

# **Regional Plan: Coast for Otago**

**Amendment 2  
Aquaculture Settlement Areas**

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This is a true and correct copy of Amendment 2 (Aquaculture Settlement Areas) to the Regional Plan: Coast for Otago.

The copy of Amendment 2 (Aquaculture Settlement Areas) to the Regional Plan: Coast for Otago is deemed to be operative on 1 August 2025.

The Common Seal of the Otago Regional Council was hereto affixed in the presence of:



Chairperson



Co-Chair, Strategy and Planning Committee



## Chronicle of Key Events

Key event	Date notified	Date decision released	Date operative
Regional Plan: Coast	1 July 1994	16 May 1997	1 September 2001
Plan Change 1 (Harbourside)	26 January	14 February 2009	1 December 2009
Amendment 1 (NZ Coastal Policy Statement)	10 December 2011	10 December 2011	1 January 2012
Amendment 2 (Aquaculture Settlement Areas)	31 July 2025	31 July 2025	1 August 2025



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## **Introduction to Amendment**

The Regional Plan: Coast for Otago became operative on 1 July 2001.

The purpose of Amendment 2 (Aquaculture Settlement Areas) is to ensure that future decisions on resource consents under the Regional Plan: Coast for Otago are consistent with the space allocation obligations set out in the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004.

Under section 12 of the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act, six new Aquaculture Settlement Areas have been declared within the Otago region. This change was notified by Gazette Notice No. MPI 1869, which came into force on 15 October 2024, with the boundaries of the ASAs defined by specified geographic coordinates.

As a result of this notice, under section 85AA of the Resource Management Act (RMA), the Council was required to:

- Amend plan maps to reflect the new aquaculture settlement areas,
- Make the amendment as soon as practicable after the notice was issued, and
- Make the amendment without using the process set out in Schedule 1 of the RMA.

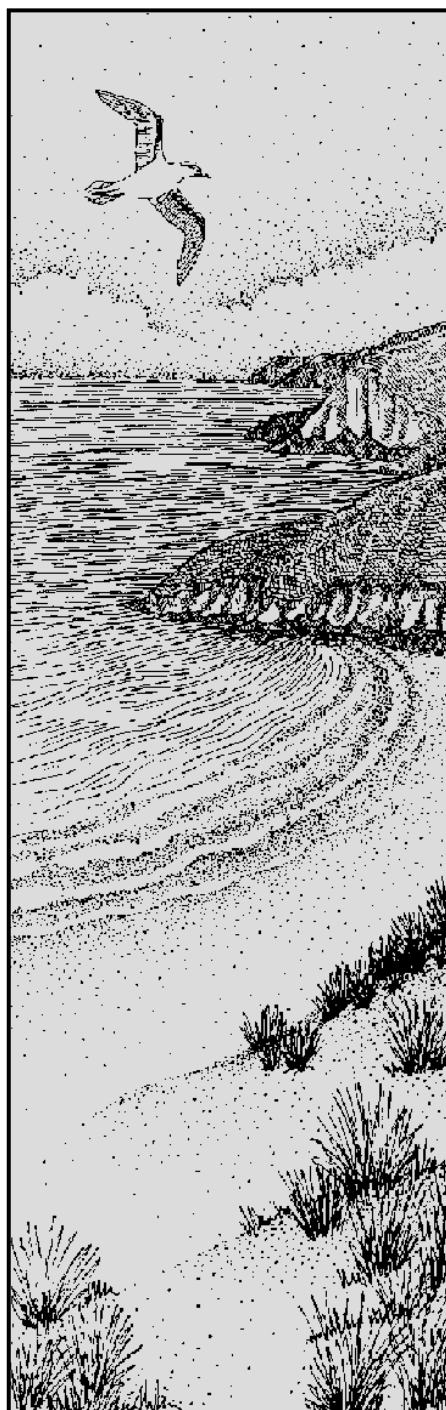
Council resolved to make Amendment 2, with effect from 1 August 2025. The decision was publicly notified on 31 July 2025.

The following section details the provisions of Amendment 2 in order of chapters in the Regional Plan: Coast for Otago.

An updated version of the Regional Plan: Coast for Otago, incorporating this amendment is also available.

