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Proposed RCP  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: DRAFT WEST COAST REGIONAL COASTAL PLAN – JANUARY 2016**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above document.

The West Coast *Tai Poutini* Conservation Board has no significant objections to the current document based on the information provided.

There are however, two specific areas the Board would request be taken in to consideration.

***Section 3: Natural and Human Use Values.***

There is no specific indication relating to protecting the West Coast Marine Reserves or for providing 'buffer' regions relating to the areas adjacent to the Marine Reserves to ensure their integrity.

***Section 5: Structures.***

Although there is a specific focus on the construction of whitebait stands there is no indication of protection of whitebait fisheries despite the area of the Plan covering one kilometre upstream of river mouth or estuary (section 1.2). The Board recognizes that species management is the responsibility of the Department of Conservation, however land use can have significant impact on whitebait spawning sites.

In making this submission the Board is aware that the proposed Marine Protected Areas Act (currently out for submission) may influence Coastal Management Policy.

The West Coast *Tai Poutini* Conservation Board does not wish to be heard at the hearing.

Yours sincerely

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Chair  
West Coast *Tai Poutini* Conservation Board