

# We want everyone's opinion on whitebait



## About whitebaiting

Whitebait are managed and regulated as a recreational fishery by DOC.

Whitebait are not in the Quota Management System.

There are seasons when whitebaiting is allowed (one on the South Island West Coast and one for the rest of the country).

Within the season, the time of day you can fish and the gear you can use (size and number of nets) is restricted.

Whitebait can be sold, but the income must be declared to Inland Revenue and tax paid on it.

Whitebait are a taonga for iwi and highly prized as a delicacy by many New Zealanders.

*Tell us what you think – take our survey and find more information on [www.doc.govt.nz/whitebait-management](http://www.doc.govt.nz/whitebait-management).*



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