Motu River and Specified Tributaries

Rules

EC R1 (Rule 49) Prohibited – Damming, Diversion, Take and Use of Water, and Discharges to the Motu River and Specified Tributaries

The:

1. Damming or diversion of water.
2. Take and use of water, excluding the take and use of water for purposes of:
   (a) An individual's reasonable domestic needs, or
   (b) The reasonable needs of an individual's animals for drinking water, or
   (c) Firefighting.
3. Discharge of water to water, contaminants to water, or contaminants onto or into land in circumstances which may result in that contaminant (or any other contaminant emanating as a result of natural processes from the contaminant) entering water.

Is a prohibited activity in the following rivers and streams:

(a) Motu River, from the Motu Falls (NZMS 260 X16 123 179) to the State Highway 35 Bridge inclusive.
(b) Waitangirua Stream.
(c) Mangaotane Stream.
(d) Te Kahika Stream.
(e) Mangatutara Stream.
(f) Takaputahi River below the confluence with the Whitikau Stream.

Unless the activity is:

(g) The maintenance of State Highway 35, including any bridge over the Motu River that forms part of the State Highway.
(h) Soil conservation works and related matters undertaken in accordance with the Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Act 1941.

Explanation/Intent of Rule

This rule is consistent with the National Water Conservation (Motu River) Order 1984, and is to clarify that the Regional Council will not consent the specified activities in the catchment. Activities excluded by conditions (g) and (h) are subject to the other rules in this regional plan.