

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

### Five proposed West Coast mataitai reserve applications

Pursuant to Regulation 17 of the Fisheries (South Island Customary Fishing) Regulations 1999, Te Runanga o Makaawhio has applied as the sole applicant to the Minister of Fisheries for nine mataitai reserves on the West Coast of the South Island.

A mataitai reserve is an identified traditional fishing ground in fisheries waters established for the purpose of 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.

Te Runanga o Makaawhio and the Ministry of Fisheries held public meetings with the local community on the nine applications between 30 March and 2 April 2009.

Pursuant to Regulation 19(5) this notice outlines the details of five of these applications that are proceeding at this time. This notice invites written submissions from those 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 five proposed mataitai reserves outlined below.

Pursuant to Regulation 18(2) this notice also invites written submissions from the local community on two of the five applications (**Mahitahi / Bruce Bay** and **Okarito Lagoon**) whose boundaries have been amended by Te Runanga o Makaawhio.

Regulation 2 defines local community members as 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.

The following three mataitai reserve applications are unchanged following consultation with the local community:

#### **Okuru/ Mussel Point**

An area enclosed by a line commencing at a point on the mean high water mark (MHW) 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 MHW adjacent to the north end of the airstrip, then proceeding along the MHW to the point of commencement (approx 0.2 km<sup>2</sup>).

#### **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 Coal Creek outlet, then proceeding in a south-easterly direction to a point on the MHW at Coal Creek outlet, then proceeding along the MHW to the point of commencement (approx 0.6 km<sup>2</sup>).

#### **Manakiaua/ Hunts Beach**

An area enclosed by a line commencing at a point on the MHWL 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 MHWL at the end of Hunts Beach Road, then proceeding along the MHWL to the point of commencement (approx 0.7 km<sup>2</sup>).

The following two applications have been amended following consultation with the local community (see maps below):

#### **Mahitahi/ Bruce Bay**

An area enclosed by a line commencing at a point on the MHWL at the “old loading site” on the east side of Heretaniwha Point (A), then proceeding in a south-easterly direction across Bruce Bay to a point on the MHWL on the west bank of the Mahitahi River (B), then proceeding along the MHWL to the point of commencement (approx 1.2 km<sup>2</sup>).

#### **Okarito Lagoon**

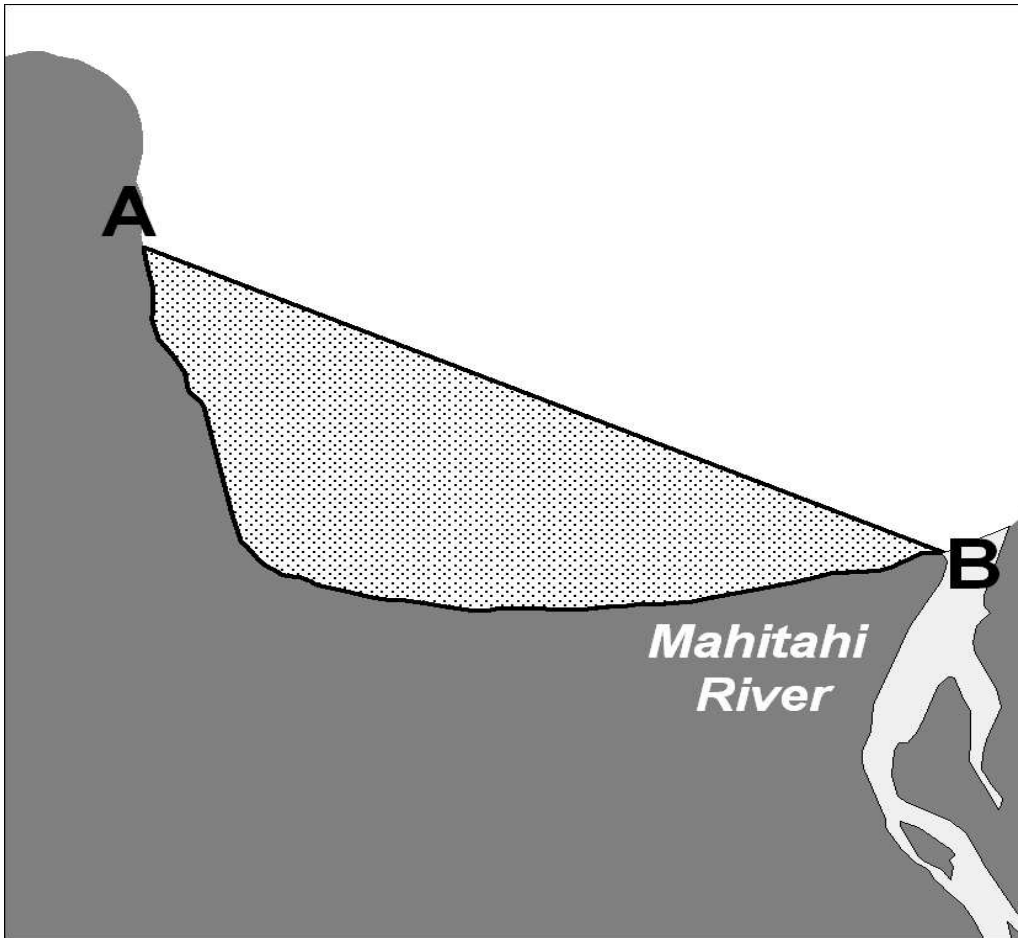
An area that includes Lake Windermere, the Okarito Lagoon, and extending 100 m seaward from the MHWL for approximately 2.7 km both north and south of the Okarito River mouth (approx 19.2 km<sup>2</sup>).

Submissions must be made by **Tuesday 22 September 2009** to:

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Copies of the applications and more detailed maps can be obtained by contacting the Ministry of Fisheries at the above address. Detailed maps are also available on the Ministry of Fisheries website ([www.fish.govt.nz](http://www.fish.govt.nz)).

**Amended proposed Mahitahi / Bruce Bay mataitai reserve**



**Amended proposed Okarito Lagoon mataitai reserve**

