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1	24/02/2020	Joan Fairhall	Well conducted research and analysis (as opposed to political point scoring) and wise management (e.g banning whitebaiting for 3 days a week during the season) would enable both whitebait lifecycle continuation and this iconic long-standing West Coast tradition.
2	24/02/2020	Sam Fairhall	The research behind current Government opinion is inadequate and possibly biased in favour towards inadequately informed pressure groups.
3	24/02/2020	Elizabeth Scott	Whitebait levels had improved for me over the last few years until last years floods.
4	24/02/2020	Robert Harding	
5	24/02/2020	Paul Jenner	
6	24/02/2020	Brian Rothery	Fishing hours could be shortened each day. Sock nets could be banned.
7	24/02/2020	Malisa Millar	
8	24/02/2020	Lester Mcmanaway	
9	24/02/2020	Jamie Richards	Banning whitebaiting will damage people's livelihoods as they will have no income. It's a delicacy everyone enjoys.
10	24/02/2020	Richard Currie	
11	24/02/2020	Heather Daikee	It's past time for Sage to step down as Conservation Minister as she has a conflict of interest
12	24/02/2020	David Gardner	
13	24/02/2020	John Devcich	
14	24/02/2020	Tracy Mcfarlane	Stop this now
15	24/02/2020	Anne Popenhagen	I don't agree with the export sale of whitebait
16	24/02/2020	Graham Diffey	In my lifetime the numbers have declined dramatically . . . Our grandchildren deserve the right to enjoy . . . We should not PLUNDER regardless
17	24/02/2020	Andy Grigg	On the West Coast the whitebait season is controlled by the weather
18	24/02/2020	Murray Reed	
19	24/02/2020	Laurel Reed	Leave whitebaiting as it is
20	24/02/2020	Raewyn McLennan	Continue as it is on the West Coast. Rest of NZ to follow our rules
21	24/02/2020	Abby-Lee Mulqueen	This is the livelihood of many of my family members and has been so for many many years. They have great respect for the land and the sustainability of whitebaiting
22	24/02/2020	Kenny Moses Taurima	
23	23/02/2020	Neil Bannio	
24	23/02/2020	Annabelle Wiggins	
25	23/02/2020	Jessica Kennedy	
26	23/02/2020	Stephen Todd	There is no problem with whitebait on the West Coast. We don't need new rules or conditions
27	23/02/2020	Hamish Wallace	
28	23/02/2020	Glen Pettigrew	
29	23/02/2020	Greg Watson	
30	23/02/2020	Ash Mckone	Pull your head in DOC
31	23/02/2020	Molly Riley	
32	23/02/2020	Lorraine Robertson	DOC do you think the whitebait waits for the fishermen to be on the banks before they go to their habitat to lay their eggs? What about when it continuously rains some seasons
33	23/02/2020	Grant Carson	
34	23/02/2020	Andrew Jackson	
35	23/02/2020	Judith Davidson	
36	23/02/2020	Erin Lee	
37	23/02/2020	Wayne Le Frantz	Where we live on granite creek Karamea, we have one of the best breeding areas in the country. We look after the bait we catch on the river throwing back any breeders and odd looking bait. Can you please tell me know where else does this?
38	23/02/2020	Rusty Knight	I don't believe there is a big problem with whitebait numbers as is pushed by some extreme environmentalists make out. But its proved beyond doubt and expected by the whitebaiters yes some form of regulation
39	23/02/2020	Anna Hanley	
40	23/02/2020	Desmond Weston	
41	23/02/2020	Jesse McRae	
42	23/02/2020	Andrew Russell	
43	23/02/2020	Maureen Pugh	
44	23/02/2020	Kathryn Thompson	
45	23/02/2020	Elisabeth Gibb	

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46	23/02/2020	John Gibb	I am a fourth generation West Coaster and wholeheartedly support the associations submission
47	23/02/2020	Julie Clemett	I believe that on the West Coast we are already doing our share towards the sustainability of local whitebaiting areas. Only a couple of years ago, a specific area was planted with flaxes etc to make a natural spawning area for whitebait.
48	23/02/2020	Judi Howard	I don't see any sense in closing rivers. This will not resolve the lack of deep water holes that inanga need in order to survive during the summer months before they migrate onwards to the creeks/lagoons to breed. As a child growing up on a farm, we would occasionally find inanga dying in shallow muddy holes during summer and would have to relocate them to safer areas . . . this was 50 years ago before the dairy boom. I believe that this is the issue that needs to be addressed. Without these deep holes that have been removed due to agricultural land development, the inanga are vulnerable to drought and predators such as herons. I also believe that trapnets/socknets should be banned. They are completely unfair on the fish as they have no way of escaping on entering the trap, and therefore provide no challenge for the fishermen which defeats the purpose of the sport.
49	23/02/2020	Carla Glass	I don't see any sense in closing rivers. This will not resolve the lack of deep water holes that inanga need in order to survive during the summer months before they migrate onwards to the creeks/lagoons to breed. As a child growing up on a farm, we would occasionally find inanga dying in shallow muddy holes during summer and would have to relocate them to safer areas . . . this was 50 years ago before the dairy boom. I believe that this is the issue that needs to be addressed. Without these deep holes that have been removed due to agricultural land development, the inanga are vulnerable to drought and predators such as herons. I also believe that trapnets/socknets should be banned. They are completely unfair on the fish as they have no way of escaping on entering the trap, and therefore provide no challenge for the fishermen which defeats the purpose of the sport.
50	23/02/2020	Bevan Glass	I don't see any sense in closing rivers. This will not resolve the lack of deep water holes that inanga need in order to survive during the summer months before they migrate onwards to the creeks/lagoons to breed. As a child growing up on a farm, we would occasionally find inanga dying in shallow muddy holes during summer and would have to relocate them to safer areas . . . this was 50 years ago before the dairy boom. I believe that this is the issue that needs to be addressed. Without these deep holes that have been removed due to agricultural land development, the inanga are vulnerable to drought and predators such as herons. I also believe that trapnets/socknets should be banned. They are completely unfair on the fish as they have no way of escaping on entering the trap, and therefore provide no challenge for the fishermen which defeats the purpose of the sport.
51	23/02/2020	Kieran Shuttleworth	
52	23/02/2020	Cloe Nieper	
53	23/02/2020	Ryan Nelson	off ya dog
54	23/02/2020	Sharleen Williams	off ya dog
55	23/02/2020	Bill McKenzie	don't ban it
56	23/02/2020	Brent Vollmer	
57	23/02/2020	Jack balloch	Don't ban whitebaiting!
58	23/02/2020	Teresa Smith	
59	23/02/2020	Alesha Crawford	
60	23/02/2020	Ollie Clarke	
61	23/02/2020	George Arscott	Don't ban whitebaiting!
62	23/02/2020	Tom Jones	I believe we need genuine scientific information that suggests that there is a decline in whitebait around the country and that it is whitebaiting that is affecting the numbers
63	23/02/2020	John Shalders	
64	23/02/2020	Rob Turpin	
65	23/02/2020	Sally Turpin	
66	23/02/2020	Dwayne Hampton	
67	23/02/2020	Brad McGiffert	
68	23/02/2020	Ben Obrien	
69	23/02/2020	Michelle Wedding	
70	23/02/2020	Robert Batchelor	
71	23/02/2020	Louise Haddock	
72	23/02/2020	Laureen Jones	
73	23/02/2020	Matt Skeet	
74	23/02/2020	Peter Mcgee	
75	23/02/2020	Gary Dunn	
76	23/02/2020	Rose Dunn	

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77	23/02/2020	Emma Williams	
78	23/02/2020	James King	
79	23/02/2020	Richard Penrose	
80	23/02/2020	Julie Penrose	
81	23/02/2020	Adele Cochran	
82	23/02/2020	Hayley Arnold	
83	23/02/2020	Bruce Pouksen	
84	23/02/2020	Clark Horrell	
85	23/02/2020	Sam King	
86	23/02/2020	Michael Gullery	
87	23/02/2020	Julie Gullery	
88	23/02/2020	Tom Power	
89	23/02/2020	Matthew Thompson	
90	23/02/2020	Kimberley Enosa	
91	23/02/2020	Craig Smith	There is little actual properly justified justification for the proposed whitebaiting legislation other than suggesting that only an almost complete ban will work.
92	23/02/2020	Susan Crockett	
93	23/02/2020	Allen Hurley	The first and only step that needs to occur is that the regulations for the whole country needs to be the same as the West Coast.
94	23/02/2020	Leonie Keith Jennings	Have gone whitebaiting for years as a hobby and wont be able to go for much longer don't sell it or do a thing we shouldn't be doing. This is a bloody travesty get rid of Sage
95	23/02/2020	Gaylene Liddell	
96	23/02/2020	Graham Liddell	More research needs to be implemented to confirm fish stock levels then informed decisions can be made.
97	23/02/2020	David Russell	Shorten the rest of the country's whitebait season to be the same as the West Coast first.
98	23/02/2020	Dom Buyers	
99	23/02/2020	Wayne Andreassend	
100	23/02/2020	Jo Barnes	
101	23/02/2020	Kaylene & Owen Simpson	I would like to see phasing out of socknets. I owned and operated a socknet for a year myself. I witnessed the amount of whitebait caught in my net meant others behind me were disadvantaged. Causing a lot of ill feeling. This goes back to the beginning where whitebait was a source of food to put on the family meal table and a challenge where you had to actually work to catch the whitebait not just sit on the riverbank enjoying the sun. When whitebaiting became commercial it was a very welcomed source of income where woman in rural areas could not get jobs and this supported family finances at Christmas. More than one net per person shows greed.
102	23/02/2020	Craig Knapp	Totally off the mark
103	23/02/2020	John Tonkin	
104	23/02/2020	Sharon Tonkin	Accurate data please. No pie in the sky
105	23/02/2020	Fay Glasson	
106	23/02/2020	Paul Roff	
107	23/02/2020	Karen Andrews	
108	23/02/2020	Doug Cotter	
109	23/02/2020	Cory Varcoe	My family has been fishing on the West Coast for the last 11 years and I would like the opportunity to be there for my children's children and for many future generations. While catches have varied slightly, there does not seem to be a decline in our area of the country. Back in 1995 the West Coast whitebaiters association made changes to the West Coast regulations by way of shorter seasons (by a month), closed some tributaries and rivers, backpegs and screen lengths, limited the number of stands on rivers according to their size. I totally believe the whole country should observe the same rules as the West Coast, and that it should be monitored before any changes are implemented.
110	23/02/2020	Paul Rait	This is a NZ institution it keeps families in the outdoors and is a great recreational activity.
111	23/02/2020	Shaz Lewis	Whitebaiting is my Passion and I await opening day August 15 with eager anticipation . . . I whitebait to feed by Dad's (who has passed over) RSA friends. 7 of them aged between 76 and 96 as they can not get on the river. And they await me every year.. 10 years now . . . Not to make money as some do. Love and Light Xx
112	23/02/2020	Melanie Gallagher	
113	23/02/2020	Jasmine Tuhikarama	
114	23/02/2020	Sarah Blanchfield	
115	23/02/2020	Alex Blanchfield	

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116	23/02/2020	Mason Blanchfield	
117	23/02/2020	Matthew Blanchfield	
118	23/02/2020	Brendan Shefford	True facts around a 12 month period need to be presented
119	23/02/2020	Gay Sweeny	
120	23/02/2020	David Varcoe	I have been fishing on the West Coast for the last 11 years and have observed good and not so good seasons. The seasons are very much affected by the weather and need the rainfall at the right time to wash the eggs out to sea. The West Coast observes a shorter season, we have closed tributaries and rivers, introduced back pegs and made changes to screen length. The West Coast also has a maximum number of stands on the rivers according to their size. If all the country observed the season as 1 Sept to 14 Nov, that alone would make a huge difference. I strongly believe the whole country should observe the same rules as the West Coast Whitebaiters Association introduced in 1995 and that it be monitored before any other changes be implemented.
121	23/02/2020	Barry Neville	
122	23/02/2020	Alistair Hamilton	I support the letter as it stands
123	23/02/2020	Janet Smith	
124	23/02/2020	Gloria Maas	
125	23/02/2020	Les Maas	It is alarming that DOC are proposing changes without any research and little fact. They are totally out of touch with reality and ignoring research showing little or no decline in whitebait on the West Coast. To close further rivers is nonsense when 63 rivers and waterways are already closed not including the whole of fiordland.
126	23/02/2020	Lindy McNally	
127	23/02/2020	Jade Jenkins	
128	23/02/2020	AJ Kell	
129	23/02/2020	Nathan Hoglund	
130	23/02/2020	Diane Lay	Need to put some limits on large commercial catches to allow for more recreational fishing
131	23/02/2020	John Craig	
132	23/02/2020	Emma Bell	I whole heartly support this submission it is science based and not emotive. Keep monitoring whitebait as well as allow the sale of whitebait. Do not change the regulations just because the Minister deems this to be needed to be done yesterday. Immediately (as we see it).
133	23/02/2020	Quentin Arnold	
134	23/02/2020	Rex Fraser	Hand held nets ONLY will solve all issues
135	23/02/2020	Peter Williams	
136	23/02/2020	Cath Henderson	
137	23/02/2020	Gareth Davies	
138	23/02/2020	Casey Milligan	
139	23/02/2020	Robert Pringle	I whole heartly support this submission it is science based and not emotive. Keep monitoring whitebait as well as allow the sale of whitebait. Do not change the regulations just because the Minister deems this to be needed to be done (as we see it).
140	23/02/2020	Sam Pringle	I whole heartly support this submission it is science based and not emotive. Keep monitoring whitebait as well as allow the sale of whitebait. Do not change the regulations just because the Minister deems this to be needed to be done (as we see it).
141	23/02/2020	Zeta Pringle	I whole heartly support this submission it is science based and not emotive. Keep monitoring whitebait as well as allow the sale of whitebait. Do not change the regulations just because the Minister deems this to be needed to be done (as we see it).
142	23/02/2020	Bob Pringle	I whole heartly support this submission it is science based and not emotive. Keep monitoring whitebait as well as allow the sale of whitebait. Do not change the regulations just because the Minister deems this to be needed to be done (as we see it).
143	23/02/2020	Ray Christie	
144	23/02/2020	Corey Brundell	
145	23/02/2020	Theresia Blok	
146	23/02/2020	Jolene Blok	
147	23/02/2020	Wayne lacey	Stop taking away our kiwi way of living
148	23/02/2020	Carl Blok	I support this submission
149	23/02/2020	Paul Thompsons	Talk to people who know, the true bushmen
150	23/02/2020	Stuart Jordin	We on the Coast also experience the worst weather which this year meant no baiting for 28 days during the season, we need to have a country wide control same for all New Zealanders

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151	23/02/2020	Jack Wilkinson	Pack of dossas
152	23/02/2020	Roger Reid	leave the West Coast alone and bring the rest of NZ in line with here. And get rid of that Sage green stirrer
153	23/02/2020	Stevie Perry	
154	23/02/2020	Hayden Sheppard	
155	23/02/2020	Kay Mitchell	
156	23/02/2020	Russell Mitchell	
157	23/02/2020	Ken Syme	
158	23/02/2020	Sheila Dixon	
159	23/02/2020	Rachael Thwaites	
160	23/02/2020	Brian Denize	
161	23/02/2020	Kay Marie Hood	Whitebait should be for recreation. Any sold should be taxed.
162	23/02/2020	Mark Jepson	The West Coast already look after whitebait far more than the rest of New Zealand. I would suggest a quota system and maybe a shorter season. Also we need to look after our waterways, whitebait need pollution free rivers and streams.
163	23/02/2020	Bruce Hayward	The Government needs to leave things alone on this issue and take note of this document and supports its recommendations.
164	23/02/2020	Shayne Simon	
165	23/02/2020	Kevin Fewtrell	
166	23/02/2020	Albie Rose	The proposals from Government are lacking credibility in that they are based on faulty rationale without any substance only the whims of those involved. Whitebait catches here on the Coast have always fluctuated from year to year and always will and generally the weather is the leveler and controls the fishing. The rest of NZ must come into line with us. I have fished for 60 years and have seen the seasonal fluctuations over that time, there is in general in my view nothing other to support that whitebait is endangered.
167	23/02/2020	Zabrina Lowe	
168	23/02/2020	Adam Lowe	
169	23/02/2020	Gordon Storer	Anyone should be able to forage and fish for whitebait
170	23/02/2020	Heather Bryant	DOC you are slowly destroying this beautiful land through bureaucracy and the misuse of technology due to ignorance and political correctness
171	23/02/2020	Allan Lowe	I think some back pegs could be bought forward. Also the banning of set sock nets
172	23/02/2020	Marie Bone	
173	23/02/2020	Peter Waltho	Clean up waterways put native plants back on riverbanks for whitebait to lay their eggs on if that can't be done anything else you do is a waste of effort. Grey river is a good place to start.
174	23/02/2020	Nicola Allington	
175	23/02/2020	Geoff Wood	Whitebaiting should be reserved for local people. If you live on the West Coast you fish on the West Coast. If you live in Canterbury you fish there
176	23/02/2020	Wendy Lowe	Just get the management correct would be good. Consultation with whitebaiters it needs to be fair.
177	23/02/2020	Rachel Little	
178	23/02/2020	David Ralson	
179	23/02/2020	Lyn Evans	
180	23/02/2020	Kathy Blumm	
181	23/02/2020	Jenny Smith	No evidence of decline means just that
182	23/02/2020	Bruce Smith	I support the information below and request the proposed changes be revisited to be more fact based.
183	23/02/2020	Jennifer Smith	
184	23/02/2020	Melissa Lilley	
185	23/02/2020	Kay Opie	
186	23/02/2020	Paul Thompson	Changes to whitebait regulations need to be based on auditable valid scientific data and not based on a political desire to dramatically increase whitebait fishery protection to fit in with political party policies
187	23/02/2020	Ian Watt	
188	23/02/2020	Hamish Wright	
189	22/02/2020	Anna Jordan	
190	22/02/2020	Lochlan Kennedy	I love whitebaiting
191	22/02/2020	Lorraine Crowhen	Leave the Coast alone and leave us to our whitebait
192	22/02/2020	Bradley Retter	
193	22/02/2020	Timothy Mcaslan	
194	22/02/2020	Lynda Higgs	

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195	22/02/2020	Bruce Cameron	We need decisions that look after our people and that are factual, scientific, commonsense that take all these into account. Not knee jerk selfcentred one eyed crusade like decisions, we have far too many of those decisions now. Fix our polluted rivers, our polluted habitat areas so that all New Zealanders can continue to enjoy our right to whitebait.
196	22/02/2020	Corey Strong	
197	22/02/2020	Tom Mosley	My grandfather passed away in January 2019. He loved whitebaiting from his stand on the Mokihinui river and it is one of my most cherished memories with him. Every year after I would return from Mokihinui he would quiz me on my catch, river conditions and who was fishing that he might know. Even when blind and unable to travel further from his retirement home than the hospital, whitebaiting was a passion which never died. By closing the entire Mokihinui river with no clear plan in place and with no similar measures across other regions, the proposed regulations will mean that I cannot share these experiences with my own children, nor can I sit on the same stand he did and remember him while I fish. Yet others in many other regions will be able to do this with no clear rationale as to why the Coast should be limited even further while others continue in the same vein with only minor new changes. The Coast relies on whitebaiting to support the local economy and any changes to status quo (such as what is proposed) should be carefully considered, especially when other regions will not have anywhere the same level of impact. There is no scientific basis for these closures when the Coast fishery is in good shape, unless this is simply because it is easier to fix what isn't broken rather than to fix failing freshwater standards on the East Coast and elsewhere.
198	22/02/2020	Jenny Jones	
199	22/02/2020	Ben Nolan	Best season whitebaiting numbers haven't changed for 100 years
200	22/02/2020	Kim Cameron (Mokihinui Recreational Reserve Board)	Mokihinui recreational reserve board adminsters the Mokihinui Domain Camp. Our camp explodes with whitebaiters during our season, many stay for the whole season, some just for a week or two. If Mokihinui river is closed our camp will DIE, other businesses in our area will also be severely affected. Our caretakers will not have a job, our village will be a ghost town. Eugenie Sage and DOC do you want this on your conscience? If you indeed have one? You are taking away our livelihood with no thought as to how this will affect us. Keep bashing us eventually we will fall.
201	22/02/2020	Kim Cameron	Our rights to recreational fishing are being violated by Eugenie Sage and DOC as New Zealanders we have the right to engage in this social and recreational activity just as much as any other NZer has to swim, boat, drive a car or even to go for a coffee at a cafe to name a few social and recreational activities. The Mokihinui River has been and will continue to be fished sustainably, close our river and so many people will suffer financially as the season provides income for many people in the Buller area. The West Coast has financially supported Auckland for many many years from gold, native timber and mining. What is the ulterior motive? Does DOC and Sage want to land grab all the Coast for national parks because they have destroyed other parks for cities and housing. Come on start supporting the Coast.
202	22/02/2020	Lesley Bungard	Whitebait are not on the decline on the West Coast
203	22/02/2020	Jennie Buchanan	Whitebait are not on the decline on the West Coast
204	22/02/2020	Dan Barnett	Whitebaiting is a right of culture
205	22/02/2020	Kerry Dayman	
206	22/02/2020	Zara Wyatt	I have been farming and whitebaiting on the West Coast for many years now. Being brought up here has many benefits including the chance to step out my back door step and go whitebaiting September through to November. I do not agree with the closure of entire rivers as a method of catch regulation. In my opinion they do not need to close the rivers completely from whitebaiting, they just need to de-commercialise them and possibly limit the amount the person catches each season. Whitebaiting is what I would love to show and involve my children in, in the future as it is what we have done and enjoyed for years.
207	22/02/2020	Glenn Monk	
208	22/02/2020	Jana Monk	I want more proof!
209	22/02/2020	Rhys Rutherford	
210	22/02/2020	Kirk Samuel	No more rivers on the West Coast to be closed until reliable scientific valid data is collected.
211	22/02/2020	Lez Morgan	I do not want Sage or the coalition government affecting West Coast whitebaiting as they do not have the data to prove their made-up theories on what whitebait stocks are actually like. I do not want the West Coast recreational fishing to be affected by laws set by Sage. She doesn't know what she is talking about and is simply point scoring for the Green party.
212	22/02/2020	Louise Morgan	I do not want whitebaiting on the West Coast affected by Sage and the coalition government as they do not have the data and are meddling to interfere with the Coaster way of life and recreation with no good reason.
213	22/02/2020	Bruce Russell	
214	22/02/2020	Juanita McDougall	
215	22/02/2020	Kris Hansen	
216	22/02/2020	Annette Murray	

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217	22/02/2020	Colin Anscombe	Enough is enough. This country is being stolen from we New Zealanders by a small group of people whose thinking and attitude is of great concern to me.
218	22/02/2020	Howard Clifton	
219	22/02/2020	Kathryn Teeboon	Using data in concert (<i>sic</i>) with other factors surely has to be the best way
220	22/02/2020	Paulette Van Herp	Ban export, but leave our social fishers alone
221	22/02/2020	Terry Pope	
222	22/02/2020	Tom Hitchcock	leave it alone
223	22/02/2020	Krystal Lynch	
224	22/02/2020	Howard Hill	Further closure of West Coast rivers is extremely unfair in comparison with the rest of New Zealand
225	22/02/2020	Nerida Murray	Shorten season for all of NZ from mid September to end of October
226	22/02/2020	Ron Pearson	Time you lot . . . DOC . . . got a few scientific facts.
227	22/02/2020	Mike Dickey	
228	22/02/2020	Alison Hibbs	
229	22/02/2020	Raquel Wilson	
230	22/02/2020	Maurice Chappell	Any thing to stop Forest and Bird
231	22/02/2020	Sandra Smith	
232	22/02/2020	Timothy Ussher	
233	22/02/2020	James Fischer	Rivers that have closed whitebait streams running into them should not have any more regulations placed on them. Closing rivers on the West Coast will not save the whitebait stocks in New Zealands other whitebait regions. Phasing out size of screens may help.
234	22/02/2020	Samuel Ussher	
235	22/02/2020	Christopher Ussher	
236	22/02/2020	Bill Ussher	
237	22/02/2020	Nola Weir	Shorten season for all of NZ from mid September to end of October
238	22/02/2020	Alan Weir	Shorten season for all of NZ from mid September to end of October
239	22/02/2020	Fleur Hansen	Please don't ban this area from recreational fishing
240	22/02/2020	Judith Stopforth	The West Coast needs to have the same rules as the rest of New Zealand.
241	22/02/2020	Bonnie Lundy	
242	22/02/2020	Russell Sager	
243	22/02/2020	Michael Limmer	Leave whitebait rules as they are
244	22/02/2020	Scott Southby	
245	22/02/2020	John Adams	
246	22/02/2020	Cameron Hancox	Ban sock nets on the Buller river
247	22/02/2020	Lawan Hancox	Ban sock nets on the Buller river
248	22/02/2020	Kenneth Hancox	Ban sock nets
249	22/02/2020	Ian Smith	
250	22/02/2020	Gerald Dick	
251	22/02/2020	Margaret Webster	
252	22/02/2020	Colin Maunder	
253	22/02/2020	Bryce Jenkins	
254	22/02/2020	Taura George Brown	Decreasing catch without rebuilding habitat is a wasted effort. Better protections, and restoration efforts for wetlands needed first.
255	22/02/2020	Shannon Birchfield	
256	22/02/2020	Greg Olsen	
257	22/02/2020	Billy O'leary	I believe there is no decline in whitebait and the proof is by the amount I have seen running up the river where I live. They don't just run during the whitebait season.
258	22/02/2020	Jude Shepherd	Commercial whitebait fisheries probably need to be regulated and their catch restricted. Recreational whitebaiting should continue to be allowed. It's a past time that is part of our culture and gets people out, enjoying the outdoor life.
259	22/02/2020	Craig Sutherland	ban sock nets
260	22/02/2020	Lyn Mackie	
261	22/02/2020	Paul Mackie	
262	22/02/2020	Carolyn Brady	My family has a 50 year history of whitebaiting on the Coast and I fully support the West Coast Whitebaiters Association submission

