



PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF VARIATIONS TO THE PROPOSED MARLBOROUGH ENVIRONMENT PLAN

Marlborough District Council has prepared two variations to the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan relating to aquaculture activity.

Previously, provision for aquaculture was removed from the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan prior to notification of the substantive portion of the plan with the intention of further reviewing the content. This review has now been completed.

The Marlborough District Council is now publicly notifying the 'Aquaculture Variations' for submission pursuant to Clause 5, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

The aquaculture variations are:

Variation 1: Marine Farming

Variation 1A: Finfish Farming

WHERE TO GO TO SEE THE VARIATIONS

The Aquaculture Variations and reports prepared under Section 32 of the RMA, are available on the MDC website www.marlborough.govt.nz. An interactive map is also available on the website to assist with the spatial information in the variations including coastal management units, aquaculture management areas, finfish aquaculture management areas and aquaculture settlement areas.

To better understand how the Aquaculture Variations may affect you, we encourage you to go to Council's website. Along with the variation and reports, you will find background material that helps to explain the content of the variation.

Printed copies of the variations and reports are also available for inspection at:

- The Council's Office, Seymour Street, Blenheim
- The Marlborough Library, Arthur Street, Blenheim
- The Council's Picton Office and the Picton Library, High Street, Picton
- The Havelock and Rai Valley Community Libraries

LEGAL EFFECT

In accordance with section 86B(3) of the RMA the rules in the Aquaculture Variations will have legal effect from the date of this notification.

SUBMISSIONS

Any person may make a submission on one or both of the Aquaculture Variations but if a person could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, then the person may do so only if the person is directly affected by an effect of the proposal that -

- Adversely affects the environment; and
- Does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

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 you wish to be heard on the submission. Council's preferred method for receiving submissions is through the online form available on Council's website. Alternatively, hard copy forms are available at the places listed above.

The closing date for making submissions is **5.00 pm on Friday 26 February 2021**. Submissions can be lodged -

By delivery at:

Planning Technician
Marlborough District Council
Seymour Street
Blenheim 7201

By mail to:

Attention: Planning Technician
Marlborough District Council
P O Box 443
Blenheim 7240

By email to:

variations@marlborough.govt.nz

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 represents a relevant aspect of the public interest, or has an interest in the proposal greater than the general public may make a further submission in support or opposition to any submissions already made.

The Council will then hold hearings to consider submissions that have been lodged. 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 publicly notify a decision on the Aquaculture Variations. 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 Louise Walker, at Marlborough District Council on Ph 03 520 7400.

Dated at Blenheim at 8:00 am on the 2 December 2020.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE