Nelson Biodiversity Forum Meeting
Held in the Council Chambers on Monday 12th October 2026
9.30am to 12.30pm

Meeting Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Sky Davies (Tasman Environmental Trust) Chairperson	Jared Waters (Kūmānu)
Charmayne King (Minute taker)	Jennifer Rose (NCC Policy Planner)
Chris McCormack (Brook Sanctuary)	Jude Heath (Tasman Bay Guardians)
Dan Montgomery (Tasman Pine Forests)	Leigh Marshall (NCC)
Dave Taylor (Kūmānu)	Missy Simpson (NCC)
Debs Martin (KMTT)	Phil Cochrane (NCC)
Fraenzi Furigo (Forum partner)	Richard Frizzell (NCC)
Gwen Struik (Friends of Nelson Haven &Tasman Bay)	Stu Robertson (DOC)
Harry Allard (NCC)	Susan Moore-Lavo (TUR)
Jane Doogue (NCC)	Mike Orchard (Kūmānu)
Aaron Stallard (NCC Cnr)	

APOLOGIES:

Ed Challies	Scott Butcher
Fiona Ede	Vicki Smith
Scott Burnett	

Karakia Timatanga
Whakataka te hau ki te uru
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga
Kia mākinakina ki uta
Kia mātaratara ki tai
E hī ake ana te atakura
He tio, he huka, he hau hū
Tīhei mauri ora!

1. Welcome, apologies and introductions; emergency evacuation procedures

2. Approval of meeting minutes from previous meeting held on 8 June 2026

Meeting minutes of 8 June 2026 to be regarded as a true and correct record moved by Sky, seconded by Gwen, carried.

3. Items under action

Who?	What?	When?	Item/Status

Coordinating group	To follow up with potential speakers for the next meetings:	Next meeting.	Ongoing.
Fraenzi	Confirm if the next meeting of the marine subgroup will be postponed to October.	Before 16 June.	The meeting in June took place and the minutes are available online. The October meeting has been cancelled because the next Forum meeting will have a marine focus.
Leigh	Check with Harry Allard whether he provided the CREST Portal report by email to Forum members.	Next meeting.	CREST portal has been updated with a range of new features, and the original DHI report is now available in the tool itself. There is a "Report" tab which loads the pdf in-browser. CREST **Guest login:** Username: NCC-guest Password: NCC-guest@2025

4. Meeting focus – Review draft report cards of the action plan and identify opportunities for future actions (Sky Davies)

Reviewing the Action Plan is the focus for this meeting. The Strategy and Action Plan are due for a full review and update. Because of so much uncertainty around Resource Management reform and the restructure of the council, it has been a difficult time to launch into a full review process, so we are still holding off. However, the Long Term Plan process is underway, and it would be timely for advice and priorities to be put forward from this group around where we'd like to see efforts focussed in the biodiversity space. Today will be focussed on updates that relate to our Action Plan and Strategy, and there will be a workshop later in this forum to think about where we'd like the next focus to be to help deliver outcomes of the Strategy.

5. Round table

Aaron Stallard, NCC Councillor: The Council are continuing to put together the draft Long Term Plan which will be adopted in December. Council is also nearing the end of 'Shaping our future' restructuring which will impact most areas of staff, including how we structure staff for environment and how they deliver their work. We are developing a joint Spatial Plan with TDC, and a Natural Environment Plan. A workshop has been held on fine scale slope instability data, which will help around erosion and sediment action.

Jude Heath, Tasman Bay Guardians: We are delivering projects around seagrass and seaweed to Nelson Boys College and Victory School. Also building on our inanga spawning database. We are having a marine symposium on 30 October which is a collaboration of people working in the marine space. We are busy supporting current nurseries and the Trees for Survival programme at schools in Tasman.

Debs Martin, KMTT: Structurally, KMTT is now a fully Charitable Trust and have seven new trustees who have a significant national profile. We have changed our whole staffing team. A joint workshop is being held on 19 October. In the work programme, implementation of the

Pathway Plan is a core focus. We are working with DOC setting up predator control work and working on collaboration with the Brook Sanctuary. We are working on restoring lowland, using drones for controlling wilding conifers on steep landscapes. We have just a released research project looking at barriers to helping landowners integrate biodiversity restoration into their land, which was released at the end of July. Happy to share that with the Forum if anyone is interested. We are also working closely with the Te Tau Ihu Environment Trust, and the final area is work on Te Kāhui Tangaroa, who are working across the top of the South mapping areas of cultural importance in the marine space for iwi, significant natural areas, potential aquaculture sites and areas for potential restoration.

Chris McCormack, Brook Waimārama Sanctuary: We have welcomed 29 more tuatara, so we now have 94. Kākā have been causing chaos. Six kākā were translocated, and the female left the sanctuary early on. She was seen at Branford Park, where we captured her and put her in the aviary for a while and will try to release her again later. The males have been successful in anchoring themselves into the sanctuary but are now going outside the area, although still returning, which is great. They are looking healthy and we will soon put some out into the community. A kākāriki karaka survey was done less than a month ago. We have the largest population of kākāriki karaka in the world, with potentially 450 within the sanctuary. We have applied for a permit variation for kākā – we want to source eggs from Abel Tasman to be sent to Dunedin for incubation. Pairs originally in Dunedin have been relocated to Natureland.

Harry Allard, NCC: The CREST model has recently been updated to get habitat layers included. There is a new breakdown of sediment comparable to monitoring data. There is now more usable data available. Instructions on how to use it are now hosted in the tool. European Union-funded BioProtect project – having second round of eDNA surveys within the region. Working with Irish colleagues on cost analysis for a new tool – geo spatial data useful for that tool. We have got back shared geo spatial marine coastal data which is now a shared database that will be useful for shared spatial planning.

Dan Montgomery, Tasman Pine Forests: We are heading towards business as usual. Just working on a Strategic Plan for the next 60 years. We are looking at different nature-based solutions. We have a large project on a global scale looking at trying to account for ecosystem services for the largest forestry plantations in the world. We are looking at seven ecosystem services and trying to put a value on what forests provide for each of these services. A report will be released on 6 November. It will be an interesting paper, and I can provide a link to anyone interested. We are trying to find ways that we can afford to retire areas that aren't suitable for forestry.

Stu Robertson, DOC: We have just published long-term reports for Tonga and Horoirangi Marine Reserves which are available online. The marine reserves are strong for most species of fish but there is a decline inside and outside the marine reserves for blue cod and we're not sure why. There will be some media coming out about that. Marine monitoring framework – we have put our report on how we manage crayfish around the country. Locally we have Coastwatch groups happening, which has been effective this year with less marine reserve incidents than last year, although still about double the incidents of the year before. We are trying to spread the geographical scope of that. There will be a workshop on 16 November, and we have written a handbook that lays out all you need to know about the coastal area. We have a marine restoration symposium coming up. We have a big restoration project at Wakapuaka where we have removed about 40,000 kina from the restoration site and have

found some good recovery. We are engaging with local iwi to help us install green lip mussels in the rocky reef system, which is the first time this has been done in the rocky reef.

Susan Moore-Lavo (TUR): We have been working on national programmes. We are looking at native timber potential for long-term land ownership. We have a workshop on 19 October where we will have a day talking about transition forestry and the Northland totara model, decisions around retiring forestry, and the harakeke initiative. We have eight workshops in October around country – including one in Marlborough. We are working with Lincoln University, Auckland University and FENZ preparing for El Nino season, fire behaviour and how to prepare for that.

