**NOTIFICATION OF OTAKOU** **MATAITAI RESERVE AND APPOINTMENT OF TANGATA TIAKI/KAITIAKI**

Pursuant to Regulation 22 of the Fisheries (South Island Customary Fishing) Regulations 1999, the Director-General of the Ministry for Primary Industries gives the following notice.

Pursuant to regulation 20 of the Fisheries (South Island Customary Fishing) Regulations 1999, by notice in the *New Zealand Gazette* published on 15 September 2016, the Minister for Primary Industries declared the Otakou Mataitai Reserve over the fisheries waters in outer Otago Harbour.

A mataitai reserve is an identified traditional fishing ground in fisheries waters established for the purpose of customary food gathering.

The Minister for Primary Industries, in an instrument dated 6 September 2016, appointed Hoani Langsbury, Rachel Wesley, Eleanor Russell, Oliver Dawson, and Tangi Russell as Tangata Tiaki/Kaitiaki for the mataitai reserve. The appointments are for a term of five years.

The mataitai reserve and appointment of Tangata Tiaki/Kaitiaki take effect from **13 October 2016**.

Commercial fishing within a mataitai reserve is prohibited under regulation 24(2) of the Fisheries (South Island Customary Fishing) Regulations 1999.

The Tangata Tiaki/Kaitiaki may authorise any individual to take fish, aquatic life or seaweed for customary food gathering purposes from within the whole or any part of the mataitai reserve. No fishing for customary food gathering purposes may take place in the mataitai reserve without authorisation from the Tangata Tiaki/ Kaitiaki.

Further information about mataitai reserves, including a map of this mataitai reserve, is available on the MPI website ([www.mpi.govt.nz](http://www.mpi.govt.nz)), or by contacting MPI.

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