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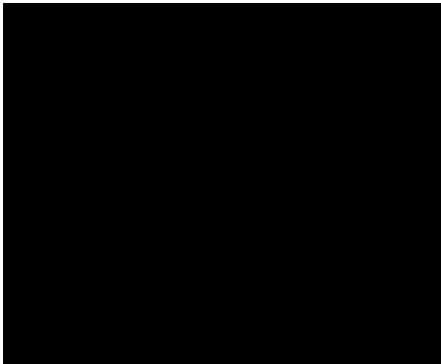
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Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Taranaki

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?: Information collected from whitebaiters themselves is invaluable to this discussion.

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.: Surveys on the state of the fishery must be conducted to ascertain what is actually happening.

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Respondent skipped this question

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

15 August - 14 October,

Why do you support that option?: Because I fish on the Mokau river. The whitebait normally run from August to October. The preferred time I believe is 1st August to end of October. This would leave November free for the later runs to go undisturbed.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Disagree,

Why?: What will this achieve?

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Respondent skipped this question

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Other (please specify):

This is dependent upon the areas. Where I fish there are many places for whitebait to lay their eggs. From observation of my area and the catches made it becomes very obvious that the weather places a huge role in the abundance or lack of whitebait. This changes every year.

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q15

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Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

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Sock nets should be phased out,

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

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A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

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Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

These are existing regulations on the Mokau river.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree,

Other (please specify):

I also believe that if people wish to sell whitebait they should pay a license fee and be registered. Also a quota of 5kg per day would help stop abuse of the fishery.

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

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Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

I have known people who catch 50kgs a day and sell most of these because they dont know what to do with them. Introducing a quota system should help this.

Greed is what will destroy the fishery.

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

I think whitebait regulations should be adapted to suit each area as they all have different characteristics.

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

They should be introduced in consultation with the recreational whitebaiters.

Q25

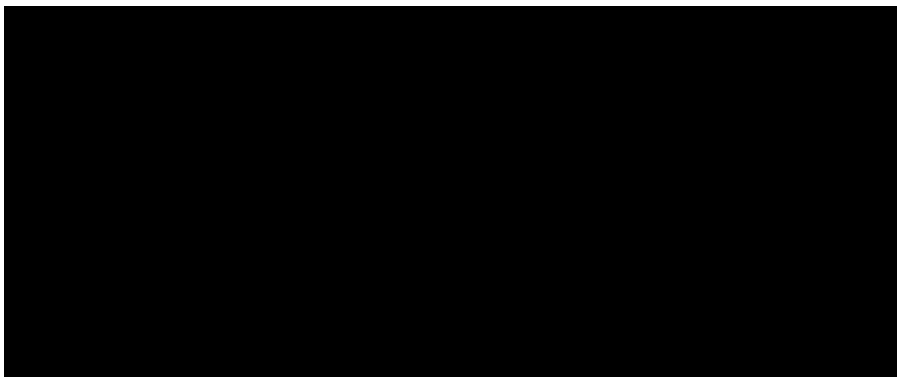
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What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

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Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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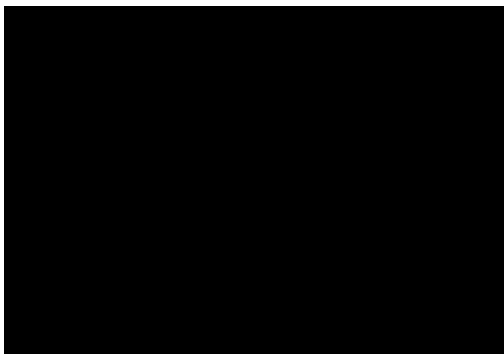
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Organisation

West Coast Whitebait Association

Q4

If parts of this submission reflect the views of an organisation, please tell us which parts.

The view that the West Coast White baiting regulations should NOT be changed at this time.

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Customary fisher,
Commercial fisher,
Environmental interest**

Q6

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Strongly disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:
I believe that the West Coast rivers and whitebaiting regulations should not be altered without data indicating otherwise. A 'one size fits all' mentality is ridiculous when applied to NZ's rivers and activities on and in them. Scientific data is needed. Conservation of spawning sites needs priority Racist to give Iwi governance and status above those who have fished for generations and those who care for our environment Groups across regions need to be urgently formed to maintain and construct new spawning grounds Reasons of those who don't pay taxes for bait they sell is their responsibility not that of fishers who DO pay their taxes. Ways to obtain catch information a priority

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

No changes are needed,

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
No changes required in the guiding management goal but it's the implementation of national regulations to achieve this goal is what I take umbrage at and STRONGLY DISAGREE some regulations proposed. The main problem is that each region and its' rivers can be markedly different. This is mentioned in your discussion but then you completely ignore the issue despite it being pivotal.

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

No changes are needed,

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
Again, its the measures taken to achieve the outcomes that's at issue

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 30 October,

Why do you support that option?:
these dates suit our West Coast river. In November by-catch and gutties (breeders) make up most of the catch. Regions outside of the West Coast who fish a month longer than us need to have their seasons reduced in accordance to when their rivers usually have bait coming upstream

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree,

Why?:

Back pegs work on the West Coast. In other regions where bait can be chased up the river a change is definitely needed. The point could be made that there are no doubt river variations as sometimes the riverbank doesn't allow fishing for a distance from the river mouth.

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Back-pegs only,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:

This gets rid of any doubt where you can fish

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Other (please specify):

I agree but no further refuges needed on the SI West Coast where we have 22 closed rivers already plus special conditions on 40 other rivers. The research being done by Mike Hickford on the West Coast closed rivers needs to be considered and implemented in all other regions. No rivers should be closed until there is sufficient investigation why those rivers should be the ones closed. CLOSURES SHOULD NOT BE based on the loudest voice, Maori demands or ad hoc. Time needs to be taken to identify which rivers should be closed elsewhere so knowledgeable relevant reasons can be used to decide. It doesn't need to happen immediately AT ALL Time frame: My worry is that the statistics about catches aren't know NOW with any confidence and to say that a river will be reviewed in two years or five years is an impossibility without big changes in harvest and river condition and funding made available. Closing a river for TEN years and rolling that over a further TEN years if no review happens is a SNEAKY way to permanently close those rivers. We have ABSOLUTELY NO CONFIDENCE as closing a river and reviewing it in five years assumes you've collected data on bait numbers and habitats as how else can you review - yet we know you don't hv this date for all rivers.

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

South Island West Coast rivers already closed should remain that way and closures happen elsewhere.

Wetlands are important as is Conservation areas BUT DOC gives farmers Pastoral Lease along the banks of those areas ... usually there's no fencing on conservation land so cattle drink and pollute the rivers as well as trampling over potential spawning areas.

This is open leasing is ridiculous .

Canterbury and other sprawling urban areas SHOULD HAVE ENFORCED retention of spawning grounds.

Closing some of the urban rivers also helps reinforce the message that sustainability measures are in place.

Open Pastoral leasing, sustainability of bait, conservation and retaining water quality and spawning habitat are ridiculous to have in the same sentence. They are mutually exclusive.

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

As said previously the SI West Coast should have no further closures without data saying otherwise.

Some urban rivers closed as well as rural, DOC & wetland areas

BUT without data backing up closures it shouldn't happen.

Canterbury and other sprawling urban areas SHOULD HAVE ENFORCED regulations re retention of spawning grounds

Closing some of the urban rivers also helps reinforce the message that sustainability measures are in place - everyone has to do this.

Road engineers, council consents, farmers, fishers all need to work to same end.

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

This has been covered in my answers 14 & 15

How can you ask us which rivers to close - CLOSURES

SHOULDN'T HAPPEN BY LOUDEST VOICE ad hoc or personal experience, interest in an area ----

unfair and reeks of 'personal interest', IWI claims given priority and DOC preference to get rid of rivers where there have been many complaints or trouble breaking regulations.

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

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Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand

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There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

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Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

Again, you can't make one rule nationally as i keep saying. There are a few national areas I've selected above, we already have 1/3 diameter into river on the West Coast. Stand Fishing only would be too unfair as it would impact on weekend recreational fishing which is important to many fishers traditionally over generations - excluding Maori as it's not all about them. No traps would make fishing way harder for elderly and infirm fishers. Often they keep their net in until finished fishing and ask others to lift their net for them. I wouldn't like to prohibit that if there are other things in place as above. i don't know what is meant by diversions prohibited to fish off, it's already in place West Coast, a no-brainer to prohibit.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree,

Other (please specify):

Even though it's only a tonne, it still should be banned but emphasis needs to be on monitoring river bank activity not chasing this ... make it that they can export 'home produced farmed bait' to minimize loss of income for commercial guys

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Whitebait farms to meet this need where possible. Give money to proposed Westport Development but is there a way small groups of people can grow their own bait?

i don't like people relying on export baiting as their income to be left with no alternatives ... don't know how feasible this is though ...

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Having a national fishing season Sept 1 - Oct 30

Setting up one main agency to manage whitebaiting, not just fishing but all measures such as habitat protection, water quality and riverbank grazing managed

Creation of spawning areas and management of riverbank grazing

Catch details mandatory along with fishing licence

IRD could use this record for taxation

Definition as to what's a recreational vs commercial fisher

Commercial fishers to be limited to a tonne per season

Recreational fishers limited to a daily catch limit, maybe 20 kgs

Back pegs to indicate fishing zone

No net allowed at end of stand

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

I am greatly concerned by Maori who have indicated [REDACTED] that they want ownership of our rivers and fish within and see themselves as responsible for governance.

This should NEVER be allowed. All of NZ 'owns' our resources and setting up one group with its own political issues to monitor rivers is blatantly unfair and in this case racist against those without Maori ancestry.

The whitebaiting industry needs closer management to ensure its there for future generations.

Maori by virtue of ancestry, some have less than 1% Maori blood, do not necessarily have knowledge and understanding of our river ways than others.

It should be the 'best person for the job' and their performance be monitored by others outside that Agency.

In addition any part-Maori involvement should be transparently elected onto that position not IWI appointed.

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Commercial fishing: As a commercial fisher I have been seen as greedy and dodging taxes – due to media reports about huge catches and income for a few.

The General Public read this and think the above plus that we are catching a threatened species

None of these accusations can be levied at all commercial fishers.

I'm aware of the regulations and abide to them; I also pay my taxes and sometimes stop fishing when there's mainly by-catch and breeders coming up the river in November.

People with stands pay levies annually; licence to fish, monitoring and administrative charges imposed by Council, not small amounts either

Every ten years a RMA consent to have a stand is also charged by regional council.

We rely on this income for our living and have learnt to adjust to the highs and lows of seasons. I also go shares in the catch with someone else as my health precludes actually fishing, I just can't do it anymore.

It's a long difficult season with hours and a workload greater than many types of employment.

However occasionally there are people who catch a run of 100 kgs in a day, 'Johnny on the spot'.

Every season I lose weight and sleep due to the pressures. We had to purchase assets to keep our catch frozen and clean and generate power to do so being off the grid.

To prohibit commercial fishing would be a financial disaster for us and hugely unfair because No impact study has been done FOR fishers, tourists, food industry and the general public unable to fish themselves.

Having a quota system for commercial fishers but not recreational, no definition of either title, is also unfair as so called recreation fisher will stay on when fish are running. Their intention will be to sell what they don't eat themselves – not paying taxes, often having inadequate cleaning systems nor freezer capacity.

These people are the ones reported on in the media and they give the public the wrong impression of the average commercial fisher.

Designated Buyers of bait needs to be carefully thought about. It could cause black market sellers as designated buyers/sellers of bait can control prices instead of open market as we have now.

Pretty sure there won't be any compensation if the price per kg of bait drops because of no competition.

Before any new regulations are made the monitoring of infringements needs to be made a lot clearer (who does what) and enforced. otherwise it'll be 'same as' because dodgy baiters know that even if they are caught penalties are light.

staff need to be upskilled and educated about the overall Act as well as their and others duties.

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Responsibilities of both regional and district council needs to be streamlined if not merged which would be more effective.

DOC involvement in monitoring fishers is inconsistent and outcome can be varied depending on which DOC staff member you consult with.

Some fishers are bullies and DOC bows down to that at times. In such a case, DOC needs to defer their decision and come back with an additional staff member when giving their decision.

We've been the victim of a bully and DOC not abiding by, enforcing the regulations, just shouldn't happen.

If licences are introduced a summary of the regulations should be issued as well.

The purchaser NEEDS to sign that they will abide by the regulations.

if illegal activities do occur, penalties need to be harsher - a few hefty fines or night in a cell will help ensure that fishers find out what the regulations are!!!

An experienced baiter said to us when he was fishing two nets at once, that he didn't care if his gear was impounded because it was only worth about \$300 to replace (just the net was impounded) and he'd had a few weeks using that net at 10-15 kgs / day.

NB This was a 'recreation fisher' who didn't fish a whole season, maybe half of it fishing from sock nets not a stand

Naming equipment as suggested also a way to combat disregard of the rules - so long as naming is carried out of course !!!

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

They should be put into place in two years' time, the season of 2022 PROVIDING all the regulatory decisions have been made, funding allocated to ensure education, monitoring and enforcement occurs

A clear regulatory chain of command with staff knowing their responsibilities needs to be established.

Preferably one well-resourced Authority to act as a Resource for Education and assessment as well as monitoring that regulations are heeded.

IF regulations determining equipment size, method of entrapment, stand length etc are changed there needs to be time for baiters to procure equipment that meets those changes

Two seasons time, 2022, should be sufficient notice

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

The first step to monitoring is knowing what the regulations are!

Both fishers and monitoring staff need to have a clear understanding of regulations
Penalties of regulation offenders need to be significant to discourage future offenders.

There's no confidence amongst both fishers and those in the wider community that fish identified as 'threatened' are actually threatened.

It's known that DOC lists species as under threat simply because they haven't been recently investigated.

Ad hoc estimations of numbers is not enough to motivate baiters to keep to regulations.

Fishers 'guard' their catches so others don't move to their river if its been a 'good year' - there's no confidence that records are kept confidential.

Adherence to any new regulations will be more likely
if people believe regulation changes WILL ensure sustainability and

AREN'T being introduced because PC environmental activists with global aspirations who are in a position of 'power' don't like unregulated activities in our environment . . .

especially if people are commercial fishers or earning a living from that activity.

Until fishers can understand and believe that new regulations are going to help sustainability they are more likely to ignore them.

Black market whitebait will become a reality in NZ if regulations are 'forced' on them without prior 'due diligence' facts behind the changes indicates the changes are essential.

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

It is of concern that fishers and their catches seem to be the single issue focused on in this discussion.

Are farmers, Council staff, river engineers, road workers, property developers etc and other stake holders also being included in this discussion?

Focusing on 'over fishing' as the main factor for whitebait sustainability is an 'easy fix' for a government wanting to 'look good' in an election year.

Unfortunately media coverage of whitebaiting 'demonizes' whitebaiting, especially commercial fishing.

Feedback from the General Public who don't know anything about whitebaiting and who rely on the media for information should be seen as having an opinion that's of less valuable than that from stakeholders.

(This sounds 'bad' and not PC which isn't my intention. People who are less informed about a subject can be seen as less knowledgeable and less emphasis placed on their responses than a group who are fully knowledgeable about issues)

Simply because petitions have numerous signatures eg: Forest & Bird who are established as a leader in environmental issues and have national offices and membership do not necessarily know all the facts in so-called extinction of whitebait.

There's no way fragmented whitebait organisations with few resources can match this; this does not mean that F&B stance is correct or needed.

The fact that Commercial fishing isn't mentioned in your discussion document raises concern that you have already decided regulatory changes pertaining to commercial fishing.

We are unfortunately an easy 'target'; the news media and political parties, especially small parties only in government because of our voting system, have a lot to answer to.

With the elections only a few months away it seems you want to push new regulations through now without research justification for those changes in case you're no longer in a position of 'power' after the election.

Similarly there's little discussion on streamlining whitebait fishing governance aside from mentioning that it's currently fragmented. Once again, and I hope I'm wrong, it seems that you aren't looking further into this process as its easier just to limit fishing and thus look like a knowledgeable party in this area when the opposite is true.

This state of affairs is very disappointing as it's a piecemeal review with a preordained outcome that won't ensure there's whitebait able to be fished in three or more generations' time.

I fear that fishing will be outlawed and observation decks built to enable tourists AND Kiwis to view whitebait swim upstream, black market sales of whitebait to the rich only and the loss of my income with no research data indicating its necessity and no compensation for loss of income.



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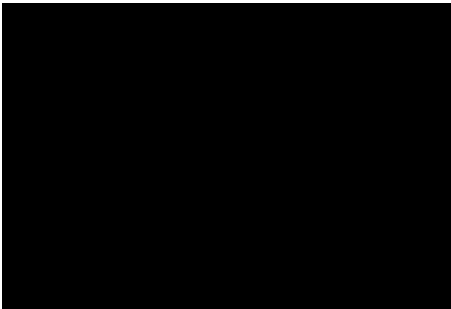
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Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Recreational fisher,
Environmental interest,
Consumer,
Interested member of the public**

Q6

Canterbury Ōtautahi

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Agree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:
Banning the sale of whitebait is not included as a strongly supported management option (ref. table 4). The effect of this would surely be to limit the large scale exploitation of a threatened resource for commercial gain thus relieving pressure on the fishery and allowing recreational and customary use to continue for the majority.

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

No changes are needed

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

No changes are needed

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

None - I prefer another option (please specify below),

Why do you support that option?:
15 September- 30 November. This allows for the shortening of the current season and also allows the season to continue into the warmer late spring. Here in the south this is an important consideration for recreational and customary fishers who want to take their family out to get a feed (or a taste).

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Other (please specify):

The use of other management tools such as shorter season, preventing sale of whitebait, habitat protection and more stringent application of existing regulatory tools should be pursued vigorously first before removing the rights of kiwis to bait in any additional waterways/areas. Further if you remove sites from the fishery you create more pressure on the remaining sites.

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Just a concern that political interests may result in selection of such sites on a population rather than a conservation basis.

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

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- Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions
- ,
- Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand
- ,
- One net should be used when fishing from a stand,
- A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced
- ,
- There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway
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- The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide
- ,
- A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

preventing sale of whitebait, habitat protection, gear restrictions, shortening season, enforcement of existing regulations

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

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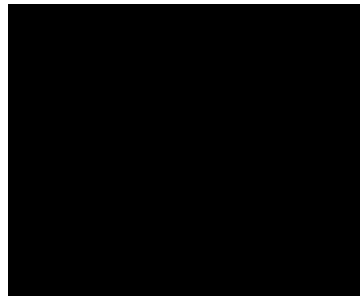
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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher,

Other (please specify):

I operate a hospitality business in an iconic whitebaiting Village, Namely ,Mokihinui.

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

Q7 **Neither agree nor disagree**

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8 **Changes are needed (please specify below),**
Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
To bring the whole country into line with only one set of guidelines set out for all fishers regardless of which part of the country you fish in.

Q9 **Changes are needed (please specify below),**
Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
As above.

Q10 **1 September - 15 November**
Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11 **Neither agree nor disagree**
What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12 **Back-pegs only,**
Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:
All waterways throughout the country.

Q13 **Neither agree nor disagree**
What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14
Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)
No

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

No

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

As there is no scientific evidence that refuges work at increasing whitebait numbers the proposed refuges are a waist of time. There are already rivers closed around the west coast so why not collect the data you need from them.

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Traps in nets should be phased out,
Screens and diversions should be phased out,
One net should be used when fishing from a stand

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Phased in over the next 5 years.

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Satisfactory .

Q26

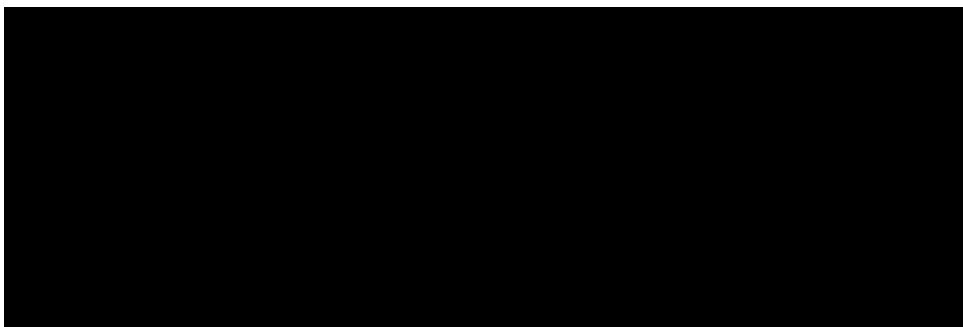
Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

As we live in an iconic whitebait village closing the Mokihinui River would have a huge impact on the visitors staying in this piece of paradise. This in affect impacts on the campground and our hospitality business as well as the economic growth on the west coast as a whole.

Why have you all,DOC,Ministers and any other personal not come and visited us to see the impact this will have in our region?? This has now created a social issue as well as insecurity to peoples futures all for the sake of wanting to take from the ordinary Kiwi, a right that has been tradition for Kiwi for over 100 years. Why don't you come and see us ???? Hard working people do not need their income stripped for something that can't even be proved is happening.

Thanks at least for letting us have our say,not that it will mean anything. as really, it is a predetermined outcome and the average kiwi is being dictated to once again.

Happy election year,at least we get a vote on that one.



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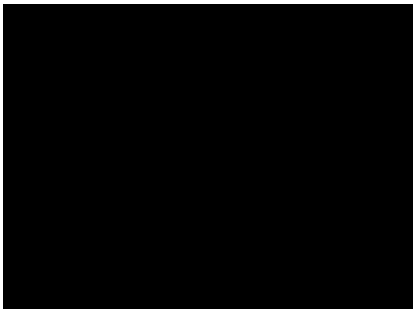
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Q3

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Respondent skipped this question

Q4

If parts of this submission reflect the views of an organisation, please tell us which parts.

Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

**Other (please specify):
Marakopa River**

Q7 **Neither agree nor disagree**

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8 **Respondent skipped this question**

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Q9 **Respondent skipped this question**

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Q10 **1 September - 30 October,**
Why do you support that option?:
Two months is enough for the short term to let everyone have a fair go.

Q11 **Strongly agree,**
Why?:
This will give the whitebait a greater chance to grow and breed.

Q12 **Back-pegs only,**
Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:
The upper reaches of the Marakopa River.

Q13 **Other (please specify):**
I have been whitebaiting for 30years on the Marakopa River and there is more whitebait there than there has ever been. It is a known that whitebaiters are never honest about how much whitebait they catch.

Q14 **Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Q15 **Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

I don't think there should be any refuges at this moment in time.

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

,

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

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The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

,

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

On the Marakopa river only one side of the river gets fished, so it is my opinion that only a small percentage of the total of whitebait that swim up the river actually get caught between the months of August and October.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree,

Other (please specify):

Unless it is commercially farmed.

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Recreational fishers should not be able to sell whitebait. That should be banned nation wide.

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

Respondent skipped this question

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Q25

Respondent skipped this question

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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Respondent skipped this question

Q4

If parts of this submission reflect the views of an organisation, please tell us which parts.

Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Southland Murihiku

Q7

Agree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

No changes are needed

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Q9

No changes are needed

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 15 November,

Why do you support that option?:

This reduces season by 1 month, being approx 28% - that would reflect a substantial increase in surviving numbers of whitebait.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree,

Why?:

This would give a protected area in all rivers, rather than closing some completely for refuges. Easy to police.

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:

Where tidal limits may fluctuate widely, depending on local geography, or other specific factors. ie - where the end limit could be mistaken, mis-judged, or open to conflict. A back peg would clarify this.

Q13

Strongly disagree

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

This would affect those who are fishing close to home, where having a limit only would still allow access. Would force such fishermen onto other rivers, increasing catches there. NO to closed refuges.

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

If, eg, Waiau & Aparima closed, where do locals go ? Smaller streams will be decimated, & restricts many older and long term responsible fishermen. A stop to commercial selling is a better idea.

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

NO REFUGES NEEDED. Back limits & shortened season should more than help such rivers !!

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

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There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

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The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

,

A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

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Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

Standard nationwide practices should be introduced.

Phasing out sock-nets etc ? - as most fisherman use this kind of gear, who had this brain-fade of an idea ?

Q18

Strongly agree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Stop commercialisation (as with trout eg), shorten season, nationwide standard practices, upstream limits where necessary.

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Consider the long term fishermen who have abided by regulations over many years, and DO NOT completely prevent them from accessing normal sites. And consider the very successful 2019 season - are numbers really diminishing to the extent claimed ?

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Standardise nationally. Make any change easy to police, rather than varied from river to river.

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

2021 or after - time to make changes to current practices, equipment etc.

Q25

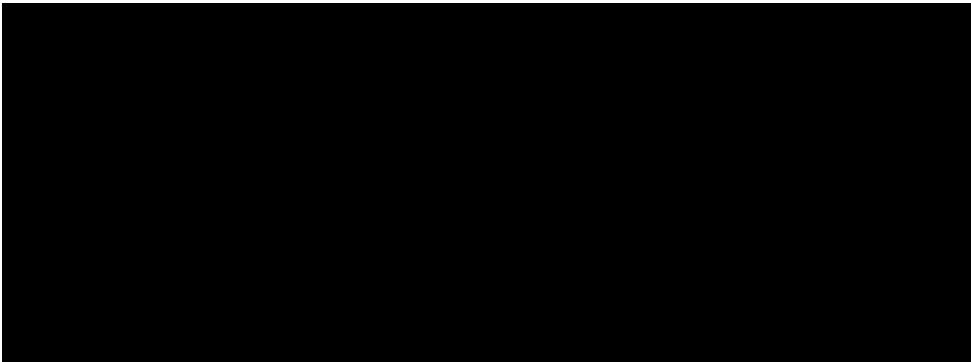
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What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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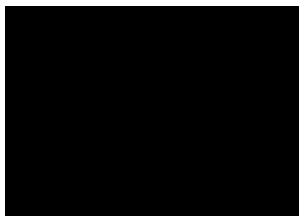
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Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Otago

Q7

Strongly disagree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

Changes are needed (please specify below),

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
Shorter season,

Q9

Changes are needed (please specify below),

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
Habitat changes

Q10

1 September - 15 November,

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Why do you support that option?:
Shorter season throughout country

Q11

Strongly disagree,

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Why?:
Habitat needs looked at

Q12

Respondent skipped this question

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13

Strongly agree

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Smaller streams be refuges

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Q17

Traps in nets should be phased out,

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

Q18

Strongly disagree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Shorter season

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

2021

Q25

Respondent skipped this question

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

It was rushed



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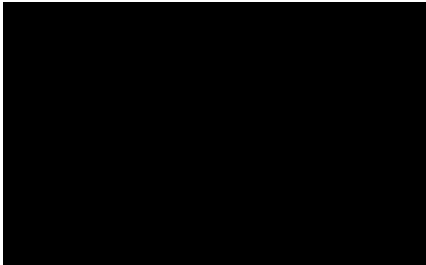
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Respondent skipped this question

Q4

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Bay of Plenty Te Moana-a-Toi

Q7 **Neither agree nor disagree**

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8 **Changes are needed (please specify below),**
Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
No commercial aspect

Q9 **Changes are needed (please specify below),**
Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
No stands No commercial aspect

Q10 **1 September - 30 October**

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11 **Strongly disagree,**
Why?:
Take stands and commercialism away shouldn't need them

Q12 **Respondent skipped this question**

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13 **Strongly disagree**

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14
Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

If we didn't dump cow ████ in the creeks and allow drainage of swamps we wouldnt need them.

Q15 **Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Socket nets should be phased out,
Traps in nets should be phased out,
Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced
,
Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions
,
Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand
,
One net should be used when fishing from a stand,
Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:
No stands. Should only be about a feed. Not a business

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree,
Other (please specify):
No selling .

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Loss of habitat and pollution biggest threat. Sort that out and no problem

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

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If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Q25

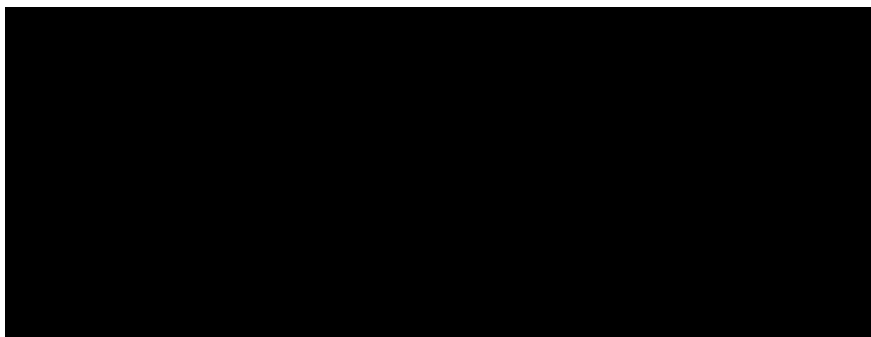
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What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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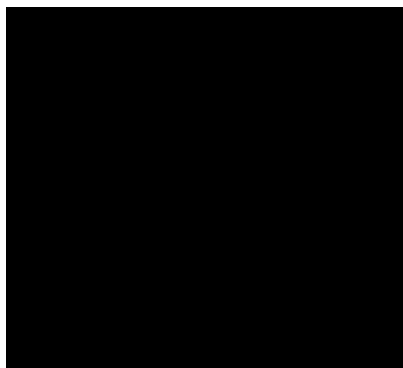
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Yes, in whole this submission reflects the view of an organisation

Q3

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Organisation

Responsible Kiwi Whitebaiters Association

Q4

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Recreational fisher,
Environmental interest**

Q6

Southland Murihiku

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:
Not shown is the degree (weighting / nr of submissions) to which the feedback categories were reported and from which provincial locations the subjects were received from. This is important, as proposals seem to be heavily weighted to the West Coasty situation whose fishing methods are VERY DIFFERENT to other's. In Southland, the Recreational Whitebaiters Association were not directly approached, and they represent a HUGE group of fishers from the Oreti, Waiau, Aparima, Mataura, Titiroa Rivers - to name a few. For example fishing gear proposals that impact on non-West Coasters are harsh and essentially prevent thousands of mid-river fishers around New Zealand from being able to catch whitebait - we CAN NOT fish without socks and traps, and we cannot fish other than from the end of our stands.

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:

Ability to sell whitebait. It is alarming that you have neglected to deal with the core issue by omitting it from management goals. This is highly negligent, and one wonders to what extent this has been omitted due to the 'lack of will' in tackling the root cause of over-fishing that is borne out of the commercial nature of whitebait. Whitebait is 'white gold' and as long as it is permitted to be sold, it will be raped and pillaged and become decimated from our rivers. Simple. You have completely missed this once-in-lifetime opportunity to de-commercialise the species, instead harshly picking on the 'Mum and Dad' recreational whitebaiters. THIS IS SHAMEFUL. Inadequate enforcement of regulations. Somehow throughout you associate this with needing to be consistent nationally (West Coast vs Non West Coast) and through lack of resources to manage and enforce existing regulations - which are perfectly adequate. 'No dedicated funding' is mentioned however if you required that a Whitebait Fishing Licence be obtained then you would easily see this offset towards DoC being able to adequately enforce existing regulations. Simple really. Management of the whitebait fishery is nationally consistent - this assumes that rivers fish the same - not the case, the West Coast is entirely different and other non-West Coast methods must not be harshly restricted as this will prevent many fishers especially those on 'stands' from being able to catch whitebait, impacting they represent a HUGE group of fishers from the Oreti, Waiau, Aparima, Mataura, Titiroa Rivers - to name a few. Proposed fishing gear restrictions impact harshly and essentially prevent thousands of mid-river 'stand' fishers around New Zealand from being able to catch whitebait - we CAN NOT fish without socks and traps, and the majority cannot fish other than from the end of our stands.

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
Copied from 8: Ability to sell whitebait. It is alarming that you have neglected to deal with the core issue by omitting it from management goals. This is highly negligent, and one wonders to what extent this has been omitted due to the 'lack of will' in tackling the root cause of over-fishing that is borne out of the commercial nature of whitebait. Whitebait is 'white gold' and as long as it is permitted to be sold, it will be raped and pillaged and become decimated from our rivers. Simple. You have completely missed this once-in-lifetime opportunity to de-commercialise the species, instead harshly picking on the 'Mum and Dad' recreational whitebaiters. THIS IS SHAMEFUL. Inadequate enforcement of regulations. Somehow throughout you associate this with needing to be consistent nationally (West Coast vs Non West Coast) and through lack of resources to manage and enforce existing regulations - which are perfectly adequate. 'No dedicated funding' is mentioned however if you required that a Whitebait Fishing Licence be obtained then you would easily see this offset towards DoC being able to adequately enforce existing regulations. Simple really. Management of the whitebait fishery is nationally consistent - this assumes that rivers fish the same - not the case, the West Coast is entirely different and other non-West Coast methods must not be harshly restricted as this will prevent many fishers especially those on 'stands' from being able to catch whitebait, impacting they represent a HUGE group of fishers from the Oreti, Waiau, Aparima, Mataura, Titiroa Rivers - to name a few. Proposed fishing gear restrictions impact harshly and essentially prevent thousands of mid-river 'stand' fishers around New Zealand from being able to catch whitebait - we CAN NOT fish without socks and traps, and the majority cannot fish other than from the end of our stands.

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 15 November,

Why do you support that option?:
Allows for an extra month of transit of whitebait without being caught while still providing an acceptable window for recreation.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Agree,

Why?:
Sensible, protects spawning opportunities and adult breeding grounds.

Q12

Tidal limits only

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13

Agree

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

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Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

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Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

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Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

,

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

,

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

,

The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

,

A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

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Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

As mentioned e.g. Oreti, Waiau, Aparima, Mataura, Titiroa Rivers - to name a few. Proposed fishing gear restrictions impact harshly and essentially prevent thousands of mid-river 'stand' fishers around New Zealand from being able to catch whitebait - we CAN NOT fish without socks and traps, and the majority cannot fish other than from the end of our stands.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree,

Other (please specify):

This is 1 to 2 ton per year we're talking about....this really is a 'red-herring' but a good start. See previous comments regarding de-commercialisation nationally.

