

Regional plans review workshop agenda

Topic: Significant areas - Marine ecosystems and biodiversity & Significant natural and heritage values

Northland Regional Council

7 October 2014, 9:30am – 4:30pm

Toll Stadium, Whangarei

Workshop goals:

Participants will:

- Understand the current approach to managing significant areas in the regional plans.
- Provide feedback on problems with the current approach to managing significant areas in the regional plans.
- Share their ideas about possible future management approaches for managing significant areas in the new regional plan(s).
- Know how to continue to be involved in the development of the new regional plan(s).

Chair: NRC Councillor (TBC)

Presenters: Jon Trewin and James Griffin (NRC)

Facilitators: Ben Lee, Michael Day and Michael Payne (NRC)

Note taker: Robyn Broadhurst (NRC)

Experts / scientists: Allan Richards, Richard Griffiths, Irene Middleton, and Lisa Forester (NRC)

9:30 – 9:45 **Welcome, introductions, and house keeping**

Short presentation from NRC and participants to introduce themselves

9:45 - 11:00

Session 1: Identifying significant areas

A 10-15min presentation from NRC outlining scope of topic and how significant areas are currently identified (or not), along with a proposed approach for how they could be identified in the future. This will be followed by facilitated discussion - in groups (e.g. by areas of interest) or all together depending on numbers.

Key questions for the discussion:

Do you agree with...

- Removing Marine Management 1 areas and using value specific overlays?
- Mapping significant biodiversity?
- Recommendations not to specifically identify natural character and to identify some largely water-based Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes outside coastal environment?

Thoughts on:

- Process for mapping heritage?
- Process for identifying Proposed Regional Policy Statement - Appendix 4, Outstanding Natural Features (i.e. those features that have not yet been spatially identified in Proposed Regional Policy Statement mapping).

11:00 - 11:15

Morning tea (provided)

11:15 - 1:00

Session 1 continued

1:00 - 1:30

Lunch

1:30 - 3:00

Session 2: Managing significant areas

NRC staff will do a short presentation (10-15mins) outlining the current approach to managing significant areas and a proposed approach for how they could be managed in the future. This will be followed by facilitated discussion (in groups or all together depending on numbers).

Key questions for the discussion,

Do you agree with:

- Clarifying what an adverse effect is on values where there is policy on 'strict avoidance' in the NZCPS?
- Largely retaining current Marine Management 1 rules but amending policy approach to conform with NZCPS?

- Not having specific rules for natural character outside the Coastal Environment but having rules for Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes where appropriate.
- Having dedicated heritage rules?
- Ability to control the spread of unwanted mangroves?
- Approach for biodiversity offsetting and environmental compensation?

3:00 – 3:15 **Afternoon tea (provided)**

3:15 – 4:15 **Session 2 continued**

4:15 – 4:30 **Wrap up, next steps & evaluations**

- Summary of key points from the day
- Next steps in the process explained
- Participants evaluate the workshop