

NEW ZEALAND RICKETTSIA-LIKE ORGANISM CONTROLLED AREA NOTICE 2024

This notice is given under section 131 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 (the **Act**) by a Chief Technical Officer of the Ministry for Primary Industries.

New Zealand Rickettsia-Like Organism (NZ Rickettsiaceae spp.) – Controlled Area, Movement Controls and Procedures

Commencement

1. This notice comes into force at 11:59PM on Tuesday 13 February 2024.

Purpose

2. The purpose of this notice is to declare areas as controlled areas, establish movement controls, and specify treatments and procedures to:
 - a. Enable the limitation of the spread of NZ Rickettsiaceae spp., being an unwanted organism under the Act;
 - b. Minimise the damage caused to farmed Chinook salmon populations by NZ Rickettsiaceae spp.;
 - c. Protect areas in New Zealand at risk from an incursion of NZ Rickettsiaceae spp.; and
 - d. Monitor risks associated with the movement of NZ Rickettsiaceae spp. to parts of New Zealand where the NZ Rickettsiaceae spp. status is unknown.

Controlled Area Declaration

3. I declare that the areas described in Schedule 1 and defined by map in Schedule 2 are controlled areas in respect of NZ Rickettsiaceae spp. under section 131(2) of the Act (the **Controlled Area**).

Notice of Movement Controls

4. Except in accordance with any conditions imposed by this notice or an inspector or authorised person:
 - a. Things listed in Schedule 3 that are in Contained Zone A of the Controlled Area (see Schedule 1) must not be moved out of Contained Zone A.
 - b. Things listed in Schedule 3 that are in Contained Zone B of the Controlled Area (see Schedule 1) must not be moved out of Contained Zone B.
5. These movement controls do not apply to the activities described in Schedule 4 upon fulfilment of the conditions specified in Schedule 4.

Revocation of previous Controlled Area Notice

6. This notice revokes and replaces the Controlled Area Notice issued in respect of NZ Rickettsiaceae spp. at 8 am on Friday 13 December 2019.

Expiry

This notice remains in force until a notice of revocation is issued by a Chief Technical Officer.
Signed at Wellington this -day of 14/02/2024

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Walsh', with a stylized, flowing script.

John Walsh
Chief Technical Officer
Ministry for Primary Industries

Schedule 1 - Description of Controlled Area

The following areas are included in the "Controlled Area" and subject to this notice:

The areas contained within the marine waters of the Outer Pelorus Sound (**Contained Zone A**) and Queen Charlotte Sound (**Contained Zone B**), as defined below and in the map in Schedule 2.

Contained Zone A - Outer Pelorus Sound

All South Island fisheries waters enclosed by a line:

- (a) commencing at a point inland of the mean high-water mark at Whakamawahi Point at 41° 3.360' S 173° 58.320' E (point a on the map in Schedule 2); then
- (b) proceed in a straight line in a westerly direction to a point inland of the mean high-water mark at Tawero Point at 41° 3.710' S 173° 57.035' E (point b on the map in Schedule 2); then
- (c) proceeding along the mean high water mark of Outer Pelorus Sound to a point inland of the mean high water mark at Clay Point at 40° 53.310' S 173° 58.750' E (point c on the map in Schedule 2); then
- (d) proceed in a straight line in an easterly direction to a point inland of the mean high-water mark on Te Kakaho Island, Chetwode Islands at 40° 52.975' S 174° 6.115' E (point d on the map in Schedule 2); then
- (e) proceed in a straight line in an easterly direction to a point inland of the mean high-water mark on Sentinel Rock at 40° 52.915' S 174° 8.460' E (point e on the map in Schedule 2); then
- (f) proceed in a straight line in a south-south easterly direction to a point inland of the mean high-water mark at Alligator Head at 40° 58.085' S 174° 9.315' E (point on the map in Schedule 2); then proceeding along the mean high water mark to the point of commencement specified in paragraph (a).

