

# Submission Form

## Draft Conservation Management Strategy



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### Submission on: Waikato CMS

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NZMSS urges the Department of Conservation to take a more active role in marine conservation. Community groups are not sufficiently well resourced to take on this responsibility. There is a need to strengthen the Department of Conservation's capacity for marine conservation work.

Section:	Submission:	Decision sought:
1.2	The long term vision for Waikato in 2060 focuses on human processes and actions rather than outcomes for the natural world	ADD the following or equivalent policies:  The naturalness of terrestrial and aquatic (freshwater and marine) ecosystems has been restored and protected across the diversity of Waikato's terrestrial and aquatic environments  The majority of terrestrial and aquatic threatened species known in 2013 are flourishing
1.5.1.5	This is the main marine conservation objective and is inadequate	Expand this objective and add policies that provide further direction on how the Department might " <b>contribute</b> to a national network of marine protected areas"
1.5.1.9	The objective for working with MPI to manage threats is inadequate.	We recommend changing the words "manage threats" to "reduce threats".
1.7	The text states that the Hauraki Gulf is akin to a national park in the sea. This is incorrect as people are still allowed to fish for indigenous species both recreationally and commercially. People are not allow to catch and remove indigenous wildlife from national parks  There is an objective to add new areas of land to the park but not to increase areas subject to marine restoration	Remove the text equating the Marine Park to a national park in the sea as this is misleading (except for those areas specifically protected as marine reserves under the Marine Reserves Act).  Add to 1.7.4 the following or equivalent objective: Identify opportunities for marine ecosystem restoration
2.1	The outcomes and policies address only the land for the Hauraki Islands Place	Add the following or equivalent policy:  Investigate and pursue options to restore and protect marine environments adjoining the often highly protected islands (e.g. Alderman Islands or part of the Mercury Island group)
2.3	We support this outcome and relevant policies for the marine reserve	Retain this outcome and policies

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2.4	The section on the Firth of Thames is generally supported.	Retain this section but add as an outcome: Mangrove ecosystems are valued by the community
3.11.1-3.11.5	The policies for marine mammal tourism are supported. We recommend adding a set of policies for managing other human activities that impact on marine mammals, in particular Maui's dolphin given its Critically Endangered status.	RETAIN marine mammal tourism policies.  ADD policies on the management of fishing, marine mining, pollution and other impacts on marine mammals, with particular focus on Maui's dolphin. For example "Support research into and monitoring of the impacts of fishing, mining and pollution on marine mammals", "Take a precautionary approach to the level of human impact on marine mammals, from activities such as fishing, marine mining and pollution", "Develop a management plan, with measurable management goals, for the West Coast North Island Marine Mammal Sanctuary to ensure human impacts are reduced to sustainable levels within 5 years". As explained in our submission on the Maui's Dolphin Threat Management Plan, protection for Maui's dolphins needs to be extended to the 100m depth contour.
Appendix 5	This identifies the priority ecosystem management sites for public conservation lands and waters but excludes marine environments	Add marine environments to Appendix 5
Appendix 8	The list of iconic species is the same as for Northland and only includes terrestrial species	Add marine species to this appendix – e.g. Maui dolphin, Brydes whales
Appendix 9	This Appendix lists the Firth of Thames as a protected area (identified as internationally important under the Ramsar Convention). It is not protected as people are able to harvest fish and shellfish (commercially and recreationally)	Delete reference to the Firth of Thames as a protected area as this is misleading