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

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Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

1. The fishery is well supported by habitat management.

2.
Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced.

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands.

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions.

One net should be used when fishing from a stand

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

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Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Mentioned above. Surely you MUST address this oversight.

Ability to sell whitebait. It is alarming that you have neglected to deal with the core issue by omitting it from management goals. This is highly negligent, and one wonders to what extent this has been omitted due to the 'lack of will' in tackling the root cause of over-fishing that is borne out of the commercial nature of whitebait. Whitebait is 'white gold' and as long as it is permitted to be sold, it will be raped and pillaged and become decimated from our rivers. Simple. You have completely missed this once-in-lifetime opportunity to de-commercialise the species, instead harshly picking on the 'Mum and Dad' recreational whitebaiters. THIS IS SHAMEFUL.

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

The exiting seperate West Coast and non West Coast regulations are adequate. Except it MUST be made clearer
One person per set per stand (or spot). One set only per stand. 6m maximum forward and aft gear including ropes.

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

5 to 10 years.

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Generally agree, however, a Whitebait Fishing Licence could be obtained then you would easily see this offset towards DoC being able to adequately enforce existing regulations.

More importantly, you would have a database of all whitebait fishers, enabling tailored and effective communication and consultation into the future.

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



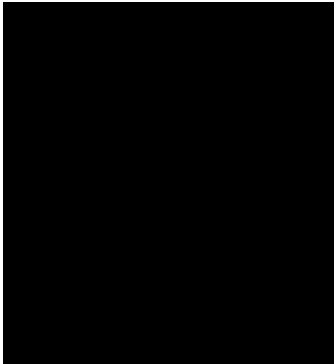
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Q1

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Q2

Does this submission reflect the view of an organisation?

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Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Tasman

Q7 **Neither agree nor disagree**

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8 **Changes are needed (please specify below),**
Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
1. Recreational fishing only, ban any sale of whitebait. 2. Have a daily catch limit

Q9 **Changes are needed (please specify below),**
Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
1. Shorten the whitebait season 2. Have all N Z on the same season

Q10 **15 August - 14 October,**
Why do you support that option?:
Best time and give the whitebait a good chance

Q11 **Strongly agree,**
Why?:
Gives the bait a good chance

Q12 **Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river**
If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13 **Strongly agree**
What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14
Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

No

Q15
Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

No

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Not sure

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

- Socket nets should be phased out,**
 - Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced**
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 - Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands**
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 - Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions**
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 - Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand**
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 - One net should be used when fishing from a stand,**
 - A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced**
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 - There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway**
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 - The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide**
 - ,
 - A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway**
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Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

- Strongly agree,**
 - Other (please specify):
 - Ban the sale of all whitebait (this would get rid of the greed) and introduce a *DAILY CATCH LIMIT*
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Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

not sure

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

not sure

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

not sure

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

keep it simple to understand

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

before the next season starts

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

good

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

time for a change

well done



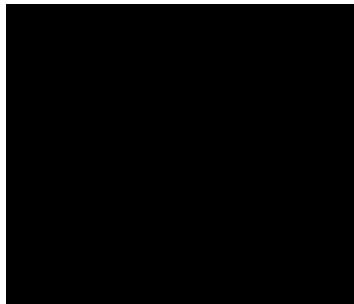
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Q2

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Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Recreational fisher,
Environmental interest,
Interested member of the public**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

**West Coast Te Tai Poutini,
Canterbury Ōtautahi**

Q7 **Neither agree nor disagree**

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8 **Changes are needed (please specify below),**
Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
No indication of the number of refuges. To add to the current list of rivers where whitebaiting is not permitted is not needed if some of the other suggestions are adopted - stopping export etc. Protection of the upper river environment to protect adult fish (pollution and modification of waterways and abstraction of water) is what will improve the fishery. There are plenty of juveniles and not enough adult fish.

Q9 **Changes are needed (please specify below),**
Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
No more refuges. Without sock net and traps to stop fish escaping many regions would be unfishable. The proposals are over the top - especially with the lack of reliable data. Well meaning but so excessive that they would effectively prevent many people from going whitebaiting while allowing commercial amounts to be taken by a few.

Q10 **1 September - 15 November**
Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11 **Agree**
What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12 **Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river**
If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13 **Strongly disagree**
What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Neither Haast and Ashburton River to not become a refuge.

Our community has fought for years to get flows increased in the Ashburton River (it has been excessively over abstracted) and in 2023 a higher minimum flow will be set but if it were to be made a refuge the increase in flow would be for nothing if we could not fish it.

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

No more refuges!!

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

No more refuges!!

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Stopping export.

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Far into the future. After reliable data has been processed rather than guessing and hoping.

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

OK

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

No but I think the proposals have been poorly advertised and many people with an opinion on the proposals will have been unaware about the proposals and missed submitting on them.



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Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Recreational fisher,
Environmental interest,
Interested member of the public**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Canterbury Ōtautahi

Q7

Agree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

Changes are needed (please specify below),

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:

Ban complete sale of whitebait personal take only unless commercially farmed and labeled appropriately

Q9

No changes are needed

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Q10

1 September - 30 October

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11

Disagree,

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Why?:

Upstream limits will increase pressure on narrow river mouths more nets in small spaces less whitebait getting upstream.

Q12

Back-pegs only,

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:

All waterways then there is no arguing on how far tidal reaches extend

Q13

Strongly agree

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

No

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

No

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

I think give them 10 years so you can monitor the results of refuges compared to other areas

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Socket nets should be phased out,

Traps in nets should be phased out,

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

,

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

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Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

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There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

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A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree,

Other (please specify):

Unless commercially farmed and labeled correctly

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Farmed whitebait could still be exported like any other commercial crops but under a permit system with strict regulations

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

We need to change and protect the whitebait environment it's no use having millions of whitebait upstream if there is nowhere for them to spawn or no food source for them when they get there.

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

River flows and environment

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Start of next season

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Good

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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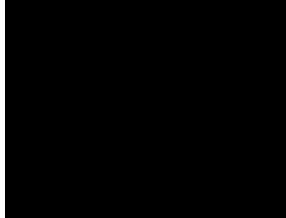
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Respondent skipped this question

Q4

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Environmental interest

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

I'm not a fisher

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:
Changes are required to standardise and shorten the length of time available for fishers to catch whitebait. Better regulation on gear is required including the banning of gear that does not require active monitoring or ongoing effort e.g. sock nets. Only one form of fishing method should be allowed by a single fisher at any one time

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

No changes are needed

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below)

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

None - I prefer another option (please specify below),

Why do you support that option?:
The season should roughly follow DoCs preferred option, but be more of a moving season e.g. the last weekend of August to the second weekend of October. There would be limited catch in August so having the season start midway through seems pointless. October is a peak month for 4 of 6 species and having a moving date of the second weekend would, in some years, allow more of October to remain unfished, while in other years allow fishing to occur up to the 14th of October.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Agree,

Why?:
This allows fish a refuge as soon as they get passed a certain point.

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Back-pegs only,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:
Tidal limits would be too subjective for fishers, and indeed the general public. A physical marker showing the upper limit would be more suitable

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Other (please specify):

I like the idea of having permanent refuge rivers that help to stock other rivers, however my concern would be that the increased effort on non protected rivers would largely negate any spillover benefit. This is clearly the case for some MPAs within the Hauraki Gulf where craypots line the MPA limits effectively capturing a large proportion of the stock that would otherwise be move outside of the MPA.

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

I would like to see 5 - 10 year protection and then a review. It would be good to have a concerted scientific effort on these refuges, including monitoring fish numbers and tracking where juvenile go i.e. are they actually seeding other rivers.

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Socket nets should be phased out,

Traps in nets should be phased out,

Screens and diversions should be phased out,

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

,

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

,

Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

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A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

,

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

Only one form of fishing method should be allowed by a single fisher at any one time. Legislation needs to be carefully worded so that new forms of fishing, that require minimal effort, but return a high catch, are created in the wake of phasing out existing gear.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Phasing out gear that is low effort, high return

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

ASAP

Q25

Respondent skipped this question

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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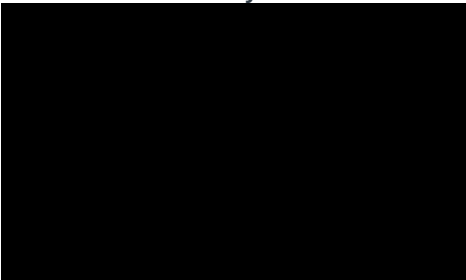
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Yes, in whole this submission reflects the view of an organisation

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Organisation

Friends of the Maitai

Q4

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n/a

Q5

Environmental interest

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Q6

I'm not a fisher

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Q7

Disagree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:

We do not agree with the phasing out of export. The changes should be implemented on the day that the changes are gazetted. Sale of whitebait on the domestic market should be stopped immediately to minimize the greed aspect of those that fish.

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

No changes are needed

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

15 August - 14 October,

Why do you support that option?:
As per DOC recommendation.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree,

Why?:
Because we are dealing with a threatened taonga.

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Strongly agree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

No

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

No

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Whitebait refuges should be in place for 5 to 10 years initially and the reviewed.

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

Happy to follow DOCs recommendations.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Disagree,

Other (please specify):

The changes should be implemented on the date the new regulations are gazetted.

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Proposals to amend fishing regulations

Changes to current fishing practices

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Stop both domestic and international sales

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

The changes should be implemented as soon as they have been gazetted.

Q25

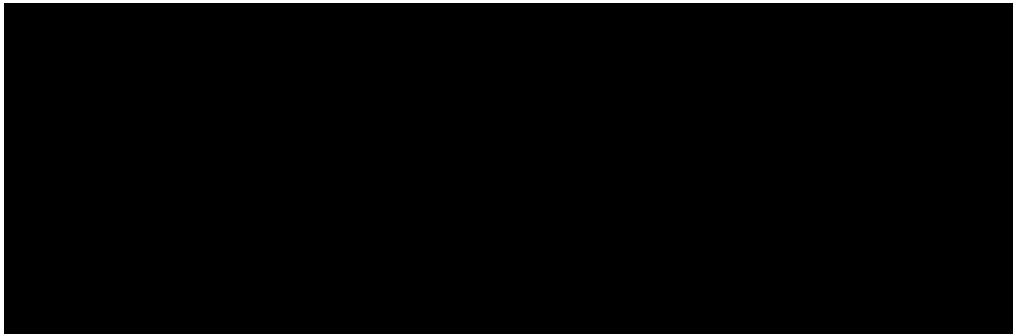
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What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



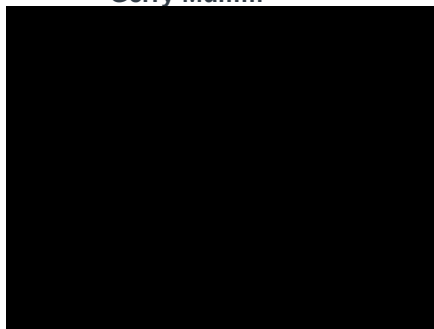
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Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Customary fisher,
Recreational fisher,
Environmental interest,
Consumer,
Interested member of the public**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

West Coast Te Tai Poutini,

Otago

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Neither agree nor disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:

I have concerns about the lack of conclusive data that is leading to these proposed changes. There is no doubt that some regions are adversely affected because of environmental issues. Isolate these regions with restrictions and monitor on a regular basis. Leave good fisheries as is - West Coast, Otago & Southland all OK

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

No changes are needed

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:

Recognition of huge environmental differences in different regions affecting whitebait - eg, West Coast v Canterbury. Blanket nationwide rules can not work. There are already different rules for different regions - West Coast and then the rest of the country. Treat different regions as is needed IF intervention is required.

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 15 November,

Why do you support that option?:

It works on the West Coast as is. I have seen large runs of whitebait on many occasions after the season on different rivers and at sea right into December. Different conditions seem to determine when whitebait enter a river and it seems these can change week to week or even season to season, I believe the West Coast season is a good management tool as it is - on the West Coast. I do not see any reason to change in Otago and Southland either. If it isn't broke don't fix it.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Neither agree nor disagree,

Why?:

Each river to its own merits. Already existing where I fish now with both back marks on the West Coast and tidal on the East Coast

Q12 **Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river**

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13 Other (please specify):
What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges? Extensive further consultation required with this one. Huge potential for political and extremist environmental influences to further interfere with yet another traditional outdoor pursuit. Conclusive data required before changes in any river can be accepted.

Q14 Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

As above (13)

Q15 **Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16 **Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Q17 **Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand**

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

,
One net should be used when fishing from a stand,
Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:
The current West Coast regulations work well for the West Coast as it is. These regulations should be left alone. The fishery is going as strong as it has ever gone. I really don't know how these regulations would apply or even help in other different regions.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Neither agree nor disagree,

Other (please specify):

I do not believe that, currently, the export market is having an undue effect on the alleged decline in the white bait population. The domestic market seems to absorb the overall commercial catch. I believe that changing the rules with exporting whitebait is a precursor to banning or limiting domestic sales. This should be made more transparent.

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Making more relevant regions and adjusting, through careful accurate and relevant data collection, what fishing can be applied.

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Before the 2020 season

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

The Threat Monitoring system should be regional - not the country as a whole - huge environmental differences

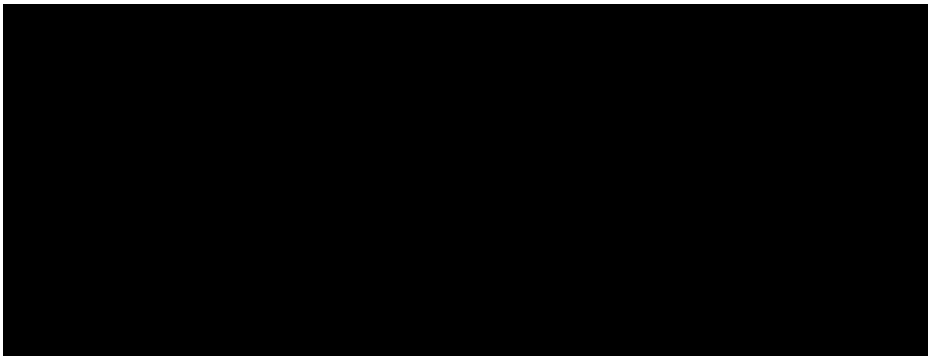
Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

It's hard to be not cynical about the reasons these changes are being placed on the last form of recreational and, to a lesser degree, commercial food harvesting that any citizen in this country can engage in.

The dire warnings of declining numbers of certain species based on uncertain data that has been publicised in a way that has alarmed the mostly uninformed smears of spin from extreme environmental organisations. Environmental issues concerning whitebait habitat are being addressed nationwide through regional councils, DOC and individual land holders.

Water quality and freshwater fish habitat is improving slowly but surely nationwide. Why change now.



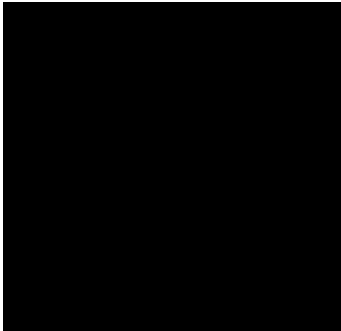
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Q2

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Respondent skipped this question

Q4

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Wellington Te Whanganui-a-Tara

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Agree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:
Lack of effective Regional Council Management of Rivers is not considered

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
Sort out the habitat and gravelling of river beds first. Fishing is the least of the problem

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
Factual Streamlining of the regulations is required nation wide not fairyland guesswork

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 15 November,

Why do you support that option?:
It leaves the correct time for spawning at either end of the season ,based on my own observations over the years

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree,

Why?:
By the time the fish have got upstream to that point the are "bellyed" so not good for eating

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:
Waikanae River Waimeha Stream

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Other (please specify):

I feel that enforcing the current regulations is what is required (2/3 of the river is already protected)

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

It is pointless making a Barren part of an estuary into a reserve unless it has suitable HABITAT in place

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Waikanae River and Estuary need major material management before reserve implementation could seriously be considered
Fix the foundation before you build a house on top of it!!!

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

16 November till 31 August each year

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

- Socket nets should be phased out,**
 - Traps in nets should be phased out,**
 - Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands**
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 - Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions**
 - ,
 - Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand**
 - ,
 - One net should be used when fishing from a stand,**
 - A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced**
 - ,
 - There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway**
 - ,
 - The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide**
 - ,
 - Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:
 - The 20m between fishermen should not be implemented .
 - Commonsense has always worked where I fish
-

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

HABITAT

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

I feel more scientific investigation is required into the species involved and not just a lot of Feel Good unproven profergander

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Quota

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

One set of rules nationwide and enforce them

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

depends what they are

Q25

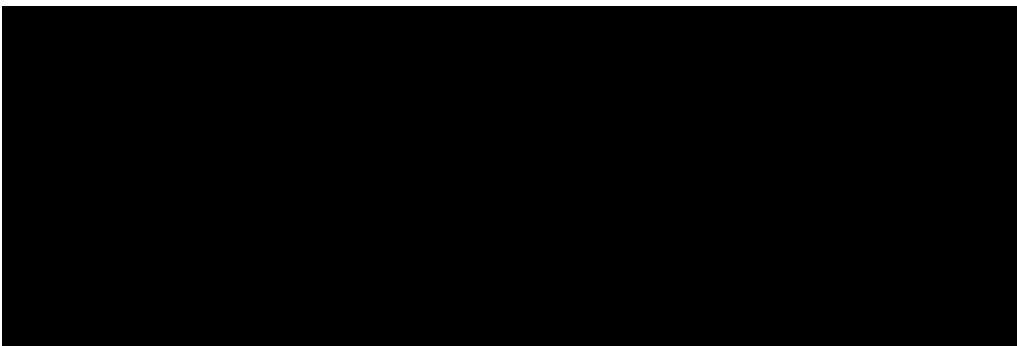
What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

At least its a start . Catch logs should be implimented also

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

By implementing new legislation before full investigation of the fishery is completed you are putting the cart before the horse



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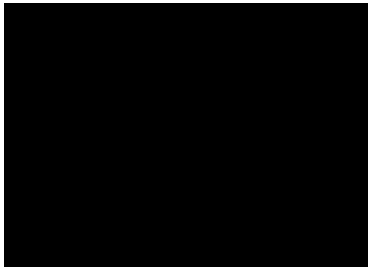
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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Otago

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Agree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:
To stop exporting immediately would be a great start.

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

No changes are needed

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

No changes are needed

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 15 November

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits only

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Agree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

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Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Q17

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,
A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced
,
There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Q18

Strongly agree,
Other (please specify):
Should be stopped immediately

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

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Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Now

Q25

Respondent skipped this question

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



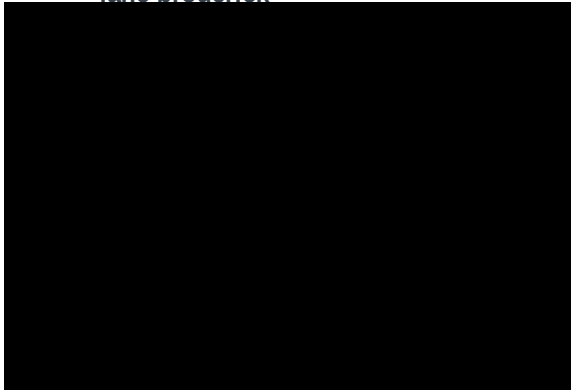
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Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Waikato

Q7

Strongly disagree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

Changes are needed (please specify below),

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
shorten the season and the daily fishing times,ie begin sept 1st finish nov 15, fish from 8am to 6pm

Q9

No changes are needed

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Q10

1 September - 15 November

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11

Strongly disagree,

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Why?:
there would be too many fishing in a smaller area, would cause disagreements,

Q12

Tidal limits only

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13

Strongly disagree

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

i disagree with using mokau, awakino and marakopa as they are all in a short distant of each other, the small little streams inbetween would be thrashed

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

the smaller streams definately should be used

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)?
(Please specify)

if you used the smaller streams, make it permanent

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Socket nets should be phased out,

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

,

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

,

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

,

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

,

The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree,

Other (please specify):

and for fishermen who only catch to sell locally

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

regular visits from doc

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

upstream/ river farmers should not be able to drain or use diggers in drains within at least 20 meters of streams/rivers

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

yes

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

wont happen

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

i have fished for whitebait every year for the past 50 years, and I only fish for my pleasure and family, i have not seen any decline in numbers of whitebait at all



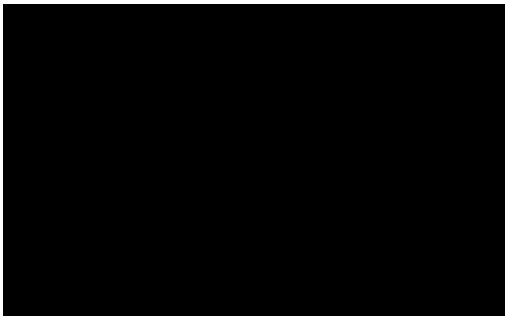
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Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

**Canterbury Ōtautahi,
Otago**

Q7 **Neither agree nor disagree**

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8 **No changes are needed**

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Q9 **No changes are needed**

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Q10 **1 September - 15 November**

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11 **Neither agree nor disagree**

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12 **Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river**

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13 **Neither agree nor disagree**

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14 **Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Q15 **Respondent skipped this question**

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Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

Q18

Agree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

Respondent skipped this question

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

Respondent skipped this question

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Q25

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What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

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Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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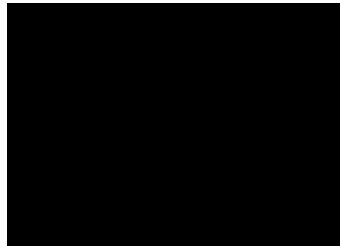
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Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Customary fisher,
Recreational fisher**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Tasman

Q7

Disagree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

No changes are needed

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Q9

No changes are needed

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

None - I prefer another option (please specify below),
Why do you support that option?:
There's nothing wrong with the seasons dates we have at the moment. There was still plenty of bait pouring up the river at the end of the season and I mean plenty.

Q11

Disagree

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12

Respondent skipped this question

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13

Neither agree nor disagree

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Q15

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Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16

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Q17

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What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Q18

Respondent skipped this question

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Fixing up their natural habitats

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

Respondent skipped this question

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Q25

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What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

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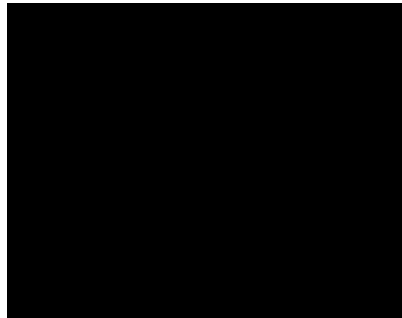
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Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Customary fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

Q7

Agree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:

Shorten season to October only. Close brown water feed rivers. Stands to have one 3 meter screen and I net only.

Same rules for all N Z

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:

As Above

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

None - I prefer another option (please specify below),

Why do you support that option?:

October only

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits only

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Strongly agree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Close all lake feed and Brown water creeks and rivers

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)?
(Please specify)

Do. Not open them again

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

- Socket nets should be phased out,**
- Traps in nets should be phased out,**
- Screens and diversions should be phased out,**
- Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced**
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- One net should be used when fishing from a stand,**
- A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced**
- ,**
- There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway**
- ,**
- The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide**
- ,**
- A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway**

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

Respondent skipped this question

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

One month only. Easy to police this

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

This year

Q25

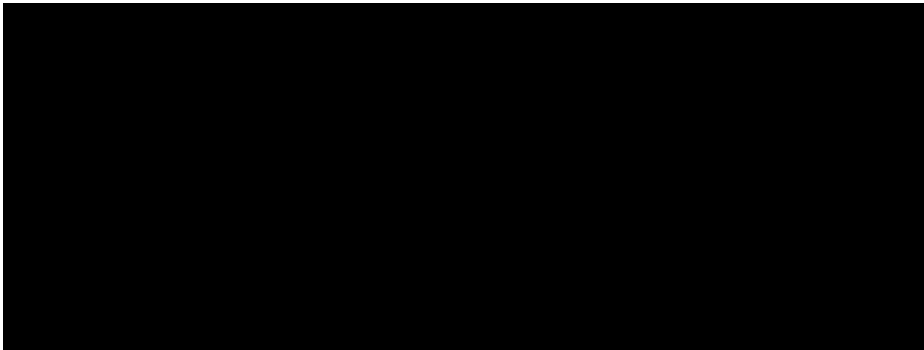
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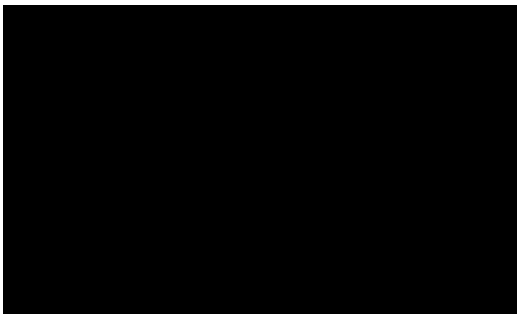
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Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Customary fisher,
Recreational fisher,
Environmental interest**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Wellington Te Whanganui-a-Tara

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:

I have fished the Waikanae river for many years and I am unable to agree that the catches are significantly less than in the seventies. I believe that there is a distinct lack of science in the assumption that whitebait are endangered and believe that this is a myth perpetuated by Forest and Bird and their ilk. Without a doubt the catch per season varies, but I have seen shoals that would weigh upwards of twenty pound going up the river before, during and after the season. That persuades me that there is no shortage of whitebait. I totally support any endeavors to increase the amount of whitebait but I am adamant that protecting what habitat we have left, increasing the flow of our river and assisting mother nature because we can not turn the clock back and remove roads and dwellings that have encroached the buffer zone of the river. I believe that river flow and silt build up are two very pressing matters that must be addressed.

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:

How about putting more emphasis on the hard stuff: Quality of water, constant and sufficient flow and habitat restoration. I don't believe that there is much more pressure on the river now than there has historically been. The river can hold only so many fisher people. But I would agree with realistic daily catch limits and remove the right to sell whitebait unless it is a licenced operation. Stop making whitebaiters scapegoats for a perceived problem. Most importantly, organise whitebaiter networks and work with them to monitor, record and generally assist in understanding the whole issue of whitebaiting.

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:

It is all too heavy handed on whitebaiters. I understand Doc concerns regarding adult fish numbers and some more than others, but all the science and anecdotal evidence points to no shortage of juveniles entering the river, and I am certain that whitebaiters certainly don't catch that many of them. As I said, introduce catch limits of say 3 to 5 kilos per day if you are that worried about overfishing. Any river can hold only so many fish. Improve the river as I have previously mentioned and I am positive the adult fish numbers will increase exponentially.

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

None - I prefer another option (please specify below),

Why do you support that option?:

15th of August to 15th November. That's two week shorter than current. That being said, I do not believe that we need to shorten the season at all. As I said, we witness huge runs before and after the season, and I saw at least a five pound shoal at the lagoon just last week. there are may numbers and type of whitebait entering the river for most of the year, surely an eight week season is not too much to ask. Weather floods and all sorts of things prevent fishing at times. Give us a fair go.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Agree,

Why?:

It would just formalise our fishing areas. Whitebait go dark and 'gutty' after some time in the river and soy a formal limit at the end of the tidal zone would identify it. However, I strongly state that Doc should discuss the location of these limits with the local whitebaiters prior to instigation, and I am certain that a consensus would be reached.

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:

The Waikanae river could have them. But, there are very few if any whitebaiters who fish right up the river. Also, I would expect discussion on the location of the markers.

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Strongly disagree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

No refuge should be instigated without full discussion with local whitebaiters. I refuse to believe that there is anything to be gained on our river. There is no shortage of juveniles (whitebait) entering and making their way up the river. I say it again, work with local whitebaiters to restore our rivers. I have my doubts that the authors of the refuge idea have any inkling at all at what the whitebait season means to whitebaiters. In the main it is an older age group and it is good for the soul, it is good exercise and you will never see elderly whitebaiters suffering from loneliness and or isolation. If Doc are locked in on refuges, they should be on feeder streams and or streams that historically have nil or very few whitebaiters. However, I must come back to clean up our rivers and breeding habitat and numbers will increase.

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

I am implacably opposed to the Waikanae river becoming a refuge. I have mentioned the love of whitebaiting, I have mentioned that (my guess) 70% of whitebaiters would be 60 years plus old. Our river is a very popular fishing destination for locals and out of towners. We locals generally leave it alone during the week ends to give the weekenders a bit of a go. (in general their lack of skill and knowledge affects their catches). It produces good catches and would perform better with some targeted environmental assistance. There may well be some streams and swamps that we could investigate together as fit for purpose.

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

I am opposed to refuges.

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

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Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

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There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

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The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

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Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

I oppose sock nets, but in some rivers that is the only way you can fish. So I oppose a blanket ban. I believe 10 to fifteen metres apart (between fixed fishing gear) would suffice, but this must depend on the size and width of the river. I believe that smaller rivers it would be good to be 20 metres apart to give the whitebait a break. It would also break up the 'maze' wall of death approach of each side of the river staggering or not their net placement. At the moment on the Waikanae we have a protocol of around 15 metres (some ignorant outsiders break this but they soon fall into line). I am opposed to phasing out screens.

Currently we are allowed 6 metres of screen and net, everyone (well, with some idiots breaking it, but once again they are brought into line in the main) obeys it as a natural courtesy. With regard to traps in nets, I don't use them and many of my cronies don't either, however, and once again, some rivers you need them if you want to get a feed. One size regulations does not fit all. regarding the one third incursion changing to one quarter, I am OK with that as a general rule but I point out that once again it is really only the smaller streams that this may or may not have an effect.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Agree,

Other (please specify):

It seems that the export industry is rather small, so lets do away with it now. However, Kiwis must still be able to buy it, BUT it should be illegal to sell whitebait unless you have a registered commercial stand. I also believe that whitebaiters would attempt to police this. But even if people still continued to sell it, at least it would be illegal. If farmed whitebait takes off, then maybe they could export it, but all in all Mrs Murphy, that would still be better left to supply our home market.

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Nothing I haven't already said.

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Nothing really, I am afraid I feel that this is part of Forest and Bird and all of their ilk wanting all whitebaiting to cease. Check out the Cascade river on a Country Calender episode. ██████████ run a very large commercial operation, have kept diaries for a century, would cease if whitebait numbers dropped below commercial value. What did the Forest and Bird wonk say on the episode "all whitebaiting must stop" so please forgive my cynicism. What the discussion document should have is more about Doc supporting the setting up of whitebaiter groups/networks and working with them for at least a few years to learn more about the whitebait numbers and to work with us on meaningful improvements to the environment, catch limits etc and use the overwhelming numbers of responsible whitebaiters to assist in compliance and in fact anything that would increase numbers.

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

I think I've said it all. But while the information we have gained over 40 to 50 years is anecdotal, and no doubt people will feel we are just guarding our patch, the scientific knowledge is pretty sparse, so why not get serious about working with us. catch diaries, local knowledge etc.

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

catch limits and selling whitebait. Correctly set and in conjunction with the majority of whitebaiters, it could be policed and overseen.

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

I don't have any issues with the current regulations. No need to make change just for change sake.

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

I believe that much more discussion on a river by river basis is required so if changes are to be made, we want them to have buy in by us, and that will take the time it takes (within reason of course). Doc can say there has been consultation, but in reality, many people are unaware of what is proposed, and the timing of the meetings excludes a lot of people from the process. As always, there is a political agenda, so if forest and Bird, WWF and Greenpeace get their way, it will be this season. Personally, I would not expect any changes to be made prior to the commencement of the 2021 season.

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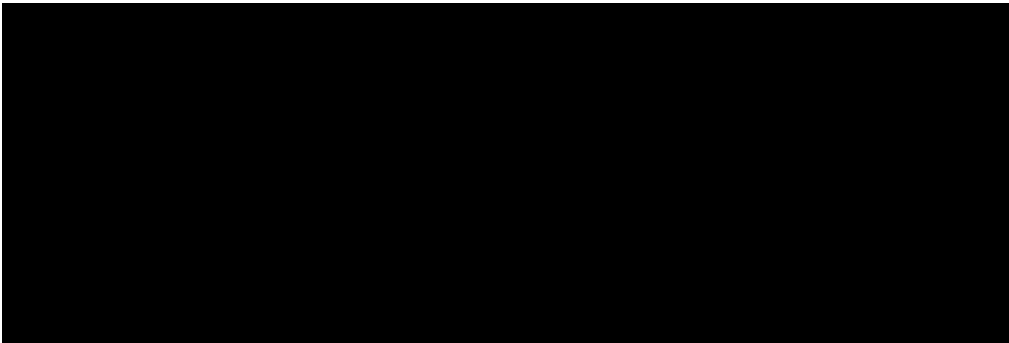
What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

I think the proposed monitoring of whitebaiters is draconian and will only be required if you railroad changes through that do not meet with general agreement.

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

I believe that many people were unaware of the consultation and or proposed regulations changes and I believe the timing of the meetings precluded many people. I attended two meetings. Wellington and Otaki. I thought that both meetings were run pretty well and most people were given opportunity to question and discuss. Too often the hard questions were answered with "put it in your submission" which supposes that all of us whitebaiters are able to write a novel. I feel this online survey gives us the chance to offer in depth thoughts and is not just a check the box, but once again, I believe that a lot of people would have trouble with articulating their thoughts and ideas. I feel that this consultation is being rushed for political purposes and I have real trouble trusting the motives of politicians and Eugenie Sage. I have real issues with the refuge idea, and especially in that we (at this stage) will not be invited to discuss any local proposed refuge. Like the proposed regulation changes, one size does fit all, and if a river is to be deemed a refuge, then locals must have the right to discuss this with Doc.