Contained Zone B - Queen Charlotte Sound

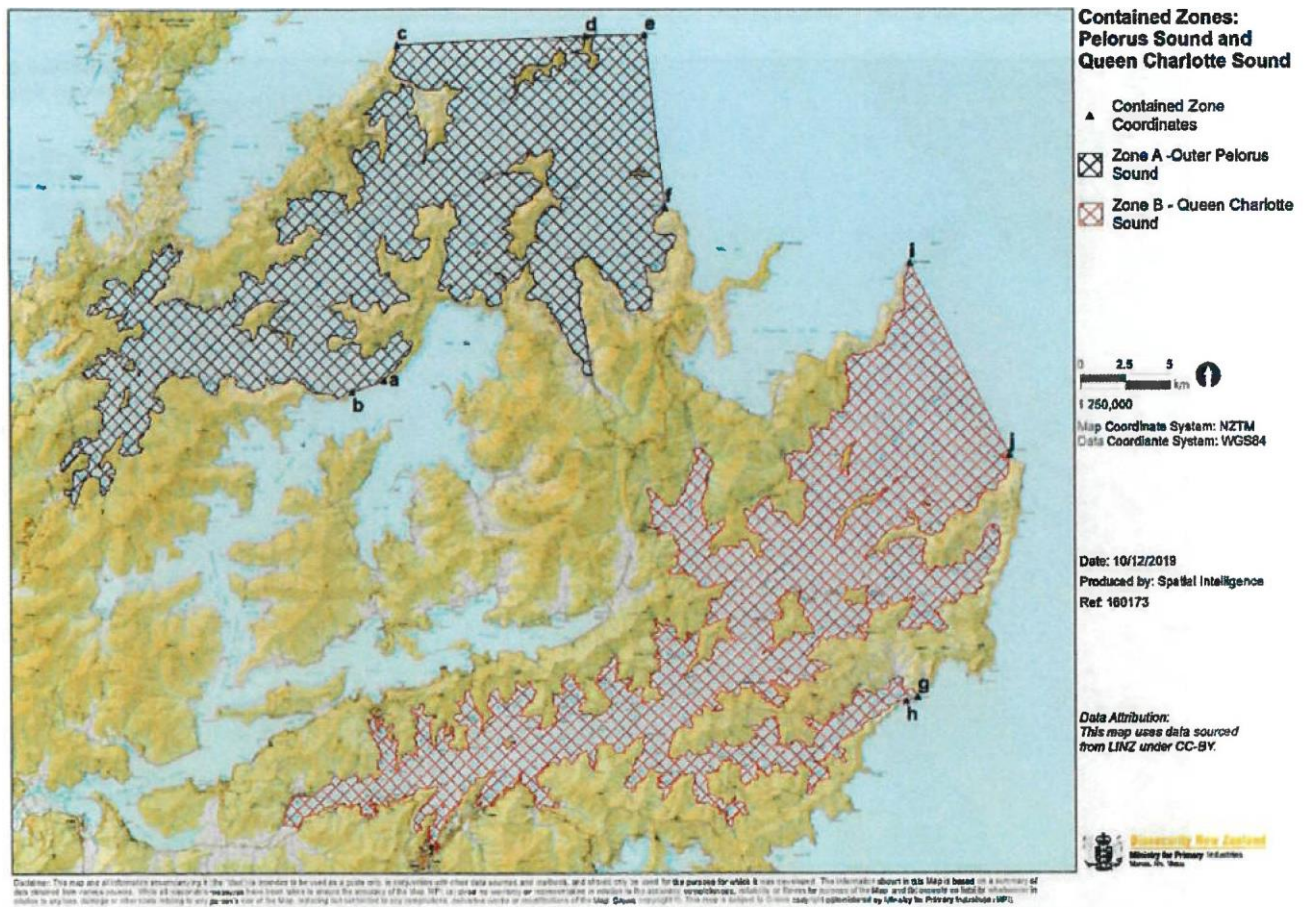
All South Island fisheries waters enclosed by a line:

