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**Ministry for Primary Industries**  
Manatū Ahu Matua



Cody C  
Care of FYI website

Dear Cody C

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

I refer to your official information request on 30 June relating to the legality of taking fish or marine life from the Lyttelton Harbour area.

A mātaītai reserve came into effect in portions of Lyttelton Harbour on 20 July 2017. A map of this mātaītai reserve can be found at <http://fs.fish.govt.nz/Page.aspx?pk=128&tk=593>

Mātaītai reserves recognise the special relationship between tangata whenua and the importance for customary food gathering. A mātaītai reserve is established under fisheries regulations and is an identified traditional fishing ground.

Non-commercial fishing is not restricted in a mātaītai, however commercial fishing is prohibited. Any non-commercial fishing that occurs in a mātaītai is still required to occur within recreational bag and size limits, and fishing gear regulations.

I trust this information addresses your query.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. Stewart'.

Jeff Stewart  
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