

## CHAPTER 26: INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS

### 26.1 SCOPE OF CHAPTER 26

This chapter gives guidelines for the information that may be required to accompany coastal permit applications for activities in the coastal marine area (except discharges). The matters listed will not be relevant to every application, nor are they an exhaustive list. The obligation remains with applicants to provide sufficient information to meet the requirements of Section 88 and the Fourth Schedule of the Act. In all cases, Council may request further information under Section 92 of the Act.

Information requirements for coastal discharge applications are included with the Plan provisions addressing discharges generally (Part VI).

### 26.2 INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS (EXCEPT DISCHARGES)

#### 26.2.1 Coastal Permits for Disturbances, Structures or Occupation

Applicants must submit information on the following matters, to the extent that they are relevant to the proposed activity, when seeking a coastal permit for disturbance, deposition or removal of material, erection of structures in, or occupation of, the coastal marine area, for activities other than aquaculture:

- 26.2.1.1 The nature and purpose of the proposed activity in terms of any of the following:
- (a) disturbing or modifying the foreshore or seabed, including by removing or depositing material;
  - (b) placing structures on foreshore, seabed, sea surface or within the water column;
  - (c) adding material, including feed substances, which may alter water quality or affect any habitat;
  - (d) introducing any plants or animals not indigenous to the locality;
  - (e) occupying foreshore, seabed, sea surface or water column.
- 26.2.1.2 The need for the activity to be located in the coastal marine area, including reasons why an alternative location or method for carrying out the activity is not appropriate, and justification for the size of the area applied for.
- 26.2.1.3 Locality plan, site plan and structure plan.
- 26.2.1.4 The area over which occupation is sought, and the degree to which the activity requires the exclusion of other persons from the site.
- 26.2.1.5 The proposed location of the activity in relation to:
- (a) the shoreline;
  - (b) water depth;
  - (c) navigation, including common routes and random vessel movements (e.g. recreational boating);
  - (d) aquaculture and fishing activities.
- 26.2.1.6 A description of the habitats, ecology and species that are likely to be affected by the proposed activity, and what those effects are likely to be.

- 26.2.1.7 The visibility of all parts of the activity, including any buoys, lights, floats, piles, cages, racks, impoundments, and other structures or associated craft:
- (a) from the shore, especially from reserves and scenic areas but also residential areas or other occupied coastal areas;
  - (b) to other users of the sea, including users for navigational, recreational or commercial purposes.
- 26.2.1.8 Effects of the activity on areas of natural character and on landscape, recreational, historical, cultural, amenity or heritage values.
- 26.2.1.9 Effects of the activity on other activities occurring in the locality, including commercial and recreational fishing activities.
- 26.2.1.10 Water quality requirements for the activity, and any likely impacts of the activity on water quality.
- 26.2.1.11 The use or possible discharge of any contaminant or hazardous substance from the site or activity.
- 26.2.1.12 Structural integrity, taking into account the range of weather and sea conditions experienced at the site.
- 26.2.1.13 Noise likely to be generated by the activity.
- 26.2.1.14 Odour likely to be generated by the activity.
- 26.2.1.15 Effects of the activity on coastal processes, or likely effects of coastal processes on the activity.
- 26.2.1.16 The timing, duration, or frequency of the activity, including any preparation or construction phase, and the continuing operation of the activity.
- 26.2.1.17 The effect of the activity on public access to and in the coastal marine area.
- 26.2.1.18 People identified as being likely to be affected by the proposed activity, the results of any consultation undertaken, and any written approval given by any affected person.
- 26.2.1.19 Methods proposed to manage any adverse effects of the activity.
- 26.2.1.20 Any other consents or authorisations required, whether under the Resource Management Act or any other legislation.

## **26.2.2 Coastal Permits for Aquaculture**

Applicants for coastal permits for aquaculture must submit information on matters 26.2.2.1 to 26.2.2.9 below.

- 26.2.2.1 A description of the proposed activity, including:
- (a) site identification (latitude and longitude), and the location of monitoring control sites;
  - (b) species, method, structures and equipment;
  - (c) site plan and development programme, including stocking intensity and density of structure placement.
- 26.2.2.2 A description of the hydrodynamic and hydrographic properties of the site and in its vicinity, including:

- (a) water depth;
  - (b) current velocities, over at least one neap/spring tide cycle, and their ability to:
    - replenish the site with nutrients;
    - disperse material released from the farmed stock;
  - (c) temperature;
  - (d) salinity;
  - (e) density;
  - (f) stratification of any of the above parameters;
  - (g) general water quality, including the influence of rivers and discharges from land;
  - (h) wind and wave conditions.
- 26.2.2.3 A description of the spatial variation of phytoplankton biomass within the application area and at monitoring control sites.
- 26.2.2.4 A description of benthic habitat characteristics and variability within the application area and its vicinity and at monitoring control sites, including:
- (a) substrate characteristics:
    - sediment size, type, and variability;
    - whether it is typical, unusual, or rare.
  - (b) epifauna and infauna:
    - distribution and relative abundance of species;
    - dominant or characteristic species;
    - vulnerable species, or species under stress;
    - species of particular ecological value.
- 26.2.2.5 A description of effects of the activity, particularly:
- (a) phytoplankton depletion and/or enhancement;
  - (b) deposition of material onto the seabed;
  - (c) water quality, including effects specified in Section 107 of the Act
  - (d) effects on habitat and species;
  - (e) the potential for incursion, predation, disease and genetic risk to wild stock;
  - (f) effects on natural character and amenity values;
  - (g) effects of density of development;
  - (h) hydrodynamic effects;
  - (i) effect on navigation;
  - (j) cumulative effects
- and including an assessment of the extent to which effects are likely to occur beyond the application site.
- 26.2.2.6 Where accommodation for workers is proposed, the number of persons likely to be resident and methods of waste collection and disposal.
- 26.2.2.7 A description of a monitoring and review process appropriate to the type of aquaculture and to the nature of the site, taking into account any prior use of the site for aquaculture activities.
- 26.2.2.8 A description of the ways in which the activity will affect Treaty values (except for applications for spat catching as a controlled activity).
- 26.2.2.9 Where an application is for a site that is being used or has previously been used for aquaculture, the application must include a description of any change in site characteristics from those described in the previous application.