- (g) commencing at a point inland of the mean high-water mark at East Head of Arapaoa Island at 41° 12.650' S 174° 19.395' E (point g on the map in Schedule 2); then
- (h) proceeding in a straight line in a south westerly direction to a point inland of the mean high-water mark of West Head at the entrance to Tory Channel at 41° 12.790' S 174° 18.940' E (point h on the map in Schedule 2); then
- (i) proceeding along the mean high-water mark to a point on the northern end of Cape Jackson at the entrance to Queen Charlotte Sound at 40° 59.630' S 174° 18.890' E (point i on the map in Schedule 2); then

- (j) proceeding in a straight line in a south easterly direction to the point inland of the mean high-water mark at the northern end of Cape Koamaru on Arapaoa Island at $41^{\circ}5.345' S$ $174^{\circ}22.870' E$ (point j on the map in Schedule 2) then;

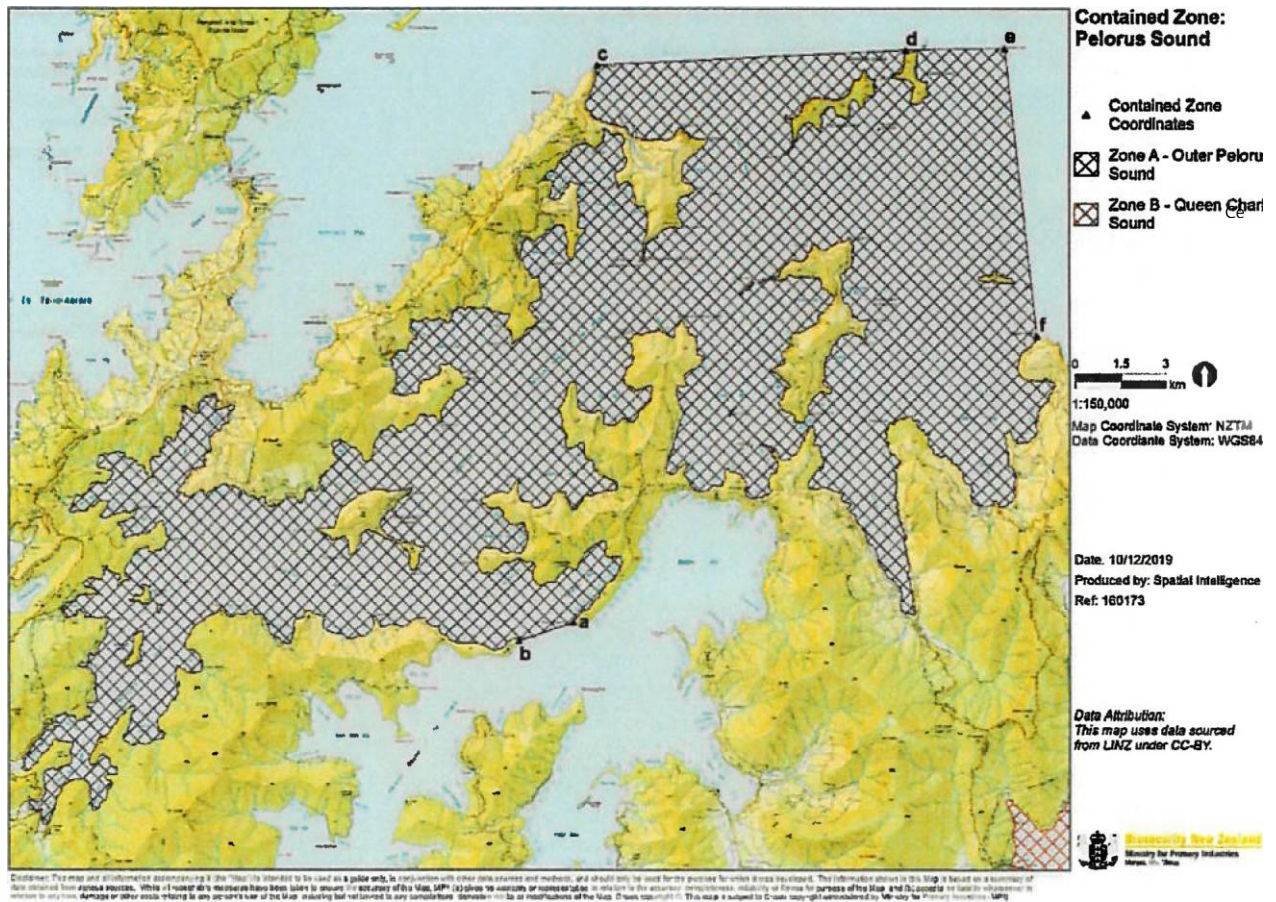
proceeding in a generally southerly direction along the mean high water mark to the point of commencement specified in paragraph (g).

