



Experience a different 9 to 5

with a summer job at the

Department of Conservation

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Ranger (Marine)

Location	Multiple Locations Auckland & Coromandel Regions
Dates of Employment	16 November 2026 to 5 February 2027
Salary	Salary range based on skills and experience is \$61,189 – \$67,446

Mō te tūranga | About the role

As a Ranger Summer - Marine working in the Marine District, this role focuses on public engagement, education, and advocacy to promote marine protected areas and protected species. You will be working on the frontline, interacting with visitors and local communities to encourage responsible behaviour and support compliance outcomes.

You will be mentored by a dedicated Supervisor, and work closely with Marine Community Rangers, Marine Protection Rangers and the wider DOC team.

Key Tasks

- Engage with the public about marine protection, including marine protected areas, and species
- Deliver key conservation messages to visitors to support protection of marine environments
- Undertake advocacy and engagement at locations such as marinas, boat ramps, fishing stores and community events
- Conduct foot patrols within or nearby marine protected areas
- Support paid parking pilot at selected areas
- Observe and report compliance issues, providing information to DOC Warranted Officers as required
- Work across a range of marine and coastal environments
- Adapt to different locations and audiences depending on priorities and seasonal demand
- Carry out other duties as required to support marine conservation outcomes

Ngā pūkenga me ngā wheako | Skills and experience

- Passion for marine conservation, including marine protected areas and species
- Ability to work outdoors in a range of weather conditions
- Comfortable working independently and in small teams
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills, with confidence engaging the public
- Ability to manage challenging situations and maintain positive relationships
- Positive, approachable attitude
- Competence with Microsoft Office (Word, Outlook)
- Availability to work all weekends and public holidays in the employment term
- Current First Aid certificate
- Full New Zealand driver's licence

Mō te tīma | About the team/Location

These roles are based across multiple locations in the region and form part of DOC's Auckland Marine District, which focuses on marine protected areas including marine reserves, high protection areas, seafloor protection areas and protected marine species.

You will be required to travel most days, ensuring DOC presence at marine protected areas, key advocacy locations or to attend community outreach events.

You will be part of an enthusiastic marine-focused team delivering conservation outcomes across a range of coastal and marine environments. The role provides opportunities to work alongside experienced DOC staff and contribute to meaningful marine protection work across the Hauraki Gulf / Tīkapa Moana.

Additional Information

Roster: Weekend and public holiday work essential

Warkworth

2 x roles – Thursday to Sunday

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Auckland Central

2 x roles – Thursday to Sunday

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Whitianga

2 x roles – Thursday to Sunday

Flexibility is an advantage as you may be required to cover staff leave and peak periods

Hours: 08:00 to 16:30. Flexible hours may be required, including early starts and late finishes depending on operational needs.

Number of positions:

- 4 x Warkworth Based
- 4 x Auckland Central
- 2 x Whitianga

Me he pātai anō, whakapā mai | For further enquiries

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