

Public notice regarding small-scale management programme

Nelson City Council has declared by public notice, dated 1 July 2017, a small-scale management programme (SSMP) under Section 100V of the Biosecurity Act 1993 (the Act). The unwanted organism the SSMP relates to is the marine pest Mediterranean fanworm (*Sabella spallanzanii*), referred to as *Sabella*. The SSMP applies to the whole marine area of Nelson City.

Small-scale management programme details

The objective of the programme is to provide for the control of *Sabella* in Nelson City over the next 3 years to:

- reduce the adverse effects on economic well-being; the environment; enjoyment of the natural environment and the relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga; and
- reduce spread within the region and to other areas.

The outcomes sought are:

- Exclusion (preventing establishment) in areas of the district currently free of Sabella;
- Eradication of Sabella from the district where it is technically feasible and realistic;
- Progressive containment and/or sustained control (where eradication is not achievable) that
 steps are taken to either contain and reduce the distribution of Sabella or reduce its impacts
 and spread to other places.

Powers to be exercised under Part 6 of the Act to implement the programme are as follows:

- Section 43 Duty to provide information.
- Section 106 Power to require assistance.
- Section 109 Power of inspection.
- Section 112 Duties on exercising powers of entry.
- Section 113 Power to record information.
- Section 114 General powers.
- Section 115 Use of dogs and devices.
- Section 119 Power to seize abandoned goods.
- Section 121 Power to examine organisms.
- Section 121A Power to apply article or substance to place.
- Section 122 Power to give directions.
- Section 128 Power to act on default.
- Section 130 Declaration of restricted place.

This small-scale management programme can be viewed at nelson.govt.nz/Sabella or contact the Council on 03 546 0200.

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