Dave Taylor, Kūmānu: We are working across Te Tau Ihu from Golden Bay to Blenheim, working with councils, area groups, DOC, primary industries, looking at ways to support biodiversity. We have been preparing for avian influenza, with staff being trained to deal with that in case it does eventuate here.

Jennifer Rose, NCC: Joined NCC policy team recently.

Leigh Marshall, NCC: Will give update later in meeting. Due to the Council restructuring, there has not as much energy and a hold on starting new things. Together with TDC we have done a review of our lizards and frogs in relation to how regionally threatened they are compared to nationally threatened. There are some species of lizards where Nelson or Tasman are strongholds, and generally the trend is that species are more endangered using a regional les than national perspective. This is the first time we've done this threat classification with a taxon group. One of the team is working on updating the Living Heritage Guide, which is a planting guide for Nelson. We have just had a grant round close – we had about 50 grant applications. The vast majority of applications are focussed on hill country erosion to support landowners with highly erodible land.

James Griffiths update (done by Leigh): There has been a lot happening in the Forestry Transition and Hill Country Reserves Programme. James has been working with a group of stakeholders to help inform a strategy for the programme. Leigh attended a forum of this group as an advisor and was impressed with the work and energy of the stakeholders. There's a lot going on.

Mike Orchard, Kūmānu: I am managing a nursery that is closing. I have been involved with the Halo strategic planning project which is hopeful. Have to be in a positive frame of mind to get things done so should be supportive. In the environmental space – how do we, in the green sector of the work, disrupt what has been done and use our heads rather than give up?

Phil Cochrane (NCC) Thanked all for sharing their updates and deferred his update to his presentation later in the meeting.

Jared Waters, Kūmānu: Ospri programme - 3000 possums eliminated this year. NCC large-scale monitoring programme started. Working with Halo project. Weeds will be an issue in future if not eradicated.

Richard Frizzell, NCC: Working on a report which summaries all biosecurity activities over the last year. We have had three signs of *Sabella*, that luckily were picked up and controlled, but this highlights the importance of surveillance. All were on vessels coming into Nelson from

outside the region. We are promoting a National Pathways Plan to ensure awareness and control. We have completed Taiwan cherry work for this year and the first round of spraying of water celery. We have secured Envirolink funding to undertake a review of our water celery control. I am the lead for bird flu for NCC, working very closely with TDC. A coordination group are meeting every couple of weeks locally, which includes council, DOC, Public Health, Fish & Game, and Kūmānu. So far, we have only had three incidents of bird flu across the country. We are well prepared for its arrival. DOC have done webinars monthly that I can provide to the Forum.

6. Updates

6.1 Resource Management reform update (Jane Doogue)

There is a new resource management system. The timeframe for development of new plans, especially a Regional Spatial Plan (RSP), is 30 September. The RSP sets the strategic direction for growth and change for the region over 30 years.

Key changes: Joint RSP for Nelson and Tasman. Timeframes have been extended. Goal of Natural Environment Act amended to protect significant indigenous biodiversity. Retained regulatory relief regime.

Special provision for Nelson and Tasman – NCC and TDC must prepare, implement and administer a joint RSP for their combined regions in accordance with section 93(2) to (4).

National policy direction directs content of RSP, Land Use Plans and Natural Environment Plans.

National standards – National Policy Direction (NPD) is sitting at the top of the planning framework. The purpose of national standards is to implement NPD and provide procedural and regulatory consistency.

Illustrative NPD has been released by the government to test the approach. It contains 94 directives. Feedback is open through to 16 October.

Timing: The first NPD is expected to be issued around September 2027, along with the first set of National Standards under the Planning Act. The first National Standards are expected in April 2028.

Still working under tight timeframes. RSP notified within 21 months of enactment by 30 June 2028. Council decision on RSP within nine months by 30 March 2029. Land Use and National Environment Plans notified within nine months of RSP decision by 30 December 2029, with decisions within the following 12 months by 30 December 2030.

Phase 0 Foundation project:

- Working with TDC preparing for joint regional spatial planning.
- Building elected members knowledge of the new system and Acts.
- Key decisions for councils in 2027.
- Start spatial planning process in 2027.

Joint process agreement must set out how the spatial plan comms will consult with groups before public notification of the draft RSP.

Phase 0 stakeholder mapping - 69 responses are being analysed and will help inform what we write into the joint process agreement. There will be opportunities to be involved regardless of whether your group/organisation is on our database and/or participated in the survey.

Resources: Webinar online, TDC webpage on spatial planning, Planning New Zealand website has launched for planning.

6.2 NCC Long Term Plan process (Leigh Marshall)

Time frames for LTP 2027-37.

Mid 2026 vision and strategic priorities, draft AMP developed. Late 2026 draft AMP approved, draft LTP developed. Early 2027, March-May, draft LTP public consult, hearings and deliberation. Mid 2027, June, LTP adopted. 1 July LTP in effect. Early 2028, March-May, Annual Plan consultation. June 2028 Annual Plan adopted.

Restructure – we found out last week what the new structure looks like. There are changes to the way we are structured, science and environment are going to be closer to the planning people which is good. There are a lot of roles that have been disestablished, mainly management roles, and there will also be new roles available, some of which will be filled by people with roles that have been disestablished. A lot of those jobs will be externally advertised. The new structure will be in place by 23 November. For the Forum, you will probably have new faces of people you engage with. There have been no suggestions that the Biodiversity Forum shouldn't occur, so as far as I am aware, this Forum will continue.

Sky acknowledged all NCC staff in this tumultuous time and their work on this Forum and hoped we continue to work together in some way.

7. Nelson Nature Programme updates

7.1 Nelson Halo (Phil Cochrane/Leigh Marshall)

The Nelson Halo Project is a landscape scale approach to improving habitats for indigenous wildlife through coordinated predator control, habitat enhancement, and ecological connectivity across Nelson/Whakatū.

2.1 goal: Long-term abundance and diversity of native birds and improved ecological integrity within the Nelson boundaries.

In 2026 there are approximately 26 projects, 4,266 traps, 3,543 ha. Most projects are community; some were installed under Jobs for Nature and now handed over to Council and community.

Objectives achieved – bird abundance, ecological connectivity, breeding and foraging habitat, bird and forest health monitoring.

The report is available on the Council's website along with the original plan.

Leigh reported that work has been done on refreshing and re-energising the Halo Project. Two huis were held recently to bring together key organisations in the community trapping sector to move into a more collaborative project. There are two halves to the Halo, NCC's Hill Country Reserves and community efforts front country reserves and private land. The refreshed Halo goals are both enhancing native wildlife in Nelson and connecting people with nature. The discussions to date helped clarify our shared vision and goals. We are using Conservation Design Standards to collectively identify targets. A small group of us will develop a draft Strategy but need to test assumptions we are making. We are thinking about ecological outcomes as well as social outcomes.

7.2 Coastal restoration (Phill Cochrane - for Scott Butcher)

- Scott Butcher has been working on two projects: creating Ecological Maintenance and Restoration Plan for the Wakapuaka Sandflats Reserve and Paremata Flats.
- Plans incorporate Climate Change and sea level rise
- Consideration of recreational use and impacts on sites
- Intention to build better relationship with iwi in the management of sites
- Seek to define difference between maintenance and activities that deliver substantive restoration gains

8. Update on Nelson Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan review (Fraenzi Furigo and Sky Davies)

Sky acknowledged Fraenzi who has volunteered to collate all the information and help with tracking against actions.

