

16. SEA LETTUCE BUILD-UP AND REMOVAL IN THE AVON/HEATHCOTE ESTUARY

A report from the Area Head Ranger informed the Board of sea lettuce problems in the Avon/Heathcote Estuary over the Christmas period, the action taken in response and the current situation. The Board **decided:**

1. That the information be received.
2. That the Parks and Waterways Unit submit to the Board management guidelines for sea lettuce removal that balance the adverse environmental effects of removal with the effects on residents of sea lettuce buildup.
3. That officers also report on ways to mitigate the growth and accumulation of sea lettuce and options for its removal.