

## Essential freshwater changes

ESSENTIAL FRESHWATER RULES							
3 SEPTEMBER	1 JULY	1 MAY	1 JULY	3 SEPTEMBER	1 JULY	3 SEPTEMBER	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Temporary agriculture intensification standards apply</li> <li>- Feedlot standards apply</li> <li>- Wetland standards apply</li> <li>- River reclamation standards apply</li> <li>- Fish passage standards and information requirements apply</li> <li>- Stock exclusion regulations apply to new pastoral farms</li> <li>- All stock must be excluded from wetlands identified in a regional plan</li> <li>- All stock must be excluded from natural wetlands on low slope or those supporting threatened species.</li> </ul>	Stockholding (other than feedlots standards apply)	Intensive winter grazing standards apply  <b>3 SEPTEMBER</b> Water measuring changes apply over 20lt/sec	Stock exclusion regulations apply for dairy cattle and pigs, and intensively grazed beef cattle and deer	Water measuring changes apply for takes 5lt/sec – 10lt/sec  <b>31 DECEMBER</b> All regional councils must have notified a plan change to give effect to the NPSFW	Dairy support cattle, beef cattle and deer on low slope must be excluded from lakes and wide rivers	Water measuring changes apply for takes 5lt/sec – 10lt/sec	
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2030
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sphagnum moss harvesting standards apply</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finalise all FMU group recommendations</li> <li>- Identify water quality attributes and their baseline states for assessing achievement of environmental outcomes – Part 3.10 (refer to 3.7(2))</li> <li>- Set target freshwater attribute states - Part 3.11 (refer to 3.7(2))</li> <li>- Identify limits on resource use to achieve target attribute states and include limits as rules in RL&amp;WP – Part 3.12(a)</li> <li>- Set limits on resource use – Part 3.14 (refer to 3.7(2))</li> <li>- Freshwater quantity: Set environmental flows and levels – Part 3.16</li> <li>- Identify take limits – Part 3.17</li> <li>- Address other provisions of the NPSFM2020</li> <li>- Draft objectives, policies and rules.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Release draft RPS changes and RL&amp;WP to stakeholders for feedback.</li> <li>- Amend both in response to stakeholder feedback.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ongoing changes to draft RPS changes and RL&amp;WP;</li> <li>- Draft s32A reports</li> <li>- Consider whether to progress RPS before RL&amp;WP, or do both at the same time.</li> </ul>	S32A report and proposed changes to RPS and RL&WP, incl. all FMU's specific provisions, Te Mana o te Wai provisions, and Outstanding Fresh Waterbodies notified under Schedule 1 of the RMA by 31 December 2024.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Send documents to Chief Freshwater Commissioner's office;</li> <li>- Section 42A report commenced</li> <li>- Pre-hearing meetings</li> <li>- Hearings for RPS and RL&amp;WP</li> <li>- Process submissions and further submissions;</li> <li>- Liaise with Chief Freshwater Commissioner's office regarding hearing and s42A report.</li> </ul>	Release decisions by 31 December 2026.	Mapped all inland natural wetland within the West Coast region as per clause 3.23 of the NPSFM2020 and added to wetland inventory.

### WEST COAST LAND AND WATER PLAN CHANGE TIMELINE\*

\*dates proposed are taken from the Progressive Implementation Programme (Amended PIP based on the Essential Freshwater Package 2020) – 27 November 2020

<https://www.wcrc.govt.nz/repository/libraries/id:2459ikxj617q9ser65rr/hierarchy/Documents/Publications/Other%20Publications/NPSFM/NPSFM%20Progressive%20Implementation%20Programme.pdf>

#### Acronyms:

RL&WP	Regional Land and Water Plan
NPSFW	National Policy Statement Freshwater Management
RPS	Regional Policy Statement
FMU	Freshwater Management Unit
RMA	Resource Management Act 1991