



THE WEST COAST  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

## Submission on the Proposed Regional Coastal Plan 2016

**Return your signed submission to the West Coast Regional Council by 5.00pm, Monday 21 March 2016**

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- Posted to: Proposed RPS, West Coast Regional Council, PO Box 66, Greymouth 7840
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### **PART A: Submitters contact details**

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As per Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, a person who could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission may make a submission only if directly affected by an effect of the proposed policy statement that:

- a) Adversely affects the environment
- b) Does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

**Please tick the sentence that applies to you:**

- I **could not** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission; or
- I **could** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission. *If you have ticked this box, please select one of the following:*
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  - I **am not** directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission.

**Signature:**

*[Signature of person making submission, or authorised to sign on behalf of person making the submission]*

**Date:**

21/3/16

(A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means)

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- I **do not** wish to be heard in support of my submission; or
- I **do** wish to be heard in support of my submission; and if so,
  - I would be prepared to consider presenting my submission in a joint case with others making a similar submission at any Hearing.

<p><b>The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to are:</b></p>	<p><b>My submission is that:</b> <i>(State concisely whether you support or oppose each separate provision being submitted on, or wish to have amendments made, and the reasons for your views)</i></p>	<p><b>I seek the following amendments from the West Coast Regional Council:</b> <i>(Give precise details for each provision. The more specific you can be, the easier it will be for the Council to understand your concerns.)</i></p>
<p><i>Please see affected submission paper.</i></p>	<p><i>Please see affected submission paper.</i></p>	<p><i>Please see affected submission paper.</i></p>

*Attach further sheets as required*

## **Submission on Proposed Regional Coastal Plan 2016. Bruce Watson and Claudia Landis**

We own two properties on South Spit Rd, Southside Hokitika and have the DOC lease on the adjacent sand spit between the sea and Mahinapua Ck.

We have been regularly visiting this area since 1978, amongst other things closely observing the coastal and river mouth erosion patterns.

Our house at 12 South Spit Rd is at high risk if the current erosion phase continues, as are our paddocks, which have already been inundated at a point where the foredune has completely eroded away.

There are other property owners and beach users who would benefit from the submissions we are making.

We would like to see the Coastal Plan being amended to achieve the following in the areas adjacent to, and north and south of our properties and lease area. We have done our best to say which provisions of the plans need to be amended but are happy to take advice on whether other provisions need to be changed to have the desired effect.

### **1. Coastal Hazard Area CHA 21**

**We ask that the southern boundary be extended a further 1000m south.**

At present it is only extended about 500m south of Takuatai Rd and yet because of the northerly drift activities south of this point impact on what happens at Takutai Rd and north.

#### Type of Coastal Hazard and Risk Priority Ranking.

We would like the statement here to be amended to read:

**Parts of Hokitika, industrial land, houses, beach access, recreational areas, local roads, farmland at risk or affected by erosion. Erosion fluctuates over long time, with rapid retreat of coastline during erosion phase. Wave washover flooding and dune blowouts can occur during storms. Migration of Houhou Creek and Hokitika River mouths can cause erosion.**

**High: Many assets of value at risk, current management practices reasonably effective at managing erosion risk for Hokitika Township but not for the coast to the south of Hokitika River. Township now being protected with engineered seawall. South of Hokitika River vehicle access will be managed so there is only one formed and hardened access from Takutai Rd to the beach and removal of all driftwood will be prohibited to aid dune formation.**

### **2. Areas Covered by the Plan**

In order to achieve effective control in CHA 21 we would like to see the seaward boundary for the control of driftwood material to be extended seaward. Suggested amended clause:

**With respect to the Westland District Council, the seaward district boundary at the mean high water spring mark has been altered by a Local Government Boundary Alteration Notice. The boundary has been extended to mean low water springs for the purpose of controlling nuisance activities such as dogs, fires, vehicles and driftwood removal.**

### 3. Rule 16. Removal of Driftwood

We would like to see Rule 16 amended to prohibit the removal of driftwood from CHA 21 from low mean high water to and including the toe and front of the dune. We want to see the recognition of the value of driftwood in the dune building process in high hazard areas .

There is not the capital base on this side of the Hokitika River to build a protective sea wall. We rely on natural events and in this area sand trapped by driftwood is very significant in starting the dune building process.

Suggested Amendment:

**Rule 16. Removal of driftwood** The removal of driftwood from the coastal marine area is a permitted activity provided that all of the following conditions are met: (a) Driftwood is not taken from: i) the seabed; ii) the wet bed of a river in the coastal marine area; iii) estuaries and lagoons; *insert here: x) within CHA 21;* iv) within 3 metres of the toe of dune embankments where these are below the Mean High Water Spring mark; (b) Driftwood shall only be removed by hand or using hand-held equipment; (c) Existing vehicle access is used. **Explanation** The removal of driftwood or logs from the open coast foreshore *generally* has minor effects on the environment as this material is moving about with the wave action in this zone, and is generally plentiful. *However, Taking driftwood from high coastal hazard areas; or too close to sand dunes or coastal vegetation can prevent of slow dune building; or potentially make the dunes unstable and erode, increasing the risk of erosion or inundation of adjoining land. Outside high coastal hazard areas* Taking driftwood by hand has minimal impacts. Using existing access points will avoid creating multiple paths through dunes which can exacerbate coastal erosion.