

Iwi:

Subject line: CONSULTING ON PREDATOR CONTROL TO PROTECT PUKUNUI ON RAKIURA

Tēnā koutou,

I would like to extend a big thank you to you for your on-going support as we do our best to protect southern New Zealand dotterel/pukunui on Rakiura. Following our discussions over the recent months, I am writing to let you know that from tomorrow we will begin consulting with key stakeholders on the proposed predator control operation on Rakiura. This includes landowners adjacent to the operational area and other parties that could be affected.

A fact sheet that will be sent to the stakeholders is attached to this email with more detailed information about the operation.

The fact sheet explains why introduced predators need to be controlled to protect threatened native species in the area and how this can be achieved. It also clarifies several points that were raised during community meetings on Rakiura. The operation is proposed to begin from June 2025, though the exact timing will be weather dependent.

I welcome any feedback you have on the stakeholder information being provided so that I can ensure all that is important to you has been incorporated into any communication materials. Your expertise and input in this part of the process is critical.

As a note, throughout the consultation period, anyone with questions or concerns can contact us by emailing pukunui@doc.govt.nz. There will also be community meetings held in Oban on Tuesday 25th March at 11am and 7pm. This will provide an opportunity for the Rakiura community to hear the details, discuss the proposal and share any feedback or concerns they may have.

Please let me know if you would like to be part of these meetings as presenters, facilitators, or panel members. I am happy to keep in touch with you to share the feedback we receive as it unfolds, in any format and frequency that you want.

As always feel free to contact me directly,

Ngā mihi nui,

Fishing and aquaculture:

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Kia ora,

Following our discussion last week, a heads up to let you know that from tomorrow we will begin consulting more widely with key stakeholders for the proposed predator control operation on Stewart Island/Rakiura. This includes landowners adjacent to the operational area and other parties that could be affected such as local residents and fisheries workers.

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As part of this process and through discussion with this group, we'll continue to respond to concerns raised around potential impacts on the wild catch and aquaculture industries and, with your guidance, to plan suitable mitigations. Your expertise and input around these factors is critical.

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In Oban: Tuesday 25th March, 11am and 7pm, Stewart Island Community Centre

The operation requires a Public Health Unit permission and consent from DOC (delegated authority by the Environmental Protection Agency).

If you have any questions about the proposed operation or the consultation process, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Ngā mihi,

HUNTING:

Subject line: CONSULTING ON PREDATOR CONTROL TO PROTECT PUKUNUI ON RAKIURA

Kia ora koutou,

Ahead of our discussion tonight, a heads up to let you all know that we are now consulting more widely with key stakeholders for the proposed predator control operation on Stewart Island/Rakiura. This includes landowners adjacent to the operational area and other parties that could be affected such as recreational and sustenance hunters.

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As part of this process and through discussion with this group, we'll be considering potential impacts on hunting interests and activities and proposing suitable mitigations. As always, your expertise and input around these factors is critical.

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EAG:

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Landowners:

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In partnership with the Department of Conservation (DOC), we would like to discuss the operation with you and understand any effects it could have on you. This includes any potential impacts on the following:

- You and your wellbeing
- Natural resources including water sources
- Your ability to protect, manage and use these natural resources for personal, commercial or recreational interests.
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We'd like to visit you in person wherever possible, and we'll adapt to what works best for you. **Please let us know a time that suits you for a discussion within the next two weeks.**

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Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,

Mail out to concessionaires, community groups etc:

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We are particularly keen to hear from anyone for whom the following applies:

- Water supplies for human that are sourced from surface streams or springs originating in the operational area.
- Community groups and other organisations undertaking enhancement projects within the proposed control area.
- Recreational groups such as tramping clubs, organised hunting associations etc that have a particular interest in any part of the operational area.
- Concessionaires such as tourism operators, fishing guides, commercial hunters etc with approval to carry out activities on land within the operational area.

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In the meantime, if you would like further information, you can contact us directly using the contact details below. Please let us know if you'd like to be removed from this mailing list.

Yours sincerely,

DOC Rakiura & ZIP Operations Team

Contact us: pukunui@doc.govt.nz