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Submission: The New Zealand Sport Fishing Council supports the proposed Mātaitai reserve at Ōmāui, Southland.

Recommendations

1. The Minister approves the application from Te Rūnanga o Awarua for a Mātaitai reserve along the coastline from the Mokomoko Inlet to Cable Bay, west of Bluff.

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2. The New Zealand Sport Fishing Council (NZSFC) appreciates the opportunity to submit on the proposed Ōmāui Mātaitai reserve along the coastline from the Mokomoko Inlet to Cable Bay, west of Bluff. Fisheries New Zealand (FNZ) advice of consultation was received on 27 September, with submissions due from the local community by 11 November 2019. The Council acknowledges a further consultation process will occur with wider interests after this initial consultation.
3. The NZ Sport Fishing Council is a recognised national sports organisation with over 34,000 affiliated members from 56 clubs nationwide including our southern-most club, the Southern Sport Fishing Club based in Invercargill.
4. The Council has initiated LegaSea to generate widespread awareness and support for the need to restore abundance in our inshore marine environment. Also, to broaden NZSFC involvement in marine management advocacy, research, education and alignment on behalf of our members and LegaSea supporters. www.legasea.co.nz. Collectively we are '*the submitters*'.
5. The submitters are committed to ensuring that sustainability measures and environmental management controls are designed and implemented to achieve the Purpose and Principles of the Fisheries Act 1996, including "maintaining the potential of fisheries resources to meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations..." [s8(2)(a) Fisheries Act 1996]
6. The submitter's representatives are available to discuss this submission in more detail if required. We look forward to positive outcomes from this application and would like to be kept informed of future developments. Our contact is Helen Pastor, secretary@nzsportfishing.org.nz.

Submission

7. The submitters support the Minister in approving the application for Ōmāui Mātaitai Reserve from the Mokomoko Inlet to Cable Bay, west of Bluff.
8. The submitters support our local members of the Southern Sport Fishing Club as they submit separately in support of the Ōmāui Mātaitai Reserve application.
9. The submitters and the Southern Sport Fishing Club support locals managing their local fisheries.
10. The submitters note the Club supports the establishment of the Mātaitai and agree that it is important for recreational fishers to be represented in the formation and ongoing management of the Mātaitai.
11. The application states a comprehensive management plan will be established with the involvement of the local community however, from the available documents it is not clear how that will be developed or who will be involved.
12. The submitters support the Southern Sport Fishing Club's submission requesting involvement in the development and ongoing management of the Mātaitai. We see this as a positive step towards community engagement and ongoing support for the Mātaitai.
13. Since 2005 the submitters have worked with the [mid-north iwi fisheries forum](#), the Hokianga Accord. The [Hokianga Accord](#) includes Ngapuhi, Ngati Whatua, commercial, customary and recreational fishing interests, together we work to achieve the common goal of 'More fish in the water, *Kia maha atu nga ika ki roto i te wai*'.
14. The submitters have a long-term interest in local area management and have previously supported hapu with their applications for customary area management tools in Northland, Auckland and the East Coast.