

# Chapter 3

## COASTAL MATTERS

### SECTION

### FROM

#### 1. Coastal Matters

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#### 140 FORESHORE EROSION CONTROL

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The Council adopted a Coastal Management Strategy in June 1999 to which will be appended Comprehensive Coastal Management Plans, as they are prepared, for each specific section of the coast.

The following policies have been adopted to provide interim guidance:

#### **Maintenance**

Council assets will be maintained at a level that is not likely to compound financial requirements in subsequent years and is consistent with Council's obligations not to cause nuisance or damage to or otherwise injuriously affect other parties or their properties.

#### **Emergency Works**

Where emergency works are deemed necessary to prevent loss of or endangerment to life or property:

- (i) Wherever circumstances allow, emergency works will be undertaken in conformity with the expressed preference in the proposed Regional Plan Coastal for non-structural or "soft" engineering works, where that is technically feasible and appropriate.
- (ii) Erosion of foreshore reserve(s) will only be repaired/remedied where imminent danger to life or property is likely to ensue prior to scheduled completion of the particular CCMP (Comprehensive Coastal Management Plan).
- (iii) Emergency works will be undertaken to maintain Council's existing assets in their current functional state where that is consistent with statutory requirements.
- (iv) Emergency works that do not involve Council assets but might be undertaken in the general interest of the community will be assessed and undertaken on their merits relative to scheduled annual plan

activities.

- New Works**
- (i) New coastal works will only be undertaken in accordance with a priority assessment conducted on each coastal compartment in accordance with this Coastal Management Strategy.
  - (ii) Work which fails to establish a priority need greater than existing scheduled work will only be undertaken following the initiation or completion of that other work or works.
- Beaches**
- (i) That the periodic problem of seaweed accumulation on several of the Whangaparaoa Peninsula beaches, in particular the eastern half of Manly Beach, is acknowledged, but the Council is not in a position to institute a beach cleaning programme to remove seaweed.
  - (ii) That Foreshore Protection measures be dealt with as part of the Coastal Management Strategy.
- General**
- (i) Prior to any unscheduled emergency or maintenance works being undertaken by Council as a consequence of coastal erosion or inundation, a full consideration of Council's liability will be undertaken to determine other parties which might more appropriately execute the required works.
  - (ii) Prior to any new work and where practical emergency work being undertaken under these interim policies, the Council will undertake consultation with affected parties (including, where appropriate, identified tangata whenua) to determine their preferences.
  - (iii) Council's priority for action is the maintenance and development of its existing and scheduled asset base.

#### 145 MANAGEMENT OF COASTAL WATERS

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1008/5/88 40/11/89  
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**Note:** The Council manages local issues in the Coastal Marine Area through a Transfer of Powers from the Auckland Regional Council.

**Honorary  
Harbourmasters  
essential to  
waters/foreshores  
management**

That it be acknowledged that the employment of local people in an honorary capacity to assist the Harbourmaster in his work is essential to the effective management of mooring areas and adjacent coastline.

**Honorary  
Harbourmaster and  
Wharfinger  
appointments to be  
reviewed every  
twelve months**

That all Honorary Harbourmaster and Wharfinger appointments be reviewed by the District Council, in June each year.

**Responsibilities of Honorary Harbourmasters** Honorary Harbourmasters are empowered under ARC Water Safety bylaws; Sections 3.1 – 3.6 and section 3.28.

**Honorary Harbourmasters to be paid an honorarium** That Honorary Harbourmasters be paid an honorarium of an amount which has been calculated to reimburse them for the estimated direct costs of carrying out their work

That the cost of such honorarium be funded from the appropriate mooring and foreshore structure fees accounts.

**Schedule of warranted personnel** That a record of all appointments made pursuant to this policy resolution be maintained by the Council in its schedule of warranted personnel.

**Use of honorary Harbour wardens** That the harbourmaster appoint two Honorary Harbour wardens to assist with boating safety promotion during the busy summer months.

**150 FISHING CONTESTS - DELEGATIONS**  
Please refer to Council's Delegations Register

**155 FORESHORE STRUCTURES - DELEGATIONS**  
Please refer to Council's Delegations Register

**160 MOORING SITES - WAITING LISTS**

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115/3/98

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**Background** RDC maintains mooring waiting lists for most Mooring Management Areas (MMAs) around the District. In past years these waiting lists were allowed to grow to the extent that they were unmanageable and created unrealistic expectations for people on the lists that they would receive a mooring site in the short term.

