

Draft Nelson Plan – Frequently asked questions

Coastal and marine ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity

Why are coastal and marine ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity included in the Draft Nelson Plan?

Nelson City Council has an obligation under the Resource Management Act and the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement to protect the coastal environment and indigenous flora and fauna and their habitats in the promotion of the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.

There is potential for activities to have a detrimental impact on indigenous flora and fauna and their habitats. The Draft Nelson Plan contains rules about the assessment requirements for different activities. For example recreational access and the use of the coastal marine area or the use and maintenance of existing structures such as mooring structures and boat ramps. A proposed activity for aquaculture would require a resource consent accompanied by an ecological assessment.

Where can I get information on coastal and marine ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity in the Draft Nelson Plan

Appendix 13 of the Draft Nelson Plan contains a list of indigenous habitats and species. The following websites provide further information on the indigenous habitats and species

- Nelson City Council (<http://www.nelson.govt.nz/environment/nelson-nature/biodiversity/>)
- <https://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/native-animals/marine-mammals/>
- <https://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/conservation-status/>

Where can I get a copy of the technical study on the listed habitats and vulnerable species?

The Cawthron Institute prepared a report in November 2016 called *Advice for the NCC Whakamahere Whakatu Nelson Plan: Coastal Indigenous Biodiversity*. It is available at the following location:

<https://www.cawthron.org.nz/publication/science-reports/advice-ncc-whakamahere-whakatu-nelson-plan-water-quality/>

How can I become involved in caring for habitat in the coastal environment

Nelson Nature is a Council-funded and managed initiative to protect and enhance our region's natural environment. Working in partnership with the Department of Conservation (DOC), private landowners, and many local volunteers, Nelson Nature aims to bring the wild back into our lives so our indigenous vegetation and wildlife can thrive.

For more information on Nelson Nature contact nelson.nature@ncc.govt.nz

Links to the Draft Nelson Plan

This 'frequently asked questions' sheet addresses a few of the key provisions in the Draft Nelson Plan. It should not be used as a definitive representation of content. To view actual Draft Nelson Plan content, please go to shape.nelson.govt.nz.