

## **PUBLIC NOTICE:**

Northland Regional Council (NRC) is publicly notifying its intent to apply aquatic herbicides Aquathol K and Aquathol Super K (active ingredient endothall) to two Far North lakes and two lakes and a pond on the Poutō Peninsula to control the pest plant hornwort (*Ceratophyllum demersum*). The lakes are on private land, except Lake Tutaki and Lake Tutaki Southern Pond which are on public conservation land. Aquathol K is a selective herbicide that only affects the target plant hornwort, breaks down into natural elements and doesn't affect other native plants, fish or invertebrates.

The application is scheduled to take place between 3 March and 30 April 2026. The application will likely take place early in the morning and is weather dependent.

Contact with the lake water (including swimming) is banned for 24 hours, fishing is banned for 72 hours and there will be a restriction on water-takes for 10 days, after the application of the herbicide. Affected landowners have been contacted and signs will be up at lakes.

For more information, please contact Northland Regional Council on **0800 002 004**. For 24hour emergency contact, please phone 0800 504 639.