

21 October 2024

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 04 October 2024, in which you asked:

“During the whitebait season, from the Taramakau river and the Hokitika river, which rivers have been visited by DOC officers and the number times they have been visited?”

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982.

On the 7th of October you clarified (or refined) your request to information regarding this white baiting 2024 season to date.

The request has been interpreted as all rivers and creeks from the Taramakau to the Hokitika River inclusive and dated from when the question was refined.

Our response:

1. Prior to the 7th of October:
 - a. The Hokitika river was patrolled by Departmental Staff on seven different days by a minimum of two Rangers and on one occasion by four.
 - b. The Taramakau river was patrolled by Departmental Staff on six different days by a minimum of two Rangers.
 - c. Waimea creek was patrolled by Departmental Staff on three different days by a minimum of two Rangers.
 - d. Kapitia creek was patrolled by Department of Conservation staff once by two Rangers.
 - e. Houhou creek was patrolled by Departmental Staff on three different days by a minimum of two Rangers.

- f. Arahura River was patrolled by Department of Conservation staff once by two Rangers.
- g. Serpentine Creek was patrolled by Department of Conservation staff once by two Rangers.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Department's website.

If you would like to discuss this response with us, please contact [REDACTED], Senior Ranger Biodiversity Hokitika by email to [REDACTED].

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