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263	22/02/2020	Jane Ellis	I feel the inclusion of trout in our lakes and rivers and the dropping of 1080 is the issue more than whitebaiters taking a tiny amount of the huge schools heading up our rivers. Why doesn't DOC look at their own actions before hammering this harmless kiwi tradition
264	22/02/2020	Gail Gardner	Changing whitebait conditions without INDEPENDENT and accurate data of a needed change amounts to corruption and abuse of power by DOC and the Minister of Environment (<i>sic</i>). It is well known that the current minister has a conflict of interest because her partner is a DOC employee so her decisions are swayed in his favour. NZ deserves better!
265	22/02/2020	Liz Fowler	
266	22/02/2020	Geoff Fowler	
267	22/02/2020	Ian Brisco	Have been whitebaiting for over 50 years no decline in my catches probably catching more not less
268	22/02/2020	Peter Boyce	We seem to have issues throughout NZ where rivers and creeks are being diverted, drying up etc and if we allow the fish population to increase too much, these fish may well end up with nowhere to live and become extinct. We MUST allow a certain amount of fish to be removed from all areas so as to keep the population at manageable level thus ensuring the continuation of the species.
269	22/02/2020	Esther Shaffrey	
270	22/02/2020	Roger Fowler	
271	22/02/2020	Paul Barringer	I fish southland the last few years been best ever there is no decline in whitebait have seen them running in large numbers right up to day before new year day if something is going to happen close off november hope this government don't get back in
272	22/02/2020	Alan Rhind	I enjoy my whitebait patties and I fish for elders that live in Karamea. And leave our local people alone to enjoy catching it.
273	22/02/2020	Debbie Bradley	
274	22/02/2020	David Bradley	
275	22/02/2020	Keith Bradley	
276	22/02/2020	Troy Bradley	
277	22/02/2020	Lynda Davidson	Bring the rest of the country in line with West Coast season length and regulations. Do away with sock nets unless on a registered stand
278	22/02/2020	Lorraine Bradley	
279	22/02/2020	Steve Gover	
280	22/02/2020	James Diamond	I love whitebaiting and it's part of our life's
281	22/02/2020	Graeme MacPherson	
282	22/02/2020	Scott Alison	
283	22/02/2020	Kent Vickerman	
284	22/02/2020	Michael Holland	I have Whitebaited all my life and catch about the same amount every year. I believe stopping or restricting the sale of bait to licensed stands will stop a lot of people taking more than they need. We can't sell Paua, blue cod, snapper, trout and salmon without a quota so why whitebait
285	22/02/2020	Judith Doughty	
286	22/02/2020	Thomas (Graeme) McKenzie	I have owned the Seddonville Hotel for 17.5 years. If you close the Mokihinui river as you propose, this would have a huge impact on my business. I rely on the income of the whitebait season, which starts for me mid-August with the people coming in to start erecting their stands etc, through to mid- November, which is our end of the whitebait season, to help this business remain viable. There is also the Mokihinui Tavern and three camping grounds that rely heavily on the income of the whitebait season to maintain their existence. The closing of the Mokihinui river will cripple the local community and its businesses. In closing I ask you to please give this very serious consideration before you close the Mokihinui river for whitebaiting. I would like a personal reply to this submission, not a computer generated one. Thank you.
287	22/02/2020	Russell Newport	Common sense must prevail
288	22/02/2020	Kevin Geard	
289	22/02/2020	Dan Scoltock	Please leave things as they are until you have some real scientific evidence hearsay and emotional rhetoric are not enough
290	22/02/2020	Alexander Hildreth	

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291	22/02/2020	Peter Mitchell	I believe that Whitebaiting (particulary on the West Coast) should remain open and available for all. I do however think that limits could be applied although that could be difficult to enforce. Many, many years ago the Mahiniapua creek was closed to whitebaiting for what we were told was a period of two years. That creek has never been reopened to fishing after more than 20 years. We seem to have issues throughout NZ where rivers and creeks are being diverted, drying up etc and if we allow the fish population to increase too much, these fish may well end up with nowhere to live and become extinct. We MUST allow a certain amount of fish to be removed from all areas so as to keep the population at a manageable level thus ensuring the continuation of the species.
292	22/02/2020	Peter Doughty	
293	22/02/2020	Arthur Huria	
294	22/02/2020	Johnny Rossiter	Deal to them
295	22/02/2020	John Springer	
296	22/02/2020	Rosemary Springer	I support the right to whitebait during the season and the status quo to stand
297	22/02/2020	Beth Billingsley	
298	22/02/2020	Thomas (Graeme) McKenzie	I have owned a registred stand and fished on the Mokihinui river for the last 18 seasons. I believe the West Coast regulations are very good and should be implemented across New Zealand, including the timing of the season 1 September to 15 November. Also introducing back pegs on all rivers or whitebait fishing only occurs in tidal part of the river, this should include all rivers in NZ.
299	22/02/2020	Toby Marshall	
300	22/02/2020	Joan McGrath	The problem lies with the unregulated commercial operators with no 'bag' limit and not with the individual catching whitebait for personal consumption. Addressing this anomaly peculiar to whitebait fishing should be the priority
301	22/02/2020	Piki Heta Stanley	Clear the waterways for the whitebait to regenerate
302	21/02/2020	Jason Poynter	I believe the way to increase the whitebait population is to improve water quality and habitat for adult whitebait, and provide good and safe spawning areas. Also, I have never understood the protection afforded to the worst introduced aquatic predator in NZ, the brown and rainbow trout, these introduced predators cause massive decline in the various native fish, koura and other aquatic species in our waterways. They prey on the whitebait throughout their cycle, decimating the breeding stock, and by direct competition, eating the food that the adult population would usually eat. All other introduced animals are on the hit list for destruction, why not trout.
303	21/02/2020	Nolan Ovenden	
304	21/02/2020	Grant Forsyth	DOC you need to listen to the people who have been catching whitebait for 75 years, this is part of their culture that has been passed down through the family. I don't agree with what and how you are doing with all your regulations. Leave everything as it is. Keep your grubby mits off the west coast whitebaiters.
305	21/02/2020	Dave Bishop	
306	21/02/2020	Lloyd Robinson	Please leave the whitebaiters alone they are doing no harm
307	21/02/2020	John Anderson	
308	21/02/2020	Glenda Robinson	We want to hold on to our kiwi culture please listen to us and leave the west coast and the rest of the country alone
309	21/02/2020	Joanne Holley	You're trying to ruin a kiwi way of life. Leave the west coast alone
310	21/02/2020	Tori Pfeifer	I have much difficulty scooping.
311	21/02/2020	Janice O'callaghan	
312	21/02/2020	Monica Pfeifer	
313	21/02/2020	John Pfeifer	My concern with the stopping of set nets would be the likelihood of more drownings with older people being forced to scoop, rather than using set nets
314	21/02/2020	Carol Kilpatrick	
315	21/02/2020	Kaira Lourie	
316	21/02/2020	Aaron Lourie	
317	21/02/2020	Sarah Jackson	
318	21/02/2020	John Rea	
319	21/02/2020	Michelle Manera	
320	21/02/2020	Jane Nichol	Shorten the season by two weeks eg end season at end of October
321	21/02/2020	Richard Bottomley	
322	21/02/2020	Peter Barratt	The West Coast whitebait regulations work well. We have areas set aside for no fishing and the season is shorter. That is why the whitebait fishery is still healthy & I consider it makes sense that the rest of NZ adopts the same regulations
323	21/02/2020	Petrina Cannell	

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324	21/02/2020	Kim Clementson	Ban the commercial quota. Recreational whitebaiting only. And we need to come down and police the selling of it. It is tax evasion and the only reason it is being overfished. If it is illegal to sell it to restaurants then the money will come out of it and there will be less overfishing.
325	21/02/2020	Jennifer Clementson	I agree that there should be a bag limit. I also think that you should not be able to own a stand. And I think what is good for pakeha should apply to all. No more special treatment for Maori (if the fish are depleted then all must stop not just the white man)
326	21/02/2020	Mark I Leslie K	
327	21/02/2020	Michael Hynes	
328	21/02/2020	Douglas Banks	
329	21/02/2020	Christine Banks	
330	21/02/2020	Grant Crotty	
331	21/02/2020	Ralph Glasson	
332	21/02/2020	Joy Donaldson	I have fished for whitebait for 45 years on the same river and catches vary up and down over the years depending on the weather and river conditions which affects the spawning. Adverse weather conditions on the West Coast have always limited the number of days that whitebaiting can be undertaken and this has not been taken into account either. I attended previous meetings in which "scientific experts" on whitebait admitted that there was no evidence to show any decline of the species on the West Coast. During one of these meetings one of the persons made a statement that 'even though there was no evidence of a decline in numbers wouldn't it be good if we could get more fish then there ever used to be' which I believe is an overzealous and biased attitude to this topic. At the same meeting the suggestion was 'taken on board' that submitters should have to identify the reasons why they are affected by the issue but I don't see that this has happened. Submissions should be ranked on importance of the submitters direct link to whitebait which reduces the impact of mass submissions made by organisations such as Forest & Bird members many of whom have never even been in the South Island let alone near any of the rivers in question, have never fished on them, and don't have any knowledge of the practices in place, or number of fish. These mass submissions have been used in the past against the West Coast initiatives and outnumber the number of genuine submissions made by people who do have a greater interest than the general public.
333	21/02/2020	Ken Klempel	
334	21/02/2020	Natasha Terry	
335	21/02/2020	Markjohn Riley	I do support the decommercialisation of whitebait but apart from that I support this submission
336	21/02/2020	Gary Donaldson	I have been fishing the Orowaiti river for 40 years and the catch has not significantly changed during this time apart from major weather events during spawning which results in lower catches the following season.
337	21/02/2020	Ken Hutchins	
338	21/02/2020	John Oxenham	You lot are removing all the activities that as a retiree I enjoy. You need to get a reality check
339	21/02/2020	Heather Vis	Scientific data please
340	21/02/2020	Josh Hill	
341	21/02/2020	Kevin Hill	
342	21/02/2020	Fiona Robinason	More time is needed for this whole process. I do not support the banning of sock nets as this will lead to people risking their lives to lift nets in the wild West Coast weather. Limit how many traps and length of net but do not ban them as many areas of the West Coast need them to fish safely.
343	21/02/2020	Peter York	I support banning traps in nets and socknets
344	21/02/2020	Dianne Ferguson	I support the banning of sock nets
345	21/02/2020	Val McSkimming	How can a government department top heavy with students and conservationists make a decision that will affect thousands of ordinary NZers way of life and enjoyment. This is not democracy and the choice of the majority. It's called communism.
346	21/02/2020	Janette Gillespie	
347	21/02/2020	Sekope Peti	
348	21/02/2020	Ray Millar	
349	21/02/2020	Ron Whitnall	
350	21/02/2020	Allan Gibson	There is no clear evidence on the whitebait situation and should be independently reviewed by an independent authority not the environmentalist.
351	21/02/2020	Daphne Morris	
352	21/02/2020	John Warren Gillespie	West Coast whitebait are not threatened, season abundance has varied over past 100 years and will continue to do so.
353	21/02/2020	Kate Bell	
354	21/02/2020	Vivienne Watt	

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355	21/02/2020	Errol Corsan	
356	21/02/2020	Barry Johnson	Bring the rest of NZ in line with the West Coast regulations but I would support shortening the season to September and October
357	21/02/2020	Cam Henderson	
358	21/02/2020	Maureen Cagney	Full and thorough enforcement of the current whitebaiting laws on the West Coast would ensure protection of the resource
359	21/02/2020	Garth Bloomfield	
360	21/02/2020	Rusty Donnell	
361	21/02/2020	Steven Reeve	The rest of the country should be brought into the same season limit as the West Coast.
362	21/02/2020	Graham Gordon	
363	21/02/2020	Dave Dellow	Nets with traps should be banned, wire and sock net. Without traps the net has to be manned at all times.
364	21/02/2020	Reid Long	
365	21/02/2020	Alex Campbell	
366	21/02/2020	Peter Cuff	
367	21/02/2020	Penny Bishop	
368	21/02/2020	Tim Mee	Being a whitebaiter around 30 years, I believe the West Coast sets a great standard of rules and management and the rest of the country should follow the same rules. Also evidence of number decline needs to be studied and proven as I have not seen any evidence of this happening.
369	21/02/2020	Chevron Davies	
370	21/02/2020	Neville Erceg	Clean the waters
371	20/02/2020	Ben Patterson	
372	20/02/2020	Renee Patterson	
373	20/02/2020	Jacqui Lewis	
374	20/02/2020	Keith Russell	
375	20/02/2020	Darren Ilton	West Coasters have preserved our whitebait fishery for generations under the current rules. I believe maintaining habitat is a bigger problem rather than fishing hours. Regards Darren
376	20/02/2020	Steve Russell	
377	20/02/2020	Jake Russell	We need to base the whole country on currenty West Coast regulations
378	20/02/2020	Drew Russell	I love whitebait patties
379	20/02/2020	Karen Russell	Whitebaiting is a wonderful part of the NZ culture. As a child I remember my father taking me whitebaiting. A great family pastime. Whitebait are also a delicious meal accompanied with bread and butter and lemon! Keep this tradition going please, but ensure it is managed in a sustainable manner, based on accurate and valid scientific data
380	20/02/2020	Stephanie Tubb	
381	20/02/2020	Sue Whitau	
382	20/02/2020	Russell Bannan	
383	20/02/2020	Ron Hibbs	
384	20/02/2020	Jason Manderson	
385	20/02/2020	Joseph Charles	From records there is no decline in whitebait on the Coast
386	20/02/2020	Bill Leach	
387	20/02/2020	Murray Springer	
388	20/02/2020	Raewyn McLeod	
389	20/02/2020	Owen Claridge	
390	20/02/2020	Shannon James	Kia Ora
391	20/02/2020	J Maclaren	
392	20/02/2020	Kaja Skyrba	
393	20/02/2020	Scott Matthews	
394	20/02/2020	Patricia Griffin	
395	20/02/2020	Stephen Hanson	
396	20/02/2020	Patrica Hanson	
397	20/02/2020	Russell Gugich	Whitebaited for more than 40 years. Saw good and bad season but rules cannot be based on bad seasons only. Research first legislation then follows. Less haste greater accuracy
398	20/02/2020	Joseph Croft	
399	20/02/2020	Daniel James	It should be the same for the whole country and that's fair.
400	20/02/2020	Dean Rankin	

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401	20/02/2020	Julie Thompson	
402	20/02/2020	Kevin Cowam	I am opposed to the removal of socknets and traps
403	20/02/2020	Joy Cowan	I am opposed to the removal of socknets and traps
404	20/02/2020	Sandra Shand	I am opposed to the removal of socknets and traps
405	20/02/2020	Chris Shand	I am opposed to the removal of socknets and traps
406	20/02/2020	Barry Williams	I am opposed to the removal of socknets and traps
407	20/02/2020	Todd Duncan	Opposed to no sock nets and traps
408	20/02/2020	Corina Nielson	Opposed to no sock nets and traps
409	20/02/2020	Andrew Mirfin	Do not agree with stopping sock nets and traps
410	20/02/2020	Bryce Allen	
411	20/02/2020	Gary Manifold	
412	20/02/2020	Matt Johnston	
413	20/02/2020	Khan Jones	
414	20/02/2020	Jan Divers	
415	20/02/2020	Malcolm Coleman	
416	20/02/2020	Richard Grace	
417	20/02/2020	Gareth Ludemann	
418	20/02/2020	JoAnn Ludemann	
419	20/02/2020	Brenda Merrill	
420	20/02/2020	Loretta Leach	
421	20/02/2020	Peter Leach	
422	20/02/2020	Marcel Van Rooijen	In the years that I have been travelling to the West Coast , both in and outside of the whitebait season, I have seen massive shoals of bait. Ban commercial sale, make it recreational.
423	20/02/2020	Kerry Manley	
424	20/02/2020	Melissa McKenzie	It's unfair to punish the people who own stands and whitebait as a hobby , with regulations that are not going to make a difference. Spend time monitoring the illegal sale of whitebait that is all over social media and roadside stalls and that will cut down the number of people whitebaiting when they can't make money off it
425	20/02/2020	Daniel Gordon	The future of whitebaiting should be done with DOC/Fish and Game and the people relying on the resource (locals and fishers). Collaborative group to work towards a future sustainable resource. This worked for the wapiti foundation why not whitebait. Also I feel that catch limits could be installed to protect the whitebait. 2 kgs per fisher per day.
426	20/02/2020	Wayne Johnson	
427	20/02/2020	Leanne Johnson	
428	20/02/2020	Barbara McAlpine	In 1953 they thought whitebait were dying out but what has been proven is that there are lower years and boom years, and though it seems to be a worry at times, it always comes back to normal. I think whitebait regulates things itself. Leave things alone.
429	20/02/2020	Colin James	
430	20/02/2020	Edward Murphy	
431	20/02/2020	Mike Scurr	
432	20/02/2020	Kim Scurr	
433	20/02/2020	Stan Barker	
434	20/02/2020	Janice Barker	
435	20/02/2020	Chris Main	
436	20/02/2020	Ian Davies	
437	20/02/2020	Sharon Davies	
438	20/02/2020	Sarah Davies	
439	20/02/2020	Tony Davies	
440	20/02/2020	Vicki Offen	
441	20/02/2020	Nathan Davies	
442	20/02/2020	Gerald Cayford	
443	20/02/2020	Brian Morris	
444	20/02/2020	Lyn Morris	
445	20/02/2020	Gererd Bonisch	
446	20/02/2020	Jo Bayliss	
447	20/02/2020	Bev Allcock	

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448	20/02/2020	John Clarkson	
449	20/02/2020	Les Allcock	
450	20/02/2020	Amy Cassidy	
451	20/02/2020	Edith Schwass	
452	20/02/2020	Terry Schwass	
453	20/02/2020	Courtney Shaw	
454	20/02/2020	Brenda Allum	
455	20/02/2020	Richard Tayler	
456	20/02/2020	Phillip Hunt	
457	20/02/2020	Paul Renner	It is to be noted for the last 20 years I have observed adult whitebait being totally wiped out of creeks every year by shags. These small slow, soft slow moving fish stand no chance against these strong and very determined predators. I wish to see the return of culling of shags to allow adult whitebait to reach the age to spawn. I believe this action would boost the population of whitebait enormously. Thank you.
458	20/02/2020	Ann Anderson	
459	20/02/2020	Lynn Browne	
460	20/02/2020	Shaun Monk	Please don't stop me getting a feed of West Coast whitebait. I enjoy fishing for them with my family and invest a lot into this pastime with boats, batches, equipment and travel.
461	20/02/2020	John Beattie	It seems to me that the West Coast regulations regarding 1) screens eg length, trap position, no of nets, incursion of gear into waterways 2) length and timing of season 3) and back pegging has potential to dramatically change the species survival if introduced throughout NZ while still allowing fishing to take place. Whatever is done needs to be based on science not popular opinion. While I support the sale of whitebait I do not support its export.
462	20/02/2020	Jackson Dillon	
463	20/02/2020	Jamie Anderson	
464	20/02/2020	Siobhan Monk	I believe whitebaiting can be a sustainable option if we work together, I would like to see more valid information to say this needs to be stopped all together, shutting of rivers is a bit harsh until proven otherwise. Other fisheries have recovered well with controlled fishing/quotas and helping with recovery of whitebait.
465	20/02/2020	Kim Richards	
466	20/02/2020	Kahurangi Wilson-Mahuika	
467	20/02/2020	Peter Maley	
468	20/02/2020	Erin Anderson	
469	20/02/2020	Roger Monk	After 40 plus years of involvement in the whitebait fishery observing the wildly fluctuating amounts of fish available to be caught on an annual basis I am firmly of the belief that natural environmental influences have a far greater effect on the fishery in its natural state than do human influences.
470	20/02/2020	Justin Shaw	
471	20/02/2020	Colleen Grose	Don't take this away from the people that love this
472	20/02/2020	Brian Morgan	All regulations set the same as the West Coast around rest of NZ
473	20/02/2020	Daryl Henderson	I've enjoyed this hobby since a wee boy and want to carry on for my own grandchildren.
474	20/02/2020	Jim Henderson	We need to keep this going, my retirement fund
475	20/02/2020	Cecily Henderson	Please don't take our whitebait away
476	20/02/2020	Debbie MacColl	The West Coast whitebait population is thriving and increasing under the current whitebaiting West Coast rules. If the rest of NZ was bought into line with West Coast rules then overtime the whitebait populations would flourish in NZ. Whitebaiting is a cultural pastime for all New Zealanders, that is one of our emerging traditions that is unique to New Zealand.
477	20/02/2020	Kylie Helman	
478	20/02/2020	Karla Sefonte	
479	20/02/2020	Belynda Hammond	
480	20/02/2020	Shirley Grant	
481	20/02/2020	Kelvin Grant	
482	20/02/2020	Robyn Mcfarlane	
483	20/02/2020	Bob Cannell	
484	20/02/2020	India Sadler	Don't do it
485	20/02/2020	Mauryne Cannell	
486	20/02/2020	Donna Meates	
487	20/02/2020	Blair Torrance	

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488	20/02/2020	Liske Raath	
489	20/02/2020	Jillian Waghorn	
490	20/02/2020	Bruce Harvey	
491	20/02/2020	Lisa Haines	
492	20/02/2020	Greg Lamb	
493	20/02/2020	Renata McStay	
494	20/02/2020	Megan McCarthy	
495	20/02/2020	Adam Fraser	
496	19/02/2020	Trevor Reid	There is enough sanctuaries on the Coast for now how about we get the poison and carcasses out of the rivers?
497	19/02/2020	Janaya Hadfield	
498	19/02/2020	Lynne Jordan	
499	19/02/2020	Glenn Morrow	
500	19/02/2020	William Johnson	I have noticed no deterioration in catches in the Taramakau and New river since I started fishing in these 70 years ago.
501	19/02/2020	Brigitte Davies	
502	19/02/2020	Dave Edmonds	
503	19/02/2020	Craig Ross	
504	19/02/2020	Kaden Sadler	
505	19/02/2020	Brett Chisholm	Lets keep fishing
506	19/02/2020	Mark Tweedie	
507	19/02/2020	Jade Campbell	
508	19/02/2020	June Steenson	I agree I support the information
509	19/02/2020	Mike Steenson	I agree I support the information
510	19/02/2020	Anna Reid	
511	19/02/2020	Nancy Fahey	I have been whitebaiting for many years as was my father and now my children, we on the West Coast look after our rivers and have rivers closed already for whitebait breeding , the rest of the country should be following us here, it should be the same for everybody.
512	19/02/2020	Andrew Scott	People who never lived in the area have no right to tell locals they're no longer allowed to carry on a family activity that dates back longer than they have been alive
513	19/02/2020	Tayla James	
514	19/02/2020	Donna Longley	
515	19/02/2020	Jeremy Johnston	Regular West Coast whitebaiter. Science needs to be so much better before any emotive decisions are taken. Large regular whitebait runs indicate to me a healthy fishery. West Coast rules are working well should remain unchanged for the west coast and trialled around NZ. There is already enough river refuges on the west coast.
516	19/02/2020	Steve Black	is it possible at all the 1080 is affecting the pool pulsation on the West Coast?
517	19/02/2020	Tina Johnston	
518	19/02/2020	Jack Kristiansen	
519	19/02/2020	Gloria Hammond	Most real coasters are conservationists at heart they are just not radical. .. There is such a lot of wrong information around . . . People need more time to gather the truth . . . What's the big hurry . . . I have been around whitebaiting since 1947 but half what I see and read is rubbish.
520	19/02/2020	John Pine	
521	19/02/2020	Bill Robinson	Fish numbers have remained constant in the 50 years I have fished in West Coast rivers however fisher numbers have increased incrementally year by year. I would need proven evidence of declining volumes of fish (by specie) before I would support any change whatsoever. The proposed changes are just [REDACTED] minded preservationalists gone power crazy. A close friend who fishes East Coast streams believes standardising the season nationwide is good and I support this suggestion. These constant changes are a pain and meant to frustrate.
522	19/02/2020	Reweti Mihaere	
523	19/02/2020	Mark Sangster	
524	19/02/2020	Kylie Beri	
525	19/02/2020	Yvonne Beri	
526	19/02/2020	Ron Brown	I would like to see the whole of New Zealand under the same seasonal time frame and regulations as the West Coast. This needs to be monitored overtime along with habitat and water quality. I believe that south westland is in pretty good condition in regard to the above so probably does not need too much attention. The other area that needs to be taken into consideration is the economic impact to the small communities of the West Coast if the season was shortened.
527	19/02/2020	Tim Bustard	

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528	19/02/2020	Jim McAndrew	
529	19/02/2020	Arita Hughes	I don't think it's the commercial or recreational whitebaiting that is the issue. I think we need better plans put in place for better water quality. I think the rest of the country needs rules in place just like the West Coast do in terms of, that they need rivers closed for possible breeding grounds, limit on number of stands per river, etc. The problem does not lie on the West Coast. But if other regions can have stricter rules this can help the whitebait population.
530	19/02/2020	Jim Morrison	I believe whitebait habitat has got to be looked after and then there would be no shortage of whitebait.
531	19/02/2020	Andrew Miller	
532	19/02/2020	Dan Eyles	
533	19/02/2020	Rodney Archer	The new rules are unfair to us West Coasters. I disagree with the new changes
534	19/02/2020	Gary Dundass	
535	19/02/2020	Tamara Potter	
536	19/02/2020	Gary Thomas	
537	19/02/2020	Keith Thomas	
538	19/02/2020	Katie Robb	
539	19/02/2020	Victoria Robertson	
540	19/02/2020	Nicola McKay	West Coast tradition, love it as a kid, still enjoy a feed. Agree with below
541	19/02/2020	Frances Keating	You need to listen to all the facts and talk to people in the areas whom this effects not the hysterical gang who have never even been to these rivers and believe only in their own propaganda come hell or high water.
542	19/02/2020	Bruce Davies	
543	19/02/2020	Lynette McLeod	
544	19/02/2020	Keith McLeod	
545	19/02/2020	Mel Wright	
546	19/02/2020	Luke Simpson	
547	19/02/2020	Damion Antone van der Krogt	Whitebaiting is a tradition and to take it away is wrong. I need hard evidence that whitebait is in decline. My opinion is that 1080 is a big factor in breeding stocks. Also the destruction of riverbanks from farming and mining is a big cause. The Buller river has changed and is more shallow then it used to be so the whitebait stick to the middle of the river so it appears that whitebait is in decline. That is untrue I have gone down before and after seasons and seen massive runs of whitebait. I believe that the bait runs at different times than it used to hence why it appears like there is less there. Runs depend on flooding and rainfall. I do not believe whitebaiting is hurting breeding because a lot gets past us going up the middle. I do not support the stop on sales and the stop of the season as this will hurt our economy that we need so badly. Whitebaiting is a tradition and is only for 2 and a quarter months a year. There is another 10 months where whitebait can thrive and it does just that. Whitebait run all year round so stopping baiting will not make a lot of difference where the focus should be on independent breeding testing and whether 1080 affects breeding.
548	19/02/2020	Ray Robertson	My wife and I fish on grey river up the back with a set net. We want to be able to continue our love of whitebaiting in our old age.
549	19/02/2020	Jenny McLauchlan	Don't limit the whitebaiters when there is so much whitebait
550	19/02/2020	Rose Robertson	
551	19/02/2020	Denise McPaikie	
552	19/02/2020	Edward Blatt	
553	19/02/2020	Daina Platenberga	
554	19/02/2020	Gordon McLeod	
555	19/02/2020	Logan Brown	
556	19/02/2020	Jess Cohen	
557	19/02/2020	Judth Blatt	
558	19/02/2020	Tony Steele	Going too fast we need more time to prepare for the coming season
559	19/02/2020	Lisa Speed	Please do the right thing
560	19/02/2020	Jayne Direen	
561	19/02/2020	Sue Croft	
562	19/02/2020	Leslie Hanlon-Harris	I also support a licence fee to help manage whitebait populations
563	19/02/2020	Kathryne Bennie	
564	19/02/2020	Graeme Robinson	
565	19/02/2020	Pamela Butler	
566	19/02/2020	Fay Quinn	I support bringing the entire country coming into line as one set of rules
567	19/02/2020	Cheryl Rodmell	I do not support the banning of whitebaiting