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## Introduction



## 1.2 The process and the effect of the Plan

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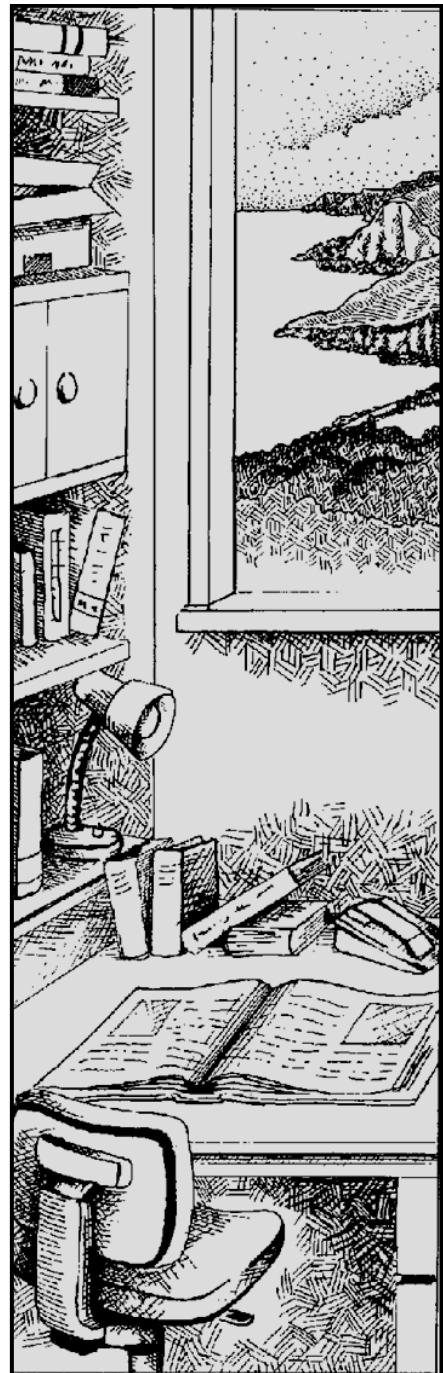
This Plan was amended by Amendment 1 (NZ Coastal Policy Statement) on 1 January 2012. This amendment removed Restricted Coastal Activities in accordance with the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010 and removed references to the 1994 New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement.

This Plan was amended by Amendment 2 (Aquaculture Settlement Areas) on 1 August 2025. This amendment introduced maps of six new Aquaculture Settlement Areas gazetted under Section 12 of the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004.



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## Legislative and Policy Framework



## 2.10 Other legislation

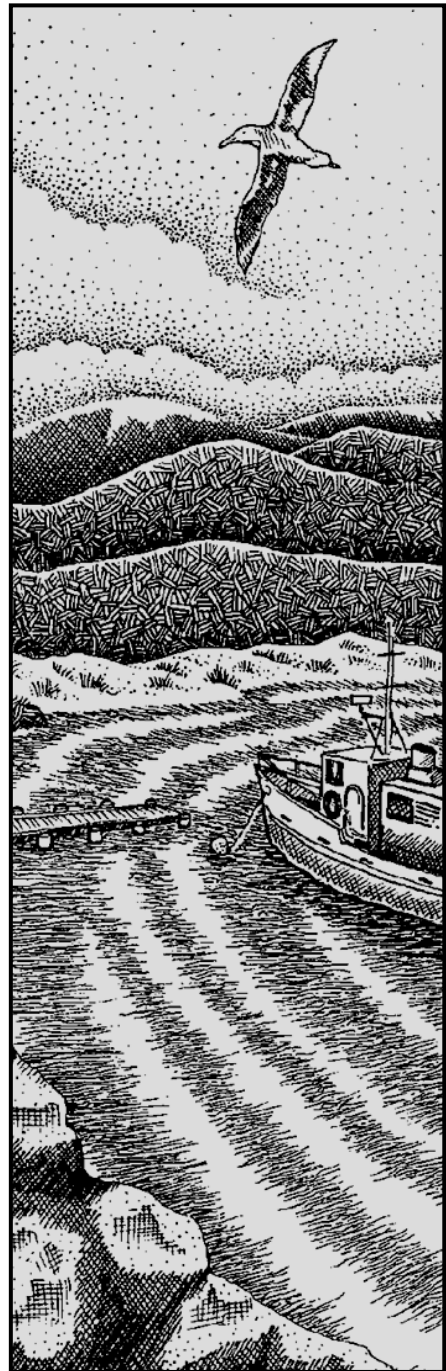
While this Plan considers the use, development and protection of Otago's coastal marine area pursuant to the Act, there are a number of other statutes which can affect activities occurring in the coastal marine area. These statutes, briefly described below, may themselves require authorisations in addition to any required by this Plan for an activity.