Fraenzi said that an Excel tracker was introduced and populated with information from the marine group. The tracker was given to DOC to look at actions that are led by DOC. Leigh took the first draft and worked with the NCC team and that is what we came up with. We recycled the first review and have put together report cards that we have been using accordingly. We now need your comments

9. Workshop session on Action Plan report cards (facilitated by Sky Davies)

Everyone was divided into different tables. There were seven different actions to be discussed:

Table 1:

- Outcome 1: Nationally and regionally threatened indigenous species are sustained and restored.
- Outcome 2: Rare and representative examples of native communities are protected and restored.

Table 2:

- Outcome 3: Indigenous biodiversity is ecologically connected to sustain its functioning.
- Outcome 4: Degraded indigenous ecosystems are restored and then sustained.

Table 3:

- Outcome 5: Biodiversity is resilient in the face of climate change.
- Outcome 6: Ecologically unsustainable use is prevented.

Table 4:

- Outcome 7: Valued resources are available for use.

Ten minutes was allowed for each table to discuss, then move around the tables to different outcomes.

There were three things to discuss:
(1) Are there any activities missing from the reports?
(2) Do you agree with the summary – if not, note why?
(3) Ideas for next steps – this is the initial place about where we emphasise priorities through the Long Term Plan process.

Groups were asked to note any obvious priorities of outcomes in terms of projects to carry forward in an updated Action Plan, and any key projects we might promote through the Long Term Plan process.

Report back from groups:

Outcome 1: Successes that science advisory have done, we need more council contributions to that work. Do council management more fully moving forward.

Outcome 2: Joint financing models is a more attractive way of getting funding moving forward.

Outcomes 3 and 4: Prioritise overall concept of connecting from mountain to sea, packaged any way we want. Could modify to be more terrestrial or aquatic based.

Outcome 5 on climate change: Staying in touch with national science – no reference to regional links that could be useful. What connects things – mountains to sea – systematic approach of looking at places that are prioritised. All need to be updated. There are a lot of question marks on what will still be operative.

Outcome 6: Missing from 6.2 is encourage the use of engagement tools. Grades okay, but actions need to be redone because they are no longer relevant.

Council work on floods – all talking and working together. Concentrate on collaborative and positive comms.

Outcome 7: Didn't see it being a priority amongst other priorities. What stood out was actions around iwi partners, one of the responsibilities would be ongoing upskilling on Treaty partnerships. How to make it more relevant to iwi. Take out of RMA and focus on supporting iwi aspirations.

Discussion:

Sky: Key themes were mountains to sea linking landscape. Building on positive stuff that has happened already. Good marine focussed actions. Halo work – it feels like there's a lot of energy focussing on predator control and supporting the Brook Waimārama Sanctuary in making Nelson nature big brand and a place that Nelson is known for. I feel this is an area we should be getting behind as well. Strengthening relationships with iwi and upskilling ourselves. Any key priority that feels important?

We have a lot of knowledge, but how do we use it?

Impediments to flow and fish we need to do monitoring of how it is working.

There is a lot of information coming through on climate change, but how do you take that information and use it to help inform next steps? There's still work to do on that.

Being aware of opportunities. Good to stay connected and informed and making use of opportunities when they arise.

Sky said if there is anything that comes to mind that wasn't covered today, reach out to Sky, Leigh or Missy. Will do some work with Fraenzi to pull together information for a draft report and get finalised as our update but also have first crack at how we identify priorities. Next Forum meeting will have a marine focus combined with marine biodiversity group and that is in December.

10. Actions and items for next meeting

Who?	What?	When?	Item/Status
Coordinating Group	To follow up with potential speakers for the next meetings.	Next meeting.	Ongoing
Fraenzi	Prepare draft report and identify action priorities.		

Closing comments and karakia

Karakia Whakamutunga
Kia whakairia te tapu
Kia wātea ai te ara
Kia turuki whakataha ai
Kia turuki whakataha ai
Haumi e, Hui e, Tāiki e!

