



Regional plans review workshop: Coastal Water Space

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Welcome, introductions and housekeeping

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



Outline of the day

10:00 - 11:00	Placement/occupation of space
11:00 - 11:15	Morning tea
11:15 - 12:30	Moorings, marinas and anchoring
12:30 - 1:00	Dredging and disturbance of foreshore
1:00 - 1:30	Lunch
1:30 - 3:00	Aquaculture
3:00 – 3:15	Afternoon tea
3:15 – 4:00	Recreational activities
4:00 – 4:30	Wrap up, next steps & evaluations

Why do a review?

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



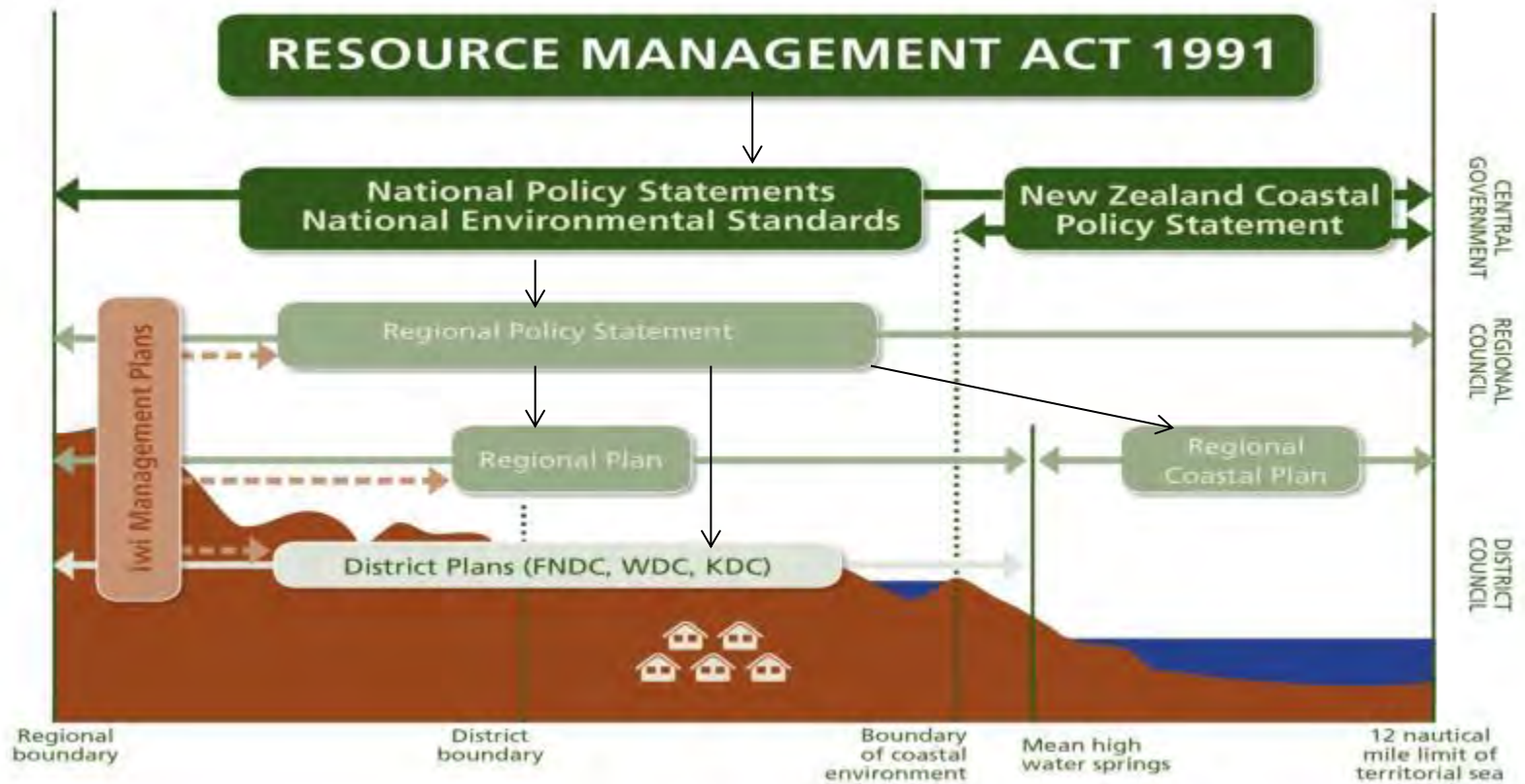
Scope of topic

- All structures within the CMA (excluding coastal protection and network utility)
- Activities within existing MM2 – MM6 zones (MM1 separate)

Excludes:

- Discharges to air and water
- Removal/modification of indigenous vegetation (such as mangroves)
- Coastal protection and network utility structures

Hierarchy



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Current management approach



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Placement and occupation of space for structures



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Comparision of current rules

	MM1	MM2	MM3	MM4	MM5	MM6
Alteration or extension of authorised structures	D	D	P – if in association with authorised aquaculture activities	D	C – if associated with the port otherwise D	RDA
New Structures (erection + occupation of space)	N-C	D	N-C – for anything other than aquaculture activities	D	D	RDA
New buildings or houseboats	N-C	N-C	N/A	N/A	D (new buildings)	N/A

Issues

- RC required for placement + on-going occupation of space – may not always be necessary.
- Exclusive occupation of 'public' space.
- Need to identify processes/resources or values at risk from cumulative effects – including from structures – NZCPS Policy 7(2)
- 'Avoid' adverse effects on special places/values

Potential options

- 'Permitting' the ongoing occupation of space for certain structures - small scale public good.
- Develop a coastal occupation charging regime
- Policies/rules to avoid proliferation of structures in 'special value' places.
- New 'zones'

Key questions..