### **2.10.13 Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004**

The Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004 provides a full and final settlement of Māori claims to commercial aquaculture since 21 September 1992 and for the allocation and management of aquaculture settlement assets. Section 12 of this Act enables the Crown to declare space in the coastal marine area to be an aquaculture settlement area. Aquaculture settlement areas must be shown in regional plans and are subject to the restrictions in section 165E of the Resource Management Act.

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## Coastal Management



## 5.1 Introduction

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Within this Plan, the different values associated with those areas are recognised and provided for by the identification of areas within the coastal marine area. These areas have values associated with them which need to be recognised in the management of Otago's coastal resources. For the purposes of the Plan, ~~four~~five areas have been established:

### 1. Coastal Protection Areas

These areas have been identified on the basis of their biological, physical or cultural values which need to be recognised and provided for.

### 2. Coastal Development Areas

These areas have been developed to varying degrees. The coastal development area provides for the recognition of the facilities and infrastructure in those areas, and the values and uses associated with them.

### 3. Coastal Recreation Areas

These areas have been identified because of their accessibility by the public, their frequency of use, and the facilities and infrastructure such as yachting clubs, surf life saving clubs and navigational markers associated with them.

### 4. Coastal Harbourside Areas

These areas have been developed to varying degrees. While traditionally developed for port activities and some recreational activity, their function is shifting towards increased recreational and public access opportunities that utilise and enhance the existing structures in the coastal marine area, which span the line of mean high-water springs. Improved public access and recreational opportunities in the coastal marine area will create a quality waterfront that integrates with, and supports, development and activities on the adjacent land. Achieving this requires integrated management with the relevant territorial authority. There is currently only one such area, Steamer Basin.

### 5. Aquaculture Settlement Areas

These areas have been identified by the Crown under the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004, to preserve space for settlement purposes under that Act.

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## Schedules

## Schedule 2: Management areas

### 2.5 Aquaculture Settlement Areas

Six aquaculture settlement areas have been gazetted within the Otago region. These include three offshore zones north of Dunedin, two onshore sites near Moeraki and one zone adjacent to Karitane.

Under section 165E of the Resource Management Act, no person may apply for a coastal permit authorising occupation of space in an aquaculture settlement area, for the purpose of aquaculture activities, unless the person is a holder of an authorisation that relates to that space and activity and was provided to the trustee<sup>1</sup> under section 13 of the Maori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004. A coastal permit may be granted for any other activity, but only to the extent that the activity is compatible with aquaculture activities, and after consultation with the trustee and iwi in the region.

Areas	Values and uses
ASA - M1	Marine aquaculture
ASA - M2	
ASA - M3	
ASA - S1	
ASA - S2	
ASA - S3	

<sup>1</sup> The trustee is Te Ohu Kai Moana Trustee Limited, as trustee of the Maori Commercial Aquaculture Settlement Trust, established under section 34 of the Maori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004.

## Key to the maps

### Schedules 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4

Schedule 2.1 Coastal Protection Areas (CPA) are shown in *red*.

Schedule 2.2 Coastal Development Areas (CDA) are shown in *blue*.

Schedule 2.3 Coastal Recreation Areas (CRA) are shown in *green*.

Schedule 2.4 Coastal Harbourside Areas (CHSA) are shown in *yellow*.

