# 17 Activities in the Coastal Marine Area (CMA)

Important note: For the purposes of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), the Regional Coastal Plan comprises the general objective and policies of Chapter 11, and the policies and rules of Chapter 17 and Schedule H as well as Chapters 11, 11A and 18 and the relevant definitions in the Glossary. The coastal marine area<sup>^</sup> (CMA) is as defined in the RMA.

#### In this chapter:

- (a) MHWS means mean high water springs
- (b) NZCPS means any New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement
- (c) NZCPS 1994 means the document "New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 1994".

# Objective 17-1: Activities in the CMA

The regulation of activities in the CMA in a manner that enables or restricts activities within the Port, Protection, or General Activity Management Areas or Aquaculture Management Areas, in a way that reflects the Table H.1 characteristics of the Areas.

# Objective 17-1A: Water quality in the CMA

Water<sup>^</sup> quality in the CMA is managed in a manner that sustains its life-supporting capacity and has regard to the Values, management objectives and the water<sup>^</sup> quality targets set out in Schedule H: Part C.

## Policy 17-1A: Regional rules^ for the CMA

The Regional Council must regulate activities in the CMA through regional rules<sup>^</sup> in accordance with Objectives 11A-1, 11A-2, 17-1 and 17-1A and Policies 11A-1 to 11A-8.

# 17.1 Standard General Conditions for Permitted Activities and Controlled Activities in the CMA

The table below sets out standard general conditions referred to in a number of the for permitted activities and controlled activities in the CMA. These standard general conditions are referred to in a number of the permitted activity and controlled activity rules in this chapter. The table sets out standard conditions under different values. To identify the locations of water management zones to which these values apply, and therefore whether they are relevant to a particular activity, refer to Schedule D.



Table 17.1 Standard General conditions for permitted activities and controlled activities in the coastal marine area (CMA)

Value	Coi	ndition
Life-supporting Capacity	(a)	The activity shall must not adversely reduce the ability of the river or estuarine area water body to convey flood flows or floating debris.
(applies to the entire CMA all sites with a value of Life-	(b)	There shall <u>must</u> be no <u>discharge</u> of <u>contaminants</u> , other than sediment and other <u>contaminants</u> inherent to the <u>water</u> or <u>bed</u> , into the <del>coastal marine area</del> <u>CMA</u> <u>except where the <u>discharge</u> is explicitly allowed by the activity description of a <u>rule</u> in this chapter.</u>
Supporting Capacity as shown in Schedule D)	(c)	Any discharge of sediment into water directly caused by the activity shall must not be undertaken for more than 5 consecutive days, or and for more than 12 hours on any one of those 5 days. There must be no more than one activity in any 12 month period.
	(d)	Any discharge of sediment into water under condition (c) shall must not, after reasonable mixing, cause any conspicuous change in the colour of water in the receiving water body, or any change in horizontal visibility of greater than 30% the target set in the visual clarity change column of Tables H.5 and H.7, more than 24 hours after completion of the activity.
	(e)	Any materials used shall must be necessary for the activity and shall must not be toxic* to marine ecosystems.
	(f)	Any materials no longer required as part of the activity, including any temporary structures, shall must not be stored in or on any foreshore area and shall must be removed from the CMA upon completion of the activity.
	(g)	Refueling of machinery (other than boats) shall must not take place in any area where spills may enter coastal water the CMA.
	(h)	Upon completion of any channel bank works, the banks shall must be reinstated to a natural contour and revegetated.
Historic Heritage^ (additional value to those in Schedule H - applies to the	(i)	The activity shall must not disturb any historic heritage archaeological site, waahi tapu or koiwi remains as identified in any the Regional Coastal Plan, district plan, in the New Zealand Archaeological Association's Site Recording Scheme or by the Historic Places Trust, except where Historic Places Trust approval has been obtained.
entire CMA)	(j)	In the event of an archaeological <u>artefact</u> site, waahi tapu or $k\bar{o}iwi^*$ remains being discovered or disturbed while undertaking the activity, the activity shall <u>must</u> cease and the Regional Council shall <u>must</u> be notified as soon as practicable to enable the Council to provide advice regarding the appropriate authorities to be contacted. The activity shall <u>must</u> not be recommenced without the approval of the Regional Council.
Native Fishery  Whitebait* Migration  (applies to all sites with a value of Native Fishery as shown in Schedule D H)	(k)	The use of mobile machinery in or on the <i>foreshore</i> _in a manner that disturbs the <i>foreshore</i> _and/ or a <i>whitebait</i> * fishery shall must not take place in estuarine areas between 1 October 15 August and to 30 November (inclusive), unless the use of the machinery is solely for the <i>maintenance</i> * of <i>infrastructure</i> ^ and other physical resources of regional or national importance as outlined in Policy 3-1.
Inanga Spawning (applies as shown in Schedule H)	(ka)	The use of mobile machinery in or on the <i>foreshore</i> ^ in a manner that disturbs the <i>foreshore</i> ^ or inanga spawning grounds must not take place in estuarine areas 1 February to 1 May (inclusive), unless the use of the machinery is solely for the <i>maintenance</i> * of <i>infrastructure</i> ^ and other physical resources of regional or national importance as outlined in Policy 3-1.



Value	Condition
Amenity	(I) Existing public access to or along the <i>foreshore</i> shall must not be rendered unsafe by the activity.
(applies to the entire CMA) all sites with a value of	(m) Existing public access to or along the <i>foreshore</i> may be rendered unavailable where this is necessary for public safety or for the purpose of undertaking the activity, provided the public access is re-opened as soon as practicable.
Amenity as shown in Schedule D)	(n) Activities shall not result in suspended sediment being conspicuous at public bathing beaches, as shown in Schedule D, during weekends and public holidays between 1 December and 28 February.

# 17.2 Occupation

## 17.2.1 Policies

## Policy 17-1: Occupation of space by aquaculture

The allocation of *space* for aquaculture shall <u>must</u> be established through a plan *change* in accordance with <del>Sections</del> <u>ss</u>12A and 165C of the RMA, and regard must be had to the following matters shall be given particular consideration when evaluating a proposed *change*.

- (a) giving effect to the Regional Policy Statement, particularly all the objectives and policies of Chapters 4 and 9, Objective 3-1 and Policies 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4 and 3-5, Objective 7-2 and Policy 7-7 and any relevant policies in the NZCPS New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement.
- (b) the impact of the proposed activity on neighbouring uses, the Protection Activity Management Areas set out in Schedule H and the ecological carrying capacity of the area,
- (c) the type and location of any land use facilities that would be required.
- (d) the effects on navigation safety, public access, natural character and marine ecosystems, and
- (e) available alternatives to the applicant's proposal and the applicant's reason for making the proposed choice.

# Policy 17-2: Consent decision-making for occupation of space by other activities other than aquaculture

When making decisions on *resource consent* applications and <u>setting consent conditions</u> for the allocation of *space* for activities (excluding aquaculture), the Regional Council will <u>must</u> have <u>particular</u> regard to:

(a) the Regional Policy Statement, particularly all the objectives and policies of Chapters 4 and Chapter 9, Objectives 3-1 and 3-1A and Policies 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4 and 3-5, Objective 7-2 and Policy 7-7 and any relevant policies in the NZCPS New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement.



- (b) enabling occupation where it is a <u>functional necessity</u> fundamental requirement of an activity covered by another *rule* in this <del>Plan</del> <u>chapter</u>,
- requiring efficient use of *space* in the CMA by using the smallest amount of *space* reasonably practicable for the activity and limiting the adverse *effects* on public access to the *space*.
- (d) the effects on navigation safety, natural character and marine ecosystems.
- requiring a plan *change* pursuant to s165D of the RMA where there is demand for use of the same *space* or different *spaces* in close proximity by more than one party and a first-in-first-served consent process will not adequately manage the cumulative *effects* of the proposed activities, and
- (f) available alternatives to the applicant's proposal and the applicant's reason for making the proposed choice.

# Policy 17-3: Decision-making for occupation charges

In accordance with s64A RMA the Regional Council, after having regard to:

- (a) the extent to which public benefits from the CMA are lost or gained, and
- (b) the extent to which private benefit is obtained from the occupation of the CMA

has decided that a coastal occupation charging regime should not be applied to persons who occupy any part of the CMA.



