

NES Plantation Forestry – Guidance

Permitted Activities - Harvesting



This guide has been developed to assist you to understand if your forestry harvest is a permitted activity, and if so what standards you are required to meet for this.

1. Do you need a resource consent for harvest?

	<i>Consent Required</i>	
	Yes	No
1.1 Does the harvest area include more than 2ha of harvesting Red Zoned ESC classification land in any 3 month period? (Regulation 70)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.2 Are you harvesting greater than 2ha of LUC Class 8e? (Regulation 70)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3 Are you cable hauling across a stream? (Tairawhiti Plan Rule 6.4.5 (18) and Rule 6.3.2 (14) if there is contact with the bed)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.4 Will your harvest affect a significant natural area identified in the Tairawhiti Resource Management Plan ? <i>Refer to Tairawhiti Plan Maps to check if your harvest area includes these Significant Natural Areas.</i>		
a. A Protection Management Area (Rule 9.1.6 (21))	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. A Riparian Management Area (Rule 6.4.5 (14))	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. A Regionally Significant Wetland (Rule 6.4.2 (8))	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. An Aquatic Ecosystem Waterbody (Rule 6.4.5 (16))	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. An Outstanding Waterbody (Rule 6.4.5 (17))	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. A Scheduled Protected Watercourse (Rule 6.4.5 (23))	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.5 Will your harvest be within – or modify a wetland (eg. divert water to or away from the wetland)? (Tairawhiti Plan Rule 6.4.2 (6))	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.6 Will your harvest be within the buffer area for a Scheduled Archaeological Site or Area; or Scheduled Waahi tapu site or area? (Tairawhiti Plan Rules C4.1.12)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.7 Will you trigger any other relevant Tairawhiti Plan Rules? (eg. cultural heritage, natural heritage) <i>Refer to Rules in the Tairawhiti Resource Management Plan that are more stringent than the NES-PF information sheet.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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2. Are you able to meet the Permitted Activity standards?

If any of these standards are not met, then consent is required

	Met	Not Met
Written notice to the Council of between 20-60 days prior to commencing or annually for ongoing harvesting.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sediment discharge standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No conspicuous change in colour or visual clarity No rendering of freshwater unsuitable for consumption by farm animals No significant adverse effect on aquatic life 		
Harvest Management Plan submitted to Council between 20-60 days prior to commencing? The Council requires that all Permitted Activity harvests supply a harvest plan to the Council prior to commencing harvest and annually for ongoing harvest.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earthworks Management Plan for Orange or Red Zoned Land submitted to Council between 20-60 days prior to commencing? 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amendments to the harvest plan documented and advised the Council? The Council requires that all Permitted Activity harvest forests provide a harvest plan to the Council annually.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Harvest activity planned and located to achieve butt suspension wherever practicable?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soil stabilisation requirements will be met – minimize sediment entering any water (Refer NES Regulation 67)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Directional felling away from any waterbody and riparian zone will be undertaken except where it is unsafe to do so?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Setback requirements		
<i>The Tairāwhiti Resource Management Plan does not allow for forestry harvest machinery to be operated within setbacks</i>		
5m from:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A permanent or intermittent stream less than 3m wide (Tairāwhiti Plan) 		
5-10m (width of native vegetation) from:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A permanent stream less than 2m wide where the riparian area is native vegetation (Tairāwhiti Plan) 		
10m from:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a stream 3m or wider wetlands larger than 0.25ha an outstanding waterbody (NES Regulation 68) 		
20m from:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> any lake greater than 200m² (Tairāwhiti Plan) 		
30m from:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the coastal marine area (NES Regulation 68) 		
All slash will be placed onto stable ground.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All landings will be managed to avoid the collapse of slash piles.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Slash not be deposited into – or if it is, will be directly removed from a waterbody or onto land that would be covered by water during a 5% AEP (1 in 20 year) event.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Remember if no consent is required you must undertake harvest in accordance with the Permitted Activity Standards and the Harvest Management Plan submitted to the Council.