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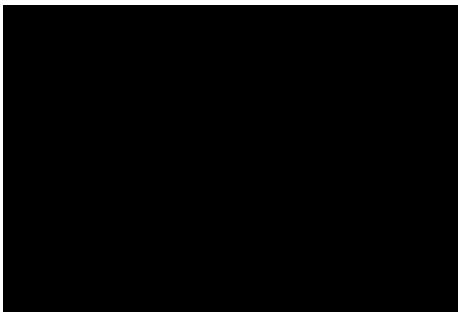
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Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

West Coast Te Tai Poutini,
Canterbury Ōtautahi

Q7 **Neither agree nor disagree**

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8 Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
The capture of white bait from stands is far greater than that of a recreational baiter and most stands are there to catch as much bait as they can. Where a recreational baiter only catches enough for themselves

Q9 **Changes are needed (please specify below),**
Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
Removal of all stands from all rivers.

Q10 **1 September - 15 November,**
Why do you support that option?:
It creates the best opportunities for catching bait

Q11 **Strongly agree**
What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12 **Back-pegs only,**
Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:
Rakaia, Ashburton, Rangitata

Q13 **Agree**
What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14 **Respondent skipped this question**
Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Q15 **Respondent skipped this question**
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Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

Q18

Strongly agree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

Respondent skipped this question

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

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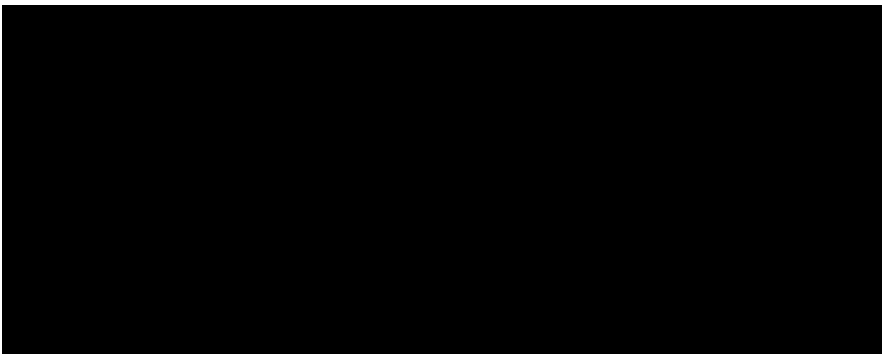
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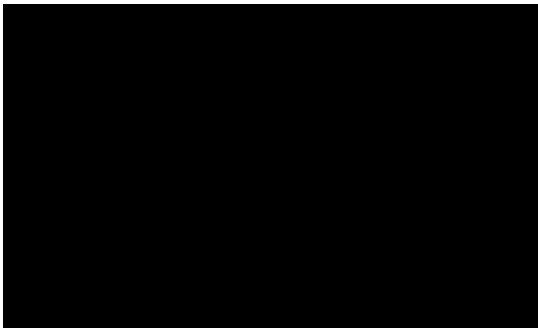
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How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

Q7 **Neither agree nor disagree**

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8 **Changes are needed (please specify below),**

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
Whitebait Refuges. I don't believe it is necessary to close a complete river fishery short term, medium term, or long term. I prefer to see the West Coast system of partial closure of a river as per the first schedule of the West Coast regulations. e.g. Bradshaws (Martins Creek) a tributary of the Buller river; Baker Creek (a tributary of the Karamea river. Most rivers have tributaries that could be designated whitebait refuges and fishing prohibited from those areas of a waterway only.

Q9 **Changes are needed (please specify below),**

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
The West Coast Whitebait fishing regulations are far more restricted than those for the rest of the country. They should form the basis of standardising management outcomes.

Q10 **1 September - 15 November,**

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Why do you support that option?:
This option will be more acceptable to fishers in the rest of the country and will reduce their season by 32 days in areas where the Whitebait fisheries are believed to be in decline. My second choice would be 1 September - 31 October.

Q11 **Agree,**

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Why?:
This works on the rivers on the West Coast, that have back pegs, and gives whitebait the opportunity to continue their journey in the shallower waters. I believe they would prove beneficial in all rivers, creeks and waterways that are fished for whitebait.

Q12 **Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river,**

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:
See my previous comments regarding all rivers, creeks and waterways that are fished for Whitebait.

Q13

Disagree

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

The first schedule of the West Coast regulations lists areas where whitebait fishing is currently prohibited on the West Coast. I believe those rivers already have sufficient refuges. Most rivers/creeks have tributaries and spawning areas and it is my opinion that they should be protected as refuges throughout the Country. If this is implemented, then there should be no reason for temporary short term/medium term/long term closures.

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

See my previous comments regarding using tributaries to the rivers/ creeks etc as refuges. Particularly if they lead to whitebait spawning areas.

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

I don't believe it is necessary to close the whole of a river for any period during the season. Maybe some of the tributaries could be closed on a temporary time-frame though this may be confusing to visiting fishers.

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Sock nets should be phased out,

Screens and diversions should be phased out,

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

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Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

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There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

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Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

If "structures" includes rock training and flood walls, then there will be major disruption on many West Coast, and probably other area, rivers and creeks. The Buller and Grey rivers for example have extensive training walls and flood protection, extending from the mouth to road bridges which is where a substantial number of whitebaiters fish and have done so traditionally since the walls were constructed. Other rivers I know of that have similar structures are Karamea, Mokihinui, Waimangaroa, Deadmans Creek, Orowaita, Ninemile causeway, Nile, Punakaiki, Hokitika and probably a lot more further south. This definitely needs to be addressed.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Neither agree nor disagree,

Other (please specify):

There would need to be provision for "farmed" whitebait to be exported, to sustain that industry in future. I have read reports that proponents of that industry, believe they will be able to supply the whole of the local NZ market as well as exporting overseas! If this does eventuate, then it will reduce demand for "wild" whitebait and also provide a breeding stock of adults that could supplement the "wild" stock.

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Having one set of regulations for the whole of the country based on the existing West Coast whitebait fishing regulations.

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

For the 2021 season. It is important to get this right.

Q25

Respondent skipped this question

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

The West Coast is know for its rainfall and subsequent flooding of rivers, particularly during the spring time. This coincides with the whitebait season and there are many days the rivers are not fish-able. (2019 season was exceptionally bad). This gives the whitebait a natural "refuge". This is one of the main reasons the West Coast still has the most sustainable whitebait fishery in the country.



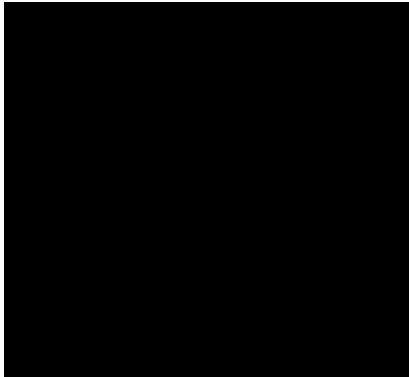
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Q4

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Recreational fisher,
Consumer,
Interested member of the public**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

West Coast Te Tai Poutini,

Otago

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?: what data that is available does not cover vast areas of the country for which no or only minimal data exists. While it is entirely possible that some species are under threat in some areas it is also entirely possible that the same species are undiminished or indeed flourishing in other areas. Without sufficient data any solutions to identified issues cannot be successfully applied if it is not targeted at areas of need. It would be fair to say that so little is known the extent of what is yet to be researched is also unknown.

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.: it destroys the credibility of the survey if some recognition is not made of the fact that not all rivers are the same and provision is not made for regulations variances to specific rivers while at the same time applying where possible consistency of regulations.

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.: an agreed quota system with commercial operators as well as catch limits for private individuals should be researched. Recognition of historical and cultural and financial aspects of white baiting by both commercial and private interests should not be overlooked in any regulation changes.

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 30 October,

Why do you support that option?: white bait runs are not always predictable this time frame gives the best chance to both the white bait and the whitbaiters.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Agree,

Why?: an important conservation measure .

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:

could and should be applied to all rivers

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Other (please specify):

many west coast rivers already have had closed ares for many years. As these work well it would be a draconian measure to permanently or temporarily close these rivers.

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

priority should be given to closing areas on rivers that have no closed sections rather than increasing closed areas on rivers that already do.

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

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Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

many west coast rivers already have closed areas. These have been in place for many years. it is a testament to there success that these rivers remain viable commercial land recreational fisheries.

There is little to be gained from trying to fix what isn't broken

Q17

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There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

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Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

More, indeed much more research needs to be undertaken, in particular to breeding ground protection. Too much attention is being given to public opinion rather than to establishing facts and applying regulations supported by those facts. Submissions made multiple times by vested interest groups should be discarded.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Agree,

Other (please specify):

rather than exporting, assistance should be given to existing commercial operations in establishing domestic and international tourism based on whitebait fishing and conservation.

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

much more input of funds for research and co operation and consultation with companies and individuals who have been carefully managing this unique resource for generations.

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

not until much more research and protection of river bank breeding grounds has been carried out

Q25

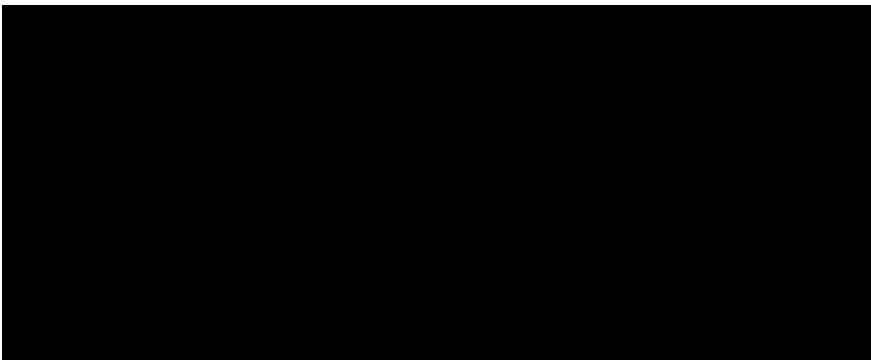
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What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

whilst agreeing that things need to change, it must be done in a fair and ordered manor based on research and not on hysteria,public opinion and political expediency



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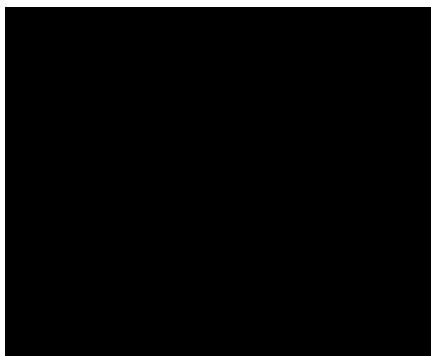
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Q2

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Q3

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Respondent skipped this question

Q4

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

West Coast Te Tai Poutini,

Southland Murihiku

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Strongly disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:
Your data as supplied is not accurate of the amount of whitebait caught (too little) & Sock nets are all thats suitable to fish Southlan & west coast rivers

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
Make rest of New Zealand the same Season time as the West Coast & sock nets should not be banned only nets suitable for Southland & West Coast rivers

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
Same of season for all of New Zealand & NO banning of sock nets

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 15 November

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly disagree,

Why?:
Can't fish west coast or southland rivers near the mouth should be able to fish 3 - 5 kms upstream

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits only

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Strongly disagree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

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Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

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There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

,

The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

,

A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

,

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

Sock nets with traps are the only way to fish the rivers we fish in Southland & the West Coast

Q18

Strongly agree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Change in Season & no Exporting

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Correct Catch Data not Hearsay

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

Respondent skipped this question

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Q25

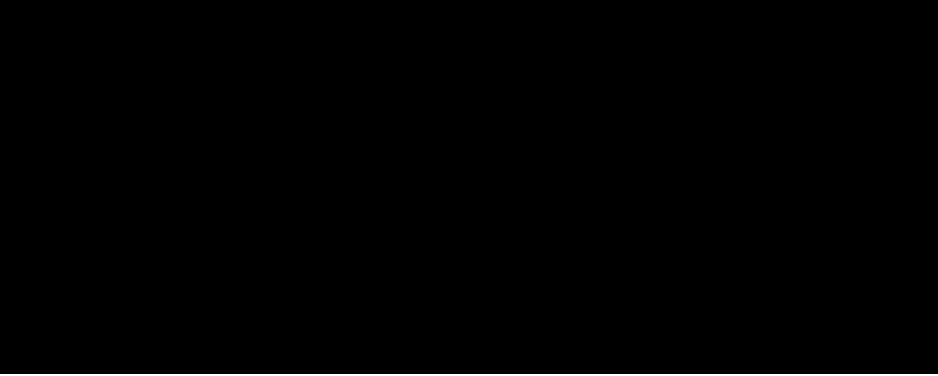
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What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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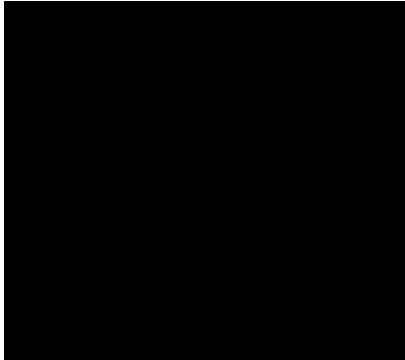
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Does this submission reflect the view of an organisation?

Yes, in part this submission reflects the view of an organisation

Q3

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Organisation

West Coast Whitebaiters Association

Q4

If parts of this submission reflect the views of an organisation, please tell us which parts.

All except those noted

Q5

Recreational fisher

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Q6

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Q7

Disagree,

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Is there other information that should be considered?:
See West Coast Whitebaiters Association

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
See West coast Whitebaiters Association

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
See West coast Whitebaiters Association

Q10

1 September - 15 November

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Why?:
See West Coast Whitebaiters Association

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:
See West Coast Whitebaiters Association

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

See West Coast Whitebaiters Association

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Scientists (University of Canterbury) tell us that we only catch 10% of what goes up river. Mokihinui River has 100 k's of habitat beyond the back peg which is essentially all Kahurangi National Park. Estuarine area has no wetland habitat breeding area so what is the point in closing it as a refuge.

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

See West coast Whitebaiters Association

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Socket nets should be phased out,

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

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Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

Scoop netting off stands in the Buller area is common. Fishing off the end of the stand has always been common practice and how would any rule change be policed? If this new rule is initiated how would it affect the following question. The maximum stand length on the Mokihinui River is 5 metres - if a stand is less than the permitted 5 metres would this allow fishing off the end of the stand?

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Other (please specify):

See West Coast Whitebaiters Association

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

See West Coast Whitebaiters Association

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

See West coast Whitebaiters Association

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

See West Coast Whitebaiters Association

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

See West Coast Whitebaiters Association

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

See West Coast Whitebaiters Association

Q25

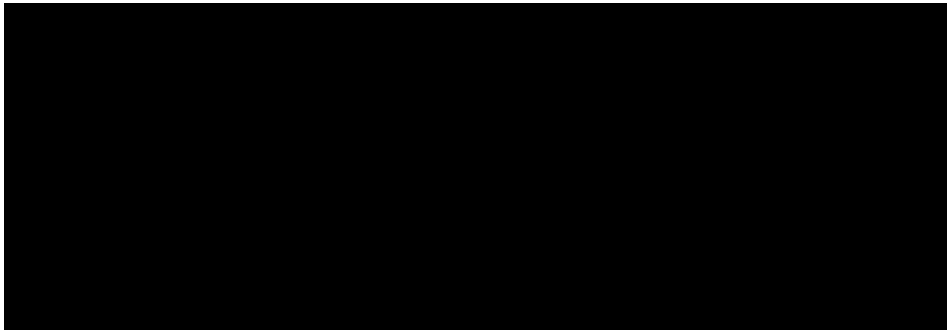
What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

See West coast Whitebaiters Association

Q26

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Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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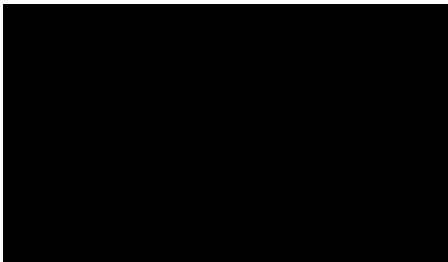
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Q3

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Respondent skipped this question

Q4

If parts of this submission reflect the views of an organisation, please tell us which parts.

Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Recreational fisher,
Consumer**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Agree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:

I think there are major changes that need to be made to preserve the whitebait, and ensure that their natural habitat, refuges, spawning areas are well maintained, safe and have clear, clean water. Rivers all over NZ are different, and have different good and bad things about them.

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:

More DOC staff being on the rivers, working on the areas for the whitebait habit to ensure it is appropriate (clean, clear, safe). More DOC staff being visible during whitebait season to ensure people aren't being GREEDY, and taking more than they need, or using more nets than they should, or blocking too much of the river etc. I think catch limits should be in place (although I have no idea how you would police it). More consistency with the rules and regulations around whitebaiting. The whitebaiters on the West Coast where we fish have a very different approach (and follow the rules!) compared to other places in the north - especially.

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:

We need to future proof whitebaiting for sure. My 3 children who are 10, 7 and 5 ALL understand the painful 3 day trip we take to get to the river to have a week here and there whitebaiting during the season is totally worth it because of the fun experience they get. Learning about the different species, learning about their habitat, following the RULES and regulations around fishing (timing, nets, screens, distances, tides) - not to mention ALL THAT TIME without TV, technology, phones. Its a way of life, and it has to be protected. but NOT by closing rivers. By ensuring the habitats are well maintained refuges, and that people follow the rules.

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 15 November,

Why do you support that option?:

Makes no difference as this is our season anyway

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Agree,

Why?:

Whitebaiting isn't a commercial business for most. Its a way of life, and a hobby - for a very short part of the year. Providing delicious kai for our whanau.

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:

All rivers are different and should be judged on a case by case basis. EVERY river is totally different, there should be NO blanket rules.

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Agree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Case by case, individual bases. Rivers where people don't have MASSIVE amounts of money invested.

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Traps in nets should be phased out,

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

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Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

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There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

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The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

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A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

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Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

Most of these rules are already in place and PROPERLY adhered to on the West Coast. People have worked hard to set up safe, reasonable fishing stands, where all of these rules apply! I think it SHOULD be the same EVERYWHERE in NZ - its stupid to think people can fish wherever with whatever they want!!! We have worked HARD and pay a LOT of money to have good working, safe stands with the correct distances between stands and distance into the river etc.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Consistency with rules. Yes there will be variations river to river, but everyone should follow the same set of rules. And more DOC staff policing these rules.

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

The Westland council should be notified and consulted heavily throughout this process, as they make a LOT of money through fees/rates for whitebaiters down there. If people can't fish, they won't pay rates, and the council will lose a significant amount of their annual income.

Also would there be compensation for those who have heavily invested in stands up and down the coast? What would happen if they weren't allowed to use them anymore? Who would buy them back? And would it be market value? This is a VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION!!!!!!!!!!!!

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Same season, catch quota (although I have no idea how this would be enforced), minimum distances between nets/fisherman (as there is with stands)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

In 5 years

Q25

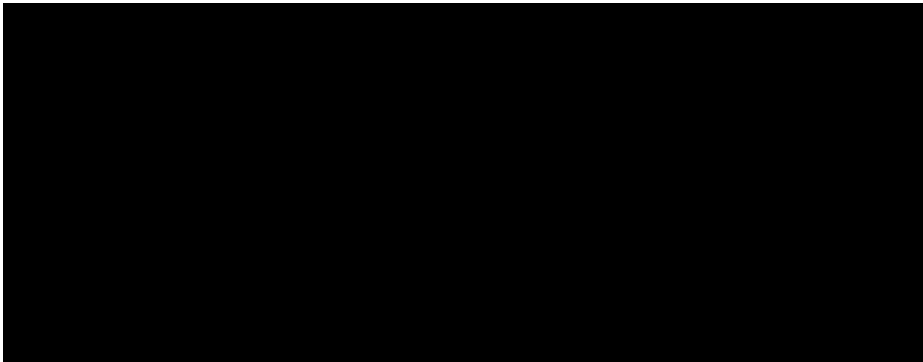
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What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this. It is something that is so close to our hearts. We are 4th generation whitebaiters who just LOVE it. We love fishing, we love eating it, we just love them. But we don't want to lose it.



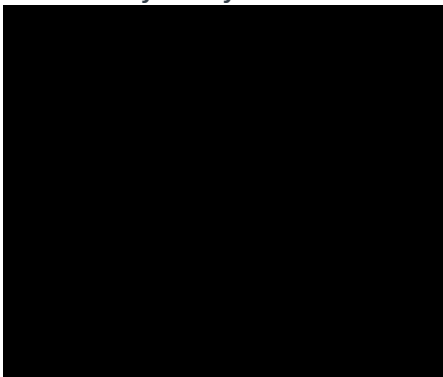
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No, this submission does not reflect the view of an organisation

Q3

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Respondent skipped this question

Q4

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Recreational fisher,
Environmental interest,
Interested member of the public**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Other (please specify):

Ruamahanga River and Lake Onoke, Wairarapa

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Agree

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

No changes are needed,

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:

If the goal is to ensure healthy and restored whitebait populations and provide for a sustainable fishery, then I agree.

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:

At Lake Onoke, we have a situation where the river is blocked for up to two months at a time. So we need to be managed differently. Where rivers are blocked throughout the country, that needs to be considered due to spawning. As rivers flows and blockages are different in every case. Rivers are blocked all the way up the east coast of the lower North Island, which is a totally different set up to places like the West Coast of the South Island. Also, the Waiwhetu stream in the Hutt Valley is not mentioned at all.

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

None - I prefer another option (please specify below),

Why do you support that option?:

The West Coast of the South Island should have 1 September - 30 October. Elsewhere, especially Wairarapa and East Coast of the North Island, should have 1 September - 15 November This is because our rivers are often blocked during this time.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Agree,

Why?:

Because above the tidal limit would give whitebait more chance of spawning further upstream.

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Other (please specify):

I prefer the idea of refuges in which fishing is permitted for 2 years, then excluded for 2 years, in a repeating ongoing cycle, if we need them at all. This can be done alongside the good job farmers are doing already to fence off smaller streams and breeding areas.

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

As stated above, if we need them, it should be very short term. The work farmers are doing to fence off streams and breeding areas is good enough already.

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Lake Onoke and Ruamahanga network would not be good as refuges because the river and lake can often be blocked during the proposed season. Where rivers flow all year round, this would be a good proposal. But there are not many in Wairarapa.

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

If brought in, one or two years would be ample.

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Socket nets should be phased out,

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

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Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

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There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

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The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

,

A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

,

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

1. Traps in nets should be limited to one - half a trap per net. 2. Screens and diversions should not be any more than 6metres. 3. Sighter boards should be restricted to two metres and to part of the structure.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Stop exports immediately.

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Increase enforcement relevant to whitebait habitat.

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Sighter boards need to be limited to 2ms in front of the nets. The good job farmers are doing over increasing fencing needs to continue.

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

I think for refuges, one year on, one year off is sufficient. And the phasing out of the sale of whitebait.

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Put in plain English with a simple form. One page at most. Make it accessible and available in all fishing spots.

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Two years should be plenty of time to set it up.

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

OK.

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

I would like to repeat that limiting sale, fencing off habitats, keeping refugees short-term - for no more than two years at a time - and screen sizes are the most important issues.



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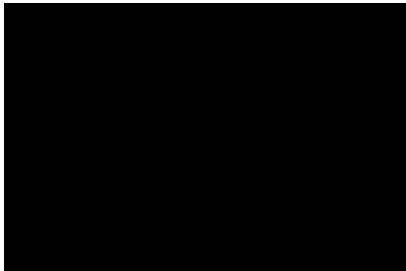
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Q3

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Organisation

N/A

Q4

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n/a

Q5

Recreational fisher

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Q6

Southland Murihiku

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Neither agree nor disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:
Region by region regulations similar to fishing regulations should be looked at rather than blanket nation wide.

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below)

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
Daily catch limits, licensing.

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

None - I prefer another option (please specify below),

Why do you support that option?:
The current season timing is fine.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Agree,

Why?:
I think there should be limits in general.

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Other (please specify):

I agree but a lot more research needs to be done.

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

No

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

No

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)?
(Please specify)

No

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

Catch limits need to be looked at and also the selling of Whitebait definitely needs to be looked at. Licensing and catch records should be part of licensing to assist with any or all research that needs to be carried out to give everyone informed choices.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree,

Other (please specify):

Selling of Whitebait locally also needs to be looked at.

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Just end it.

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Research, recording of catches nation wide as I d not think there is enough solid facts about whitebait.

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

No

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Licensing or registering of Whitebaiters. Daily catch limits.
Clamping down on the reselling of Whitebait.

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Licensing or registering of Whitebaiters. Daily catch limits.
Clamping down on the reselling of Whitebait.

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

If some of the regulatory changes are made they should be phased in over time.

Q25

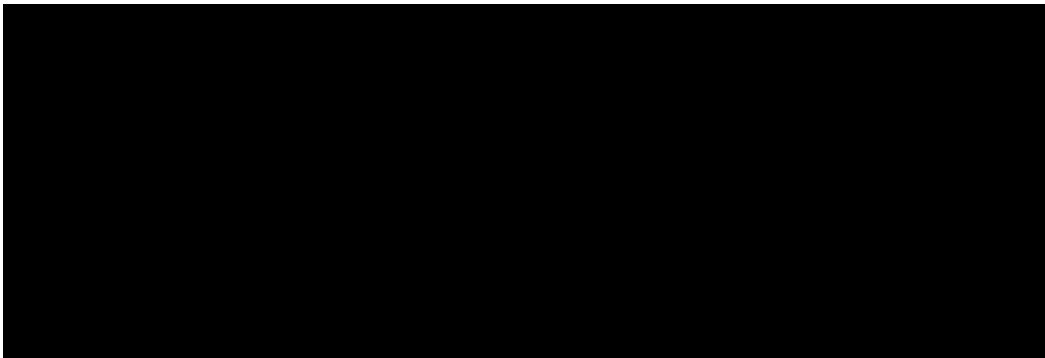
What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Unsure. Whitebaiters recording their catches will go along way to area specific information being collected.

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

Catch limits need to be introduced and then on the back of that paying Tax on the selling of Whitebait. There is a huge amount of Whitebait being sold without Tax being paid.



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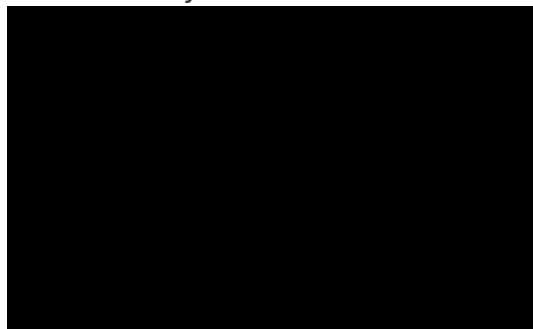
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Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Wellington Te Whanganui-a-Tara

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:
Ban sales of white bait unless licenced for commercial catch and sales

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
Ban all recreational sales, and add a daily catch limit for recreational fishermen

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
All changes as proposed at the meeting in Otaki yesterday, plus banning recreational sales

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

None - I prefer another option (please specify below),

Why do you support that option?:
1st August to 30 October

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Back-pegs only

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Strongly agree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

No

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

No

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

No

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Licensed fish receivers only can sell bait

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Fishing gear restrictions and back pegs

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Ban recreational sales

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Fencing off all streams through farm land

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Yes- fishing gear size, and ideally a daily limit

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Before next season

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Good

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

No



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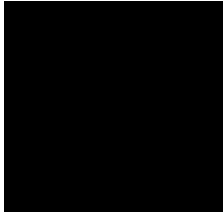
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Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

Q7

Disagree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

No changes are needed

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Q9

No changes are needed

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Q10

None - I prefer another option (please specify below),

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Why do you support that option?:
1 October-15 nov

Q11

Disagree

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12

Respondent skipped this question

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13

Agree

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14

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Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

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Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Q17

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,
A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Q18

Neither agree nor disagree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Habitat restoration and breeding ground and sanctuary s

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

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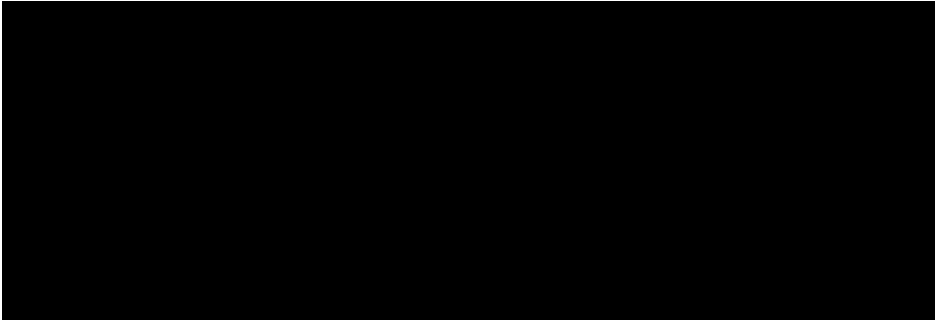
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What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

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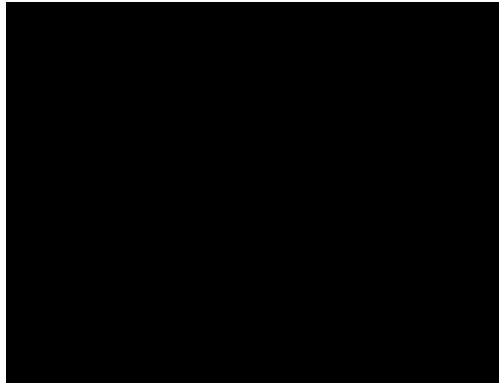
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Q5

Recreational fisher

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Q6

Southland Murihiku

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:
There is no mention of Selling whitebait . It should be Stopped straight away and talking of phaseing the exporting should also be stopped straight away. A limit on the daily catch should also be considered, it would stop the greedy ones who are ruining it for the rest of us.

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
Less staff sitting in offices and more visable on the rivers checking ,that only one net is being used. Drones are no use as the ones using more than on net, are being prior notified by phone up or down river. D.O.C. Staff should start one up river one down river

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
As i have already said more out checking stands and less in offices sitting in offices.

Q10

15 August - 14 October

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Agree,

Why?:
If a limit is placed it would stop the greedy ones , who use devious means such as 2 or 3 nets blocking the river for others. This is the biggest problem as the ones cheating are selling and exporting . If selling and exporting were stopped the problem would be solved. Whitebaiting should be for everyone enough for the family and if lucky enough give a feed to friends.

Q12

Tidal limits only

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13

Agree

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

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Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Take it year by year

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions
,
One net should be used when fishing from a stand,
The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

Q18

Strongly agree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

It should be stopped now straight away.

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

More visible staff on the rivers checking nets would stop those who break the rules for money.

Q21

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Q23

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Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

220 for stopping the exporting .and selling of whitebait.

Q25

Respondent skipped this question

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

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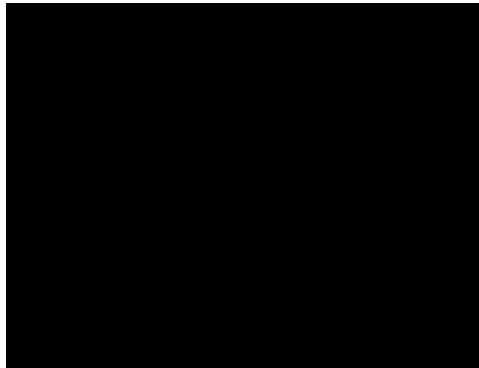
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Q5

Recreational fisher

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Q6

Southland Murihiku

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:
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Q14

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Take it year by year

Q17

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

Q18

Strongly agree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

It should be stopped now straight away.

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

More visible staff on the rivers checking nets would stop those who break the rules for money.

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

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Q22

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Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

220 for stopping the exporting .and selling of whitebait.

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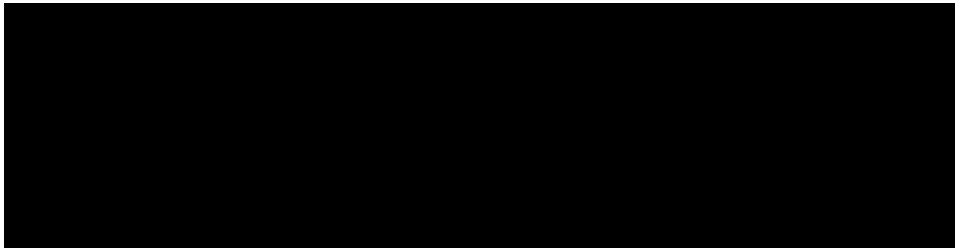
What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

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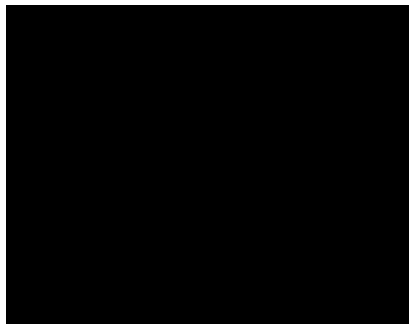
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Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Canterbury Ōtautahi

Q7

Agree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

Changes are needed (please specify below)

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Q9

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
dont know

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Q10

1 September - 15 November,

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Why do you support that option?:

Not much white caught before or after these times in our area

Q11

Strongly agree,

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Why?:

gives bait more chance to get to breeding area

Q12

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river,

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:

our tidal limit has changed since the kaikoura earthquakes in our river ,tidal limit would make for over crowding and this would cause angst amongst the fisher people if we had back pegs it would give everyone a chance to fish and more chance for bait to get up river

Q13

Disagree

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

yes i am finding it quite difficult to follow which rivers would be refugees i believe Kahutara River should be left alone it only only has a small amount of regular fishing people and we stick to the rules and care very much about the whitebait it is also our favorite time of the year for getting together annd getting a feed , i think reducing time and nets will still enable our whanua to enjoy this yearly

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

pleaes dont close the Kahutara river or lyle creek closing one or the other would cause over fishing in the other everyone would go the place that is open the bigger river eg hapuku are much less accesable to us older people and there are alot of older people on Kaikoura who enjoy whitebaiting and the feed it provides

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

if you close something for 5 to ten years the art form and knowledge of white baiting is forgotten and not passed on to our whanua

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Sock nets should be phased out,

Traps in nets should be phased out,

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

,

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

,

Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand

,

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

,

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

,

The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

,

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

there is not enough room for small rivers like Lyall creek and Kahutara river to have 20 m distance between fishing gears i expect this would be the same in otheer samller rivers

Q18

Strongly agree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

Respondent skipped this question

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Q21

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Q22

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Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

every area is different so this will be difficult but it needs to be clearer about fishing in river mouths is this not allowed ?

