This agreement has been developed as a result of the public consultation process carried out for the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw in 2015.

While members of the public generally thought commercial horse training on the beach was appropriate, enjoyable to watch and beneficial for the horses, others expressed some concerns. Key issues for these people were the impact of the activity on their enjoyment of the beach environment and feelings of safety.

The Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2016 Hearing Panel has restricted horse training along the foreshore to an area extending approximately 3.2 km’s (2 mile training run) either side of the beach entrance to the Woodend Beach Horse Float Car Park and Access Trail (see map over page).

Commercial horse training is also permitted along the foreshore from the District’s northern boundary to the north of the Ashley River/Rakahuri Estuary.

Commercial horse training on the designated area at Woodend Beach will be subject to a user agreement and the effectiveness of this will be regularly monitored.

An annual review of the Commercial Horse Trainers User Agreement is to be carried out by the Council in consultation with Woodend Beach commercial horse training representatives.

While the next Bylaw review is not due until 2021, the Council is able to carry out an early review of any rules that have not effectively addressed user conflicts, and environmental and safety concerns.

Woodend Beach horse trainers recognise that using the beach for commercial horse training is a privilege and agree to:

• work closely with the Council to ensure compliance with the Bylaw, resolve complaints and monitor progress;
• take responsibility for making sure other commercial horse trainers are aware of the Bylaw rules;
• remain within the designated horse training area at Woodend Beach;
• not pass with a horse through a flagged surf patrol area; (see note below)
• remain below the last high tide mark, except when moving along, to or from an access trail;
• move above the last high tide mark only if it is necessary to avoid a potentially unsafe situation;
• be courteous and show due consideration to all other beach users;
• give way to pedestrians in their path at all times;
• stay well clear of pedestrians when driving with a horse and sulky;
• ensure no pedestrian, bird or other animal is endangered in any way when driving with a horse and sulky;
• take steps, as far as practicable, to minimise the amount of horse faeces left on the beach.

Please note
Surf patrols are set up at approximately 9.30am at Woodend, Pegasus and Waikuku Beaches from mid-December to mid-January. Horse trainers are responsible for ensuring they have returned along the beach before the flags are set up to avoid being caught on the wrong side.

Copies of the Bylaw are available at the Council’s service centres and libraries and online at waimakariri.govt.nz
HORSE ACCESS MAP - SCHEDULE 4

NORTHERN RESTRICTED RECREATIONAL & COMMERCIAL HORSE ACCESS

- All year round
- Below last high tide mark except when on access trails and to avoid potentially unsafe situations

PROHIBITED HORSE ACCESS

WOODEND BEACH DESIGNATED COMMERCIAL HORSE TRAINING AREA

- All year round
- Below last high tide mark except when on access trails and to avoid potentially unsafe situations

FLAGGED SURF LIFESAVING AREAS

- Prohibited for commercial horse trainers
- Restricted dismount and lead areas for recreational riders if passing through is unavoidable

Bylaw applies to area within the Waimakariri District Council Boundary

WOODEND BEACH

COMMERICAL HORSE TRAINING AREA

SOUTHERN RESTRICTED RECREATIONAL HORSE ACCESS

- All year round
- Below last high tide mark except when on access trails and at the Waimakariri River Mouth and to avoid potentially unsafe situations

HORSE ACCESS MAP - SCHEDULE 4

Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2015

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