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Chairperson's Foreword

Otago's coast is a magnificent resource that we all enjoy in some way. Lowland hills rolling down to the surf provide many access points, and historic lighthouses on craggy outcrops attract many sightseers, including visitors from overseas. Long beaches abound where surfers, fishermen, boaties, horse riders, walkers, and runners can all enjoy their respective pastimes.

Peaceful villages with cribs snuggled around the secluded river mouths provide homes and holiday accommodation for many people along the length of the coast.



The coastal landscape is a major tourist destination, with albatross and other ocean going birds nesting on the shoreline where nearby sea lions, seals, and penguins can often be viewed. People come here especially to share in the wild beauty that Otago residents can enjoy at any time.

All this makes our coast a treasure to be preserved in a way that ensures future generations enjoy it for decades to come, and which minimises the harmful environmental effects of human activity.

The Otago Regional Council has amended the Regional Plan: Coast, effective 1 January 2012 following the release of the NZ Coastal Policy Statement in 2010.

This Plan has been formulated to protect and sustain the region's coastal resources. It covers the Otago coastal marine area, which comprises the part of the coast between the mean high water spring and 12 nautical miles (22.2 kilometres) out to sea.

The adjoining land is an integral part of the coastal environment, and is statutorily managed through the Waitaki District Council, Dunedin City Council, and Clutha District Council district plans and other Otago Regional Council plans

The Otago Regional Council's role is to ensure the coastal marine area is sustainably managed. Our responsibilities in this regard are prescribed in the plan, which has been developed in close consultation with the people of Otago, iwi, district and city councils, and government agencies.

We look forward to working with you all in implementing this plan.

Stephen Woodhead

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S Woodhead".

How to use the Regional Plan: Coast for Otago

This Regional Plan: Coast for Otago considers the use, development and protection of the coastal marine area of Otago and issues associated with that use, development and protection. It provides objectives, policies, rules and other methods of implementation in order to address those issues. The rules of the Plan determine the status of any particular activity and determine whether a consent is required before that activity can be carried out.

A resource consent is not required for any activity that is identified as a permitted activity. However a resource consent is required for any activity which this Regional Plan: Coast specifies as being:

- (a) A discretionary activity; or
- (b) A restricted discretionary activity; or
- (c) A controlled activity.

A resource consent is also required for any activity that would otherwise not comply with this Plan (a non-complying activity).

In some cases, the Plan specifies certain activities as being prohibited activities. These are activities which cannot occur within Otago's coastal marine area, and are activities for which no resource consent will be issued.

When considering an activity within Otago's coastal marine area, the following chapters of the Plan should be looked at to determine whether a resource consent is required before undertaking that activity:

Would the proposed activity result in any of the following	See the following chapter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The occupation of any space within the coastal marine area. • The restriction or exclusion of the public to areas of the coastal marine area. 	Chapter 7 Public Access
Activities involving structures including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any erection or placement; or • Any repair or maintenance; or • Any extension, alteration, replacement or reconstruction; or • Any demolition or removal. Activities involving signs.	Chapter 8 Structures and Signs
Any alteration of the foreshore or seabed including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reclamations; or • Removal or deposition of sand, shingle, shell or other natural material; or • Disturbance. 	Chapter 9 Alteration of the Foreshore and Seabed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any discharge of contaminants or water, or activities involving hazardous substances. 	Chapter 10 Discharges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any activity involving the taking, use, damming or diversion of coastal water. 	Chapter 11 Taking, Use, Damming or Diversion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any activity which will generate noise. 	Chapter 12 Noise
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any activity involving the introduction of exotic plants. 	Chapter 13 Exotic Plants
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any activity located within or adjacent to a natural hazard. 	Chapter 14 Natural Hazards

Chapter 15 of the Plan prescribes the information that must be submitted with resource consent applications.

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