# 17.2.2 Rules

Rule	Activity	Classification	Conditions/Standards/Terms	Control/Discretion Non-Notification
17-1 Occupation by existing structures	The occupation_ of space_ in the CMA pursuant to s12(2) RMA by any existing structure_ and any associated ancillary damming or diversion of coastal water_ in the CMA pursuant to s14(1) or s14(2) RMA.	Permitted		
17-2 Temporary occupation^	The temporary and exclusive occupation of space in an area of foreshore or a space of coastal water the CMA pursuant to s12(2) RMA for the purposes of a special event, and any associated ancillary surface water activity.  For the purposes of this rule:  (a) "temporary" means not more than 3 days  (b) a "special event" means an event organised by a person or group of people where, for commercial, or safety, cultural or conservation reasons purposes, controls need to be placed on public access.	Permitted	<ul> <li>(a) Where public access is restricted, a public notice^ shall must be lodged in the a local newspaper at least 7 days before the event and signage shall must be erected on-site, both of which advertise the reasons for, extent and timing of the restrictions.</li> <li>(b) The temporary and exclusive occupation^ must not disturb any nesting, roosting or breeding birds within any Protection Activity Management Area identified in Schedule H.</li> </ul>	
17-3  Occupation of of space by aquaculture	The occupation of space within in the CMA pursuant to s12(2) RMA by any aquaculture activity which is not otherwise restricted by Rule 17-4 erprohibited by Rule 17-5.	Controlled	(a) The aquaculture activity shall must occur within an operative Aquaculture Management Area established in accordance with Policy 17-1.	Control is reserved over:  (a) effects_on navigation safety  (b) effects_on public access  (c) effects_on natural character  (d) efficient use of the CMA  (e) duration of consent  (f) review of consent conditions_one  (g) compliance monitoring.



Rule	Activity	Classification	Conditions/Standards/Terms	Control/Discretion Non-Notification
17-4 Exclusive occupation^	Any activity involving occupation of space in the CMA pursuant to s12(2) RMA which:  (a) would exclude or effectively exclude public access from an area over 10 ha (except where such exclusion is required in commercial port areas for reasons of public safety or security)  (b) would effectively exclude the public from more than 316 m along the length of the foreshore or use of an area greater than 50 ha of the CMA and such occupation or use would restrict public access to or through such an area.	Discretionary and restricted coastal activity		
17-5  Occupation of space in Protection Activity Management Areas protection zones	The occupation of space pursuant to s12(2) RMA in any Protection Activity  Management Area as shown in Schedule  H other than as provided for by Rules  17-1, 17-2, 17-4, 17-8, 17-10, 17-21,  17-21B, 17-22 and 17-26 within a protection zone, as shown in Schedule H, by any aquaculture activity, energy generation structure, port structure, or marina.	Non-complying Prohibited		

- (a) Any occupation of the CMA that is not specifically regulated by any of the rules in this Plan chapter or that does not comply with one or more conditions, standards or terms of a permitted or controlled activity rule, but which is not expressly classified as a discretionary, non-complying or prohibited activity is a **discretionary activity** under Rule 17-39.
- (b) Any occupation relating to or impacting on safe navigation must also have approval from Maritime New Zealand. (Refer s395 RMA and s 200(7) Maritime Transport Act 1994).
- (c) For any Aquaculture Management Areas reference should be made to the Guidelines for Aquaculture Management Areas and Marine Farms, Maritime New Zealand, 2005.
- Any activity covered by Rule 17-2 must also comply with relevant navigation safety requirements set out in The Manawatu River and Tributaries Navigation and Safety Bylaws 2004 2010 or Part 91 of the Maritime Rules under the Maritime Transport Act 1994.



#### 17.3 Structures

#### 17.3.1 Policies

## Policy 17-4: Consent decision-making for new structures^

When making decisions on resource consent\_ applications and setting consent conditions\_ for structures\_ in the CMA, the Regional Council will must have particular regard to:

- the objectives and policies of Chapter 9 the Regional Policy Statement, particularly all the objectives and policies of Chapters 4 and 9, Objective 3-1 and Policies 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4 and 3-5, Objective 7-2 and Policy 7-7, Objective 10-1 and Policies 10-4 to 10-6 and any relevant policies in the NZCPS New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement,
- (b) the objectives and policies of Chapter 10
- (c) the functional operational necessity for locating the structure in the coastal marine area CMA,
- (d) the provisions for public access and safety, including navigation safety,
- the avoidance, as far as <u>reasonably practicable practical</u>, of any adverse <u>effects</u> on natural character and landscape, <u>tikanga Māori</u> <u>cultural values</u>, <u>historic heritage</u> <u>values</u>, indigenous flora and fauna, and the stability of <u>river</u> banks and the <u>foreshore</u>. <u>Where avoidance is not reasonably practicable, the adverse <u>effects</u> must be remedied or mitigated.</u>
- (f) whether the *structure* is of a suitable scale for the surrounding area, and uses the *space* in the CMA efficiently,
- (g) whether the *structure* is to be built and maintained in a manner to withstand coastal processes and *natural hazards*, including any potential *effects* of *climate change* and *sea level rise*\*,
- (h) any consequential adverse *effects* on other parts of the coast including whether the *structure* may affect sediment transport or exacerbate erosion or the risk of inundation, and
- (i) whether the structure contributes to any cumulative adverse effects in the vicinity of the proposed structure.

# Policy 17-5: Consent decision-making for existing structures^

When making decisions on *resource consent* applications and setting consent *conditions* for activities involving existing *structures* in the CMA, the Regional Council will must have particular regard to:



- (a) the objectives and policies of Chapter 9 the Regional Policy Statement, particularly all the objectives and policies of Chapters 4 and 9, Objective 3-1 and Policies 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4 and 3-5, Objective 7-2 and Policy 7-7, Objective 10-1 and Policies 10-4 to 10-6 and any relevant policies in the NZCPS New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement,
- (b) the extent to which existing *structures*^ have reduce adverse *effects*^ on natural character, *amenity values*^ and public access,
- (c) ensuring that any alteration is of a similar scale and character to the existing *structure*, avoids as far as <u>reasonably</u> practicable any adverse *effects*<sup>^</sup> on ecological values or physical processes, and provides for public access and safety,
- (d) the matters set out in Policy 17-4 where there is a proposed extension to an existing structure^, and
- (e) the need to remove derelict or redundant *structures*, and any excess material from *structures*, being replaced or maintained, unless such removal is likely to result in more significant adverse *effects*, than leaving the *structure*, or material in place.

## 17.3.2 Rules

Rule	Activity	Classification	Conditions/Standards/Terms	Control/Discretion
17-6  Maintenance* and repair of structures*	(a) Structures^: The maintenance* errepair* (excluding removal or demolition) of any lawfully established structure^ located in, on, under or over the foreshore^ or seabed pursuant to s12(1) RMA and any associated ancillary:  (i) disturbance of the foreshore^ or seabed pursuant to s12(1) RMA  (ii) deposition of natural marine substances on the foreshore or seabed pursuant to s12(1) RMA  (iii) discharge^ of water^ or contaminants^ into the CMA pursuant to s15(1) RMA  (iv) damming or diversion of	Permitted	<ul> <li>(a) The activity shall must not increase the area of the foreshore or seabed, or the volume of the water column, occupied by the existing structure.</li> <li>(b) The activity shall must comply with the standard conditions listed in Table 17.1 for the relevant Value, other than condition 17-1(h).</li> <li>(c) Any discharge or removed foreshore or seabed material or plants onto or into land shall comply with the conditions of Rule 16-23</li> </ul>	Non-Notification



Rule	Activity	Classification	Conditions/Standards/Terms	Control/Discretion
				Non-Notification
	coastal water in the CMA pursuant to s14(1) or s14(2) RMA.			
	(b) Associated removal of foreshore_ or seabed material and plants: The removal of foreshore_ or seabed material or plants for the purpose of maintaining the functional integrity of a structure_ located in, on, under or over the foreshore_ or seabed (pursuant to s12(1) or s12(2) RMA), including flushing accumulated sediment, and any associated ancillary:			
	(i) damming or diversion of water_ in the CMA pursuant to s14(1) or s14(2) RMA  (ii) discharge_ of water_ or sediment into the CMA pursuant to s15(1) RMA			
	(iii) deposition of removed material or plants in or on the bed^pursuant to s12(1) RMA  (iv) discharge^pof removed foreshore^por seabed material or plants onto or into land^ninthe CMA pursuant to s15(1) RMA.			



Rule	Activity	Classification	Conditions/Standards/Terms	Control/Discretion
17-7 Removal or demolition of structures^	The removal or demolition of a structure_ or any part of a structure_ located in, on, under or over the foreshore_ or seabed pursuant to s12(1) RMA and any associated ancillary:  (a) disturbance of the foreshore_ or seabed pursuant to s12(1) RMA  (b) deposition of natural marine substances on the foreshore_ or seabed pursuant to s12(1) RMA  (c) discharge_ of water_ or contaminants_ into the CMA pursuant to s15(1) RMA  (d) damming or diversion of eoastal water_ in the CMA pursuant to s14(1) or s14(2) RMA.	Permitted	<ul> <li>(a) The activity shall must comply with the standard conditions listed in Table 17.1 for the relevant Value.</li> <li>(b) The Regional Council shall must be informed in writing of the removal or demolition of any of the following structures, at least 10 working days prior to the commencement of the removal or demolition: <ul> <li>(i) access structures in or on the foreshore or seabed, including bridges, culverts and fords</li> <li>(ii) structures occupying more than 5 m² of the foreshore or seabed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Non-Notification
17-8 Navigation aids, lines, cables, pipelines and ropeways, whitebait* stands and maimai	The erection, reconstruction, placement, alteration or extension of any navigation aid, line, cable, pipeline, ropeway (but excluding any such structure^used for aquaculture purposes), whitebait* stand, or maimai pursuant to s12(1) RMA and any associated ancillary:  (a) occupation^ of the foreshore^ or seabed, pursuant to s12(2) RMA  (b) disturbance of the foreshore^ or seabed pursuant to s12(1) RMA  (c) deposition of natural marine substances on the foreshore^ or seabed pursuant to s12(1) RMA  (d) discharge^ of water^ or contaminants^ into the CMA pursuant to s15(1) RMA	Permitted	<ul> <li>(a) Ne Any whitebait* stand or maimai shall must not be located within the Port Activity Management Area zene or within a waterbody valued as a Site of Significance Aquatic as shown in Schedule D.</li> <li>(b) Any navigation aid shall must meet the requirements set out by Maritime NZ in New Zealand's System of Buoys and Beacons (2005).</li> <li>(c) The floor area of any whitebait* or maimai structure shall must not exceed 5 m².</li> <li>(d) The activity shall must comply with the conditions (a), (e), (g), (i), (j), (l) and (m) listed in Table 17.1 for the relevant Value.</li> </ul>	



Rule	Activity	Classification	Conditions/Standards/Terms	Control/Discretion Non-Notification
	(e) damming or diversion of <del>coastal</del> water in the CMA pursuant to s14(1) or s14(2) RMA.			Non-Notification
17-9 Structures_ in the Port Activity Management Area zone	The erection, reconstruction, placement, or alteration, or removal of any boat ramp, wharf, jetty, pontoon, or boat mooring structure^ located within the Port Activity Management Area zone as shown in Schedule H pursuant to s12(1) RMA and any associated ancillary:  (a) occupation^ of the foreshore^ or seabed, pursuant to s12(2) RMA  (b) disturbance of the foreshore^ or seabed pursuant to s12(1) RMA  (c) deposition of natural marine substances on the foreshore^ or seabed pursuant to s12(1) RMA  (d) discharge^ of water^ or contaminants^ into the CMA pursuant to s15(1) RMA  (e) damming or diversion of eoastal water^ in the CMA pursuant to s14(1) or s14(2) RMA.	Controlled	<ul> <li>(a) The erection, reconstruction, placement or alteration shall must have the prior written approval of the relevant manager of the port company operating within the Port Activity Management Area zone or the manager of the marina operating in the Port Activity Management Area zone.</li> <li>(b) Any activity related to the marina shall must not extend beyond the existing area currently occupied as at 31 May 2007.</li> <li>(c) The activity shall must comply with the conditions listed in Table 17.1 for the relevant Value.</li> </ul>	Control is reserved over:  (a) efficient use of <u>space^ in</u> the CMA  (b) effects_on water_quality  (c) extent of disturbance to the foreshore_or seabed  (d) the material to be used for the structure_(e) duration of consent  (f) review of consent conditions_(g) compliance monitoring.
17-9A Wharf extension in the Port Activity Management Area	The erection, reconstruction, placement, alteration, or extension of any wharf structure^ pursuant to s12(1) RMA located within the Port Activity  Management Area as shown in Schedule H, and any ancillary:  (a) occupation^ of the foreshore^ or seabed pursuant to s12(2) RMA  (b) disturbance of the foreshore^ or seabed pursuant to s12(1) RMA	Permitted	<ul> <li>(a) The activity must comply with the conditions^ listed in Table 17.1 for the relevant Value other than conditions 17.1(h) and (k).</li> <li>(b) Any extension in length to the wharf must not be greater than 10% of the existing length of 570 m.</li> <li>(c) There must be no extension in width to the existing wharf.</li> <li>(d) The width of any extension referred to in (b) must be the same or a lesser width as the existing wharf.</li> <li>(e) The design and materials used must be similar in nature</li> </ul>	



Rule	Activity	Classification	Conditions/Standards/Terms	Control/Discretion
	(c) deposition of natural marine substances on the foreshore^ or seabed pursuant to s12(1) RMA  (d) discharge^ of water^ or contaminants^ into the CMA pursuant to s15(1) RMA  (e) damming or diversion of water^ in the CMA pursuant to s14(1) or 14(2) RMA.		and scale of effects^ to those used for the existing wharf structure^.  (f) The structure^ must be designed to withstand the effects^ of climate change^ and sea level rise*.  (g) The Regional Council must be notified at least 10 working days^ prior to commencement of any work.	Non-Notification
17-10 Structures^ for public access	Except as otherwise regulated by Rule 17-12, the erection, reconstruction, placement, alteration or extension of any public walkway or foot accessway structure^ pursuant to s12(1) RMA, and any associated ancillary:  (a) occupation^ of space^ in the CMA pursuant to s12(2) RMA  (b) disturbance of the foreshore^ or seabed pursuant to s12(1) RMA  (c) deposition of natural marine substances on the foreshore^ or seabed pursuant to s12(1) RMA  (d) discharge^ of water^ or contaminants^ into the CMA pursuant to s15(1) RMA  (e) damming or diversion of coastal water^ in the CMA pursuant to s14(1) or s14(2) RMA.	Controlled Restricted Discretionary	(a) The structure shall not be located within a waterbody valued as a Site of Significance - Aquatic as shown in Schedule D.  (b) The activity shall comply with the conditions listed in Table 17.1.	Centrol is reserved over: Discretion is restricted to:  (a) public access and safety  (b) effects on aesthetic values, amenity values, and natural character and indigenous flora and fauna  (c) the method of undertaking the activity  (d) the timing and/or staging of the activity  (e) duration of consent  (f) review of consent conditions  (g) compliance monitoring.