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568	19/02/2020	Ingrid Wood	
569	19/02/2020	Domonique Keeley	
570	19/02/2020	Dorothy Williams	I feel the whole process is being rushed too quickly
571	19/02/2020	Eripitana Taurua	Till the whitebait habitat issues are addressed properly and fixed, it is and will continue to be the government causing any decline in numbers, not the whitebaiters.
572	19/02/2020	Dianna Hart	
573	19/02/2020	Kevin Williams	I personally disagree with the accuracy of the so called scientific data you have collected. This data does not apply to all rivers throughout NZ and therefore each and every river had to be assessed before rules and regulations are in some cases necessary.
574	19/02/2020	Nick Osborne	
575	19/02/2020	Scott Morrow	Catch west coast whitebait - westport
576	19/02/2020	Mark O'Connor	Leave the West Coast whitebait rules as they are
577	19/02/2020	Diane Jones	Make whitebaiting licenseable, by including it in the Salmon/Trout fishing license
578	19/02/2020	George Bishop	
579	19/02/2020	Sharlene Mulqueen	Retain the west coast whitebait regulations with NO gear change!!!
580	19/02/2020	Don McFarlane	
581	19/02/2020	Brian Palmer	Closing of any more rivers on the West Coast of the South Island will spell economic disaster for small businesses and communities up and down the Coast.
582	19/02/2020	Laura Williams	
583	19/02/2020	Polly Horner	
584	19/02/2020	Russell Horner	
585	19/02/2020	Amanda Evans	
586	19/02/2020	Kenneth Clark	
587	19/02/2020	Zane Brown	Stop taking the easy way out and actually address the problem or another part of our culture will be gone forever
588	19/02/2020	Sally Reynolds	
589	19/02/2020	Josh Dew	
590	19/02/2020	Bonnie Dew	
591	19/02/2020	William Stone	
592	19/02/2020	Russell Tuuta	
593	19/02/2020	Gail Stewart	
594	19/02/2020	Jay Anstice	I agree
595	19/02/2020	Jodie Linklater	
596	19/02/2020	Denise Hewer	Many people on the West Coast rely on the whitebait season for finance and business
597	19/02/2020	Jamie Young	
598	19/02/2020	Graham Barry	
599	19/02/2020	Damian Fairbairn	
600	19/02/2020	Michael Tuuta	
601	19/02/2020	Nikita Fleming	
602	19/02/2020	Hannah Maree Adams-Vinig	If we don't act now it will be too late and shame on us
603	19/02/2020	Jenna Thomson	Whitebaiting is something I love and look forward to every year. I never catch much but I enjoy the time with my children just like I did when I was a child. My daughter loves to go to the river whitebaiting. Living and being brought up on the Coast just won't be the same if we can't go whitebaiting anymore.
604	19/02/2020	Jessica Landreth	Do not ban whitebaiting
605	19/02/2020	Daniel Rosie	
606	19/02/2020	Jacinda Batchelor	
607	19/02/2020	Marrienne Howell	
608	19/02/2020	Nathan Van der krigt	
609	19/02/2020	Angela Jackson	
610	19/02/2020	Mick Johns	
611	19/02/2020	Shirley Walls	
612	19/02/2020	Steve Stangster	
613	19/02/2020	Mike Moffitt	Let's see the science first then if there is a problem we will know how to address it
614	19/02/2020	William Plunkett	
615	19/02/2020	Nicholas Wyngaarden	

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616	19/02/2020	Owen Little	
617	19/02/2020	Pam Fleck	Whitebaiting should be retained for hobby whitebaiters but it should be illegal to sell it or serve in restaurants. Make the season generic across NZ and limit to 2 months.
618	19/02/2020	Mark Frost	
619	19/02/2020	Brenda Syminton	
620	19/02/2020	Craig Pethig	
621	19/02/2020	Jeanette Harmer	
622	19/02/2020	John Buckley	Lowering the standard of water pollution - what a bloody cop out - clean up the water ways for the future generation
623	19/02/2020	Jemma Hudson	
624	19/02/2020	Neil Linklater	
625	19/02/2020	Emily Todd	
626	19/02/2020	Shirley McKerchar	
627	19/02/2020	Zane Collins	I also believe that to fish on the West Coast you should live on the West Coast or pay rates on the West Coast. They would highly relieve the pressure here if DOC really thinks there is a problem with whitebait numbers.
628	19/02/2020	John Pope	
629	19/02/2020	Bella Nolan	
630	19/02/2020	Beverley Ceci	
631	19/02/2020	Paula Acuna	
632	19/02/2020	Richard Meechang	clear our waterways
633	19/02/2020	Matt Chong Sue	whitebait should still be home business and income for fishermen who strive since their ancestors.
634	19/02/2020	Daniel Guler	
635	19/02/2020	Keith Henderson	
636	19/02/2020	Jody Fauth	Whenever I come back to the West Coast to visit my family one of the things I look forward to most is a whitebait patty sandwich at Jackson's on the way over the Pass. Don't take away something that makes the Coast the Coast.
637	19/02/2020	Reuben O'Connell	
638	18/02/2020	Chris Naylor	
639	18/02/2020	Casey Irvine	
640	18/02/2020	Phillip Mitchell	Don't close the rivers please
641	18/02/2020	Cory King	
642	18/02/2020	Mike Hammer	
643	18/02/2020	Tony Thomson	
644	18/02/2020	Faye Reynolds	As well as the West Coast having a shorter whitebait season the West Coast is also governed by the weather which is always at its wettest in Spring, this year the rivers were in flood for 30 days and the days either side of this were unfishable as well so out of 75 days available to Coasters that doesn't leave much for fishing. On the Coast the weather is limiting the number of whitebait caught.
645	18/02/2020	Dave Bennett	
646	18/02/2020	Lesley Spence	Definitely. Support Submission
647	18/02/2020	Caroline Burgess	
648	18/02/2020	Wazza Beckett	Need to clean up the water standard.
649	18/02/2020	Timothy Murray	
650	18/02/2020	Kate Draper	
651	18/02/2020	Paul Bretherton	
652	18/02/2020	James Hume	
653	18/02/2020	John Noonan	I am deeply concerned about calls from the more radical conservationists for the banning of commercial whitebaiting. This view is often used by them and sympathetic news media to portray commercial whitebaiters as a group that is recklessly overfishing a scarce resource for financial gain. It is a falsehood that urgently needs to be publically exposed and corrected. The reality is quite the opposite. The obvious answer to their argument being that it is in the best interest of the commercial whitebaiters to carefully manage and conserve the resource and indeed if this is not the case then they would have long depleted whitebait species to a level that made commercial fishing uneconomic. These tactics are disturbingly similar to those used by despots and dictators over the centuries in so much as they falsely identify a group to blame and then vilify them regardless of the facts in order to further their own ambitions.
654	18/02/2020	Justin Tavinor	
655	18/02/2020	Chris Raynor	
656	18/02/2020	Frank Frost	

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657	18/02/2020	Maya Mahuika	This has been a tradition within the West Coast community and has sustained families for decades, if you don't want my kids to go hungry then let us keep whitebaiting.
658	18/02/2020	Dean Johnstone	
659	18/02/2020	Angie Foster	
660	18/02/2020	Esmee McIntosh	I would like to see whitebait licences for every whitebaiter like a trout licence.
661	18/02/2020	Danni Eggeling	
662	18/02/2020	Jacqui Low	
663	18/02/2020	Jack Wheeler	
664	18/02/2020	June Noonan	
665	18/02/2020	Todd Edwards	
666	18/02/2020	Mirielle de Ridder	
667	18/02/2020	Wendy Fennell	
668	18/02/2020	Jessie Clark	Our government sucks
669	18/02/2020	Nicholas Ilton	
670	18/02/2020	Kevin Tozer	Bring the rest of the country into the West Coast rules and regulations
671	18/02/2020	Tracey Baddeley	
672	18/02/2020	Lachie Buchanan-Brown	
673	18/02/2020	Dennis Cadigan	
674	18/02/2020	Rick Fennell	
675	18/02/2020	Chanelle Ferguson	
676	18/02/2020	Brian Hibbs	
677	18/02/2020	Daniel Breeze	
678	18/02/2020	Zoe Price	
679	18/02/2020	Vince Wood	
680	18/02/2020	Julie Taylor	
681	18/02/2020	Helen Freiman	Additionally to the submission below I do not support the phasing out of socknets and traps for registered stand holders.
682	18/02/2020	Blake Robinson	
683	18/02/2020	Rory McDonald	
684	18/02/2020	Allan McMurdo	
685	18/02/2020	Jon Phillipps	Additionally to the submission below I do not support the phasing out of socknets and traps for registered stand holders.
686	18/02/2020	Matt Hardman	
687	18/02/2020	Kevin Barber	
688	18/02/2020	Bridget El Bakkali	
689	18/02/2020	Richard Geary	
690	18/02/2020	Shaun Reardon	
691	18/02/2020	Karen James	
692	18/02/2020	Tim Pope	I think the West Coast large rivers are fine as they are with allt (<i>sic</i>) of water that bait can go any which way up. Smaller rivers where you can cover more water with nets maybe change length limits. There is no hard proof of a decline and I have seen whitebait run up rivers at all times of the year. Don't let Eugenie ruin our livelihood for our food gathering.
693	18/02/2020	Juanita Mckinney	I feel there is not enough information collected about the whitebait on the West Coast and the reason there is a decline in other areas is because the habitat has been [REDACTED] due to digging out creeks, ditches etc, plus the increase in dairy farms and their run off!! The sad thing about this whole affair is you are not getting information from the right people eg fisherman. But that is mainly because they don't trust you and won't normally talk to you!!! It will be criminal if we lose the right to whitebait, not just for us but for the generation to come. It may be a better idea to have a kiwi in charge of collecting data for the whitebait as well as foreigners don't understand how NZers feel about losing the right to whitebait.
694	18/02/2020	Leana Mitchell	
695	18/02/2020	Haley Degenhardt	It is unfair to ban whitebaiting
696	18/02/2020	Hannah Fitzgerald	
697	18/02/2020	Francis (Tas) Beer	
698	18/02/2020	Rowan Coutts	
699	18/02/2020	Jack Cameron	
700	18/02/2020	Lynette Hourston	No change to our whitebaiting until we have proven scientific data that is required. No more rivers on the West Coast to be closed.
701	18/02/2020	Dorothy Cameron	

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702	18/02/2020	Merrilyn Tait	How has the whitebait population been measured? Without measuring anything how can it possibly be managed? Like the seasons, whitebait will continue to come and go, some years in abundance and others not so much, that is nature.
703	18/02/2020	Jasmine Hadfield	
704	18/02/2020	Sam Taylor	
705	18/02/2020	Kathryn Mcmurdo	
706	18/02/2020	Jane Medicott	
707	18/02/2020	N van der Krogt	
708	18/02/2020	Adam D'Mellow	
709	18/02/2020	Tanyia Johnston	
710	18/02/2020	Zak Murdoch	
711	18/02/2020	Jake Nolan	
712	18/02/2020	Rebecca Boyce	In addition to the submission below I do not support the phasing out of sock nets for registered stand holders.
713	18/02/2020	Ayla Richards	
714	18/02/2020	Flynn Power	In addition to the submission below I do not support the phasing out of sock nets for registered stand holders.
715	18/02/2020	Jess Wright	
716	18/02/2020	Trish Gordon	
717	18/02/2020	Chris Watson	It's a coast ritual, I say let us whitebait
718	18/02/2020	Ewan Black	
719	18/02/2020	Lynda Horne	
720	18/02/2020	Luke Elliott	
721	18/02/2020	Charlene Elliott	
722	18/02/2020	Mark Morley	
723	18/02/2020	Chris Taylor	
724	18/02/2020	Tony Mattson	What about removing all stands
725	18/02/2020	Martin Darmody	The rest of the country needs to put in place some of the practices on the West Coast , I know of self imposed rules which are strictly followed to limit fishing on some stretches of water, also no fishing within 500m of the mouth in some areas and the whitebait companies employ a number of people who pay taxes on any income earned from whitebaiting.
726	18/02/2020	Cameron Leng	
727	18/02/2020	Ryan Miller	I also do not support the phasing out of sock nets or traps for registered stand holders.
728	18/02/2020	Nicola Batchelar	
729	18/02/2020	Nick Johnston	
730	18/02/2020	Rob John	
731	18/02/2020	Shane Hurdell	
732	18/02/2020	Gregory Hine	Keep everything the same but ban floating or multi trap socknets
733	18/02/2020	Lisa Nolan	
734	18/02/2020	Jared Cooper	
735	18/02/2020	Ellen Pulman	
736	18/02/2020	Phillip Boyce	
737	18/02/2020	Anna Everest	
738	18/02/2020	Nathan Monachan	
739	18/02/2020	Tylia Dickinson	
740	18/02/2020	Tina Taylor	Whitebaiting has been a NZ activities of generations. A way to gather food and for many a way to increase an income for a few months of the year. I think that what rules are in place need to be enforced and that those on a benefit shouldn't be able to go gain an income and not declare it.
741	18/02/2020	Josh Keogj	
742	18/02/2020	Brett Johnston	
743	18/02/2020	Kirsty Hadfield	
744	18/02/2020	Grant Webster	I support leaving the way it is.
745	18/02/2020	Krystal Sardelich-mcnutt	
746	18/02/2020	Terri Johnston	
747	18/02/2020	Selina Bungard-Buchanan	
748	18/02/2020	Michael O'Donnell	

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749	18/02/2020	Maurice Beveridge	I have been a whitebaiter for 54 years missing last season through bad health. In all those years I have seen no decline in the amount of whitebait being caught. In fact the last season I fished was a record for me. We have seen fluctuations but there is no sign of decline.
750	18/02/2020	Kathleen Beveridge	My family has fished for over 50 years and we have not seen any sign of declining numbers. Different seasons, yes, but weather plays a big part in this. The 2018 season was one of the best we ever had. We didn't fish last season as my husband was sick. There has been no scientific evidence put forward that shows declining numbers.
751	18/02/2020	Ben Lamond	
752	18/02/2020	Bradley Owen	You worried about people catching a feed of whitebait and it being a recreational thing that the whole family can enjoy yet you don't mind dropping 1080 everywhere and wiping out other species of animals. Whitebaiting changes year to year some are good some are bad do your research properly not just based on your thoughts
753	18/02/2020	Kylie Miller	To ban fishing on entire rivers on the West Coast, you are taking away a passion for many people who have worked hard and invested a great deal of money into the recreational sport of whitebaiting. Many of our family and friends in the West Coast whitebaiting community are retired and will physically not be able to continue what they love if screens and traps are banned as they will not have the strength to lift large untrapped nets. It's so sad to see all these people so upset and stressed knowing their greatest pastime is going to be taken away from them. Shame on the NZ Government.
754	18/02/2020	Craig Buchanan	
755	18/02/2020	Laurie Ludlow	
756	18/02/2020	Mike Sweetman	get some catch records, doc has no idea how much whitebait has been caught.
757	18/02/2020	Bill Garth	
758	18/02/2020	Sam Hodgson	Why wouldn't we want clear water . . . 100% pure
759	18/02/2020	Orion Daley-Coers	1. The South Island West Coast should not have any changes made to its regulations unless scientific research backs this up. 2. Other regions should match our regulations ASAP. 3. There may be regional changes at the river needed as well as things like stand length , distance apart, peg location needed to be decided regionally. 4. There needs this understanding that scientific data is ESSENTIAL to bring about change and to monitor it. There is no place for ad-hoc decisions or favouritism. 5. Maori should not be awarded ownership of our rivers and waterways and the fish within these 'belong' to all KIWIS not racism within one group. 6. Commercial fishing should be retained as it provides a service for those who can't fish and business for others. 7. a catch diary should be mandatory when purchasing a licence to fish whitebait to help with data gathering. 8. DOC needs to stop allowing grazing rights to farmers for their stock. They eat regenerating vegetation, trample or eat spawning vegetation and pollute the waterways. 9. One organisation should be set up to monitor whitebait not fragmented as presently. 10. Fines for breaking the rules etc should be harsher and rivers monitored more than is happening now. 11. Funding needs to be put into developing spawning places even the use of hay bales to start with.
760	18/02/2020	Steve Joll	Fix the water
761	18/02/2020	Kate Bills	
762	18/02/2020	Sarah Bills	
763	18/02/2020	Karen Bills	
764	18/02/2020	Geoff Bills	
765	18/02/2020	Ramarie Williams	
766	18/02/2020	Cassidy Buchanan	
767	18/02/2020	Daniel Shipgood	
768	18/02/2020	Tom Horncastle	Definite need for whole of NZ to have same rules and season dates. And to take two weeks off the season
769	18/02/2020	Linda Boyd	
770	18/02/2020	David Skinner	
771	18/02/2020	Norris Quirk	
772	18/02/2020	Sheryl Willmott	
773	18/02/2020	Mathew Coats	
774	18/02/2020	Glenn Priddle	
775	18/02/2020	Rachel Kerr	
776	18/02/2020	Stuart Robertson	Do not close west coast whitebaiting season or rivers . . . Bring the rest of NZ into the same length of season start to finish.
777	18/02/2020	Leesha Moore	
778	18/02/2020	Graeme Reid	
779	18/02/2020	Bill Westwood	
780	18/02/2020	Brendon Moore	
781	18/02/2020	Rob Willmott	

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782	18/02/2020	Jillian Moore	
783	18/02/2020	Gerald Moore	
784	18/02/2020	Amanda Warburton	The West Coasters implemented sustainable fishing in the 1960s and it has proved successful to this day.
785	18/02/2020	Luke Grant	The West Coasters implemented sustainable fishing in the 1960s and it has proved successful to this day.
786	18/02/2020	Carter Grant	The West Coasters implemented sustainable fishing in the 1960s and it has proved successful to this day.
787	18/02/2020	Kelsey Grant	The West Coasters implemented sustainable fishing in the 1960s and it has proved successful to this day.
788	18/02/2020	Matthew Grant	The West Coasters implemented sustainable fishing in the 1960s and it has proved successful to this day.
789	18/02/2020	Lee-Anne Avery	I support the removal of sock nets
790	18/02/2020	Sean Reid	
791	18/02/2020	June Elvin	
792	18/02/2020	Roy Dodunski	
793	18/02/2020	Tony Elvin	
794	18/02/2020	Nick Dennis	
795	18/02/2020	Ryan Butcher	
796	18/02/2020	Guy Roulston	I have been a whitebait fisherman on the West Coast of the South Island for nearly 50 years and do not believe the fish are in decline. I do believe the rest of the country should come into line with our regulations as they are working well.
797	18/02/2020	David Foster	
798	18/02/2020	Alan Collins	One rule for all of NZ. No sock nets. Remove all traps from scoop nets. A licence that covers all recreational fishing that must be displayed at all times.
799	18/02/2020	Dean Paul	
800	18/02/2020	Elaine Brake	
801	18/02/2020	Mark & Annette Lawn	
802	18/02/2020	Leigh Mackintosh	
803	18/02/2020	Mark Pankhurst	
804	18/02/2020	Jason Tehiko	
805	18/02/2020	Corey Parker	
806	18/02/2020	Alan Smith	
807	18/02/2020	Bryan Vickery	
808	18/02/2020	Rachael Waugh	
809	18/02/2020	Mitchill Moir	
810	18/02/2020	Blair Columbus	Make a daily limit for all
811	18/02/2020	Kieran Ryan	
812	17/02/2020	Kimi Tawhiti	
813	17/02/2020	Penny Cassidy	
814	17/02/2020	Darran Adam	
815	17/02/2020	Joe Lange	
816	17/02/2020	Andrei Cheptitski	
817	17/02/2020	Alex Hall	
818	17/02/2020	Blake Hoffman	
819	17/02/2020	Sylvia Dillon	No evidence that there is a shortage of whitebait.
820	17/02/2020	Marie Edmonds	
821	17/02/2020	Janice Harnett	I whitebait and due to nature only got to fish ten days of our season (setnet).
822	17/02/2020	Keith Cassidy	
823	17/02/2020	Matt Molloy	
824	17/02/2020	Sylvia Kanara	
825	17/02/2020	Kayla Molloy-Jensen	
826	17/02/2020	Meredith Mildenhall	
827	17/02/2020	Monique Kingipotiki	
828	17/02/2020	Jimmy Waipouri	
829	17/02/2020	Chris Harriss	Stop dropping 1080 and you won't need to close West Coast whitebait
830	17/02/2020	Matthew Searle	
831	17/02/2020	Rebecca Searle	
832	17/02/2020	Troy Furness	
833	17/02/2020	Annette Garard	

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834	17/02/2020	Kirsten White	
835	17/02/2020	Grant White	
836	17/02/2020	Alana Tait	
837	17/02/2020	Lyn Mackie	
838	17/02/2020	Keegan Mark	
839	17/02/2020	Glenn Parker	
840	17/02/2020	Matthew Whittaker	
841	17/02/2020	Brian Crossman	
842	17/02/2020	Glen Storer	
843	17/02/2020	Michael Dodds	
844	17/02/2020	Rose Cochrane	
845	17/02/2020	Jamie Rough	
846	17/02/2020	Steve McMillan	Improve water quality is the only answer for all fresh water life
847	17/02/2020	Peter O'Sullivan	
848	17/02/2020	Toby Burns	
849	17/02/2020	Jennifer Roulston	I don't think West Coast regulations need to be changed. But I think the rest of the country should follow West Coast regulations.
850	17/02/2020	Barry Phillips	Ban 1080 if you want to ban something
851	17/02/2020	Mandy O'Sullivan	
852	17/02/2020	Judith Zieglmeier	
853	17/02/2020	Leah Mee	Leave Westland alone and listen to the people for a change.
854	17/02/2020	Dennis Power	I agree and support this submission
855	17/02/2020	John Harland	
856	17/02/2020	Stephen Lowe	
857	17/02/2020	Matthew Guitman	
858	17/02/2020	Nathan Cradock	
859	17/02/2020	Jeffrey Haugh	My only alteration to this submission is I would like to see a restriction or quota placed on the sale of whitebait and it only be sold by registered sellers not recreational fisherman.
860	17/02/2020	Richard Atkinson	
861	17/02/2020	Kerryn Singer	
862	17/02/2020	David Williams	
863	17/02/2020	Chloe Gladstone	
864	17/02/2020	Hamish McGregor-Koch	
865	17/02/2020	William Blythe	
866	17/02/2020	Dave Munro	
867	17/02/2020	Tuhoe Pitau	Let's stop the invasion
868	17/02/2020	Robert Oliver	Get some evidence before you make dramatic
869	17/02/2020	Ann Blythe	Not enough data available. In the early 1990s we had a very poor season with talk of a closed season to come but bumper season next. Think the flooding of rivers and not fishable through some seasons sends whitebait up rivers to breed
870	17/02/2020	Tommy Putaranui	Fix our water quality
871	17/02/2020	Wayne Malcolm	
872	17/02/2020	David Tonkin	
873	17/02/2020	Luke Widdowson	
874	17/02/2020	Te Morehu Wairama	
875	17/02/2020	Stephen Wadley	Water quality is what needs to be sorted out throughout the whole country it is killing more than whitebait
876	17/02/2020	Joe Turner	Let them fish!
877	17/02/2020	Che Frost	
878	17/02/2020	Josh Jago	Clean the waterways by use of technology
879	17/02/2020	Brett Mawson	
880	17/02/2020	Ben Donaldson	
881	17/02/2020	Ross Macrae	maybe cull the sea runners and salmon that are not native and clean up our wetlands.
882	17/02/2020	Simon Glubb	
883	17/02/2020	Len Barnden	limit amount that they can catch for commercial stands and have some type of paper trail to support the amount taken.
884	17/02/2020	Pete Hurst	

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885	17/02/2020	Oscar Curry	I agree with 4 points , but think regulations could be put in place for commercial sales.
886	17/02/2020	Amadeus Joseph	
887	17/02/2020	Carlene Packham	Results need to take into consideration populations of various regions.
888	17/02/2020	Hylton Cassin	
889	17/02/2020	Tamati Paki	
890	17/02/2020	David Keen	
891	17/02/2020	Carol Daley	<p>Commercial whitebaiting and recreational whitebaiting add to the local economy and wider in tourist regions. Not everyone who enjoys whitebait is able to fish for it, your proposed restrictions put this in jeopardy. People who know nothing about whitebaiting should not have their views taken into account. Some people with PC views such as 'I don't kill to eat' should have their head examined. Vegetation has been shown to have a chemical release when it is harvested. My main concern is that the West Coast, South Island will have more rivers closed when there is no justification for this. In fact Mike Hickford, who has researched our rivers for over 15 years says otherwise! There is no reduction in bait numbers. How can you just ignore this when you are aware of the facts??? DOC should not allow grazing on its reserves as they destroy riverbanks including spawning areas and pollute rivers!!! This is nonsensical that this is allowed, not just spawning areas being eaten and trampled, regeneration growth is eaten back, plus who wants to tramp behind a herd of cows.</p> <p>Wanting one set of rules to cover all rivers all of NZ is also ludicrous - I can't understand how you can even think this. So much for looking after reserves and the environment. A five metre stand is needed in some rivers, a 40 metre in others. You can't legislate this. National rules such as season length, back peg fishing, no boat fishing, no double nets etc can be national but the rest should be regional as we have on the West Coast. Maori should not be given ownership or monitoring of our rivers, they belong to Kiwis. NO Maori needs bait for everyday food despite what they say. They will commercially sale whitebait themselves if they gained oversight, no doubt of that. As with other resources in NZ its ok if I have to fish it, or sell it, but not you. One change and only one change that I support on the West Coast is reducing the season to Sept 1 to Oct 31 as a lot of by-catch and breeders come the last two weeks until Nov 15 presently. We have stopped fishing then voluntarily if this occurs. Monitoring whitebait needs to be more co-ordinated not three agencies to deal with. Internal decision making is needed to streamline who does what - preferably one organisationbut if not have in-house education of staff so that it's not the loudest voice that is heard. Money to enforce regulations via helicopter or boat needs to be made available. Some on our rivers break rules because they know that DOC will not show up and even if they are caught a small fine is worth the income they have received prior ro confiscation of nets etc - if helicopter they can't carry equipment.</p>
892	17/02/2020	Peter Hogg	DOC need to step back and stop ██████████ our country as in the end everything will be gone forever and the only thing left will be a heap of little idiots in green uniforms scratching their heads.
893	17/02/2020	Kevin Tinetti	
894	17/02/2020	Brendan Popenhagen	
895	17/02/2020	Sam Earl	I do not support the sale of whitebait
896	17/02/2020	Val Simpson	
897	17/02/2020	Miles Stichman	
898	17/02/2020	Robert Hutton	
899	17/02/2020	Ion Berry	I'm a kiwi overseas in Alberta Canada, and will be returning at some point to a land of fresh water and a clean environment not a country where standards have dropped so low that peoples/ wildlife/fisheries have been sold out to foreign interests. This Government should never drop water quality. Whitebait for ever . . .
900	17/02/2020	Mark Paterson	
901	17/02/2020	Nathlie Ruddle	
902	17/02/2020	Brad Lang	
903	17/02/2020	Brock Beyer	
904	17/02/2020	Vincent Bayley	A lot more research is still needed.
905	17/02/2020	Callum Bryant	
906	17/02/2020	Paul Roff	
907	17/02/2020	Tony Higgins	
908	17/02/2020	Sharon Burnby	
909	17/02/2020	Jermarl Pomana	██████ the ████████ useless ████████ in government
910	17/02/2020	Colin Stuart	
911	17/02/2020	Sadie Stuart	
912	17/02/2020	Aaron Ryan	Totally agree, water quality and habitat is the main problem.

