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

Recommendations

1. The Minister approves the application from Te Rūnanga o Awarua for the proposed Mātaitai reserve from the lower reaches of the Tautuku River extending upstream to the Chaslans Highway, and the Fleming river between its confluence with the Tautuku River and upstream to the Chaslans Highway.

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2. The New Zealand Sport Fishing Council (NZSFC) appreciates the opportunity to submit on the proposed Tautuku Mātaitai reserve. Fisheries New Zealand (FNZ) advice of consultation was received on 4 February 2020, with submissions due from the local community by 16 March 2020. 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 Tautuku Mātaitai Reserve.
8. The submitters and the Tautuku Fishing Club support locals managing their local fisheries.
9. The submitters note the Club supports the establishment of the Mātaitai and recommend that mandated organisations representing recreational fishers are to be represented and consulted in the formation and ongoing management of the Mātaitai in addition to the Tautuku Fishing Club.
10. The submitters support the Tautuku Fishing Club's 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.
11. 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 North Island East Coast.