Meeting closed 12.30pm

Next meeting
Venue: NCC Council Chambers
Time: 0930-1230
Date: 7th December 2026

UPDATE ON RM SYSTEM REFORM

and

NCC PREPARATIONS

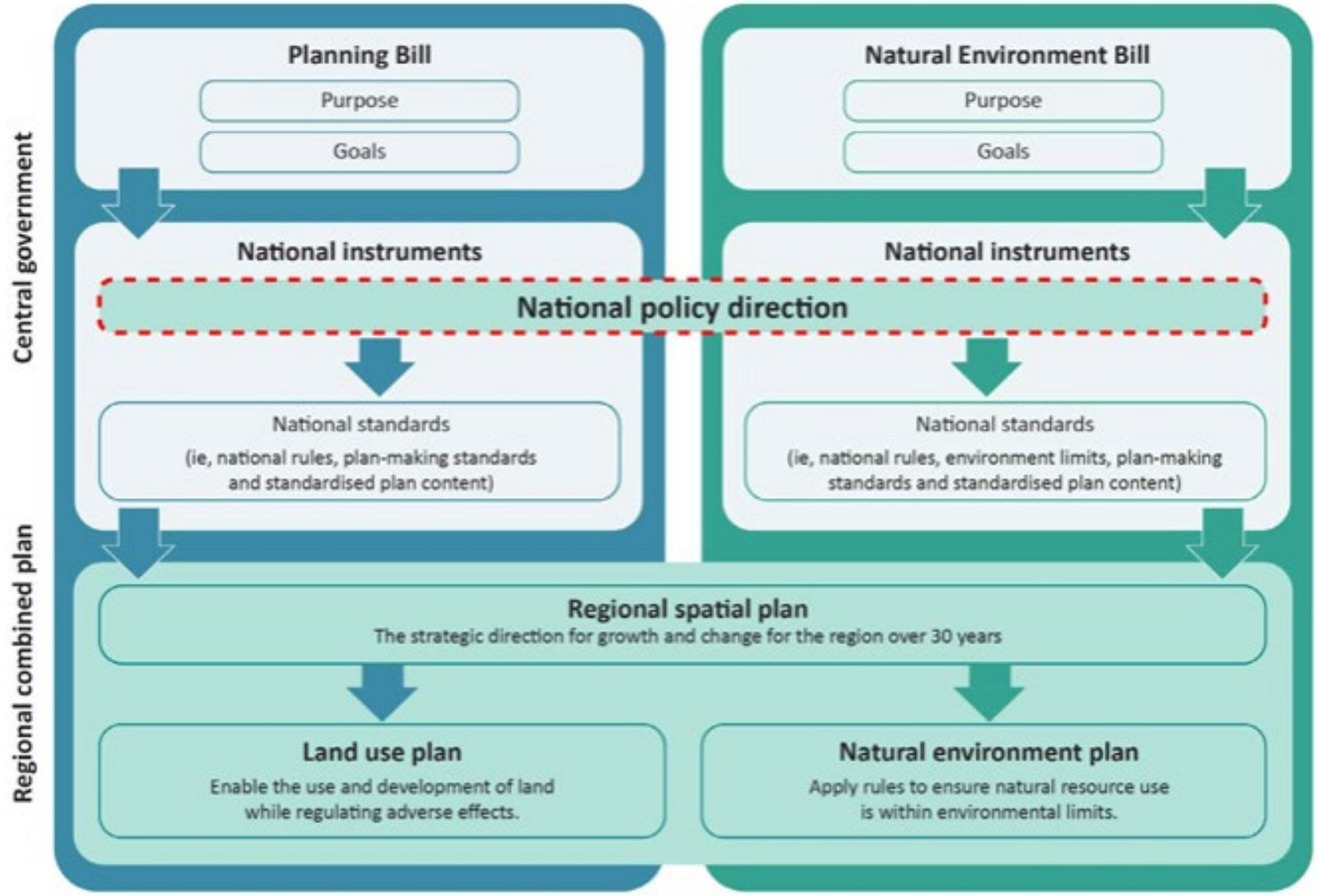




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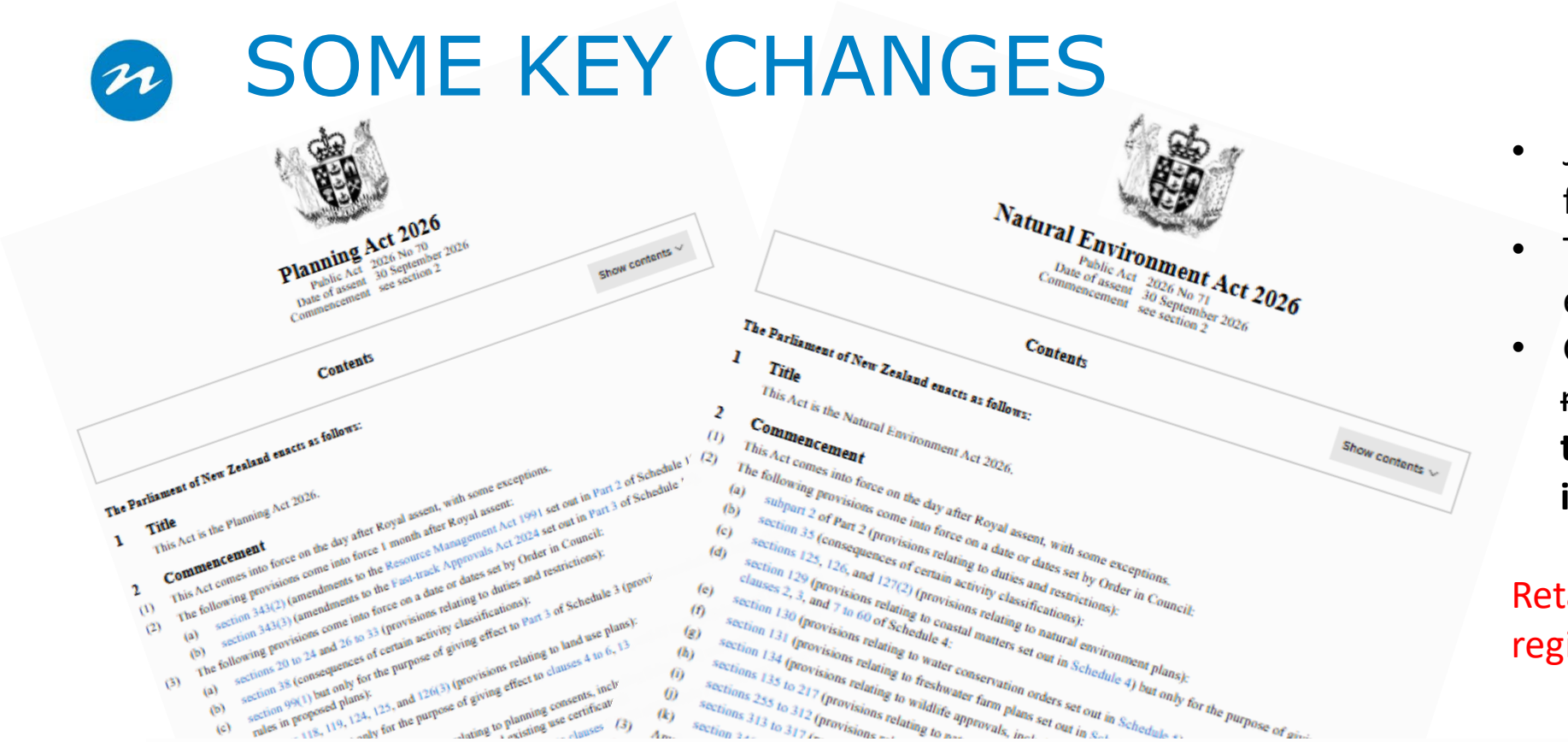
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THE NEW RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



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SOME KEY CHANGES



Planning Act 2026
Public Act 2026 No 70
Date of assent 30 September 2026
Commencement see section 2

Contents

The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

1 Title
This Act is the Planning Act 2026.

2 Commencement
(1) This Act comes into force on the day after Royal assent, with some exceptions.
(2) The following provisions come into force 1 month after Royal assent:
(a) section 343(2) (amendments to the Resource Management Act 1991 set out in Part 2 of Schedule 1)
(b) section 343(3) (amendments to the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 set out in Part 3 of Schedule 1)
(3) The following provisions come into force on a date or dates set by Order in Council:
(a) sections 20 to 24 and 26 to 33 (provisions relating to duties and restrictions):
(b) section 38 (consequences of certain activity classifications):
(c) section 99(1) but only for the purpose of giving effect to Part 3 of Schedule 3 (provisions relating to land use plans):
rules in proposed plans):
118, 119, 124, 125, and 126(3) (provisions relating to planning consents, including existing use certificates) but only for the purpose of giving effect to clauses 4 to 6, 13 clauses

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Natural Environment Act 2026
Public Act 2026 No 71
Date of assent 30 September 2026
Commencement see section 2

Contents

The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

1 Title
This Act is the Natural Environment Act 2026.

2 Commencement
(1) This Act comes into force on the day after Royal assent, with some exceptions.
(2) The following provisions come into force on a date or dates set by Order in Council:
(a) subpart 2 of Part 2 (provisions relating to duties and restrictions):
(b) section 35 (consequences of certain activity classifications):
(c) sections 125, 126, and 127(2) (provisions relating to natural environment plans):
(d) section 129 (provisions relating to coastal matters set out in Schedule 4) but only for the purpose of giving effect to clauses 2, 3, and 7 to 60 of Schedule 4:
(e) section 130 (provisions relating to water conservation orders set out in Schedule 4) but only for the purpose of giving effect to clauses 2, 3, and 7 to 60 of Schedule 4:
(f) section 131 (provisions relating to freshwater farm plans set out in Schedule 4) but only for the purpose of giving effect to clauses 2, 3, and 7 to 60 of Schedule 4:
(g) section 134 (provisions relating to wildlife approvals, including Schedule 11).
(h) sections 135 to 217 (provisions relating to [illegible]) but only for the purpose of giving effect to clauses 2, 3, and 7 to 60 of Schedule 4:
(i) sections 255 to 312 (provisions relating to [illegible]) but only for the purpose of giving effect to clauses 2, 3, and 7 to 60 of Schedule 4:
(j) sections 313 to 317 (provisions relating to [illegible]) but only for the purpose of giving effect to clauses 2, 3, and 7 to 60 of Schedule 4:
(k) section 34[illegible]

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94 Special provision for Nelson and Tasman

Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council must prepare, implement, and administer a joint regional spatial plan for their combined regions in accordance with section 93(2) to (4).