Schedule 2 - Map of Controlled Area

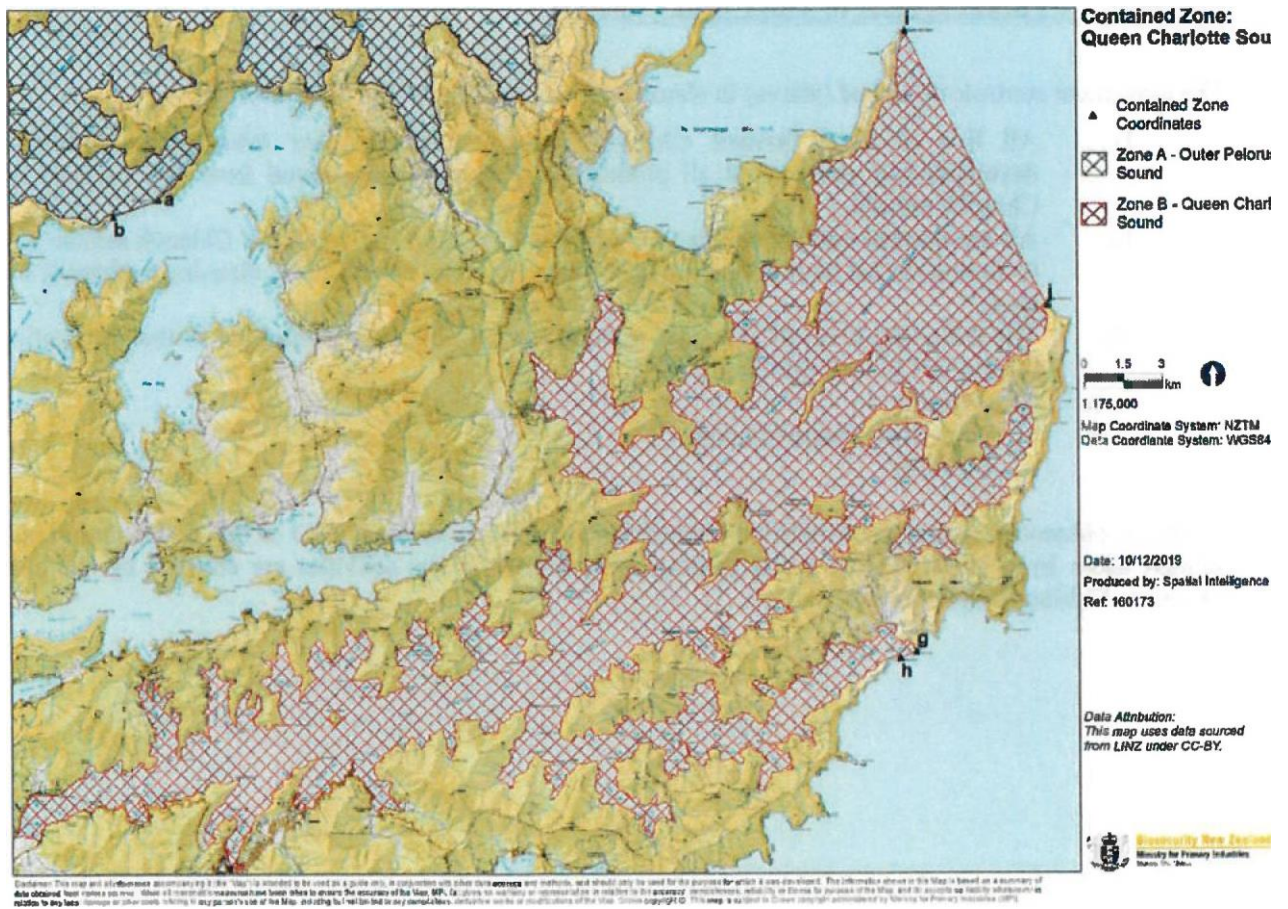




Contained Zone A - Outer Pelorus Sound



Contained Zone B - Queen Charlotte Sound



Schedule 3 - Things subject to Movement Controls

The movement controls described (above) in **clause 4** of this notice apply to the following:

