

# Welcome



Regional plans review workshop

Significant Areas

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# Welcome, introductions and housekeeping

- Welcome
- NRC introductions
- Toilets and fire
- Attendance register
- Participant introductions



# Outline & structure of the day

## *Morning session Identifying Significant Areas*

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|---------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 9:45 - 11:00  | <b>Current approach and future options</b> |
| 11:00 - 11:15 | <b>Morning tea</b>                         |
| 11:15 - 1:00  | <b>Session 1 continued</b>                 |
| 1:00 - 1:30   | <b>Lunch</b>                               |

## *Afternoon session Managing Significant Areas*

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|-------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 1:30 - 3:00 | <b>Current approach and future options</b>   |
| 3:00 – 3:15 | <b>Afternoon tea</b>                         |
| 3:15 - 4:15 | <b>Session 2 continued</b>                   |
| 4.15 – 4:30 | <b>Wrap up, next steps &amp; evaluations</b> |

# Why do a review?

- Plans are old
- Based on old information
- We have to
- Learnt a lot
- New government policy



# Workshop scope

Coastal Environment (NZCPS applies)	Freshwater
<p>Required to i.d.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outstanding and high natural character</li><li>• Outstanding natural features and landscapes</li></ul> <p>i.d. optional:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Historic heritage</li><li>• Significant indigenous biodiversity</li></ul>	<p>i.d. optional</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Natural Character</li><li>• Outstanding natural features and landscapes</li><li>• Historic heritage</li></ul>

# Not included in workshop

- Significant areas on land – covered by district plans
- Significant biodiversity in freshwater – covered in water quality and water quantity

# Identifying significant values - Coastal

- MM1 currently i.d's significant areas for protection
- 24 MM1 areas – about 8% of the CMA
- They include estuaries, offshore islands, open coast
- i.d. was based on Draft NZCPS 1992
  - Used 9 criteria to determine important conservation value
  - 4 of these are biodiversity based
  - 5 cover ONFL's, culture, heritage (not natural character)

Kaipara Harbour



Cape Brett



Poor Knights





# Identifying significant values - Coastal

- MM1 acts to restrict development
- 'Catch-all' zones/descriptions make it difficult to know what is being protected
- NZCPS – required to i.d. Outstanding Natural Features & Landscape's, Natural Character
- Mapping of these values region-wide through Proposed RPS. Some ONF's still to map. [Link](#)
- NZCPS and Proposed-RPS – new policy and criteria for significant biodiversity
- Historic heritage not identified

# Possible Approach- Coastal

- Remove MM1 areas
- 'Roll-over' Proposed RPS mapping to water bodies in coastal environment. Map any ONF's not already spatially identified
- Map significant marine indigenous biodiversity using NZCPS/RPS direction/criteria
- Map historic heritage

[Link BOP](#)

# Identifying significant values – Freshwater

- Catch-all designation used – ‘outstanding waterbodies’ (mainly ecologically driven).
- Also criteria on significant wetlands, list dune lakes
- Natural character not identified or a driver for i.d. of these designations – could be implicit
- ONFL’s – not identified but part of driver for i.d. of outstanding waterbodies.
- Proposed RPS maps some lakes as ONFL’s (e.g dune lakes)
- No heritage identified

# Possible Approach- Freshwater

- No mapping of Natural Character in freshwater but more explicit recognition through designations
- Can apply Proposed RPS mapping of ONFL's where this includes lakes
- Map remaining ONF's not yet spatially identified in freshwater (may include waterfalls, hot springs)
- Map historic heritage in freshwater

# Questions for discussion

Do you agree with...

- Removing MM1 areas and using overlays based on identified values? - **Group**

Thoughts on:

- identifying significant marine biodiversity
  - Criteria & Process - **Group**
- i.d. natural character values and ONFL's in freshwater, coastal areas? - **All**
- Process for mapping heritage? **Bill Edwards - All**

# Lunch



# Protecting Significant Values - Coastal

**NZCPS two-tier approach. 'Outstanding' and 'Other' important values.**

<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Tier 2</b>
<b>Avoid Adverse Effects</b>	<b>Avoid Significant Adverse Effects</b>
<b>Outstanding Natural Character (ONC)</b> <b>Outstanding Natural Landscape (ONL)</b> <b>Outstanding Natural Features (ONF's)</b> <b>Significant Indigenous Biodiversity</b>	<b>Historic Heritage</b> <b>High Natural Character (HNC)</b> <b>Other Indigenous Biodiversity</b>

# Protecting Significant Values - Coastal

- NZCPS strict avoidance regime for outstanding & significant values
- 'Other' – need to protect overall integrity
- Defining adverse effects
- Adjacent activities
- Need better integrated management in CE between plans and across jurisdictions
- No current provision to offset/compensate effects



# Possible Approach- Coastal

- Give effect to NZCPS
- Value specific policy to state how adverse effects are avoided or what effects are appropriate
- Existing MM1 rules already strict - rules may be appropriate to protect 'outstanding values'
- Other values could be protected by a mix of rules (e.g. heritage) and assessment criteria (e.g. high natural character)
- Possibility of buffer / influence zones to protect adjacent values (Auckland Council)

# Possible approach to mangrove management

- Permitted removal:
  - hand pulling, channel clearance and road sight line trimming
- Controlled removal:
  - access & structure obstruction
- Discretionary removal:
  - Activities not specifically provided for
- Non-complying:
  - Significant sites

# Discussion

- Mangrove Management

# Protecting Significant Values – Freshwater

- Some protection implicit through rules for existing designations (e.g. outstanding water bodies)
- No explicit rules to protect ONFL's, natural character or heritage

# Possible Approach- Freshwater

- Rely mainly on rules for existing designations to protect natural character and ONFL's
- Exception is where mapping of a specific feature is included (e.g. waterfall, hot spring) not otherwise covered by a designation
- Rules might serve to protect integrity of this feature
- Rules to protect mapped historic heritage

# Questions for discussion

## **How do you think significant areas should be managed?**

Do you agree with...

### Coastal **(Group)**

- Clarifying what is meant by an adverse effect.
- Retaining generally strict MM1 rule base for outstanding values ?
- Approach for offsetting and compensation

Not having specific rules for Natural Character in freshwater but rules for ONFL's where appropriate **(All)**

Having dedicated heritage policy and rules **(All)**

# Wrap up



Putting Northland first

# Next steps

**Workshops – Oct 2014**

**Review complete – Dec 2014**

**Draft regional plan released – mid 2016**

**Proposed regional plan notified – mid 2017**



# Workshop evaluations



# Thank you

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