

Fisheries (Declaration of Opihi Mātaitai Reserve) Notice 2014

Pursuant to regulation 20 of the Fisheries (South Island Customary Fishing) Regulations 1999, the Minister for Primary Industries, after complying with the requirements set out in regulations 18 and 19 of those regulations, gives the following notice.

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Notice

1 Title

This notice is the Fisheries (Declaration of Opihi Mātaitai Reserve) Notice 2014.

2 Commencement

This notice comes into force on the 28th day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.

3 Declaration of mātaitai reserve

The Minister declares to be a mātaitai reserve (to be known as the Opihi Mātaitai Reserve) the area encompassing the following fisheries waters:

(a) the Opihi Lagoon area (including Milford Lagoon, the creeks running into the northern edge of Milford Lagoon that are located east and south of Prattley Road and White Road, and the lower reaches of the Orakipaoa

- Creek from the western edge of Milford Lagoon west to where that creek meets Milford Lagoon Road):
- (b) the main Opihi River from the Opihi Lagoon area described in paragraph (a) and continuing west past the confluence with the Tengawai River (Te Ana a Wai) to a point along the Opihi River that is approximately 700 metres due south of the end of Pearse Road, including the tributary that runs into the Opihi River near Waipopo Road:
- (c) the Tengawai River from the confluence with the Opihi River near Pleasant Point west to the Tengawai Bridge:
- (d) the Temuka River (Te Umu Kaha) from the confluence with the Opihi River west and north until it becomes the Haehae Te Moana River and the Waihi River at Oxford Cross Road, including segments of the 2 creeks nearest the Arowhenua Marae that run west from this section of the Temuka River until they meet with Epworth Road and Station Road:
- (e) the Haehae Te Moana River (including the headwater stream at Te Awa) from where it becomes the Temuka River at Oxford Cross Road, north to the Toome Bridge:
- (f) the rivers and streams (including the Waihi River and Dobies Stream) from Oxford Cross Road north within the boundaries of the Temuka–Orari Highway, Geraldine Road, and Hanging Rock Road.

Dated at Wellington this 30th day of June 2014.

	Hon Nathan Guy	
Minister for	Primary	Industries

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This notice, which comes into force on the 28th day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*, is made under the Fisheries (South Island Customary Fishing) Regulations 1999 (the **regulations**). This notice declares the area described in *clause 3* to be a mātaitai reserve. A mātaitai reserve is an identified traditional fishing ground managed by the tangata whenua through Tangata Tiaki/Kaitiaki. Commercial fishing is generally prohibited in a mātaitai reserve (with exceptions specified in regulation 24 of the regulations). The Tangata Tiaki/Kaitiaki of a mātaitai reserve may authorise any individual to take fisheries resources for customary food gathering purposes from within the whole or any part of the mātaitai reserve.

The Minister's appointment of the Tangata Tiaki/Kaitiaki for the Opihi Mātaitai Reserve is to be notified by the Director-General of the Ministry for Primary Industries in accordance with regulation 22 of the regulations.

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