

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regional Coastal Plan for Southland

The Southland Regional Council (Environment Southland) has prepared the following proposed change to the Regional Coastal Plan for Southland (the proposal):

Regional Coastal Plan for Southland: Plan Change 5 – Section 16 Surface water activities on the internal waters of Fiordland from Yates Point to Puysegur Point

The changes proposed to Section 16 of the Regional Coastal Plan for Southland are to:

- Introduce a new policy which requires the avoidance of adverse effects on the Fiordland coastal environment including by not granting resource consent for new or intensifying commercial surface water activities (above that which currently exist).
- Introduce a new policy which requires the avoidance or mitigation of effects from commercial surface water activities on marine mammals.
- Delete an existing policy which places no limit on the amount of commercial surface water activity occurring within Piopiotahi / Milford Sound.
- Provide recognition of the cultural significance to mana whenua of the Fiordland coastal environment by including the use of dual place names.
- Introduce a new policy to manage adverse effects of commercial surface water activities on wilderness, remoteness, and other recreational and visitor values.
- Introduce a new policy to identify the matters which can impact on wilderness and remoteness values.
- Enable private companies to undertake pest management work, where it is being undertaken in conjunction with statutory bodies.
- Enable private companies to undertake maintenance of lawfully established structures within the coastal marine area, where this is required because of statutory or resource consent requirements.
- Introduce a new policy regarding matters to be considered when determining a resource consent term of consent.
- Amend a rule to change the activity status from discretionary to non-complying, for new or increasing commercial surface water activities within the internal waters of Fiordland.

The proposal may be inspected on the Council's website by following this [link](#). If you have any questions about the application, please contact a member of the Policy & Planning team via reception on 03 211 5115.

The following persons may make a submission on the proposal:

- the local authority in its own area may make a submission; and
- any other person may make a submission but, if the person could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, then the person may do so only if the person is directly affected by an effect of the proposal that—
 - adversely affects the environment; and
 - does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

You may make a submission by sending a written or electronic submission to the Southland Regional Council (Environment Southland) at:

- Environment Southland, Private Bag 90116, Invercargill 9840, Attention: Regional Coastal Plan Change
- By using the electronic form on the Environment Southland website by following this [link](#).
- By email to consultation@es.govt.nz
- You can also deliver your submission to Environment Southland's office on the corner of Price Street and North Road, Waikiwi, Invercargill.

The submission must be in [form 5](#) and must state whether or not you wish to be heard on your submission. Copies of this form are available from the Council's website by following this [link](#) or can be collected from Environment Southland's office.

Submissions close on Monday 29 August 2022 at 5pm

The process for public participation in the consideration of the proposal under the RMA is as follows:

- after the closing date for submission, Environment Southland must prepare a summary of decisions requested by submitters and give public notice of the availability of this summary and where the summary and submissions can be inspected; and
- there must be an opportunity for the following persons to make a further submission in support of, or in opposition to, the submissions already made:
 - any person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest:
 - any person who has an interest in the proposal greater than the general public has:
 - the local authority itself; and
- if a person making a submission asks to be heard in support of his or her submission, a hearing must be held; and
- Environment Southland must give its decision on the provisions and matters raised in the submissions (including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions) and give public notice of its decision within 2 years of notifying the proposal and serve it on every person who made a submission at the same time; and
- any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal against the decision on the proposal to the Environment Court if, —
 - in relation to a provision or matter that is the subject of the appeal, the person referred to the provision or matter in the person's submission on the proposal; and
 - in the case of a proposal that is a proposed policy statement or plan, the appeal does not seek the withdrawal of the proposal as a whole.



Signature on behalf of
Southland Regional Council
18 July 2022