

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 **Rayonier Matariki Forests**
First Appellant

And **City Forests Limited**
Second Appellant

And **Ernslaw One Limited**
Third Appellant

And **Port Blakely NZ Limited**
Fourth Appellant

And **Otago Regional Council**
Respondent

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:

Rayonier Matariki Forests, City Forests Limited, Ernslaw One Limited and Port Blakely NZ Limited "Forestry Appellants" 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-for-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 application of the National Environmental Standard for Commercial Forestry:

- LF-LS-M12; and
- LF-LS-M13.

7 Fish and Game generally opposes the relief sought in the Appeal because more stringent provisions than in the National Environmental Standard for Commercial Forestry may be justified in district plans once the circumstances have been evaluated.

8 Fish and Game agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated this 4th day of June 2024

Maree Baker-Galloway

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