(i) section 34[illegible]
(j) Sections 221 and 222 come into force on a date set by Order in Council (including Schedule 11).
(4) Section 343(4) comes into force on a date set by Order in Council (repeal of the Resource Management Act 1991 relating to the Planning Tribunal set out in Part 4 of Schedule 1).
(5) Section 343(6) comes into force on a date set by Order in Council (repeal of the Resource Management Act 1991 relating to the Environment Court set out in Part 4 of Schedule 1).
(6) Section 344 comes into force on a date set by Order in Council (repeal of the Resource Management Act 1991 set out in Part 4 of Schedule 1).
(7) Any part of this Act that has not come into force 4 years after Royal assent comes into force then.
(8) An Order in Council made under this section is secondary legislation (see Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019 for publication requirements).
(9) [illegible] of the Legislation Act 2019 for [illegible] then.
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- Joint regional spatial plan for Nelson & Tasman
- Timeframes have been extended
- Goal of NE Act amended:
  ~~no net loss in IB~~
  to protect significant indigenous biodiversity

Retained regulatory relief regime



NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

- **National Policy Direction (NPD)** under the Planning Act and Natural Environment Act – directs the content of RSP, land use plans and natural environment plans.
- **National Standards** - The purpose of national standards is to implement national policy direction and provide procedural and regulatory consistency.
- **Illustrative NPD** – an illustrative draft version of the NPD has been released by the Government to test the approach – feedback is open through to **16 October 2026**
- **Timing** - The first NPD is expected to be issued around September 2027, along with the first set of national standards under the Planning Act. The first set of national standards under the Natural Environment Act are expected around April 2028, in time for regional spatial plans to be notified in July 2028.



TIMEFRAMES and WHAT NCC IS DOING

- **RSP notified** within 21 months of enactment **by 30 June 2028**
- **Council decision** on RSP within 9 months of notification **by 30 March 2029**
- **Land use** and **Natural Environment plans notified** within 9 months of RSP decision **30 Dec 2029** with decisions within the following 12 months **by 30 Dec 2030**

Phase 0 Foundation project

- Working with TDC - preparing for joint regional spatial planning
- Building elected members' knowledge of the new system and Acts
- Key decisions for Councils in 2027 (Joint Process Agreement – JPA)
- Start spatial planning process in 2027

INVOLEMENT IN DEVELOPING RSP

- Joint Process Agreement (JPA) must set out: how the Spatial Plan Committee will consult with groups before public notification of the draft RSP.
- Phase 0 stakeholder mapping
  - stakeholder database (n=191)
  - webinar and survey – September 2026
  - 69 responses to survey
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RESOURCES

- Webinar recording on Shape Nelson webpage (also TDC Shape) https://shape.nelson.govt.nz/joint-nelson-tasman-regional-spatial-plan
- TDC webpage on regional spatial planning https://www.tasman.govt.nz/my-council/key-documents/more/spatial-plan
- Planning New Zealand - The Government's new website for information about the new planning system https://www.planning.govt.nz/



Pātai / Questions?



Long Term Plan 2027-37 timeframes

Presentation to Nelson Biodiversity Forum 12 Oct 2026



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Long Term Plan (LTP) and Activity Management Plans (AMPs)

- Activity Management Plan (AMPs)
  - 10 year plan, updated every 3 years
  - Outlines Council's activities, functions and responsibilities
  - Asset and service planning (activity)
  - Define levels of service, projects, risks and costs
  - Provide the work programmes and budgets used in the LTP
- Long Term Plan (LTP)
  - 10 year plan, updated every 3 years
  - What Council will do, what it will cost, how it will be funded
- Annual Plan
  - Yearly review and adjustment (minor changes) in Year 2 and 3 of LTP



Long Term Plan 2027-2037

Mid 2026	Late 2026	Early 2027	Mid 2027	Late 2027	Early 2028	Mid 2028	Late 2028
Long Term Plan 2027-2037	**May 2026** Vision & Strategic Priorities approved Draft AMP developed	Draft AMP approved Draft LTP developed	**March – May 27** Draft LTP Public consulation, Hearings & Deliberation	**Jun 27** LTP adopted **1 Jul 27** LTP in effect		**March-May 28** Annual Plan consultation(?)	**Jun 28** Annual Plan adopted



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Long Term Plan 2027-2037

LTP draft Strategic Priority

- Environment: Promote a healthy environment by:
  - Supporting measures that will reduce climate change emissions and encourage waste minimisation
  - Improving and enhancing Nelson's air and water quality
  - Protecting and restoring biodiversity and taking care of our land, forests, waterways, estuaries and marine coastal environment.

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Progress update
Nelson Wildlife Halo
&
Coastal Programmes



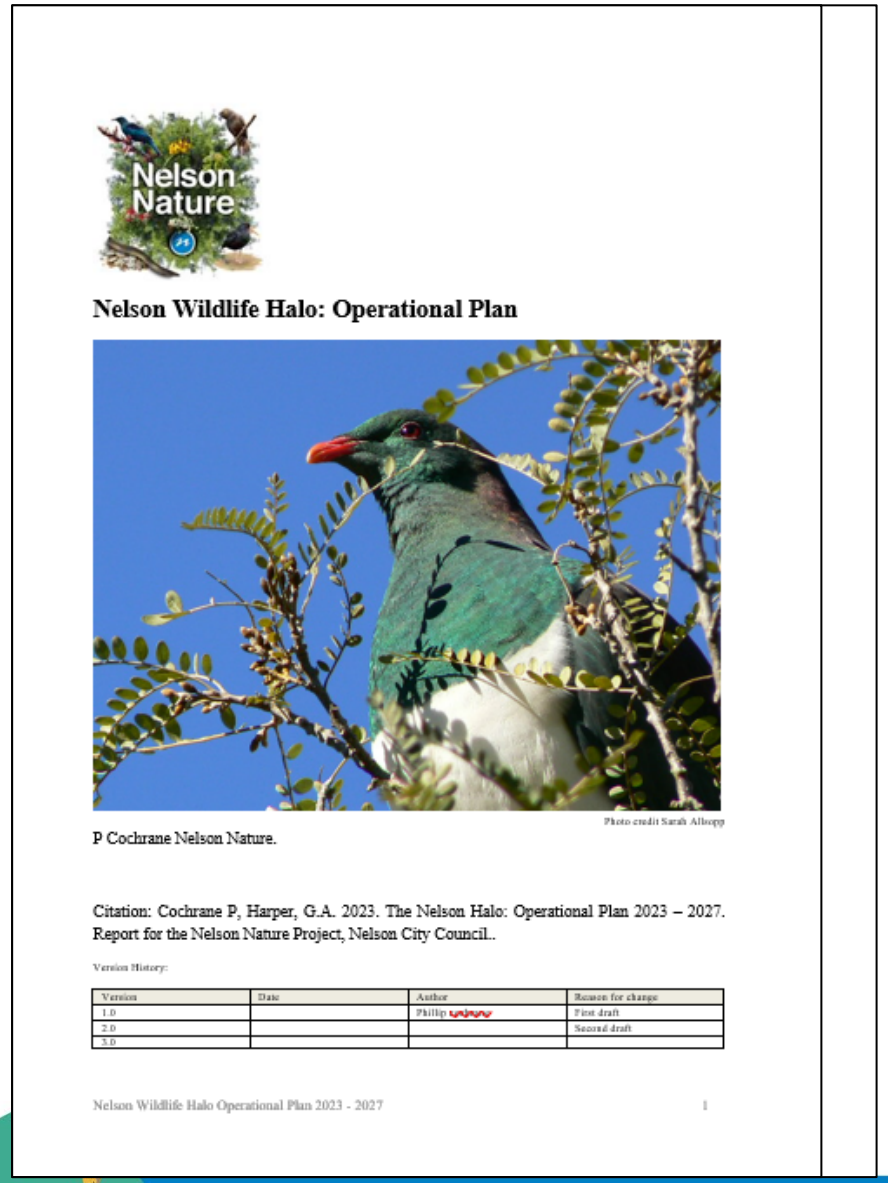
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Nelson Wildlife Halo

The Nelson Halo is a ‘landscape-scale’ approach to improving habitats for indigenous wildlife through coordinated predator control, habitat enhancement, and ecological connectivity across Nelson/Whakatū.

