

Public Notice of a Plan Change to the Wairau/Awatere Resource Management Plan and the Marlborough Sounds Resource Management Plan

In accordance with the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Marlborough District Council has prepared the following Plan Changes to the Wairau/Awatere and Marlborough Sounds Resource Management Plans.

Schedule of the Proposed Plan Changes to the Wairau/Awatere and Marlborough Sounds Resource Management Plans

Plan Change No.	Subject
16 & 53	<p>Allocation of Authorisations – In 2005 legislation was introduced which substantively changed the way in which aquaculture is managed in New Zealand. All new marine farms are now required to be located in specifically created aquaculture management areas (AMA) or zones, with the right to apply for resource consent to undertake marine farming (authorisation) within the AMA allocated by various means set out in the Resource Management Act 1991.</p> <p>Plan Change 16 (to the Marlborough Sounds Resource Management Plan) & Plan Change 53 (to the Wairau/Awatere Resource Management Plan) introduces the new chapter structure which will contain the revised aquaculture provisions in the future. The plan changes also introduce new policy and objectives regarding how authorisations, or the right to apply for resource consent for marine farming within a newly created AMA, will be allocated. The plan change specifically introduces new rules which deal with the allocation of authorisations when the AMA has arisen from a private plan change. These rules will not have effect until the plan change is made operative.</p> <p>Plan Change 16 is a private plan change lodged by New Zealand King Salmon Limited and Plan Change 53 is a near identical plan change proposed by the Marlborough District Council. The plan changes are the first of a number of plan changes proposed to amend the aquaculture provisions in the Plans, in accordance with the new legislation. For the avoidance of doubt these plan changes do not create new areas for aquaculture, nor does it change the criteria in the Plans by which existing marine farms are managed.</p> <p>Plan Change 16 (Marlborough Sounds Resource Management Plan) consists of the following:</p> <p>Volume One</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update to the 9.1 Introduction • A new section (9.1.2) which discusses aquaculture management under the new legislation • A new section (9.4A), objectives, policies and methods of implementation for the allocation of authorisations in AMA's <p>Volume Two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new zone chapter (35A) for aquaculture management areas which introduces new rules regarding the allocation of authorisations in operative AMA's which arise from a private plan change. These rules will not have effect until Plan Change 16 becomes operative. <p>Plan Change 53 (Wairau/Awatere Resource Management Plan) consists of the following:</p> <p>Volume One</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new section (9.1.2) which discusses aquaculture management under the new legislation • A new section, objectives, policies and methods of implementation for the allocation of authorisations in AMA's (9.26-9.28) <p>Volume Two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new zone chapter (39A) for aquaculture management areas, which introduces new rules regarding the allocation of authorisations in operative AMA's which arise from a private plan change. These rules will not have effect until Plan Change 53 becomes operative.

The Proposed Plan Changes may be inspected without fee at any of the following locations at any time that these places are open to the public:

- The Council's Office, Seymour Street, Blenheim
- The Marlborough Library, Arthur Street, Blenheim
- The Havelock, Seddon, Ward and Rai Valley Community Libraries
- The Council's Picton Office and the Picton Library, High Street, Picton
- Elma Turner Library, Halifax Street, Nelson
- The Wellington Public Library, Victoria Street, Wellington
- The Kaikoura Public Library, Kaikoura
- The Christchurch Public Library, Gloucester Street, Christchurch

Any person may make a submission on the proposed Plan Changes. Submissions must be in the form prescribed (Form 5) by the Resource Management Act (Forms, Fees, and Procedure) Regulations 2003 and must state whether or not they wish to be heard on the submission. Submission Forms are available at the places listed above or from the Council's website "What's New" page. The closing date for making submissions is **4pm on Wednesday 15 April 2009**. Submissions to the proposed Plan Changes can be lodged -

By delivery at:

Environmental Policy Group
Marlborough District Council
Seymour Street
BLENHEIM

By mail to:

Attention: Environmental Policy Group
Marlborough District Council
P O Box 443
BLENHEIM 7240

By email to:

PC16&53@marlborough.govt.nz

By fax at:

(03) 520 7496

Once the closing date for lodging submissions has passed, all submissions received will be summarised, publicly notified and made available for public inspection. Any person who wishes to support or oppose any submission, by lodging a further submission, will be entitled to do so. The Council will then hold hearings to consider submissions that have been lodged and issue decisions on the matters raised. Anyone who has made a submission and who has indicated that they wish to be heard will have the right to attend the hearing and to present their submissions.

The Council will then issue decisions on submissions (including reasons for accepting or rejecting the submissions). On receiving notice any person may refer the decision to the Environment Court for further consideration if they are in disagreement with or are dissatisfied with the decision made by the Council. For further information contact Tania Bray, Ph (03)520 7400 or Fax: (03)520 7496.

Dated at Blenheim this 12th day of March 2009

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