



Notice of intention to apply for marine reserves on the southeast coast of the South Island – Recommencement of Public Consultation

Public consultation on proposed marine reserves was initiated on 17 February 2020 and withdrawn on 9 April 2020 due to New Zealand's emergency response to the global COVID-19 pandemic. The Department of Conservation is now recommending public consultation and invites public feedback on the proposed marine reserves, which are unchanged from those consulted on in February 2020. Full details are provided below.

In May 2019, the Ministers of Conservation and Fisheries announced that statutory processes would begin to establish six marine reserves under the Marine Reserves Act 1971 and five Type 2 marine protected areas and a kelp harvesting prohibition area under the Fisheries Act 1996. Together, these would create marine protected areas on the southeastern coast of the South Island similar to network 1 as recommended by the South-East Marine Protection Forum Roopu Manaaki ki te Toka. The identification system used by the forum (e.g. B1) alongside the proposed name of each marine reserve is provided below.

Pursuant to section 5 of the Marine Reserves Act 1971 and section 48 of the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011, the Director-General of Conservation hereby gives notice of his intention to apply for Orders in Council declaring marine reserves in six areas of sea and foreshore in the southeast South Island, with their proposed names, as follows:

1. **Waitaki Marine Reserve (B1)**. The proposed marine reserve boundary starts approximately 2 km south of the Waitaki River mouth and extends south for 14.8 km (8 NM). The site includes the coastal marine area from MHWs and extends offshore 8 km (4.3 NM). Area: 101.3 km².
2. **Te Umu Koau Marine Reserve (D1)**. The proposed marine reserve boundary starts approximately 100 m north of the mouth of Stony Creek and extends south to a point approximately 400 m south of the mouth of Pleasant River. It includes Bobbys Head and the entirety of Stony Creek and Pleasant River estuaries. The reserve extends from MHWs to a straight line outer boundary that ranges between 10 km and 12 km offshore. Area: 96 km².
3. **Papanui Marine Reserve (H1)**. The proposed marine reserve boundary starts approximately 6 km out from Cape Saunders and extends north approximately 11 km. It then extends to the 12 NM territorial sea limit, incorporating Papanui Canyon. Area: 167 km².
4. **Orau Marine Reserve (I1)**. The proposed marine reserve boundary extends from Harakeke Point on the Otago Peninsula 17.8 km to the outer point of Saint Clair. It includes Lawyers Head, Māori Head, Seal Point and the waters surrounding Gull Rocks from MHWs. The seaward boundary extends from Harakeke Point to approximately 1 km to the south of the breaking reef to the west of Ponuihine (White Island). The area does not include Tow Rock. Area: 28.8 km².
5. **Okaihae Marine Reserve (K1)**. The proposed marine reserve encompasses Okaihae/Green Island, extending approximately 1 km to the north, west and east of the island, and 1.3 km to the south. Area: 5 km².
6. **Hakinikini Marine Reserve (M1)**. The proposed marine reserve boundary begins approximately 0.8 km north of the entrance to Akatore Creek and extends south along the coastline for approximately 6.5 km to the northern point of Watsons Beach. It extends from MHWs to approximately 0.6 to 1.3 km offshore. Area: 5.9 km².

A map of the proposed marine reserves, a consultation document with more information about the areas (including the formal application for the marine reserves) and a link to make an objection or submission are all available at this website: <https://survey.publicvoice.co.nz/s3/sempr-consultation>.

More information can also be found on the DOC website: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/south-eastern-south-island-marine-protection/>. DOC is currently investigating the possibility of running live online question and answer sessions with the public. Details will be provided on the DOC website.

To register for regular email updates on the SEMP consultation please email: sempr@doc.govt.nz.

Note: Fisheries New Zealand is concurrently running a consultation process on five proposed Type 2 marine protected areas and a kelp harvesting prohibition in the same area (all using the Fisheries Act). The consultation document contains maps and information about these proposed areas.

Printed copies of the consultation document and map are also available for viewing at Department of Conservation offices in Christchurch, Dunedin and Invercargill; visitor centres in Dunedin and Wellington; and public libraries in Waimate, Oamaru and Balclutha during office hours. A map of the proposed marine reserves can be viewed outside the DOC office in Geraldine.

You can request a hard copy of the consultation document (including a formal application for the marine reserves) by emailing: sempr@doc.govt.nz.

Any person, whānau, hapū and iwi or organisation who wishes to object to Orders in Council being made that establish the marine reserves, may do so by specifying the grounds of the objection in writing and submitting them to the Director-General of Conservation at <https://survey.publicvoice.co.nz/s3/sempr-consultation>. If you are unable to provide an online submission, you can post it to the postal address below.

Under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011, any whānau, hapū or iwi exercising kaitiakitanga in a part of the common marine and coastal area affected by the proposed reserves, have a right to participate in the process and provide their views. The Minister of Conservation must have particular regard to the views of affected whānau, hapū and iwi when considering the proposed marine reserves. To exercise that right, whānau, hapū or iwi who exercise kaitiakitanga in a part of the common marine and coastal area covered by the marine reserve proposals must advise the Director-General of Conservation that they are affected and provide their views on those proposals using the website above. If you are unable to provide an online submission via <https://survey.publicvoice.co.nz/s3/sempr-consultation>, you can post it to the postal address below.

All objections, submissions and advice must be provided by 3 August 2020 (being two months from the date of first publication of this notice – 3 June 2020).

This notice of intention to apply for marine reserves is given by the applicant (the Director-General of Conservation) whose address is:

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