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

this year would be good but probably next year so that new processes / signs / rules are drawn up correctly and allow people time to upgrade their gear if needed

Q25

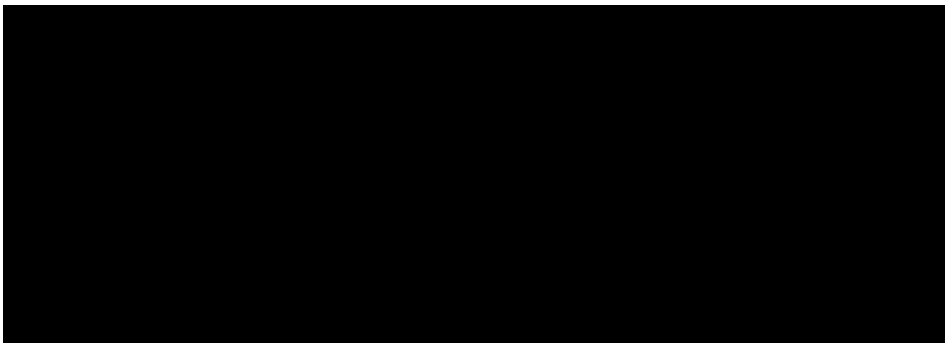
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What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

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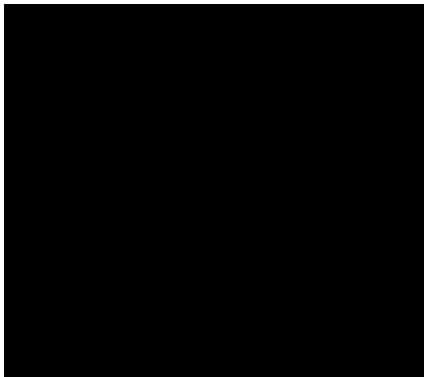
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Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Canterbury Ōtautahi

Q7

Agree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
There needs to be restrictions on the sale of recreational caught whitebait.

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
Restrict the sale of whitebait

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 30 October,

Why do you support that option?:
There are good runs where I fish in late October and there would still be plenty to go to spawning from November onwards

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree,

Why?:
Some bait in this area are starting to mature and are wasted if caught

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Back-pegs only,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:
Kaiapoi, Styx, Cam on the Waimakariri and Saltwater Creek on the Ashley

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Agree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Need to be rivers with excellent spawning areas

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

The areas where the community relies on the activity of the whitebaiters should be considered as to the negative effects on the overall area

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

At least 2 years

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

- Socket nets should be phased out,**
- Screens and diversions should be phased out,**
- Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced**
- ,
- Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands**
- ,
- Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions**
- ,
- Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand**
- ,
- One net should be used when fishing from a stand,**
- A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced**
- ,
- A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway**

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Due to the small quantities currently Exported a ban on exports should have minimal impact on exporters. It also needs to be documented if people can take a small quantity to Australia

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Creating refuges

However I believe that the banning of whitebait sales would reduce the catch considerably and make it easier for someone to catch a feed.

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

No comment

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Ban the sale of recreational caught whitebait

I have sold whitebait in the past and would not be concerned if sales were banned

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

They seem clear to me except that it needs to be stated if whitebait can be taken overseas as a gift

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

For the 2121 season

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

All good but it actually needs to happen as set out

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

I have kept a record of my whitebait catches since 1991 recording the dates fished and quantities caught.

Mostly in the Waimakariri and Ashley rivers

I am prepared to make this information available if it would be of any use

Please let me know



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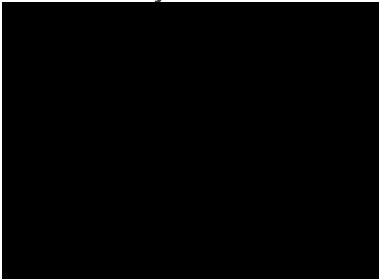
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Respondent skipped this question

Q4

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Canterbury Ōtautahi

Q7

Disagree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

Changes are needed (please specify below),

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
1st thing is to make selling of whitebait illegal.

Q9

No changes are needed

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Q10

1 September - 15 November

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11

Strongly agree,

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Why?:
To stop people from being greedy and raping the rivers

Q12

Back-pegs only

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13

Agree

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Screens and diversions should be phased out,
Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced
,
Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands
,
One net should be used when fishing from a stand,
A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced
,
There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree,
Other (please specify):
do it immediately

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)
make it illegal to sell any whitebait

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

improving their habitat stop 4wd ruining the riverbanks stop farmers and stock and more importantly stop roads and progression from being more important than whitebait their homes are their homes

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

next season

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

currently it takes forever for a DOC worker to come out to a person breaking the rules you need more workers already on the banks of rivers during the season

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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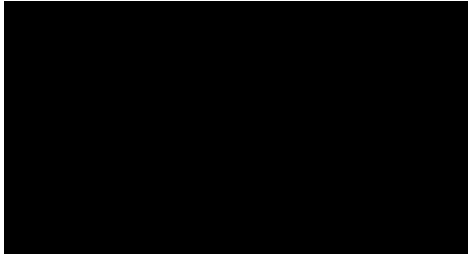
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Organisation

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Q5

Recreational fisher

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Q6

Canterbury Ōtautahi

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Q7

Agree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:

A lot more information is needed, At the Timaru meeting a lot of questions could not be answered A lot more research is needed and the people who bait need to be involved I have baited for 50 years and never talked to a DOC ranger

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:

Delay the implementation till you do more research and more info from the people who bait

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 15 November,

Why do you support that option?:

The rivers are too cold in August. The longer option gives those who work a better chance to catch a feed (can only bait at weekends)

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Agree,

Why?:

Protects breeding grounds

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:

East coast rivers

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Disagree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Will put more pressure on other rivers

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

No

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

No

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Socket nets should be phased out,

Traps in nets should be phased out,

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

,

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

,

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

,

Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand

,

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

,

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

,

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

Socket nets and traps can be left in all day they need to be removed.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree,

Other (please specify):

Bait should not be able to be sold

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

No bait can be sold

This is the main reason for any decline in bait numbers

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Improve habitat and water pollution

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

I have not seen a decrease in bait numbers but their habitat needs more protection, stop e-cam spraying breeding grounds

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

More consultation with baiters

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

No

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

This needs put on hold until more research is done and the results of the submissions are published .this could result in a second round of meetings

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Ongoing

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

This whole process is too rushed, more research is needed from baiters.



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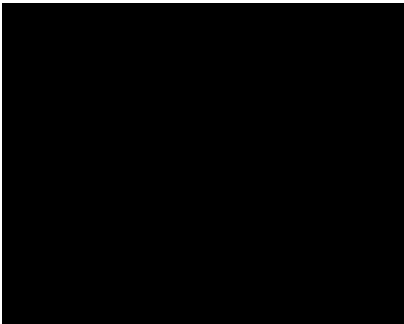
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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Agree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:
I think a fundamental misconception is that this is a recreational fishery.....much of it is not...it is a commercial fishery exploiting recreational regulations. Have a look at the price that stands sell for, and get some data on catch amounts. This will show how much is commercial. Then decide if it should be run as a recreational fishery, or reduce the amount that can be sold etc. Maybe some rivers are deemed commercial and others purely recreational. I do not think the proposals will really change the nature of things as it is not addressing a fundamental reason of over fishing...commercial gain.

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
Please see above.....put a catch limit per person...or if that has large ramifications on the existing practices of selling whitebait, deal with those. There are numerous models in the country such as snapper, cod, lobster fisheries

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
see above I also don't believe trying to change the equipment used will achieve a sustainability outcome....the core issues need to be addressed.

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

None - I prefer another option (please specify below),

Why do you support that option?:
relaxed as I think this is a scientific question and I don't have all the info

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Agree

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Back-pegs only

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Agree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

no

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

no

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

maybe every alternate year,or in some places permanent

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand

,

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

Do you have any estimates on what these measures will achieve in respect to reducing the catch rates.What is the amount caught now,and what do you estimate it will be after each of these suggestions are implemented?

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree,

Other (please specify):

How much is exported now....I have put I agree because I assume quite a bit is exported...but it may not be relevant in quantity

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

just do it if you think it is serious.

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

very subjective question...but I would think refuges

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Get clarity on the commercialisation of this recreational fishery.....then deal with it as a commercial fishery,or change it to a recreational one.

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

catch limits

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

a year or so....there is a lot of money invested in the industry....it is an industry really

Q25

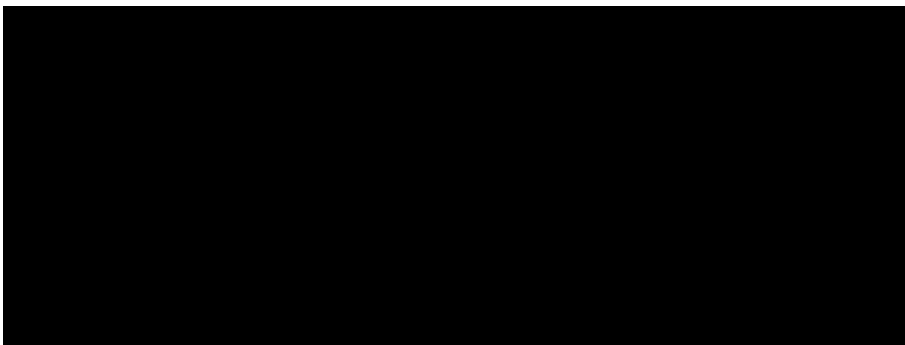
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What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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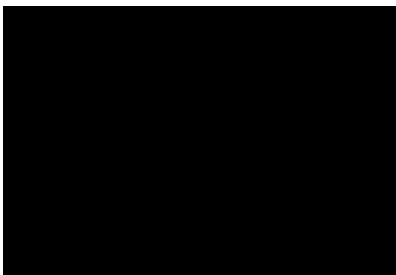
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Respondent skipped this question

Q4

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Southland Murihiku

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Neither agree nor disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:
Where is the scientific evidence that whitebait are declining.considering

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
Considering probably 90 per cent of whitebaiters are over 70 taking away sock nets would mean most of us would not be able to fish. We would be physically unable to fish from our stands.. Surely the cost of putting us all into rest homes would outway the benefit of perhaps increasing the supply of bait.

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Respondent skipped this question

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

15 August - 14 October

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Disagree,

Why?:
Because we don't know how far upstream is planned.

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Respondent skipped this question

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Disagree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

Q18

Strongly agree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

Respondent skipped this question

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

Respondent skipped this question

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Q25

Respondent skipped this question

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



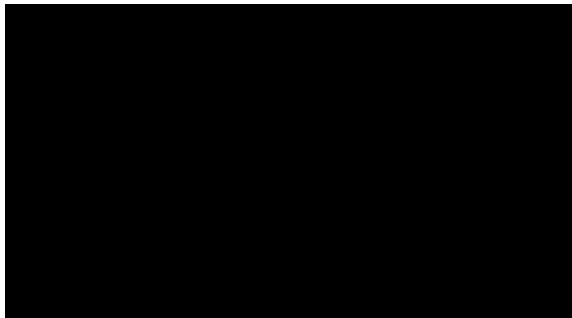
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Yes, in part this submission reflects the view of an organisation

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Organisation

Aorere whitebaiters

Q4

If parts of this submission reflect the views of an organisation, please tell us which parts.

Nets & screens

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Customary fisher,
Recreational fisher,
Environmental interest**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Tasman,

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Neither agree nor disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:
I agree with some of it.

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
Much more emphasis put on habitat protection and restoration.

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
Commercialisation should be reduced long before private fishing. Take away the ability of private fisherman being able to sell w-bait will get rid of many fishers as they are there for profit not the sport of it, and having food to eat!!

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 15 November,

Why do you support that option?:
If it has to change this option as bait run at different times in different years.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Disagree,

Why?:
As fishermen are not there at time of egg laying.

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:
N/a

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Other (please specify):

Not sure that this does any good. I haven't seen any science to prove this works.

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

If you make reserve's in popular fishing rivers, the the whitebaiter will just go to other rivers putting pressure on them exasperating the problem!!

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Not sure yet

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

No refuges yet.

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Sock nets should be phased out,

Traps in nets should be phased out,

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

,

Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand

,

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

,

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

,

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

Trap nets and sock nets are for private people commercializing our resource. This is lazy fishing with no challenge involved get rid of them.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Other (please specify):

It's ok for registered stands down south so long as there catches don't decline over a 5 year period.

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Protecting and restoring habitat

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

No

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

No seem clear enough.

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Over 5 years. Maybe some straight away e.g.. Trap nets

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

So so.

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

The management does not emphasize the past habitat destruction and what is proposed to be done about it. Local bodies are some of the worst at this!

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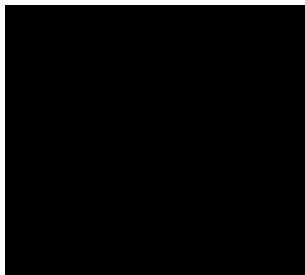
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Respondent skipped this question

Q4

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Otago

Q7 **Neither agree nor disagree**

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8 **Changes are needed (please specify below),**
Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
De-commercialise whitebait. Make it recreational only

Q9 **Respondent skipped this question**

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Q10 **None - I prefer another option (please specify below),**
Why do you support that option?:
15 Aug too 30th October

Q11 **Neither agree nor disagree**

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12 **Respondent skipped this question**

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13 **Disagree**

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14
Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

No

Q15 **Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,
A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced
,
There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway
,
The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide
,
A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

Q18

Strongly agree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

De-commercialise of whitebait.

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

2 year grace

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

2024

Q25

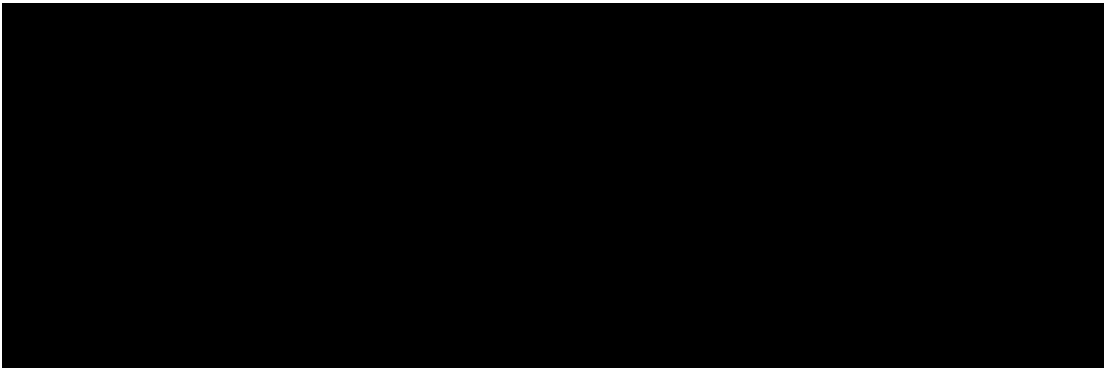
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What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

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Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



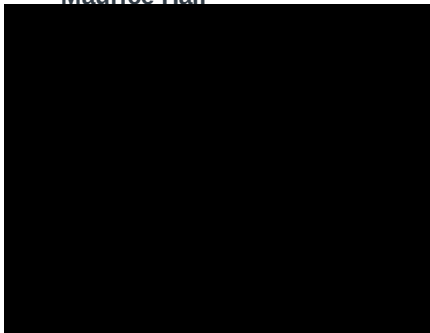
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Organisation

No

Q4

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Hawke's Bay Te Matau-a-Māui

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Neither agree nor disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:
<https://www.stuff.co.nz/science/100195336/whitebait-decline-likely-overstated-say-nz-scientists>

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
We need more policing of fishing. I never saw DOC once last season, despite emailing, ringing and leaving message's about consistent abuses of the rules. Not only myself but others also left messages as well.

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
More policing.

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 30 October

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Neither agree nor disagree,

Why?:
This must vary from river to river

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Strongly agree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

More fencing off of rivers to prevent grazing too close to the waters edge.

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Not specifically

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Permanently fenced rivers.

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

,

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

,

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

,

A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

,

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

Phasing out of sock nets would spell the end to white baiting in this area. I have seen people try other nets but these are only suitable in swift flowing rivers.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Neither agree nor disagree,

Other (please specify):

This is a small amount

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

There should be a maximum length on the length of those huge stands down south to say 6 meters as we use up here.

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Shorter season

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Yes have you read this article <https://www.stuff.co.nz/science/100195336/whitebait-decline-likely-overstated-say-nz-scientists>

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

More DOC or regional Council council presence.

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

A few more signs around advising people of the rules and penalties for breaking the rules.

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Would next season be too soon.

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

What are these.

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

Yes. Some of our Indigenous people are some of the worst rule breakers out there. I know of one who fishers all year round.



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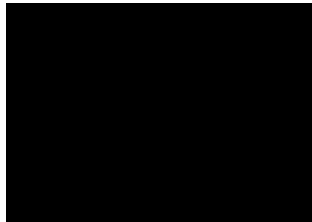
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Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

**Auckland Tāmaki,
Waikato**

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Strongly disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:
The state of the fishery is pure guess work as without any catch records how do you know the it is in decline?

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

No changes are needed

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

No changes are needed

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

None - I prefer another option (please specify below),

Why do you support that option?:
Only speaking for the Waikato river. I would like to see the season start on 1st August and finish on 30 October. This would result in a net shorting of the season of 15 days. From mid to late November we tend to get a high by catch as the water warms up resulting in too high a mortality for non target fish types. The season used to start 1st of August so this is not without president.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly disagree

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Respondent skipped this question

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Strongly disagree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

,

The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

,

A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

,

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

I think you are trying a broad brush approach across the whole country the is doomed to fail. How is it possible to compare large slow moving river like the Waikato with one from the South Island west coast?. Our fishery is 99% a sock net fishery and any phasing out of them will have a large effect on older people who represent a large percentage of fishermen. The high sediment load in the river makes using sight boards impossible and thus sock nets are the only viable option. Not sure where other rivers set their nets on a stand but all ours are set on the outside on the stand? very confusing statement.

Q18

Agree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

None, habitat improvement will have the most effect, you cannot run more sheep in the same paddock without improving pasture performance.

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

Respondent skipped this question

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Q25

Respondent skipped this question

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Environmental interest

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

I'm not a fisher

Q7

Agree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

No changes are needed

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Q9

No changes are needed

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Q10

1 September - 30 October,

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Why do you support that option?:
It is the shortest season

Q11

Strongly agree

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13

Strongly agree

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

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Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)?
(Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Socket nets should be phased out,
Traps in nets should be phased out,
Screens and diversions should be phased out,
Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced
,
Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands
,
Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions
,
Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand
,
One net should be used when fishing from a stand,
A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced
,
There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway
,
The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide
,
A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway
,
Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:
I agree with any measures that reduce the number of whitebait caught. I don't like the vagueness of phasing out. I would prefer to see a date being set from which these item should be banned.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree,

Other (please specify):

I would prefer to see a specific date set.

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Changes to fishing practises

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

As soon as possible

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Respondent skipped this question

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Recreational fisher,
Commercial fisher**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

Q7 **Neither agree nor disagree**

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8 **No changes are needed**

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Q9 **No changes are needed**

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Q10 **1 September - 15 November,**
Why do you support that option?:
its a good balance of whitebait species at that time in my opinion.

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11 **Agree,**
Why?:
anything above the peg is naturally in a refuge.

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12 **Back-pegs only,**
Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:
all nz rivers.

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13 **Neither agree nor disagree**

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14
Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

no need for refuges put back pegs in.

Q15
Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

put back pegs in no need for refuges

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

no need for refuges if you have back pegs.

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

,

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

,

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

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,

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Disagree

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

following the westcoast template of regulations

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

a study of the species get some science behind the policy making .

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

back pegs

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

period of 5 to ten years

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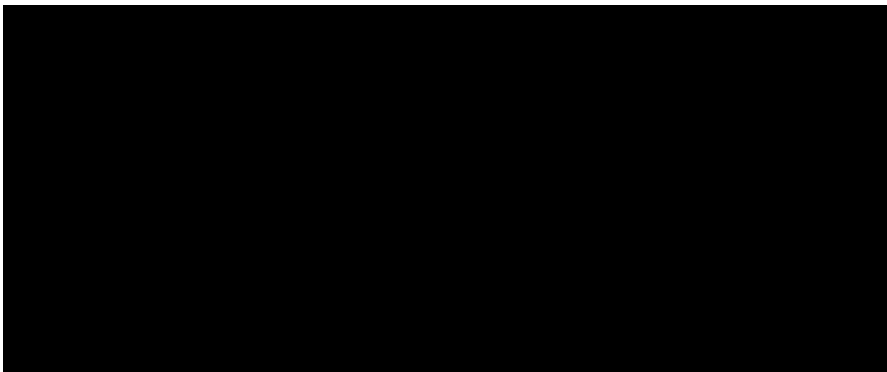
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how will it be logistically possible to do this.so many rivers to monitor.

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

no



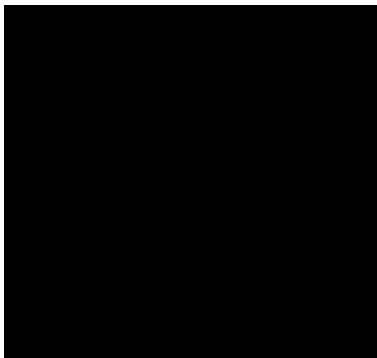
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Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Consumer,
Interested member of the public**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

I'm not a fisher

Q7 **Strongly agree**

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8 **No changes are needed**

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Q9 **No changes are needed**

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Q10 **1 September - 30 October**

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11 **Agree**

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12 **Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river**

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13 **Strongly agree**

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14 **Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Q15 **Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

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Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

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There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway
,
The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide
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A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

Q18

Agree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Exporting and fishing equipment rules to be stricter

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Asap no mucking about

Q25

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What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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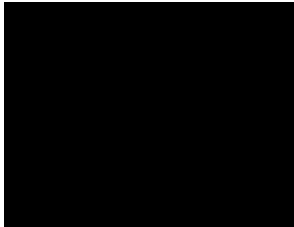
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Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Southland Murihiku

Q7

Agree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

Changes are needed (please specify below),

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
stop those who sell whitebait

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Q10

15 August - 14 October

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11

Agree

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

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What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Socket nets should be phased out,
Traps in nets should be phased out,
Screens and diversions should be phased out,
One net should be used when fishing from a stand

Q18

Respondent skipped this question

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

Respondent skipped this question

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

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If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

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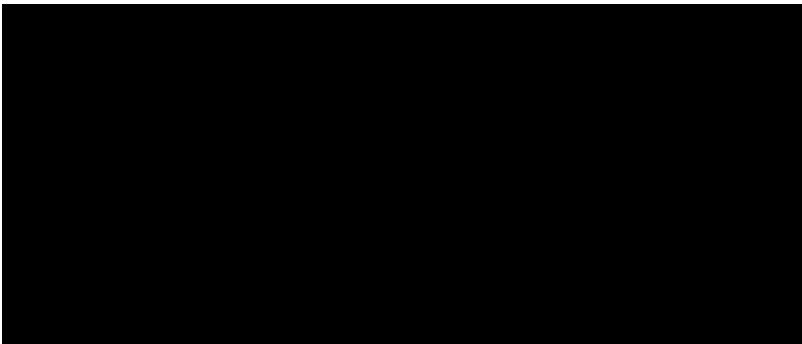
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What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

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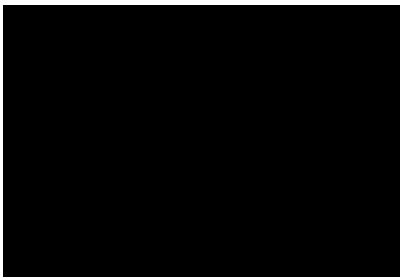
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Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Tasman

Q7 **Neither agree nor disagree**

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8 **No changes are needed,**
Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
I agree with the six bullet points on page 13.

Q9 **No changes are needed**

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Q10 **15 August - 14 October**

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11 **Agree**

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12 **Tidal limits only**

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13 **Strongly agree**

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14 **Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Q15 **Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16

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Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Sock nets should be phased out,

Traps in nets should be phased out,

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

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The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

Q18

Strongly agree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Six bullet points on page 13.

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

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If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

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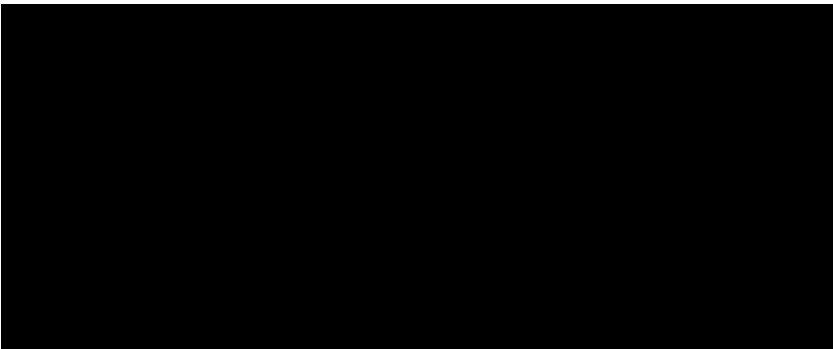
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What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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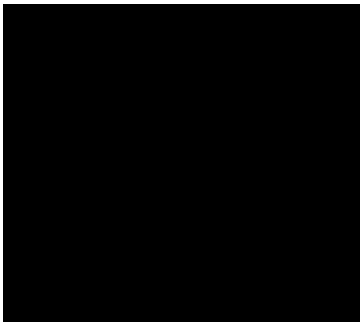
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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Southland Murihiku

Q7 **Neither agree nor disagree**

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8 **Changes are needed (please specify below),**
Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
1 net 1stand Shorten season Phase out exporting whitebait
Nation wide upstream limits More active monitoring of rivers and whitebait practices Do away with people selling whitebait for profit

Q9 **No changes are needed**

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Q10 **1 September - 30 October**

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11 **Agree**

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12 **Back-pegs only,**
Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:
Mataura and Titaroa Rivers

Q13 **Neither agree nor disagree**

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14 **Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Q15 **Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

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Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

,

The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

,

A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

just take money for profit out of the equation

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

soon as possible

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

should be more

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

**West Coast Te Tai Poutini,
Southland Murihiku**

Q7 **Neither agree nor disagree**

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8 **No changes are needed**

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Q9 **No changes are needed**

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Q10 **1 September - 15 November,**
Why do you support that option?:
Works well on the west coast and i think all of NZ should be the same.

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11 **Strongly agree,**
Why?:
Allows bait to move up stream freely

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12 **Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river**

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13 **Agree**

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14 **Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

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Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

Q18

Agree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Spend more time on study of whitebait and listen to historical data from whitebaiters.

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Phased in over 10 years

Q25

Respondent skipped this question

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



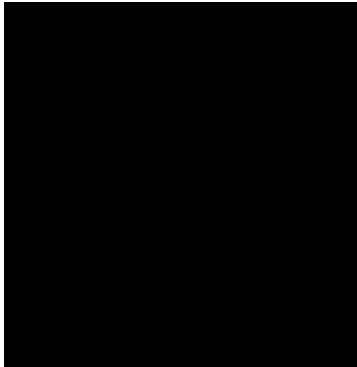
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Q5

Recreational fisher

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Q6

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Q7

Agree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:

More policing of rivers before and after season and this don't mean driving down the middle of a river in a jetboat so that anyone fishing illegally can hear the DOC officials coming

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:

All New Zealand should have the same rules and regulations as the West Coast ie shorter season

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 15 November,

Why do you support that option?:

Four years ago on the 15th November one day after the season I went to see if whitebait were coming up the river. When I arrived at the river a shoal was going passed and it went for some time. About five minutes later another shoal started going passed and I thought the best way to judge the size of the shoal was to time it. It took 10 minutes to go passed at speed, about a metre wide and a metre deep. This was one shoal at one point in the tide. This is not a rare occurrence and hence the season being as we have stated above provides plenty of opportunity for the whitebait to escape the whitebaiter . Two years ago I was preparing for the whitebait season about the 18 August, and every where I looked there were shoals of whitebait heading up the river. These situations are by no means rare hence my reasoning for putting the rest of New Zealand in line with West Coast seasons.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree,

Why?:

Because this is very successful on the West Coast where it is already been in place for years

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Back-pegs only,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:

On the West Coast the back pegs are meant to be at the tidal limit

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Strongly disagree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

There are already large amount of refuges on the West Coast and this is one of the reasons why there are still large quantities caught

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

As above no need for more refuges on the West Coast

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Same as above

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Socket nets should be phased out,

Traps in nets should be phased out,

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

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Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

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The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

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Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

These changes already apply to the West Coast except for the sock net and traps

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Neither agree nor disagree

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Back pegs, more policing and phasing out sock nets

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

As stated it is so important that DOC get the resources to police illegal fishing

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Once a tentative decision is made the consultation process should start again with interest parties before anything is introduced

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

DOC officials need to be educated in how they approach the whitebaiters. Their management skills in my experience are very poor and are often very officious about the smallest of infringements and never seem to be there when gross infringements are occurring.

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

As stated above any proposals should come back to the people concerned (the whitebaiters) who in my experience of fifty years are very conservation minded and the views of people who have never had anything to do with whitebaiting shouldn't be ignored but at the same time they shouldn't be given the same credence as the people who have spent a huge amount of time on the rivers.



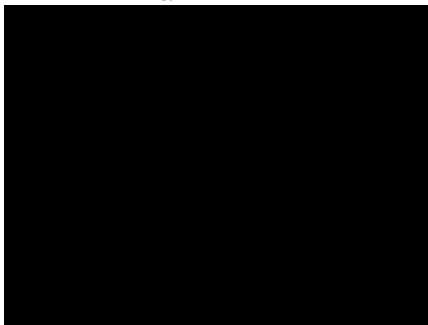
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Q2

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Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Hawke's Bay Te Matau-a-Māui

Q7 **Neither agree nor disagree**

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8 **Changes are needed (please specify below),**
Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
More policing. Unfortunately there are always the ones that are greedy.

Q9 **Changes are needed (please specify below),**
Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
More policing. I never saw DOC ranger the whole season on the Tukituki river last season although I believe he did show up once and was assaulted. If that happens I believe the person responsible should be banned for life from fishing.

Q10 **1 September - 15 November**

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11 **Disagree**

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12 **Respondent skipped this question**

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13 **Agree**

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14
Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Less grazing of river edges.

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Any where stock graze along the river edge.

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Permanently as I believe white white bait run most of the year round.

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

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A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

,

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

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The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

,

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

Socket nets are the only nets suitable where we fish in fact most rivers. Perhaps the maximum outer diameter could be reduced. You could also have a maximum of 1 trap per net not like the nets they use down south with 2 traps. This suggestion of no net past the end of the stand does not work for us as sometimes our stands are only about 2 meters long any way. I think this comes back to no gear not longer than 6 meters total.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Neither agree nor disagree

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

This is a small amount any way. Perhaps you could place a limit on the total amount that could be sold or a limit on the amount caught in a season.

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Place limits on amount caught per season or even a stand.

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Signage on rivers setting out rules.

On our river there has been a habit of building rock walls on the end of screens so that the when the tide comes in they end with a screen that is effectively up to 20 meters long.

This is clearly breaking the rules but despite my best effort

DOC never did anything about this.

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Too many people come down to the river and do not have a clue about the regulations. A more detailed brochure should be written and be readily available. Perhaps we need a license system where all regulations are explained in a brochure issued with the license

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Is next season too soon to get up and running.

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

I have not seen these where do I find these.

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

Not at this moment. I feel this series of consultation meetings was very poorly advertised. I only heard about this 2nd hand.



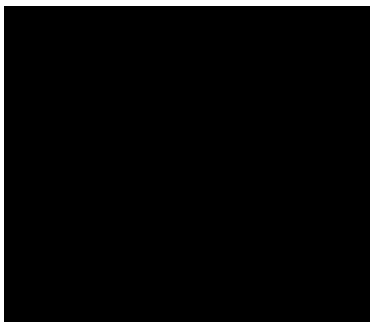
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Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Recreational fisher,
Scientist,
Environmental interest**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

**Bay of Plenty Te Moana-a-Toi,
Taranaki**

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Agree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:
While banded kokopu are currently considered "not threatened" their habitat is still declining as a result of the cumulative effects of piping/recontouring and realignment of small coastal streams and tributaries for "land improvement purposes" here in Taranaki. On the Taranaki ringplain nearly all river and stream estuaries have now been fenced off from stock access as the adjacent landuse is dairy farming and landowners have been working through their TRC farm riparian plans. In my view, this is resulting in an increase in the run of inanga whitebait as their spawning sites are protected. But kokopu continue to decline. Predator control (e.g. for mice) in spawning areas would be a good local initiative. Spawning site protection in the larger eastern hill country river estuaries is still a work in progress. Additional funding through the TRC would help!

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

No changes are needed,

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
I think the management goal is spot on!

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

No changes are needed,

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
I agree with the management outcomes particularly that "The fishery is managed for the recreational enjoyment of participants". However, this is at odds with the ability of any fisher to catch and sell whitebait. While this is not addressed in the current consultation, it certainly needs to be addressed soon.

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 15 November,

Why do you support that option?:
Shortening the season will inevitably increase fishing intensity, so it is a two-edged sword. I'd prefer the current season length (15 August - 30 November) to stay, but bringing it into line with the West Coast season length is a reasonable compromise.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree,

Why?:

Once whitebait have got through the tidal reaches they should be safe! One year we just got the tail-end of a run in the Waiwhakaiho River on opening day, and I noted people fishing well upstream above the tide taking loads of bait that were already feeding and undergoing shrinkage - not great eating and with consistent current the set-netters' harvested most of what was going up. Also in the Patea River, people fishing above the tide in the reach between McColl's Bridge and the Patea dam can have larges catches up to 40kg and yet hardly any fish arrive at TrustPower's trap and transfer trap at the dam face.

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Strongly disagree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Virtually every river/stream in the proposed Taranaki list is fished, even though few are highlighted as such. For example, the Waiwhakaiho (not highlighted) can have up to 50 whitebaiters present at a peak times, with the total numbers who fish the river likely to well exceed 100. If this river is closed, pressure on the adjacent waterways such as the Te Henui Stream will be horrendous and there will be wars with the locals. Every stream apart from the very smallest has its local users - this is not a good way to encourage harmony in the fishery. Some of the smallest waters, which often have very good whitebait populations, where a couple of nets could effectively harvest most of the whitebait coming up could be candidates (e.g. Waitaha, Mangati, Waikaikai).

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Heimama S, Waimoku S, Wairau S

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Socket nets should be phased out,

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

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There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

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The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

,

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

People have been fishing from structures that aren't stands for generations (e.g the concrete steps in the Waitara River estuary and flood protection groynes further upstream), structures might even include rock rip rap or gabion basket protection in the Te Henui estuary - it seems unfair and unnecessary to deny fishers access to such sites and yet if they build a stand it's all ok! There never used to be any stands in the Waitara River upstream of the SH45 bridge, people were happy to fish from the shore even though it was less efficient. Now there is a proliferation of stands and the level of escapement will be far below what it once was. At some fishing sites (e.g. the sandy side TLB of the Rangitaiki River mouth at Thornton, "Whanau rock" in the Whakatane River estuary near the boat ramp) people have routinely fished shoulder to shoulder with scoop nets for generations. Enforcing a minimum 20m distance between fishers will not be practicable and will likely be ignored. Perhaps the minimum distance regulation could include "unless there is agreement among fishers that the distance can be closer"? In our short Taranaki estuaries a 10m separation between fishers would be fine and would tie in with the existing regulation that fishers must be within 10m of their nets at all times.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree,

Other (please specify):

But should also include a ban on the casual commercial sale of whitebait. DOC could issue permits to registered commercial fishers on specific rivers to allow a commercial harvest. Fishers would need to provide their catch history (after all they should be declaring their income to IRD!).

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

The proposals are really just tinkering - a focus on habitat and ending the casual commercial sale of whitebait would have a much greater effect on the sustainability of the resource.

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

End the casual commercial sale of whitebait - this would actually have the support of the majority of recreational whitebaiters, but with election year I understand the politics of it.

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Respondent skipped this question

Q25

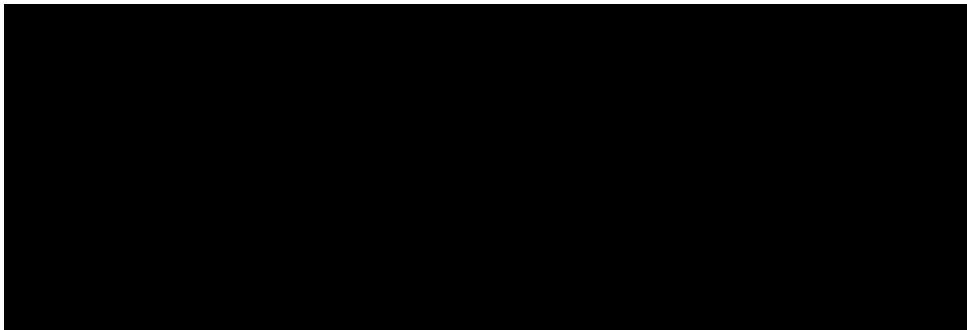
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What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

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Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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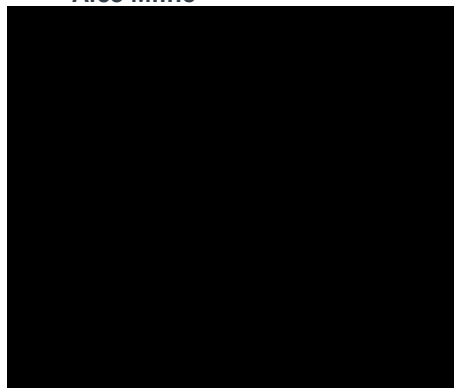
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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Recreational fisher,
Environmental interest,
Interested member of the public**

Q6

Tasman

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Q7

Strongly agree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

No changes are needed

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Q9

No changes are needed

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Q10

None - I prefer another option (please specify below),

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Why do you support that option?:

Only allow whitebaiting on half of the days of the week e.g on alternate days or Thursday to Monday inclusive

Q11

Strongly agree,

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Why?:

'Bellies' (i.e whitebait that are developed colour) increase upstream are normally discarded dead/ damaged by fishers i.e they are wasted. Also, the focus of management needs to change to protection (over exploitation or conservation).

Q12

Tidal limits only

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13

Strongly agree

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Strongly support the inclusion of the Onekaka catchment as a whitebait refuge. This river has the highest recorded diversity of native fish species from a single 100m survey (12 species)

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Onekaka catchment as above

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Long term sites would be simplest to manage.

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Socket nets should be phased out,

Traps in nets should be phased out,

Screens and diversions should be phased out,

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

,

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

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The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

,

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

Catch limits 2kg/ fisher or stand per day should be introduced

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree,

Other (please specify):

Didn't know it occurred. How can you justify allowing export of endangered species??

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Ban all commercial whitebaiting

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Stopping sock-netting. Introduce daily catch limits.

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Catch limits

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

The breeding areas of whitebait commonly occur within commercial farm. Farms are businesses that respond to financial incentives. Make it worth their while to protect spawning areas.
Catch limits. Banning commercial fishing of whitebait.

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

2020

Q25

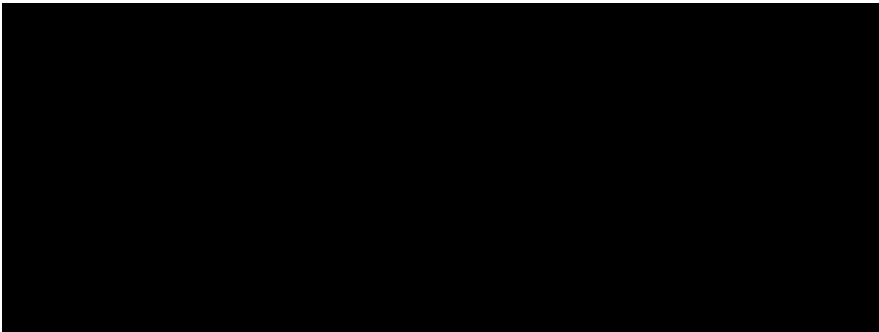
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What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

Thanks for undertaking this review of whitebait management.



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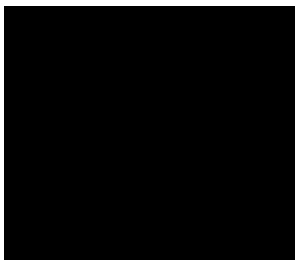
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Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Recreational fisher,
Environmental interest,
Consumer**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

**West Coast Te Tai Poutini,
Otago**

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Neither agree nor disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:
There needs to be better data on whitebait numbers

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
There needs to be flexibility for local variations

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
Commercial baiters need a quota system

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 15 November,

Why do you support that option?:
Status quo

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Strongly agree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q16

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

,

Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand

,

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

Q18

Disagree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Aquaculture

Q20

Respondent skipped this question

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

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If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

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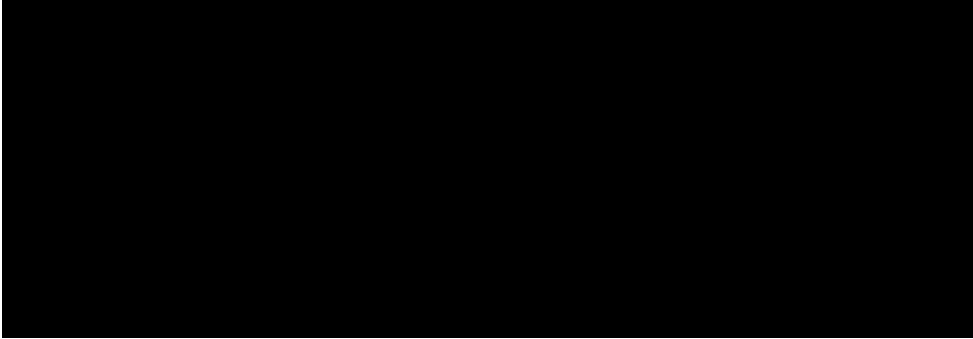
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What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

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Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

Very difficult to do using an iPad



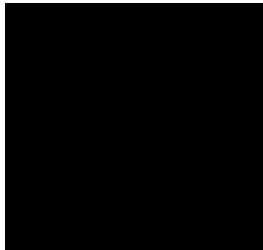
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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Recreational fisher,
Environmental interest,
Interested member of the public**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Otago

Q7 **Neither agree nor disagree**

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8 **Changes are needed (please specify below),**
Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
Collect valid data

Q9 **Changes are needed (please specify below),**
Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
Quota system for commercial fishers

Q10 **None - I prefer another option (please specify below)**
Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11 **Strongly agree,**
Why?:
Provides breeding ground

Q12 **Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river**
If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13 **Strongly agree**
What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14 **Respondent skipped this question**
Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Q15 **Respondent skipped this question**
Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16

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Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

- Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced
 - Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands
 - Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions
 - Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand
 - One net should be used when fishing from a stand,
 - There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway
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Q18

Disagree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Only farmed bait

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Habitat improvements

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Only after agreement has been reached by Doc and whitebaiters

Q25

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What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

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Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



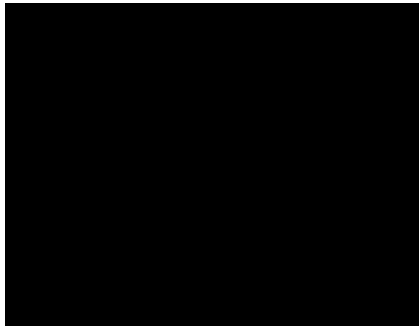
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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Environmental interest,
Interested member of the public**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

I'm not a fisher

Q7 **Neither agree nor disagree**

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8 **Changes are needed (please specify below),**

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
Ensure healthy and restored whitebait populations and their habitats. The goal should ensure all six native whitebait fish species in all their life stages : 1. Are classified as not-threatened and increasing in numbers 2. Have abundant and healthy habitats 3. Have safe passages for migration 4. Are present and thriving in the locations they have historically been found. The proposed management goals should be changed to focus on safeguarding the fish rather than the fishery.

Q9 **Changes are needed (please specify below),**

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
The proposed management outcomes should be changed to focus on the fish rather than the fishery.

Q10 **None - I prefer another option (please specify below),**

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Why do you support that option?:
I prefer whitebait fishing to be banned until the goals are obtained and it is ensured all six native whitebait fish species: 1. Are classified as not-threatened and increasing in numbers 2. Have abundant and healthy habitats 3. Have safe passages for migration 4. Are present and thriving in the locations they have historically been found. If fishing is allowed I support reducing the season to 1-31 August. This is the best option available to protect at risk and threatened whitebait species. It avoids the main migration period for them except for Inanga which has a longer migration period. Banded kokopu and common smelt which are not threatened would be migrating during this time.

Q11 **Strongly agree,**

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Why?:
Because it would limit areas where whitebaiting is done.

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Back-pegs only,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:

DOC could get Regional councils to help place back-pegs in local waterways used for whitebaiting. All rivers and streams should have back-pegs.

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Strongly agree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

I think all the waterways should be made refuges until the goals I stated are met.

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

I think all the waterways should be made refuges.

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

I think all the water-bodies should be made refuges for at least 10 years or until the goals I stated are met. Ideally they would be permanent refuges.

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

- Sock nets should be phased out,**
- Traps in nets should be phased out,**
- Screens and diversions should be phased out,**
- Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced**
- ,
- Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands**
- ,
- Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions**
- ,
- Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand**
- ,
- One net should be used when fishing from a stand,**
- A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced**
- ,
- There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway**
- ,
- The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide**
- ,
- A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway**
- ,
- Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:
- Instead of the above being phased out or in the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices should be enacted as soon as possible.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

- Strongly agree,**
- Other (please specify):
- Exporting whitebait should be prohibited as soon as possible not phased out. All commercial whitebaiting should be prohibited in NZ also.

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

It should be prohibited as soon as possible not phased out.

Q20

Respondent skipped this question

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Yes, prohibiting whitebait fishing completely and making it illegal.

If the NZ Government and Department of Conservation's (DOC) proposed changes to whitebait management still allows fishing whitebait, a licence should be required, a catch limit introduced, commercial fishing prohibited and data collection programme for all species and their habitats be done.

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Yes, prohibit all whitebait fishing.

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

As soon as possible, before the next whitebait season in 2020

Q25

Respondent skipped this question

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

It is abysmal and unacceptable that these endangered fish can be fished.

Fishing of our whitebait fish should stop long term until the following goals have been obtained.

All six whitebait fish species:

1. Are classified as not-threatened and increasing in numbers.
2. Have abundant and healthy habitat
3. Have safe passage for migration
4. Are present and thriving in the locations they have historically been found.

If the NZ Government and Department of Conservation's (DOC) proposed changes to whitebait management still allows fishing whitebait, a licence should be required, a catch limit introduced, commercial fishing prohibited and a data collection programme for all species and their habitats be done.

It should be obvious given DOC's main role is to protect indigenous plants and animals. Currently, the options provided in the consultation document advocate more for the fishing industry than for the wellbeing of our fish. The proposed management goal should be changed to focus on fish rather than the fishery.



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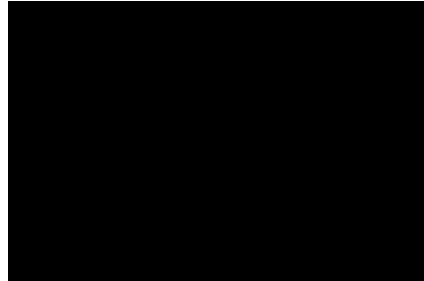
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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Environmental interest

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

I'm not a fisher

Q7

Strongly disagree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

Changes are needed (please specify below),

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
No fish rivers. Shorter fishing season Less take

Q9

Changes are needed (please specify below),

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
The changes should be stricter. Rivers should have longer to recover from whitebaiting until populations can be sustained

Q10

None - I prefer another option (please specify below),

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Why do you support that option?:
I feel they are all too long

Q11

Strongly agree

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13

Strongly agree

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)?
(Please specify)

All fish in all rivers need better protection. Any fishing is going to affect the chances of fish becoming adults and reproducing. Only rivers with strong healthy populations should be allowed to be fished

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

- Socket nets should be phased out,**
- Traps in nets should be phased out,**
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- There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway**
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- The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide**
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- A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway**

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

refuge rivers

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

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Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Have clear penalties and follow up for those breaking the rules

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

ASAP

Q25

Respondent skipped this question

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

The blame for disappearing native fish species is placed firmly on farmers. These fish are being harvested by the very people who point the finger at water custodians when the potential billions of young fish never reach adulthood to breed. Children at school need to learn the outcome of all over fishing practises



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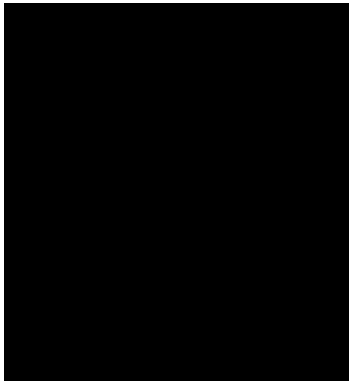
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Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

**West Coast Te Tai Poutini,
Canterbury Ōtautahi**

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

No changes are needed

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

No changes are needed

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 15 November,
Why do you support that option?:
This option should allow free passage of whitebait pre and post season.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree,
Why?:
Generally above the tidal area, because current is stronger, whitebait are more confined close to the bank and more easily caught. The further upstream fishing occurs, the more chance there is of catching mature galaxids.

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Back-pegs only,
Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:
At the top of the tidal area measured at biggest tide of the year. This should apply to all waterways.

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Agree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Back marker pegs should ensure safe areas for whitebait breeding in all rivers.

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Depends on the ability to measure the strength of the resource. Will this be achieved?

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

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Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

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There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

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A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

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Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

For recreational fishers, I favour a nationwide daily catch limit which would be set at the start of each season, based on the health of the whitebait fishery. Without being able to gauge the amount of whitebait being taken and therefore the effect of the proposed changes and subsequent recovery of the whitebait fishery as a whole, these proposed changes are just tinkering. If there is no change to the take allowed on commercial stands, limiting the amount of whitebait that recreational fishers take will only allow a bigger catch on the commercial stands which are far more effective as a means to catch larger quantities of whitebait, Commercial stands should be governed by a quota system (like all other fish species in NZ) and this should be based on the health of the whitebait fishery and declared previous year's catches.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly disagree,

Other (please specify):

The sale of whitebait, regardless of whether it is exported or sold on the local market brings about a different set of dynamics to the fishery where recreational fishers, fish in a manner that is for commercial gain. The sale of whitebait should be prohibited completely, except for licensed commercial stands, where there is more chance of measuring the annual take.

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

All sales of whitebait should be prohibited, except for licensed stands.

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Licensing recreational fishers. Setting a daily catch limit for recreational fishers. Measuring the health of the resource.

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Licensing recreational fishers. Setting a daily catch limit for recreational fishers. Measuring the health of the resource.

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Licensing recreational fishers. Setting a daily catch limit for recreational fishers. Measuring the health of the resource.

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Licensing recreational fishers. Setting a daily catch limit for recreational fishers. Measuring the health of the resource. A licence fee would provide revenue for compliance monitoring.

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

As soon as possible.

Q25

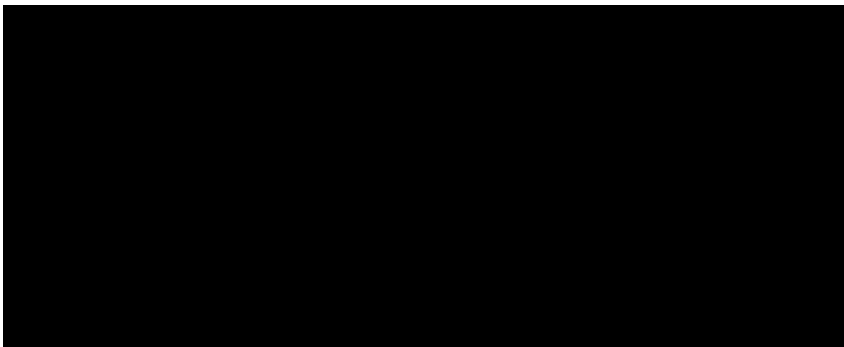
What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Unless there is licencing and an appropriate fee charged there will be insufficient revenue to ensure effective compliance monitoring.

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

The proposed new rules are over-complicating the situation and provide for a compliance nightmare. A daily catch limit simplifies the regulations (and negates the need for complex changes to the current rules) and makes it equitable for all recreational fishers. Daily catch limits would be monitored by all fishers and lack of adherence duly reported to DOC. The daily limits could be as simple as a regulation bucket with a lid. When it is full, your fishing is over for the day. Currently, because of the high value of the whitebait market, personal greed causes a lot of friction and a lack of equity in the sharing of the resource. The proposed regulation changes have the potential to move the associated problems further upriver where increased current causes whitebait to swim close to the bank and therefore more easily caught, regardless of the proposed changes. As a long time whitebaiter and previous stand-owner, I would be very willing to be involved in any future discussions.



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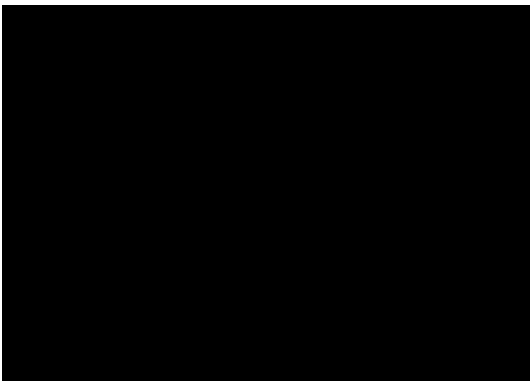
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Organisation

West Coast Whitebaiters Association

Q4

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Customary fisher,
Recreational fisher**

Q6

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Strongly disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:

The rest of New Zealand should come into line with the West Coast Regulations and that should increase the whitebait populations. I fish the Punakaiki River on the West Coast the information you have in your book is incorrect I personally have caught four different species on the Punakaiki and have done catches for Mike Hickford at Canterbury University. The Punakaiki River has been one of the rivers on the West Coast the Canterbury University have been studying the Punakaiki River for 20yrs to my knowledge and is considered a very healthy river. The number fishing on the Punakaiki River is small, 6 regulars and 1 or 2 others that fish occasionally, so it is not overfished by any means. I am concerned that the Punakaiki Greater Master Plan has plans to pump water from the Punakaiki River for water reticulation for the greater Punakaiki area. This includes Rate payers that reside in the Punakaiki area, and also includes usage by thousands of visitors that come to Punakaiki each year to stay at the hotels, motels, bach's and holiday homes and are using water amounting to !,000's of litre's daily, also the passing through traffic that use the toilet facilities and eateries would also impact on litres used. To meet this demand the water table would drop quite significantly and impede the whitebait in there quest in getting to the marshland area where they spawn. Another major concern is they also have planned a car park area and toilets behind and on the marshland area that the whitebait breed in and I dispute that the area planned would not impede on the marshland as there are marshland areas right to the Waikori Road. There is a confluence of fresh water which feeds the marshland coming under the road this will be gone in the carpark plans and they also plan to plant trees around the large car park, this in turn would drain the marshland.

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:

Every person in New Zealand that whitebait should obey the West Coast Regulations including the season dates. A licence should be purchased each season like for trout fishing this could be in the form of a dog registration tag (only bigger) and be on a scoopers handle and on a set net that would be clearly visible to DOC Rangers when they are monitoring rivers. Revenue collected from said licences could be used to restock rivers from whitebait farmers eg

[REDACTED]

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:

If you had a licence and restocked rivers as I have suggested above should be in the management outcomes. No further rivers should close on the West Coast as you state as you have said it is proposed in your document that 5 and 15 Rivers should close in every region as the West Coast already had 23 Rivers closed are we to see some reopened. The Punakaiki River has a good whitebait habitat at present and DOC as put channeling in this year albeit on December the 19th when the whitebait is still spawning, it also has 11 creeks between Punakaiki and Greymouth which are closed to fishing even though several are quite large and ? could be fished e.g. 10 Mile creek, Lawson's Creek and Canoe creek. All these creeks are full of whitebait at present and along the Barrytown flats there are large areas of whitebait spawning areas also. The Punakaiki River should not close, it is not overfished only 6 or 7 whitebaiters fish there regulary. Whitebait catches have not declined over the 20 years we have fished it, you have good years and not so good years with catch numbers. This is mostly weather dependant last year for example there were 23 days that were unfishable for us whitebaiters on the Punakaiki River

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 15 November,

Why do you support that option?:

I support this option only if the rest of NZ come into line with the West Coast Fishing times, this would increase whitebait numbers throughout New Zealand. I see plenty of whitebait in the Punakaiki River a month to 6 weeks before the 1st September and at least 6 weeks after the season closes on the 14th November so this enables the whitebait to get to spawning sites. As catching whitebait depends on the weather to catch it, the West Coast has its own Regulator as we are the wettest area in New Zealand and flooding during the whitebait season is a regular event and as you well know whitebait still run when the river is flooded.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree,

Why?:

Why should the areas on the West Coast be the only ones penalised for this. We have a very short back peg marker on the Punakaiki River I have seen waves go up the Punakaiki way beyond the back peg.

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:

A back peg should be placed where the largest of tides waves reach and should be on all rivers in New Zealand

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Other (please specify):

Whitebait have many natural refuges on the West Coast especially from the Porari River including the Punakaiki River as there are 11 closed creeks between the Porari River and Rapahoe township. They all contain whitebait and there are several areas on the Barrytown flats that the whitebait also spawn in. We DO NOT have to close rivers to have refuges they are there naturally.

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

As above maybe DOC could put more channels in any of the 11 creeks that are closed or the 23 Rivers we have closed to create more refuges we are very penalised on the West Coast NOW and should be credited with opening several more closed rivers as well over the 5 - 15 rivers closed for each region as stated in your management plan.

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

The Punakaiki River is well regulated now, we have a very small river with a short backpeg marker and only have 6 or 7 regular fishing on one day and we have numerous closed creeks and spawning areas in our area. Canterbury University have studied our River for years and see no great decline in species and amount caught in our area.

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

No as previously stated we on the West Coast have our closed rivers and creeks which are numerous as our refuges.

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

- Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand**
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 - A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced**
 - ,
 - The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide**
 - ,
 - A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway**
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Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Neither agree nor disagree,
Other (please specify):
I don't think a ton of whitebait exported is going to make much difference to whitebait numbers

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Bringing the rest of New Zealand in line with the West Coast Regulations that is length of screens and nets and the West Coast Season dates ie. 1st September - 14th November

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

The Punakaiki River area is nohoanga to maori and should be allowed to continue to be fished and whitebait shared with friends and whanau alike as intended in my culture.

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Longer time for submissions and consultations from DOC in each area visited. All Consultation should be done not in the middle of the week as happened but staggered including some weekend meetings throughout each region. People cannot afford time off work in the middle of week.

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Having one rule for all of New Zealand

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

After full consultation with New Zealanders with staggered consultation days throughout each region (including weekend meetings)
When DOC can categorically prove that whitebait numbers are declining and have the data to back up there claims

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Not enough monitoring to obtain data of declining numbers

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

Investigate the areas of car park in the Punakaiki River area that encroaches on the natural marshland area.
Please check out the proposed amount of water that would be required to service the Greater Punakaiki area as proposed in the Greater Master Plan as I am sure the amount required would impact on the water table of the Punakaiki River impacting on the whitebait habitat being left high and dry and whitebait being unable to reach their spawning area.



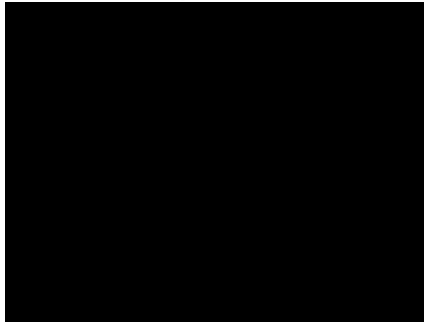
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Respondent skipped this question

Q4

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

Q7

Disagree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

Changes are needed (please specify below),

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
Same regulations as west coast should be adopted nz wide.
No further river closures on west coast

Q9

Changes are needed (please specify below),

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
West coast regulations should be adopted nationwide. No further river closures on the west coast

Q10

1 September - 15 November

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11

Agree

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12

Back-pegs only

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13

Other (please specify):

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Agree on refuges outside of the west coast. We already have 21 rivers and tributaries closed for refuges

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

If further river closures are made on the west coast. They should be in tributaries only

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

No, west coast already has 21 rivers and tributaries closed for spawning

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)?
(Please specify)

Tributaries should be closed indefinitely

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

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Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

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There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

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The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

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A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Agree

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Habitat conservation

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

This coming season

Q25

Respondent skipped this question

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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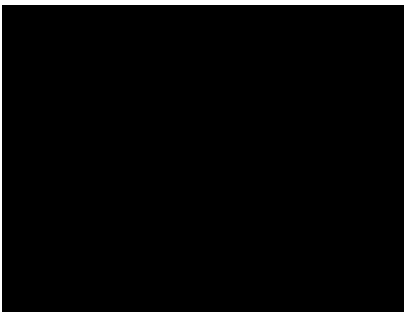
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Organisation

none

Q4

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none

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Customary fisher,
Recreational fisher**

Q6

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Q7

Agree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:

bring the rest of nz into line with South westland , that is length of season and closing some rivers out side of westland which already has closed rivers along with fiordland which is closed

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:

collecting valid scientific data as part of mangement goals
cosistency in regulations but reconizing some west coat rivers are different from other rivers in nz

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 15 November,

Why do you support that option?:

this keeps with the 10 week season as it stands in westland and covers different times that the waitbait are likely to run

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Neither agree nor disagree,

Why?:

introduce back pegs to mark limits to fishing

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Neither agree nor disagree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

the current 23 on the west coast is fine should look at others nationally

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

non on the west coast as they already have 23

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

no

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

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Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Disagree

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

closing rivers is drastic , better to close tributaries for breeding purposes

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

nz needs to adopt the westcoat regs with shorter season, disallow mutiple nets and wings

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

consulting fishermen as to which rivers may be closed asking for input

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

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Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

2022

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

electroncly may not be the way to go , suggest working with local white bait assc

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

banning of sock and trap nets off stand disadvantages the elderly who may not be physically able to fish the alternative methods of scooping etc

the current lenght of stand at 9mtrs allows fishable water on most rivers , the net must also be allowed as at present to extend past the edge of the stand. the proposed 6mtrs is at odds and will not work on many rivers.

there is also a typo on the proof document which also states that the blue river in south westland is a refuge area , it is not.



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Organisation

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n/a

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher,

Consumer,

Interested member of the public,

Other (please specify):

I have been whitebaiting for 40 years, as a recreational fisher.

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Southland Murihiku,

Other (please specify):

n/a

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Strongly disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:

No data gathering has taken place by any government representative. I have been fishing in Southland for 30 years and have no issue catching 30 pound of bait to be eaten during the year by my extended family. This past year 2019 has seen the rivers in southland catch at rates higher than previous seasons. How can you state that whitebait are in decline with no Data gathered. This makes it a mockery, I cannot believe what you are proposing with no actual data being gathered.

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:

The season could benefit by reducing the season by 2 weeks at the end of the season. That would allow 9.5 months of the year for white bait to enter the river mouths and complete the cycle. Environment Southland travel down the Titoroa river by boat and spray off the edge of the river up to 10 metres with pesticide. Why is this allowed when it is actually destroying off valuable habit for the adult whitebait to spawn in. Please note that the juvenile white bait that is caught for eating is not what is laying the eggs, White bait that enters the river in summer months December and January Feb, are the stock that grow out and lay the eggs.

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

No changes are needed,

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:

Reduce the season by 2 weeks being last 2 weeks in November, I have personally seen gutty whitebait in the river in the last 2 weeks. I agree with 1 net per stand, however there is no need to remove traps or screens from whitebaiting.

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Why do you support that option?:

15 August to middle of November, reducing season by 2 weeks. leaving another 9.5 months for whitebait to come into the river. White bait is already protected for the other 9.5 months

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly disagree,

Why?:

No data gathered, no information. How can you make sweeping changes without knowing the truth?

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:

There is no need to change back pegs or back poles the help to hold a net straight in the water.

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Other (please specify):

No its not needed. White bait come into the river all summer. More than enough to grow into adults and spawn. There is basically no white baiting from Milford sound to Tuatapere area, large areas that are already set out for protection. Most of Stewart island is not white baited. With no data or information, why do you think rivers should be closed? Its imply not good enough.

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

n/A

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

N?A

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

N/A

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

,

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

With no data or information, how can you decide to carry out changes like this. I bet if you tried to write up a paper for your degree and provided no data or information from the people carrying out the task. (Subject experts), and went on to publish your report amongst your peers you would be laughed at. It would not be credible. Its the same issue here with the white baiting proposal.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Disagree,

Other (please specify):

N/A, no information or data or fish numbers. Yet you want to restrict the selling of whitebait! Why?

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

N/A

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Carry out research and gather accurate data before changing the system as you have no idea what your changing.

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

don't change anything until its researched and you have accurate data on the catch.

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Yes what are we doing as a country to improve whitebait habitat.

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

no, every one understands the regulations.

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

They shouldn't be made as there is no research or data information gathered at this point. Your changing regulations without any meaningful data or information.

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

I'm all for monitoring and making informed decisions on a fishery.

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

I would be happy to sit in person and talk to the committee on my concerns. I cant believe that the department is changing rules with out data gathering and sourcing information of people. The department is making a knee jerk reaction, to a directive from the green party.

As stated I know this year has been fantastic for white baiting on most Southland rivers. There is no shortage of whitebait, Its still for sale on messenger throughout the country.



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Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6
If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

**Hawke's Bay Te Matau-a-Māui,
Manawatu-Whanganui,
Wellington Te Whanganui-a-Tara**

Q7
Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Strongly agree

Q8
What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

No changes are needed

Q9
What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),
Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
phasing out sock nets and traps in nets wont make any difference, i have seen more whitebait caught in standard non trapped nets than any other way.Enforcing current regulations is a positive way of making sure the fishery is protected . Twice this last season i have contacted 0800 poacher to have no result, it was a waste of my time and makes me wonder if any enforcement agency cares enough .Get more people enforcing the regulations will result in a positive change. Eliminate the sale of bait and then if the bait numbers improve in 5 years review the situation

Q10
Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 15 November

Q11
What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree,
Why?:
protect the whitebait maturing areas

Q12
If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river,
Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:
lake ferry area

Q13

Agree

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

make it year about

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

year about

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

,

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

,

A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

,

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

get more people enforcing regulations otherwise they will be ignored

Q18

Strongly agree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

make it illegal to sell

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

next season

Q25

Respondent skipped this question

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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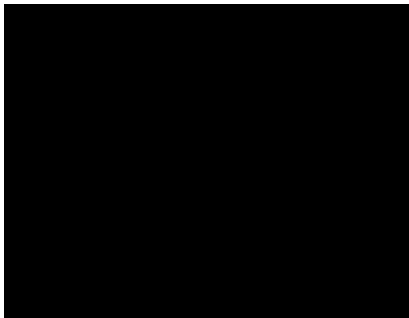
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Organisation

Don't know these are just my view's

Q4

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Hard to answer that I don't know what others are thinking.

Q5

Commercial fisher

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Q6

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Q7

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:

The rest of the country needs to catch up on the west coast we have already made refuge rivers and shorten our season ,and made up the idea of back pegs.

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:

The whole country comes under the west coast rules

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 30 October,

Why do you support that option?:

It means the west coast would loose two weeks and the rest of the country 6 weeks it would help the Whitebait because the last Whitebait to migrant up river are the kokopu species according to bob mcdowall's study that's why the west coast dropped two weeks of fishing 40 years ago so there wereno nets in the water when the kokopu species migrate up river should be no fishing in November it would help the species.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree,

Why?:

Back pegs have been used on the west coast for 40 years it means that once Whitebait makes it past the back peg they are free from nets and there for free to breed its also good for the Whitebait that moves up at nighttime.

