

PUBLIC NOTICE - AQUATIC SPRAYING

Northland Regional Council (NRC) is publicly notifying its intent to apply aquatic herbicide Aquathol K (active ingredient endothall) to two Far North lakes and one lake and two ponds on the Poutō Peninsula to control the pest plant hornwort (*Ceratophyllum demersum*). The lakes are on private land, except Lake Tutaki and Lake Tutaki Southern Pond, which are on public conservation land. Aquathol K is a selective herbicide that only affects the target plant hornwort, breaks down into natural elements and doesn't affect other native plants, fish or invertebrates.

The application is scheduled to take place between 11 March and 30 April 2025. The application will likely take place early in the morning and is weather dependent.

Contact with the lake water (including swimming) is banned for 24 hours, fishing is banned for 72 hours and there will be a restriction on water-takes for 10 days, after the application of the herbicide. Affected landowners have been contacted and signs will be up at lakes.

For more information, please contact Northland Regional Council on 0800 002 004. For 24-hour emergency contact, please phone 0800 504 639.