The National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management

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The Journey

- LAWF
- Iwi Leaders Group
- Science panels
- Iwi advisors
- NOF reference group
- Whole of Government
- Consultations
More to come…
NPS-FM 2011

• Requirement to set Objectives and Limits
• Maintain or Improve
• Address over allocation
• Iwi involvement
• Timeframes
NPS-FM 2014 - What’s new?

• Te Mana o te Wai
• Human health objective
• National Objectives Framework
• National bottom lines
• Accounting
• Monitoring
• Implementation timeframe
National Objectives Framework

- A process for developing freshwater objectives
- A framework that has these components
  - Two compulsory values and 11 additional values
  - Attributes to formulate freshwater objectives
  - Compulsory bottom lines
National bottom lines

- Objective - not a “standard”
- Can be achieved over time
- Apply to compulsory values
- Only where current state below “C” band
- “Maintain or improve” above bottom lines
Implementing water reform

Setting freshwater objectives and limits using the NPS-FM 2014
Support and resources

Support through three teams:

• Implementation
• Guidance
• Environmental Economics Unit

Partnership and collaboration-Knowledge transfer-Capacity and capability building
The Implementation Team

Responsible for:

- Supporting implementation of the wider freshwater reforms
- Information exchange and knowledge transfer
- Hands-on with local government, industry, iwi, and the community

Partnership and collaboration - Knowledge transfer - Capacity and capability building
Current Ministry for the Environment Freshwater funded projects administered through Regional Councils

- Community Environment Fund (CEF) Round 6
- Fresh Start for Freshwater Fund
- Lake Programmes

Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes
Project cost: $144.2 million
Crown funding: $72.1 million

Lake Taupo Protection
Project cost: $81.2 million
Crown funding: $35.6 million

Manawatu River
Project cost: $30 million
Crown funding: $5.2 million

Lake Horowhenua
Project cost: $1.3 million
Crown funding: $0.5 million

Marlborough District Council
E-planning for water allocation and use
Crown funding: $150,000

Tasman District Council
Science basis for erosion and sediment control best practice guidance
Crown funding: $120,000

Lake Brunner
Project cost: $0.4 million
Crown funding: $0.2 million

West Coast Regional Council
Tools to enable community engagement in setting water use limits that protect instream values
Crown funding: $190,000

Te Waihora/ Lake Ellesmere
Project cost: $2.1 million
Crown funding: $0.8 million

Wainono Lagoon
Project cost: $2.1 million
Crown funding: $0.8 million

Waituna Lagoon
Project cost: $1.6 million
Crown funding: $0.8 million

Auckland Council
Integration of three regional council sediment monitoring datasets.
Crown funding: $115,000

Gisborne District Council
Native fish spawning areas identification and community restoration
Crown funding: $65,000

Hawke’s Bay
Outstanding freshwater body assessment criteria and assessment methodology
Crown funding: $80,000

Wairarapa Moana
Project cost: $2.2 million
Crown funding: $1 million

Greater Wellington Regional Council
Collaborative modelling for resources management
Crown funding: $100,000

Te Waikoropupu/ Lake Tekapo
Project cost: $1.3 million
Crown funding: $0.5 million

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Guidance

Guidance resources:

• Implementation Guide

• Six specific topics currently in development

• Additional guidance products being scoped

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Environmental Economics Unit

- Joint venture economics projects
- Regional and catchment scale
- High quality analysis to help inform community decisions

Partnership and collaboration-Knowledge transfer-Capacity and capability building
Forward policy

Iwi rights and interests
Managing within water quality and quantity limits.

How can we:

• Get greater economic benefit, without degrading water quality
• Allocate water fairly, efficiently and sustainably
• Improve trade and transfer of entitlements
Thank you

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