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Back-pegs only,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:

Every river that is fished should have a back peg.

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Other (please specify):

The west coast already have refuge rivers we've had them for about 35-40 years.

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

The west coast already have refuge rivers and we also have 230 +rivers south of martins bay that are refuge rivers.

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

I fish the Haast river and at the moment we fish a 10 week season we are usually lucky if we fish half of that because of flooding and such so the Whitebait have most of the year already anyway to get up to breed without nets in the water it seems to work just fine when you look back in time at catch records.

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Don't know about the rest of the country but the west coast system works well already so don't believe there needs to be any more rivers with Regersted stands made into refuge rivers we already have refuge rivers have done for about 40 years.

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

,

Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand

,

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

I fish on the Haast river we are are aloud 18 meters at the moment it sounds like a lot but it's not when you take into account the tide can go 20-30 meters past your stand peg witch means you have to pull out and wait for the tide to go out usually by that time the Whitebait have gone past anyway, and a lot of the Whitebait go up the middle of the river with the tide because the west coast have back pegs once they get past the back pegs they are free to breed without any nets.banning traps in nets will do nothing for the conservation of the species all it will do is spread the catch out among the fishermen the same amount will be caught so therefore it's a waste of time.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Agree

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

No because there's [REDACTED] all exported anyway so it's not really a problem

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

The rest of the country coming under the west coast Whitebait season and rules but we should drop the two weeks of November and make it a 8 week season the whole country.

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Yes on the Haast river the creeks that the kokopu species use are before the first stands it should be looked at to make it no fishing at the mouth so no scooping or pot netting or any fishing till the first stand witch would let the kokopu get to there creeks without having to face any nets

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Yes introduced trout that live in spawning grounds and creeks where the kokopu species live should be removed, spawning grounds should be identified and work should be done to preserve them removing rats, mice and brown trout and maybe planting trees not on the west coast of course we have plenty of trees around our water ways to help the fish we have 86% of the west coast in conservation land already so plenty of breeding habitats for all of our species, but other regions could look at more planting of trees around breeding creeks-rivers.

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Same rules for the whole country

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

After the fisherman get there money together and put a injunction on you lot lol 😊

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Not sure ☐

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

Well without science and no real evidence of a decline on the west coast I don't see why there should be a knee jerk reaction which will cost the stand owners millions and the west coast region tens of millions.



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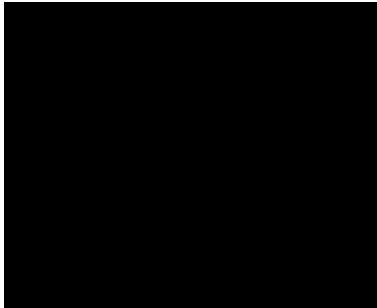
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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Wellington Te Whanganui-a-Tara

Q7

Disagree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

Changes are needed (please specify below),

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
No screens

Q9

Changes are needed (please specify below),

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
Licences not being able to sell unless commercial licence no screens and do think 1 sept to 15 November okay. Don't think you need to close rivers. Need to get fisheries to manage so more people on the ground to catch poachers.

Q10

1 September - 15 November

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11

Neither agree nor disagree

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12

Back-pegs only

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13

Disagree

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

No need as above get fish and game to police using licence money

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Not needed

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Socket nets should be phased out,
Traps in nets should be phased out,
Screens and diversions should be phased out,
Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced
,
Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions
,
There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Agree

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Date change, no screens and trap nets and licence so more policing by fish and game

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

Respondent skipped this question

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Q25

Respondent skipped this question

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

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Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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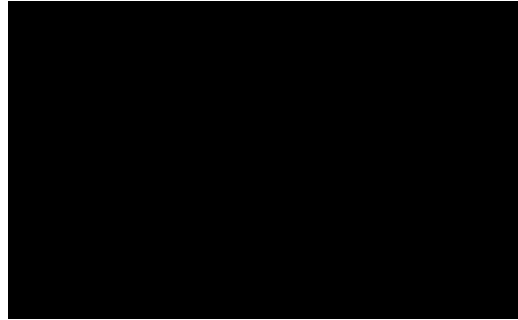
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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Waikato

Q7

Agree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
Recreational fishing only. Not for profit.

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),
Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
Season change.

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

None - I prefer another option (please specify below),
Why do you support that option?:
Close November fishing. I support this option as I think enough bait should have been caught by then.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Neither agree nor disagree,
Why?:
Not sure how far upstream it would mean

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Respondent skipped this question

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Disagree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

No.

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

No.

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

No.

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Sock nets should be phased out,

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

,

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

,

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

No.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Reduce season.

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

2021 season

Q25

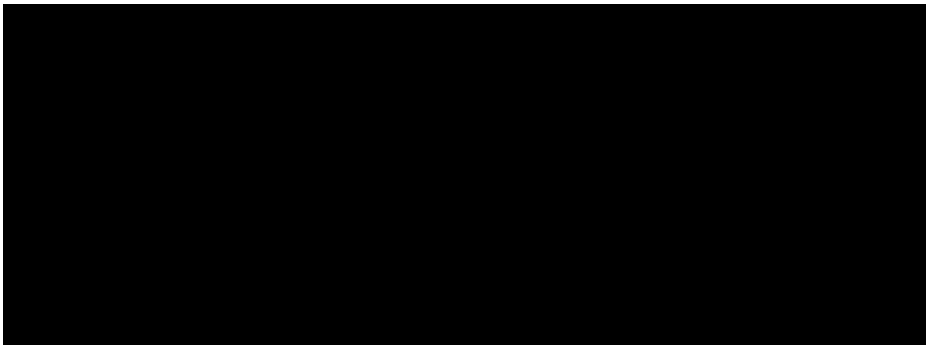
What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Ok.

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

Stop being greedy enough is enough.



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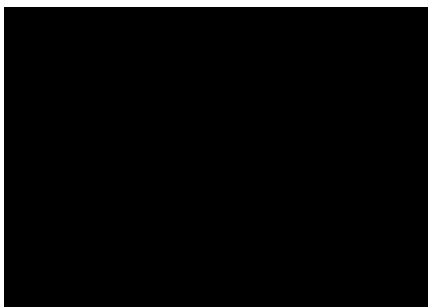
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NA

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Waikato

Q7

Agree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

Changes are needed (please specify below),

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
Recreational fishing only. Not for profit.

Q9

Changes are needed (please specify below),

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
Whitebaiting should be for recreation and should not be sold in shops, overseas or on the riverbank.

Q10

None - I prefer another option (please specify below),

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Why do you support that option?:
Close November for fishing. I support this option because 3 months is long enough to catch enough whitebait for personal use.

Q11

Neither agree nor disagree,

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Why?:
Not sure how far 'upstream' means.

Q12

Respondent skipped this question

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13

Disagree

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

No

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

No

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

No

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Sock nets should be phased out,

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

,

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

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There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

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A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Ban all sales of whitebait in cafes and shops. Like trout.

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Reduce season and sales of whitebait.

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

No

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

No

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

ASAP

Q25

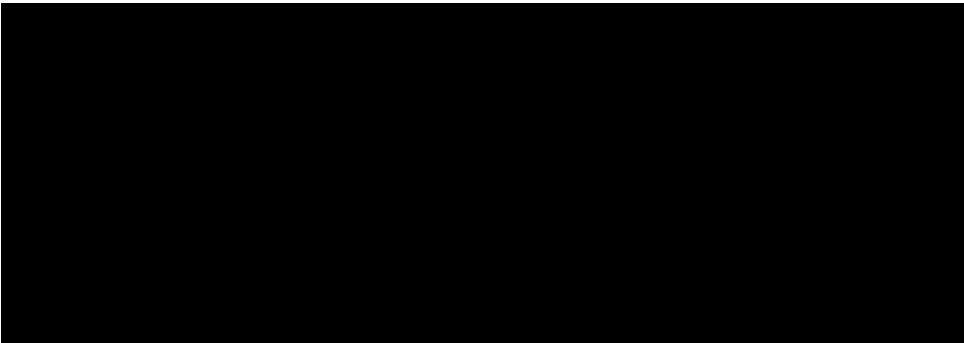
What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Ok

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

If everyone caught enough whitebait for themselves only, this would solve the problem. Too many greedy whitebaiters.



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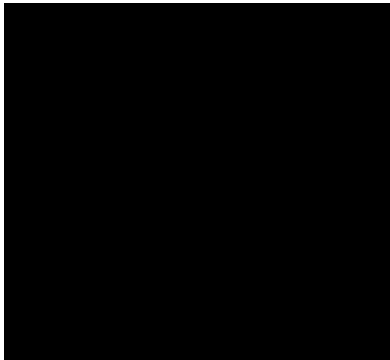
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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

Q7

Disagree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

Changes are needed (please specify below),

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
Cancel this

Q9

Changes are needed (please specify below),

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
Cancel the proposals

Q10

1 September - 30 October

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11

Disagree

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13

Disagree

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

No

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

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Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Q17 One net should be used when fishing from a stand

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Q18 Agree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19 Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20 Respondent skipped this question

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Q21 Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22 Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23 Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24 Respondent skipped this question

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Q25

Respondent skipped this question

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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Q1

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Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Recreational fisher,
Consumer**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

West Coast Te Tai Poutini,

Other (please specify):

Little Wanganui

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Respondent skipped this question

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:

Make all whitebaiters have the same time frame for every region.

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Respondent skipped this question

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 15 November,

Why do you support that option?:

Because it is nearly the same as it has been on the Coast and if it is changed it will affect all whitebaiters who have already booked in to caravan parks for this coming season.so why should they have the upheaval plus it will affect the owners of such organisations

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Neither agree nor disagree,

Why?:

It should stay to the top peg.

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Back-pegs only

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Other (please specify):

There are plenty of refuges in the Little Wanganui River for the whitebait to spawn up stream from the peg.

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

No

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

No

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

No

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

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A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Neither agree nor disagree

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Is better to leave as it is.

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Just leave it as it is other wise people will not be able to understand all the changes that is recommended.

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

I don't think they should be introduced.

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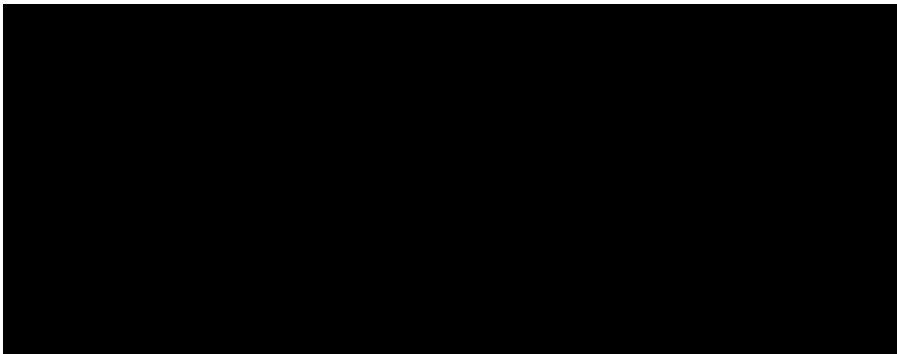
What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

I do not agree with any changes.

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

No.



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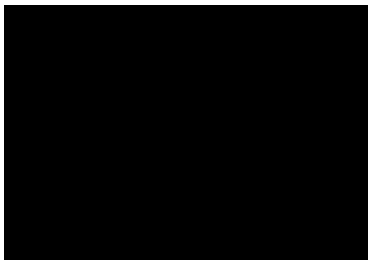
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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Southland Murihiku

Q7 **Neither agree nor disagree**

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8 **Changes are needed (please specify below),**
Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
I would like the season to start 2 weeks later and finish 2 weeks earlier ie, 1st Sept- 15th Nov. max fishing gear be as is, 6 metre but from high tide mark no water be allowed behind screens no screens outside of net back pegs to be non tidal water (whitch has always been)

Q9 **Changes are needed (please specify below),**
Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
as above

Q10 **1 September - 15 November,**
Why do you support that option?:
it works on the west coast. I have fished there in the past, commercialy.

Q11 **Disagree,**
Why?:
no whitebaiting in non tidal water as is.

Q12 **Tidal limits only**
If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13 **Neither agree nor disagree**
What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14 **Respondent skipped this question**
Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

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What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

Q18

Strongly agree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

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Respondent skipped this question

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

it works okay as is, if its not broken why fix it.

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

shoudnt take long.

Q25

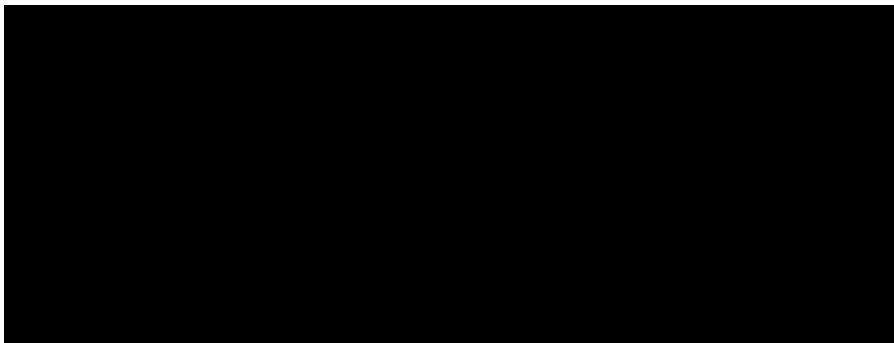
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Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

I am a third generation whitebaiter and have fished for 65 yrs and have seen good yrs and bad, nature seems to take its course



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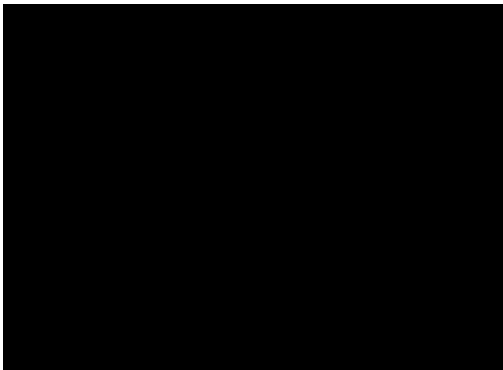
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Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Environmental interest,
Interested member of the public**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

I'm not a fisher

Q7 Respondent skipped this question

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8 Respondent skipped this question

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Q9 Respondent skipped this question

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Q10 Respondent skipped this question

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11 Agree

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12 Respondent skipped this question

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13 Strongly agree

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14 Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

I looked at the Southland map and noticed that refuges are proposed for the Otepunu Creek only. As far as I know, nobody catches whitebait from this creek because it is too polluted. It might be better to protect parts of the Waihopai River which is heavily utilised by whitebait fishers.

In the Otepunu Stream and Kingswell Creek, there is minimal inanga habitat in the vicinity of the saltwater wedge where inanga would normally spawn. It would be advantageous to create refuges and improve spawning habitat in these locations (where the Bluff Highway crosses the Kingswell Creek, and where the railway line crosses the Otepunu Stream.)

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

I don't know enough about whitebait ecology to know what would have the most impact. I think it is important to be guided by the scientific research, and to make changes based on the evidence. I would prefer whitebait fishing to be stopped altogether, but until our community is ready to do that, please make changes that will have the greatest impact on survival of these taonga species.

Q18

Strongly agree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

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Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

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Respondent skipped this question

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

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Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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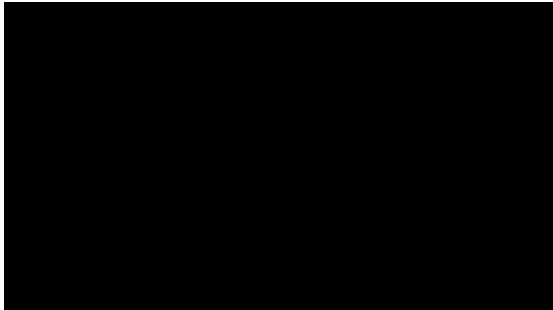
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Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Strongly disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:

- Lack of catch data - Adult data is incomplete and limited geographically - NZ threat classification system states 'data poor' for some species - All whitebait species can be bred successfully through aquaculture/ fish farming and are able to be used for restocking rivers - The main species (Inanga 90% of catch) can be found in several southern hemisphere countries. - Is there other information that should be considered? There are 120.000 Giant Kokopu currently living in whitebait farm tanks

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:

- Management goals need to be prioritized. Eg. collecting valid scientific population data - While consistency of regulations are supported, there must be some specific to each river in response to species population changes. -

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:

- While equality between fishers is important the document takes no account of commercial fishers and stand holders who have invested considerable amounts of money to legally catch and sell whitebait, there is no reason why some form of quota system can't be used here. - Treaty partner involvement is supported, but it is also important that the historic and cultural significance of whitebaiting to all New Zealanders is not overlooked. - Are there other management outcomes that should be considered?

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 30 October,

Why do you support that option?:

- In November the bait we catch is sometimes gutty and we start getting a lot off cockabillies that bait would be better left to bread.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Agree,

Why?:

- Introduce backpegs to mark upstream limits to whitebait fishing. - Where backpegs are not in place, whitebait fishing occurs within tidal limits

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:

- This should apply to all rivers nationwide.

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Other (please specify):

- Entire river systems should not be made into refuges, but if tributaries or small water bodies are made into refuges such as the twenty three rivers on the West Coast they should be closed permanently.

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

- No the proposed approach bears no relationship to what is happening in the actual rivers biologically. If rivers are to be closed it must be done on evidence based data.

- It makes no sense to close entire rivers, such as many on the West Coast that already have closed tributaries. Fishers have respected these existing 'refuges' and should not be penalized further.

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

It would be unfair to close the Okuru river for example when it already has a major spawning and breeding tributary 'The Hapuka River' closed.

- None on the West Coast as it already has applied effective conservation measures with twenty three closed rivers. To close more would be unfair and impose considerable economic hardship to many small communities dependent on the whitebaiting influx.

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

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Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

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A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

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Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

- Sock nets are a helpful aid to old and/or infirmed fishers and should not be phased out. - There should still be traps allowed in the sock nets to allow fishers to catch fish as they have done in the past. Many older/or infirmed fishers don't have the ability to lift the nets on their own. - Screens are an essential part of all fishing gear. The rivers on the West Coast are often a lot wider and deeper. Taking away screens would make it impossible to catch any whitebait.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Agree,

Other (please specify):

- Because there isn't much exported

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Respondent skipped this question

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

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If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

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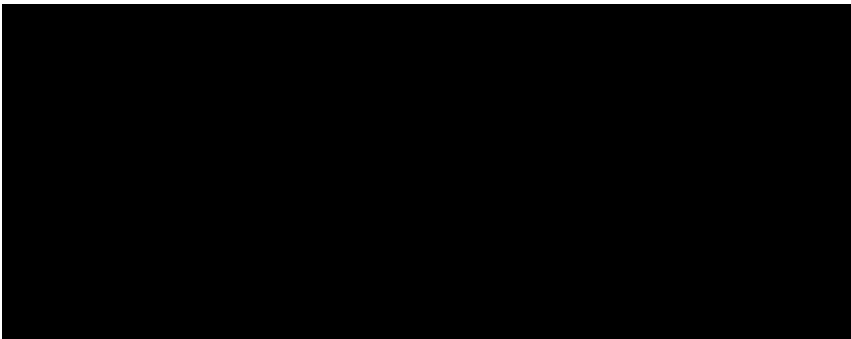
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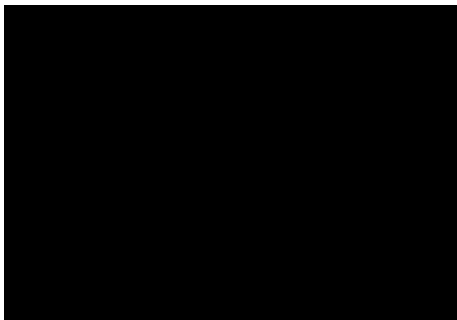
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Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Customary fisher,
Recreational fisher,
Consumer**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:
There is a lack of catch data. Surveys of adult populations are not necessarily indicative of overfishing. This could be attributed to habitat loss and predation by introduced species. NZ threat classification system states 'data poor' for some species. It should be noted the 2018 consultation occurred during the Whitebait season, severely limiting some whitebaiter's ability to review and respond due to the time consuming nature of whitebaiting and the remote areas of whitebait fisheries.

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

No changes are needed

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
Nationally consistent: Although I support more consistency across regulations in different areas, some of the variability is required due to the variability in fishing environments, e.g. large braided river, vs slow small river vs lagoon.
Compliance: DoC staff should take a co-operative approach to minor non-compliance and work with whitebaiters to enforce regulations on the severe non-compliers. Habitat Management: DoC should seek to increase this work (as opposed to just continue).

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 15 November,

Why do you support that option?:
I support other regions matching the West Coast season - 1 September – 15 November. This will help to protect populations outside the West Coast. There is not enough data to warrant restricting the West Coast season further. I do NOT support a smaller sason as spring on the West Coast has variable weather that can lead to little whitebait migrating upstream on the day and/or long periods of rain and floods preventing fishing. Whitebait is often observed heading up river outside the current Whitebait season on the West Coast.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree,

Why?:

All whitebaiting should be limited to tidal areas/back-pegs. I have seen people fishing in the upper reaches of Christchurch rivers that are habitats for whitebait to grow into adults. Fishing should not be allowed this far up-stream.

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Back-pegs only,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:

Both measures could be used, but back pegs provide certainty as to where the limit is. Tidal limits can be debated.

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Other (please specify):

West Coast - I do NOT support FURTHER closing of areas. The West Coast already has more than the 5-15 number of proposed closed sites so does not warrant further closing. In my 25 years of whitebaiting experience there has been no overall decline on West Coast rivers. Rest of NZ - Tributaries and some smaller water bodies could be permanently closed to help provide breeding stock.

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Larger braided rivers have too many whitebaiters to exclude from fishing and would be hard to enforce. Tributaries of these larger rivers on the West Coast are already closed to fishing and I support the status quo on the West Coast.

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

I support the status quo on the West Coast. No further closures are needed.

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

I support the status quo on the West Coast. No further closures are needed.

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Traps in nets should be phased out,

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

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Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

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Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

Sock nets - I neither support nor oppose phasing out sock nets. Traps in nets - I SUPPORT phasing out traps in nets. I have never required the use of a trap to catch whitebait. Screens - I OPPOSE phasing out screens. It is not practical to catch whitebait in a big river without screens when using a fixed net. Not everyone is physically able to use scoop nets, so fixed nets with some screens are required for many whitebaiters. Size and locations - I SUPPORT bring NZ in line with West Coast size and location restrictions that currently enable multiple whitebaiters to catch whitebait. One net is enough to catch whitebait, and there is no need to have screens outside of your net. If Whitebait go outside of the net, it gives people behind an opportunity to catch whitebait. Prohibited from structures and 20m of structures other than stands - I SUPPORT these rules. Structures can provide an advantage to a whitebaiter as whitebait may have difficulty getting past some structures. Nets located beyond stand - I SUPPORT rolling out this West Coast rule to the rest of NZ for the same fairness reasons as above. One net - I SUPPORT rolling out this West Coast rule to the rest of NZ for the same fairness reasons as above. Maximum ¼ stream - I neither support nor oppose this change. On the West Coast ⅓ stream appears to be adequate for whitebait to get around nets. Drag nets - I neither support nor oppose this change. I have no experience of drag nets. Minimum distance 20m - I support this change for fixed nets, not including Stands that should remain at 40m. Overall length

of 6m - I OPPOSE this change. For 'pot netters' on the West Coast the limit is 3m screen PLUS net. This is sufficient for casual fishing. For stands on the West Coast, during high tide in the estuary area more than 6m is required to keep in the water current and to keep ahead of a rapidly rising tide. During the tide whitebait are not in by the bank, they are out further and 6m is not sufficient to reach them. As the tide comes in it is not practical OR SAFE in deep water to move gear in to remain within the 6m limit. On the West Coast, screens are built at 3m lengths as that is the maximum length for each screen. Any overall length limit should be for screens only with the net NOT included to make it easier to arrange gear accordingly. The nets are generally only 1m wide in my experience due to limits on net sizes. This proposed change is NOT practical for a one-size-fits-all nation wide rule.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Agree,

Other (please specify):

I see no need to export whitebait.

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

I support bringing the rest of NZ in line with West Coast regulations, but it is not always practical to have a one-size-fits all approach. There is massive variability in fishing environments.

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

So long as DoC and councils increase their efforts to protect habitat, some regulations changes outside the West Coast will help to protect and improve the fishery.

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Moving the rest of NZ to be in line with the West Coast is a good first step. Beyond that, more time should be spent gathering evidence of decline in each area - one size does not fit all as discussed above.

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

There is little mention of the DoC enforcement approach. In my experience they get law abiding whitebaiters offside by nick picking small issues and threatening them with confiscations and enforcement. This leads to an adversarial relationship.

If DoC softened their approach to small issues and encouraged reporting of major infractions by the people who deliberately flout the rules, DoC would have a better chance of a good relationship with Whitebaiters while infringing the rule breakers. By focusing on the bad fishers, DoC staff would be more effective.

Increased funding for whitebait management and habitat improvement.

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

No

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

1-2 years - 2021-2022 depending on the impact, i.e. some changes are easy to prepare for like the season date changes. Some are harder as they require a change to gear or finding new places to fish.

There is a study of 92 rivers underway. The results could affect the outcome of this consultation and should have been done before this. The results must be taken into account before a decision is made.

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

An increase of monitoring programmes of freshwater species is great, but it needs to continue beyond the 4 year programme, i.e. long term.

Media related - Mentioning the use of Whitebait for fertilizer must stop! This happened before refrigeration and when there were fewer whitebaiters so is a misleading analogy!

DoC needs to take an educational approach. In my experience they get law abiding whitebaiters offside by nick picking small issues and threatening them with confiscations and enforcement. This leads to an adversarial relationship.

If DoC softened their approach to small issues and encouraged reporting of major infractions of the people who deliberately flout the rules, DoC would have a better chance of a good relationship with Whitebaiters while infringing the rule breakers. By focusing on the bad fishers, DoC staff would be more effective. Note: Can often see them coming so cooperation is the only effective way to catch the rule breakers.

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

Given the public interest, an annual 'state of whitebait' report should be generated after each season summarizing the work done by DoC and councils to protect habitat as well as an update on current knowledge of whitebait species numbers, spread and health as well as farming that is underway.



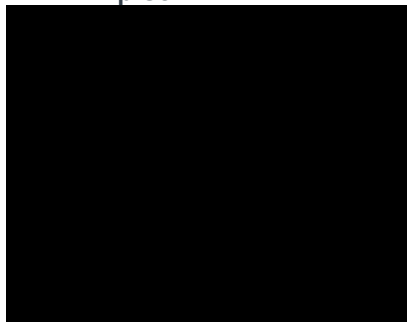
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**Recreational fisher,
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Q6

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Is there other information that should be considered?:
I can only speak for the West Coast after fishing recreationally for 40 years of which 20 were commercially in South Westland. A big part of issue is to be able to understand whitebaiters as well as whitebaiting.. To be brutally honest I don't think that DOC has the practical expertise to do either. Their employees are in the inevitable position of having to keep their superiors happy no matter what they personally think, and their superiors have to keep their SUPERIOR happy which at the moment means nothing less than bowing and scraping to a fanatical greenie who is philosophically opposed to anything that the normal person, if correctly informed, which they are not, would have no problem with. i.e the sustainable harvesting of a natural resource. My biggest fear in this is that a unique recreation and way of life will be destroyed for no good reason, by a wellmeaning but naive group of do gooders lead by a small group of spoilers. As for the rest of NZ they can sort their own area out.

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),
Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
Get the rest of NZ in line with West Coast Regs.

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
None necessary on West Coast. Rest of NZ should begin by following our lead

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 15 November,
Why do you support that option?:
There is no problem with the West Coast Fishery

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree,
Why?:
Whitebait are easier to catch above the tidal limits

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:

All West Coast rivers have backpegs. The limits in other rivers in NZ should be set by people who know these rivers like was done on the West Coast years ago. This is part of the reason we still have plenty of whitebait along with the fact that we have not polluted our rivers and destroyed a lot of the habitat which is the case in a lot of the rest of NZ

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Other (please specify):

This is obvious but should not be construed in any way as accepting that any West Coast rivers should be shut down

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Every area (province) should work out its own set up depending on its situation

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

West Coast has done enough

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

West Coast has areas set aside forever like streams not far up from the river mouth. It is a win-win situation as they do not impede fishing further up river

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

Most of the above are actually rules on the West Coast. Sock nets and traps are a necessity on most rivers on the coast as we fish within the tidal reaches meaning there is no current meaning the whitebait are difficult or impossible to catch let alone keep in the net. Anyone against socknets is really either showing their ignorance or has someone in front of them catching some bait and stopping bait from been caught in their own socknet. This is where a knowledge of whitebaiters is vital. As for having 20 metres between nets, it may seem like a good idea but in reality it would make no difference to what was caught on that particular piece of river and could actually give some groups who fish together quite an advantage which would not be in the very complicated spirit of whitebaiting. 1/3 of the river works ok and when the tide pushes most bait is uncatchable or goes up the middle of the river. Incidentally if there are correctly placed backmarkers most of this bait will pass the fishermen further up the river before it pulls into sides or a convenient hole for a breather. It is then only vulnerable to the poacher.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Neither agree nor disagree,

Other (please specify):

Export amounts are negligible so why worry about what some adventurous individual is doing. Other fish are exported so why not

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Stop worrying about what someone else is doing this is one of the problems that plagues the whitebaiting fishery

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

The rest of NZ should follow the West Coast's lead for a start.

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Strenuous efforts to stop out of season fishing

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

West Coast rules should be brought in around the rest of NZ sooner than later. Apart from that slowly and surely based on scientific data (unbiased)

Q25

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What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

DOC need to police the rivers before and after the season harder than they do now. A knowledge of baiting and poachers is necessary as just turning up on a river any old time after the season will not yield decent results. Also local DOC people still have to live in the community so at times their effort can be

seen as questionable if not understandable.

Some seasons bait literally pours up West Coast rivers in July and December.

Funnierly enough this does not mean there will be a good season in the next year. Usually if there has been a bumper season the next will be a dud, such are the vagaries of the bait, and enough reason to put to bed ideas of shutting down rivers on alternate years for conservation reasons.



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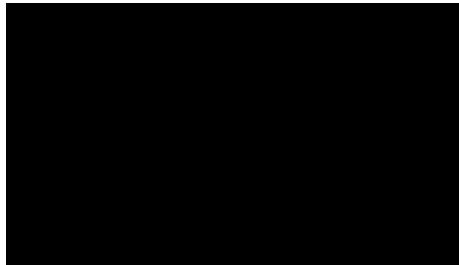
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What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
Make all of NZ the same 1 st Sep- 31st oct, All riivers have back marks, No sock nets no traps, Pot netters 2 m screen & 1 net. Reg stands 20m screen & 1 net Leave existing breeding grounds as the are. Don't close any rivers ,otherwise fishery persons ,will move to other rivers and will be over fished

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Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 30 October,

Why do you support that option?:
Seems logic

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Agree

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Back-pegs only

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Agree

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

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No

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No

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Soon as possible

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Hopeless

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

Not at this stage



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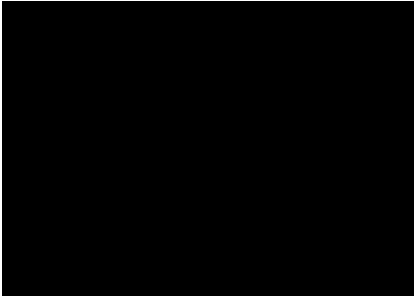
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Consider farming practices ☹☹

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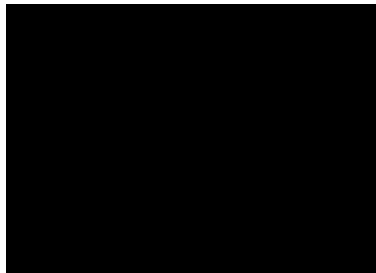
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Recreational fisher

Q6

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**West Coast Te Tai Poutini,
Southland Murihiku**

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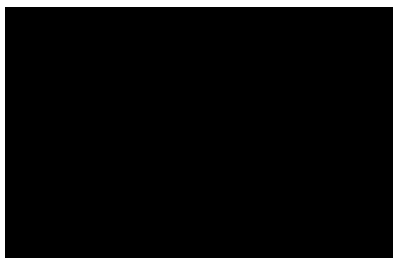
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**Environmental interest,
Consumer,
Interested member of the public**

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I'm not a fisher

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Screens and diversions should be phased out,
Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced
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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands
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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions
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Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand
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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,
A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced
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There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway
,
The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide
,
A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

Q18

Strongly agree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19 Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20 Respondent skipped this question

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Q21 Respondent skipped this question

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Q22 Respondent skipped this question

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Q23 Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24 Respondent skipped this question

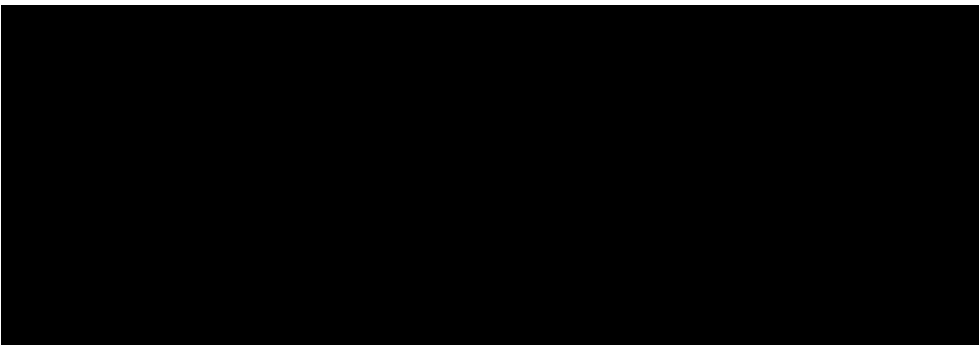
If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Q25 Respondent skipped this question

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26 Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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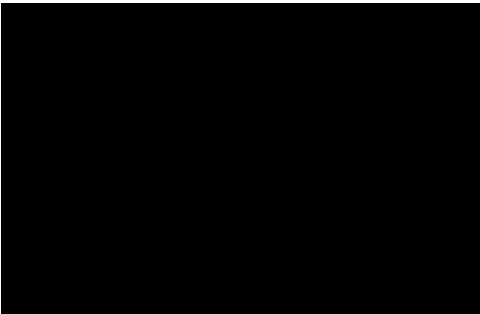
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Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Customary fisher,
Recreational fisher**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Southland Murihiku

Q7

Disagree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

No changes are needed

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Q9

Changes are needed (please specify below),

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:

Better patrolling of rivers also having volunteer rangers

Q10

1 September - 15 November

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11

Strongly agree

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river,

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:

Titiroa stream

Q13

Agree

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

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What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

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Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Harsher penalties for infringements should be brought in to line with fishing infringements would defer a lot of poaching and illegal fishing

Q24

Respondent skipped this question

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

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What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

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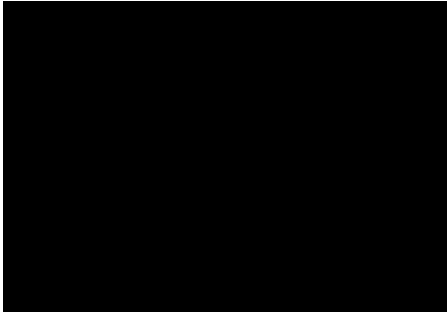
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Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Canterbury Ōtautahi

Q7

Agree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
have a licence. Stop the black market in selling white bait. I know of to many people who don't eat it but bait 7 days a week

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Respondent skipped this question

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 15 November

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:
styx cam, rivers. creek that runs back of waimac yatching ciub

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Strongly agree

Q14

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Respondent skipped this question

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Sock nets should be phased out,

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A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

,

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

box nets the ones people drag in the surf should be banned as they catch baby salmon,kawhai and they drown

Q18

Strongly agree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

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Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

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Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

more power to doc

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

stop the black market make it illegal to sell whitebait as it is with salmon and trout

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

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Q24

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If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

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What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

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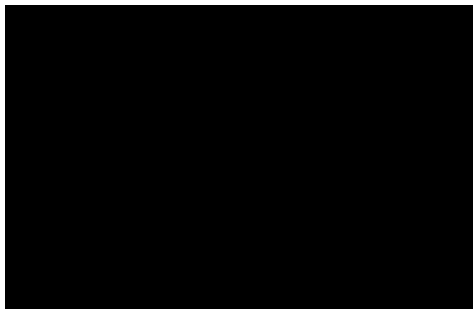
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Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Recreational fisher,
Interested member of the public**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Southland Murihiku

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Strongly disagree

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:

The whole thing is wrong and based on a total lack of Fact based evidence, It punishes the Mum Dad Whitebaiters and puts little to no restrictions on the main takers of the fishery, the Commercial Fishers. There is little talk of stopping the sale of Whitebait but yet sees the export of such a minimal amount to different countrys as an issue. The DOC need to stop and actually talk with people who know and care about our fishery, people like myself.

