



**Ministry for Primary Industries**  
Manatū Ahu Matua



**PUBLIC MEETING AND CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

**Mātaimai reserve application at Timaru**

Pursuant to Regulation 17 of the Fisheries (South Island Customary Fishing) Regulations 1999, Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua has applied for a mātaimai reserve over two areas of fisheries waters at Timaru. The first area covers 1.5 sq km extending from near the southern end of Washdyke Lagoon to the Caroline Bay Wharf, and offshore approx. 500 m. The second area covers 5 sq km extending from approx. 500 m north of Scarborough to Lagoon Drive, and offshore approx. 2 km (refer to map).

A mātaimai reserve is an identified traditional fishing ground in fisheries waters established for the purpose of customary food gathering.

Pursuant to Regulation 19, notice is hereby given that a public meeting will be held with the local community for consultation on the application. The meeting will be held on **Saturday, 5 July 2014 at 7pm at Arowhenua Marae, 38 Huirapa Street, Temuka.**

Pursuant to Regulation 18, this notice invites written submissions from the local community on the application. The local community is defined as those persons who own land in the proximity of the proposed mātaimai reserve or have a place of residence in the proximity of the proposed mātaimai reserve and have been in occupation for a cumulative period of no less than three months in the three consecutive years immediately prior to April 2014.

Submissions must be made by **Wednesday, 23 July 2014** to: Fisheries Management – Spatial Allocations, Ministry for Primary Industries, PO Box 2526, Wellington 6140, or by email to **FMSubmissions@mpi.govt.nz**

Further information about mātaimai reserves, including a map of this proposed mātaimai reserve, is available on the MPI website ([www.mpi.govt.nz](http://www.mpi.govt.nz)), or by contacting MPI at the above address.

Pursuant to Regulation 19(5), a further public notice will be advertised after the local community consultation period inviting written submissions from 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 reserve.

**Note:** All submissions are subject to the Official Information Act 1982 ("the OIA") and can be released, if requested. If you have specific reasons for wanting to have your submission withheld, please set out your reasons in the submission. MPI will consider those reasons when making any assessment for release of submissions if requested under the OIA.

