**Community Information Sessions**

5.30pm – 21 January 2020

Westland District Council – Council Chambers

5:30pm – 23 January 2020

Harihari Community Hall

**Agenda**

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| 5.30 | Welcome and housekeeping  Purpose of the session |
| 5.40 | Introduction to the implementation team |
| 5.45 | Why are we doing this?   * Introduction to the National Policy Statement Freshwater Management |
| 6.10 | The science behind the ‘why’   * Lake and river health – some key aspects |
| 6.25 | Introducing the Hokitika FMU |
| 6.30 | The Working Group   * Purpose, who should be in the group and selection process |
| 6.40 | How to get involved |
| 6.45 | Question time |
| 7.00 | Meeting ends   * Refreshments |

*There will be an opportunity to talk with Council staff one on one following the meeting if you have further questions.*

*We thank you for taking time to come and hear more about the Hokitika FMU and hope you will consider applying to become a member.*

**Information Sheet**

**Purpose of the Hokitika FMU group**

The purpose of the Group is to engage with the community to identify their values for, and understand the issues with, freshwater quality and quantity in the Hokitika Freshwater Management Unit (FMU). The Group will then make recommendations to the Council Resource Management Committee (RMC) for future plan provisions and work programmes to manage the land and water resources within the FMU.

**Who should apply?**

* Do you have an interest in freshwater issues within the Hokitika FMU area (Taramakau River to Franz Josef)
* Are you able to commit to attending a 1.5 - 2 hour meeting once a month until September 2021?
* Can you work together with the wider group to achieve balanced and reasonable outcomes?

The Group will be made up of community members with a range of backgrounds and interests relating to land and water. These interests may include:

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| * Agriculture * Indigenous biodiversity/environment * Recreation * Mining * Forestry * Hydro * Fishing * Drinking water | * Conservation * Sustainable development * Tourism * Economic development * Urban development * Public health * General community * Rural settlements |

**How to apply to become a member Hokitika FMU Group**

1. Fill out an online form on the West Coast Regional Council website: <https://www.wcrc.govt.nz/council/online-services/application-to-join-a-community-group/?ed-step=1>.
2. Call the West Coast Regional Council to request a paper form - 03 7680466,
3. Application forms are also available at the Community Information Session

**Key dates**

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| 21 January 2020 | Hokitika Community information session – WDC Council Chambers |
| 23 January 2020 | Harihari Community information session – Harihari Community hall |
| 7 February 2020 | Applications close |
| 10 – 14 February 2020 | Interviews |
| 10 March 2020 | FMU group members appointed and notified |
| 24 March 2020 | First Hokitika FMU meeting held (5.30pm) |