

RESOURCE CONSENT

Pursuant to Part VI of the Resource Management Act 1991 The West Coast Regional Council hereby grants to:

**ANIMAL HEALTH BOARD
C/O OPERATIONS SECTION
WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
P O BOX 66
GREYMOUTH**

A Resource Consent for the term and upon the conditions hereinafter set forth.

File No: RC05082v
Description of Resource Consent: For the discharge of sodium monofluoroacetate (1080 poison) to land.
Location: Hari Hari/Whataroa
Date of Issue: 22 November 2005
Date of Variation: 6 January 2006 -- Condition 5
Term: 10 Years
Map Reference: NZMS 260 : I34 , H34

Resource Consents:

Resource Consent No.	Type of Resource Consent	Purpose
RC05082	Discharge Permit	To authorise the aerial discharge of 1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate) possum control baits, at an average rate of 3 kg per hectare and containing 0.15% weight/weight of 1080, to approximately 12,866 hectares of land in the Harihari – Whataroa control area (between the Whataroa and Wanganui Rivers and west of Harihari)..

Conditions to apply to RC05082

General

1. The discharge of sodium monofluoroacetate (1080 poison) shall be carried out in general accordance with the details in the Resource Consent Application (received

22 April 2005). Any change or cancellation of consent conditions must be made in accordance with Section 127 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

2. Pursuant to Section 128 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Consent Authority may review the conditions of the consent by serving notice within a period of one month, commencing on each anniversary of the date of issue of the consent, for any of the following purposes:
 - a) To change the standards imposed by the conditions of this consent or to impose additional conditions in relation to standards or monitoring in order to avoid, remedy or mitigate any adverse effects on the environment which may arise from the exercise of the consent, and which it is appropriate to deal with at a later stage.
 - b) To change the standards imposed by conditions of this consent to standards which are consistent with any relevant Regional Plan, District Plan, or Act of Parliament.
 - c) To require the Consent Holder to adopt the best practicable option to remove or reduce any adverse effect on the environment.
3. The Consent Holder shall pay to the Consent Authority such monitoring, administration and supervision fees as are fixed from time to time by the Consent Authority in accordance with Section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Application Controls

4. The discharge of sodium monofluoroacetate (1080 poison) baits shall only occur in the 12,866-hectare area marked as the "Proposed discharge area" on the plan titled "Proposed Hari Hari-Whataroa aerial 1080 control area RC05082", attached to this consent, except in an area where the discharge is excluded by the conditions of this consent.
5. The cereal baits shall not contain more than 0.15% weight for weight of sodium monofluoroacetate (1080 poison) and the quantity of baits containing sodium monofluoroacetate shall not exceed 5 kilograms per hectare. The quantity of sodium monofluoroacetate (1080 poison) discharged in any discharge event shall not exceed the following discharge rates over the area of discharge authorised by this resource consent (the "Discharge Area"):
 - An average of 6 grams of sodium monofluoroacetate per hectare;
 - A maximum of 7.5 grams of sodium monofluoroacetate per hectare.
6. The discharge of sodium monofluoroacetate (1080 poison) shall not occur onto the same land more than four times during the duration of the consent, and the interval between discharge events onto the same land shall be greater than two years.

7. A representative sample of the cereal baits shall have a mean size in excess of 6 grams and 95 per cent of baits shall weigh more than 4 grams. All practicable steps shall be taken to minimise the amount of cereal bait fragments discharged.
8. Green dye and a lure shall be added to all baits containing sodium monofluoroacetate (1080 poison).
9. Aircraft used to discharge the sodium monofluoroacetate (1080 poison) shall be guided by differential global positioning navigational guidance system (DGPS) and the boundaries of the Discharge Area shall be indicated to the pilot by the Consent Holder. The flight paths of the aircraft used to discharge the sodium monofluoroacetate (1080 poison) shall be recorded by the DGPS and this record shall be maintained for six months following completion of the operation and made available to the Consent Authority upon request. Printed records from the DGPS shall be supplied to the Consent Authority at the completion of each discharge operation over all or part of the Discharge Area.
10. The pilot of any aircraft used to discharge sodium monofluoroacetate (1080 poison) shall hold a current Growsafe™ Agricultural Pilots Rating Certificate issued by the New Zealand Agrichemical Education Trust (or an equivalent qualification recognised as the industry standard), and a copy of that current Growsafe certificate (or equivalent qualification) shall be produced to an enforcement officer of the Consent Authority on request.
11. The discharge shall be undertaken in accordance with Part 5 of the "Agrichemical Users' Code of Practice" (New Zealand Standard 8409:1995, New Zealand Agrichemical Education Trust, 1995) or equivalent or superseding code of practice.
12. The Consent Holder shall immediately notify the Consent Authority and Westland District Council in the event of any discharge of any sodium monofluoroacetate (1080 poison) that may not comply with the conditions of this consent.

