

We want everyone's opinion on whitebait



What we're doing

DOC is responsible for making sure there are healthy populations of whitebait in our rivers and that the whitebait fishery is sustainable.

Whitebait are not nearly as plentiful now as they once were. We're asking everyone to tell us what they think should be done to make whitebait populations healthy again.

We have a working group of people interested in whitebait, including fishers, mātauranga Māori experts, environmentalists, fishers and scientists who are contributing their knowledge to the work.

We will present everyone's views to the Minister of Conservation in early 2019. We'll let you know about any further work after that.

PS: This work is about gathering views, not about making decisions.

Tell us what you think – take our survey and find more information on www.doc.govt.nz/whitebait-management.