Proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region Boatsheds



Boatsheds at Camborne, Paremata, Onepoto and Evans Bay have become a recognised feature of the coastal environment. Their history and the eclectic materials that they are made from and give them their uniqueness have become part of the character of these bays. Schedules E1 (historic heritage structures) and E2 (wharves and boatsheds) identify a number of boatsheds as having significant historic heritage values. There are specific provisions that relate to these historic boatsheds – see rules R168, R169, R171 and R172 for more details.

Can I maintain and repair my boatshed?

Yes, you can maintain and repair your existing boatshed as a permitted activity under Rule R149. However, this rule has conditions which must be met in order for the maintenance to be permitted. These include that there is no increase in length, width or height of the boatshed. For boatsheds identified as having significant historic heritage values, the materials used to maintain and repair them must match the existing boatshed in form and appearance.

Can I make additions and alterations to my boatshed?

Yes, minor additions or alterations can be made to boatsheds as a permitted activity under Rule R150 subject to conditions such as the boatshed has not been identified as having significant historic heritage values (e.g. has not been identified in Schedule E1 or E3), and no more than 5m in length and 1m in height can be added.(Rule R150 and Rule R168). Additions and alterations to boatsheds listed in Schedule E2 (wharves and boatsheds) that are not permitted require resource consent from Greater Wellington Regional Council (Rule R169).

What can I use my boatshed for?

The Proposed Natural Resources Plan seeks that boatsheds are used for boating activities and are not used for living in or for activities that don't need to be located on the water, such as panel beaters or cafes.

What is the Proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region?

The Proposed Natural Resources Plan (the proposed Plan) is a new regional plan designed to integrate the Wellington Region's five existing regional plans-- the Regional Coastal Plan, Regional Freshwater Plan, Regional Soil Plan, Regional Air Quality Management Plan and Regional Plan for Discharges to Land. Regional plans are developed under the Resource Management Act to set out the objectives, policies and methods for people and organisations that use a region's resources for a variety of purposes:

The proposed Plan was developed following a review of the five existing regional plans from 2011 to 2015. Until the GWRC decides to adopt the proposed Plan, resource users must comply with rules in the proposed Plan and rules in the five existing plans.



There is a lot of information in the proposed Plan and a lot to understand, so if you need help to figure out if your activity is permitted, or requires a resource consent, or if you have any questions at all, please contact us for more information 0800 496 734 or regionalplan@gw.govt.nz

Permitted: no resource consent is required provided you comply with the conditions in the rule. **Controlled, discretionary or non-complying**: a resource consent from Wellington Regional Council is required. Conditions may need to be met.

Prohibited: cannot be undertaken at any time.