**Allocations** All waiting lists are now closely monitored and where the wait for a mooring site will exceed 2 years no further applications will be taken for that area.

Allocation of any site is to be based on an assessment of:

- The applicant's current need for a site
- Size of vessel to be moored
- Length of time the site is to be used on an annual basis.

**Ongoing management** Ongoing management of MMAs is to be as per the legislative requirements of:

- The Auckland Regional Plan (coastal)
- The ARC Navigation Bylaw 2008, section 3.28
- ARC conditions of use of a mooring site which may be reviewed from time to time

**Kawau Island mooring areas excluded from this system**

All Kawau Island mooring areas are specifically excluded from this system. Applicants for moorings on Kawau Island must be either ratepayers or permanent residents on the Island. Permanent residents on the island have priority of allocation over non-permanent residents

**165 MOORINGS - CHIEF EXECUTIVE MAY INSTITUTE ACTION IF CHARGES NOT PAID**  
**Please refer to Council's Delegations Register**

**170 COASTAL PERMITS (MOORINGS AND FORESHORE STRUCTURES)**

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          OC/1/1           127/3/92  
          RH/4/1           503/9/92  
          FC/41/2          255/4/94  
          AI/11/1          119/3/97  
          OC/6/1          115/3/98  
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**Transfer of coastal management functions from the Auckland Regional Council**

The Auckland Regional Council has transferred certain of its Resource Management Act functions to the Rodney District under Section 33 of the Resource Management Act to enable cost effective local control of the Rodney coastline, rivers and lakes.

The fundamental areas transferred are:

- (i) consent authority for coastal permitting.
- (ii) regulation and control through foreshores and waterways bylaws and the Resource Management Act.
- (iii) integrated beach and reserve development and maintenance.
- (iv) Similar provisions in rivers and lakes within the District.

**Annual charges**

The Council has a contractual accountability to the Auckland Regional Council for the administration of moorings and foreshore structures in the coastal marine area.

This includes inspection, monitoring and supervision of coastal permits for occupancy of the coastal marine area under the Resource Management Act..

Annual fees are payable, under the Deemed Regional Bylaw Chapter 16. Mooring fees are payable under the ARC Navigation Safety Bylaw 2008

**173 MARINE FARMING**

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          CGP/294/3/89   255/4/94  
          484/3/89       6/98  
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          1124/6/89      242/4/91

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The Auckland Regional Council has the responsibility to consider applications for Coastal Permits under the Resource Management Act.

The ARC has currently adopted an invited plan change process for the establishment of marine aquaculture management areas. However it is noted that the Government is reviewing the RMA and in addition marine aquaculture regulations.

The relevant council committee may consider the exercise of advocacy on behalf of the Rodney community on a case by case basis with consideration of social, economic, environmental and cultural well being of that community.

**175 COASTAL MANAGEMENT AND WHARF FEES**  
**Please refer to Appendix A: Fees and Charges**

**180 NORTHERN - BOAT RAMPS - ACTION PLAN**

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395/6/91 270/5/92  
255/4/94 255/4/94  
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The following Action Plan has been adopted for the development of boat ramps on the East Coast of Northern Rodney.

**Scotts Landing** To improve other existing ramps or create a new ramp in the Mahurangi Harbour area to take demand by recreational boat users off the ramp.

Opportunities for improving existing ramps or creating a new ramp(s) are to be kept under review.

**Dawsons Landing** The objective is to acquire additional land at the end of Dawsons Landing to enable the upgrading of the ramp and an extension of the parking area

Other future works in the area are to include recontouring, drainage work, car park and picnic area improvements, widening of the boat ramp and adding channel markers and navigation lighting.

The current status of the two targeted sites is:

(i) Wall land

The land has been vested in the Council.

Final compensation still being negotiated as at March 2000.

(ii) Dawson land

Negotiations have commenced.

On "hold" until wall issue resolved.

To continue to work towards the acquisition and settlement of land

purchases required in the vicinity of Dawsons landing.

