



MARLBOROUGH  
DISTRICT COUNCIL



Department of Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*

# A guide to whitebait fishing from stands in Marlborough



## Department of Conservation Rules

The DOC white baiting legislation states the following.

Whitebait fishing is only allowed where water levels are affected by the tide. Back pegs will mark this limit in some rivers.

The whitebait season runs from 1 September to 30 October every year (inclusive).

White baiting is only permitted between 5am and 8pm and during day light savings time between 6am and 9pm.

Fishing is not allowed within 20 m of any:

- tide gate
- floodgate
- confluence
- culvert
- weir
- groyne
- outfall structure, or
- unlawful diversion.

You're also not allowed to fish from any bridge or vessel.

Stands are not allowed to use:

- more than one net
- fishing gear measuring more than 6 m in total length.

'Stand' means any structure that is used to fish for whitebait under the Resource Management Act 1991. Stands are managed by regional councils.

For further information on these rules please contact the Department of Conservation on 03 572 9100

# Marlborough District Council Rules

## The Marlborough Environment Plan permitted activity standards state:

2.9.6 Construction or placement of a temporary maimai or whitebait stand in, on or over the bed of a lake or river.

- 2.9.6.1. No more than 1m<sup>3</sup> of a lakebed or riverbed must be disturbed
- 2.9.6.2 the maimai or stand must be open piled.
- 2.9.6.3 the maimai or stand must be located at least 50m from any other structure.
- 2.9.6.5 the maimai or stand must be constructed or placed and subsequently removed within the following periods:
  - (b) a whitebait stand must only be constructed or placed after 1 August, and must be removed no later than 15 December, within any year.

If all of the above conditions are complied with then the whitebait stand will be considered a licenced structure.



## Whitebait Fishing from Stands

Marlborough District Council will be carrying out inspections of whitebait stands during the white baiting season and you could face enforcement action if you do not comply with the Marlborough District Council rules.



Compliant white bait stand  
Minimal riverbed disturbance,  
as the stand is open piled



Non-compliant white bait stand  
There is more than 1m<sup>3</sup> of river  
disturbance



# Check, Clean, Dry

## Stop the spread of didymo and other freshwater pests

Freshwater pests can be spread by your activities in and around waterways. If you've been in a lake, river, stream or wetland and plan to move to another within 48 hours, you must clean all your gear that has been wet using the 'Check, Clean, Dry' method.

### CHECK

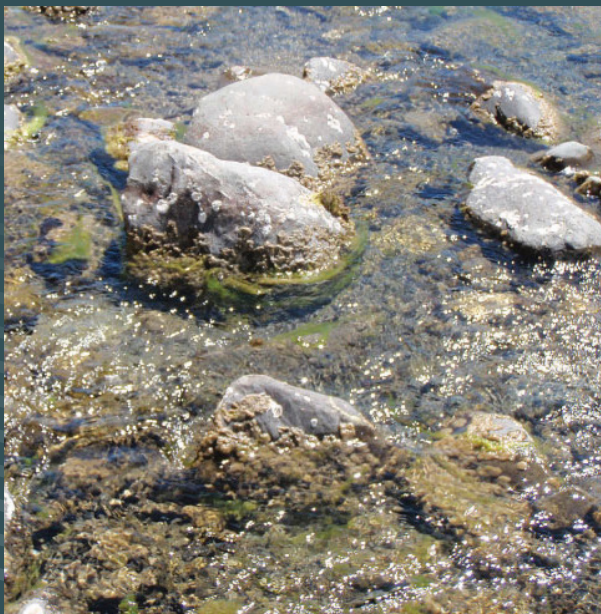
Before you leave a river or lake, check items and leave debris at site

### CLEAN

There are several ways to kill didymo

### DRY

Drying will kill didymo



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