- Potential cumulative effects of structures – is it just moorings?
- Do you agree with the concept of 'permitting' the on-going occupation of space for certain structures?
- Should we introduce a COC regime – what should it apply to?

Moorings, marinas and vessel anchoring



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Current consent status

	MM1	MM2	MM3	MM4	MM5	MM6
Placement of new moorings	N-C if compliant with terms otherwise Prohibited	D within certain historical mooring areas and compliance with terms otherwise N-C	RDA – for aquaculture purposes otherwise N-C	D (generally non-notified)	D (if associated with port activity) otherwise N-C	D
Placement of moorings licenced at 30/06/2010	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	N/A	N/A
Occupation of space for moorings	N-C	D within certain historical mooring areas and compliance with terms otherwise N-C	RDA – for aquaculture purposes otherwise N-C	P – subject to compliance with terms otherwise D	D	D
Marinas	Prohibited	D	Prohibited	D	D	D

Moorings

- Current policy is to concentrate moorings into designated areas and strongly discourage outside
- There are currently hundreds of existing moorings outside designated mooring areas
- Many designated mooring areas are at or near capacity

Vessel anchoring

- Current 'permitted' rule is up to 14 days (no definition of embayment, estuary or inlet).
- Recognised safe anchorages are not mapped in RCP.

Potential changes for moorings

- Extensions to some existing MM4 areas
- Creation of new MM4 areas
- Amend the policies/rules for existing non-MM4 moorings
- Amend the policies/rules for new non-MM4 moorings
- Dedicated marina zone

Potential changes for anchoring

- Include definitions of embayment, inlet and estuary
- Amend rule for 'permitted' vessel anchoring to include new sewage provisions (like MM4 areas)
- Map recognised anchorages and draft associated policies/rules
- Allow anchoring for up to 28 days.

Key questions..

- Do you think that the current policy/rule approach for moorings is effective and fair?
- Thoughts/views on re-zoning some existing 'clusters' of MM2 moorings as MM4 areas?
- Is 14 days sufficient for the 'permitted' vessel anchoring rule?
- Should marinas have their own separate 'zone'?