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913	17/02/2020	Glenn Moir	
914	17/02/2020	Daniel Buchanan	
915	17/02/2020	Michael Nolan	
916	17/02/2020	Omid Rastkar	
917	17/02/2020	Brian Mcguire	Do not want the season changed as it is too cold in August for whitebaiting on the West Coast. We can also lose a months fishing due to floods. Bring everyone in line with the West Coast and leave it as it is.
918	17/02/2020	Adrian Squires	
919	17/02/2020	Geoff Lanagan	Fix the water quality which will fix the whitebait
920	17/02/2020	Mark Coulbeck	Cleaner river quality should be the ultimate target.
921	17/02/2020	Julie Mcguire	Have been whitebaiting fishing for 55 years you have good years and not so good seasons I do not believe that the whitebait have declined as we had our best season two years ago.
922	17/02/2020	Michael Cassidy	
923	17/02/2020	Tony Biemond	
924	17/02/2020	Eli Humphrey	
925	17/02/2020	Tony Tatham	DOC are incompetent at making any viable decisions regarding fershwater ways in NZ.
926	17/02/2020	Mac Harris	
927	17/02/2020	Ryden Bain	
928	17/02/2020	Mark Harvey	
929	17/02/2020	Michelle Mcintosh	
930	17/02/2020	Andrew Little	
931	17/02/2020	Oren Callaghan	
932	17/02/2020	Rob Coers	There should be research carried out NOW before any changes are made re the West Coast baiting regulations. In 2018 research showed our whitebait harvest had not declined in the 15 year study yet you still want to close more rivers here - UNFAIR & UNWARRANTED. Each region has their own river characteristics and need their own regulations as well as national rules like length of season and requiring catch diaries each season. Maori should not be given ownership. They say we treat whitebait badly. What do they mean by this? Don't they just catch and eat bait like the rest of us do? If they were the only ones fishing commercially their views would change I'm sure. Maori were unable to catch and keep/store whitebait before Europeans arrived bringing technology with them. So how can traditional rights allow them to catch bait outside the season. RACIST. Spawning areas should be set up nationally - government needs to provide funding for this as its essential. It's also essential to stop DOC allowing stock to freely grazing unfenced waterways as this fouls and rivers and destroys potential spawning sites.
933	17/02/2020	Joyce Skipper	
934	17/02/2020	Paul Stephenson	
935	17/02/2020	Polly Hitchcock	
936	17/02/2020	Erica Packham	
937	17/02/2020	Paul Branch	Clean up the waterways first and stop the sale.
938	17/02/2020	Blair Douglas Hoult	I feel there is not enough scientific evidence to take people's livelihoods away. By changing rules that make whitebaiting impossible. DOC is meant to be a scientific dept and yet without scientific data is going forward changing peoples way of life. Sort out the loss of habitat. Get the rest of the country to have west coast rules. I have watched huge amount of whitebait pour up the river past all fishers.
939	17/02/2020	John Hei Hei	Yas save the coasters.
940	17/02/2020	Adela Sioco	
941	17/02/2020	Brent Growcott	It makes sense to have the whole country on the same regulations, but don't over regulate the fishery either.
942	17/02/2020	Steve Bryant	
943	17/02/2020	Fiona Boulton	
944	17/02/2020	Peter Boulton	
945	17/02/2020	Nadezhda Lisitsina	
946	17/02/2020	Joella Allcott	First and foremost , the water quality of whitebait breeding habitat must be addressed. Breeding grounds are still being trashed by farm run off and draining. Export of whitebait must be stopped and there should definitely be quota for recreational fishermen. The whitebait season should be the same throughout NZ.
947	17/02/2020	Owen Pratt	I think the cost of fishing licences should be lowered and trout fishing made to be a longer season since they are the biggest threat to whitebait
948	17/02/2020	Tony Whyte	Without scientific research the proposals made do not make sense in any way and do not match with the science known about the fishery. Start a concerted effort to understand the fishery before proposing half thought through fixes.

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949	17/02/2020	Ethan Beijeman	
950	17/02/2020	Rachelle Dennison	Leave NZ pastimes alone
951	17/02/2020	Gary Ponting	It's a no brainer, get on with it.
952	17/02/2020	Lisa Beijeman	
953	17/02/2020	Maree Davidson	Should any further West Coast rivers be closed, all affected stand owners should be compensated in full!!! The West Coast has a special and unique culture all of its own, and the tradition of whitebaiting is a big part of bringing families and friends together. Local communities and businesses rely heavily on this time of the year as they have already had to face major losses of employment and income from significant closures of mining and forestry. The negative impact from natural elements of weather and earthquakes is out of everyones hands and create times of isolation. The decision to leave unchanged the current whitebait season and all the positive impact it brings to us all is in your hands. Please leave the West Coast alone.
954	17/02/2020	Nick Lewis	Please allow nz's to enjoy the outdoors unencumbered by government rules
955	17/02/2020	Shane Fulton	
956	17/02/2020	Darryl Tasker	It's time to be proactive not reactive, reduce amount caught unlike other fisheries who left it too late.
957	17/02/2020	Mark Nicoll	Already over regulated. It just needs more people to monitor it.
958	17/02/2020	Barry Ward	
959	17/02/2020	Greg Walther	
960	17/02/2020	Richard Miller	Too much control put on the wee man but not fixing the issues that are actually causing the issues. Josh James made a very relevant point in the water quality is bad not the over fishing. Quota should be in place and the water quality standards should be improved before its cut off to the wee man.
961	17/02/2020	Donna Mitchell	
962	17/02/2020	John Davidson	Should any further West Coast rivers be closed, all affected stand owners should be compensated in full!!! The West Coast in particular is very unique in that small communities and businesses rely heavily on the support they get from the annual influx of whitebaiters. It is culture and part of the fabric of the West Coast.
963	17/02/2020	Matthew Thomson	
964	17/02/2020	Michael Fitzgerald	I believe all white baiters in NZ should be under the same regulations (those used for the West Coast). Especially the use of backpegs on all rivers so whitebait can get upstream to breed. Stick with the West Coast fishing hours and season (1 Sept to 15 Nov).
965	17/02/2020	Brendon Pienaar	
966	17/02/2020	Hunter Devery	
967	17/02/2020	Val Smith	
968	17/02/2020	Kelly Morrison	
969	17/02/2020	Vicki Baker	
970	17/02/2020	Adam Belton	
971	17/02/2020	Mark Wellington	
972	17/02/2020	Dave Linders	Clean up the water and the population will increase. Whitebait are very very susceptible to pollution.
973	17/02/2020	Craig Stapleton	
974	17/02/2020	Gareth Garland	Clean our rivers!! Hold those accountable for the pollution. Be it government, councils, farmers the blame needs to start at the top. And get some kind of quota/licence to sell it.
975	17/02/2020	Daniel Case	I am a west coast local from westport. I think the big things are the dirty waterways. It's crazy the filth and how gross the buller is can't swim at shingles or mars beach. I think that's y they get no where to safe health to breed. The 1080 that flow in all the rivers in the west coast won't be helping anything either but that's another issue. Use need to get off your arses and get people out cleaning the waterways so they can be clean again even swimable for us kiwis to play around in our own backyard.
976	17/02/2020	Tim McGoldrick	Get your facts right, this is nothing to do with overfishing.
977	17/02/2020	Michelle Black	Closing down rivers is simply a knee jerk reaction. Improve habitats and water quality first before making unnecessary closures.
978	17/02/2020	Kyle Lawson	Clean the waterways instead of making the water quality less to meet make it more and clean up the waterways!
979	17/02/2020	Peter Henderson	
980	17/02/2020	Stephen Webb	Clean our water ways GOV
981	17/02/2020	Graeme Detlaff	
982	17/02/2020	Bronwyn Creagh	
983	17/02/2020	Paul Sculpher	
984	17/02/2020	Isabella Hall	

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985	17/02/2020	Brittany Ferguson	
986	17/02/2020	Joseph Mason	
987	17/02/2020	Malcolm Hendrie	
988	17/02/2020	Andrew Nidd	
989	17/02/2020	Ryan Davey	
990	17/02/2020	Steven Tozer	
991	17/02/2020	Carl Skipper	Please listen to what you are told by experienced people in our community
992	17/02/2020	Daniel McDonald	
993	17/02/2020	Nicholas Harvey	Why lower the water quality that's stupid clean it up don't stut (<i>sic</i>) the whitebait #cleanNZup
994	17/02/2020	Mary Fenemor	
995	17/02/2020	John Hill	
996	17/02/2020	Chris Hallmond	Need to clean up waterways not close them or just sack the government
997	17/02/2020	Tania Hadley	There has four generations of my family that have whitebait on the cobden side for over 30+ years . . . So this means a lot to us.
998	17/02/2020	Jeremy Lewis	
999	17/02/2020	Andrew Brown	
1000	17/02/2020	Stephen Short	Listen to this man he knows what he is talking about
1001	17/02/2020	Brendon Adair	
1002	17/02/2020	Laurence Cameron	
1003	17/02/2020	Neil Darling	
1004	17/02/2020	Bob Woodford	
1005	17/02/2020	Craig Fensom	
1006	17/02/2020	Margaret Woodford	
1007	17/02/2020	Moana Lawrence	
1008	17/02/2020	Hayley Brown	
1009	17/02/2020	Nic Dale	Please address declining whitebait levels by making their habitat and the water quality of the habitat sufficient so they can survive.
1010	17/02/2020	Joanna Clarke	
1011	17/02/2020	Jamie Baird	I 100% agree with this submission
1012	17/02/2020	Steven Cooke	
1013	17/02/2020	Denny Hunter Duffield	I think we need to be focused more on rehabilitation towards habitat so we can keep the West Coast tradition alive and sustainable for younger generations.
1014	17/02/2020	Andrew Stokes	
1015	17/02/2020	Michael Sheriff	Save us from Sage's destruction
1016	17/02/2020	Jesse McGimpsey	
1017	17/02/2020	Catherine Woods	Save it please
1018	17/02/2020	Kris Torstonsen	No brainer
1019	17/02/2020	Jack Arnopp	Work on the quality of the current habitat
1020	17/02/2020	Keith Kelly	
1021	17/02/2020	Peter Pascoe	
1022	17/02/2020	Keren Bond	
1023	17/02/2020	Hamish Hope	Let's tidy up our rivers instead for better habitat
1024	17/02/2020	Les Smith	
1025	17/02/2020	Jim Moffitt	
1026	17/02/2020	Jimmy Teen	Stop the greenie nut jobs
1027	17/02/2020	Boris Huch	
1028	17/02/2020	Evan Morgan	
1029	17/02/2020	Sam Horsnell	Dairy farming is the biggest cause of river and water table damage, fix the problem that has caused the damage before banning one of the many side affects. It all comes down to \$\$\$, stop allowing overseas import/export to change our country to fill people's pockets. The country is supposed to be clean, green NZ. Getting worse by the day!
1030	17/02/2020	John Griffin	Government do it properly, to clean the rivers so whitebait thrive
1031	17/02/2020	James Taylor	
1032	17/02/2020	Clarrie Ross	As long as you have Eugenie Sage and her ilk running DOC, nothing will change. And the same time with this government they have their own agenda and looking after Nzers and retaining their way of life is not part of it, vote wisely.

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1033	17/02/2020	Michael Robertson	Fix the water quality issues in our rivers. Banning whitebait is not addressing the real issue here. Introduce licences to fund breeding and research programmes.
1034	17/02/2020	Suzanne Odonoghue	
1035	17/02/2020	Chris Mason	
1036	17/02/2020	Sean Woodham	Water quality in lower North Island rivers, creeks and swamps is so bad it is no longer safe to swim in. It's appalling it has come to this, NZ government no matter what [REDACTED] party is or was in power must fix and be held accountable for bringing our waterways back.
1037	17/02/2020	Guy Radford	
1038	17/02/2020	Daniel Phillips	
1039	17/02/2020	Matthew Clifford	
1040	17/02/2020	John Searle	Protect habitat and raising water quality standards
1041	17/02/2020	Bryan Detlaff	
1042	17/02/2020	Bradon Young	
1043	17/02/2020	Larry Schultz	Idiots running the lifeblood of NZ
1044	17/02/2020	Joshua Kirby	
1045	17/02/2020	Brian Snooks	
1046	17/02/2020	Tane Baird	Sort out all the river ways. Clean them up and stop trying to take the lazy way out by banning whitebaiting it doesn't make sense but neither does 1080 but you use that.
1047	17/02/2020	Cori Karaitiana	Poor water quality
1048	17/02/2020	Erin Filer	
1049	17/02/2020	Ross Morris	Bring the rest of the country under West Coast rules with back markers
1050	17/02/2020	Reece Jones	
1051	17/02/2020	Angie Stenning	I totally support the submission
1052	17/02/2020	Mathew Foxcraft	Clean up the water ways and create more suitable habitats
1053	17/02/2020	Zane Ellis	
1054	17/02/2020	Tracey-Erin Cleghorn	
1055	17/02/2020	Jason Thomas	
1056	17/02/2020	Elizabeth Cunneen	
1057	17/02/2020	Tui Dellaca	Should not ban exporting whitebait as commercial whitebait farming is happening and banning export limits whitebait farming. Why ban an export industry?
1058	17/02/2020	Kate Fairhall	As per below.
1059	17/02/2020	Angie Newton	
1060	17/02/2020	Alan Preater	
1061	17/02/2020	Rebecca Fittock	
1062	17/02/2020	Grant Newton	
1063	17/02/2020	Jeanette Sandri	
1064	17/02/2020	Danica Kostic	
1065	17/02/2020	Russell Procter	
1066	17/02/2020	Jennifer Shaw	
1067	17/02/2020	Donald Hibbs	
1068	17/02/2020	Jan Basil	
1069	17/02/2020	Leanne Hart	Sack Sage
1070	17/02/2020	Mark Roulston	Whitebaiters are generally responsible people and want a sustainable fishery.
1071	17/02/2020	Hamish McMullan	I strongly believe in the attached statement and push for a balanced review over a long period of time before decisions are made regarding regulations.
1072	17/02/2020	Bryony Keating	I strongly believe more research is needed and more data needs to be attained in order for an informed decision to be made on the management of whitebait throughout NZ not just the West Coast. I hope that the voices of the people who live on the West Coast and have fished on its rivers for generations are listened to and not just pushed aside by one track minded people. I support the attached.
1073	17/02/2020	Mark Gibson	Inanga and Galaxiids need more research into breeding on juvenile life cycle population dynamics.

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1074	17/02/2020	Terry Birch	I'm a whitebaiter from Southland, I fish on the mouth, on one of the first stands of the Matarua river, have kept records for the past 12 years, each year our catch rate has gone up, this year was very good, we have seen more adult whitebait in the past two years than ever, I have never seen DOC on the river asking what our catch rate is? The records are there as we as whitebaiters want to protect our fishery as well, it's not hard to ask people how their season is going to get some data about what is going on in the rivers. I think DOC and co could do better for the fishery if they took their time to ask the people on the rivers whats happening out there, and I mean the big rivers not the ones that run through towns as we have seen in the past in the papers after the open day reporters asking how its going this guy said very poor season, it was his first fishing season, it would have helped if his net was facing the right way down the river , these comments and photos do not show how our fishery is going , get out of your offices and get some data.
1075	16/02/2020	Raelene Hall	
1076	16/02/2020	Jonathon Harris	
1077	16/02/2020	Mata Holiday	
1078	16/02/2020	Lauretta Kini	
1079	16/02/2020	Erica McClintock	
1080	16/02/2020	Sami Johnston	
1081	16/02/2020	Sarah Bray	
1082	16/02/2020	Kirsten Campbell	
1083	16/02/2020	Chris Lewis	
1084	16/02/2020	Lee Martin	you Sage
1085	16/02/2020	Andy Smith	
1086	16/02/2020	Pete Wanrooy	I support this submission
1087	16/02/2020	Angela Bradley	I support this submission
1088	16/02/2020	Lynlee Langridge	My husband and I have found that whitebaiting has not only been a great pastime. We are 5th generation whitebaiters and proud to be so. I would like to see the whitebait regulations enforced on the West Coast to be mandatory throughout NZ.
1089	16/02/2020	Logan Langridge	As a third generation whitebaiter I have a strong passion for the industry and a great respect for our water species and environment. I firmly believe that the West Coast is being prosecuted unfairly and unconventionally without any support from scientific data. I grew up with the knowledge that you didn't fish more than you needed or take from a river anything that didn't need to be fished. This has a huge impact on the West Coast mental wellbeing as it is a massive stress release for many in the area. If whitebaiting was stopped it would destroy the commuities built around whitebait.
1090	16/02/2020	Stephen Langridge	The West Coast season should stay the same as it is due to the fact that most years we can only fish for 50% of the season due to the rivers being unfishable due to flooding. I do feel that sock nets should be discarded within the process of whitebaiting because they catch everything that swims (not only whitebait). I would like to see the rest of NZ be brought under the same strict guidelines and enforcements as is currently operated on the West Coast.
1091	16/02/2020	Ashley Wallace	
1092	16/02/2020	Phill Mercer	Sock nets, lazy way of fishing and boring. Just saying.
1093	16/02/2020	Sue Stewart	
1094	16/02/2020	Carolyn Thelning	
1095	16/02/2020	Alan Stewart	
1096	16/02/2020	Cecelia Gray	
1097	16/02/2020	Leigh Roulston	
1098	16/02/2020	Alvin Mc Cullough	I've been fishing for a decade and the quantity of fish has been steady. I have not seen any decline of whitebait numbers.
1099	16/02/2020	Jolon Lilley	I personally believe that the whole country should be fishing the West Coast rules.
1100	16/02/2020	Alastair Caddie	
1101	16/02/2020	Geoffery Hill	
1102	16/02/2020	Michael Buchanan	The West Coast whitebait fishery is, in no way in decline, therefore the regulations applied there are obviously suitable to sustain the fishery. Some more habitat work etc should make it sustainable for years to come as it is. These regs need to be rolled out over the rest of the country and, with habitat improvement, I see no reason other regions will also flourish.
1103	16/02/2020	Michelle Manera	
1104	16/02/2020	Robin Manera	
1105	16/02/2020	Murray Wyatt	
1106	16/02/2020	Bruce Poulsen	

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1107	16/02/2020	Pauline Kirker	Why do you have to take everything away. Let the whitebaiters enjoy their whitebaiting for the short period that they have.
1108	16/02/2020	Mike Ford	Each fishing area needs to be treated on its own merit. Quota systems have worked well for other fisheries
1109	16/02/2020	Moana Kerr	Would like to see evidence of changes in fishing ie numbers of people catching & sizes of catches, seasonal fluctuations in migrations & species over periods of years.
1110	16/02/2020	Morgan Ford	I don't mind the idea of enforcing daily catches
1111	16/02/2020	Katie Silcock	
1112	16/02/2020	Julie Coll	First step should be to have the rest of the country adhere to regulations that already govern the West Coast season. Locals maintain that the whitebait on the West Coast has not changed over the years as stated by DOC.
1113	16/02/2020	Gina Schroder	
1114	16/02/2020	Merv Pascoe	
1115	16/02/2020	Irene Pascoe	
1116	16/02/2020	Brendan Scott	
1117	16/02/2020	Stewart Burnby	Government hands off whitebait. Only issue with the whitebait is the 1080 you are spraying on the land.
1118	16/02/2020	Donna Isaacson	
1119	16/02/2020	Bruce Hitchens	
1120	16/02/2020	Brendon Ross	
1121	16/02/2020	Rory Johnston	
1122	16/02/2020	Lisa Young	
1123	16/02/2020	Terrence Devlin	
1124	16/02/2020	Neil Tilson	I personally support this submission in every aspect and feel that bringing the rest of NZ in line with the West Coast season would be a huge benefit for the fishery.
1125	16/02/2020	Maralyn Hardy	
1126	16/02/2020	Heath Milne	
1127	16/02/2020	Kerry John Heveldt	
1128	16/02/2020	Phillipa Muir	
1129	16/02/2020	Hayden Thomas	
1130	16/02/2020	James Hill	
1131	16/02/2020	Mike Muir	
1132	16/02/2020	Catherine Fittock	
1133	16/02/2020	Valda Ford	
1134	16/02/2020	Tracey Dinan	
1135	16/02/2020	Helen Boyd	
1136	16/02/2020	Lynda Hill	From personal experience, whitebait populations are seasonal, fish numbers and catches are relative to weather and river conditions. From scientific evidence whitebaiters are responsible for catching about 10% of the whitebait population. Provision of good habitat for the natural breeding of whitebait is more important to the future survival of whitebait than regulations which impose restrictions on people fishing.
1137	16/02/2020	Kerry Carmine	
1138	16/02/2020	Steve Mintrom	
1139	16/02/2020	Jan Mintrom	
1140	16/02/2020	Joy Chambers	all I can say is in information below
1141	16/02/2020	Haast Beach General Store	These restrictions will effectively close this business down. This store provides an important local service for the community. The reduction of local services will force people to travel for goods and provisions. This increases green house emissions and consumption of fossil fuels . . . hardly eco-friendly.
1142	16/02/2020	Haast Beach Motel	
1143	16/02/2020	Karsten Ludwig	I believe the severe changes to be imposed on whitebaiting are not supported by the minimal data available.
1144	16/02/2020	Nicola Johnston	There is a lack of genuine stats to support such drastic changes. Based more on highly emotive media manipulation than genuine data. No consideration for significant changes already undertaken on the West Coast. West Coast should not be penalised for lack of proper fishery management in other regions. No consideration for massive impact on local businesses.
1145	16/02/2020	Simon Gill	
1146	16/02/2020	Jen Howard	
1147	16/02/2020	Tracey Mcfarlane	
1148	16/02/2020	Judy Morrissey	There appears to be no valid reason to suspend the whitebait season.

