

**General rules applying to all
coastal management areas**

Occupation of space

Activity	Rule	Standards/Terms/Conditions	Classification	Notification	Control/Discretion	Policy References
The occupation of space on the foreshore, seabed or surface of the water for the purpose of conducting a community or recreational or sporting activity	G1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity does not affect breeding, roosting or migratory populations of marine life; • Activity does not present a hazard to navigation and shipping; • Activity does not involve erection of structures, disturbance of foreshore or seabed or other works that will have an effect that lasts longer than two high tides after the conclusion of the event; • Date, duration and extent of the event is advertised in The Daily News and all local newspapers at least 14 days prior to the event; • Activity does not restrict public access or exclude the public for a period of longer than two days; • All litter and other refuse is removed from the area of the activity before the first high tide following the event; • Activity does not come within any other rule in this plan. 	Permitted			
Any activity involving occupation of large areas of the coastal marine area	G1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excludes or effectively excludes public access from area of the coastal marine area over 10 hectares (except where such exclusion is required in commercial port areas for reasons of public safety or security); OR • Excludes or effectively excludes the public from more than 316 metres along the length of the foreshore; OR • Involves occupation or use of areas greater than 50 hectares of the coastal marine area and such occupation or use would restrict public access to or through such areas. 	Discretionary			1.1, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 5.7, 13.1(c), 14.1, 14.2, 14.3, 14.6
Other occupation of land of the Crown in the coastal marine area or land vested in the Taranaki Regional Council and occupation of related parts of the coastal marine area	G1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupation does not come within and/or comply with any other rule in this plan that authorises occupation. • Occupation excludes occupation related to structures when there is a rule relating to structure placement that specifically provides for occupation. 	Discretionary			1.1, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 5.7, 13.1(c), 14.1, 14.2, 14.3, 14.4, 14.5, 14.6

Discharges from ships and offshore installations¹

Activity	Rule	Standards/Terms/Conditions	Classification	Notification	Control/Discretion	Policy References
Discharge of stormwater from ships and offshore installations to the coastal marine area	G2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discharge contains less than 15 gm³ of oil or grease 	Permitted			
Discharge of cooling water from ships and offshore installations to the coastal marine area	G2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discharge is of water used for cooling purposes as part of the normal operational requirements of a ship or offshore installation; Discharge does not contain a harmful substance. 	Permitted			
Discharge of human sewage from ships and offshore installations to the coastal marine area	G2.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discharge occurs more than 300 metres (0.15 nautical miles) from mean high water springs and any marine farm; Discharge occurs in water depths greater than 5 metres. The discharge of sewage from ships and offshore installations is exempt from the conditions of this rule, and therefore a permitted activity, until 31 July 1999. 	Permitted			
Discharge of treated sewage from ships and offshore installations to the coastal marine area	G2.4	<p>Discharge meets the following standards when sampled at least 5 times over 24 hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> geometric mean of faecal coliform count is less than 250 faecal coliforms per 100 millilitres; when analysed by gravimetric methods, the geometric mean of total suspended solids content is less than: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 50 gm³ when analysed on shore; or (ii) 100 gm³ more than suspended solids content of the ambient water used for flushing when analysed on board a ship; 	Permitted			

¹These rules controlling discharges from ships and offshore installations may be overridden once marine pollution regulations, as being developed under the Resource Management Act (1994 Amendment) to give effect to section 15B, come into force. See section 4.2.5 for further explanation.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a geometric mean of five day biochemical oxygen demand of the samples of sewage is less than 50 gm⁻³. The discharge of sewage from ships and offshore installations is exempt from the conditions of this rule, and therefore a permitted activity, until 31 July 1999. 				
Discharge of garbage from ships and offshore installations to the coastal marine area	G2.5	Garbage contains any of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> food waste; paper products; rags; glass; bottles; crockery; metal from a ship. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discharge has been ground or comminuted so as to be capable of passing through a 25 mm screen; Discharge occurs 5500 metres seaward of mean high water springs 	Permitted			
Discharge of ballast water from ships to the coastal marine area	G2.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discharge is of ballast water is clean and is from dedicated ballast water holding tanks to the coastal marine area; Discharge is subject to any controls imposed under the Biosecurity Act 1993. 	Permitted			
Discharge of bilge water, on board sink or dishwater, shower water, laundry water, bath water, wash basin water or deck wash to the coastal marine area	G2.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discharge is not likely to produce any conspicuous oil or grease films, scums or foams, or floatable or suspended materials, after reasonable mixing; Discharge is not likely to cause any conspicuous change in colour or visual clarity after reasonable mixing; Discharge is not likely to have any significant adverse effects on aquatic life after reasonable mixing. 	Permitted			
Discharge of drilling muds, cuttings, and drilling fluids from offshore installations to the coastal marine area	G2.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discharge occurs outside boundary of any part of coastal management area A or coastal management area B. 	Permitted			

