

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 18 CONSERVATION ACT 1987 & 27 NEW ZEALAND GEOGRAPHIC BOARD ACT 2008

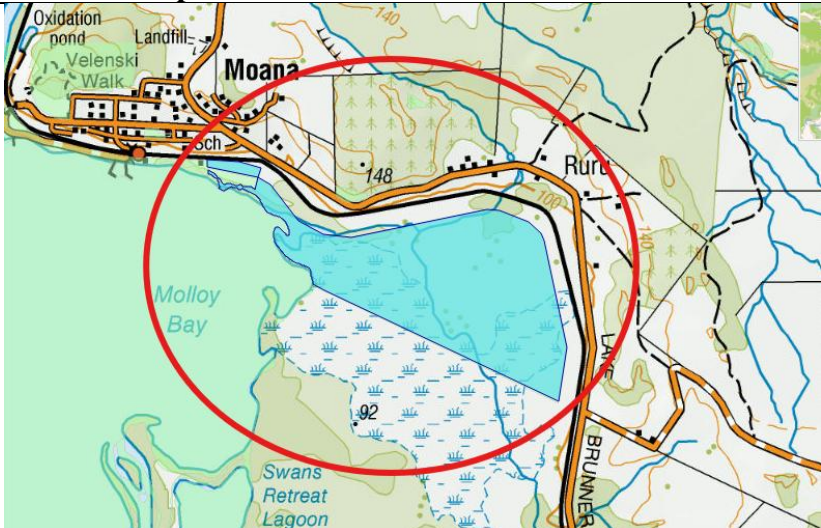
PROPOSED NAMING OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS AND CONSERVATION PARKS

Pursuant to the New Zealand Geographic Board Act 2008, notice is hereby given that the Department of Conservation proposes to name six wildlife management areas and four conservation parks in the Western South Island.

This notice advises of the following names and seeks submissions from any person or organisation wishing to support or object to the proposed name.

This notice relates to the proposed names only and not to the classification of these stewardship areas. Decisions on the classification of these areas were made by the Minister of Conservation in December 2025, as part of the Western South Island stewardship land reclassification project (see: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/have-your-say/all-consultations/2022-consultations/help-us-reclassify-stewardship-land-on-the-west-coast/>).

Although different names were proposed through the initial public notification, more appropriate names have since been identified and endorsed by Poutini Ngāi Tahu, requiring this corrective notice under the New Zealand Geographic Board Act 2008.

Proposed Name	Location map
1. Kōtukuwhakaoka Wildlife Management Area The proposed Kōtukuwhakaoka Wildlife Management Area (82.91) is located close to Moana township and borders the north-eastern side of Kōtukuwhakaoka (Lake Brunner). Kōtukuwhakaoka is the traditional Māori name for both Lake Brunner and Arnold River on Te Tai Poutini (the West Coast). This area was previously notified as the Moana Wildlife Management Area.	

2. Kakara Taramea Wildlife Management Area

The proposed Kakara Taramea Wildlife Management Area (66.42ha) is situated beside the Karamea River/Otumahana Estuary, south of Karamea township.

Kakara Taramea is the full name for Karamea.

This area was previously notified as the Karamea Wildlife Management Area.



3. Kā Mata Whare Wildlife Management Area

The proposed Kā Mata Whare Wildlife Management Area (66.42ha) covers Kā Mata Whare (Kangaroo Lake), a small lake located between Kōtukuwhakaoka (Lake Brunner) and Te Awahou (Lady Lake) on Te Tai Poutini (the West Coast) in the Grey District.

Kā Mata Whare is the Māori name for Kangaroo Lake.

This area was previously notified as the Kangaroo Lake Wildlife Management Area.



4. Waitangiroti Wildlife Management Area

The proposed Waitangiroti Wildlife Management Area (386.9481ha) is located on the true left of the lower reaches of the Waitangitaona River, to the north-west of Whataroa.

The area covers part of the Waitangiroti River, which flows in parallel with Waitangitaona River into the same narrow coastal lagoon.

This area was previously notified as the Roto Road Wildlife Management Area.



5. Waimatuku Wildlife Management Area

The proposed Waimatuku Wildlife Management Area (67.97ha) is located south-east of Rapahoe and to the north of Runanga.

The conservation areas are located on the Waimatuku River.

This area was previously notified as the Coal Creek Wildlife Management Area.