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1149	16/02/2020	Kenneth Arnold	
1150	16/02/2020	Shirley Arnold	
1151	16/02/2020	Rod and Andrea Clark	The financial impact on the West Coast will have huge losses for all business on the West Coast once again.
1152	16/02/2020	Marion Dawson	
1153	16/02/2020	David Lindsay	I do not support the removal of traps in sock nets as it a discrimination against older fishers and females (probabaly 50% of all stand holders). I strongly support the licensing of all fishers and the fees used to protect all spawning areas. (On the Jacobs river there are 2 spawning areas fenced and we have seen a marked improvement in catches, this was done by one of our stand owners). I would like to consider a quota system for stand holders and a limit bag for recreational fishers. I & my wife have been standholders for the past 42 years and the only difference in catches appears to be weather related.
1154	16/02/2020	Graham Hutchinson	
1155	16/02/2020	Dayna Buchanan	
1156	16/02/2020	David Mead	
1157	16/02/2020	Warren Boland	Ban traps in all nets
1158	16/02/2020	Jenny Hills	Over the last 10 years our catch has increased.
1159	16/02/2020	Murray Hills	I believe by attacking the whitebaiting community DOC has taken the easy option.
1160	16/02/2020	Stuart Cotton	
1161	16/02/2020	Kristal Meikle	
1162	16/02/2020	Carolyn Arnold	I fully support this submission.
1163	16/02/2020	Colin McKinny	
1164	16/02/2020	Darryn Fairhall	
1165	16/02/2020	John Ryall	Understanding please
1166	16/02/2020	Sam Power	I am a 3rd generation whitebaiter who values the opportunity my family have given me to continue the tradition we have. My mother currently fishes the stand with support from my brother and I who put the stand in and take it out every season. She has worked hard all her life so that in retirement she can enjoy the family gathering each season. She is very much a person who values sustainability all the family know that putting back the blackbait will help the fishery. I urge you to apply the rules of the West Coast fishery to the rest of NZ as a first measure. Follow this with licensing of baiters to give you the opportunity to monitor activities and then data gathering over the next five years to allow you to make an informed decision.
1167	16/02/2020	Pamela Mattson	
1168	16/02/2020	Lindsay Mattson	I agree I support the information below
1169	16/02/2020	Gary Reid	
1170	16/02/2020	Teresa Eden	The people actually doing the whitebait fishing need to be listened too.
1171	16/02/2020	Adrian Gardner	Everyone should be able to get a feed. Don't make the West Coast the conscience for the rest of the country. Believe me the people on the Coast will not just lie down.
1172	16/02/2020	Barbara Gough	Please read and implement
1173	16/02/2020	James Gibson	I'm a current stand holder on the Wanganui river in Harihari. I've fished on the Coast for 40 years. I believe in what I have seen over this time with the West Coast regulations which are currently in place and has worked sustainably over this time. However I do feel a couple of tweaks is all that is needed to make the fishery more sustainable into the future. To take traps out of all nets. The backpegs should come forward by at least 2-300 metres below the tide mark.
1174	16/02/2020	Steven Walker	
1175	16/02/2020	Stacey Colville	
1176	16/02/2020	Lee and Andrew Sinclair	
1177	16/02/2020	Alison Blanchfield	
1178	16/02/2020	Chris Blanchfield	
1179	16/02/2020	Murray Manson	Other conservation measured to be considered. Ban sock nets. Shorten the hours of fishing.
1180	16/02/2020	Bill Parlane	Make all regs the same as West Coast and all NZ
1181	16/02/2020	Timothy Brownlee	All I can say is in information below
1182	16/02/2020	John Creagh	If you had good information on the decline people might listen but not on your current information on whitebait.
1183	16/02/2020	John McInroe	Locking this up is not the answer
1184	16/02/2020	Christine Beadle	
1185	16/02/2020	Hayley Lloyd	
1186	16/02/2020	Warren Burrows	
1187	16/02/2020	Diana Barrett	

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1188	16/02/2020	Lauren Davidson	We have been whitebaiting for years on the East and now West Coast of the South Island. We follow all the rules our biggest haul for 10 days was 35kg, which we give to family and friends. We take my mother over and our children and their partners. It is good old fashioned family time. The people who rape the rivers will do that whether you change rules or not. They already break the rules. You will only be stopping families like us.
1189	16/02/2020	Judy MacKenzie	
1190	16/02/2020	Derek Johnson	Protection of habitat is the main issue facing whitebait.
1191	16/02/2020	Nastassija Harrison	
1192	16/02/2020	Gavin Thomas	
1193	16/02/2020	Holly Briggs	
1194	16/02/2020	Kevin Hayman	
1195	16/02/2020	Adam Wyatt	West Coast whitebait is being managed well at present, however I do support the banning of sock nets and traps.
1196	16/02/2020	David Waghorn	
1197	16/02/2020	Rosalie Waghorn	
1198	16/02/2020	James Robinson	The governments opinion is not the answer.
1199	16/02/2020	James McDougall	
1200	16/02/2020	Celeste Fitzgerald	
1201	16/02/2020	Jack Wright	
1202	16/02/2020	Billy Newble	
1203	16/02/2020	Chris Bascand	
1204	16/02/2020	Diane Scott	
1205	16/02/2020	Julie Penrose	
1206	16/02/2020	Francie Ilton	I feel that the whitebait season should be the same length of time throughout NZ. Trap nets should be banned. My records show that over the past 10 years an average 19 days per season I haven't fished because of unfavourable conditions eg flooding so I don't think our season should be shortened on the Coast.
1207	16/02/2020	Trudy Jenkins	looking to the future
1208	16/02/2020	Vaughan McEwen	
1209	16/02/2020	Charissa Harrison	
1210	16/02/2020	Peter Clark	I have enjoyed whitebaiting on both the East and West Coast of the South Island for over 45 years. It is vital any decision made regarding any further type of management are based on sound, scientific, quantifiable facts. Imperative to include all interested persons in dialogue regarding any possible changes to regulations as well.
1211	16/02/2020	Robyn McDonald	
1212	15/02/2020	Michael Jarvis	
1213	15/02/2020	Michael Robson	
1214	15/02/2020	Mark De Goldi	
1215	15/02/2020	Amanda Rutland	I have read the research and don't agree with the proposed changes for the West Coast. I believe the current status is entirely satisfactory for all those involved.
1216	15/02/2020	John Sweeney	
1217	15/02/2020	Sheri Wright	
1218	15/02/2020	Jillian Foster	
1219	15/02/2020	Murray Adams	
1220	15/02/2020	Margaret Robinson	
1221	15/02/2020	Joanne Le Brun	
1222	15/02/2020	Lynne Hawkins	I believe the best way to protect the whitebait fishery is to ban sock nets and traps in nets.
1223	15/02/2020	Alwyn Sarginson	Management is better than regulation.
1224	15/02/2020	Stephen Wilson	I am urging proactive consideration throughout the whole country, based on data obtained over timeframes accurately reflecting improvements being made.
1225	15/02/2020	Geoff Guenole	There is no evidence of a decline in whitebait in Westland and some years are large catches and others not so prolific. The Minister of Conservation has no mandate to ride roughshod over people on the West Coast on closing rivers. Consultation by her is a bloody joke. Leave the whitebait fishery on the West Coast alone.
1226	15/02/2020	Greg Simpson	
1227	15/02/2020	Vivienne Munro	
1228	15/02/2020	Brian (Gus) Heveltd	
1229	15/02/2020	Kyle Sangster	
1230	15/02/2020	Reece Patrick	

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1231	15/02/2020	Rebecca Harvey	Being a Coaster, I once thought the same rules applied all over NZ. I was shocked when I realised that the rules on the West Coast were stricter then everywhere else. First step towards conserving this resource should be to bring NZ in line with West Coast regulations. These rules make sense. A shorter season (because any person with any sense will know that they don't just run through the actual season) , and only fishing tidal zones means more chance for them to get to their breeding grounds. I feel that if the proposed river closures and restrictions on traps and screens will impact on the culture and economy of the West Coast during springtime. Although I am not entirely in agreement with the commercial buying and selling of this taonga, to stop this will only cause a black market for it.
1232	15/02/2020	Chris Manera	
1233	15/02/2020	Kevin Thomas	
1234	15/02/2020	Nick Bennett	personally I hate the fact that unregulated income brings low lifes and scum into the west coast. Tax the [REDACTED] do your [REDACTED] job.
1235	15/02/2020	Cory Tozer	
1236	15/02/2020	Karen Cameron	
1237	15/02/2020	Dianne Fleming	The whitebaiting season is a massively important activity on the West Coast. It needs to continue. If whitebait numbers have really reduced obviously levels of management will be necessary. But make sure it is managed well.
1238	15/02/2020	Murray McMurtrie	The West Coast (South Island) whitebait fishery leads the country in conservation measures in terms of sanctuaries closed to whitebaiting , season length, fishing gear, and setting methods, rules and regulations. Other areas should follow in their footsteps. Decisions are being based on lack of data. As a standholder, I would welcome the compulsory requirement to submit a seasonal catch diary as part of the annual registration fee process, to form a base over several seasons in which real migration data could be accumulated.
1239	15/02/2020	Russell King	
1240	15/02/2020	Vanessa Spencer	
1241	15/02/2020	Judeen Webster	
1242	15/02/2020	Doreen Marshall	I believe the whole of NZ should have the same whitebaiting rules and the same length of season. And you should have to fish your own area.
1243	15/02/2020	Bruce McNeish	
1244	15/02/2020	George Smith	I support this strongly
1245	15/02/2020	Pat Copp	DOC stands for death of conservation. You are not caretakers of the environment you are destroyers. Your Minister is as toxic as the 1080 Poison you use. You are taking away the rights of NZ citizens to enjoy the country they live in. Actually DOC stands Death and Destruction of our wildlife. This is ECOCIDE AND A CRIMINAL ACT. AS SUCH YOU SHOULD BE CHARGED AS BEING GUILTY OF ECOSIDE. THE WHITEBAIT ARE IN DEMISE BECAUSE OF 1080 POSION IN THE WATER DROPPED BY YOU.
1246	15/02/2020	Phil McKinnel	The proposed changes to the whitebait regulations is a blunt instrument that has been developed without appropriate consideration of a problem definition. It appears this is based on ideology and not scientific facts. Whitebaiting is a way of life on the West Coast and the proposed changes is yet another area where the definition of biodiversity has been narrowed to exclude the importance of human and social factors. West Coasters and visitors need to be able to continue to undertake important recreational activities. The economic benefits to the West Coast of the annual pilgrimage of fishers to their favourite rivers has not been given due consideration.
1247	15/02/2020	Neroli Nolan	I am totally against decisions made without accurate data. This will destroy a lifestyle that people treasure.
1248	15/02/2020	Terri Frazer	
1249	15/02/2020	Robert Thorn	
1250	15/02/2020	Patricia Thorn	
1251	15/02/2020	Linsey Bennington	
1252	15/02/2020	Joanne Galway	
1253	15/02/2020	Deborah Marley	You stop whitebaiting on the West Coast . . . It will change the structure of the West Coast.
1254	15/02/2020	Carolyn Okeefe	
1255	15/02/2020	Sheree Power	In addition to the submission below I do not support the phasing out of sock nets for registered stand holders.
1256	15/02/2020	Rex Mulholland	
1257	15/02/2020	Patrick Power	In addition to the submission below I do not support the phasing out of sock nets for registered stand holders.
1258	15/02/2020	Toni O'keefe	We are sustainable whitebaiters, its our culture for many generations
1259	15/02/2020	Mervyn Burrell	Having been a fisherman for over 65 years mostly on the Grey river I can say that in that time the amount of fish available in the river is still much the same with the usual fluctuations between seasons. I do have my catches recorded in my diary (garden) for the last ten plus years, previous recordings I have yet to find after moving house 10 years ago.
1260	15/02/2020	Michael Dunn	

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1261	15/02/2020	Sarah Ladbrook	
1262	15/02/2020	Lyn Armstrong	
1263	15/02/2020	David Symon	
1264	15/02/2020	Lynne Ford	
1265	15/02/2020	Damon Truscott	
1266	15/02/2020	Britanny Ladbrook	
1267	15/02/2020	I agree Coleman	I just feel there is still enough bait going up the rivers they should be left alone.
1268	15/02/2020	Gael Perry	
1269	15/02/2020	Brent Campbell	DOC wish to close rivers to whitebaiting based on no scientific study.
1270	15/02/2020	Bruce Lightfoot	There is totally NO evidence of any decline in the whitebait population. Indeed the output from westland/fjordland which can never be compromised (<i>sic</i>). A total impossibility (<i>sic</i>) on top of the fact that it is proven they can breed in sustainable quantities. Proves that DOC has other agenda.
1271	15/02/2020	Murray Cochrane	
1272	15/02/2020	Stephen Gibson	
1273	15/02/2020	Tania Gibson	
1274	15/02/2020	Lynn Findlay	
1275	15/02/2020	Shirley Ladbrook	
1276	15/02/2020	Craig Luscombe	
1277	15/02/2020	Amanda Luscombe	
1278	15/02/2020	Melanie Aldridge	Whitebaiting has long been an additional income and recreational activity for our family. As children we caught, cooked and enjoyed eating it at the river. I hope our children and generations to come will have the opportunity to partake in the challenges of catching these amazing fish.
1279	15/02/2020	Sarah Wilson	
1280	15/02/2020	Johnny Wilson	
1281	15/02/2020	Gayle Connolly	Leave our rivers alone. West Coast just fine. DOC if you just did your job properly rivers and wildlife would be just fine. 245t killed my baby that's why we have less fish wildlife its in our souls, our rivers and in the air we breath. Come on it's not overfished.
1282	15/02/2020	Cindy Russell	Love whitebaiting
1283	15/02/2020	Nadine Brears	
1284	15/02/2020	Desmond Ladbrook	
1285	15/02/2020	Jono Robinson	
1286	15/02/2020	Malcolm Bang	
1287	15/02/2020	Whiunara Reihana	
1288	15/02/2020	Luke Russell	
1289	15/02/2020	Paul Stretch	More factual studies have to be done on loss of habitat
1290	15/02/2020	Haileigh Russell	
1291	15/02/2020	Joy Flett	
1292	15/02/2020	Brain Flett	
1293	15/02/2020	Aaron Gorrie	
1294	15/02/2020	Catherine McGrath	I do not support the wholesale changes to the whitebait regulations. I strongly suggest to leave any changes to these regulations as they are for 2 years under the South Island West Coast rules regarding season length etc. for all of NZ. We are already displaying conservation for all whitebait species. In this 2 year span DOC can ramp up its policing of its regulations on all rivers; set in place a structure to collate true and accurate data catches; then take another look at the supposed demise of the species in total. Taking into account all factors and variables like introduced predators into our rivers, habitat demise, clear, clean water passage and weather patterns. I part own a stand on the Taramakau river on the West coast of the south island, I have been whitebaiting since I was five years old; then with my Dad I am now 66. For this past time as a recreational whitebaiter to be taken away from me even with the proposed current rules muted will be a huge loss to my lifestyle in that it helps my mental health, fitness and wellbeing. I firmly believe we as whitebaiters are an easy target for an issue that is manageable without changes to any current rules through more consultive management and gaining correct up to date data. I am vehemently against any changes muted and ask that the West Coast regulations stand as they are and for the rest of NZ to adhere to them. If you truly believe that it is me and my fellow whitebaiters that have bought the whitebait species to decline I want to be advised personally as to how you came to the juncture that whitebait species are in decline and the facts and figures based on this. Leave the whitebait to do as nature intended and they themselves will plan out their survival.

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1295	15/02/2020	Michelle Barber	
1296	15/02/2020	Colleen Symon	
1297	15/02/2020	Jonny Schwenke	
1298	15/02/2020	Angel Schwenke	
1299	15/02/2020	Malakai Schwenke	
1300	15/02/2020	Ken Home	
1301	15/02/2020	Alison Fox	
1302	15/02/2020	Anahera Home	
1303	15/02/2020	Clare Shaw	
1304	15/02/2020	Rob Shaw	
1305	15/02/2020	Colin Growcott	If the rest of NZ were to adopt the same regulations as the West Coast in terms of shorter season, back markers, shorter screens/stands and disallowing multiple nets and wings, having all screens attached to the bank together with new initiatives such as maximum intrusion into a river of 1/4 stream width, then more draconian steps such as closing whole rivers would not be required.
1306	15/02/2020	Kristy Nielson	
1307	15/02/2020	Julie-Anne Nielson	
1308	15/02/2020	Vanessa Brace James	You need to leave the coast alone
1309	15/02/2020	Malcolm Brace	Leave it as it is
1310	15/02/2020	Karen McMillan	
1311	15/02/2020	Riekie Macdonald	I agree and support the first 5. But do not agree with the next 4.
1312	15/02/2020	Malcolm Macdonald	I agree and support the first 5. But do not agree with the next 4.
1313	15/02/2020	Natalie Taft-Boddy	
1314	15/02/2020	Joan Hodge	
1315	15/02/2020	Darryn Wyber	
1316	15/02/2020	Shari Ferguson	Yes there is a lot of rush this and that thru by this government with no basis and why does the West Coast have to be the lock up for the rest of NZ
1317	15/02/2020	William Wilson	
1318	15/02/2020	Quintin Corkery	
1319	15/02/2020	Tony Mundy	
1320	15/02/2020	Michael Shearer	As a whitebaiter on the West Coast of the South Island for the past 70 years and a former stand inspector with the WC Regional council for 13 years I would love to see the banning of traps in nets. The exception being those rivers that have traditionally used these box trap nets such as the Cascade and Waitoto Rivers.
1321	15/02/2020	Michele Laugesen	
1322	15/02/2020	Julie Cain	
1323	15/02/2020	Patricia Brown	
1324	15/02/2020	Justine Reihana	Licensing whitebaiters and specifying which river /mouth they intend fishing may help in accurate data collection. A minimal fee given the short season.
1325	15/02/2020	Jeffrey Harris	
1326	15/02/2020	Debbie Smith	If 1080 was to be abolished and replaced with something that was kinder to the environment, I believe the habitat the whitebait so love would regenerate to a much healthier level, then the ecosystems would be better for all our birdlife that prosper from this habitat. I do however believe that powers at be need to take responsibility for this . . . it has nothing AT ALL to do with the whitebait becoming extinct, that has been talked about since the mid 80s . . . it's all to do with the habitat as I see it.
1327	15/02/2020	John Bannerman	There is quite sufficient closed off to the public for fishing, no time or consulting process has been carried out. All information is on whim of some want to be <i>(sic)</i> and not worried about any consequence to people's lifestyles.
1328	15/02/2020	Jean Little	
1329	15/02/2020	Stephen Briggs	
1330	15/02/2020	Nicole Buchanan	Change rest of NZ to comply with current West Coast regulations. Leave the West Coast regulations the same as they have been.
1331	15/02/2020	Megan Rossiter	We in the West Coast have the shortest season and have many no fishing zones there is no evidence to prove that fish are in such a decline that we need any further action.

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1332	15/02/2020	John C McLaren	You got to understand the main predators of whitebait is introduced brown trout they are eating them 24/7. Take away the licence fee for kids in estuarial waters instead of being only available to those who can afford a licence it's like you are protecting stoats of the water's the rich tourist can go upstream you'll never get rid of trout and they're eating them all the way out in the ocean all the way up the rivers and all year round.
1333	15/02/2020	Lynette Hawkes	
1334	15/02/2020	Adrienne Watts	
1335	15/02/2020	Gail Lineton	
1336	15/02/2020	Michael Lineton	
1337	15/02/2020	Daniel Rothsay	
1338	15/02/2020	Peter Reid	Also oppose banning of sock nets
1339	15/02/2020	David Buchanan	
1340	15/02/2020	Les Neilson	Keep at them
1341	15/02/2020	Stan Roney	If data proves whitebait are declining, myself being a conservative fisherman, like other whitebaiters, would believe some sort of measurement of control be applied. In no way your draconian suggestions be implemented.
1342	15/02/2020	Merv Smith	The banning of dropping or spraying poisons in all parts of a water course from the source to the sea should be mandatory to all, (this would include 1080 and brodifacoum). Towns and cities should have to dispose of waste water to land, not pollute the rivers and streams. Whitebait should not be sold by anyone without a commercial permit and be restricted by a quota of amounts caught. Recreational catching of whitebait. The present rules are sufficient and should be enforced.
1343	15/02/2020	Melissa Clark	
1344	15/02/2020	Rowan Barber	Let's keep the whitebaiting the way it is and has been for a long time.
1345	15/02/2020	GR Wallace	Please be mindful of the facts around the terrain, weather and the science regarding what you consider endangered.
1346	15/02/2020	Colleen Buchanan	Get the science before you destroy communities
1347	15/02/2020	Karen Robb	
1348	15/02/2020	Noel Jenkins	This has got to be done, for future generations to.
1349	15/02/2020	Natasha Mcfadyen	
1350	15/02/2020	Andrew Lash	
1351	15/02/2020	Viv Tait	
1352	15/02/2020	Robert Hudson	
1353	15/02/2020	Marion Hogarth	West Coast whitebait is sustainable
1354	15/02/2020	Glenn Coburn	
1355	15/02/2020	Marie Coburn	
1356	15/02/2020	Kaye Power	I do not think there has been enough research done to support this submission. It will just be another rushed unsubstantiated bill.
1357	15/02/2020	John Hopper	
1358	15/02/2020	Rose Greer	
1359	15/02/2020	Jasmine Stewart	
1360	15/02/2020	Trish Briggs	
1361	15/02/2020	Ash Clarke	
1362	15/02/2020	Julie Lucas	It needs to be researched and data provided. Rules and regulations should be equal across NZ, not just the West Coast. Close 23 rivers on the West Coast, you close 23 rivers in each catchment area. Also you shouldn't be able to fish West Coast rivers if you don't live on the West Coast. This needs to be regulated.
1363	15/02/2020	Sue Martin	
1364	15/02/2020	Krista Taylor	
1365	15/02/2020	Kamari Tinirau	
1366	15/02/2020	Ian Coates	Leave things alone, and as they are.
1367	15/02/2020	Jim Stevens	
1368	15/02/2020	Adam Cassidy	I believe any changes made should be based on research, facts and results. Not because of one group or organisations opinion.
1369	15/02/2020	Azariah Aitken	
1370	15/02/2020	Sarah Blanchfield	
1371	15/02/2020	James Lash	
1372	15/02/2020	Angela Lash	
1373	15/02/2020	Robert Lash	
1374	15/02/2020	Russell Hines	

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1375	15/02/2020	Bernadette Hines	
1376	15/02/2020	Rob Ormandy	
1377	15/02/2020	Luana Littleton	
1378	15/02/2020	Lyall Tait	Even scientific data will struggle for accuracy in this field but its got to be a hell of a lot better than emotional zelots trying to undermine our society with their political ideologicistic agenda.
1379	15/02/2020	Mark Fraser	
1380	15/02/2020	Phil Keen	
1381	15/02/2020	Lynnette Donoghue	
1382	15/02/2020	Judy Nicoll	
1383	15/02/2020	Jason Pamment	
1384	14/02/2020	Shirley Kroon	
1385	14/02/2020	Grant Brokenshire	
1386	14/02/2020	Kay Wilson	Make the rest of NZ fish to the same rules and dates as the West Coast of the South Island have to fish to.
1387	14/02/2020	Vanessa Neal	
1388	14/02/2020	Lisa Beams	Personally I think the whitebait should only be allowed to be caught for personal use only. If you want to sell it on to others have a licence to do so.
1389	14/02/2020	Shane Langridge	
1390	14/02/2020	David Fittock	
1391	14/02/2020	Rhonda Palten	
1392	14/02/2020	Les Van Dijk	
1393	14/02/2020	Janet Webster	I believe that there has not been enough research into the actual numbers of whitebait caught versus the number of bait making it to breeding grounds.
1394	14/02/2020	Daniel Beckley	
1395	14/02/2020	Liam O'Connell	
1396	14/02/2020	Nicholas Titulaer	
1397	14/02/2020	Kera Baker	I can not agree with media information publicised about whitebait without any true evidence and this needs to be considered. I have not seen any factual proof of evidence from DOC and I also believe the route that is being taken is highly in breach of the rights of Mana Whenua and Tangata Whenua rights to waterways and mahinga kai. I believe the rights of indigenous people are not being included either. Show me some evidence and data from the past 50 years. Facts direct from whitebaiters not imaginary data created by a select few who profess to know and actually exaggerate their views of extinction to media and people who are foolish enough to verbal diarrhoea that simply bears no truth.
1398	14/02/2020	Peter O'Connor	There has been no scientific data (rather than hearsay) produced by DOC and the Minister of Conservation to support their claims that whitebait numbers are declining. I am disappointed that this assumption regarding declining whitebait numbers has been broadcast as truth by the above parties, and the law has been changed to facilitate this claim.
1399	14/02/2020	Tony Hart	
1400	14/02/2020	Anne McGrath	The letter says it all.
1401	14/02/2020	Gavin Ladbrook	
1402	14/02/2020	Michael McGrath	
1403	14/02/2020	Lindsay Jellyman	
1404	14/02/2020	Cate Hurley	Coast is regulated enough. Leave us be and sort your own backyard first. Sick of being the NI conscience
1405	14/02/2020	Mark Williams	
1406	14/02/2020	Ryan Williams	
1407	14/02/2020	Denise Cassidy	
1408	14/02/2020	E Martin Everton	Decisions backed on the science please.
1409	14/02/2020	Morgan Hauraki	
1410	14/02/2020	Alan Blair	Put a back peg on all rivers, and do a survey for 5 years.
1411	14/02/2020	Robin Voigt	More research needs to be done into the proof numbers of whitebait that are in rivers.
1412	14/02/2020	Deane Blanchfield	Our weather looks after our whitebait here on the coast. Bring the rest of NZ in line with the West Coast and start from there our rules are the toughest in NZ. And our bait is the best.
1413	14/02/2020	Paul Sutton	

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1414	14/02/2020	Adam Campbell	DOC are caretakers of the conservation estates your power should be stripped away as you don't know what you are doing. I have not faith in this department nobody I know could. This department is mismanaged and corrupt. I won't stand behind you as you are. Looking at water quality is a joke as the position you dump into it is not supported by your science at all it is flawed and wholly wrong on a scale of epic proportions. If there is a chance in this election to topple this ludicrous campaign I will take it. This used to be a country that would make anyone proud but DOC have lost sight of conservation on a massive scale.
1415	14/02/2020	Sue Glue	
1416	14/02/2020	Russell Glue	
1417	14/02/2020	Barry Sheard	
1418	14/02/2020	Gavin Pope	
1419	14/02/2020	Clair Pope	Don't rush into panic closures without research.
1420	14/02/2020	Dennis Batchelar	DOC is using scare tactics not science. Make all the rules the same. Protect the environment and stop poisoning it.
1421	14/02/2020	Sven Thelning	Further whitebait restrictions are a solution looking for a problem unless some evidence is gathered first. And it will cause more problems because it damages more of NZ's culture.
1422	14/02/2020	Milan Arnold	Regulations be policed properly on every river not just a select few.
1423	14/02/2020	Phil Silcock	
1424	14/02/2020	Pat Burrows	
1425	14/02/2020	Karen Burrows	Please no more closed rivers on the West Coast. Leave our regulations alone.
1426	14/02/2020	Jim Galloway	
1427	14/02/2020	Carol Boulton	
1428	14/02/2020	Peter Dense	
1429	14/02/2020	Joy Dense	
1430	14/02/2020	Aaron Gardner	
1431	14/02/2020	Julene Silcock	
1432	14/02/2020	Donald Greene	Leave things the same it works well.
1433	14/02/2020	Scott Martin	Although already too late to save the political parties responsible for the travesty being proposed. Stop this nonsense from proceeding any further without scientific evidence to confirm the absolute rubbish your ill advised informants have/are proposing.
1434	14/02/2020	Allan Jordan	Just a recreational fisher but this is [REDACTED] fix it at the election get rid of Eugenie Sage.
1435	14/02/2020	Daryl Sweetman	Use some common sense when dealing with the Coast.
1436	14/02/2020	Graeme Wallace	
1437	14/02/2020	Alister Clearwater	That current regulations pertaining to registered whitebait stands on the West Coast remain unaltered as per the West Coast regulations 1994. Also the retention of the use of sock nets and nets retaining traps as per current regs.
1438	14/02/2020	Raeone Wallace	
1439	14/02/2020	Joanne Sinnott	
1440	14/02/2020	Graeme Colville	
1441	14/02/2020	Lynn McDonald	Whitebaiting has been an enjoyable recreational activity for myself and my family for many years. It is a family tradition to go back to our little town where we grew up and catch up with family once a year during the whitebait season. This is the case for many people as opposed to only considering it a commercial activity for financial gain. Whitebait is a delicacy that I have had the privilege of having access to by catching it with my own hands and it would be such a shame not to have this opportunity in the future. All fishing can be regulated by appropriate rules but there needs to be a balance of preserving the species and continuing a prominent recreational activity. Closing entire rivers will only end in saturation of other rivers. Better enforcement of rules such as fishing after hours and excessive use of screens would be a better solution to the problem. Perhaps one or two specific days at certain times of the season as no fishing days would also allow significant numbers through for breeding.
1442	14/02/2020	Alan Aitcheson	
1443	14/02/2020	Lyn Jefferies	Agree wholeheartedly
1444	14/02/2020	Christine Sinclair	
1445	14/02/2020	Patricia Cowan	
1446	14/02/2020	Mike Howson	This has been poorly managed and very slanted towards what DOC want to do and an absolute farse. Public meetings were midweek during the week when no one could attend due to work. DOC says they have spoken to fishermen on the rivers I do not know one that was spoken to. How will DOC enforce anything more when they currently show zero presence now. Enforce the current rules. DOC has no idea how much bait go up a river, have seen huge amounts go up pre and post season. Talk to fish and game they know way more than DOC who monitor the office.

