

In the Environment Court of New Zealand  
Christchurch Registry

I Mua I Te Kōti Taiao O Aotearoa  
Ōtautahi Rohe

**ENV-2024-CHC**

Under the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**)

In the matter of an appeal under clause 14 of Schedule 1 of the RMA in relation to the non-freshwater parts of the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021

Between **Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated**

Appellant

And **Otago Regional Council**

Respondent

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**Notice of Otago and Central South Island Fish and Game Councils wish to be party to proceedings pursuant to section 274 RMA**

4 June 2024

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**To: The Registrar**

**Environment Court**

**Christchurch**

- 1 Otago and Central South Island Fish and Game Councils (**Fish and Game**) wishes to be a party pursuant to section 274 of the RMA to the following proceedings:

*Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated v Otago Regional Council* (ENV-2024-CHC) being an appeal against decisions of Otago Regional Council (**Respondent**) in relation to the non-freshwater parts of the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021 (**PORPS**) (**Appeal**).

- 2 Fish and Game is a person who made a submission regarding the subject matter of the proceedings.
- 3 Fish and Game is a person who has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest the general public has. Fish and Game is a non-profit organisation with functions set by the Conservation Act 1987, s26Q. The primary functions of the Fish and Game relevant to this Appeal are:

**26Q(1)** The functions of each Fish and Game Council shall be to manage, maintain, and enhance the sports fish and game resource in the recreational interests of anglers and hunters, and, in particular,—  
....

**(e)** in relation to planning,—

**(i)** to represent the interests and aspirations of anglers and hunters in the statutory planning process; and

**(vii)** to advocate the interests of the Council, including its interests in habitats: ...

- 4 Fish and Game is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the RMA.
- 5 Fish and Game is interested in the Appeal in its entirety.
- 6 Without derogating from the generality of the above, Fish and Game is interested in the following particular issues and parts of the proceedings:
  - (a) Those provisions related to the environment and climate change, mitigation and setting of limits:

- IM-P12;
- LF-FW-P14;
- IM-P10

(b) Those provisions related to infrastructure generally and compliance with limits:

- EIT-INF-O4;
- EIT-INF-O5;
- EIT-INF-P12;
- EIT-INF-P13;
- EIT-EN-O2;
- EIT-EN-P1;
- EIT-EN-P2;
- EIT-EN-P4;
- EIT-EN-M1;
- EIT-EN-M2;
- UFD-O4; and

(c) Those provisions requiring that the naturalised baseline is a relevant starting point to assess decisions against:

LF-FW-P13

- 7 Fish and Game generally neither supports nor opposes the relief sought, but has an interest given its statutory role in respect of wetlands and freshwater bodies, and the effectiveness of the pORPS in terms of integrated management of the same.
- 8 Fish and Game agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024

*Maree Baker-Galloway*

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**Advice**

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