Rule	Activity	Classification	Conditions/Standards/Terms	Control/Discretion
				Non-Notification
17-11 Aquaculture structures^	The erection, reconstruction, placement, alteration or extension of any structure for the purpose of aquaculture pursuant to s12(1) RMA and any associated ancillary:  (a) occupation of space in the CMA pursuant to s12(2) RMA  (b) disturbance of the foreshore or seabed pursuant to s12(1) RMA  (c) deposition of natural marine substances on the foreshore or seabed pursuant to s12(1) RMA  (d) damming or diversion of water in the CMA pursuant to s14(1) or s14(2) RMA  (e) discharge of water or contaminants into the CMA or sediment pursuant to s15(1) RMA	Controlled	<ul> <li>(a) The activity shall must occur only within an operative Aquaculture Management Area established in accordance with Policy 17-1.</li> <li>(b) The activity shall must comply with the conditions listed in Table 17.1 for the relevant Value.</li> </ul>	Control is reserved over:  (a) the type, quantity and frequency of any discharges^  (b) any effects^ on navigation safety  (c) the method of undertaking the activity  (d) the timing and/er staging of the activity  (e) duration of consent  (f) review of consent conditions^  (g) compliance monitoring.
17-12 Large structures^ which impound the CMA, are parallel to shore, or are oblique or perpendicular to shore	Except as prohibited by Rule 17-14, the erection er of any structure pursuant to s12(1) RMA which:  (a) will impound or effectively contain 4 ha or more of the CMA, or  (b) is solid (or presents a significant barrier to water or sediment movement), and when established on the foreshore or seabed would extend 300 m or more in length more or less parallel to the line of MHWS mean high water spring, including separate structures which total 300 m or more contiguously, or  (c) is solid (or presents a significant	Discretionary and restricted coastal activity		



Rule	Activity	Classification	Conditions/Standards/Terms	Control/Discretion Non-Notification
	barrier to water_or sediment movement), is sited obliquely or perpendicularly in horizontal projection to the line of MHWS mean high water spring in the CMA, and in horizontal projection is 100 m or more in length, including separate structures_which total 100 m or more contiguously.			Non-Notification
	For the avoidance of doubt this <i>rule</i> does not include submarine or subaqueous cables.			
17-13 Petroleum and chemical storage	Except as prohibited by Rule 17-14, any activity involving the erection of a structure^ pursuant to s12(1) RMA for the storage or containment of any petroleum, petroleum products, or contaminants^, in quantities greater than 50,000 litres.	Discretionary and restricted coastal activity		
17-14  Structures_ in a Protection Activity Management Area zone	Any activity within a Protection Activity  Management Area zene shown in  Schedule H, which involves the erection of any of the following structures^ pursuant to s12(1) RMA:  (a) a structure^ for the storage or containment of petroleum products or contaminants^  (b) a structure^ which will impound or effectively contain 4 ha or more of the CMA	Prohibited		
	(c) a wharf, marina, boat shed, aquaculture structure^ or energy generation structure^.			



- (a) Use <u>and</u>, maintenance and repair of structures: the above rules permit the ongoing use <u>and</u>, maintenance and repair of structures once they are established (subject to any stated conditions). For structures requiring a consent, this means that consents can be granted for a short duration. The rules are intended to avoid the need for resource users to hold long-term consents enabling the use or upkeep of structures once they are established.
- (b) Structures under s12 RMA that are not specifically covered by a rule in this Plan chapter are a discretionary activity under Rule 17-39.
- (c) Structures under s12 RMA that do not comply with the permitted or controlled rules and are not otherwise discretionary or prohibited are a discretionary activity under Rule 17-39.
- (d) Structures may also require a building consent under the Building Act 2004.
- (e) Any structure relating to or impacting on safe navigation must also have approval from Maritime New Zealand (refer s395 RMA and s 200(7) Maritime Transport Act 1994).
- (f) For any aquaculture structure, reference should be made to the Guidelines for Aquaculture Management Areas and Marine Farms, Maritime New Zealand, 2005.

# 17.4 Reclamations and Drainage

#### 17.4.1 Policies

## Policy 17-6: Consent decision-making for reclamation and drainage

When making decisions on resource consent\_ applications and setting consent conditions\_ for activities involving reclamation or drainage of the foreshore\_ or seabed, the Regional Council will must have particular regard to:

- (a) the objectives and policies of Chapter 9 the Regional Policy Statement, particularly all the objectives and policies of Chapters 4 and 9, Objective 3-1 and Policies 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4 and 3-5, Objective 7-2 and Policy 7-7, Objective 10-1 and Policies 10-4 to 10-6 and any relevant policies in the NZCPS New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement,
- (b) the functional necessity for <u>locating</u> the activity <u>in the CMA</u>,
- (c) the efficient use of any area to be reclaimed or drained by minimising the area used to the extent reasonable,
- (d) avoiding any restrictions on public access, other than for <u>commercial</u>, safety, <u>reasons</u> <u>cultural or conservation purposes</u>, <u>or to ensure a</u> level of security appropriate for activities authorised by a <u>resource consent</u>^,
- (e) ensuring that only cleanfill (being material used in any reclamation that is uncontaminated by:
  - (i) substances which when subjected to biological, chemical or physical breakdown which would degrade water quality, or
  - (ii) pest plant material which could propagate or proliferate within or beyond the site\* ) is used in any reclamation,
- (f) ensuring that any reclamation or drainage is not sited where there are existing significant areas of indigenous flora or fauna <u>feeding</u>, breeding, <u>spawning</u>, or nesting <u>or roosting</u> areas,



- (g) avoiding any adverse effects on <u>tikanga Māori</u> cultural values or historic heritage, and <u>avoiding</u>, remedying or mitigating any adverse effects on natural character and any characteristic identified within any Protection Activity Management Area set out in Table H.1,
- (h) requiring proof that a reclamation has been designed and approved by a registered engineer with experience in coastal processes and construction, and has taken into account the *effects*<sup>^</sup> of future *sea level rise*<sup>\*</sup> and potential storm surges,
- (i) ensuring that any drainage of, on or across the *foreshore* will not result in instability of the beach, estuarine substrate or *river* bank areas, or adversely impact on *water* quality at the *discharge* sites\*, and
- (j) available alternatives to the applicant's proposal and the applicant's reason for making the proposed choice.

## 17.4.2 Rules

Rule	Activity	Classification	Conditions/Standards/Terms	Control/Discretion Non-Notification
17-15 Drainage	Any drainage of, on or across the foreshore or seabed pursuant to s12(1) RMA.	Discretionary		
17-16 Small reclamations except in Protection Activity Management Areas Zones	The reclamation of any area of the foreshore or seabed pursuant to s12(1) RMA, except as otherwise covered by Rule 17-16A and excluding those areas identified as Protection Activity Management Areas zones set out in Schedule H.	Discretionary	<ul> <li>(a) Either: <ul> <li>(i) the reclamation shall must be less than 1 ha, or</li> <li>(ii) the reclamation shall must extend less than 100 m in all directions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) In the case of an incremental reclamation connected to or part of another reclamation which was commenced or which received a resource consent after 5 May 1994, the sum of the existing and proposed reclamations must not exceed the dimensions specified in condition (a).</li> </ul>	
17-16A Small reclamation within the Port Activity Management Area	The reclamation of any area of the foreshore^ or seabed pursuant to s12(1) RMA, in the Port Activity Management Area as shown on Figure H10A, and any ancillary:  (a) occupation^ of space^ in the CMA pursuant to s12(2) RMA	Restricted Discretionary	(a) Either:  (i) the reclamation must be less than 1 ha, or  (ii) the reclamation must extend less than 100 m in all directions.  (b) In the case of an incremental reclamation connected to or part of another reclamation which was commenced or which received a resource consent^ after 5 May 1994,	Discretion is restricted to:  (a) the functional necessity for the reclamation  (b) the material used as fill for the reclamation  (c) the visual amenity of the activity  (d) any hydrodynamic impacts on the



Rule	Activity	Classification	Conditions/Standards/Terms	Control/Discretion
				Non-Notification
	(b) structure^ pursuant to s12(1) (c) disturbance of the foreshore^ or seabed pursuant to s12(1) RMA (d) discharge^ of water^ or contaminants^ into the CMA pursuant to s15(1) RMA.		the sum of the existing and proposed reclamations must not exceed the size dimensions specified in condition (a).	neighbouring shoreline, including existing significant areas of indigenous flora or fauna breeding or nesting areas  (e) the timing of the activity (f) the design parameters of the activity to address the effects^ of sea level rise* and storm surge (g) review of consent conditions^.
17-17 Large reclamations except in Protection Activity Management Areas zones	The reclamation of any area of the foreshore or seabed pursuant to s12(1) RMA, excluding those areas identified as Protection Activity Management Areas zones in Schedule H, which does not comply with Rule 17-16.	Discretionary and restricted coastal activity		
17-18 Small reclamations in Protection Activity Management Areas	The reclamation of any area of the foreshore or seabed pursuant to s12(1) RMA within any Protection Activity Management Area zone shown in Schedule H.	Non-complying	<ul> <li>(a) Either: <ul> <li>(i) the reclamation shall must be less than 1 ha, or</li> <li>(ii) the reclamation shall must extend less than 100 m in all directions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) In the case of an incremental reclamation connected to or part of another reclamation which was commenced or which received a resource consent after 5 May 1994, the sum of the existing and proposed reclamations must not exceed the dimensions specified in condition (a).</li> </ul>	
17-19 Large reclamations in Protection <u>Activity</u> <u>Management Areas</u> <del>zones</del>	The reclamation of any area of the foreshore or seabed pursuant to s12(1) RMA, within any Protection Activity Management Area zone shown in Schedule H, which does not comply with Rule 17-18.	Non-complying and restricted coastal activity		

(a) Any reclamation relating to or impacting on safe navigation must also have approval from Maritime New Zealand (refer s 395 RMA and s 200(7) Maritime Transport Act 1994).