**Leigh Harbour** That parking at this ramp be policed over the summer months by the bylaws officer.

**Warkworth** That the use of this ramp including parking requirements be monitored, and recommendations from the Northern Boat Access Report (draft) April 2005 be considered for implementation.

**Mahurangi area** That the identification of a preferred new boat ramp site be undertaken with input from appropriate local groups, and recommendations from the Northern Boat Access Report (draft) April 2005.

**Algies Bay area** That the parking at the main ramp be policed over the summer months by the bylaws officer.

#### **182 NORTHERN - WARKWORTH - ADDITIONAL BOAT LAUNCHING FACILITIES**

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To plan for the eventual provision of additional boat launching areas in the Warkworth catchment.

#### **185 NORTHERN - OMAHA SUBDIVISION - FORESHORE EROSION**

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NC/128/5/93 RT/69/11/93  
44/1/94 146/3/96

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**Foreshore works to be maintained but not extended in a major way**

To maintain the major works at Omaha comprising:

- the "Northern Groyne"
- the "Swash Groyne"
- the "Southern Groyne"
- the "Buried Seawall"

but not to carry out any major additions to them unless/until the matter has been fully discussed with the Omaha Ratepayers' and Residents' Association.

**Monitoring of performance**

That the policy for future monitoring at Omaha be:

- (i) The Council will carry out visual inspections annually at the end of each winter and provide a written appraisal of its findings.

- (ii) Additional inspections and aerial photography will be undertaken to monitor the effects of severe storms.

The inspections are to be carried out as soon as possible following the storms.

- (iii) That at five yearly intervals the following programme of monitoring be undertaken.

The next survey to be August 2000.

The monitoring report should follow the format of past reports.

These should comprise:

- (1) Summary of weather during monitoring period including wind runs from Leigh Laboratory Climate Reports.
- (2) Cross sections to 1.0 metres below low water at six locations to correspond generally with those surveyed during construction.
  - C-C Ocean Beach
  - F-F Ocean Beach
  - I-I Ocean Beach
  - One section between southern and swash groynes midway between N-N and M-M
  - R-R
  - S-S
- (3) Sand sampling at each cross-section and tabulation in the previously adopted format.
- (4) An aerial photograph of the spit.
- (5) A visual assessment and report.
- (6) An evaluation of any apparent trends in the beach system.

**200 NORTHERN – SANDSPIT CARPARK – CONDITIONS OF USE AND CHARGES**  
Please refer to Appendix A: Fees and Charges

**205 NORTHERN - PAKIRI BEACH**

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2211/9/86 255/4/94

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To support the Department of Survey and Land Information and the Department of Conservation in pressing for unhindered rights of public access to Pakiri Beach.

**210 HIBISCUS COAST AND THE EAST COAST - HORSES ON BEACHES**

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That on the Hibiscus Coast and East Coast beaches from Pakiri to Waiwera, horses and riders be permitted on beaches at the pleasure of the Council, before 10.00a.m. and after 3.30p.m. from the weekend after Easter to the weekend before Labour Weekend, subject to the following conditions:

1. That all riders be associated with a recognised riding or pony club.
2. That riders display a readily identifiable bib at all times and that the parent organisation provide a register of each bib owner.
3. That riding be permitted only below mean low water, and that riders be responsible for removing all droppings.
4. That horse owning groups be advised of these conditions and that it be stressed that acceptance of this concession by the community is dependent on the use of beaches being confined to winter months only.
5. That this concession be reviewed annually on the basis of the number of complaints received.

**215 HIBISCUS COAST - OREWA BEACH AND FORESHORE**

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       HGP/57/2/89 HBC/266/7/94  
       HBC/64/2/90 581/8/94  
       HBC/417/6/91 HBC/405/11/96  
       443/7/91 148/3/97  
       HBC/340/7/93 908/10/99  
       436/7/93

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**Objectives**

- (i) To ensure the protection, conservation and enhancement of the Orewa Beach and foreshore through appropriate coastal management.
- (ii) To ensure that those properties reliant on vehicular access across Marine Parade retain both legal and physical access unless a reasonable alternative exists.

**Orewa Beach Erosion - Beach Management Strategy**

The Council has adopted a long term sustainable management strategy for Orewa Beach. The key elements of the strategy are:

- Upgrade and develop a seawall defence system on the beach.
- Provide and upgrade beach access.
- Implement soft engineering to minimise the need for and mitigate the visual impact of storm protection.
- Retain the southern groyne.
- A change in the existing consent conditions to be applied for so that sand renourishment is triggered by low sand levels on the central

beach.

