

SEA LETTUCE REMOVAL TRIALS AVON-HEATHCOTE ESTUARY (IHUTAI)

In terms of resource consent no. CRC020988 granted by Environment Canterbury to Christchurch City Council on 15 July 2002 for the purpose of carrying out sea lettuce and Gracilaria removal trials on the foreshore and bed of the estuary

The Christchurch City Council notifies its intention to carry out the following small-scale removal operations during the period 10 March to 30 April, 2003:

LOCATION

McCormacks Bay

Humphreys Drive from Tidal View
to windsurf parking area

Mid-estuary

NATURE OF OPERATION

Tracked 'light footprint' machine with trailing rake at low tide. Manual method at low tide and/or collection net pulled to shore at high tide. Portable heat treatment unit at low tide.

Amphibious 'light footprint', balloon-tyred vehicle at low tide. Tracked 'light footprint' machine with trailing rake at low tide Manual and/or suction hose moved manually and/or excavator or loader operating from the top of the sea wall at low tide. Collection net pulled to shore by boat or amphibious craft at high tide. Temporary mesh or timber fences staked to the estuary bed, projecting no more than 25m into the estuary (measured perpendicular to the shore).

Amphibious "light footprint", balloon-tyred vehicle access at low tide. Manual operation including portable heat treatment unit at low tide. Tracked 'light footprint' machine with trailing rake at low tide.

Further information on the removal trials is available from Ken Couling, City Solutions (DDI 941 8936 and email ken.couling@ccc.govt.nz)

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