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:

Most of the Management outcomes are based on Ideals and not fact based evidence.

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

None - I prefer another option (please specify below),

Why do you support that option?:

I would be quite accepting of losing August as a start to the season and keep it to 3 months only. The arguements that it gets Guppy later in the season is not my experience at all. An example of this would be the last day of the 2019 season where i had a catch of 1.75kg and released 5-7 for being dark, all were alive when released and swam off with no issues. Also i have seen mentioned that people have other things to do at the end of the season, well this is the stupidest argument I have ever heard, Whilst Im sure some people may have other things to do, this would not be the case of the Majority after all the reason people buy stands is to go whitebaiting and enjoy the relaxing lifestyle. You dont commit that sort of money to a hobby to do other things.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Neither agree nor disagree,

Why?:

Whilst it sounds like a great idea, where i fish is not a big river and not much happens after several ks upstream anyway. However I believe even if that measure was taken then Whitebait needs the right environment to survive and bred and this is where i think our main issue is.

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Back-pegs only,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:

Remembering that I neither agree or disagree with upstream limits, the back pegging of Major rivers seems to be the best option that would have more benefit to the species.

Alas I see the Mataura river, probably Southland largest whitebaiting river has had little to no restrictions considered for it, I do wonder if it is a case of the less people we off the less people we will have to deal with!

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Strongly disagree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Why has the Mataura River, on of Southlands Largest fishing rivers not been considered for a refuge of some discription?

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Refuges already exist in practise with the absence of Whitebaiters on Smaller streams and Tributary's of most rivers.

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Waikawa River is a pointless river to put a refuge in.

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

,

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

,

The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

,

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

Nets not past the end of the stand is ridiculous, some stands are very short or built over banked areas just get safe access to put a net in. 6m of Gear is more than ample on any river if it has a width of more than 18m and the 1/3 rule is fine and works well. Banning Sock nets, screens etc is literally a ban on Whitebaiting by stealth and is not acceptable to anyone. 1 net per stand should be in now, I thought it was, anything else is straight out Greed.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Neither agree nor disagree,

Other (please specify):

I dont think it will help anything at all, the literal amount that is being exported is so minimal but in saying that there should be a cap on it so it doesnt get to large.

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Personally I dont think the proposals are well thought through at all and none of them are of much benefit to the species. Apart from what I highlighted in Question 17 everything else is rubbish.

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Theres just so much that is misguided in the proposal I cant pin point any one thing.

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Yes.

The major issue the sport has is the sale of Bait with in New Zealand, If this was changed then there would be less greed as it is no longer about the money, Restricting Commercial fishers to either a season catch limit or stopping commercial fishing would also be hugely beneficial to the species and the future of the fishery, bringing it back in line with what it is meant to be, A recreational past time not a money making venture. Lets look after the fish and the mum and dad fishers who just want to catch enough for their family to eat.

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Once there is agreement with all stand owners on all rivers and agreement for compensation of loss of value and asset is clear.

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

What monitoring arrangements? the only way things can be done in that area is by catch and report.

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

Lots and lots. So much its ridiculous!



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Organisation

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Customary fisher,
Recreational fisher,
Consumer,
Interested member of the public**

Q6

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Q7

Strongly disagree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:

All New Zealand regulations should be brought into line with those used on the West Coast. It has been operating and working successfully in our area for many years now.

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:

Management goals need to be prioritised. eg Collecting valid scientific population data. Stand holders have invested considerable amounts of money to legally catch and sell whitebait. The historic and cultural significance of whitebaiting for all New Zealanders should not be overlooked.

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 15 November,

Why do you support that option?:

Seasons vary and whitebait run at different times depending on water temperatures, water flow etc.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree,

Why?:

So all fishing is within tidal water.

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:

All

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Other (please specify):

There are enough refuges on our West Coast rivers now. I strongly disagree with the creation of any more.

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

No as stated above there are sufficient refuges on the West Coast already.

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

The rest of New Zealand needs to consider their position on this.

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

No

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

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Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly disagree,

Other (please specify):

As all species of whitebait can now be successfully bred through aquaculture, there is no valid reason not to export.

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

No

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Having a unified regulation for all whitebaiters.

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

The closing of rivers is an unnecessary and drastic management tool. If back markers are adopted as on the West Coast nearly all adult habitat will be protected anyway.

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

If the rest of New Zealand were to adopt the same regulations as the West Coast in terms of a shorter season, back markers, shorter screens/stands and disallowing multiple nets and wings. Maximum intrusion into a river of 1/4 stream width then the closure of entire rivers would not be required.

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Simplify them. One rule for everyone.

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

2023. Once all consultation has taken place.

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Monitoring can be reported through local associations and genuine scientific research.

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

No



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Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Recreational fisher,
Consumer**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

Q7 **Neither agree nor disagree**

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8 **Changes are needed (please specify below),**
Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
Bring all on nz into the same time frame

Q9 **Changes are needed (please specify below)**

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Q10 Why do you support that option?:
1st October to end November

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11 **Agree,**
Why?:
Allows some bait to get up stream

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12 **Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river**

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13 **Neither agree nor disagree**

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14 **Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Q15 **Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)?
(Please specify)

Depends on a number of things
Whats happening with the river
Whats happening with the bait population
Numbers fishing the river

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

- Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands**
 - ,
 - Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions**
 - ,
 - Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand**
 - ,
 - One net should be used when fishing from a stand,**
 - A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced**
 - ,
 - There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway**
 - ,
 - A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway**
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Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Stop commercial white baiting where tonnes of bait are caught

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

A licence fee to fish for whitebait is essential.
With heavy fines for those not complying

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Regulate the season times

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

The sooner the better

Q25

Respondent skipped this question

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



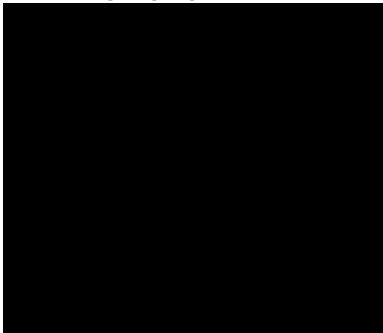
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How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Environmental interest,
Interested member of the public**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

I'm not a fisher

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Agree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:
No

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

No changes are needed,

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
None

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

No changes are needed,

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
None

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

15 August - 14 October,

Why do you support that option?:
Appears to improve survival chances of koaro

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree,

Why?:
Consistent with the aim of enhancing survival chances of threatened native fish species

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:
Waikouaiti

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Strongly agree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

No

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

No

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

No

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

- Socket nets should be phased out,**
 - Traps in nets should be phased out,**
 - Screens and diversions should be phased out,**
 - Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced**
 - ,
 - Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands**
 - ,
 - Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions**
 - ,
 - Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand**
 - ,
 - One net should be used when fishing from a stand,**
 - A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced**
 - ,
 - There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway**
 - ,
 - The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide**
 - ,
 - A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway**
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Q18

Strongly agree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

No

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Shortening the season, in that it ought to be the easier option to ensure compliance.

I am supportive of changes to fishing methods. My local river, the Waikouaiti, seems to have a lot of fishers with equipment extending over much of the width of the river. Also gear seems to be left in place with no one obviously around.

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

No

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

No

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

No

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

If possible for this 2020 season

Q25

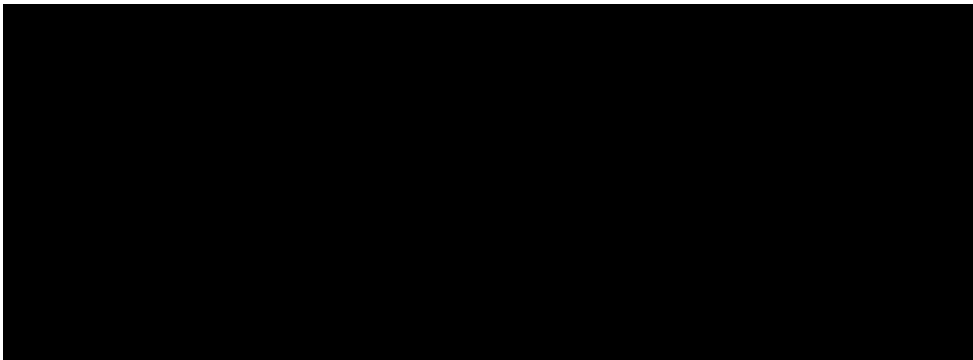
What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

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Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

I am involved with others in the local community who regularly monitor our local river, including flora and fauna. Every year I see people who appear to be camping full time by the river for the duration of the whitebait season. I am concerned that the whitebait are being over fished and that this will contribute to the decline in native fish populations in the river. The changes proposed by DoC appear to be helpful in supporting the maintenance of the fish, while still allowing those who wish to catch whitebait the opportunity to continue to do so.



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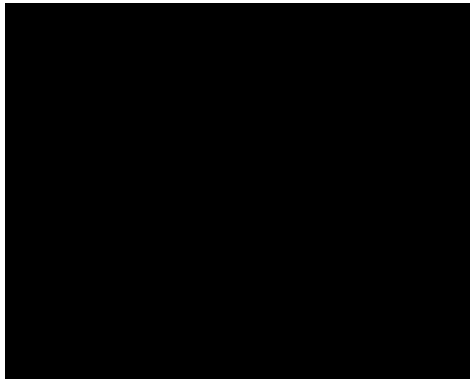
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No, this submission does not reflect the view of an organisation

Q3

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Respondent skipped this question

Q4

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Recreational fisher,
Commercial fisher**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Strongly disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?: there is a real lack of robust data on adult populations and in particular geographically. There is no evidence that annual catch is declining over time. It is true that more people are fishing and also that habitat loss is real.

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.: prioritise the goals. Allow for some regional flexibility

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.: Habitat management should be at the top of the outcome list, not as tack on the end.

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 15 November,

Why do you support that option?: I believe to cater for all of NZ fishing that 1st Sept to 7th November would be a good option, therefore I support the current WestCoast season dates across all NZ. Why is October 30 an option and not October 31st? Does not make any sense to me. Also, why pick Nov 15th when Nov 14th has been in place on the West Coast for over 20 years???

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree,

Why?: This upstream limit gives a safe haven to juvenile fish and adult populations. The further upstream people fish the easier it is to capture the whitebait

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Back-pegs only,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.: All tidal rivers in NZ

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Other (please specify):

No point in creating any more refuges unless the sites selected can be sure that Brown Trout are not present. Any refuges should be free to fish for Brown Trout with out requiring a Trout licence. If the trout are not dealt with, they will simply breed up at the same rate as any increase in whitebait population. Brown Trout are the biggest threat to Adult whitebait beside habitat loss.

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

There are already many rivers on the West Coast closed as refuges, therefore NO more rivers closed on the West Coast. The rivers selected should be selected on evidence that they are suitable for the purpose and spread around NZ. Tributaries and small water bodies would be most suitable.

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

NO MORE WEST COAST river refuges please.

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

permanent

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

,

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

,

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

,

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

,

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

,

The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

,

A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

,

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

I do not support the phasing out of sock nets or traps in nets. In some locations this ban may be appropriate but should be considered only at a local / regional level with detailed input from people in that catchment.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Neither agree nor disagree

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Aquaculture will provide whitebait that should be able to be exported.

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Having a nationwide season of 9 - 11 weeks will provide for a sustainable fishery, provided Habitat loss is halted and reversed.

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Know what dates the existing seasons are as this document at times appears to be written by people who have no knowledge of the fishery and its practices.

Any changes need to be very specific and to the point.

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Each region could form a Management group consisting of DOC, Iwi, Science and fishers. They could then consider local enhancement projects, regional fishing regulations etc

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Make them simple, very specific and readable.

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

No sooner than 2 years from release date.

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

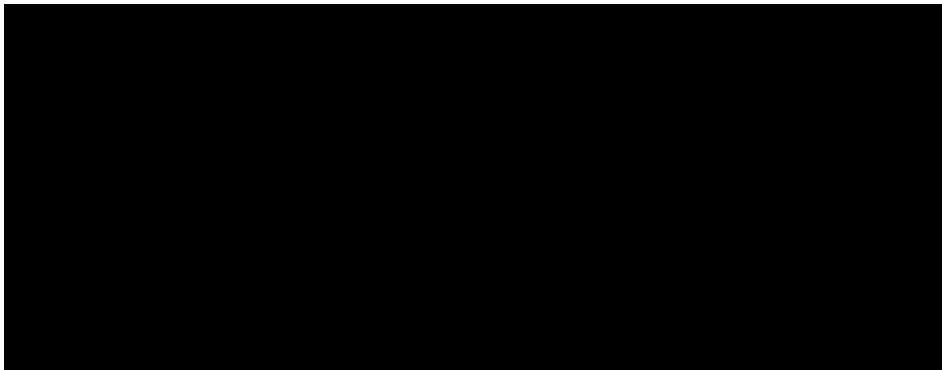
The status of whitebait species population appears to be business as usual. I think that it needs to be increased. At present, the Threat Classification is based on minimal data.

Compliance - out of season fishing offences should be increased. Compare the Trout fishery offences to the Whitebait fishing offences??

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

Please do not change the regulations or refuge rivers status for the West Coast. The changes were made over 25 years ago and the West Coast fishery can point to consistent catch history in the time. It is time to bring the rest of NZ on board and adopt the West Coast regulations.



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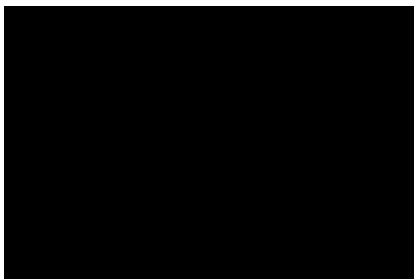
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Respondent skipped this question

Q4

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

**Wellington Te Whanganui-a-Tara,
West Coast Te Tai Poutini**

Q7 **Neither agree nor disagree**

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8 **Changes are needed (please specify below),**
Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
ban sock net traps in nets and have the seasons the same as west coast

Q9 **Changes are needed (please specify below)**

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Q10 **1 September - 15 November,**
Why do you support that option?:
I think it be fair if all river were the same

Q11 **Neither agree nor disagree**

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12 **Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river**

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13 **Disagree**

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14 **Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Q15 **Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Socket nets should be phased out,
Traps in nets should be phased out,
Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced
,
Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions
,
One net should be used when fishing from a stand,
A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced
,
There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Neither agree nor disagree

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

Respondent skipped this question

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

have NEVER seen a DOC person on the Otaki river in 20 years

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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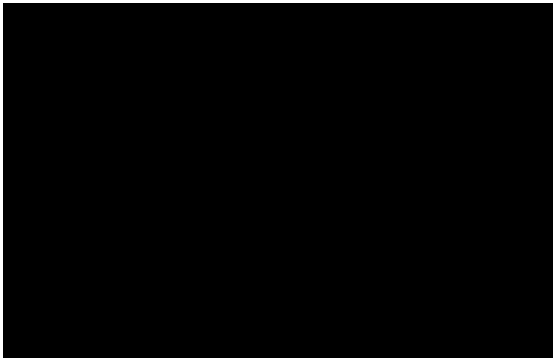
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Q2

Does this submission reflect the view of an organisation?

Yes, in part this submission reflects the view of an organisation

Q3

If this submission reflects the view of an organisation in part or in whole, please tell us which organisation.

Organisation

Onekaka Biodiversity Group

Q4

If parts of this submission reflect the views of an organisation, please tell us which parts.

Onekaka river as a whitebait refuge. Fishing allowed only on alternate days in a phase in period for 2 years. Monitoring effects each year. Banning commercial whitebaiting., Banning export of whitebait. Making sock nets illegal.

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher,

Environmental interest,

Interested member of the public,

Other (please specify):

Ex recreational fisher.

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Tasman

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Agree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:

Focus and remedial action must also be directed at habitat and water quality degradation. Grayling's demise in NZ would appear to have taken place certainly at least on the West Coast independent of habitat or introduced species AKA Trout. Grayling could be expected to have been a major predator of whitebait and their resultant adult offspring providing an explanation for what appears to be the excessive large numbers of juvenile recruitment capable in part of withstanding the inordinate quantity of fishing pressure now applied.

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:

Habitat and water quality must have increased status

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:

Removal of any 'Customary Fishing' privileges unless such 'privileges' are exercised using 'customary' equipment.

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 30 October,

Why do you support that option?:

Appears to span the majority of the maximum migration period

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Agree,

Why?:

Limit should be at the top end of tidal effects. Free pass if you can make it that far.

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:

Any river that has a defined minimum gradient thereby counteracting the tidal effects to be say <1km from the sea

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Other (please specify):

Onekaka River should be so designated

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

If refuge is extended to include sections of a river where whitebaiting is allowed then this selection should be made in sections of all rivers open to fishing where the low tide current is of minimal velocity

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Onekaka River should be included as a refuge.

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Permanently where designated

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Socket nets should be phased out,

Traps in nets should be phased out,

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

,

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

,

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

,

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

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Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

Scoop nets should be excluded from the limitation on traps as they require the fisher to be actively operating the net.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

No

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

The removal of commercial whitebait fishing. By FAR

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

The anomaly that endangered species of fish should have such minimal restrictions on their fishing in comparison to the restrictions and control of totally marine species or for that matter acclimatized fresh water fish is illogical and bizarre.

The provision of a license to fish would provide funding for compliance. We can see no difference in enforcing this compliance compared with the marine gathering of shellfish, fish and crustaceans

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Ensure 'customary fishing rights ' if they are to be included and defined include for all New Zealander's rather than some race based definition

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

What seems to be part of the proposals being promulgated are quite capable of being understood by any literate NZer.

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

ASAP

Q25

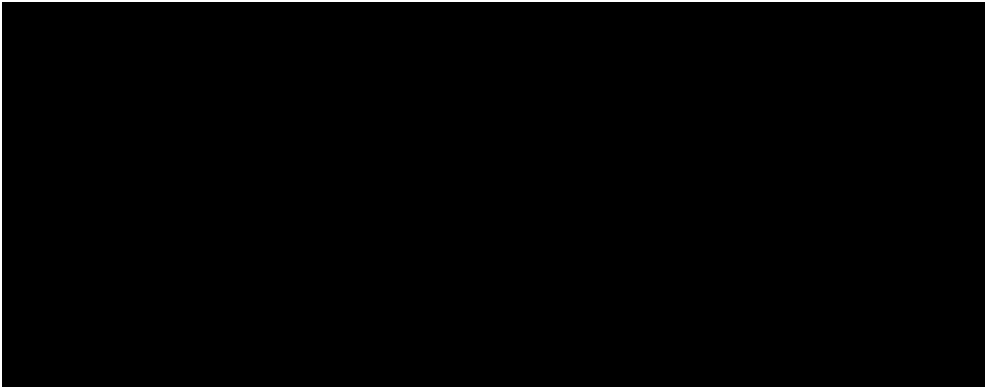
What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Funding must be made available outside of the usual DOC budget preferably from licensing as is the case with other fresh water fishing

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

No thank you



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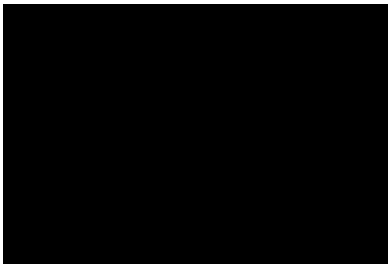
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Respondent skipped this question

Q4

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Waikato

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Is there other information that should be considered?:
Agree we need to ensure healthy and restored whitebait populations and provide for a sustainable fishery and that a greater focus is on the environment.

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
More focus could be on compliance and management of the environment.

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

No changes are needed

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 30 October,
Why do you support that option?:
Because it would allow more migration without undue impact on the ability to gather sufficient whitebait for fishers family.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Neither agree nor disagree,
Why?:
Because I feel that improvement and maintenance of the habitat is a more important area of concern e.g. fencing where practicable and planting.

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Respondent skipped this question

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Disagree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Feel that there are other more effective tools to achieve greater migration e.g. controlling the selling of whitebait or complete ban on selling. At the very least sellers should be registered and quotas imposed.

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

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Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

No

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

,

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

,

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

,

A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

,

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

Getting rid of traps and screens would make catches non viable. Much better to limit screens to 6m.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Shorten season, improve habitat, control or curtail the ability of fishers to sell.

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Requirement that nets may not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand is totally impracticable.

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Definitely the selling of whitebait should be controlled by quota or at least registration of sellers.

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

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Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Depends on the changes.

Q25

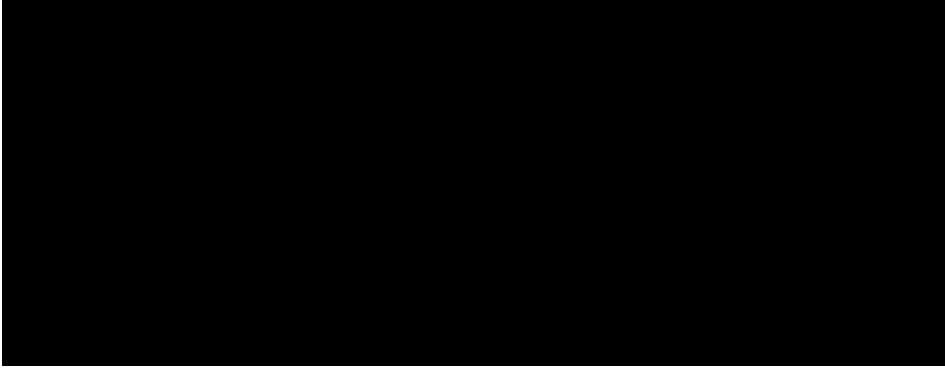
What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

There should be more compliance monitoring.

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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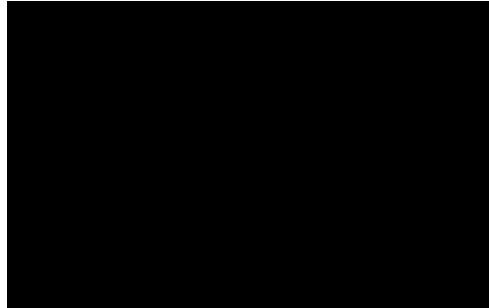
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Q3

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Organisation

no

Q4

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no

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Recreational fisher,
Environmental interest,
Interested member of the public**

Q6

Canterbury Ōtautahi

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Q7

Agree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:

Licence, Smaller nets, Culling of shags

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

No changes are needed

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 15 November

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Agree,

Why?:

Make it clear so that all whitebaiters know where they can fish to

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Back-pegs only,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:

All

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Neither agree nor disagree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Very short term

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

no

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Short term

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Socket nets should be phased out,

Traps in nets should be phased out,

Screens and diversions should be phased out,

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

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Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

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There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

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The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

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Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

Goes a long way to getting rid of the greedy people who are the biggest threat to whitebait

Q18

Strongly agree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

no

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Timing of the whitebait season, back-pegs, sock nets, traps in nets

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Whitebaiters should be licensed and the revenue would support more rangers and help conversation

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Culling of shags who don't eat whitebait but eat all the adult bait migrating up and down

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

More ranger on the river

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

By this coming season

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

The sooner changes are made the better the outcome will be.

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

Net sizes should be reduced



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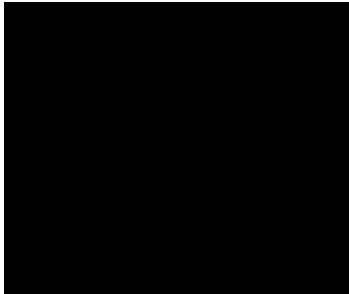
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Organisation

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Q4

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Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Recreational fisher,
Environmental interest,
Interested member of the public**

Q6

Canterbury Ōtautahi

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Q7

Agree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:

Licence, Smaller nets, Culling of shags

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

No changes are needed

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 15 November

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Agree,

Why?:

Make it clear so that all whitebaiters know where they can fish to

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Back-pegs only,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:

All

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Neither agree nor disagree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Very short term

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

no

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Short term

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Socket nets should be phased out,

Traps in nets should be phased out,

Screens and diversions should be phased out,

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

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The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

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Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

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Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

no

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Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Timing of the whitebait season, back-pegs, sock nets, traps in nets

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More ranger on the river

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By this coming season

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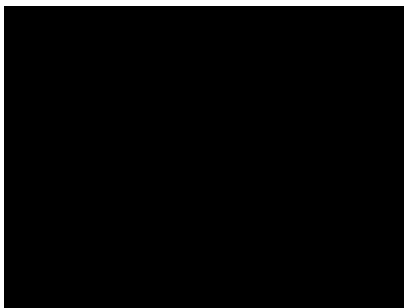
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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Waikato

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Agree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:
Cultural values. It is my opinion that whitebait were here prior to any human inhabitants , being the occupiers of the rivers and sea they own this space. Therefore we all should be making sure they survive and if they are supposedly in decline there should be no customary take.

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

No changes are needed

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

No changes are needed

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

15 August - 14 October,

Why do you support that option?:
best option proposed prefer 15 august to 30th October. have not seen a decline in our catches in last 5 years, have good years and not so good years. whitebait are coming up prior to season start which reflects catches.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Neither agree nor disagree,

Why?:
need to have more information and data.

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Back-pegs only

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Agree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

no. 1762,1754,1779 Mokau river.

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

no

Q17

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Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

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A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

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There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

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The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

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A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

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Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

No selling of whitebait by recreational fishers unless they have a commercial licence.

Q18

Respondent skipped this question

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Need to look after whitebait habitat and water quality. Back in 2009 this was identified as the main cause of whitebait decline according to doc.

Q20

Respondent skipped this question

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

We need more scientific data on whitebait runs outside of current season before decisions are made.

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

there should be no option for disability permits for people to fish from boats. This practice is abused and more people are getting permits. The general feeling in the Mokau river is if these people can put their boats in by themselves they are not disabled.

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Phase in over 5 years and monitor for improvements before next phase in.

Q25

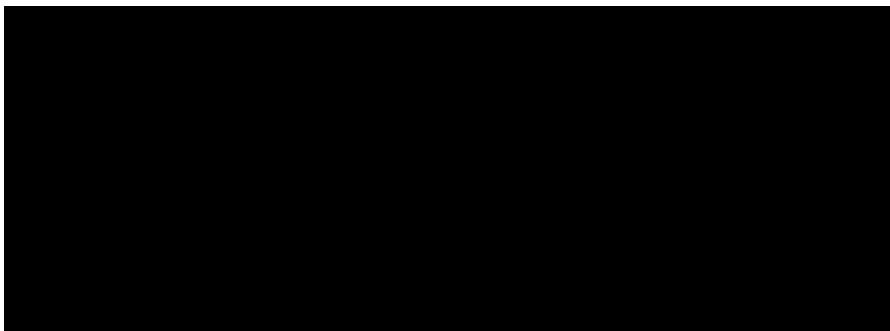
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What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

Consultation process gets feedback from people organizations who don't know anything about whitebaiting eg Forest and Bird who approached their members to put in submissions. This does not reflect the current status. Last submission done in 2019 had big percentage of non whitebaiters.



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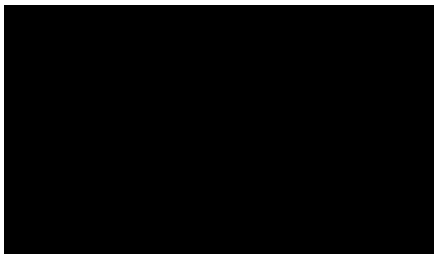
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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher,
Commercial fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Canterbury Ōtautahi

Q7

Disagree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
there is so much illegal selling of bait that quota management should be done it would take away the insensitive for quite alot of fisherman and would reduce the catches and the infomation that the commercial fishes would provide would save doc money if run like other fisheries

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
back pegs on all rivers and closed areas around breeding grounds and public working days to restore breeding grounds

Q10

1 September - 15 November

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree,
Why?:
it has worked on the west coast

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river,
Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:
saltwater creek north canterbury the peg should be state highway 1 bridge styx river from the flood gates avon river from kerrs reach total ban in the heatcote river kaipo river from the railway bridge no fishing in the cam river ashely river wont coment river next to the ashely the taranaki should be a breeding ground and closed off

Q13

Strongly agree

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

more public help finding more breeding grounds and protect them give me a email ill be there

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

once found there should be no more whitebaiting there for ever

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Sock nets should be phased out,

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

Q18

Neither agree nor disagree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

back pegs and quota management it will give more research and funds from buying or leaseing quota to go back into patrolling and breeding ground development

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

why does the ird not work with u i have screen shots of 28 people selling bait on face book and proberly none of them pay tax and i know of a couple of guys on acc that sell bait one guy been on acc for 25 years for bad back dont seem to bother him when he making a extra 1000 a week

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

2021 cos you need to have all changes all over the internet and in all the papers mulitable times so then know one has any excuses and you guys need to inforce it because all whitebaiters know is doc are push overs my thoughts are hand rule inforcement over to minstry of fisheries they dont round and people know that

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

need more rangers with power to inforce the rules

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

if you have any questions for me id be happy to answer them



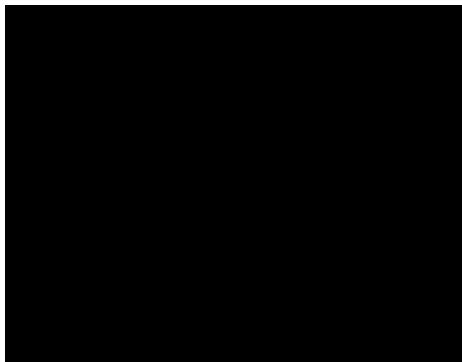
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Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Southland Murihiku

Q7 Respondent skipped this question

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8 **Changes are needed (please specify below),**
Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
shorten season, and disallow export and sales of whitebait

Q9 Respondent skipped this question

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Q10 **1 September - 15 November**

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11 **Agree**

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12 **Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river,**
Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:
Aparima river

Q13 Respondent skipped this question

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14 Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Q15 Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Q17

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

One net should be used when fishing from a stand

Q18

Strongly agree

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Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

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Respondent skipped this question

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

We have invested money in our stands and huts. We pay yearly rates to enable us to whitebait on the Aparima River.

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

Respondent skipped this question

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Last season was good, everybody got a bit, shared around, No giant catches but everybody happy with half kilo catches etc.

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Neither agree nor disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:
There are too many discrepancies across the country with different rules/management

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
* prohibit sock nets * make all stands a regulatory size. 5m on Mokihinui, 30 m on Hokitika * back pegs for all rivers * drag nets for all fishers

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
Management of all rivers should be left to Fisheries. There are too many "indians" with too many ideas. Keep it simple, make one rule for the whole of NZ

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 30 October,

Why do you support that option?:
All areas have different seasons. Again make one rule for all

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree,

Why?:
There has to be areas for spawning.

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Back-pegs only,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:
Cant set a tidal limit with flooding or spring tides that change regularly. Make a permanent peg that fishers recognise.

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Disagree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

If rivers are closed, you will always get the renegade fishers breaking the rules. Too hard to police.
We need a standard time frame for fishing nationally.

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Dont agree with refuges.

