

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

### Proposed mataitai reserves on the West Coast, South Island

Pursuant to Regulation 17 of the Fisheries (South Island Customary Fishing) Regulations 1999, Te Runanga o Makaawhio and Te Runanga o Ngati Waewae have applied to the Minister of Fisheries to establish eleven mataitai reserves in areas along the west coast of the South Island between Barn Island (south of Jackson Bay) and Arahura (north of Hokitika).

Te Runanga o Makaawhio and Te Runanga o Ngati Waewae have manawhenua manamoana over the area/rohe moana in 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 eleven application areas and invites written submissions from the local communities.

*Te Runanga o Makaawhio has applied for the following nine mataitai reserves:*

#### **1. Barn Island**

An area enclosed by a line commencing at a point on the mean high water mark (MHWM) at Watson Bluff, then proceeding seaward in a south-westerly direction to the north-westernmost island of the Barn Islands, then proceeding in a southerly direction to a point on the MHWM at Big Cascade Creek, then proceeding along the MHWM to the point of commencement (approx 3.2 km<sup>2</sup>). An area 300 m by 200 m inshore from the Sugar Loaf is excluded to allow for activities related to commercial fishing.

#### **2. Okahu/ Jackson Bay**

An area enclosed by a line commencing at a point on the MHWM at Homminy Point, then proceeding in a north-easterly direction across Smoothwater Bay to Smoothwater Point, then proceeding in a north-easterly direction to Hapuka Rock off Jackson Head, then proceeding in a south-easterly direction across Jackson Bay to a point on the MHWM at the end of Neils Beach Road, then proceeding along the MHWM to the point of commencement (approx 8.0 km<sup>2</sup>). An area surrounding the Jackson Bay Wharf and an area 300 m by 200 m east of Jackson Head are excluded to allow for activities related to commercial fishing.

#### **3. Okuru/ Mussel Point**

An area enclosed by a line commencing at a point on the MHWM at Mussel Point, then proceeding seaward in a north-westerly direction for approx 100 m, then proceeding along a straight line in a north-easterly direction to a point 200 m offshore from the north end of the airstrip, then proceeding in a south-easterly direction to a point on the MHWM adjacent to the north end of the airstrip, then proceeding along the MHWM to the point of commencement (approx 0.2 km<sup>2</sup>).

#### **4. Popotai/ Taumaka (Open Bay Islands)**

An area enclosed by a line around Popotai and Taumaku Islands which at every point is 1 km from the MHWM (approximately 5.6 km<sup>2</sup>). An area 100 m by 50 m south of Taumaka Island is excluded to allow for activities related to commercial fishing.

#### **5. Tauperikaka**

An area enclosed by a line commencing at a point on the MHW at Tauperikaka Point (Ship Creek outlet), then proceeding seaward in a north-westerly direction for approx 200 m, then proceeding generally in a north-easterly direction along a line 200 m from the MHW to a point offshore from Cole Creek outlet, then proceeding in a south-easterly direction to a point on the MHW at Cole Creek outlet, then proceeding along the MHW to the point of commencement (approx 0.6 km<sup>2</sup>).

#### **6. Paringa**

An area enclosed by a line commencing at a point on the MHW at Buttress Point, then proceeding due north for approx 1.5 km, then proceeding generally in a south-westerly direction along a line 1.5 km from the MHW to a point offshore from Otumutu Point, then proceeding in a south-easterly direction to a point on the MHW at Otumutu Point, then proceeding along the MHW to the west side of the Paringa River mouth, then proceeding approx 0.6 km upstream, then crossing to the east bank of the Paringa River and into the adjacent creek, then continuing to the east bank of the Paringa River Mouth, then proceeding along MHW to the point of commencement (approx 33.1 km<sup>2</sup>).

#### **7. Mahitahi/ Bruce Bay**

An area enclosed by a line commencing at a point on the MHW at the easternmost extremity of Heretaniwha Point, then proceeding in a south-easterly direction across Bruce Bay to a point on the MHW at the end of Old Road, then proceeding along the MHW to the point of commencement (approx 1.4 km<sup>2</sup>). An area 500 m by 300 m offshore from the 'Cable' is excluded to allow for activities related to commercial fishing.

#### **8. Manakaiaua/ Hunts Beach**

An area enclosed by a line commencing at a point on the MHW at the northern most extremity of Jacobs Bluff/Makawhio Point, then proceeding in a north-easterly direction across the bay to a point on the MHW at the end of Hunts Beach Road, then proceeding along the MHW to the point of commencement (approx 0.7 km<sup>2</sup>).

#### **9. Okarito Lagoon**

An area that includes Lake Windemere and the Okarito Lagoon, including the mouth of the Okarito River (approx 18.9 km<sup>2</sup>).

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#### **10. Totara/ Ross**

An area enclosed by a line commencing at a point on the MHW 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 MHW to a point offshore 1 km north-west of Shearer Swamp, then proceeding in a south-easterly direction to a point on the MHW 1 km north-west of Shearer Swamp, then proceeding along the MHW to the point of commencement (approx 4.0 km<sup>2</sup>).

*Te Runanga o Ngati Waewae has applied for a mataitai reserve at:*

#### **11. Arahura**

An area enclosed by a line commencing at a point on the MHW 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 MHW 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 MHW on the north side of the Hokitika River mouth, then proceeding along the MHW to the point of commencement (approx 9.4 km<sup>2</sup>).

Written submissions in response to these applications are invited from those persons who own land in the proximity of the proposed mataitai reserves and have been in occupation for

a cumulative period of no less than three months in the three consecutive years prior to January 2009. Submissions must be made by **Friday 6 March 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.

Further notices will be advertised regarding a series of public meetings 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 mātaimai reserves.

