

28 March 2024

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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 1 March 2024, in which you asked:

*I would like to follow up this earlier OIA request with another for the same information for Aotea Harbour please – from what I can gather talking with iwi in the area, herbicides were also used in the Aotea Harbour for controlling Spartina grass. It would be useful to know the type of herbicide, the quantity, the location of application, and the time of application please.*

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982.

Documents released in response to your request are listed below:

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	19 March 2024	Spreadsheet – Aotea Harbour Spartina Control 2017 - 2021	Released in full

All Spartina control was carried out in accordance with Environmental Protection Authority ('EPA') requirements (EPA Aquatic Herbicide Permission STRG-06-06-2018-018) and the Waikato Regional Plan (Resource Consent Certificate No:124871 Regionwide consent).

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and attached document may be published on the Department's website.

If you would like to discuss this response please contact Jane Wheeler, Operations Manager, Waikato District via email: [jwheeler@doc.govt.nz](mailto:jwheeler@doc.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā

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