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Dont agree

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

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Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

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The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

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A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

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Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

Make all stands regulation length. Socket nets and larger set nets to be prohibited. Dont fix fishing times. All recreational fishers know sunrise/sunset laws.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Agree

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Make one agency accountable for this review. On reading the report there is conflict between some agencies.

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Make all the rules for everyone. These seasons and restrictions are not national. Bring everyone into line with the West Coast regulations that seem to work.

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

That all depends on how many changes are implemented and how fast the fishers have to adapt. Big nets and stand restrictions should be sooner than later

Q25

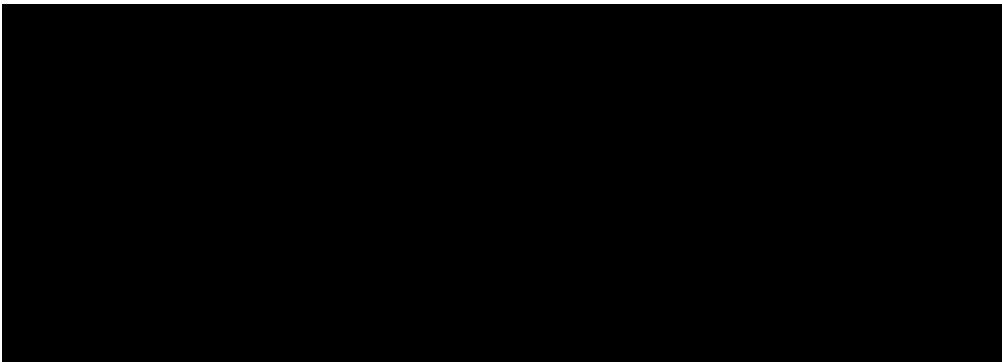
What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

I have fished Mokihinui for the past 20 years and seen a ranger once. Maybe if there was a greater presence, some rules would not be bent as much.

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

One rule for everyone. Keep it simple.



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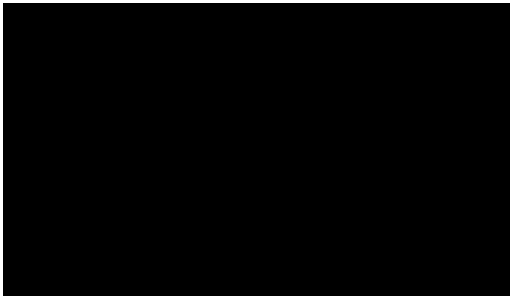
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Organisation

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NA

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Scientist,
Environmental interest,
Interested member of the public**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

I'm not a fisher,

Southland Murihiku,

Other (please specify):

Occasionally swap a feed of whitebait

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Strongly agree

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:

Define healthy and restored - There is an interpretation for these words, but what does 'improved' mean within these?

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:

No financial gain from the fishery - ie: either no commercial at all, or manage the commercial side with quotas etc. New Zealanders want to see a sustainable recreational fishery (other than those that are currently gaining \$ from the commercial side)

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

None - I prefer another option (please specify below),

Why do you support that option?:

Trust this decision can be made based on the fishery - out of my area of expertise

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree,

Why?:

It would be good to see that the whitebait aren't hounded all the way to their home...

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Other (please specify):

I think it probably depends on the catchment and availability of habitat within the catchment

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Given they are an R selected species, I wouldnt think any period of time over a season or two would make much difference as then you would be hit with density dependence and what the habitat that is left can actually support.

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

no

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

I suspect shorter (one season) is plenty

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Screens and diversions should be phased out,

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

,

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

,

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

,

A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

,

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

I would like to see the fishery sustained for the average genuine kiwi who is wanting to catch a feed for their family and friends, but the commercial exploitation should be banned and/or heavily managed with a quota system. The quota system could be implemented through those individuals that are currently declaring it on their taxes...

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree,

Other (please specify):

Several of these species are threatened, why would we be exporting them?!

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

End or manage the internal commercial sale of whitebait

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Making sure there is fish passage and habitat creation/enhancement projects

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

The commercial side of the whitebait fishery. Additionally currently there is a real lack in compliance - one year we went out with DOC and we were thanked by multiple whitebaiters for showing up in a different 'undercover' vehicle. Word gets out on the street and everyone tidies their practice up pretty quick while compliance officers are present.

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Yes the commercial side should have quotas in place so there is no unlimited rape and pillage mentality cus its worth lots of \$

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

na

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Sooner rather than later but may need a season or two for adjustment dependent on how stringent the rules become.... commercial guys - next season

Q25

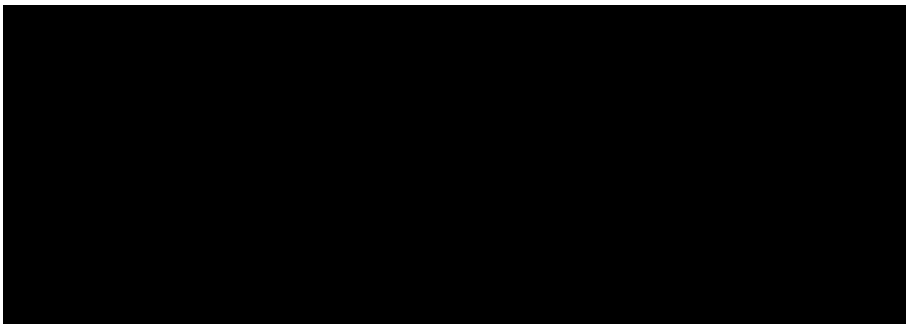
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What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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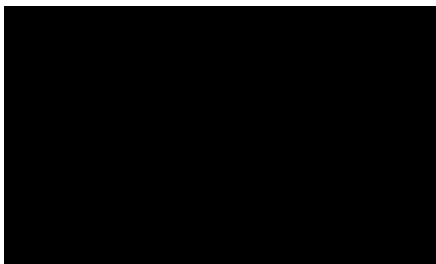
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Q3

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Respondent skipped this question

Q4

If parts of this submission reflect the views of an organisation, please tell us which parts.

Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Other (please specify):
marokopa

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Neither agree nor disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:
we feel that to have no white baiting in November would be a good idea as this is the month when large amounts of inganas are caught.we feel that to take traps out of set nets would be a good idea as this would eliminate people using 2 nets and leaving nets unattended as we know that this has been happening and we would like to see it monitored
regards allan and patricia brough

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
I have written our views on question 7

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
as above

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 30 October,

Why do you support that option?:
toprotect the breeding stock in november

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Neither agree nor disagree

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Respondent skipped this question

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Strongly disagree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

no

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

no

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

no

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Sock nets should be phased out,

Traps in nets should be phased out,

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

,

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

,

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

,

The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly disagree

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

don't know

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

have answered this in previous questions

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

as above

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

wefeel that we would like to see it monitored better

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

no

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

next season

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

as in question 22

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

not at present



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Respondent skipped this question

Q4

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

Q7

Strongly disagree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

Changes are needed (please specify below)

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Q9

Changes are needed (please specify below)

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Q10

None - I prefer another option (please specify below),

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Why do you support that option?:
15 Aug - 15 Nov

Q11

Strongly disagree

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12

Respondent skipped this question

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13

Strongly disagree

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16 Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Q17 Respondent skipped this question

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Q18 Strongly agree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19 Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20 Respondent skipped this question

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Q21 Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22 Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23 Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24 Respondent skipped this question

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Q25

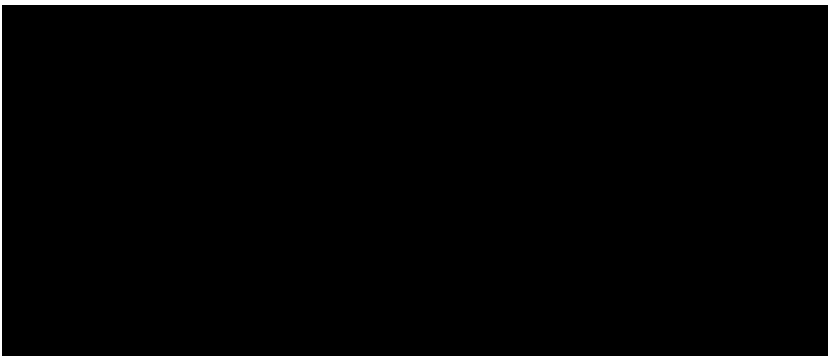
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What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



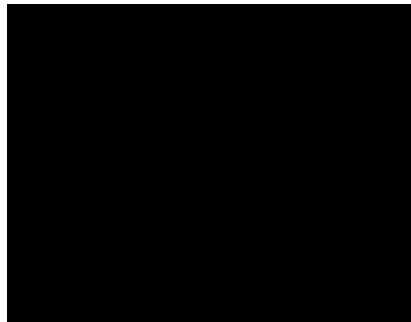
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Respondent skipped this question

Q4

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Waikato

Q7 Respondent skipped this question

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8 Respondent skipped this question

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Q9 Respondent skipped this question

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Q10 Respondent skipped this question

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11 Respondent skipped this question

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12 Respondent skipped this question

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13 Respondent skipped this question

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14 Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Q15 Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

Forgot to put this in original submission' In north island Mokau river we fish off end of our stands only. If we could not we would have to fish off river bank beside our stand. If traps and screens are phased out whitebait would go past everybody and majority would be caught by few people up river. tide pushes 20 miles up Mokau river. You need to understand fishing totally different in the north island from the south island. At the end of the day we all want to get a feed not just a few up river.

Q18

Respondent skipped this question

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

Respondent skipped this question

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

Respondent skipped this question

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Q25

Respondent skipped this question

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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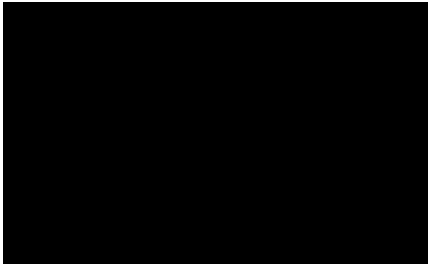
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Yes, in part this submission reflects the view of an organisation

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Organisation

West Coast Whitebait Association

Q4

If parts of this submission reflect the views of an organisation, please tell us which parts.

Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Recreational fisher,
Commercial fisher**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Neither agree nor disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:
More information on the Catch Data

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
Management goals need to be prioritized more specific data for each river given

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
Do not overlook the commercial fishers and stand holders as a lot of money has been invested in these to legally sell whitebait

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 30 October,

Why do you support that option?:
All of NZ should be the same

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree,

Why?:
There should be a back peg marker on all rivers

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:
Back Pegs on most rivers but if tidal is a better option on some rivers only

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Strongly agree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

none on the West Coast as we already have 23 closed rivers

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

,

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

,

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

,

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

Diversions on outside of nets should be prohibited

Q18

Agree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Closing breeding tributaries or habitat for Adults. Look after all breeding tributaries Concentrate on All Habitats

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Increase funding for management of Whitebaiting introduce a fee for catching whitebait to put back into the management of data and habitat

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Bring the rest of New Zealand back into West Coast fisheries regulations

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Simplify them

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

2021 after more consultation with all groups has been done

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

This should be done on a personal basis and through whitebait associations not through electronic system as anybody could put something down that they have no ideas on

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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Organisation

n/a

Q4

If parts of this submission reflect the views of an organisation, please tell us which parts.

n/a

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Customary fisher,
Recreational fisher,
Environmental interest,
Consumer**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Tasman,

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Agree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:

1. Affect of 1080 on breeding fish. Unacknowledged and obviously unresearched by the indoctrinated presenter. 2. Degregation of both rural and urban habitat. Numbers fishing have undoubtedly increased but on the whole probably the same amount of juveniles overall are being caught - just spread over more fishers with better gear such as vehicles, boats, nets and an ageing population with the time and the health to fish.

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:

Bring the rest of NZ regs to the same as the West Coast Regs. These were voluntarily agreed to by WC fishers and are more Conservation minded. eg. back pegs; season length; 3metres of screens, inside the net, no water between screen and bank; 1 net per stand or per fisher; establishment of registered stands - works here and is financially viable to the administrating body and a way of controlling number of fishers on the river; establishment of closed rivers - 23 in the WC fishery!!; no drag nets. Note that sock nets are virtually non existent on the Mokihinui River and not used on the stands.

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:

Bring the Rest of NZ Regs into line with the current West Coast Regs and management systems. see above. Establish a consistent season length over the whole country (except Chathams). Currently 1st Sept. to 14th Nov. on the Coast. Timing here avoids the consistent big runs of August and more pleasant to fish. Also would cut back on those who would start their fishing in August, travel to the Coast for their shorter season and the return to fish their home water when the Coast season closes.

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 15 November,

Why do you support that option?:

Or 1st Sept - 31st October as a concession.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree,

Why?:

Limits the fishable areas and gives the fry a chance to get out of the fishing zone quicker. Faster upstream waters above tidal limits tends to concentrate shoals making them easier to catch; those massing in the tidal limits get shunted upstream by the making tides and often travel up the middle of the river unavailable to fishers until concentrated by ebbing tide or forced to the banks by faster waters.

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Back-pegs only,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:

All those not on the West Coast

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Other (please specify):

Note that there are 23 closed to whitebaiting rivers on the West Coast - this does not include the non fishing areas of Fiordland, Westhaven/ Wanganui Inlet (above the road) and low populated areas of the Sounds providing many acres of potential breeding grounds. Closing such as the Mokihinui River would only concentrate (unwelcome) fishers on other local rivers and place financial hardship on local campgrounds and other service providers dependant on the income from whitebaiters at what is a low income time of year. e.g the local campground would more than likely close if such a stupid idea was fulfilled. It must be acknowledged by the Greens, Ms. Sage, and DoC that whitebait are not river specific - what is specific is the type of areas each type requires to grow to maturity and breed. Note must also be taken of the upstream obstacles such as dams etc have on the ability of spp. to progress upstream

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

See above

Not needed on the Coast. Seen as just another land grab by DoC

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

See above - leave the Coast as is; sort out the rest of the Country first.

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

See above.

More research needed on their effectiveness

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Socket nets should be phased out,

Traps in nets should be phased out,

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

,

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

,

One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

,

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

Note : many of these proposals are practiced on the Coast currently. . 3 metres of screen plus net on the Coast plus provisos of how those screens are used. . Groynes etc. Does this include stop banks such a son the Grey, Buller (at Westport), Hokitika mouth etc

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree,

Other (please specify):

Does this include private non commercial export to family members as happens now?.

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Ban it.

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Go to the West Coast Regs. Bring the Rest of the Country regs and season times into line with them

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Affect financially on accomodation providers, hoteliers, food and fuel suppliers from Karamea to Jacksons Bay.

Reiterate: Go to the West Coast regs - apply them to the rest of the Country.

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Licensing: Registered stand holders on the West Coast Fishery by stint of the fees charged automatically become licensed - e.g 69 on the Mokihinui.

Establishing an amount of fishers a river could take and licensing those who wish to fish particular rivers on a per river basis would give control over how many would fish each particular river. Fees to go to policing, which on most rivers I know would be policed by regular fisher themselves and to re establishing habitat and breeding areas.

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Use WC regs as guidelines!!!.

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Over the rest of NZ - straight away - Sort them out first leave us alone until thats sorted out.

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

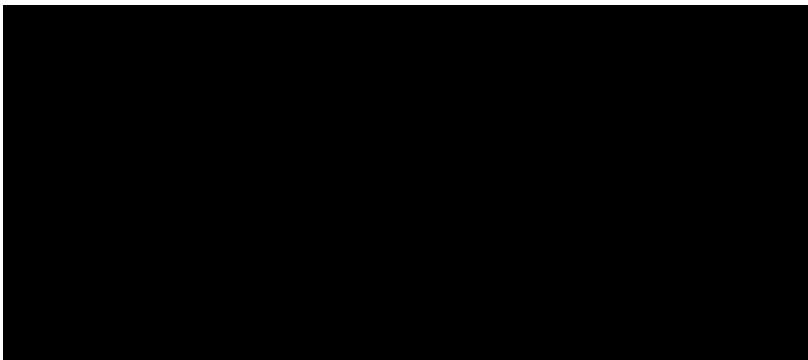
What monitoring?. It is quite obvious that this document was written to a pre ordained, preferred, pre determined outcome. DoC hasnt got the personnel or experience of seasoned fishers many who have records of catches over many years, or little or no note taken of pre eminent scientists and or such as Whitebaiter representatives. There was no pre consultaion meeting here in the Buller or if memory serves me correctly any where on the Coast.

The presentation of the Consultation document at Westport was conveniently held from 12:30pm to 2:30pm midweek filled with 100 plus retirees but precluding those at work, presented by an indoctrinated young woman whose standard answer to most questions was to "go online," this to a bunch of technologically innocent oldies " fill in the submission form"

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

If I thought it was going to make any difference to what a lot of us think is a document written with a predetermined outcome



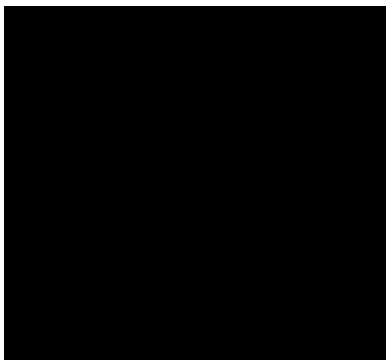
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Q2

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No, this submission does not reflect the view of an organisation

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Respondent skipped this question

Q4

If parts of this submission reflect the views of an organisation, please tell us which parts.

Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

Q7 **Neither agree nor disagree**

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8 **Changes are needed (please specify below),**
Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
1. Sock nets on all rivers should be completely cut out . 2. The very large nets used on lower westcoast rivers stands cut out 3. Traps in all set nets cut out. 4. Registered stand lengths in some cases shortened 5. Whitebait fishing season the same for All NZ

Q9 **No changes are needed**

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Q10 **1 September - 15 November**

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11 **Why?:**
Make sure all rivers have back pegs

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12 **Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river**

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13 **Strongly disagree**

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14 **Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Q15 **Respondent skipped this question**

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)?
(Please specify)

Off Seasons

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Socket nets should be phased out,

Traps in nets should be phased out,

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

,

Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

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Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

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There should be a nationwide maximum on the incursion of gear (excluding stands) into a waterway, of 1/4 the width of that waterway

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The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

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A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Agree

Q19 Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20 Respondent skipped this question

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Q21 Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22 Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23 Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24 Respondent skipped this question

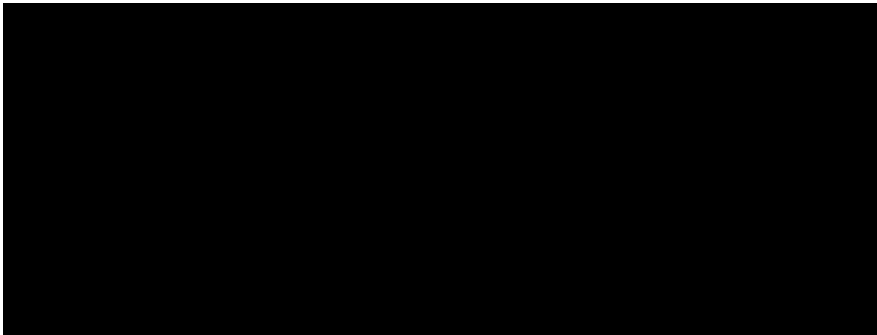
If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Q25 Respondent skipped this question

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26 Respondent skipped this question

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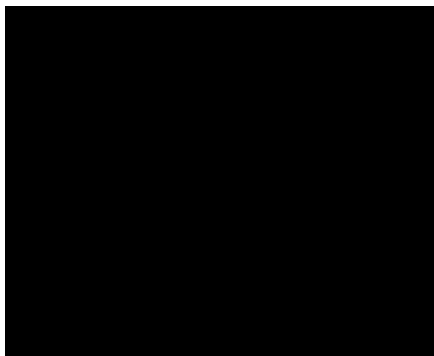
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Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Strongly disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:
The Whole Country should be brought in line with the West Coast Season. The West Coast is always the hardest hit

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
One season for the whole country the same as the West Coast Ban all sock nets and traps in nets

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

No changes are needed

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 15 November,

Why do you support that option?:
It has worked for the West Coast for years it's not broken on the West Coast so no need to change.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Neither agree nor disagree

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Strongly disagree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

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Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

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Sock nets should be phased out,
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Screens and diversions should be phased out,
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A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

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Neither agree nor disagree

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Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

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Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

2022 season

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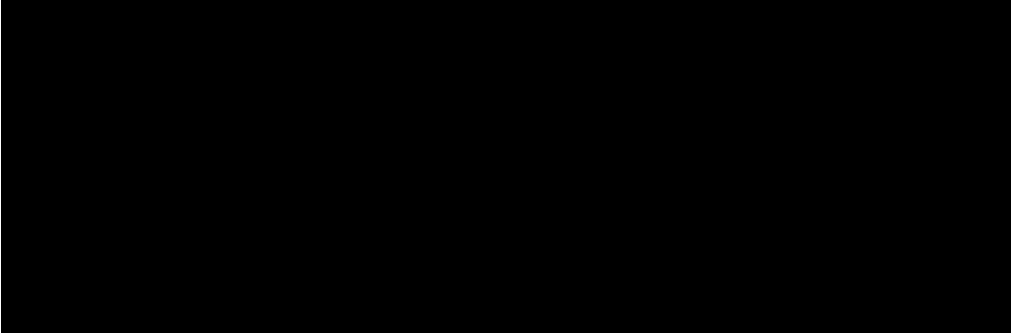
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What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

- Customary fisher,**
- Recreational fisher,**
- Environmental interest,**
- Consumer,**
- Interested member of the public**

Q6

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:
not enough info known by working party.

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
bring the whole of country ,into line with the Westcoast of south island.

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
ban set nets,screens ,and some form of licience for existing fishermen who have fished same site for over five years.

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 15 November,

Why do you support that option?:
status quo

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Agree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

some regions have them,those that don't need to be included

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

5 years and monitor.

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The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

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A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

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Respondent skipped this question

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Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

all regions should be fished the same

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

seek more information from long term fishermem

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

more consultation, before making uniformed decisions.

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

five years time

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

need better coverage

Q26

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?

no thank you.



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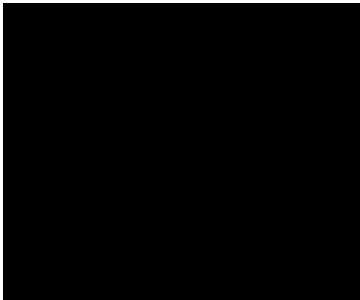
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N/A

Q5

Recreational fisher

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Q6

West Coast Te Tai Poutini

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Q7

Strongly disagree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

No changes are needed

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Q9

No changes are needed

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Q10

1 September - 15 November

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11

Strongly disagree

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12

Respondent skipped this question

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13

Agree

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

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Q17

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

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A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

Q18

Agree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Respondent skipped this question

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20

Respondent skipped this question

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

Respondent skipped this question

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Q25

Respondent skipped this question

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

Q4

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Recreational fisher,
Environmental interest,
Interested member of the public**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Wellington Te Whanganui-a-Tara

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Strongly agree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:
There needs to be more monitoring of whitebait catches and the population of native fish once they are mature. DoC has not been funded adequately to do this monitoring in the past.

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
I strongly support measures proposed by DoC. However, I also strongly believe that only recreational fishers should be able to fish for whitebait until monitoring indicates that the population is healthy. I am concerned that private property owners are not managing riparian areas adequately and I am not sure DoC can deal with those issues.

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below)

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

1 September - 30 October,

Why do you support that option?:
this is a fair period of time in which fish may be caught - whitebait then have a chance at the beginning and end of the season. A longer fishing season does not enable restoration of the fishery.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree,

Why?:
Fishing only near stream mouth is easy to monitor and enforce provisions. Enforcement is almost impossible upstream on private property.

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Tidal limits or back-pegs, depending on the river

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Other (please specify):
strongly agree that this may be necessary in some catchments and may be useful to provide a baseline for monitoring. Should be created in consultation with tangata whenua.

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

decisions needed in consultation with local iwi.

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q16

Respondent skipped this question

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Q17

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Socket nets should be phased out,

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The existing drag net provisions should be applied nationwide

,

A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

,

Would you like to provide additional comments or information supporting your views?:

size of sock nets and screens should be reduced fairly quickly.

Q18

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Strongly agree,

Other (please specify):

Given this is a threatened native fishery, exports should be phased out sooner rather than later.

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20

Respondent skipped this question

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

As soon as possible. I fish in the Waitohu stream where catches have dramatically declined in last twenty five years. I stopped fishing three years ago because I was concerned about the decline.

Q25

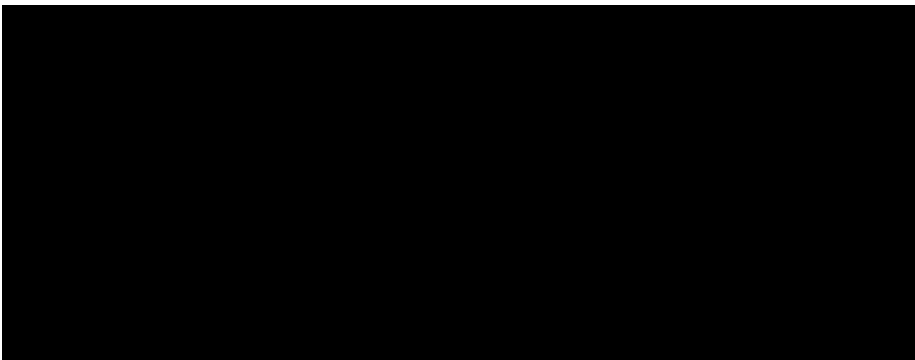
What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Arrangements need to be consistently funded!!!!

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

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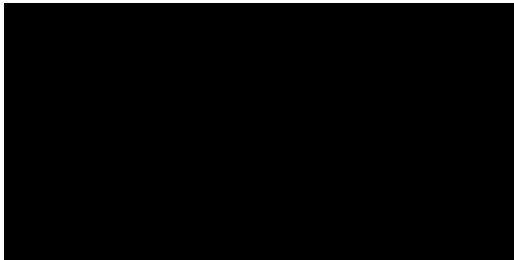
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Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Recreational fisher,
Environmental interest,
Interested member of the public**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Canterbury Ōtautahi

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Strongly disagree,

Is there other information that should be considered?:

There does not appear to be strong scientific evidence that the reduction in white-bait numbers can be attributed mainly to catch rates. It is well known that significant areas of the spawning habitat of white-bait have been destroyed by farming practises that include the destruction of the natural vegetation along the edges of our waterways and the draining of swamp areas. As well as this water degradation, in terms of both quality and quantity, has adversely affected the fishery. The presented report is heavily biased and can be only seen as an attack on recreational white-baiting.

Q8

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Respondent skipped this question

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Respondent skipped this question

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

None - I prefer another option (please specify below),

Why do you support that option?:

I oppose any proposed changes to the length of the season. The reality is that fishing opportunities are considerably limited at present; weather conditions and river flow directions frequently make it unsuitable to go out. Also, the nature of white-bait fishing is such that many visits to a river do not result in a catch as there is never a guarantee that bait are present, one reasonable catch is usually a special day among many unsuccessful ones. You cannot pre-determine when a successful day might occur and reducing the season length would significantly reduce such chances.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Neither agree nor disagree,

Why?:

I would agree with any measures that protect adult fish that are in spawning waters. I would not agree with measures that prevented some upstream fishing from a river mouth, many people do not feel safe in the surf and are more comfortable fishing in the actual river close to the mouth.

Q12 Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:
If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using: See previous comment.

Q13 **Disagree**
What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Q14 **Respondent skipped this question**
Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Q15
Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)
As stated I oppose the measures that would result in the loss of access to fishing in an area they have fished for years.

Q16 **Respondent skipped this question**
Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

Q17 **Respondent skipped this question**
What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Q18 **Strongly agree**
What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19 **Respondent skipped this question**
Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

Q20 **Respondent skipped this question**
Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

The proposed options are a direct threat to the recreational white-baiting that I do and the focus is on making significant reductions to catches, with little consideration of other aspects.

Other management options that need greater emphasis relate to the need to address declining water quantity and quality in our rivers and those that address the loss of spawning environment for white-bait.

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Q24

Respondent skipped this question

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

Q25

Respondent skipped this question

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



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Respondent skipped this question

Q4

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Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

**Recreational fisher,
Environmental interest,
Interested member of the public**

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Waikato

Q7

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Agree

Q8

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Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
Absolutely agree with changes being made 1: You need to BAN the sale of whitebait at a public level, people are out there catching bait just for \$ with no limits. How is this possible all other species have set limits even Eel have limits in our fresh waters. The \$ greed is what is driving the depletion of the resource. no one in their right mind would take 50kg of bait in a single day to eat then go back the next day and do it again. This happens daily on some rivers when the bait is running. The \$ is the driver not the regulations. Set some strict rules on the sale (a register) give people limits. Ban the sale you want need regulations. It actually causes other social issues, i have witnessed fights, boats ramming, stands cut free all for the sake of a fish for it's \$ value. Stronger enforcement needs to be applied in any new regulations. Currently there are regulations in place around fishing practices but when i head out 95% of fishers break the rules and no one seems to care. Its about catching more and more rather than getting a feed and preserving for the future. You MUST put in place budget and funding to enforce the rules. The season is short so put feet on the ground, regulations on paper are pointless if no one ever sees the law.

Q9

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Changes are needed (please specify below),

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes.:
See previous answers

Q10

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

15 August - 14 October,

Why do you support that option?:
I dont have a preference on dates just make it simple and consistent. 8 weeks is plenty of time to catch a feed each year.

Q11

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Strongly agree,

Why?:
The fish need a chance after running the gauntlet of nets from the mouth up

Q12

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Back-pegs only,

Please identify any waterways on which you consider back-pegs should be placed.:

On all major rivers above river order number 4 in NZ. Pretty easy to create some GIS maps based on river order number. Make is consistent in your approach, i am sure DOC have some smarts who can come up with a system here.

Q13

What is your view on the proposed creation of whitebait refuges?

Strongly agree

Q14

Do you have feedback on the proposed approach to selecting whitebait refuges? (Please specify)

Significant wetland areas, Ramsar sites, spawning locations on rivers. there is enough research out there now to choose sensible locations.

Q15

Do you have feedback on any of the sites listed as potential whitebait refuges, or suggestions on other sites that should be considered? (Please specify)

no

Q16

Do you have feedback on the length of time that whitebait refuges should be in place, at all or any specific site(s)? (Please specify)

no

Q17

What are your views on the proposed changes to whitebait fishing practices? Please tick all proposals that you agree with.

Sock nets should be phased out,

Traps in nets should be phased out,

Screens and diversions should be phased out,

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

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A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

Q18

Strongly agree

What is your view on phasing out export of the whitebait species?

Q19

Are there other approaches to ending the export of whitebait species that should be considered? (Please specify)

N/A

Q20

Of those proposed in this Discussion Document, which management options do you think will contribute most to improving whitebait management? (Please specify)

n/a

Q21

Is there other information that we should consider on any of the proposals or alternative options set out in this Discussion Document? (Please specify)

n/a

Q22

Are there additional management options for whitebait that are not described in the Discussion Document that you think should be considered? (Please specify)

Stop the sale of whitebait unless they are registered have quota to sell.

Q23

Are there any changes that should be made to the whitebait fishing regulations to make them clearer or easier to understand? (Please specify)

Make it consistent for all of NZ. very difficult to understand, enforce and manage with different rules

Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

2021

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

The compliance is no where near enough. I haven't seen a DOC officer on the lower Waikato river for years. maybe i have missed them but it's very rare to see them. Not to sure about other rivers but the staff numbers are just not there.

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?



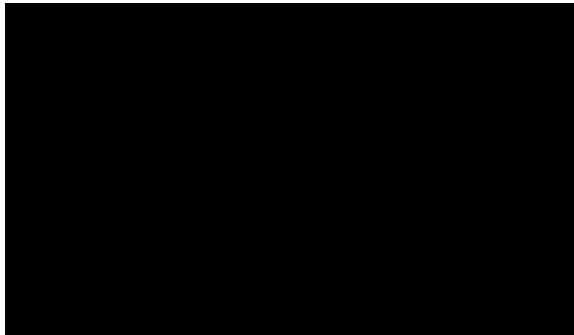
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Q1

Please tell us your name and contact information

- Name
- Address
- City/Town
- State/Province
- ZIP/Postal Code
- Country
- Email Address

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Q2

Does this submission reflect the view of an organisation?

No, this submission does not reflect the view of an organisation

Q3

If this submission reflects the view of an organisation in part or in whole, please tell us which organisation.

Respondent skipped this question

Q4

If parts of this submission reflect the views of an organisation, please tell us which parts.

Respondent skipped this question

Q5

How would you describe your interest in whitebait? (Select all that apply)

Recreational fisher

Q6

If you are a whitebait fisher, where do you usually fish?

Southland Murihiku

Q7

Agree

Do you agree with how the current situation for whitebait management is described in Part 1 of the Discussion Document?

Q8

Changes are needed (please specify below),

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management goal?

Please specify what changes you think should be made to the proposed management goal.:
ban the sale of whitebait

Q9

No changes are needed

What changes (if any) do you think should be made to the proposed management outcomes?

Q10

15 August - 14 October

Which of the three proposed options do you support for the timing of the whitebait season?

Q11

Disagree

What is your view on introducing upstream limits to whitebait fishing nationwide?

Q12

Tidal limits only

If you agree with upstream limits, should they be set using:

Q13

Strongly agree

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Screens and diversions should be phased out,

Nationwide size and location restrictions on screens and diversions should be introduced

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited from structures other than stands

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Whitebait fishing should be prohibited within 20 m of weirs, groynes and illegal diversions

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Nets should not be located beyond the outer edge of a stand

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One net should be used when fishing from a stand,

A nationwide maximum overall length limit for gear of 6 m should be introduced

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A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gears (not stands) should be introduced, where gear extends the maximum legal distance into a waterway

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banning the sale

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Q24

If regulatory changes are made after this consultation, when do you think they should be introduced?

asap

Q25

What do you think about the proposed monitoring arrangements?

more monitoring is needed

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Would you like to provide any other feedback to this consultation?