2.1 Goal
To increase the long-term abundance and diversity of native birds and improve ecological integrity within the Nelson City boundaries



Nelson Nature

Nelson Wildlife Halo: Operational Plan

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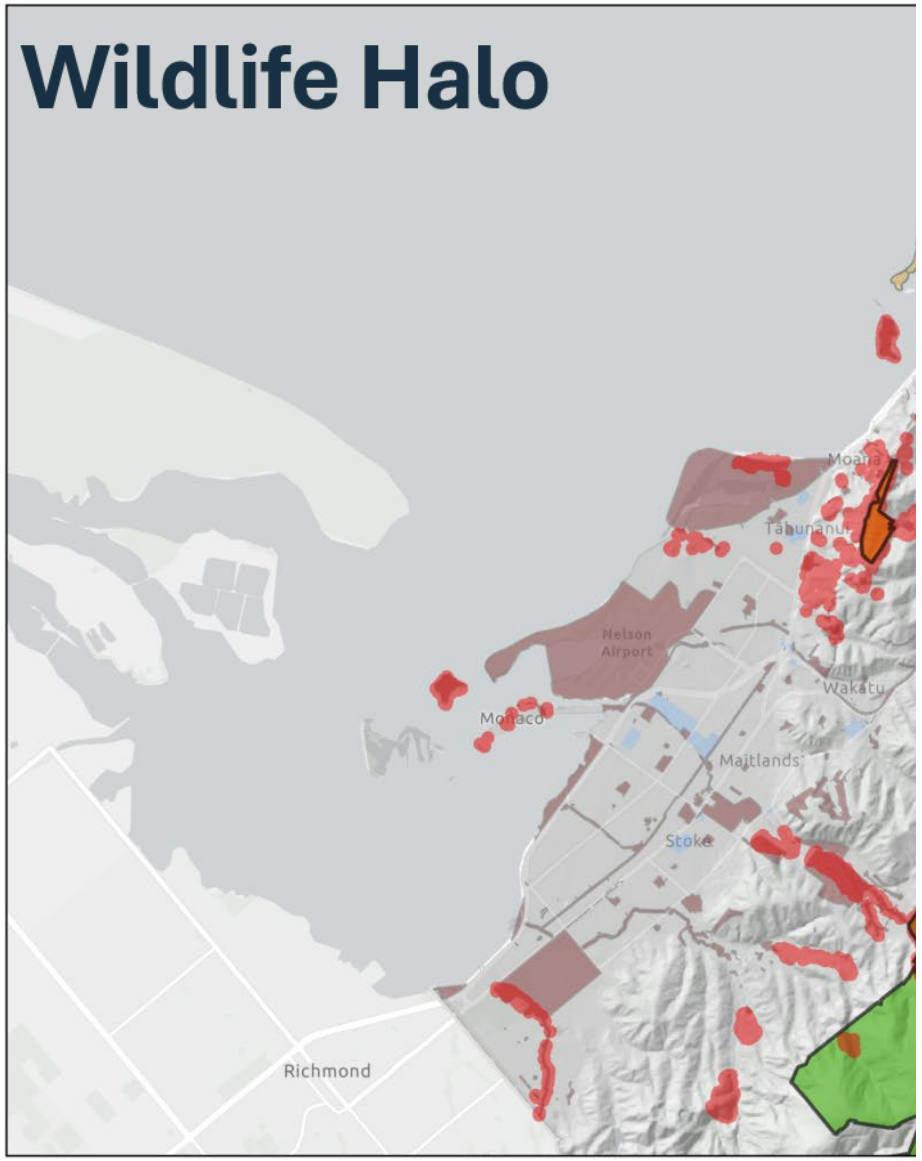
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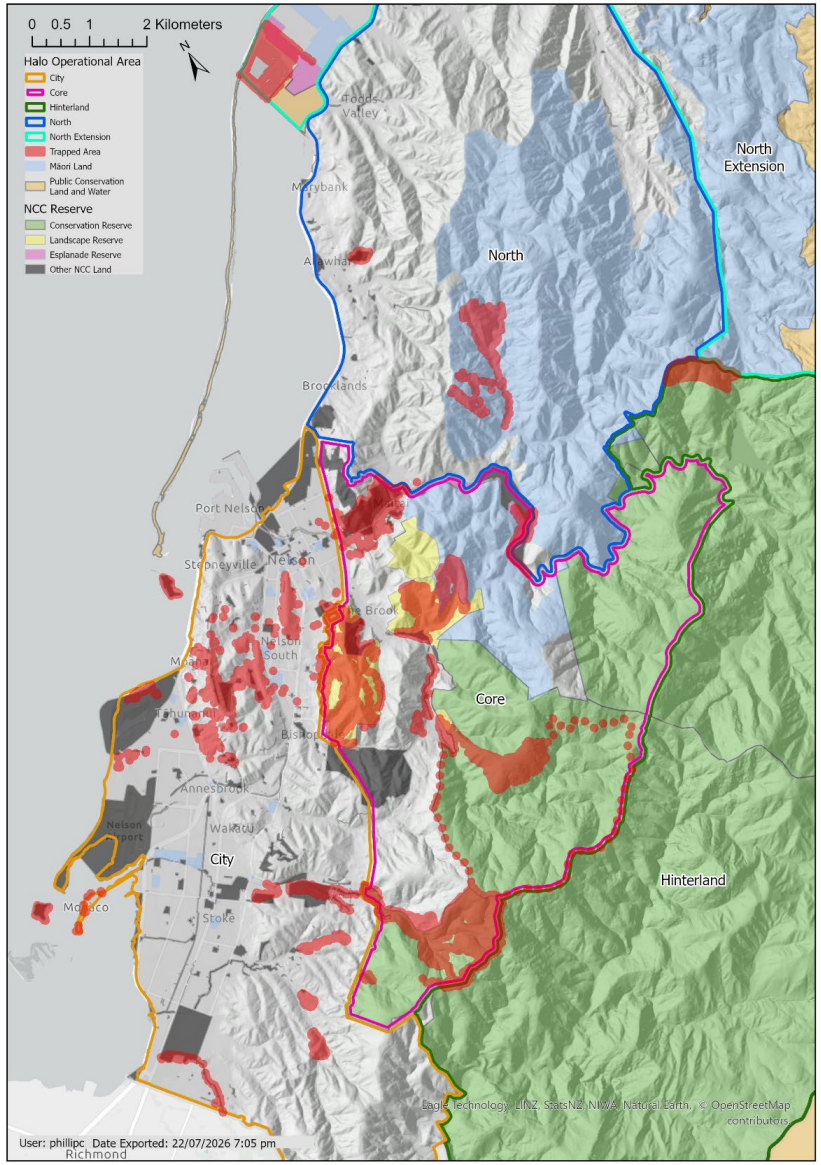
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- In 2026:
- ~26 projects
- ~4,266 traps
- ~3,543 ha





Progress against the 2019 Halo Operational Plan

Eleven objectives grouped into three delivery themes

Ecological outcomes

What changed in the landscape and biodiversity system

- 01 **Bird abundance** — Partially achieved
- 03 **Ecological connectivity** — Progress evident
- 06 **Breeding and foraging habitat** — Progress evident
- 11 **Bird and forest-health monitoring** — Partially achieved