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1447	14/02/2020	Clifford Francis	I am signing this with the understanding that I would agree with stopping the sale of whitebait but agree with all other information in this document.
1448	14/02/2020	Pete Cradock	I am a keen scoop whitebaiter in the south island both on the west and east coast.
1449	14/02/2020	Robyn Hoglund	To gather ignorant votes via the internet by utter scaremongering in favour of this extreme proposal is wrong. You (the conservation minister, DOC person reading this, anybody reading this) know as well as any person who is capable of reading, the ridiculous views 1000s of people have is a country mile from being able to understand anything about whitebait or whitebaiting. Their yes vote should not be counted unless they can compose at least one sentence showing their understanding of the issue. Should this proposal go through, the government in one foul swift move, will decimate the West Coast economy once again. It will severely effect small businesses, pubs, garages, general stores, accommodation, cafes, as well as the commercial fisherman and the recreational fisherman. In fact your claim to preserve the recreational fishery for all of NZ will be impossible as a good number of fishers on each river are retired elderly folk and they won't be physically able to fish the gear you are proposing to limit them to. I understand where your proposal is headed and why but I also understand you have NO scientific data to suggest or support the whitebait population on the West Coast is in decline. You simply do not have the information. You know it. We know it. I oppose every aspect of the proposal in regards to the West Coast. We lead the conservation of whitebait and have done so for years.
1450	14/02/2020	Kara Cradock	I am a 4th generation whitebaiter on the Okura river in South Westland.
1451	14/02/2020	Donald Lochhead	Don't touch West Coast bring rest of NZ in line only close rivers on east coast.
1452	14/02/2020	Wayne Thomas	To control this you don't have to target the West Coast, they have already had their season shortened. Simly go with what we do with other species. A bag limit. We police our season now so no extra cost. X amounts of kg per fisher.
1453	14/02/2020	Graham Hay	
1454	14/02/2020	Kevin Bell	
1455	14/02/2020	Shane Whittaker	Leave the whitebait regulations alone! Stop dumping poisons into the water catchment areas and do something about building up their natural habitats and wetlands for them to breed.
1456	14/02/2020	Amanda Johnston	
1457	14/02/2020	Susan Fraser	
1458	14/02/2020	Heleen Johnston	
1459	14/02/2020	Raewyn Whittaker	
1460	14/02/2020	Geoff and Annette Wilson	
1461	14/02/2020	Colin Waterman	
1462	14/02/2020	John Oxenham	
1463	14/02/2020	Ken Topham	
1464	14/02/2020	Rob Caldwell	Phasing out the use of screens would render whitebaiting impossible on the West Coast rivers so this should not form a part of any rules proposed to be introduced. I support the idea of basing decisions on actual data , and I do not support any further West Coast rivers being closed to fishing. It should be remembered that whitebaiting is a healthy low impact past time for many elderly peeople and making this harder for them is incongruous with the recreational imperative of the conservation legislation.
1465	14/02/2020	Condon and Monk whitebaiting partnership	We are a commercial whitebaiting operation on the West Coast and have been for many years. Don't ban the sale of whitebait you will be wiping hundreds of thousands of dollars off our South Island operation and ruining our precious income. You have no facts or catch histories to base your preferred options and regulation changes on. Leave the West Coast rules and regulations as they are. They are working.
1466	14/02/2020	Steve Mitchell	I enjoy the whitebaiting experience and wish to do so for many years to come.
1467	14/02/2020	Christine Mitchell	Whitebait is West Coast heritage
1468	14/02/2020	Maree Handy	
1469	14/02/2020	Kelvin Mattson	
1470	14/02/2020	Marny Crossan	
1471	14/02/2020	Irene Mattson	
1472	14/02/2020	Lee Rasmussen	
1473	14/02/2020	Garlyn Dixon	I fully support the attached submission.
1474	14/02/2020	Shanelle Cann	
1475	14/02/2020	Penny Cole	
1476	14/02/2020	Chris Burns	Numbers are definitely not declining
1477	14/02/2020	Jed Comber	
1478	14/02/2020	Paddy Comber	
1479	14/02/2020	Paul Comber	

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1480	14/02/2020	Sukhdeep Mann	
1481	14/02/2020	Helen Nolan	
1482	14/02/2020	Diane Craig	
1483	14/02/2020	Chris Tozer	Totally agree with my submission please listen to us
1484	14/02/2020	Ro Roney	Only place limits on PROVEN species in danger and no further restrictions or actions taken.
1485	14/02/2020	Nicky Harris	
1486	14/02/2020	Dianne Viney	
1487	14/02/2020	Wendy Denholm	
1488	14/02/2020	Raylene Black	
1489	14/02/2020	Ardea Johnston	
1490	14/02/2020	Monk contracting	Keep all rules and regulations the same until there is research and scientific evidence to prove that whitebait are in decline.
1491	14/02/2020	George Crossan	
1492	14/02/2020	Paul Bangma	
1493	14/02/2020	Steve Monk	Keep all rules and regulations the same until there is research and scientific evidence to prove that whitebait are in decline.
1494	14/02/2020	Sinead Foster	
1495	14/02/2020	Graham Monk	I support the retention of socknets as a catch method. I support the unchanged use of whitebait stands and the gear currently used under the West Coast regulations. No further gear restrictions on the West Coast. I support the introduction of a fishing licence for every person who wished to fish for whitebait.
1496	14/02/2020	Brenda Monk	I support the retention of socknets as a catch method. I support the continued use of whitebait stands as a catching method without change to the fishing practises currently managed under the Whitebait Fishing (West Coast) Regulations 1994. I do not support any further gear restrictions being imposed on top of those in the current Whitebait Fishing (West Coast) Regulations 1994.
1497	14/02/2020	Julie Kane	
1498	13/02/2020	Andrea Cadwell	
1499	16/03/2020	Warwick Kirwan	
1500	16/03/2020	Logan De ridder	
1501	16/03/2020	Kieran Woodward	
1502	16/03/2020	Campbell Woodward	
1503	16/03/2020	Dustin Woodward	
1504	16/03/2020	Carol Woodward	
1505	16/03/2020	Mike Thomas	You have omitted to mention the severity of predation by introduced brown trout. They eat the juveniles and breeding adults continuously.
1506	15/03/2020	Sarah Wingham	
1507	15/03/2020	Neill Wingham	
1508	15/03/2020	PJ Bloxham	
1509	15/03/2020	Daniel Harrison	No change to any regulations on the West Coast required. Screens for stands do not change no screens for recreational fishers.
1510	15/03/2020	Charlotte Harrison	

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1511	15/03/2020	Stephen Harrison	The review of the whitebait fishery on the West Coast is not necessary. I agree with a review of the East Coast fishery as this is where the environment has been modified drastically through changing farming practices. Registered stand holders have a right to fish - they pay a fee to operate their operations and are a part of the history of NZ whitebait fishing. Stands who do not have tax paid catch history should be made to fish under recreational rules. The number of registered stands has not changed - what has changed is there has been an increase in the number of recreational fishers. The East Coast season should come inline with the West Coast season 1 Sept - 15 Nov. Only stand owners who have a catch and sales history who can prove they have always paid tax and GST on sales should be allowed to continue to sell whitebait. A quota system based on last 3 years tax paid sales should be introduced. Recreational fisherman should have a 20 m distance between them imposed. All rivers should have a backpeg. There are enough closed areas on the West Coast with 23 rivers and all of fiordland national park. Agree there should be closed areas introduced on the East Coast. There is not enough scientific evidence to justify the changes which are being proposed by DOC. Closing East Coast rivers and restricting sales of whitebait to the registered standholders with a sales history would be a good starting point until the research is completed. Habitat degradation is the main issue on the East Coast. Catch rates on the West Coast vary every year but every specie has good and bad breeding cycles. Recreational fishers should not be allowed to sell whitebait. All ethnic groups must be treated evenly no matter what happens. The local iwi are telling us they don't care what happens they will continue to fish - if this happens there will be problems. Screen lengths should remain the same on registered stands and be phased out for all recreational fishers. To sell whitebait you must be GST registered have catch history and pay tax and own a registered stand.
1512	15/03/2020	Matthew Alexander	
1513	15/03/2020	Hilary Bray	
1514	15/03/2020	Stephen Bray	
1515	15/03/2020	Tracey Buchanan	Whitebaiting in harihari on the West Coast has been a family pastime for four generations in my family. With those proposed law changes this could be taken from us. We fish on the Poerua river with other regular whitebaiting families every year. Have we noticed a decline in fish . . . NO. None of us wish to ever see this happen again. In my opinion the West Coast rules and season length should be adhered to and applied to the rest of the country. West Coast rivers are abundant in fish supplies and are NOT becoming extinct. Get rid of sock nets and traps and reduce stand lengths if any changes are to be made but all the rest of the proposals are not necessary. PLEASE KEEP OUR TRADITIONS AND FAMILY CULTURE ALIVE.
1516	15/03/2020	John Hebbert	Season should be shortened to two months right around the country, September and October only.
1517	14/03/2020	Beryl Archer	
1518	14/03/2020	Shirley Boyd	
1519	14/03/2020	Robert Body	
1520	14/03/2020	Anna Roseingrave	
1521	14/03/2020	Lucy Monk	
1522	14/03/2020	Johnny Monk	
1523	14/03/2020	Nathan Monk	
1524	14/03/2020	Todd Kilty	Ban the Southland sock net style of fishing. Install backmarker pegs to stop fishing upstream. Limit the season for the whole country to what it is on the Coast. Listen to the people that fish they know what is going on.
1525	13/03/2020	Christine O'Connor	
1526	13/03/2020	Paul Compton	
1527	13/03/2020	Steve Robinson	Need more consultation with interested and affected parties.
1528	13/03/2020	Ollie Knowles	
1529	13/03/2020	South Westland Salmon	We have a tourist café in South Westland and have been serving whitebait over the past 25 years. It is an iconic NZ delicacy and very popular with overseas visitors who want to taste whitebait. If whitebaiting was decommercialised it would certainly detract from the tourism industry in South Westland and would be a disservice to tourism.
1530	13/03/2020	Colin Smith	
1531	13/03/2020	Grant Gibb	
1532	13/03/2020	Sean Blumgrist	
1533	13/03/2020	Danny Otega	
1534	13/03/2020	GD & BE Monk	We are a whitebaiting business. We have a registered whitebait stand, are a GST registered business and we catch, package and sell whitebait for cafes, restaurants and retailers. If whitebait sales were banned and/or gear restrictions implemented it would destroy our business, which has been operating for 45 years.
1535	13/03/2020	Sue Tozer	
1536	13/03/2020	Gary Tozer	

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1537	13/03/2020	Emma Hedley	
1538	13/03/2020	Chris Mellun	
1539	13/03/2020	Anne-Marie Scanlan	
1540	13/03/2020	Allan Marshaman	
1541	13/03/2020	Shannon Tozer	
1542	13/03/2020	Pia Karstaedt	
1543	13/03/2020	Sofia Wallace	
1544	13/03/2020	Scott Wallace	
1545	13/03/2020	Jane Martin	
1546	13/03/2020	Gary Oster	
1547	13/03/2020	Kerry McKeon	
1548	13/03/2020	Deborah McKeon	
1549	13/03/2020	Emily Lowe	
1550	13/03/2020	Mitch Bodman	I do not support that everyone agrees to West Coast regulations
1551	13/03/2020	David Jackson	
1552	13/03/2020	Viesturs Altmants	
1553	13/03/2020	Tony Hiddleston	
1554	13/03/2020	Nicholas Monk	I love catching whitebait. I like to keep some whitebait for my pets. I like to eat some of the whitebait too and give some to my Mum. My grandparents from France come to stay with us and they love whitebait. I love to catch some whitebait for them. Whitebaiting is fun. We have a whitebait stand and I always want to go to the whitebait stand. We have a hut with wheels and cook lunch while we are waiting for the whitebait to come. I fish with George's little net sometimes and sometimes with a butterfly net.
1555	13/03/2020	James Monk	I have been going whitebaiting since I was a baby with my family. I can now fish with my own net. It is really great fun, but it is hard work because we get up early in the morning and also go whitebaiting in the rain. I hope I can go whitebaiting for the rest of my life and also take my grandchildren too. Please let me whitebait on my whitebait stand with screens , or else we couldn't whitebait at all. Please do not close our river, it is important because we need the food from the whitebait.
1556	13/03/2020	Alita Inglis	
1557	12/03/2020	Robyn Doyle	Keep commercial bait fishing.
1558	12/03/2020	Maurice Earl	
1559	12/03/2020	Annie Earl	
1560	12/03/2020	Blair MacLennan	
1561	13/03/2020	Diane Spencer	
1562	12/03/2020	Gavin Spencer	

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1563	13/03/2020	Jack Greening	I have lived on the West Coast all my life. I have been a 'whitebaiter' for the past 50 years. As a youngster I accompanied my father whitebaiting from Hokitika north to Westport. As one of these people who has fished in the area for 54 years I have experienced times when there have been really good seasons and times when not many fish were about. During the late 60s and early 70s there were a number of seasons when there was not much whitebait about. Over the last 10 years or so the catches each season have been pretty good and and I believe that this has been primarily because the considerable wetlands on the West Coast are no longer being interfered with. In particular I believe that wetlands like Mahers swamp on the Barrytown plain south of Punakaiki are critical to the survival of whitebait. To that end, a number of years ago, protections were put in place across the West Coast (not across the rest of NZ) - we currently have quite a number of closed wetland areas - these could and should be enhanced to allow further protection of the fisheries. South Westland is where the largest tracts of untouched wetlands occur and these need to be protected. I believe that before any measures are taken, government needs to enter into and undertake full and comprehensive research into the populations of whitebait that exist currently, where they are, what cycles they go through and from this plan work with the community regarding future protections that may need to be in place. The current proposals seem to have in place measures that show clear bias against the people of Westland/Buller in that there is an intention to close more rivers without any significant research, consultation or debate. Things that need consideration regarding your proposals: Put in place the same number of closures per waterway that you have now on the west Coast across NZ. Consider closing all registered fishing stands. One person - one net with a screen as per current regulations. Screen first, net last as in current West Coast regulations (in other words same rules across NZ). Allow retired folks to use a set net - this is an historic pastime for a large population. Amend regulations only after appropriate consultation that the Ombudsman agrees to. Have a consistent season length across NZ - currently you have a longer season with fewer regulations across NZ (excluding West Coast) and yet across the rest of NZ is exactly where you have failed in managing the fishery.
1564	12/03/2020	Pat Burke	Having been an avid whitebaiter for 60 years on the west and south coast it is my considered opinion that there is no less whitebait about now than then. Just good and bad seasons, and these are climate change and/or river conditions. To make wholesale changes to rules and regulations with little or no accurate information is in my opinion totally irresponsible.
1565	12/03/2020	Robert Wingham	
1566	12/03/2020	Marianne Omalley	
1567	12/03/2020	Ken Omalley	
1568	12/03/2020	Jared Altmments	
1569	11/03/2020	Lynaire Barry	
1570	11/03/2020	Rachel Teen	As whitebait fishery researcher Shane Orchard has said there is not enough information on our fishery to make significant decisions. We need more robust measurement and research to make effective decisions for the fishery. As Orchard states, the loss of spawning habitat could be a significant factor in population reductions rather than fishing. Policy and change must be based on robust scientific data - get that first and then make the most beneficial decisions for the fishery.
1571	11/03/2020	Kaye Finch	
1572	11/03/2020	Paul Tinnelly	
1573	11/03/2020	Terry Barry	
1574	11/03/2020	Paniah Altmments	
1575	11/03/2020	Bradley Gorrie	
1576	11/03/2020	Marg Delore	
1577	11/03/2020	Ken Johnson	
1578	11/03/2020	Alan Frost	
1579	11/03/2020	Annie Clark	
1580	11/03/2020	Ryan Arnold	
1581	11/03/2020	Sharon Archbold	
1582	11/03/2020	Diane Ford	Stop picking on the West Coast
1583	11/03/2020	Lynette Cliff	
1584	11/03/2020	Leslie Cliff	
1585	11/03/2020	Ross Nichol	Tell us who did the research into whitebait numbers. Don't close entire rivers - there are enough closed on the West Coast rivers.
1586	11/03/2020	Judy Nicol	I support the West Coast Whitebaiters submission. 1. DOC needs to release their research in print, into the 'so-called' declining species of whitebait that 'are declining' Who did it, where and how? We want valid scientific data! 2. The juvenile whitebait are not the breeders, protect the adult inanga and giant Kokopu habitats. 3. Have the regulations the same for the whole of the country. Consistency of regulations especially with back markers. 4. Just be fair.

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1587	11/03/2020	Paul Teen	
1588	11/03/2020	Jane Teen	
1589	11/03/2020	Amy Bradstreet	
1590	11/03/2020	Tauí Hanna	
1591	11/03/2020	Ripeka Poutai	
1592	11/03/2020	Janine Wilson	
1593	11/03/2020	Bridie Clarke	
1594	11/03/2020	Pamela Ginders	
1595	11/03/2020	William Wilson	
1596	11/03/2020	Kyle Robson	
1597	11/03/2020	Laura Williams	
1598	11/03/2020	Murray Glynn	
1599	11/03/2020	Tracey Masson	
1600	11/03/2020	Durham Woolaston	
1601	11/03/2020	Russell King	
1602	11/03/2020	Martin Patterson	
1603	11/03/2020	Moniek Jansen	
1604	11/03/2020	Wilhelm Lehoisberg	
1605	11/03/2020	Gilly Tenhove	
1606	11/03/2020	Frank Harris	
1607	11/03/2020	Lucas Davy	
1608	11/03/2020	Geoff McMillan	
1609	11/03/2020	Ian Honey	
1610	11/03/2020	Bailey Hibbs	
1611	11/03/2020	John Heaney	
1612	11/03/2020	Mitchell Langridge	
1613	11/03/2020	Winston Monk	
1614	11/03/2020	Susan Sandry	
1615	11/03/2020	Gary Holmwood	
1616	11/03/2020	Gary Hibbs	
1617	11/03/2020	Sandra Allan	
1618	11/03/2020	David Carew	
1619	11/03/2020	Fleur Lange	
1620	11/03/2020	Peter Griffin	
1621	11/03/2020	Michelle Spark	
1622	11/03/2020	Ray Fairhuest	
1623	11/03/2020	Barry Lucas	
1624	11/03/2020	Andrea Rogers	
1625	11/03/2020	Rick Kzan	
1626	11/03/2020	David Delore	
1627	11/03/2020	Tasha Dore	
1628	11/03/2020	Christian Stasche	
1629	11/03/2020	Pikea Tipa	
1630	11/03/2020	Stuart Perry	
1631	11/03/2020	Beth Kells	
1632	11/03/2020	Andrew Connors	
1633	11/03/2020	Shane Middlemiss	
1634	11/03/2020	Jake Farmer	
1635	11/03/2020	Evan Grooby	
1636	11/03/2020	Tim Yellowlees	
1637	11/03/2020	Tanya Rea	
1638	11/03/2020	Craig Flood	
1639	11/03/2020	Brett Cummings	
1640	11/03/2020	Shelly White	

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1641	11/03/2020	Shelley Wilde	
1642	11/03/2020	Justine Baird	
1643	11/03/2020	Craig Brown	
1644	11/03/2020	Lucy Jones	
1645	11/03/2020	Rochell Holden	
1646	11/03/2020	Brian Cadigan	
1647	11/03/2020	Jody Brady	
1648	11/03/2020	Ashley Deutscher	
1649	11/03/2020	Julie Johnson	
1650	11/03/2020	Jackie Cadigan	
1651	11/03/2020	Neville Manson	
1652	11/03/2020	Debbie Cooper	
1653	11/03/2020	Brian Nolan	
1654	11/03/2020	Garry Calteaux	
1655	11/03/2020	James Finch	
1656	11/03/2020	Roydon Campbell	
1657	11/03/2020	Darryl Brown	
1658	11/03/2020	Justin Benner	
1659	11/03/2020	Paul Straight	
1660	11/03/2020	Wesley Jones	
1661	11/03/2020	Jacqui Grant MNZM	
1662	11/03/2020	Grant Muir	
1663	11/03/2020	Grant Symons	
1664	11/03/2020	Susan Kane	
1665	11/03/2020	Mark Murohy	
1666	11/03/2020	Mark Cowline	
1667	11/03/2020	Meijse Taylor	
1668	11/03/2020	Claire Holley	
1669	11/03/2020	Brian O'Brian	
1670	11/03/2020	Dave Rochford	
1671	11/03/2020	John Robinson	
1672	11/03/2020	Jack Renton	
1673	11/03/2020	Denise Falloon	
1674	11/03/2020	Rob Wilson	
1675	11/03/2020	Carole Tainui	
1676	11/03/2020	Rick Bryan	
1677	11/03/2020	Ashlea Ross	
1678	11/03/2020	Martin Cuff	
1679	11/03/2020	Sarah Bezdive	
1680	11/03/2020	Jessica McMillan	
1681	11/03/2020	Roger Sullivan	Stop giving way to the minorities and leave the West Coast way of life alone.
1682	11/03/2020	Lorraine Thomson	
1683	11/03/2020	Bryce Thomson	
1684	11/03/2020	Linda Kilkelly	
1685	11/03/2020	Christine Cuff	
1686	11/03/2020	Linda Dyzel	
1687	11/03/2020	Rayleine Martin-Smith	
1688	11/03/2020	Margaret Stevens	
1689	11/03/2020	Heather Creagh	I believe the management of whitebait should be based on a valid scientific basis. As every river is different, rules specific to that river should be applicable to that river to be included in a national plan. I am concerned about the removal of screens and the potential further closures of rivers on the West Coast. These proposals in my opinion are totally unnecessary.

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1690	11/03/2020	Kevin Creagh	As a sock user, I am particularly worried about the proposal to ban the use of these nets. As an older fisherman with increasing difficulties in managing my net, I am conscious of the potential dangers that will occur if I am forced to an alternative way of fishing. In past years I have slowly graduated from using scoop nets and a set net. I look forward to each season and if I am unable to use a sock net, it will effectively end my season. The alternative would involve a return to these other methods, which I consider to be dangerous. This is a health and safety issue and with the aging population I am sure I am not alone in this situation.
1691	11/03/2020	Anthony Breen	
1692	11/03/2020	Jim Greening	I believe that this government needs to be honest with the community that there is not currently any detailed research data available on the status of whitebait populations across NZ. I am positive that there would be overwhelming support to undertake longitudinal studies across the wetlands of NZ. For example closing some rivers, Punakaiki, is not going to achieve anything. The real answer for the whitebait population in that area would be to protect the wetlands on the Barrytown plains just to the South and each of the small streams that feed from these wetlands into the Tasman sea. Until you know the health of these areas and think about protecting them then there is no point in jumping to conclusions. West Coasters will support legislation as long as it is fair and consistently applied across the country. Please do not forget the best custodians you can have are in fact the local people - has government taken the time to research what the people who have made the Coast home and the fisher folk actually think and do. For example - they will tell you to allow one person to have one net and screen is much fairer then allowing commercial activity and ownership of space on any river. I ask that politics be put aside along with ardent 'green philosophy' and is replaced with sound and indepth research practice that will demonstrate the need for further action and where the action should be. I am happy as a fourth generation Coaster to speak with any official.
1693	11/03/2020	John Roper	I do not agree with proposals to close whitebait season as the decision is not substantiated with factual evidence.
1694	10/03/2020	Clare Tibbles	
1695	10/03/2020	Janine Griggs	
1696	10/03/2020	Athol Macfarlane	As a regular whitebaiters in both islands of NZ I have never been asked for the quantity of fish caught so request to see where the so called data has been obtained. I have read a report from Massey University that states that their figures come from research of disturbing the breeding habitat in the upper reaches of some rivers but did not have the ability to check all rivers, creeks etc and didn't name the rivers involved. I do not believe in the fairness of closing off rivers without clear evidence of a loss of breeding stock. A fairer method confirming this would be monitoing quantities caught over a period of time which has currently never been done in the river that I fish. Ever year of the last 40 years that I have fished there has been a variation in catches both up and down so believe each year is different. I feel further discussion is required before decisons of this nature can be made and effect the livelihood of so may people.
1697	10/03/2020	Karl Battersby	
1698	10/03/2020	Robyn Bolitho	I enjoy the outdoors of South Westland and going whitebaiting for pleasure. I would like to see the use of socknets retained. I am 64 years old and this is the only type of whitebaiting due to health issues that I can manage. Thank you.
1699	10/03/2020	Steve Menzies	
1700	10/03/2020	Travis Rowberry	
1701	10/03/2020	Tracey Rowberry	
1702	10/03/2020	Paul Larsen	
1703	10/03/2020	Barbara Hoffman	
1704	10/03/2020	Russell Hoffman	
1705	10/03/2020	Cora Collins	
1706	10/03/2020	Richard Burrridge	
1707	10/03/2020	Gail Turton	
1708	10/03/2020	Graeme Crestani	
1709	10/03/2020	Nev Roberts	
1710	10/03/2020	Sandra McRae	Very happy with West Coast regulations
1711	10/03/2020	Gary McRae	
1712	10/03/2020	Marjorie De Goldi	
1713	10/03/2020	Maurice Laird	
1714	10/03/2020	Bruce Macfarlane	
1715	10/03/2020	Derek Campbell	
1716	10/03/2020	Barbara Sue	
1717	10/03/2020	Jeremy Coleman	
1718	10/03/2020	Britney Perrin	

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1719	10/03/2020	Laurie Philps	
1720	10/03/2020	Jesse Macrae	
1721	10/03/2020	Andrew MacRae	
1722	10/03/2020	Josh Coleman	
1723	10/03/2020	Natalie Callaghan	
1724	10/03/2020	Nigel Blair	
1725	10/03/2020	Viv Blair	The whitebaiting on the east coast of the south island has been phenomenal these past few years, and nothing has changed, re habitat.
1726	10/03/2020	Ian Callaghan	
1727	10/03/2020	Sonia Callaghan	
1728	10/03/2020	Toby Roulston	
1729	10/03/2020	Owen Spencer	
1730	9/03/2020	Annette Halkett	
1731	9/03/2020	Russell Halkett	
1732	9/03/2020	Jan Burgess	
1733	9/03/2020	David Ovens	I was not aware that whitebait was being exported. I would like this banned. This would leave plenty of whitebait for Nzers.
1734	9/03/2020	Mark Nolan	No supporting data has been released on whitebait catches on South Westland rivers to justify any changes. As a 3rd generation recreational fisher I believe having a 2 month season still allows for sustainable whitebaiting and restocking of juvenile fish for the remaining months. This supports our cultural heritage, economical income to isoated communities and social contact and interaction to a sector of society who value, protect and support their environment. A huge investment has been invested to enable us to catch whitebait for personal use and social interaction with other likeminded citizens in their retirement years. Closing more rivers when South Westland has numerous rivers already closed is shortsighted and detrimental to the survival of those communities. Fishing off a stand with a sock net and screens allows people of all ages to fish sustainably and safely. These stands adhere to the Regional Councils RMA and must meet compliance and licensing fees. We value and respect this authority and legislation.
1735	9/03/2020	Margaret Nolan	No supporting data has been released on whitebait catches on South Westland rivers to justify any changes. As a 3rd generation recreational fisher I believe having a 2 month season still allows for sustainable whitebaiting and restocking of juvenile fish for the remaining months. This supports our cultural heritage, economical income to isoated communities and social contact and interaction to a sector of society who value, protect and support their environment. A huge investment has been invested to enable us to catch whitebait for personal use and social interaction with other likeminded citizens in their retirement years. Closing more rivers when South Westland has numerous rivers already closed is shortsighted and detrimental to the survival of those communities. Fishing off a stand with a sock net and screens allows people of all ages to fish sustainably and safely. These stands adhere to the Regional Councils RMA and must meet compliance and licensing fees. We value and respect this authority and legislation.
1736	9/03/2020	Nicola Searle	I'd like to see research based decisions made, rather than reactionary.
1737	9/03/2020	Kirk Neilson	I wish to commit to including the eradication of trout as part of pest free NZ as this species threatens the whitebait species.
1738	9/03/2020	Molly Spencer	
1739	9/03/2020	Peter Large	
1740	9/03/2020	Bryan Skimming	
1741	9/03/2020	Charlotte Rawcliff	
1742	9/03/2020	Warren McSkimming	
1743	9/03/2020	Gregory McSkimming	
1744	9/03/2020	Ross Jackson	
1745	9/03/2020	Robyn Jackson	
1746	9/03/2020	Malai Pokaew	Please listen to WHAT peoples have to say not just TAKE lock up everything as you please (<i>sic</i>). Have some heart I'm pretty sure you got some in there and also one day yours family would like to have whitebait for dinner. Get out and see yourself (the boss) who that is? Then you will change your way of doing and the whitebait season should start the same time. Have a good day sir.
1747	9/03/2020	Chenille Kennedy	Thank u and gd luck to the submission.

