

Your submission to Clean Water

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What are your thoughts on the proposed swimming targets, for example, on the timeframes and categories?

Notes

Use the LWF definition of "primary contact recreation." I oppose the proposed amendments to the Human Health for Recreation attribute table, which would weaken the standard for swimmability. The E.coli attributes need to be strengthened. I support the inclusion of smaller rivers and streams (below order 4) in the swimming standards, as these are the places that are often used by local communities to swim and play

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What do you think about the proposed amendments to the Freshwater NPS?

Notes

The NPS should specifically include in its objectives and policies the requirement for regional councils to meet water quality targets within specified timeframes. I oppose the inclusion of any new test that requires a balancing of environmental considerations against economic ones. The playing field is already unbalanced in favour of economic interests.

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What are your thoughts on the proposed stock exclusion regulation, for example, the timeframes and stock types to be excluded?

Notes

The deadlines that have been proposed for excluding dairy support, deer and beef cattle from waterways over 1 meter wide, lakes and wetlands are unambitious and should be brought forward.

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Do you have any other comments on the contents of the Clean Water discussion document?

Notes

MCI should be incorporated into the NPSFM as per the LWF's recommendations. Clean water is a scarce resource but it is used wastefully because there is no pricing mechanism. Put a price of freshwater, in terms of both takes and nutrient discharges.