

Proposed Natural Resources Plan:

Submitter:

Sport Fly Fishing NZ Incorporated

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Electronic communication

Wellington Regional Council has a preference for providing information about the Proposed Natural Resources Plan via email. We will send you updates on the process, information and provide you with details of any meetings and the hearing. Please tick here if you do not agree to receive communication via email.

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Trade competition

- I/we **could not** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission. [Go straight to **Your Submission**]
- I/we **could** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
 If you **could** gain an advantage please complete one of the following:
- I/we **are** directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of my submission that adversely affects the environment and does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.
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Your submission

The specific provisions of the Proposed Natural Resources Plan that this submission relates to are:

The specific provision of the Proposed Natural Resources Plan that my submission relates to is (please specify the provision/ section number): Schedule C5 and specifically the specification of Kourarau Dam and inlet stream as a Category 1 site of natural significance	My submission on this provision is: →	<input type="checkbox"/> I support the provision <input type="checkbox"/> I oppose the provision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I wish to have the specific provision amended
	Reasons for my submission: →	Sport Fly Fishing NZ has recently introduced a competition based on Lake Kourarau as part of its regional competitions to select teams to represent the country at international fly fishing competitions. The lake is unique in that it offers conditions closer to those our anglers will come across in in many lake edge competitions in the international circuit in that it has readily accessible, clear banks from which to fish. No other lake in the North Island offers such an opportunity for clear bank fishing to cruising fish that is readily accessible and can be managed to accommodate the competition. Having fences close to the lake shore would be extremely detrimental to our members being able to fish the lake successfully and to

		<p>apply the lessons learned to overseas competitions. As an added bonus, the condition of the fish in the lake is great and they are not easy to catch.</p> <p>The addition of the lake to the competition circuit is quite recent and follows the successful reintroduction of trout to the dam some 3 years ago subsequent to Genesis upgrading the dam/water outflow, leading to a higher stable lake level being maintained. We note that other clubs in the lower North Island have also used the dam as a competition venue, based on the success of our event.</p> <p>Now the fish are again using the inlet stream at the South end to successfully spawn and restock the lake. Successful spawning is an essential aspect of maintaining the fishery and so we support restricting livestock from accessing the inlet stream, its delta at the South end of the lake and the marshy area adjacent thereto to prevent cattle from encroaching into these areas.</p> <p>We appreciate the work done by the local branch of Fish and Game who keep the lower end of the inlet stream clear at its delta to allow fish to successfully enter the stream to spawn, noting that it is not stock that cause the issues of blocked passages, but rather natural events such as falling trees and storm damage.</p> <p>We observe that the current farm management practice of using the paddocks adjacent to the dam as an accessway to paddocks beyond the dam are very unlikely to lead to animals getting into the lake.</p>
	<p>I seek the following decision from WRC (give precise details): →</p>	<p>We request the the Kourarau reservoir be removed from schedule C5.</p>

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If you have more submissions you wish to make, please find more boxes at the bottom of this document

Attendance and wish to be heard at hearing(s)

- I/We do wish to be heard in support of my/our submission
[Note: This means that you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing(s).]
- I/We do not wish to be heard in support of my/our submission
[Note: This means that you cannot speak at the hearing. However, you will still retain your right to appeal any decision made by the Wellington Regional Council to the Environment Court.]
- If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

[Person making submission or person authorised to sign on behalf of person making submission. NB. Not required if making an electronic submission]

Publication of details

Wellington Regional Council is legally required to notify a summary of submissions, including your name and address for service as provided on this submission form. Your name and address are included so that a person making a further submission is able to serve you with a copy of it.

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