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1748	9/03/2020	Cameron Milne	Whitebait always run up rivers at some point in the year. In the late 1980s I saw whitebait shoals above the Maihitahi river Bridge (in South Westland) after Christmas. Sometimes it doesn't run in large numbers during the season. Sometimes it is before the season and sometimes afterwards. There is enough restrictions on us now. Gone are the days when people waste whitebait.
1749	9/03/2020	Ann Spencer	
1750	9/03/2020	Stewart Rutter	
1751	9/03/2020	Shane Spencer	There is an introduced predator that currently has protected status in this country and proliferates in West Coast rivers - the trout. These feed voraciously on whitebait. What is DOC proposing to do to eradicate this predator from our rivers.
1752	9/03/2020	Jim Verner	
1753	9/03/2020	Dean Gibson	
1754	9/03/2020	Anne Chapman	As West Coasters we need to be understood our concerns are special to our region. Our catches are weather related, we are now the conscience of NZ. I strongly urge the powers that be to make sure sock nets are limited to the larger rivers so that those that still use drag nets have a fair chance on smaller rivers and not hear of large catches caught in nets too big for us to see many on places up the river.
1755	8/03/2020	Taye Jones	
1756	8/03/2020	Clarke Godfrey	
1757	8/03/2020	Marg Burgon	Leave the rules as they are.
1758	8/03/2020	Kay Kyle	I have whitebaited for 20 years on the West Coast, and the season catches are still variable up and down like they always have been. There is no obvious decline here.
1759	8/03/2020	John Sutton	The West Coast regs are working fine. Introduce them over the rest of the country and leave the West Coast as it is. There is no decline.
1760	8/03/2020	Sturrock Paul	I whitebaited on the West Coast for over 30 years and there was no evidence of a depleting fishery.
1761	8/03/2020	Lin Wilson	I do not support the removal of traps in our whitebait nets.
1762	8/03/2020	Ash Charles	
1763	8/03/2020	Shirley Gardiner	
1764	8/03/2020	Margaret Lindsay	
1765	8/03/2020	Don Lindsay	
1766	8/03/2020	Marie-Louise Annett	
1767	8/03/2020	John Kent Martin	My view is to keep the season for the whole of NZ the same as the West Coast season - 1 Sept until 14 Nov. Ban the use of screens outside nets. I agree with back marks on all rivers. I don't have a view on exporting whitebait.
1768	8/03/2020	Ken Shearer	
1769	8/03/2020	Jeanette Shearer	
1770	8/03/2020	David Glass	There are 100s of small creeks on the West Coast that have whitebait in them but are never fished, whitebait could never become extinct.
1771	8/03/2020	John Kane	I do not support the licensing of whitebaiters.
1772	8/03/2020	Paul Brown	
1773	8/03/2020	Charles Cowie	
1774	8/03/2020	Charlie Bedford	
1775	8/03/2020	Bruce and Linda Hanham	
1776	8/03/2020	Todd Cameron	My parents own 2 stands on the Mokihinui River what will happen to these stands if the Mokihinui River is closed will they be compensated? They donate whitebait to the Tasman hospice every year to the staff who are committed to caring for the people. I would like to think that DOC, Eugenie Sage also care for people, communities and their recreational pursuits in this area.
1777	8/03/2020	Frank Odell	
1778	8/03/2020	Trefor Jones	Bring all other rivers in line with the West Coast.
1779	8/03/2020	John Bourgeois	
1780	8/03/2020	Julie Growcott	I grew up whitebaiting every September and believe the proposed restrictions should not be implemented.
1781	8/03/2020	Pip Gower	There is no evidence that there is a decline. People go over the top with things they don't know.
1782	8/03/2020	Justine Hodson	
1783	8/03/2020	Cavan Morris	
1784	8/03/2020	Harry Burgon	Whitebait guidelines work as they are no real need for change at tax payers expense.
1785	8/03/2020	Murray Halford	Take whitebaiting away and you take part of our heritage away.

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1786	8/03/2020	Rosemarie Searle	When you live by the river, sit by the river, fish by the river you can see the extent of the water quality going down. You can see the trout and the birdlife having a great feed. You can see the disruption to the river banks and beds by gravel extraction that is not left as it should be. You can also see the whitebait moving up the river out in the main current beyond the nets. Let's use some common sense in our deliberations.
1787	7/03/2020	Paul Martin	
1788	7/03/2020	Stephen Tuuta	
1789	7/03/2020	Murray Thomas	
1790	7/03/2020	Pam Coutts	
1791	7/03/2020	Christina Roney	Whitebaiting on the West Coast is a traditional NZ activity, and has its own unwritten rules and culture. This needs to be protected. I do not believe that whitebait on the West Coast is at risk, and that numbers have improved in recent years as dairy farmers put more effort into protecting wetlands, riverbanks with the effect of improving whitebait habitat. The current West Coast rules are fair and should be left as they are. It is absurd that DOC are making changes without proper data. Thank you for reading.
1792	7/03/2020	Roni Wright	
1793	7/03/2020	Colin Owen	
1794	7/03/2020	Jim Butzbach	
1795	7/03/2020	Judy Boland	
1796	7/03/2020	Rachael Newman	
1797	6/03/2020	Anita Hyde	I am concerned that the proposed regulations will remove the ability of my children and their children to partake in this unique and important cultural activity, that has been tradition in my family for many generations. Part of the culture around whitebaiting is environmental protection, and the more we remove current and future generations from activities like this, the less educated and environmentally understanding they will be. I am also concerned that any restrictions will push local whitebaiters out and it will only be accessible to commercial operators which again is not fitting with the culture of the activity, or of our nations culture. As there is no evidence of the decline in whitebait numbers on the West Coast, I support extending the current regulations of the West Coast to the remainder of the country, and retaining those current regulations without amendment on the West Coast.
1798	6/03/2020	Ian Campbell	
1799	6/03/2020	Lewis Hore	
1800	6/03/2020	Gus Gardiner	There are always good and bad seasons. Fishing numbers can decline depending on river levels at crucial times.
1801	6/03/2020	Haze Horne	
1802	6/03/2020	Lynette and George Robertson	
1803	6/03/2020	Stu and Jan Moir	
1804	6/03/2020	Mark Jepson	
1805	6/03/2020	Pamela Kalinowski	
1806	6/03/2020	John Calder	Save the whitebaiters
1807	5/03/2020	Stacey Ross	West Coasters - let's get it done.
1808	5/03/2020	Anthony Grant	Tell the Greens and DOC to stop the 1080 in our streams if they really want to save the whitebait. And stop scapegoating the honest public.
1809	5/03/2020	Richard Chambers	
1810	5/03/2020	John Morris	
1811	5/03/2020	Stu Mitchell	
1812	5/03/2020	John Beaumont	
1813	5/03/2020	John Francis Pugh	I support the first set of recommendations. Wholly supporting a process of looking after and overfishing whitebait! Still amazing that a seemingly chosen few because of their location feel they have a right to the lions share or the whitebait. To be able to catch huge amounts and sell at top dollar to Auckland and Wellington restaurants. The fishing should be limited and monitored and basically Coasters should not feel they are more entitled than others. Having worked on the Coast and and listened to long ago stories of them filling rubbish bins to take home and what they could not eat went on the garden as fertilizer???
1814	5/03/2020	Barry Sullivan	leave alone.
1815	5/03/2020	Mark Harris	Hands off DOC, you are a complete joke and make a mess of everything you do, the whitebait on the West Coast are not under threat, most of the coast habitat has not changed in 100s of years.
1816	5/03/2020	Tracy Tibbles	I would like to see some more research on the breeding grounds and water quality/pollution as I believe this is a factor in the breeding cycle. Also more data collection on the bait populations from many seasons to get a clearer picture.

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1817	5/03/2020	Jess Casey	Whitebaiting needs to be preserved so it can be enjoyed for many more generations.
1818	5/03/2020	Steve Poole	
1819	4/03/2020	Thomas Condon	I would urge the banning of traps in nets.
1820	4/03/2020	Jack Burns	Keep it recreational.
1821	4/03/2020	David Grice	DOC have too much power over our environment and are destroying our right to fish and hunt.
1822	4/03/2020	Peter Clulee	
1823	4/03/2020	Eric Roberts	Fix up the quality of our waterways and whitebait habitat before doing anything and you'll find the whitebait numbers will increase quickly, without any other interventions.
1824	4/03/2020	Arthur Smith	After 50 years of whitebaiting I see no need for changes on the West Coast of the South Island.
1825	4/03/2020	Demetrius Garofallakis	
1826	4/03/2020	Eric Coutts	
1827	4/03/2020	Daniel Gorrie	Happy with West Coast regulations as they are.
1828	4/03/2020	Robert Holden	
1829	4/03/2020	Rainer Oehmig	
1830	4/03/2020	Tessa Jefferis	
1831	4/03/2020	Kirsten Sandri	
1832	4/03/2020	Debbie Chinn	
1833	4/03/2020	Bronwyn Little	
1834	4/03/2020	Raymond Peter Donaldson	
1835	4/03/2020	Stephen Marsh	
1836	4/03/2020	Sam Esler	I think we have enough rules in this country. This mob running this country seem to be hell bent on legislating the law abiding citizens of this country.
1837	4/03/2020	Jonny Catto	Make it a shorter season or less rivers.
1838	4/03/2020	Kevin Edmeades	
1839	4/03/2020	Mary Minhinnick	
1840	4/03/2020	Rhys Hodgson	
1841	4/03/2020	Max Robinson	
1842	4/03/2020	Stacey Wright	
1843	4/03/2020	Mark Nicholson	
1844	4/03/2020	Vicky Whittington	
1845	4/03/2020	Mike Hann	Further to the listed items below I believe there should be a TOTAL BAN on all MOBILE SOCK NETS/POT NETS. This method is highly mobile ie can fish several places in one tide and is highly efficient at catching fish. The catch rate as witnessed by myself over a 13 year period is destructive in my opinion and flies in the face of the right to catch a feed. Given the ability of these nets to SELF FISH UNATTENDED that should be reason enough to ban the method. DOC monitoring of these is sporadic and difficult to perform.
1846	4/03/2020	Darcy Maloney	
1847	4/03/2020	Tracey Johnston	
1848	4/03/2020	Des McGrath	
1849	4/03/2020	Matt Walker	I strongly support all parts of this submission.
1850	4/03/2020	Garry Chapman	Having fished (scoop netting) on the Poarari River for many years with my wife who has fished here with her family for about 70 years with a policy of never selling whitebait but having enough to give occasional meals to visitors and to an elderly local couple who are no able to fish. We fish about 200ms below the 'top mark' keeping a catch diary of tide times, river conditions, who fished, daily catch, weather etc. The past few seasons we are usually the only ones up the river and enjoy the peace and privacy, the birdlife, and our regular sightings of 'our' large eel and trout and wekas, pigeon, shags. Catching an occasional 2 to 4kgs of whitebait is a bonus and meeting tourists on the way home and explaining why we are carrying a large net and allowing them to take photos of our catch. Fishing up the Poarari river is the highlight of our year but over recent years we have been disappointed by the marked drop in catches since the arrival of the long sock nets on both sides of the lower river where the smaller set nets used to be sited. We feel that those should be banned especially on smaller rivers. A footnote as 2nd and 3rd generation coasters and lifelong whitebaiters we have followed the work of the volunteers building a whitebait breeding area in Cobden (opposite the Greymouth CBU) which is apparently attracting and protecting large numbers of fish and would like to see the DOC team investigate the possibility of extending this programme nationwide. We have been pleased to see recent increases in DOC funding as we have always been impressed by their work on the Coast which enhances the visitor experience on the Coast.
1851	4/03/2020	Geoffery Robson	

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1852	4/03/2020	Neville Pope	Maybe just enforce current regulations and stop those people who are apparently allowed to fish at Culvers gate where whitebait have no escape.
1853	4/03/2020	Richard Gray	Start making visitors pay a licence to fish our rivers. It may stop the river hoppers who don't care about us or our rivers. They are only here for the \$.
1854	4/03/2020	Tui Gray	Keep OUR rivers for the locals. Its visitors that are raping our rivers.
1855	3/03/2020	Ashton May	Don't take this away from us 1080 is worse.
1856	3/03/2020	Yodie Wyber	
1857	3/03/2020	Barry Wyber	
1858	3/03/2020	Donna McBridie	
1859	3/03/2020	Rob McGregor	
1860	3/03/2020	Ricky Frewen	
1861	3/03/2020	Liz Aratema	Keep the greenies out of the West Coast. They are damaging the lifestyle and land use of the West Coast backbone.
1862	3/03/2020	Gary Glasson	
1863	3/03/2020	Ken Eccles	
1864	3/03/2020	Keith Kui	
1865	3/03/2020	Dave Gibson	I support West Coast Whitebaiters submission to DOC
1866	3/03/2020	Sarah Hickson	
1867	3/03/2020	David Irving	DOC should concentrate more on improving habitat and water quality then everything else will fall in place.
1868	3/03/2020	Avril Harrison	I believe that the number of registered stands should remain as status quo on the West Coast rivers, and that commercial whitebaiting be continued. "HOWEVER" only by fishers with previous sales history, and who can prove they have legally sold their product by paying GST, income tax, filed a tax return and can provide sales records/ a catch history. I believe the introduction of a quota system based on tax paid catch history, as has happened with other fish species in NZ, would benefit the sustainability of the species. This would mean that whitebait can then be monitored and quotas can be adjusted to ensure sustainability. NZ whitebait rules and regulations should definitely come into line with the existing workable west coast regulations. ALL whitebaiters should be licensed, the extra revenue generated could be put towards education around rules and regulations, and much needed accurate scientific monitoring of the species. No further rivers on the 'west coast' should be shut, this issue was stringently addressed years ago by the West Coast Whitebaiters Association and has been successful as catch history has been consistent. Closing additional rivers on the West Coast will only put additional pressure on the remaining rivers. At present on the east coast there are very few closed rivers or tributaries for whitebait breeding, especially where land use due to intensive farming has impacted the waterways. Whereas the West Coast has the whole of Fiordland & Kahurangi National Parks, plus many other closed areas, therefore it is imperative that more rivers and tributaries are closed on the East Coast. Recreational fishers should only be allowed a 2m screen and not be allowed to fish within 30m of each other (as per registered stands on the West Coast). The proposal to increase recreational fishers screens to 6m would be counterproductive. Recreational fishers should not be allowed to sell whitebait on the blackmarket as they are not contributing to catch records/statistics and are breaking the law by not paying tax. This is where a license system would be beneficial, all the rules of whitebaiting would be laid out in black and white and therefore there would be no grey areas due to ignorance or a lack of legal information. ALL NZ whitebaiting should have a backpage. Finally when a decision on the rules and regulations is considered I trust that all NZers are treated equally and there is no discrimination between ethnic groups. I am imploring that DOC tread carefully when making a decision and seriously consider the impact on both the West Coast economy and the ongoing practical solutions for the sustainability of the species. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.
1869	3/03/2020	John Mitchell	
1870	3/03/2020	Shane Johnston	It is a well policed resource by passionate people now please leave us alone.
1871	3/03/2020	Eamonnd Johnston	
1872	3/03/2020	Denise Shaw	
1873	3/03/2020	Gerry Shaw	
1874	3/03/2020	Peter Spencer-Bower	
1875	3/03/2020	Pip Feyen	There has to be records of catch to prove numbers of whitebait are down in Westland area before any of these changes can be implemented.
1876	3/03/2020	Lynda Hallilday	
1877	3/03/2020	Ivan Iraia	
1878	2/03/2020	Karen Stuart	This discussion is very necessary, pleased to see and just take the traps out of nets and bring the rest of the country into form with the West Coasters. Whitebaiting as a culture can remain. Bte where are the stats that the whitebait numbers are decreasing?

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1879	2/03/2020	Tony Hill	The closing of rivers like the Paringa where I have fished for 40 years and have found the catches over the years to be fairly consistent from year to year. The Paringa riverbed and valley are relatively untouched by man and is a fine example of a river in its near natural state and represents a great example of sustainable fishing there is no evidence of a decline in whitebait. The systems and controls that exist in the regulations do not need changing until further study proves so. Possibly Yankee Dan Estuary on the North side could be made into a protected breeding area but as it is no one fishes in there anyway as we wish to protect and maintain our sustainable fishing. Why would we want to catch the last whitebait when the fishing has sustained our families for many decades? You seem to consider us greedy and ignorant people.
1880	2/03/2020	Emily Long	
1881	2/03/2020	Robert Morris	
1883	2/03/2020	David Keat	I am a lover of whitebait and all things river. A NZer in the process of retiring back in NZ. The importance of clean rivers for fish and human swimming is a must. We must return all our waterways back to pristine condition before it is too late.
1882	2/03/2020	David Allnat	
1884	2/03/2020	Cara Reid-Allnat	
1885	2/03/2020	Jake Pamment	
1886	2/03/2020	Loretta Grant	This requires serious consideration as it impacts on a way of life, history, and also communities, the West Coast put their own rules in place for sustainability in the 60s. This has worked well.
1887	2/03/2020	Noel Grant	Serious consideration and consultation is required before any decisions are made.
1888	2/03/2020	Robin Read	This needs serious consideration and then consultation before decisions are made.
1889	2/03/2020	William Savage	Spent several years gathering credible data and present all of it to the public before making any rushed and ill considered policy changes.
1890	2/03/2020	Rusty Andrews	By reclassifying rivers such as the Mokihinui river to a refuge this will only cause further congestion of other West Coast rivers. Our family has fished this river for 6 generations and have not seen any scientific evidence that whitebait numbers are in decline in the region. I certainly agree in relining the rest of NZ fishery with the west coast season and implementing stand restrictions and net restrictions in line with how it should be fished.
1891	2/03/2020	Patrick Minehan	The rest of NZ needs to be working under the same regulations as the West Coast is now, with more enforcement officers working on the mostly unmanged rivers of Otago and Southland.
1892	2/03/2020	Ariana Tini	There is currently a myth being circulated which I would like to debunk. "Whitebait used to be so plentiful that people had to dig them in their garden and also feed them to their hens". The truth of the matter is that in past times people had either rudimentary fridges or safes to keep their food cold. Catches of whitebait had to be eaten straight away or given to neighbours. They did not have freezers as we do today.
1893	2/03/2020	Keira Tini	There is currently a myth being circulated which I would like to debunk. "Whitebait used to be so plentiful that people had to dig them in their garden and also feed them to their hens". The truth of the matter is that in past times people had either rudimentary fridges or safes to keep their food cold. Catches of whitebait had to be eaten straight away or given to neighbours. They did not have freezers as we do today. Unfortunately whitebaiters are up against ideological people who basically want everything closed down. People with this type of view are probably not involved in the fishery but have the ability to swamp submissions electronically and that is not fair. I hope that any discussions and decisions should centre on evidence based arguments. I note that the discussion document includes a preferred option of a shorter season. Old data used in graphs shows peak migration is not accurate as in 1995 experimental fishing was carried out on the hokitika river under DOC supervision. Individual species were identified and the results showed all the rare varieties migrating upstream right up until Christmas when the study stopped.
1894	2/03/2020	Judi Mears	The shutting of the Black Creeks on the West Coast a couple of decades ago along with the reduced whitebait season and increase in DOC officers patrolling to stop illegal whitebaiting prior to and after the season has safeguarded the west coast species for decades to come. Until evidence can be produced that the whitebait species are actually declining on the west coast I suggest the rest of NZ be bought into line with the west coast regulations and in all regions DOC sets aside areas for spawning purposes. If regions do not have DOC land available for creating spawning reserves then the encouragement of landowners to create such with local community groups supplying the plants and planting these wet areas. DO NOT continue the governments focus on shutting up the West Coast for the conscience of the rest of NZ. It is time the rest of NZ did their bit and planted for future generations in their own regions be it Auckland. Northland or Marlborough.
1895	2/03/2020	Joanna Clarke	

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1896	2/03/2020	Anika Tini	There is currently a myth being circulated which I would like to debunk. "Whitebait used to be so plentiful that people had to dig them in their garden and also feed them to their hens". The truth of the matter is that in past times people had either rudimentary fridges or safes to keep their food cold. Catches of whitebait had to be eaten straight away or given to neighbours. They did not have freezers as we do today. Unfortunately whitebaiters are up against ideological people who basically want everything closed down. People with this type of view are probably not involved in the fishery but have the ability to swamp submissions electronically and that is not fair. I hope that any discussions and decisions should centre on evidence based arguments. I note that the discussion document includes a preferred option of a shorter season. Old data used in graphs shows peak migration is not accurate as in 1995 experimental fishing was carried out on the hokitika river under DOC supervision. Individual species were identified and the results showed all the rare varieties migrating upstream right up until Christmas when the study stopped.
1897	2/03/2020	Nigel Berry	The quality of the catch from November onwards is severely compromised with gutty/breeders it would be beneficial for sustainability if the season finished by the 5th of November. Nets fishing from daylight till dark outside of tidal waters are deadly all nets should be out of the water 2 hrs into the back of the tide 2 allow more fish to move through to the nurseries. All fisherman need to pay a license fee. Harsher penalties for fishing out of season. I have been fishing West Coast rivers for over 60 years most of my best catches have been in the 21st century.
1898	1/03/2020	Lisa Major	I have noticed that when the sewage pipe got removed from the Buller river is when the whitebait declined, has that been considered? There was always massive amounts hanging around there that fed off that and no doubt plenty of other fish suffered as well.
1899	1/03/2020	Glyn Burrows	
1900	1/03/2020	Rae Mills	More rivers have whitebait now then in 1950 when we lived in Rotokina and fished on the Wataroa river. On the Chatham Islands the increase is dramatic.
1901	1/03/2020	Geoffery Mead	I strongly feel the current West Coast whitebait regulations are well thought out and have proved overtime to work well for both conservation and fishing (why change a good working model).
1902	1/03/2020	Graeme Taylor	
1903	1/03/2020	Eru Tini	There is currently a myth being circulated which I would like to debunk. "Whitebait used to be so plentiful that people had to dig them in their garden and also feed them to their hens". The truth of the matter is that in past times people had either rudimentary fridges or safes to keep their food cold. Catches of whitebait had to be eaten straight away or given to neighbours. They did not have freezers as we do today. Unfortunately whitebaiters are up against ideological people who basically want everything closed down. People with this type of view are probably not involved in the fishery but have the ability to swamp submissions electronically and that is not fair. I hope that any discussions and decisions should centre on evidence based arguments. I note that the discussion document includes a preferred option of a shorter season. Old data used in graphs shows peak migration is not accurate as in 1995 experimental fishing was carried out on the hokitika river under DOC supervision. Individual species were identified and the results showed all the rare varieties migrating upstream right up until Christmas when the study stopped.
1904	1/03/2020	Kevin Kerr	
1905	1/03/2020	Rowland Taylor	Restrictions on fishing will have no effect if problem is really one of degradation of habitat.
1906	1/03/2020	Richard Power	I have been whitebaiting on the Taramakau River for 40 plus years and during that time there has been good and bad catches depending on the weather conditions at the time. This year was plagued with continuous wet weather and therefore the river was flooded a lot and unfishable. Those people who say whitebait are being fished out have not done enough research. I also think that the use of socknets should be banned as not only do they trap whitebait but other fish aswell which could be too small or breeding stock. I also think that the season needs to be aligned for all of NZ.
1907	1/03/2020	Lynora Brooke	
1908	1/03/2020	John Smith	
1909	1/03/2020	Wayne Spivey	
1910	1/03/2020	Ziahn Hewer	
1911	29/02/2020	Greg Milne	
1912	29/02/2020	Lana Milne	
1913	29/02/2020	Elsbeth Wingham	Leave West Coast alone.
1914	29/02/2020	Jeff Schafer	Leave South Westland commercial whitebaiting alone
1915	29/02/2020	John Batton	
1916	29/02/2020	Frank Schwass	
1917	29/02/2020	Peter Ilton	
1918	29/02/2020	Gavin Cameron	Concentrate more on the habitat for the whitebait, there is a lot of drummed up rubbish coming from DOC there is no decrease in whitebait in the rivers where I fish.