1. All live or dead farmed Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), including all developmental stages, and all products and by-products derived from live or dead farmed Chinook salmon.
2. All equipment and materials used in the propagation and rearing of Chinook salmon for sale, including but not limited to: sea-cages, pontoons, nets, vessels, tools, cleaning equipment and fish food.
3. The following items of personal equipment used by persons engaged in the propagation and rearing of Chinook salmon for sale:
 - a. wetsuits,
 - b. other dive equipment, and;
 - c. footwear.

For the avoidance of doubt, the movement controls described (above) in **clause 4** of this notice do not apply to salmon taken by amateur fishers, being those people whose fishing are covered by the Fisheries (Amateur Fishing) Regulations 2013.

Schedule 4 - Activities Not Subject to Movement Controls

The following activities relating to the things listed in Schedule 3 are not subject to the movement controls (**clause 4** of this notice) upon fulfilment of the conditions specified:

- 1. Movement of live Chinook salmon out of a contained zone provided that:**
 - a. a permit is obtained prior to the movement; and
 - b. any conditions specified in the permit are fulfilled by the permit holder.
- 2. Movement of equipment and materials used in the propagation and rearing of Chinook salmon out of a contained zone provided that:**
 - a. a permit is obtained prior to the movement; and
 - b. any conditions specified in the permit are fulfilled by the permit holder.
- 3. Movement of the items of personal equipment specified in clause 3 of Schedule 3 out of a contained zone provided that:**
 - a. a permit is obtained prior to the movement; and
 - b. any conditions specified in the permit are fulfilled by the permit holder.
- 4. Movement of dead Chinook salmon out of a contained zone provided that:**
 - a. all dead salmon taken from marine farm sites within Contained Zone A are transported within fully sealed containers and landed at Havelock;
 - b. all dead salmon taken from marine farm sites within Contained Zone B are transported within fully sealed containers and landed at Picton;
 - c. subject to conditions a) and b) above all dead salmon landed to either Havelock or Picton are transported directly within fully sealed containers to either:
 - i. New Zealand King Salmon's processing facilities at 10-18 Bullen Street, Nelson to be processed for human consumption;
 - ii. Processing facilities operated by Kakariki Proteins Ltd at 1567A Kakariki Road, Feilding to be rendered into fish meal;
 - iii. Any landfill for the purposes of disposal;
 - iv. Composting facilities operated by Wholesale Landscapes (Azwood Group) at 51 Eves Valley Road, Brightwater to be composted into garden compost for commercial horticultural operations, or
 - v. New Zealand King Salmon's ensilage processing facilities at 43 Dublin Street, Picton, then securely transported to EcoGas Anaerobic Digestion Plant, 3103 Broadlands Road, Reporoa, to be subjected to for the last stage of biosecurity treatment (including pasteurisation) before being used as biostimulants for agriculture, horticulture, and forestry.
- 5. Movement of dead Chinook salmon out of a contained zone for the purposes of examination and/or testing at an approved laboratory within New Zealand, provided that the dead salmon is transported directly to the laboratory within fully sealed containers.**

Definitions:

Approved laboratory means a laboratory approved by MPI to conduct the proposed examination and/or testing.

Permit means the written permission of an inspector or authorised person appointed under the Act, inclusive of any conditions contained in the permission.

Notes for Information

Status of existing permits: For avoidance of doubt, movement permits issued under section 134(l)(b) in respect of the 2016 CAN and 2019 CAN for NZ Rickettsiaceae sp. remain valid in respect of this notice.

Any person who wishes to obtain the permission of an inspector or authorised person to carry out a movement or activity that is prohibited by this notice should contact: salmonpermit@mpi.govt.nz