Schedule 2.5 Aquaculture Settlement Areas (ASA) are shown in *orange*

### Schedules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3

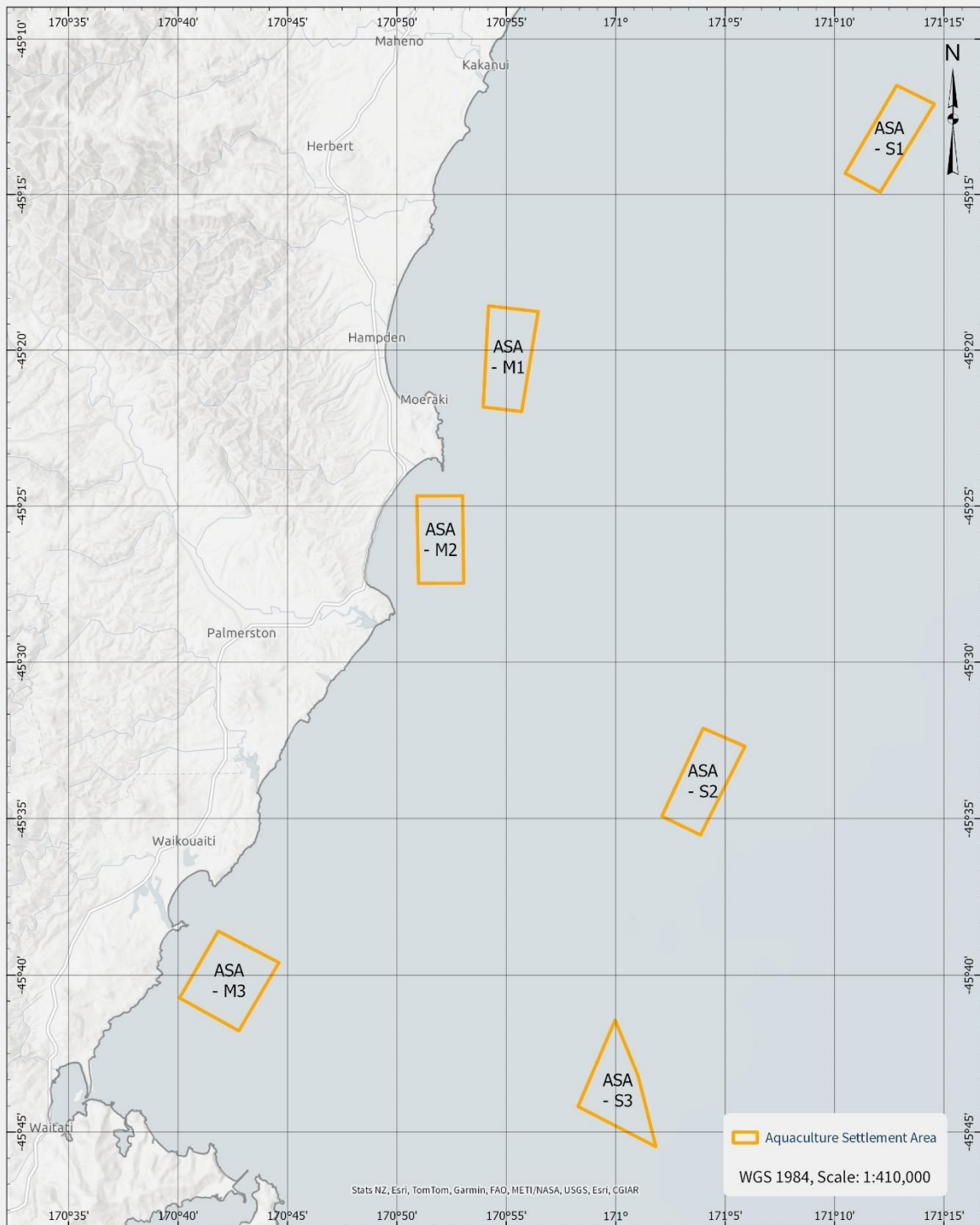
Schedule 3.1 Marine Mammal and Bird Sites (MMB) above MHWS are shown in *blue*.

Schedule 3.2 Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes (ONFL) are shown in *red*.

Schedule 3.3 Coastal Hazard Areas (CHA) are shown in *green*.

The north point on all maps is at the top of each map, following the lines of longitude

# Aquaculture Settlement Areas



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## Coastal Management Areas