



Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee

Minute of Decision

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Approval of Fisheries Regulations Recommended by the East Otago Taiapure Management Committee

Portfolio **Fisheries**

On 12 September 2019, the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the East Otago Taiāpure Management Committee has the power under Part 9 of the Fisheries Act 1996 to recommend fisheries regulations to the Minister of Fisheries for the conservation and management of fish, aquatic life or seaweed in the East Otago Taiāpure;
- 2 **noted** that the East Otago Taiāpure Management Committee has recommended making regulations for the East Otago Taiāpure that would:
 - 2.1 close recreational and commercial pāua fishing within the taiāpure;
 - 2.2 prohibit the harvest of seven species of kelp: *Durvillaea antarctica*, *D. willana*, *Ecklonia radiata*, *Macrocystis pyrifera*, *Marginariella boryana*, *Marginariella urvilliana* and *Lessonia variegata* within the taiāpure;
 - 2.3 prohibit the commercial and recreational use of set-nets within the taiāpure;
 - 2.4 require all recreational fishers to hold only whole or gilled/gutted fish when fishing within the taiāpure;
- 3 **noted** that public consultation has taken place on the above recommended regulations;
- 4 **agreed** to the East Otago Taiāpure Management Committee's recommendations as set out in paragraph 2 above;
- 5 **invited** the Minister of Fisheries to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to implement these changes through amendments to the Fisheries (Amateur Fishing) Regulations 2013 and the Fisheries (South-east Area Commercial Fishing) Regulations 1986.

Vivien Meek
Committee Secretary

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