# 17.5 Disturbances, Removal and Deposition

#### 17.5.1 Policies

## Policy 17-7: Consent decision-making for activities involving disturbance, removal or deposition

When making decisions on *resource consent* applications and setting consent *conditions* for activities involving the disturbance of the *foreshore* or seabed, the deposition of substances in, on or under the *foreshore* or seabed, or the removal of any sand, shell, shingle or other natural materials from the CMA, the Regional Council will must have particular regard to:

- (a) the objectives and policies of Chapter 9 the Regional Policy Statement, particularly all the objectives and policies of Chapters 4 and 9, Objective 3-1 and Policies 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4 and 3-5, Objective 7-2 and Policy 7-7, Objective 10-1 and Policies 10-4 to 10-6 and any relevant policies in the NZCPS New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement,
- (b) Policy 6-32 the applicable Water Management Zone\* or Sub-zone\* and the relevant water quality Values and targets in Schedule H,
- (c) <u>avoiding</u> any <u>effects</u> <u>restrictions</u> on public access, <u>other than for commercial, safety, cultural or conservation purposes, or to ensure a level of security appropriate for activities authorised by a <u>resource consent</u>, and any adverse <u>effects</u> on natural character and any known and publicly used shellfish beds.</u>
- (d) any *effects*^ on any feeding, breeding, spawning, nesting or roosting areas,
- (e) avoiding as far as <u>reasonably practicable</u>, <u>practical</u> any resultant <u>adverse</u> <u>effects</u> on coastal erosion, or <u>the</u> on risk <u>of</u> from inundation, or on the stability of <del>coastal edges and</del> banks or <u>foreshore</u>, or on flood control <u>structures</u>,
- (f) avoiding any adverse effects on the relationship of tikanga Māori with taonga or on historic heritage, and avoiding, remedying or mitigating any adverse effects on or significant flora or fauna habitat any characteristic identified within any Protection Activity Management Area set out in Table H.1 zone,
- (g) mitigating any adverse effects on recreational and amenity values.
- (h) ensuring, where non-marine material is being deposited within the CMA, that it is does not contain any *hazardous substances*\* or commercial or household *wastes*\*, and
- (i) where the removal of sand, shingle, shell or other natural materials is for commercial purposes, the available alternatives to the applicant's proposal and the applicant's reason for making the proposed choice.



# 17.5.2 Rules

Rule	Activity	Classification	Conditions/Standards/Terms	Control/Discretion Non-Notification
17-20 Removal of minor quantities of material	The removal of sand, shingle, shell, driftwood or dead seaweed pursuant to s12(1) (2) RMA and any associated ancillary:  (a) disturbance of the foreshore or seabed pursuant to s12(1) RMA  (b) deposition of natural marine substances on the foreshore or seabed pursuant to s12(1) RMA  (c) discharge of water or contaminants into the CMA pursuant to s15(1) RMA  (d) damming or diversion of coastal water in the CMA pursuant to s14(1) or s14(2) RMA.	Permitted	<ul> <li>(a) The sand, shingle, shell, driftwood or dead seaweed shall must be for private use only and not for sale or exchange.</li> <li>(b) The sand, shingle, shell, driftwood or dead seaweed shall must only be removed by hand or by using a handheld non-mechanical device.</li> <li>(c) Any sand or shingle shall must not be removed from within 20 m of any seawall, groyne (or similar structure^) or the seaward toe of any sand dune.</li> <li>(d) The activity shall must comply with conditions (i) and (j) in Table 17.1.</li> </ul>	Non-Nourication
17-21 Minor disturbances, removal and deposition	Except as otherwise regulated by the  rules^ in Section 17.3.2, any disturbance,  removal or deposition of material on the  foreshore^ or seabed pursuant to s12(1)  or s12(2) RMA associated with ancillary  to the following activities:  (a) exploration or drilling of the seabed  occurring more than 1 km seaward  of mean high water spring  (b) installation of permanent anchors  (c) burial of stock and marine fauna  found dead in the CMA  (d) clearing sediment from blocked  river^ mouths, outfall structures^,  intake structures^ and culverts	Permitted	<ul> <li>(a) The clearing of sediment from blocked <i>river</i> mouths shall must only be undertaken by a local authority or its authorised contractors.</li> <li>(b) Any burial of dead stock and marine fauna found in the CMA shall must not disturb any plant communities in a Protection Activity Management Area zene and must comply with conditions (f), (g), (i), (j), and (l)-(n) listed in Table 17.1 for the relevant Value.</li> <li>(c) The activity shall comply with the conditions listed in Table 17.1.</li> <li>(d) The installation of permanent anchors must comply with conditions (a)-(g) and (i)-(n) listed in Table 17.1 for the relevant Value.</li> <li>(e) Clearing sediment from outfall <i>structures</i> intake structures and culverts must comply with conditions</li> </ul>	



Rule	Activity	Classification	Conditions/Standards/Terms	Control/Discretion
				Non-Notification
	<ul> <li>(e) public recreational activities</li> <li>(f) beach grooming</li> <li>and any associated ancillary: <ul> <li>(i) occupation of space in the CMA pursuant to s12(2) RMA</li> <li>(ii) discharge of water or sediments into the CMA pursuant to s15(1) RMA</li> <li>(iii) damming or diversion of coastal water in the CMA pursuant to s14(1) or s14(2) RMA.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		(a)-(g) and (i)-(n) listed in Table 17.1 for the relevant Value.  (f) Any public recreational activities or beach grooming must comply with conditions (e)-(g), (i) and (j) listed in Table 17.1 for the relevant Value.	
17-21A Minor disturbances from drilling	Any disturbance, removal or deposition of material on the foreshore^ or seabed pursuant to s12(1) or s12(2) RMA associated with the exploration or drilling of the seabed occurring more than 1 km seaward from MHWS on the open coast and any ancillary:  (i) occupation^ of space^ in the CMA pursuant to s12(2) RMA  (ii) discharge^ of water^ into the CMA pursuant to s15(1) RMA  (iii) discharge^ of drilling muds, cuttings, and inert drilling fluids into the CMA pursuant to s15(1) RMA  (iv) discharge^ to air from combustion involving the flaring of hydrocarbons from petroleum exploration or wellhead production flows into the CMA pursuant to s15(1) RMA.	Permitted	<ul> <li>(a) The bore* or drilling must be for the purposes of investigating water^, oil*, gas or seabed resources.</li> <li>(b) The diameter of any bore* or drill hole must be 1.5 metres or less.</li> <li>(c) The bore* must be cased and sealed to prevent leakage from: <ul> <li>(i) groundwater to coastal water^, and</li> <li>(ii) coastal water^ to groundwater.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(d) Any drilling must not involve the use of explosives, except for down-hole activities.</li> <li>(e) Any flare point must occur more than 1 km seaward from MHWS on the open coast.</li> <li>(f) No non-petroleum wellstream product can be combusted.</li> </ul>	