**Other  
Engineering/Erosion  
Control Policies**

- (i) That the present programme of monitoring section profiles of the beach and of the estuary, be continued.
- (ii) That every endeavour be made to minimise (and wherever possible eliminate) the number of stormwater outfalls along the beach.
- (iii) That the present policy of considering all applications for permits to build on privately owned sections fronting the Orewa Beach pursuant to the provisions of Section 36 of the Building Act 1991 (which replaces Section 641 of the Local Government Act 1974) be continued.

**Foreshore amenities  
from just south of  
Florence Avenue to  
northern end**

That the Recreational/Marine Parade Reserve part of the beach from just south of Florence Avenue to the northern end be improved as follows:

A = of immediate priority;  
B = as soon as possible;  
C = when opportunities and financing permit.

(i) **Roads**

B General upgrade of carriageways in Puriri, Noel, Kohu and Florence is to include turning heads. Upgrading is to include provision of continuous mountable kerb edging to street carriageways and installation of small angled islands on grass berms to encourage angle parking on berms and to discourage parallel parking so that more vehicles can be accommodated.

Upgrading is to be completed in the following order - Puriri Avenue (done), Florence Avenue (done), Noel Avenue, Kohu Street.

B Should it prove to be necessary, install gobi block on grass berms behind kerbing strip for parking near boat ramps and elsewhere if considered necessary. Free draining grassed berms will otherwise provide parking surfaces.

A Plant some additional trees/shrubs (including Norfolk Pine and or Pohutukawa) in Noel Avenue and Kohu Street to provide a sense of enclosure as in Puriri and Florence Avenues, but ensure that sea views are maintained.

Planting is to be carried out once carriageway upgrading/kerbing etc. has been completed, but where opportunities exist for planting unaffected by earthworks for these works, planting is to proceed earlier.

B Underground power in streets if possible. This is to be undertaken in conjunction with carriageway upgrading/kerbing etc.

(ii) **Reserves  
Arundel Reserve:**

A Retain scout den and allow scout boat launching to continue.

B Monitor impact of parking on grass surface periodically

where grass surface retained.

- C Subject to a satisfactory traffic engineering solution to vehicles entering and leaving the park, encourage use of park for craft fairs, art exhibitions, etc.

**Kinloch Reserve:**

- C Provide right of way access to No. 50 Marine Parade if required.
- C Retain green colour on the toilet block.
- A Retain steps to the beach from the reserve.
- C Either pipe stormwater drain or maintain as a feature of reserve if this is an option. Suggest small diameter stormwater pipe for normal flows with flood path over to cope with storm episodes.

Reserve at south end of Marine Parade:

- B Screen plant around toilet block.
- C Provide small amount of children's play equipment e.g. swings, seesaw.
- C Provide additional picnic table(s)/park seats.

**Foreshore Amenities - from just south of Florence Avenue to Orewa Reserve** - Property owners have riparian rights.

**Foreshore Amenities - from northern end of Orewa Reserve to the Estuary** - See Orewa Reserve Management Plan.

**220 KAIPARA HARBOUR**

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242/5/92 397/7/92

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- (a) To improve access to the Kaipara Harbour, at a number of locations, including Tabora and South Head.
- (b) To ensure that a dialogue is maintained with the Northland Regional Council and the Auckland Regional Council in order to facilitate a continuation of management of the Kaipara Harbour as one entity.

**225 WESTERN - MURIWAI BEACH - CLOSURE OF VEHICLE ACCESS TO MURIWAI BEACH**

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FC/91/1  
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- (a) Pursuant to Sections 319 and 342 of the Local Government Act 1974, the end portion of Motutara Road will be temporarily closed to restrict vehicular access to Muriwai Beach.
- (b) Access to the beach will remain available for emergency service vehicles and to fishermen launching and retrieving boats from the boat ramp area.
- (c) The road area will remain closed until the release of the Auckland Regional Council Coastal and Beach Assessment, at which time the temporary closure will be reviewed.
- (d) Public notice of the temporary closure will be given in a newspaper circulating in the Muriwai area and suitable signs will be erected informing the public of the closure.