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## Bay of Plenty Regional Coastal Environment Plan

*Sample of rules showing how estuary care groups can formulate a management plan which is incorporated into the Regional Coastal Environment Plan, and which provides a more lenient pathway to resource consent if consent is required (some mangrove removal is permitted outright if Plan conditions are met).*

Some mangrove removal is permitted under Rule DD18 (no resource consent is required).

### **Rule DD 18      Permitted – Removal of mangrove seedlings**

The removal of mangrove seedlings is a permitted activity, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Plants removed shall be single stemmed and unbranched mangrove plants less than 60 cm in height.
- (a) Where more than 1,000 square metres of clearance is proposed within one day, the Regional Council shall be notified of the proposed time, location and extent of removal, at least three working days prior to the work being undertaken. Notification may be provided on an annual basis.
- (b) Removal shall be undertaken by hand or using hand-held tools.
- (c) Chemical herbicides shall not be used.
- (d) The activity shall not disturb or damage areas of saltmarsh or seagrass.
- (e) Access to removal areas shall be by existing open areas or paths.
- (f) In areas that have been identified as bird roosting or nesting sites in Schedule 2 to this Plan, removal must not be undertaken between 1 September and 31 January (inclusive) to avoid bird roosting and nesting seasons.
- (h) Fuel must be stored in a bund or a place where spills will not enter the coastal marine area. The following methods shall be employed to avoid or minimise any fuel spillage during refuelling in, or adjacent to, the coastal marine area:
  - (i) Use of portable fuel containers that hold no more than five litres; and
  - (ii) Refuelling will occur in a fully contained area that has a volume at least twice that of the fuel container.
- (i) Removal shall not be undertaken in an IBDA A site

Rule DD19A is a special rule for estuary care groups etc. carrying out mangrove clearance in accordance with an approved Harbour Margins Restoration Plan, Wetland Management Agreement, Biodiversity Management Plan or an approved catchment plan. As a “controlled activity” resource consent is required, but must be granted (conditions can be imposed to address effects).

### **Rule DD 19A      Controlled – small-scale removal of mangroves as part of a wider ecological enhancement or restoration project**



Removal of mature mangroves is a controlled activity where:

- 1 The activity is not in an Indigenous Biological Diversity Area A; and
- 2 A report from a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist has assessed that the adverse effects on threatened indigenous species will be no more than minor and whether the mangroves to be removed provide significant habitat for threatened or at risk indigenous species; and
- 3 The activity is undertaken in accordance with an approved Harbour Margins Restoration Plan, Wetland Management Agreement, Biodiversity Management Plan or an approved catchment plan.

Terms and conditions:

- (1) The total cleared area must not exceed 200 square metres.