Rule	Activity	Classification	Conditions/Standards/Terms	Control/Discretion
				Non-Notification
17-21B Shellfish enhancement	Any disturbance of the foreshore^ or seabed, pursuant to s12(1) RMA for the purposes of non-commercial shellfish enhancement, and any ancillary:  (a) occupation^ of space^ in the CMA pursuant to s12(2) RMA.	<u>Permitted</u>	(a) The shellfish enhancement must occur only in the same location as existing shellfish beds.  (b) Any shellfish spat used must be from the same species as naturally resides in the same area.  (c) The activity must comply with conditions (b), (e)-(g) and (i)-(k) listed in Table 17.1 for the relevant Value.	
17-22 Beach nourishment	Any disturbance, removal or deposition of natural marine substances on the foreshore or seabed pursuant to s12(1) or 12(2) RMA for the purposes of beach nourishment, and any associated ancillary:  (a) occupation of space in the CMA pursuant to s12(2) RMA  (b) discharge of water or contaminants into the CMA pursuant to s15(1) RMA.	Controlled	contaminants that are not already present in natural materials at the site*	Control is reserved over:  (a) the particle size and composition  (b) the timing of the activity  (c) duration, fees and charges, reviews and monitoring.
17-23 Port Activity Management Area zone and Whanganui River maintenance dredging	Any disturbance or removal of the foreshore or seabed, pursuant to s12(1) or 12(2) RMA and s cl4 RM Resource Management (Marine Pollution) Regulations 1998, arising from maintenance dredging within the Port Activity Management Area zone or the Whanganui River maintenance dredging areas shown in Schedule H Figure H:10A as Dredging Area 1 and Dredging Area 2, and any associated ancillary deposition of dredged material in the CMA pursuant to s12(1) RMA and cl4 of those Regulations.	Discretionary	<ul> <li>(a) The dredging shall must be for the purpose of maintaining water depths and access to and within the Port Activity Management Area zene.</li> <li>(b) In any 12-month period, the quantity of material dredged or deposited within the CMA shall must not exceed 240,000 m³.</li> <li>(c) The dredging shall must occur within the Dredging zenes Areas identified in Schedule H Figure H:10A.</li> <li>(d) The disposal of any dredged material shall must occur within the dump zenes Discharge Areas identified in Schedule H Figure H:10A.</li> <li>(e) The disposal of any dredged material must only occur on the outgoing tide.</li> <li>(f) The location of the dredged material must be monitored in accordance with conditions set by the Regional Council.</li> </ul>	



Rule	Activity	Classification	Conditions/Standards/Terms	Control/Discretion Non-Notification
			(g) Any application must include information specified in Part I of Schedule 3 of the Resource Management (Marine Pollution) Regulations 1998.	
17-24 Port and General Activity Management Areas: Large-scale disturbances, removal and deposition excluding	Any activity involving, in any 12-month period, the disturbance, removal or deposition of marine material within the CMA pursuant to s12(1) or s12(2) RMA and which is not otherwise regulated by Rule 17-23 where:  (a) the quantity of material involved is	Discretionary and restricted coastal activity		
protection zones	greater than 50,000 m³, or  (b) the area involved is equal to or greater than 4 ha, or  (c) the length of <i>foreshore</i> or seabed involved is equal to or greater than 1,000 metres.			
17-25  Protection Activity Management Areas: Small-scale to medium-scale disturbances, removal and deposition in protection zones	Any activity involving, in any 12-month period, the disturbance, removal or deposition of marine material pursuant to s12(1) or s12(2) RMA within a Protection Activity Management Area zone, which is not otherwise covered by the rules in Section 17.3.2 17-3, Rules 17-20, Rule 17-21, 17-21B, Rule 17-22 or Rule 17-26.	Non-complying		
17-26 Protection Activity Management Areas: Large-scale disturbances, removal and deposition in protection zones	Any activity involving, in any 12-month period, the disturbance, removal or deposition of marine material pursuant to s12(1) or s12(2) RMA within a Protection Activity Management Area zone where:  (a) the quantity of material involved is greater than 50,000 m³, or  (b) the area involved is equal to or	Non-complying and restricted coastal activity		



Rule	Activity	Classification	Conditions/Standards/Terms	Control/Discretion
				Non-Notification
	greater than 4 ha, or			
	(c) the length of foreshore or seabed			
	involved is equal to or greater than			
	1,000 m <del>etres</del> .			

- (a) Deposits, disturbances and removal in the CMA that are not specifically covered by a rule in this Plan chapter are a discretionary activity under Rule 17-39.
- (b) Deposits, disturbances and removal in the CMA that do not comply with a permitted or controlled activity rule and are not otherwise discretionary, non-complying or prohibited are a **discretionary activity** under Rule 17-39.

# 17.6 Water Takes, Uses, Damming and Diversions

#### 17.6.1 Policies

# Policy 17-8: Consent decision-making for take and or use of coastal water in the CMA

When making decisions on *resource consent* applications and setting consent *conditions* for the take and or use of *water* from the CMA, the Regional Council will must have particular regard to:

- (a) the objectives and policies of Chapter 9 the Regional Policy Statement, particularly all the objectives and policies of Chapters 4 and 9, Objective 3-1 and Policies 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4 and 3-5 and any relevant policies in the NZCPS, and New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement
- (b) ensuring any intake pipe is located and screened such that the "intake" of marine fauna (including at spawning stages) is avoided, and any scouring of the *foreshore*^ or seabed is avoided.

## Policy 17-9: Consent decision-making for damming and diversions in the CMA

When making decisions on resource consent\_ applications and setting consent conditions\_ for any activity in the CMA involving the damming or diversion of coastal water\_, the Regional Council will must have particular regard to:

(a) the objectives and policies of Chapter 9 the Regional Policy Statement, particularly all the objectives and policies of Chapters 4 and 9, Objective 3-1 and Policies 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4 and 3-5, Objective 7-2 and Policy 7-7, Objective 10-1 and Policies 10-4 to 10-6 and any relevant policies in the NZCPS New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement,



- (b) the objectives and policies of Chapter 6, Chapter 10 and Chapter 15 that are relevant to the activity, and in particular the water management zones in Schedule D the applicable Water Management Zone\* or Sub-zone\* and the relevant water^ quality Values and targets in Schedule H,
- (c) the <u>functional</u> necessity for <u>locating</u> the activity <u>in the CMA</u>,
- (d) avoiding any adverse *effects* on fish spawning and bird <u>feeding</u>, <u>breeding</u>, nesting, or roosting areas,
- (e) ensuring that any adverse effects on water clarity are not visibly noticeable within 24 hours of the activity being completed.
- (f) ensuring that any adverse *effects* on *river* bank stability or coastal sediment processes do not contribute to erosion elsewhere or exacerbate the risk from *natural hazards*, and
- (g) ensuring that public access is not unreasonably restricted.

## 17.6.2 Rules

Rule	Activity	Classification	Conditions/Standards/Terms	Control/Discretion Non-Notification
17-27 Take and use of water^	Any take or use of water from the coastal marine area CMA.	Permitted	<ul> <li>(a) The activity shall must comply with the standard conditions (i) and (j) in Table 17.1.</li> <li>(b) A screen shall be used, and the intake velocity shall be sufficiently low so as to ensure that the take of water does not cause juvenile fish or other fauna to be damaged, killed or removed from the water body. An intake screen with a mesh aperture size not exceeding 3 mm in diameter must be used and the intake velocity must not exceed 0.3 m/s.</li> </ul>	
17-28 Drainage and diversions of water^ in the CMA	Any activity which is authorised by Rules 15-9, 15-10 or 15-11 of this Plan and which results in any drainage or diversions of <i>water</i> into the <del>coastal</del> marine area CMA.	Permitted	(a) The activity shall must comply with all conditions of Rules 15-9, 15-10 and 15-11, as if those conditions apply to the coastal marine area CMA.	

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- (a) Water takes and uses in the CMA that do not comply with a permitted activity rule are a **discretionary activity** under Rule 17-39.
- (b) Any damming or diversion of water in the CMA that is not specifically regulated by any other rule in this Plan chapter is a discretionary activity under Rule 17-39.



# 17.7 Discharges

#### 17.7.1 Policies

## Policy 17-10: Consent decision-making for discharges into the CMA

When making decisions on *resource consent* applications and setting consent *conditions* for *discharges* into the CMA, the Regional Council will <u>must</u> have <u>particular</u> regard to:

- (a) the objectives and policies of Chapter 9 the Regional Policy Statement, particularly all the objectives and policies of Chapters 4 and 9, Objective 3-1 and Policies 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4 and 3-5, Objective 7-2 and Policy 7-7, Objective 10-1 and Policies 10-4 to 10-6 and any relevant policies in the NZCPS New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement,
- (b) the relevant objectives and policies of Chapter 6 and any relevant policies in Chapter 13, and in particular Policies 6-1 to 6-5 and the water management zones set out in Schedule D
- (ba) the applicable Water Management Zone\* or Sub-zone\* and the relevant water^ quality Values and targets in Schedule H,
- (c) restricting the use of hazardous substances\* in any estuary, or river (or including stream) in the CMA to those necessary to control pest plants or marine fauna identified pursuant to a pest management strategy prepared under the Biosecurity Act 1993,
- (d) <u>tikanga Māori^</u> <u>cultural values</u>, amenity values\_, recreational values and public health and safety, and ensuring any adverse <u>effects\_</u> are avoided as far as <u>reasonably</u> practicable. <u>Where avoidance is not reasonably practicable, the adverse <u>effects\_</u> must be remedied or <u>mitigated, and</u></u>
- (e) <u>ensuring that</u> any *discharge*^, after reasonable mixing, <del>should</del> <u>must</u> not result in:
  - (i) the production of any conspicuous oil\* or grease films, scums or foams,
  - (ii) floatable or suspended materials,
  - (iii) any conspicuous change in the colour or visual clarity of water in the coastal marine area, or
  - (iv) any emission of objectionable odour, or any significant adverse *effects* on aquatic life.

