

Operational Plan and Communications Plan for Rotorua Lakes Aquatic Weed Management

Resource Consents

- 68367-AP (Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Land Information New Zealand)
- RM16-0520-AP (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

Pre-Spray Monitoring of lakes: September – October 2021

Aquatic Pests Coordination Group Meeting: Wednesday 27th October 2021

Summary of Rotorua Lakes Treatment

Lake	Lake Area	Sum of Area_Ha	% Of Lake to be Treated	Method	Control Dates
Lake Rotorua	8060	15	0.19%	Boat - diquat	8 Nov - 10 Dec
Lake Tarawera	4130	4	0.09%	Boat - diquat	8 Nov - 10 Dec
Lake Rotoehu	810	2	0.28%	Boat - diquat	8 Nov - 10 Dec
Lake Rotoiti	3400	70	2.06%	Boat - diquat	8 Nov - 10 Dec
Lake Rotomā	1120	9	0.84%	Boat - diquat	8 Nov - 10 Dec
Lake Rerewhakaaitu	800	1	0.12%	Boat - diquat	8 Nov - 10 Dec
Grand Total		102			

Identification of water takes, areas of native nesting bird roosting or breeding, and sites of significance to tangata whenua (including areas where uses and activities are currently undertaken) identified in the Cultural Monitoring Plan that may be affected, and details of how these will be managed:

- Consented water takes shown on maps below.
- 200m buffer from Lake Rotoma take
- Contact to be made to the VR Rotorua Lake Resort 24 hours before spraying occurs advising them to turn of their water take for 24 hours during and after control.
 - Address: 366, Rotorua, 3074
 - Phone: 07-362 4599
- No native nesting bird roosting or breeding sites identified
- Cultural Monitoring Plan not yet complete

Any specific matters or changes as a result of cultural, water quality or ecological monitoring undertaken;

- N/A

Lake Rotomā Consented Water Takes





Lake Rotoiti Consented Water Takes



Communications Plan

The purpose of this communications plan is to give effect to both consent RM16-0520 and 68367 for the lake weed spraying of Endothall and Diquat in the Rotorua Lakes.

The following methods will be used in order to comply with the conditions listed above:

Medical Officer of Health Notification

- An email notification shall be sent to the MOH at least 14 days prior to the application of **Endothall only**

Stakeholder Email

- An email shall be issued to key stakeholders 7 days prior to herbicide application and throughout the operation to advise stakeholders:
 - The proposed dates and times for treatment
 - The proposed sites, herbicide to be used, and any withholding periods that may apply for swimming, taking of fish / gathering food, taking water
 - Note: Endothall withholding periods are 24 hrs for swimming and 72 hrs for fishing
 - A link to the LINZ website to access up-to-date information
 - A free-phone 0800 number
- For Endothall only, the email shall also advise (at least 5 working days in advance of treatment):
 - Name of the approved handler(s) undertaking the application, maps of the location of the proposed treatment sites shall be included shall be provided to the following parties:
 - a. Every person taking water for domestic supply within one kilometer downstream of the proposed discharge
 - b. Every holder of a resource consent for the taking of water for water supply purposes downstream of the discharge
 - c. Any school located within 250 meters of the channel to which the herbicide is applied
 - d. The relevant local iwi/Runanga representatives
 - e. The relevant district council
 - f. Department of Conservation
 - g. Fish and Game
 - h. The Medical Officer of Health

LINZ Website

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- Maintain the LINZ website up to date with the sites proposed for treatment and their current status including what herbicide has been used, when treatment is proposed to commence, when treatment was completed and when it is safe to take water, gather food and swim at that site.

Newspaper Notifications

- Newspaper notifications shall be placed in the Rotorua Daily Post 7 days prior to treatment, and on the proposed first day of treatment.

Site Signage

- Erect signage at all major boat ramps and access points at least 24 hours prior to application:
- Signage is to be specific to the herbicide being applied
- Signage shall be removed once withholding restrictions are removed for each site

Social Media

- Notifications **may** be placed on social media (Te Arawa Lakes Programme page) with a link to the LINZ website.