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Discharge of produced water from an offshore installation	G2.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discharge contains less than 15 gm⁻³ of oil or grease. 	Permitted			
Discharge of contaminants to air in the coastal marine area via the flaring of hydrocarbons from petroleum exploration or mining	G2.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discharge: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) occurs outside the boundary of the Sugar Loaf Islands Marine Protected area, inclusive of a 150 m buffer zone; or (b) is not located under the New Plymouth Airport flight path protection surfaces shown in Section 4.3 of this plan. 	Permitted			
<p>Discharge of any of the following contaminants or harmful substances to air and water in the coastal marine area from any ship or offshore installation</p> <p>(a) storage and transfer of cargo materials within the Port Air Zone (see rules D2.7 and D2.8); or</p> <p>(b) ship propulsion; or</p> <p>(c) crew and passengers' utilities, including cooking and laundry facilities; or</p> <p>(d) on-board fish processing operations; or</p> <p>(e) storage or transfer of cargo materials other than as provided for in (a) above</p>	G2.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discharge is not likely to be noxious, dangerous, offensive or objectionable to such an extent that it has, or is likely to have, an adverse effect on the environment. 	Permitted			

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Seismic surveys of the coastal marine area for the purpose of petroleum prospecting	G2.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey does not involve placement of explosives or does not otherwise directly involve disturbance of the foreshore or seabed; • Survey is not conducted in an area that is used by marine wildlife for breeding purposes during the time that those animals are breeding 	Permitted			
Discharge of contaminants to water or air in the coastal marine area and the discharge does not come within and/or comply with any of rules G2.1 to G2.12	G2.13		Discretionary			

Use of water

Activity	Rule	Standards/Terms/Conditions	Classification	Notification	Control/Discretion	Policy References
Taking or use of open coastal water or water in embayments, harbours or inlets	G3.1		Permitted			
Taking, use, damming, or diversion of coastal water in estuaries, or water from an aquifer, excluding taking or use of water which is allowed by sections 14(3)(d) or (e) of the Act	G3.2		Discretionary			2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 10.2

Exotic plants

Activity	Rule	Standards/Terms/Conditions	Classification	Notification	Control/Discretion	Policy References
Introduction of any exotic plant species	G4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant species is not already present in the area 	Discretionary			2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 9.9

Temporary military training

Activity	Rule	Standards/Terms/Conditions	Classification	Notification	Control/Discretion	Policy References
Temporary military training activities with minor effects	G5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All necessary written permission has been obtained from the occupier or person with administrative responsibility for the areas to be used; • Activities do not involve construction of permanent structures; • Activities do not involve earthworks or excavation, other than earthworks or excavations which are consented in accordance with this plan; • Activities comply with the general standards specified in Section 4.4 of this plan; • Activities do not exclude, or effectively exclude, public access from areas of the coastal marine area over 10 hectares or from more than 316 metres along the length of the foreshore, except where such exclusions are required in commercial port areas for reasons of public safety or security; • Activities do not involve occupation or use of areas greater than 50 hectares of the coastal marine area. 	Permitted			
Temporary military training activities that do not comply with rule G5.1	G5.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities do not exclude, or effectively exclude, public access from areas of the coastal marine area over 10 hectares or from more than 316 metres along the length of the foreshore, except where such exclusions are required in commercial port areas for reasons of public safety or security; • Activities do not involve occupation or use of areas greater than 50 hectares of the coastal marine area. 	Controlled		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disturbance of foreshore and seabed • Deposition of material on the foreshore and seabed • Discharge of contaminants • Erection, maintenance and removal of structures • Effects on ecosystems and conservation values • Noise emissions 	

Deposits from ships

Activity	Rule	Standards/Terms/Conditions	Classification	Notification	Control/Discretion	Policy References
Deposit of a substance from the scraping and/or cleaning of a ship's hull or any other part of the ship that is normally below the water surface, to the coastal marine area	G6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ship is greater than 25 metres in length; or • Ship has been outside New Zealand's exclusive economic zone since it was last cleaned or scraped 	Prohibited			