# Policy 17-11: Consent decision-making for sewage discharges^

When making decisions on *resource consent* applications and setting consent *conditions* for sewage *discharges* into the CMA, the Regional Council will <u>must</u> have <del>particular</del> regard to:



- the objectives and policies of Chapter 9 the Regional Policy Statement, particularly all the objectives and policies of Chapters 4 and 9, Objective 3-1 and Policies 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4 and 3-5, Objective 7-2 and Policy 7-7, Objective 10-1 and Policies 10-4 to 10-6 and any relevant policies in the NZCPS New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement,
- (b) the relevant objectives and policies of Chapter 6 and any relevant policies in Chapter 15, and in particular Policies 6-1 to 6-5 and the water management zones set out in Schedule D
- (ba) the applicable Water Management Zone\* or Sub-zone\* and the relevant water^ quality targets in Schedule H,
- (c) avoiding any *discharge* within any *river*, (including stream) or estuary in the CMA or within any Protection Activity Management Area zone identified in Schedule H,
- (d) the extent to which any alternatives have been considered, including discharging to land^, and
- (e) considering the views and concerns of tangata whenua in the decision-making process.

#### 17.7.2 Rules

Rule	Activity	Classification	Conditions/Standards/Terms	Control/Discretion Non-Notification
17-29  Discharges_ into water_ from ships^, boats, fire-fighting and oil* spills	Any discharge_ (excluding sewage) into the CMA pursuant to s15 RMA:  (a) of water into water  (b) associated with ancillary to the normal operation of a ship_ or boat, or  (c) for the purposes of fire-fighting or training for fire-fighting, or  (d) for the purposes of managing an oil_ spill.	Permitted	<ul> <li>(a) There shall must be no discharge of non-biodegradable matter.</li> <li>(b) Any substance used as an oil dispersant must be approved in accordance with the Marine Protection Rules Part 132: Dispersants and Demulsifiers (1998).</li> </ul>	
17-30  Discharges^ of stormwater	The discharge_ of stormwater into the CMA, pursuant to s15 RMA.	Permitted	<ul> <li>(a) The discharge shall must not contain any sewage.</li> <li>(b) The discharge shall must not include stormwater from any:</li> </ul>	

**Normal operation** – For the purpose of this *rule*^ "normal operation" includes *ship*^ propulsion, cooling water, washdown water from cleaning and bilge water containing less than 15 ppm of *oil*\*. In the context of this *rule*^ any *discharge*^ or *contaminants*^ resulting from hull cleaning or anti fouling or painting of vessels must be collected and removed from the *coastal marine area*^.



Rule Activity	Classification	Conditions/Standards/Terms	Control/Discretion
			Non-Notification
		(i) industrial or trade premises where hazardous substances are stored or used	
		(ii) contaminated land^	
		(iii) operating quarry or mineral extraction site*	
		unless there is an interceptor system* in place.	
		(c) For discharges that include stormwater from an any industrial or trade premises, or from land zoned as industrial, commercial or residential, an urban area, the catchment area of the discharge shall must not exceed 2 hectares ha.	
		(d) The activity shall must not cause erosion of any bank or foreshore area beyond the point of discharge, unless this is not practicably avoidable, in which case any erosion that occurs as a result of the discharge shall must be remedied as soon as practicable.	
		(e) For discharges of stormwater into the CMA the discharge shall must not cause, after reasonable mixing*, any of the following effects in the receiving water body:	
		(i) the production of conspicuous oil* or grease films, scums or foams, or floatable or suspended materials	
		(ii) any conspicuous change in the colour or visual clarity of the receiving water^	
		(iii) any emission of objectionable odour	
		(iv) toxicity to marine ecosystems.	
		(f) The discharge shall must not be to any historic heritage archaeological site, waahi tapu or koiwi remains as identified in any district plan, the Regional Coastal Plan. in the New Zealand Archaeological Association's Site Recording Scheme, or by the Historic Places Trust, except where Historic Places Trust approval has been obtained.	



Rule	Activity	Classification	Conditions/Standards/Terms	Control/Discretion
				Non-Notification
17-31  Discharges^ of stormwater not complying with Rule 17-30	The discharge of stormwater into the CMA, pursuant to s15 RMA, that:  (i) does not comply with Rule 17-30, or  (ii) is lawfully in existence at the time this rule comes into effect, but does not comply with Rule 17-30.	Controlled	<ul> <li>(a) The discharge shall must not include sewage.</li> <li>(b) The discharge shall must not include stormwater from any: <ul> <li>(i) industrial or trade premises where hazardous substances are stored or used</li> <li>(ii) contaminated land (iii) operating quarry or mineral extraction site unless there is an interceptor system in place.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(c) The discharge shall must not be toxic to marine ecosystems after reasonable mixing.</li> </ul>	Control is reserved over:  (a) measures to control flooding and erosion  (b) contaminant_ concentrations and loading rates  (c) measures required to comply with s107(1) RMA  (d) measures required to comply with the water_ quality standards targets for the relevant Water Management Zone odour management  (f) stormwater system maintenance requirements  (g) contingency requirements  (h) monitoring and information requirements  (i) duration of consent conditions
17-32  Discharges^ of dye and salt tracers	The discharge of dye and salt tracer material into the CMA, pursuant to s15 RMA, excluding radioisotope tracers.	Permitted	<ul> <li>(a) The dye or salt tracer material discharged shall must not exceed 20 l of dye in solution, 10 kg of salt, or 100 l of salt solution.</li> <li>(b) The Regional Council shall must be notified in writing of the proposed discharge at least 24 hours prior to the discharge. Such notification shall must include: <ul> <li>(i) the name and contact details of the person responsible for the discharge.</li> <li>(ii) the purpose and nature of the discharge.</li> <li>(iii) the nature of the tracer including its type, colour, and product name and description</li> <li>(iv) the location, timing and duration of the discharge.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(c) The dye or salt tracer shall must not be a hazardous</li> </ul>	(j) Teview of consent conditions



Rule	Activity	Classification	Conditions/Standards/Terms	Control/Discretion Non-Notification
			substance in terms of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996.	Non-Nounication
17-33 Application of agrichemicals*	The discharge^ of agrichemicals* into air, onto land^, or into water^, in the CMA, pursuant to s15 RMA.	Permitted	(a) The target species shall must be identified as a pest plant pest or pest animal pest in the Horizons Regional Council's Regional Pest Plant Management Strategy or the Horizons Council's Regional Pest Animal Management Strategy.	
			(b) The discharge shall must not contravene any requirement specified in the agrichemical manufacturer's instructions.	
			(c) The discharge shall must be undertaken in accordance with all mandatory requirements set out in NZS 8409:2004 Management of Agrichemicals.	
			(ca) There must be no measurable adverse effect^ on non-target species.	
			(d) Where the <i>discharge</i> is into <i>water</i> for the purpose of eradicating, modifying or controlling unwanted marine plants:	
			(i) only <i>agrichemicals</i> * approved for aquatic use <del>may</del> <u>can</u> be used	
			(ii) the application shall must not exceed the quantity or concentration required for that purpose.	
			(e) The discharge shall must not include dumping of agrichemical waste or surplus product disposal to water of any agrichemical.	
			(f) The discharger shall must notify the Regional Council five working days one week prior to application.	
17-34 Application of agrichemicals* not	The discharge^ of agrichemicals* into air, onto land^, or into water^, in the CMA, pursuant to s15 RMA, that does	Controlled	(a) The discharge shall must not contravene any requirement specified in the agrichemical manufacturer's instructions.	Control is reserved over:  (a) qualification required of persons carrying out the activity
complying with Rule 17-33.  not comply with Rule 17-33.		(b) The discharge shall must be undertaken in accordance with all mandatory requirements set out in NZS 8409:2004 Management of Agrichemicals.	<ul><li>(b) method, rate and timing of application</li><li>(c) the provision of information to the public</li></ul>	
			(ba) There must be no measurable adverse effect^ on non-	(d) duration, fees and charges, reviews,



