



Takaka FLAG

NPSFM – next steps summary

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NPS-FM Review Summary

- Govt released next steps doc in Feb
- Proposing changes to NPS-FM:
 - New NOF attributes
 - Stock exclusion
 - Good practice standards
 - Enabling water transfer
 - More clarity/advice coming on issues
 - Iwi involvement
 - Relationship of WCO to existing planning
 - etc...
- Light on detail for what/how/when
- Submissions close on 22 April
- TDC making a submission
- Doc available on MfE website:

<http://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/fresh-water/next-steps-fresh-water-consultation-document>

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Next steps for fresh water
CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Proposed changes to NPSFM

- NOF changes - proposing **new attributes** for:
 - Sediment
 - Temperature
 - Benthic cyanobacteria
 - Wetlands
 - Potentially Macroinvertebrate Community Index
- Using **Macroinvertebrate Community Index (MCI)** as mandatory method of monitoring Ecosystem Health
- Also new attributes planned for
 - Water supply
 - Fishing
 - **Cultural indicators**

Proposed changes to NPSFM

- Requirement to maintain or improve ‘overall’ water quality to apply to FMU, not region
 - Attributes can be managed within a grade
 - Retains ‘unders and overs’ approach
 - Unclear on how this relates to case law at this stage
 - See Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc v Hawke's Bay Regional Council [2015] NZEnvC 50
- **Good management practice standards** required where allocation discharge allowances are set and catchments approaching or at full allocation
- **Stock exclusion requirement** (see next slide for details and Takaka map)

Stock exclusion

- Requirement for stock exclusion
- Applies on land **less than 15° slopes**
- Applies to **dairy and beef cattle, deer and pigs**
- Does not apply to sheep or goats
- **Timing:**
 - Dairy cattle & pigs by July 2017
 - Dairy support by 2020 or 2025
 - Beef & Deer on <3° by 2025
 - Beef & Deer on 4-15° by 2030

