



THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Outstanding waterbody nominations sought

What are your top three outstanding waterbodies on the West Coast?

Acting Planning and Science Manager, Rachel Vaughan, wants Coasters to have their say.

“We have some exceptionally spectacular ‘best of the best’ waterbodies here on the West Coast. They may be ‘best of the best’ culturally, for fishing, whitebaiting, hydroelectric generation, swimming, their sheer beauty, or for another reason.”

The National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 requires Regional Councils to identify and protect outstanding waterbodies in their region, but to do this we need to hear from our community, our businesses and anyone else that may use or enjoy water resources.

An outstanding waterbody is a freshwater river, lake, stream, wetland, glacier or groundwater aquifer, or part of a water body, that is ‘exceptional’ in some way. It may be exceptional in relation to one particular feature, or it may have a number of features, that make it outstanding.

“Everyone values water differently, so when you make your nomination it is really important that we know why you think it is an outstanding waterbody.”

Nominations can be made by completing the survey found on Council’s website www.wcrc.govt.nz and following the links to the ‘Outstanding Waterbody Survey’, or by picking up a nomination form at the libraries in Westport, Greymouth and Hokitika.

If you have any questions regarding the nomination process, or about the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, please email freshwater@wcr.govt.nz or call 0508 800 118 and ask to speak to one of the Planning Team.

Nominations close 5.00pm, Friday 10 December 2021.

“To protect the values, and uses, of our outstanding waterbodies we need to hear from you!”

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