

Bay of Plenty Conservation Management Strategy (CMS)

What it all means and what you need to know

The draft Bay of Plenty CMS review is a strategic document which sets the Department of Conservation's (DOC) aspirations for the region over the next 10 years. Its purpose is to implement Conservation General Policy, establish objectives for integrated management of natural, cultural, and historic resources, and for recreation and tourism.

A CMS:

- Provides an overview of conservation issues and gives direction for the management of public conservation land and waters, and species for which DOC has responsibility.
- Focuses on outcomes for places that are special to communities and tangata whenua.
- Guides DOC and the public on how requests to use natural and historic resources on public conservation land and waters can be managed.

The draft has been prepared by DOC and written in collaboration with our Treaty partners, the Bay of Plenty Conservation Board, and key stakeholders. It sets a benchmark for plans and strategies of the future by integrating values (tikanga) such as mātauranga taiao, reciprocity, kaitiakitanga and Departmental knowledge.

Major themes include:

- Engagement and partnership with tangata whenua.
- The halt in decline of indigenous biodiversity and its restoration.
- Leadership and advocacy in marine and freshwater ecosystems.
- Balancing recreational and tourism pressures across the region.



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- DOC continuing to work closely with others to deliver conservation outcomes.

CMS Layout – Where do I start? The CMS has 3 Volumes. Volume 1 - The Main Document, Volume 2 - Appendices, Volume 3 - Map Book.

Let us have a look at what to expect (over the page)

Vol 1 – The main document has four parts.

Part One – Regional Overview: applies in scope to the whole region and includes:

- The long-term vision and overview.
- Treaty of Waitangi partnerships of the region.
- National and regional objectives, policies and milestones linked to DOC’s intermediate outcomes.

Part Two – Places: are areas identified for purposes of integrated management which have common management requirements and characteristics. In the Bay of Plenty they are:

- Kaimai Mamaku
- Waiariki (Geothermal)
- Whirinaki Surrounds
- Eastern Catchments
- Coastal and Marine
- Te Mauri o Te Wai (Fresh Water)

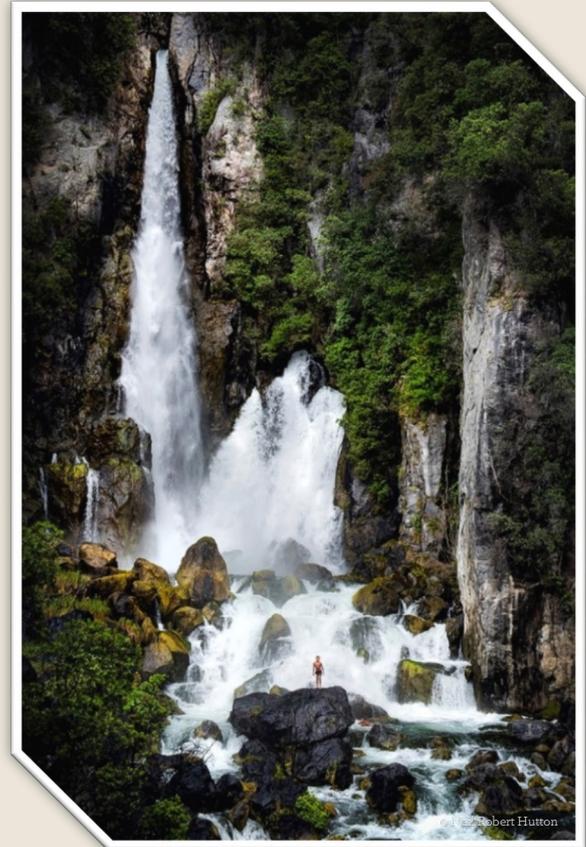
Each Place has a description, outcome statement and tables that include values, issues and opportunities, policies, and milestones. There is an interpretation section on Page 12 which defines these in more detail.

Part Three – Regional Policy Requirements: which include nationally consistent policies for activities undertaken on public conservation lands and waters. Examples include policies for:

- Aircraft landings
- Animals
- Vehicles
- Structures
- Fishing & game bird hunting

Part Four - Implementation monitoring and reporting: provides a framework on which DOC and Bay of Plenty Conservation Board review progress. The CMS is implemented through:

- Applying business planning processes, prioritising, and resourcing for departmental activities.



- Making decisions on concessions and other authorisations.
- Working with Treaty partners, the board and conservation stakeholders.
- Advocating for conservation outcomes.

Vol. 2 & 3 - Appendices and Map Book: Provide supporting technical data and visual representation of key information. They are referred to throughout the main document.

The CMS Process - Where to from here?

We’ve completed Phases 1 and 2, Project Planning and Drafting. Phase 3, Public participation is the next important step in the process. This phase begins 2nd November 2020 with hearings being held early 2021. Once this is complete, Phase 4 – Revision and approval, and Phase 5 – Implementation can begin.

We look forward to hearing your views.