Restricting Public Access

13. The Consent Holder shall ensure that public access to any aircraft loading area is prevented during the discharge operation.

Notification

14. Public notification of the aerial operation to discharge sodium monofluoroacetate (1080 poison) onto all or part of the Discharge Area shall be placed in the West Coast Times and The Press at least 14 days (two weeks), but not more than six weeks, prior to any aerial operation commencing.
15. The following parties shall be notified at least 48 hours, but not more than six weeks, prior to the commencement of the aerial operation to discharge sodium monofluoroacetate (1080 poison), and as far as practicable shall be notified of any cancellations or postponements of an operation:
 - Westland District Council;

- West Coast Regional Council;
 - Medical Officer of Health;
 - Whataroa Police Station;
 - Veterinarians in the Grey and Westland districts;
 - Game packing houses in the Grey and Westland districts;
 - Greymouth Base Hospital;
 - Department of Conservation – Franz Josef Area Office;
 - All residents within or immediately adjoining the application area.
16. In addition to Condition 15, the Consent Holder shall, as far as is practicable, re-notify all residents within or immediately adjoining the area of land to which any proposed discharge of sodium monofluoroacetate (1080 poison) is to occur. Such notice shall be given the day prior to the commencement of a discharge operation.
17. Prior to the commencement of the discharge of sodium monofluoroacetate (1080 poison), warning notices shall be erected at every place where people normally obtain access to the area where sodium monofluoroacetate (1080) will be discharged, including:
- Roads and walking tracks into or immediately adjacent to the 1080 control area;
 - Access points to the main watercourses in the area, including, where relevant;
 - Oneone River, Pye Creek, Big Creek, Hinatua River, Wanganui River (lower section) and Poerua River (below SH 6).

The warning notices shall state the nature of the operation, a description of the poison bait, the date that the poisoned bait will be applied and warning that dogs must not enter the area. The notices shall be obvious at a distance of five metres from the sign and shall be maintained for a period of at least three months, but no longer than six months, after the date that the poisoned bait is applied to the area.

Buffer and Exclusion Zones

18. There shall be no discharge of sodium monofluoroacetate (1080 poison) within:
- i) 100 metres of grazing licence areas where cattle are grazing at the time of the discharge;
 - ii) 100 metres of the boundary of a property adjoining the Discharge Area shown on the plan attached to this consent or a fence of a paddock; adjacent to the discharge area;
 - iii) 100m of any dwelling house or backcountry hut.

Removal of bait and possum carcasses

19. All tracks and roads within that part of the Discharge Area where sodium monofluoroacetate (1080 poison) has been discharged shall be inspected for baits

and possum carcasses as soon as practicable following the operation and on one other day within the first 7 days following the discharge. As far as practicable, any baits or possum carcasses, which are accessible and located on or visible from the tracks and roads within that part of the Discharge Area, shall be removed.

Compliance Limits

20. The Consent Holder shall ensure that any wind drift containing sodium monofluoroacetate (1080 poison) derived from the discharge is not noxious, dangerous, offensive or objectionable beyond the target area to such an extent that it has or is likely to have an adverse effect on the environment.

Advice Note: The assessment of what is considered to be noxious, dangerous, offensive or objectionable will be made by the Consent Authority in accordance with section 10.2 of the Regional Air Quality Plan.

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27 February 2006

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Dear Sir

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Further to earlier correspondence please find enclosed your Resource Consent which reflects the variation applied for.

Condition 5 now reads:

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Yours faithfully

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