Rule	Activity	Classification	Conditions/Standards/Terms	Control/Discretion
17-35 Sewage and s107(2) RMA discharges^	Pursuant to s1 Schedule 1 NZCPS 1994 New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement:  (a) any discharge of human sewage which has not passed through soil or wetland, and which is not otherwise provided for by the Resource Management (Marine Pollution) Regulations 1998 and Amendment Regulations 2002, or  (b) any discharge for which the discharger wishes to rely on exceptional circumstances to justify the granting of consent under s107(2)(a) RMA, and which is not otherwise prohibited by Rule 17-36 of this Plan chapter.	Discretionary and restricted coastal activity	target species.  (c) Where the discharge^ is into water^ for the purpose of eradicating, modifying or controlling unwanted marine plants:  (i) only agrichemicals* approved for aquatic use may can be used  (ii) the application shall must not exceed the quantity or concentration required for that purpose  (iii) the discharge^ shall must not include dumping^ of agrichemical* waste* or surplus product disposal to water^ of any agrichemical.	Non-Notification monitoring.
17-36  Dumping^ of hazardous substances*	The dumping_ or disposal of any hazardous substances_ in the CMA, not otherwise controlled by the Resource Management (Marine Pollution) Regulations 1998 and Amendment Regulations 2002, or otherwise provided for by Rule 17-33.	Prohibited		



- (a) Discharges under s12 s15 RMA that are specifically covered by a rule above, or do not comply with the permitted or controlled rules and are not otherwise prohibited are discretionary under General Rule 17-39.
- (b) Refer also to rules under Sections 17.3 (Structures) and 17.5 (Disturbances, Removal and Deposition) which permit some discharges associated with other minor activities.
- (c) Refer also to relevant rules on discharges in Chapter 13 of this Plan.
- (d) Refer also to Rules 14-1 and 14-2 on agrichemical discharges.
- Refer to sections ss15A, 15B and 15C of the RMA and the Resource Management (Marine Pollution) Regulations 1998 and Amendment Regulations 2002, for full details and consent status and controls relating to:
  - dumping of waste or other matter from any ship, aircraft or offshore installation, prohibited except for the following matters which are deemed to be discretionary: dredge material, sewage sludge, fish processing waste from an onshore facility, ships and platforms or other man-made structures at sea, inert organic geological material, organic materials of natural origins, bulky items consisting mainly of iron, steel, and concrete
  - (ii) incineration of waste (prohibited)
  - (iii) substances to avoid, remedy, or mitigate an oil\* spill (permitted subject to the Maritime Transport Act 1994)
  - (iv) discharge of *oil\** from ship or offshore platforms (permitted)
  - (v) discharge of noxious liquid substances from a ship (permitted)
  - (vi) discharge of sewage from any ship or offshore installation (prohibited within 500 m of mean high water spring MHWS, or within 500 m of a marine farm, or within 200 m of a marine reserve, or within 500 m of a maataitai reserve)
  - (vii) discharge of plastics, dunnage, lining and packaging materials from any ship (prohibited)
  - (viii) discharge of garbage from a ship (permitted subject to conditions)
  - (ix) discharge of garbage from an offshore installation (prohibited)
  - (x) discharge of ballast water from any ship or offshore installation (permitted subject to any requirements of the Biosecurity Act 1993)
  - (xi) discharges as a part of normal operations of ships (permitted)
  - (xii) store or dump radioactive wastes (prohibited).

# 17.8 Noise and Discharges into Air

## 17.8.1 Policies

# Policy 17-12: Consent decision-making for any noise<sup>^</sup> and discharges<sup>^</sup> into air

When making decisions on *resource consent* applications and setting consent *conditions* for activities involving *noise* or other *discharges* into air in the CMA, the Regional Council will must have particular regard to:

(a) the objectives and policies of Chapter 9 the Regional Policy Statement, particularly all the objectives and policies of Chapters 4 and 9, Objective 3-1 and Policies 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4 and 3-5, Objective 8-1 and Policy 8-1 and any relevant policies in the NZCPS New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement, and



- (b) the relevant objectives and policies of Chapter 8 and Chapter 17
- (c) adopting the best <u>practicable</u> <u>practical</u> option to ensure that emissions of <u>noise</u> do not exceed a reasonable level for all other activities, including minimising <u>effects</u> on coastal birds and <u>amenity values</u> for people.

## 17.8.2 Rules

Rule	Activity	Classification	Conditions/Standards/Terms	Control/Discretion
				Non-Notification
17-37 Noise^ discharges emissions	Any discharge of noise in the CMA, pursuant to s12(3) RMA including any discharge of noise relating to the normal operation of boats, ships or offshore installations, or from seismic exploration.	Permitted	(a) Any seismic activity exploration shall must be located at least 1 km away from any Protection Activity  Management Area zone as shown in Schedule H.  (b) Any seismic exploration must be undertaken in accordance with the Department of Conservation's Guidelines for Minimising Acoustic Disturbance to Marine Mammals from Seismic Survey Operations (February 2006).	

#### Rule Guide:

- (a) Noise emissions in the CMA that do not comply with the conditions of the permitted activity rule above or that are not specifically permitted by the rule above or by existing use provisions in s20A RMA are a **discretionary activity** under Rule 17-39.
- (b) Other Discharges into air restricted by \$15(1) RMA in the CMA that are not expressly regulated by the rules in Chapter 14 are a discretionary activity under Rule 17-39.
- (c) Reference should also be made to the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards Relating to Certain Air Pollutants, Dioxins, and Other Toxics) Regulations 2004.
- (d) Refer also to Rules 14-1 and 14-2.



#### 17.9 Exotic and Introduced Plants

#### 17.9.1 Policies

## Policy 17-13: Consent decision-making for the introduction of exotic and introduced plants

When making decisions on *resource consent* applications and setting consent *conditions* for activities involving the introduction of exotic and introduced plants in the CMA, the Regional Council will must have particular regard to:

- (a) The objectives and policies of Chapter 9 the Regional Policy Statement, particularly all the objectives and policies of Chapters 4 and 9, Objective 3-1 and Policies 3-2 and 3-4, and any relevant policies in the NZCPS, New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement
- (b) avoiding the introduction of exotic or introduced plant species into the CMA, unless there is a compelling reason for doing so and any future potential adverse effects are identified and can be avoided, and
- (c) imposing *conditions* to avoid any risk of adverse *effects* on indigenous flora in any Protection <u>Activity Management Area zone</u> or on fish or bird feeding grounds.

## 17.9.2 Rules

Rule	Activity	Classification	Conditions/Standards/Terms	Control/Discretion
				Non-Notification
17-38 Exotic and introduced plants	Pursuant to s12(1) RMA and s1 Schedule 1 NZCPS 1994, the introduction or planting of any exotic or introduced plant species within the CMA, which is not already present in the region an area.	Discretionary and restricted coastal activity		

#### Rule Guide:

(a) The introduction or planting of an exotic or introduced plant species in the CMA that is not specifically covered by the rule above is a **discretionary activity** under General Rule 17-39.



# 17.10 Rules – Activities that are not Covered by other Rules, or which do not Comply with Permitted <u>Activity</u> and Controlled Activity Rules

Rule	Activity	Classification	Conditions/Standards/Terms	Control/Discretion Non-Notification
17-39 Activities that are not covered by any other rule^, or which do not comply with permitted activity^ and controlled activity^ rules^	Any activity that either:  (a) is subject to s12(1), s12(2), s14(1), s14(2), s15(1) or s15(2) RMA and is not addressed by any other rule^ in this Plan chapter, or  (b) does not comply with one or more conditions^, standards or terms of a permitted activity^ or controlled activity^ rule^ in this chapter, but and which is not expressly classified as a discretionary activity^, non-complying activity^ or prohibited activity^.	Discretionary		

