

Draft Nelson Plan – Frequently asked questions

Port zone

I live close to the Port and have been disturbed at times by noise from Port-related activities. How does the Draft Nelson Plan propose to manage this disturbance?

The current Nelson Resource Management Plan (NRMP) contains provisions to manage noise, including the requirement for there to be “Port Noise Management and Mitigation Plans” and a “Port Noise Liaison Committee”. These are contained in Appendix 29 of the NRMP and in summary require the preparation and regular review of the Plans, establishment and ongoing operation of the Committee, noise monitoring and monthly reporting of the monitoring, and mitigation of noise-affected properties. These provisions are currently being reviewed and will be consulted on during Phase 2 of the Draft Nelson Plan in early 2021.

Council also employs environmental inspectors who can respond to noise complaints.

Would pollution from the Port and marina into Nelson Haven decrease as a result of the Draft Nelson Plan?

The Draft Nelson Plan chapter for the Coastal marine area proposes rules to manage discharges of contaminants to coastal water, as well as other rules relating to the activities (such as new structures) that can be carried out in the coastal marine area.

The Draft Nelson Plan also proposes rules that apply within the Port zone (including the Port operational area precinct and the marina precinct) that would require a resource consent for the discharge of contaminated stormwater and wastewater.

The combination of improvements to the quality of freshwater entering coastal waters and quality of other discharges directly entering coastal water is designed to reduce pollution.

Would the Draft Nelson Plan allow me to fish in the Port zone?

Yes, the Draft Nelson Plan proposes to allow for recreational fishing from the shorelines that are publically accessible in the Port zone (see next question on public access).

Can I access the Port zone?

The Draft Nelson Plan generally seeks to maintain and enhance public access to the coastline, including in the Port zone. However, access restrictions by Port Nelson may be necessary for the operation of Port activities and to ensure public health and safety.

Links to the Draft Nelson Plan

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