

Fisheries (Declaration of Te Puna Mātaitai Reserve Bylaw) Notice 2020 (Notice No. MPI 1120)

Pursuant to Regulations 28 and 29 of the Fisheries (Kaimoana Customary Fishing) Regulations 1998, the Minister of Fisheries hereby gives the following notice:

Notice

1. Title

This notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Declaration of Te Puna Mātaitai Reserve Bylaw) Notice 2020.

2. Commencement

This bylaw comes into effect on 23 March 2020.

3. Interpretation

In this notice:

- a. The term “Te Puna Mātaitai Reserve” means that mātaītai reserve in the Bay of Islands notified in the Fisheries (Declaration and Notification of Te Puna Mātaitai Reserve and Appointment of Tangata Kaitiaki/Tiaki) Notice 2013 ([New Zealand Gazette, 1 August 2013, No. 97, page 2593](#)).
- b. Unless the context requires otherwise, terms have the same meaning as in the interpretation sections of the Fisheries (Kaimoana Customary Fishing) Regulations 1998 and the Fisheries Act 1996.

4. Approval of Bylaw for the Te Puna Mātaitai Reserve

The Minister of Fisheries has approved the following bylaw for the Te Puna Mātaitai Reserve:

Bylaw 1—Prohibition on Taking Certain Species

No person may take or possess green-lipped mussel (*Perna canaliculus*), blue mussel (*Mytilus galloprovincialis*), or black mussel (*Xenostrobus pulex*) in the Te Puna Mātaitai reserve area.

Dated at Wellington this 1st day of February 2020.

HON STUART NASH, Minister of Fisheries.

Explanatory Note

Fishing subject to this bylaw

Under Regulation 28(3) of the Fisheries (Kaimoana Customary Fishing) Regulations 1998, this bylaw applies generally to all persons fishing in the Te Puna Mātaitai Reserve.

Breach of bylaw is an offence

Under Regulation 44 of the Fisheries (Kaimoana Customary Fishing) Regulations 1998, a person commits an offence against those Regulations if a person breaches this bylaw.