Encompasses all the marine and estuarine waters enclosed by a line commencing at Cornish Head (at 45° 37.28'S and 170° 41.66'E) then proceeding along a straight line in a south-westerly direction to Brinns Point (at 45° 40.32'S and 170° 39.18'E) then along a straight line in a south-westerly direction to a point on Warrington Spit (at 45° 43.73'S and 170° 36.0'E) then along a straight line in an easterly direction to Potato Point (at 45° 44.42'S and 170° 38.3'E) then generally west and north along the mean high-water mark to the point of commencement.



## Know the Boundaries – Before You Go Fishing

Please refer to the maps in this brochure and their corresponding co-ordinates, so you know the clear boundaries of where the rules apply with the East Otago Taiapure.

Remember if you are fishing outside of the East Otago Taiapure area, then the South-East Amateur Fishing Rules apply.

The following amateur fishing regulations apply to all fishing within the East Otago Taiapure.

## Shellfish

Within the East Otago Taiapure there is a **combined daily bag limit of 50 shellfish** per person, consisting of any combination of the species listed in the following table, as long as the individual species limits are not exceeded.

| Shellfish Species             | Maximum daily limit per person | Minimum size (mm)                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Cockles                       | 50                             | None                                       |
| Cooks Turban                  | 50                             | None                                       |
| Crabs                         | 50                             | None                                       |
| Kina                          | 10                             | None                                       |
| Mussels                       | 50                             | None                                       |
| Oysters                       | 50                             | None                                       |
| Pāua: Ordinary<br>Yellow Foot | Combined bag limit of 5        | 125<br>80                                  |
| Pipi                          | 50                             | None                                       |
| Rock Lobster:                 | 6                              | Female Tail Width 60<br>Male Tail Width 54 |
| Tuatua                        | 50                             |  |

NB: The maximum combined daily number of shellfish of any species that may be taken or possessed within the East Otago Taiapure is 50. The maximum combined daily number of shellfish applies to all species not specifically named above and includes all crabs, limpets, periwinkles, whelks, barnacles and freshwater crayfish.

## Prohibited Paua Take from Huriawa Peninsula for Two Year Period

No person shall take any paua, possess any paua taken, or be in possession of any paua within 50 metres of the mean high water mark on the HURIAWA PENINSULA area during the period 01 October 2010 until 30 September 2012.



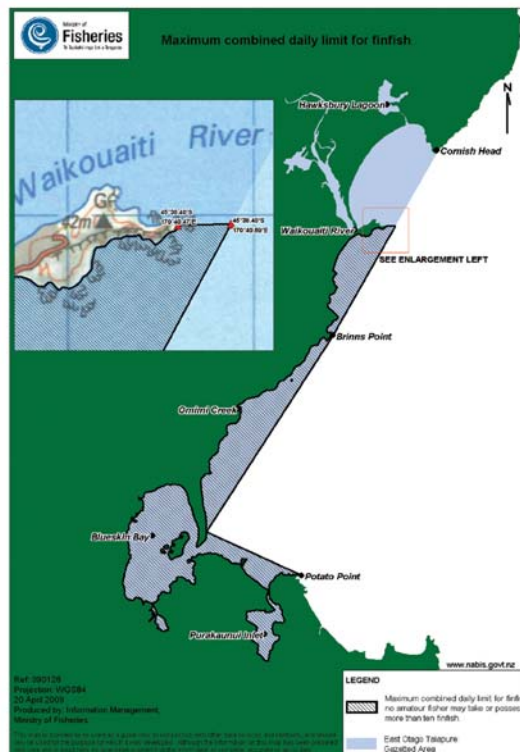
## Set Netting

Set net fishing is prohibited from the high-water mark in the East Otago Taiāpure and extends seawards for 4 nautical miles to protect Hector's Dolphins. The ban does not apply in estuarine waters within the East Otago Taiāpure. When using a set net within estuarine waters of the East Otago Taiāpure, a person must remain in the immediate vicinity of the set net.

## Finfish

Within the East Otago Taiāpure between Huriawa Peninsula and Potato Point, the combined daily bag limit is 10 finfish per person (includes all species).

Additionally, no person may take or possess more than (6) eels, (5) groper, (5) elephant fish, (5) school shark, (5) rig, within the combined daily bag limit.



## Penalties Apply

Penalties apply for breaching the rules. It may mean either an infringement notice, or, for more serious offending, you could be charged and brought before the Court and/or have your vessel and fishing equipment forfeit

### Contacts

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### Report Illegal Fishing

0800 4 POACHER  
(0800 4762 2437 to report illegal poaching)

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## East Otago Taiāpure

Amateur Regulations valid from 1 October 2010

Follow the rules - help reduce fishing pressure and encourage recovery of key fish stocks.