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1919	29/02/2020	Jess Cowan	
1920	29/02/2020	Haidee Cowan	
1921	29/02/2020	Maryannm Cowan	
1922	29/02/2020	Emma Menzies	
1923	29/02/2020	Alayne Aburn	
1924	29/02/2020	David Reid	
1925	29/02/2020	Tyson Kavanagh Moore	
1926	29/02/2020	Justine Hewer-Marley	As said in my previous submission in the first round.
1927	29/02/2020	Daryl Hewer	
1928	29/02/2020	Chantelle Cowan	
1929	29/02/2020	Mike Daley	<p>I fully agree that we need to ensure that whitebaiting is there for future generations, no-one would disagree. However, I disagree with DOC's proposed new regulations. Any changes in regulation to ensure this comes about should be based on valid data by known scientists, this is also something no-one would disagree on. HOWEVER not only do the proposed new regulations focus on harvesting whitebait they say very little about spawning areas which are being reduced through urban development, grazing of stock on DOC land which isn't fenced and polluting rivers. The SI West Coast has its rivers monitored by a researcher, a known scientist based at the University of Canterbury no less, the last 15 years. The findings which have been published and presented to DOC show there has been NO DECLINE in whitebait over the 15 years. You are ignoring this research and have still listed rivers in the SI west coast that may be closed to baiters. We heard that when professor Hickford presented his research findings to DOC on the West Coast the next item on the agenda was which rivers should be closed and deemed as refuges to whitebait. This move is being done for ideological reasons in a rush because the political future of the Greens is in doubt after the next election. This is WRONG, WRONG, WRONG.</p> <p>The SI WEST COAST IS THE ONLY REGION that has closed rivers, 22 in fact, it has a shortened fishing season, back pegs, only one net is permitted and we have regulations how far apart stands must be. Other regions outside the SI West Coast should have similar regulations subject to valid data regarding the environment within regional rivers and the west coast to continue 'as is'. Commercial whitebaiting should remain as it meets a need. Some people are unable to fish, tourist operators can serve whitebait similar to run of the mill 'fish and chip' outlets, markets, restuarants etc. In addition the SI West Coast is an impoverished region and forestry, mining, milk processing employment has dwindled or made redundant. Losing commercial whitebaiting would be another blow to the economy. Some commercial baiters have paid \$100,000 for their businesses - no mention has been made about compensation, in fact an impact assessment of the industry especially to commercial baiters has not been done. Maintenance of existing areas of spawning as is currently happening on the west coast should be carried out throughout the whole country as there has been an increase in spawning on the west coast - even haybales can be used as temporary spawning areas. Lastly please at least set aside sufficient revenue to carry out research to get the 'true facts' of the bait numbers instead of the emotive claims that some bait types are threatened. Funding is needed to monitor that people are adhering to regulations and rivers 'temporarily closed' as bait refuge need scientific monitoring to determine the effect on the population of bait on these rivers. The proposed regulations permit rivers to be closed for TEN years and if monitoring cannot be carried out due to lack of resources the legislation states the closure can be rolled over for another 10 years. This is a dishonest way to permanently close rivers to whitebaiting forever as there's always other priorities the government is allocating funding to. Some believe that whitebait will become a black market commodity and the sustainability of whitebait hardly impacted by the new regulations. People generally don't like change. Change without valid reason for that change will cause some baiters to ignore the propsed regulations.</p>
1930	29/02/2020	Geoffery Rubbo	Introduced fish such as trout, perch and other coarse fish that predate on whitebait require a licence to fish. The daily catch limits on some of these fish (trout and salmon) have been reduced over the years which helps the population increase. In my opinion these fish should be able to be caught without having to purchase a license so more people can help remove an introduced pest that prey on whitebait.
1931	29/02/2020	Kerry and Rubianne Horgan	
1932	29/02/2020	Colin Hahn	
1933	28/02/2020	Rob Buchanan	
1934	28/02/2020	Marion Thomas	
1935	28/02/2020	Joe Thomas	
1936	28/02/2020	Pam Dransfield	Leave the whitebait alone.
1937	28/02/2020	Dani Jay	
1938	28/02/2020	Jim Bob Scallywag	
1939	28/02/2020	Trevor Macdonald	

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1940	28/02/2020	Shane Daley	<p>I am opposed to the proposed changes to whitebaiting regulations on the SI west coast. Valid research published over 15 years in University of Canterbury by an internationally recognised professor demonstrates that there is no decline in whitebait in the SI west coast region. Other regions in NZ have no strategies in place to ensure the sustainability of whitebait and they should have the rule SI west coast operate under applied to them. It's a no brainer - the west coast is known as an impoverished region and reducing their income further or closing rivers and commercial fishers at those rivers forcefully lose their business. Unless you have made restrictions in other regions first (where valid research indicates numbers are dwindling) it will not go down well with Coasters who lose everything. Even previous law abiding coasters will be pushed to protest at the injustice. I'm just as aware as the Green Party is that its election year and not knowing your political future you want to fast track DOCs proposals with no thought of those who will be effected and an impact study has not been carried out.</p> <p>Commercial whitebaiters meet a need - tourist programmes and activities often offer whitebait, for restaurants, other food outlets such as fish and chip retailers, for Kiwis unable to fish for themselves and for their own livelihood. I agree that an annual harvest log should be mandatory as it will provide data that will be useful in managing this resource ensuring its there for future generations, which is what we all want. DOC currently allows farmers to graze their stock along river beds where they graze spawning grounds and pollute rivers - this all has dwindling effect on bait and needs to be readressed. Focusing on the 'easy' solution of banning or closing rivers off should not happen especially when no attempt is made at enhancing spawning areas. A SI west coast group has as its purpose of maintaining and planting new spawning areas. Other areas need to emulate this practise.</p>
1941	28/02/2020	Stuart Catto	<p>I believe that changes to whitebaiting as things stand, are inevitable, BUT, the West Coast has done far more than any other area to protect their whitebait stocks. Just one visit to the Mataura river fishery (east coast) says it all. With reportedly 550 stands on the Mataura alone and no sanctuaries I think things must be done. The most obvious measure would be to shorten the season around NZ to match the west coast. Another point reduce the number of stands on rivers to match the size of the waterway (just like is currently in place on the West Coast) For example reduce the number of stands on the Mataura to maybe 50.</p>
1942	28/02/2020	Neil Campbell	Leave regulations as they are, but bring rest of country same as West Coast.
1943	28/02/2020	Rochelle Truscott	
1944	28/02/2020	Michael Hamilton	
1945	28/02/2020	Sharron Truscott	
1946	28/02/2020	Claire Truscott	
1947	28/02/2020	Danielle Brown	
1948	28/02/2020	Grant Samuel	
1949	28/02/2020	Dale Truscott	
1950	28/02/2020	Thomas Arnold	
1951	28/02/2020	Judith Arnold	I recommend sock nets be banned.
1952	28/02/2020	Justine McKelvey	<p>I am worried at the thought that my friend may lose her whitebait business because of the proposed whitebait changes. I have also fished whitebait myself and most years I 'have a feed' of bait. On the SI West Coast they already have bait refuges, season restrictions, back peg fishing, set limits for stands and space between stands. It's not fair or right that they have all these things in place to ensure bait is there for future generations whilst the rest of the country is not doing their bit for sustainability. Leave the west coast SI alone and enforce some of their rules nationwide. I believe free grazing in native reserves and DOC land where there are no fences. This destroys spawning areas and pollutes waterways when we know bait do not thrive in polluted water. I strongly urge the Minister not to rush in with some changes because it is election year. This is fool hardy and could lead to a black market in whitebait and cause fishing in closed areas. People not understanding reasons for regulations or believe they are not based on evidence are likely to ignore the rules. Monitoring, developing spawning areas, researching bait numbers and types is ESSENTIAL. I request that no changes are made without valid data to confirm the need for change and FUNDING is set aside for the above purpose.</p>
1953	28/02/2020	Glen Dickson	
1954	28/02/2020	Kevin Morley	
1955	28/02/2020	Daniel James	DOClike destroying people's lives Kaikoura birdlife is gone 1080 kids what DOC will do is DOC the whitebaiting over flood the river with whitebait and destroy the ecosystem (sic).
1956	27/02/2020	Pat Weir	
1957	27/02/2020	Maurice White	<p>I believe enhancement of whitebait habitat by riparian planting along streams through exotic forests and through farmlands would be beneficial. Also pollution of waterways by farmers, foresters, milk factories, freezing works, councils or anyone else should be illegal. Fresh, clean, waterways will benefit everything including the whitebait fishery.</p>
1958	27/02/2020	Mary Wingham	

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1959	27/02/2020	James Alex Wingham	In South Westland in tidal estauries we cannot fish without long screens we need nets with a trap its important as we fish commercially.
1960	27/02/2020	Scott Walsh	
1961	27/02/2020	Jim Hemopo	
1962	27/02/2020	Kyle Webster	
1963	27/02/2020	John Mcfarland	
1964	27/02/2020	Christine Mcfarland	
1965	27/02/2020	Rita Murphy	
1966	27/02/2020	David Smith	
1967	27/02/2020	Christine Smith	
1968	27/02/2020	Ellen Mulrooney	
1969	27/02/2020	Hugh Bell	
1970	27/02/2020	John Steele	Something to consider. No whitebait fishing within 100m of any river mouth on the river side. This lets whitebait coming into a river a chance to spread out. Whitebait are present in rivers in varying numbers 12 months a year. With fishing allowed 10 weeks and 4 days annually there is still a large window, out of season, for entry to the rivers and breeding to take place. Season to be Sept 1st to Nov 15th on all rivers. QUESTION: who exports 1,000 tonne of whitebait and from what area is it caught?
1971	27/02/2020	Jeannette Ranby	
1972	27/02/2020	Donald Ranby	
1973	27/02/2020	Tony Nicholls	I've fished all my life and haven't seen any significant changes and quantities caught over a period of 40 years. Would like to see more collected data on sustainability.
1974	27/02/2020	Ronald Merrick	
1975	27/02/2020	Alan Stuart	
1976	27/02/2020	Jane Stuart	
1977	27/02/2020	Terry Rea	
1978	27/02/2020	John Cowan	
1979	27/02/2020	Marjorie Brown	I fully support the submission also rushing a decision before all data from all over NZ is the only fairest way to all concerned.
1980	27/02/2020	Pearl Douglas	Review the use of posions that affect aquatic life.
1981	27/02/2020	Kelvin Douglas	Review the use of posions that affect aquatic life.
1982	27/02/2020	Shelley Taylor	Review the use of posions that affect aquatic life.
1983	27/02/2020	Allan Seto	
1984	26/02/2020	Belinda Williamson	
1985	26/02/2020	Hamish White	You won't stop whitebaiting you will only start a dangerous blackmarket
1986	26/02/2020	Kevin Hill	
1987	26/02/2020	Robbie Donnelly	
1988	26/02/2020	Alan Bensemann	
1989	26/02/2020	Janice Dellaca	
1990	26/02/2020	Karen Mulholland	
1991	26/02/2020	Chris Grant	
1992	26/02/2020	Wendy Shanks	I have been a whitebaiter for 22 years on the West Coast. If the right people spoke with the right whitebaiters they would find that the whitebait is not dying out. There are families in the Cascade and West Coast and most likely throughout NZ that could fill in the gaps instead of deciding to do what you think you know is the right thing to do. I feel the export side of the whitebait should stop. The whole of the country should be on the same timeframe as the West Coast is. I don't mind paying a fishing license within reason. I fully disagree with stopping whitebaiting all together so please don't.
1993	26/02/2020	Jeromy Davison	
1994	26/02/2020	Werner Vierling	I hope, DOC considers changes to the whitebait act, changes which are based on real facts, not on emotional driven opinions and dubious, questionable facts.
1995	26/02/2020	Michael Kinraid	

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1996	26/02/2020	Neville Reilly	http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2001/0139/latest/DLM49250.html . This order is being ignored. DOC the environment protection agency. The DHBs are all breaking the law. Toxic chemicals mainly class 1a 1080 is poisoning the aquatic life that this legislation is there to protect. The crown does not have immunity to the law. Read the legislation. It was put their for aquatic life, also for the people. The secondary poisoning effects on aquatic life are extreme. For all aquatic life. The Buller catchment area and tributaries and streams set out in this legislation have more galaxiids than any other areas in NZ. Including endemic insects 1080 harms them all including risks to humans that may not know these areas are poisoned against the law I must add.
1997	26/02/2020	Mark Butson	
1998	26/02/2020	Joey Robinson	
1999	26/02/2020	Denise Butson	
2000	26/02/2020	Robert Coster	
2001	26/02/2020	Barry Brown	
2002	26/02/2020	Melissa Diedrichs	
2003	26/02/2020	Zoe Kennett	
2004	26/02/2020	Hailey Miller	
2005	26/02/2020	Paul Fahey	
2006	26/02/2020	Jody Fahey	
2007	26/02/2020	Greg Metherell	
2008	26/02/2020	Olegas Bogdanovas	I believe that the staff - especially managers - of DOC have more important matters to attend to than interfere in what has been the culture of people for over 70 years.
2009	26/02/2020	David Nicholas	
2010	25/02/2020	Mike Karl	There is a huge concern the use of 1080 in our waterways is the biggest danger to whitebait becoming extinct. The 1080 data sheet states very clearly that 1080 should be kept away from any water as it is an ecotoxin and is poisonous to fish. 1080 does not become safe to drink once it enters the water it remains highly toxic and dangerously poisonous. The use of 1080 should be banned until the danger to our fresh water fish has been assessed. It appears the Minister is aware that 1080 is poisoning the whitebait (indigenous freshwater fish) as she had the law changed to make this legal in her amendment to the conservation act. See clause 12 and 14 of Eugenie Sages amendments to the Conservation amendment bill.
2011	25/02/2020	Gordon Kelly	As a West Coast resident who has caught whitebait recreationally for 50 years I support the views of the Whitebaiters Association and I am convinced that with monitoring and habitat enhancement the current west coast regulations should be able to continue with some small changes for the foreseeable future without the species becoming depleted. Accurate catch data will be essential to build up a better picture of the fishery. The rest of NZ should come under the same regulations as the West Coast.
2012	25/02/2020	Don Hume	Have fished for whitebait for 20 years and seen no decline in numbers. Last 5 years numbers have increased.
2013	25/02/2020	Col Sutherland	I have been whitebaiting on the West Coast for 7 years and have consistently caught very similar amounts each year. There are no adverse environmental factors, agriculture or human activity affecting the breeding catchment area and I would consider this a sustainable fishery.
2014	25/02/2020	Cory Tozer	
2015	25/02/2020	Theresa Ashley	Leave our fishing alone.
2016	25/02/2020	Dennis Straker	The West Coast has been getting ripped off by the Green Goodies and its time the Government and DOC listen to West Coast views and take action on these not the views of the green movement.
2017	25/02/2020	Gary Hewer	
2018	25/02/2020	Sue Gardner	Until such time that I witness DOC making any decisions on whitebaiting based on any scientific fact they should listen to those who have been fishing for decades and keeping records.
2019	25/02/2020	Paul Anderson	I have fished the Punakaiki river every season for the last 15 years, as has my wifes family since the 1960s. I see no evidence that whitebait stocks are declining. Generally our catches increase every year, with the exception of one year when the weather was very bad and our river was often flooded. We believe that not enough research has been done and that recent claims about declining stocks are not based on evidence. Never in all the years that we have been fishing have we been approached for our opinions and catch results. Nor have any other fishers on our river. This leaves me to ask where all the information and doom and gloom is coming from. The rest of the country should be brought into line with West Coast regulations - season dates and back peg limits - and there is no reason to shut any rivers.
2020	25/02/2020	Ted Collier	
2021	25/02/2020	Don Peter	There has been much comment about overfishing driving the alleged decline in whitebait numbers. Very little comment has been directed to the draining of breeding habitat for the development of farming operations.

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2022	25/02/2020	Michael Jones	
2023	25/02/2020	Michael Robert Hamill	
2024	25/02/2020	Patrick Beban	Since my retirement I have fished with my brother-in-law on the West Coast. I have observed his and others conservative attitude to their catch and would not like that interfered with in any shape or form.
2025	25/02/2020	Noel J Paterson	Feedback from the whitebaiters here are that stocks are fine, so lets see some good robust science.
2026	25/02/2020	Del Shearer	
2027	25/02/2020	Sheryl Rhind	I believe socknets should also be banned.
2028	25/02/2020	Stewart Rhind	I believe socknets should also be banned.
2029	25/02/2020	Brian Manera	
2030	25/02/2020	Michelle Donnell	
2031	25/02/2020	Alistair Climo	I think if the sale of whitebait was not allowed then a lot of people won't rip the sytem off as its greed and sale of whitebait that causes a lot of problems and fights. It's the \$\$ value and brings out the worst in people. I don't sell any of my catch but we have a damn good feed and also give to my family uncle and aunties who can't go out and get it now due to age. Totally agree with bringing the whole of NZ under West Coast rules this will definitely help the whitebait out.
2032	25/02/2020	Linda Cooper	
2033	25/02/2020	Gary Cooper	
2034	25/02/2020	Neil Jordan	
2035	25/02/2020	Graeme Jackson	
2036	25/02/2020	John Blair	
2037	25/02/2020	Keith Orchard	
2038	25/02/2020	Greg Hart	Make it open
2039	25/02/2020	Diane Daley	<p>My overwhelming fear is that you introduce regulations without due process or time to ensure decisions are made for the right reasons. I am 'scared' you will rush because its an election year and the future is unknown politically. 'Bad' decisions will lead to 'fight-bait' every year with bullies, obnoxious people and people using stand over tactics if the regulations have no relevance to a river or region, blackmarket fishing and sale of bait can happen.</p> <p>COMMENTS 1. The SI West Coast should not have any changes made to its regulations unless scientific research indicates this is needed. They have 23 refuge rivers already - no other region has any. 2. Other regions with longer seasons and looser catch regulations need to be evaluated ASAP and SOME NZ wide regulations put in place. 2B. NO chasing bait up river, backpegs introduced so only tidal river gets fished, season length. 3. There may be regional changes at the river needed as well as things like stand length, distance apart, peg location etc needed to be decided regionally. 4. There needs understanding that scientific data is ESSENTIAL to bring about change and then to monitor the river to ensure these regulations meet the goal of sustainable fishing. There is no place for ad-hoc decisions or favouritism. 5. Maori should not be awarded 'ownership' of our rivers and waterways and the fish within - these belong to ALL KIWIS not one group. 6. Commercial fishing should be retained as it provides a service for those that can't fish and a business for others. 6B. A catch limit for commercial fishers could be imposed but care needs to be taken to not limit catch without monitoring that they are necessary. Clarification as to the definition of commercial and recreational. 7. A catch diary should be mandatory when purchasing a license to fish whitebait to help with data gathering. 7B Funding needs to be available to employ knowledgeable people to ascertain the effects of regulations on bait sustainability AND to assess refuge rivers and what impact closure is having on sustaining bait. 8. DOC needs to stop allowing grazing rights to farmers for their stock. They eat regenerating vegetation, trample or eat spawning vegetation and pollute waterway. This should be give URGENT PRIORITY. 9. One organisation should be set up to monitor whitebaiting not fragmented as presently between regional, district councils, DOC and NZ Police at times. 9B There must be a refresher /educative seminars set up to upskill ALL staff so they know the regulations, their role, and that of others. Consistent interpretation of rules needed for harmony and illegal fishing stopped. 10. Fines etc for breaking the rules need to be harsher and rivers monitored more than is happening now. 10B. Where helicopters used to access rivers it is pointless to visit the river low tide when there is no fishing. 10C Naming of equipment is mandatory to identify whose net is being used illegally. A lower priority then other regulations however. 11. Funding needs to be put into developing spawning places even the use of haybales to start with.</p>
2040	25/02/2020	Paul Daley	We all want whitebait fishing sustainability BUT scientific research is urgently needed and should be the reason WHY regulations are made not ad-hoc decisions without any basis in reality if you want adherence to new regulations. All issues that impact on bait numbers should be assessed not just overfishing as DOCs proposed changes emphasis. Focus on collaboration with associations and fishers to bring about change not emotive media fake news about 'threatened fish' scare tactics when you don't exactly know numbers at all.

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2042	25/02/2020	Ian McNaught	1. The SI West Coast should not have any changes made to its regulations unless scientific research backs this up. I wouldn't against shortening the WC season to Oct 31st as the last two weeks is often a lot of by-catch and breeders. 2. Other regions should include regulations similar to WC ASAP - EG length of season, illegal to chase bait up a river, fishing above a tidal river, ANNUAL mandatory catch diary can be implemented nationwide. 3. There may be regional changes at the river needed as well as things liek stand length, distance apart, peg location etc needed to be decided regionally. 4. There needs understanding that scientific data is ESSENTIAL to bring about change and then to monitor it. There is no place for ad-hoc decisions or favouritism. 5. Commercial fishing should be retained as it provides a service for those that can't fish and a business for others.7. DOC needs to stop allowing grazing rights to farmers for their stock. They eat regenerating vegetation, trample or eat spawning vegetation and pollute waterway. 8. One organisation should be set up to monitor whitebaiting not fragmented as presently. 10. Fines etc for breaking the rules need to be harsher and rivers monitored more than is happening now. 11. Funding needs to be put into developing spawning places even the use of haybails to start with.
2043	25/02/2020	Frances McNaught	Whitebaiting is important to my sister and her family she looks forward to having grandkids fishing with her. Ensuring whitebait are there in the future does not involve closing rivers or imposing ridiculous regulations on west coast whitebaiting. They already have closed rivers, backpegs and equipment restrictions. It's time for other regions to work out how to fish more sustainably. A NZ ban on chasing whitebait upriver and the length of the season shortened needs to happen this year. Leave the west coasters alone aside from shortening their season by two weeks to end Oct 31st. Other regions need to reduce season length too after data is looked at to work out what dates are best. I REALLY DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD RUSH CREATING REGULATIONS THAT ARE INEQUITABLE AND POORLY THOUGHTOUT SIMPLY BECUASE ITS ELECTION YEAR. Data needs to be collected by reputable scientists urgently to make the best decisions. Also stop farmers grazing stock in native reserves for DOC to spend that's destroying spawning habitat and polluting our rivers and aquatic life including our whitebait. Poorly thought out incomprehensible regulations will lead to non-adherence especially because many get away with it. Commercial fishing should be retained as they meet needs but an annual catch diary needs to be mandatory to aid sensible baiting. WE ALL WANT TO LOOK AFTER WHITEBAIT IN THE FUTURE - poorly thought out regulations won't achieve this. Wait until you have resourcing including funding for monitoring and enforcement before introducing controversial regulations. No-one wants whitebait to be sold on the blackmarket.
2044	25/02/2020	Trudi Gault	Listen to the people who catch the whitebait. Good years bad years. No less than there was.
2045	25/02/2020	Steve Columbus	
2046	24/02/2020	Kerry McLaughlin	
2047	24/02/2020	Leigh Gillman	
2048	24/02/2020	Tarsh McLaughlin	
2049	24/02/2020	Geoff Millar	
2050	24/02/2020	Mia Jenkins	
2051	24/02/2020	Bernadette Archbold	
2052	24/02/2020	Harry Silcock	
2053	24/02/2020	Diane Cook	
2054	24/02/2020	Graham Brown	Things are getting out of hand. The West Coast is being starved of kiwis rights to hunt, fish and have a good time.
2055	24/02/2020	Murray Moy	
2056	24/02/2020	Marilyn Blance	
2057	24/02/2020	Alan Beattie	
2058	24/02/2020	Gaye Beattie	
2059	24/02/2020	Annette Mead	Make the rules the same for all of NZ
2060	24/02/2020	Barbara Mead	
2061	24/02/2020	Kiefer Donnelly-Kinloch	
2062	24/02/2020	Kevin Harris	DOC are trying to rush these rules in before the election and NO real scientific of whitebaiting decline etc.
2063	24/02/2020	Selwyn Allred	I have white baited on the South Island West Coast for over 42 years, spending around 2 weeks there every year. I think more could be done to protect the breeding areas on the coast rivers and believe a limit should be introduced on the amount of whitebait each person can take every season. There are a few whitebaiters taking way too much bait. The whitebaiting regulations should be the same on the east coast as the West Coast.
2064	24/02/2020	Ron Heward	
2065	24/02/2020	Trevor James Bunting	
2066	24/02/2020	Patricia Mary Bunting	
2067	24/02/2020	Stephen Frost	
2068	24/02/2020	Christine Reynolds	Need more information before changes

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2069	24/02/2020	Neil Radics	
2070	24/02/2020	Richard H J Smith	
2071	24/02/2020	Peter McLellan	
2072	24/02/2020	Jamie Mcdonald	I think things should be left as they are as you have no statistics as to the population of bait only an assumption as to what wrong info you go after as it would affect thousands of Nzrs livelihoods so I'm against changing anything. Cheers.
2073	24/02/2020	Wayne Mcdonald	No good leave it be as you have no statistics also plenty of whitebait in NZ rivers.
2074	24/02/2020	Stuart Sayer	
2075	24/02/2020	Arthur Hibbs	
2076	24/02/2020	Glenyse Black	
2077	24/02/2020	Adrienne Brown	
2078	24/02/2020	Tony Black	
2079	24/02/2020	Caneron Bollond	
2080	24/02/2020	Colin Boniface	
2081	24/02/2020	Jean Boniface	
2082	24/02/2020	Sashka Patten	
2083	24/02/2020	Amanda Hyde	
2084	24/02/2020	Lyn Brown	
2085	24/02/2020	Sue Ross	
2086	24/02/2020	Dayah Patten	
2087	24/02/2020	Cindy Condon	
2088	24/02/2020	Carol Cornwall	
2089	19/02/2020	Heather Robinson	
2090	24/02/2020	Gordon Macadam	
2091	15/02/2020	Glynis Condon	If the rest of NZ were to adopt the same regulations as the West Coast in terms of shorter season, back markers, shorter screens/stands and disallowing multiple nets and wings, having all screens attached to the bank together with new initiatives such as maximum instruction into a river of 1/4 stream width, then more draconian steps such as closer rivers would not be required.