6. Paiari Wildlife Management Area

The proposed Paiari Wildlife Management Area (273.60ha) is located north of Ross and south of Ruatapu, close to the coast.

Paiari is the traditional Māori name for the Totāra Lagoon.

This area was previously notified as the Tōtara Lagoon Wildlife Management Area.

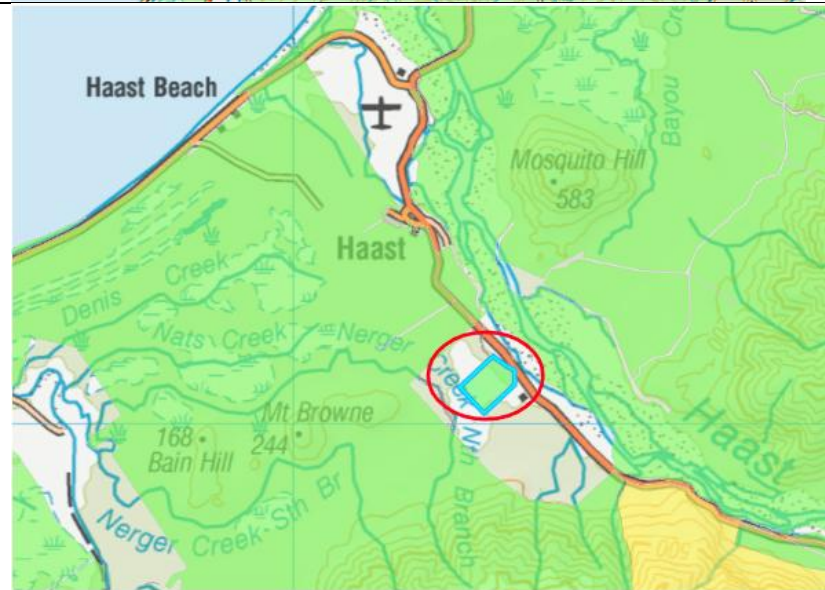


7. Ōmonokia Conservation Park

The proposed Ōmonokia Conservation Park (55.16ha) is located beside the Haast/Awarua River a short distance inland from the Haast township.

Ōmonokia is the Māori name for Grassy Creek, which flows into the Awarua (Haast River) in South Westland.

This area was previously notified as the Awarua Conservation Park.



8. Bell Hill Farm Conservation Park

The proposed Bell Hill Farm Conservation Park (116.65ha) is located south-east of Māwhera/Greymouth and south of Māwheranui / Grey River.

The area is part of the former Bell Hill Farm settlement.

This area was previously notified as the Māwhera Conservation Park.



9. Pouerua-tāhuna Conservation Park

The proposed Pouerua-tāhuna Conservation Park (129.33ha) is located near the Pouerua River and the township of Harihari.

Pouerua-tāhuna is the traditional Māori name for the Poerua River, situated between the Pouerua-hāpua (Saltwater Lagoon) and Whakanui (the Wanganui River) on Te Tai Poutini (the West Coast). The Poerua was formerly known as the Little Wanganui River.

This area was previously notified as the Pouerua Conservation Park.



10. Ngākawau Conservation Park

The proposed Ngākawau Conservation Park (~0.18ha, pending survey) is located on the true right of the lower reaches of the Ngākawau River just to the east of Hector, approximately 0.75km east of State Highway 67.

The conservation park is named for its proximity to the Ngākawau River.

This area was previously notified as the Waimangaroa Conservation Park.



Submissions must provide reasons for supporting or objecting to the proposed name and if an objection is made, then an alternative name proposal may be suggested. Submissions are due by Wednesday 9th September 2026 and should be sent to:

Email:

Stewardship Land Reclassification Team: stewardshiplandreclassification@doc.govt.nz

Postal:

Attention - Joseph Zonneveld
Senior Reclassification Adviser
Private Bag 4715
Christchurch Mail Centre
Christchurch 8140

After considering any submissions received on the proposed name, and before finally deciding on the name, the Minister of Conservation will refer them to the New Zealand Geographic Board (Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa) (“the Board”), in accordance with Section 18 of the Conservation Act 1987, in order to be reviewed by the Board under Section 27(3) of the New Zealand Geographic Board (Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa) Act 2008.

This notice is given by:

Peter Galvin
Director, Treaty Negotiations and Land
Department of Conservation
Conservation House
18 Manners Street
Wellington 6011