Predator control and practice

How management coverage, quality and tools progressed

- 02 **Area under predator control** — Achieved
- 04 **Predator management outcomes** — Unable to assess
- 05 **Best-practice pest control** — Achieved
- 07 **Technology supporting native birds** — Partially achieved

Community and participation

How people, groups and landowners contributed

- 08 **Support for community trapping groups** — Achieved
- 09 **Engagement and cooperation** — Partially achieved
- 10 **Landowner restoration and predator control** — Partially achieved

Overall picture

3 Achieved	2 Progress evident	5 Partially achieved	1 Unable to assess

Intermediate Outcome 1.2 - Predator free and predator suppressed areas are sustained as refuges for vulnerable species.		Grade Partly achieved/ Good progress
Actions		
1.2.1	Continue community collaboration and support for the ecological restoration of the mammalian-pest-free Brook Waimārama Sanctuary and enhancement of the biodiversity values in the surrounding areas (halo). (Lead: Brook Waimarama Sanctuary (inside sanctuary) & Nelson City Council (in Halo))	Partly achieved Good progress
1.2.2	Reintroduce regionally extinct species into the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary. (Lead: Brook Waimarama Sanctuary).	Achieved/ Excellent progress
1.2.3	Work with local community and KMTT partners to develop a vision, plan and ready to be implemented "Predator Free 2050" (or similar) project, linking the Brook Waimārama Sanctuary, Te Hoiere restoration, Nelson Nature Halo and other predator control projects. (Lead: Nelson City Council & Department of Conservation)	Partly achieved/ Good progress

Coastal Programme (for Scott Butcher)



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Outcome 2 -Rare and representative examples of native communities are protected and restored.		
Intermediate Outcome 2.1 - At least 10% of the original area of all terrestrial ecosystems is functioning, connected, and resilient in a changing climate.		**Grade** 😐+ Partly achieved/ Good progress
Actions		
2.1.1	Protect and restore existing alluvial, riparian and coastal ecosystems of the Maitai Valley and the urban area of the city, Wakapuaka Valley and Delaware Bay including Paremata Flats, and Whangamoa Valley including the Kokorua dune complex. (Lead: Nelson City Council)	😐+ Partly achieved/ Good progress
2.1.2	Lead discussion with NCC, DOC, and other parties to establish the priorities, timeframe, and funding for restoration of coastal cliff ecosystems, including pampas and wilding conifer control. (Lead: Nelson City Council)	☹ Not achieved/ Poor progress
2.1.3	Protect and restore the natural communities of the Wakapuaka sand flats and associated estuarine and freshwater environments. (Lead: Nelson City Council)	😐+ Partly achieved/ Good progress



- Plans incorporate Climate Change and sea level rise
- Consideration of recreational use and impacts on sites
- Intention to build better relationship with iwi in the management of sites
- Seek to define difference between maintenance and activities that deliver substantive restoration gains

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Wakapuaka Sandflats Reserve
Ecological Maintenance and Restoration Plan

Revision number: 0.1 - WSP DRAFT (NCC input outstanding)

Release date: 03/07/2026

Cadastral unit(s): Lot 3 DP 14320, Lot 1 DP 14320, Lot 1 DP 7276 and part of Lot 3 DP 7530

Landowner: Te Kaunihera o Whakatū | Nelson City Council (NCC)

SNA Reference: 224

Prepared by: Nelson City Council (NCC) and WSP New Zealand Ltd (WSP)



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Paremata Flats Reserve
Ecological Maintenance and Restoration Plan

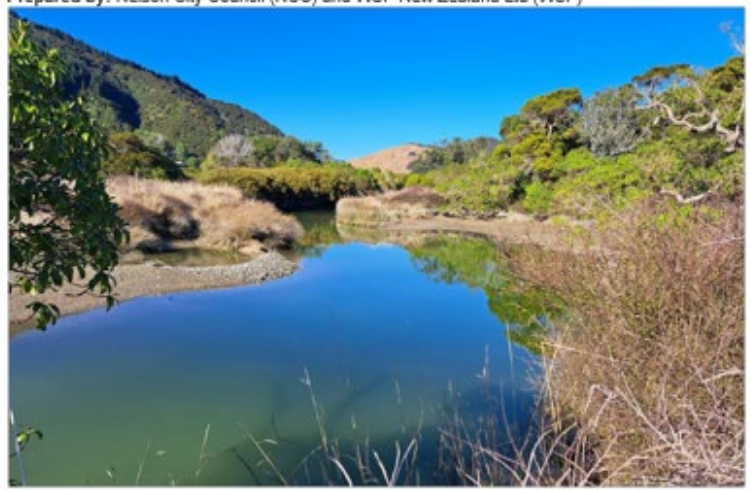
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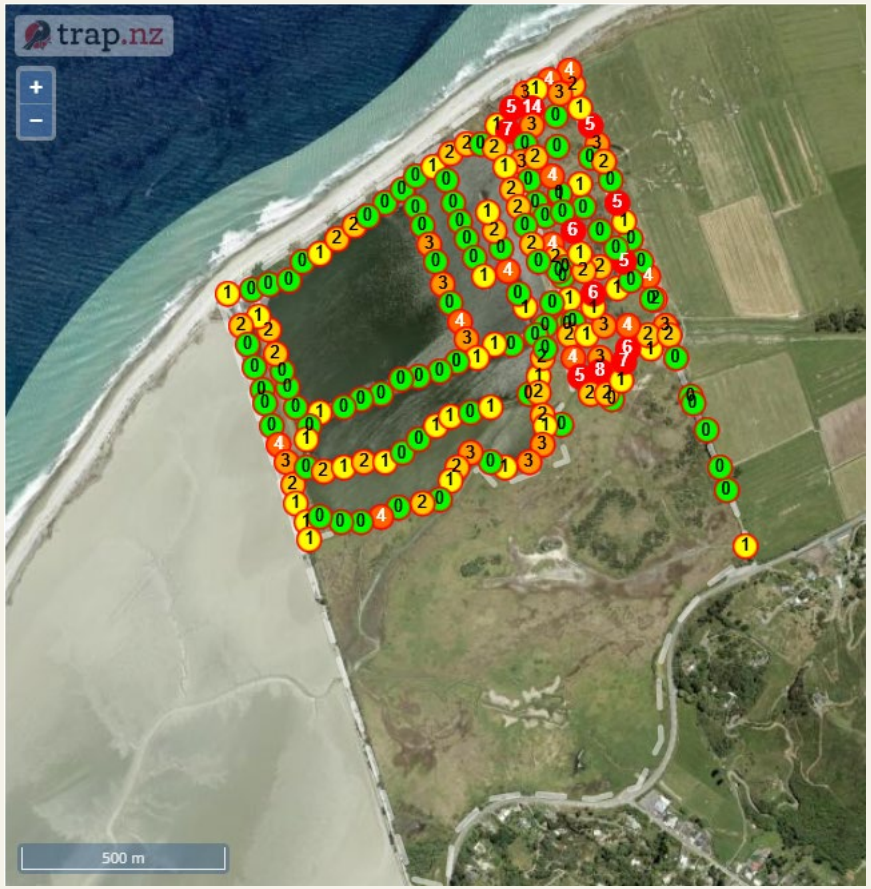
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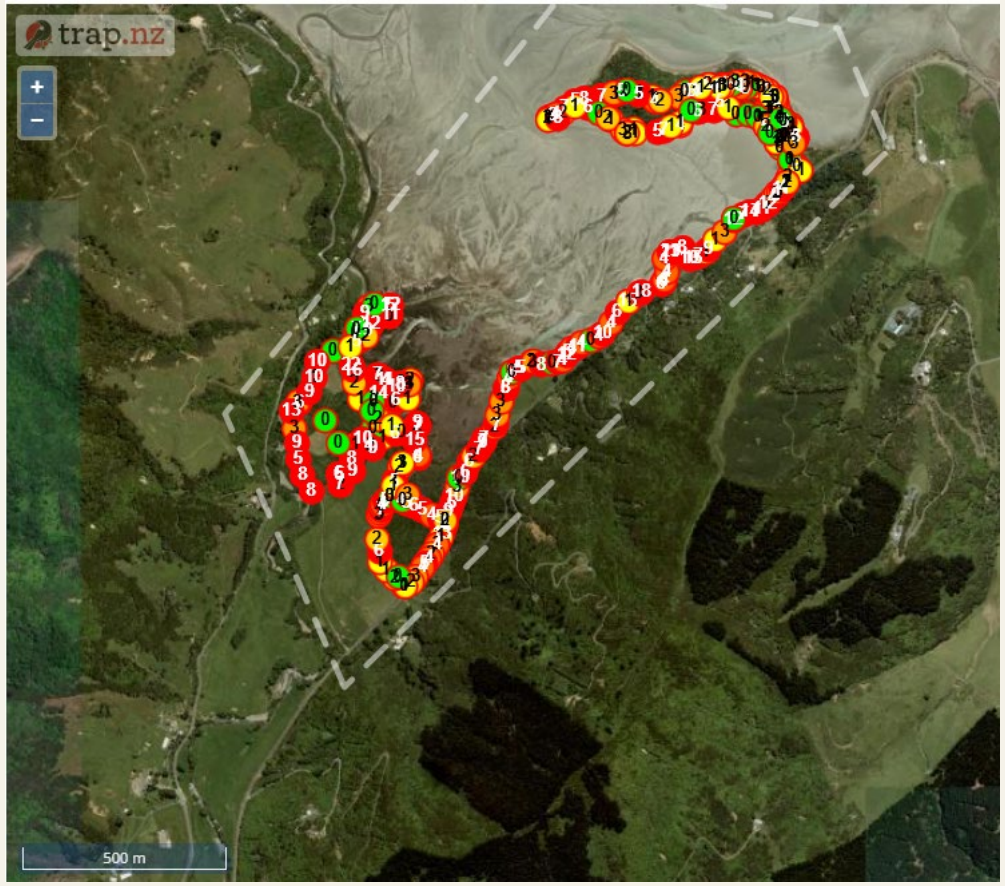
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Community Trapping