Dredging, deposition and disturbance of foreshore/seabed



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Current rule status

	MM1	MM2	MM3	MM4	MM5	MM6
Capital dredging	N-C	D	D	D	D	RD up to 50,000 cubes otherwise N-C
Maintenance dredging	D	C (main navigation channels in Whangarei and BOI) Otherwise D	D	C	C	C
Clearing artificial land drainage channels	C	P	No rule so falls to D	D	D	D
Clearing tidal stream mouths	C (district councils only)	C (district councils only)	No rule so falls to D	No rule so falls to D	No rule so falls to D	No rule so falls to D
Dredge spoil disposal	D	D	N-C	D	D	RD up to 50,000 cubes otherwise N-C

Issues

- No rules for cleaning stormwater pipe outlets – discretionary activity
- No rules for clearing tidal stream mouths in MM4, 5 and 6 areas – controlled for TA's
- Heavy machinery or equipment on foreshore requires consent in most instances (such as maintaining structures)

Potential options

- 'Permitted' activity for TA clearing of stormwater pipe outlets and tidal stream mouths.
- 'Controlled' activity for non-council clearing stormwater pipe outlets and tidal stream mouths.
- 'Permitted' activity for heavy machinery on beaches for TA's or council contractors.

Key questions..

- Do you agree with the issues identified – are there others?
- Do you agree with the options – are there others?

Aquaculture



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Plan change 4 rule status

Aquaculture rules as set out in accordance with the council decisions of Plan Change 4 and the likely decisions of the Environment Court

	MM1	MM2	MM3	MM4	MM5	MM6
New aquaculture	Pr (with some exceptions)	D (but Pr in many bays, estuaries and harbours)	C	Pr	Pr	Pr
Re-consenting of existing aquaculture	D	D	C	N/A	N/A	N/A

Issues

- Ramifications of King Salmon decision – justifying existing MM3 areas or consents for new farms within/adjacent to 'outstanding' areas.
- Around 30 existing marine farms not located within MM3 areas - consents due to expire in 2020 or 2025. Need to determine their appropriateness.

Potential options

- Re-zone 'appropriate' 'MM1 and MM2 marine farms as MM3 areas.
- Draft policies that recognise existing aquaculture activities within/adjacent to outstanding areas.
- Policy/rules to provide for experimental aquaculture and finfish farming

Key questions..

- Are the proposed (Plan Change 4) aquaculture prohibited areas too extensive?
- Is it possible to give effect to NZCPS Policy 8 in light of the King Salmon (avoid adverse effects) decision?

Recreational activities



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Current rule status

	MM1	MM2	MM3	MM4	MM5	MM6
Rec activity on foreshore areas if no: Permanent damage to foreshore; Indigenous vegetation is not destroyed; roosting sites are not disturbed	P if cannot comply with terms then D	P if cannot comply with terms then D	N/A (fall-back is D)	N/A	Public access outside designated public areas: Prohibited	P subject to compliance with terms otherwise D
Riding of horses	P	P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Issues

- Adverse effects of recreational vehicles on sand dunes and some beaches.
- Need to give effect to new 'surf break' requirements (NZCPS Policy 16).

Potential options

- One plan – seamless regional plan across MHWS boundary.
- 'Prohibit' vehicle use on certain parts of specific beaches.
- Map surf breaks of national/regional significance and draft 'protection' policies.
- Limits/controls on activities with potential to adversely affect swell corridor or access to surf breaks.

Key questions..

- Do you think that council should change its management approach to vehicles on beaches or maintain status quo?
- Map/identify/protect regionally significant surf breaks or just nationally significant?
- Any other issues or solutions?

Wrap up



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Next steps

Workshops – Oct 2014

Review complete – Dec 2014

Draft regional plan released – mid 2016

Proposed regional plan notified – mid 2017

Workshop evaluations



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