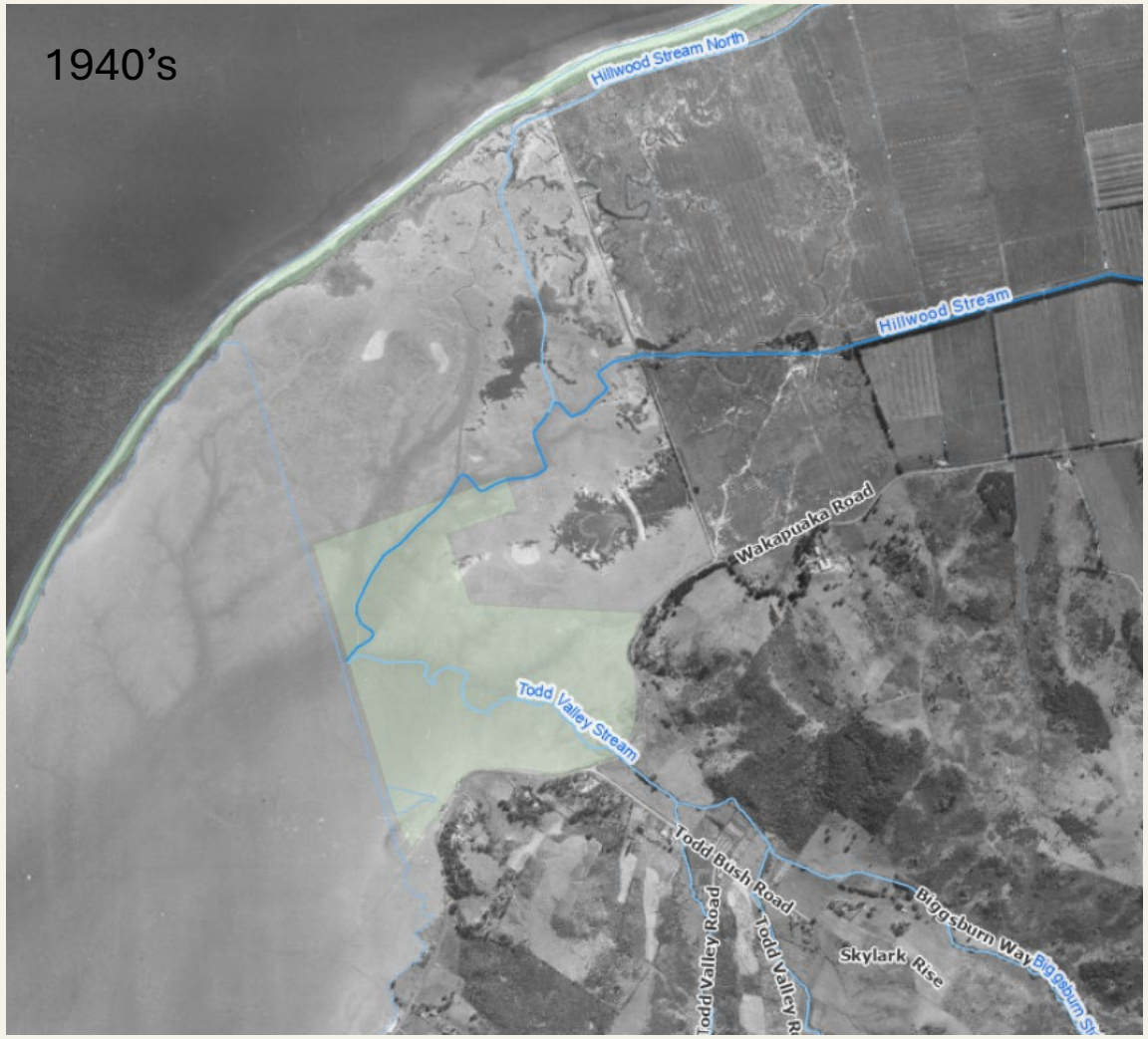





1943


2007


2025


1940’s
Hillwood Stream North
Hillwood Stream
Wakapuaka Road
Todd Valley Stream
Todd Bush Road
Todd Valley Road
Skylark Rise
Biggsburn Way


1960’s
Hillwood Stream North
Hillwood Stream
Wakapuaka Road
Todd Valley Stream
Todd Bush Road
Skylark Rise


1960’s
Hillwood Stream North
Hillwood Stream
Wakapuaka Road
Todd Valley Stream
Todd Bush Road
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Skylark Rise


1972
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1989
Hillwood Stream North
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Hillwood Stream North
Wakapuaka Road
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Todd Bush Road
Todd Valley


Dec 2025
Todd Valley Stream
Todd Bush Road
Todd Valley


December 2025


Aug 2022
Glen Road
Hillwood Stream North
Hillwood Stream
Wakapuaka Road
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Todd Valley Stream
Todd Bush Re
Kaituka Rise

