

Kite Surfing User Agreement

Ashley River/Rakahuri Estuary



This agreement has been negotiated between the Council, and kite surfing and bird specialist representatives in response to issues identified during the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw public consultation process carried out in 2015.

Submissions from kite surfers and environmental groups highlighted the tension between protecting endangered bird species, some of which are rare and of international significance, and continuing to provide a safe training and self-landing area within the district for kite surfing.

The Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2016 Hearing Panel has restricted kite surfing in the Ashley River/Rakahuri Estuary to a designated area. Within this there is a launch area, transit area and main riding area. Kite surfing is prohibited in all other Ashley/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas. (see map over page)

Kite surfing in the designated area at the Ashley River/Rakahuri Estuary will be subject to a user agreement and the effectiveness of this will be regularly monitored.

A review of the Kite Surfing User Agreement is to be carried out in November each year by the Council, in consultation with the Northern Pegasus Bay kite surfing community, Department of Conservation, Environment Canterbury, Canterbury Windsports Association Inc, Birds NZ Inc, Ashley-Rakahuri Rivercare Group Inc and Braided River Aid Inc. Additional reviews may be necessary if the coastal environment changes significantly.

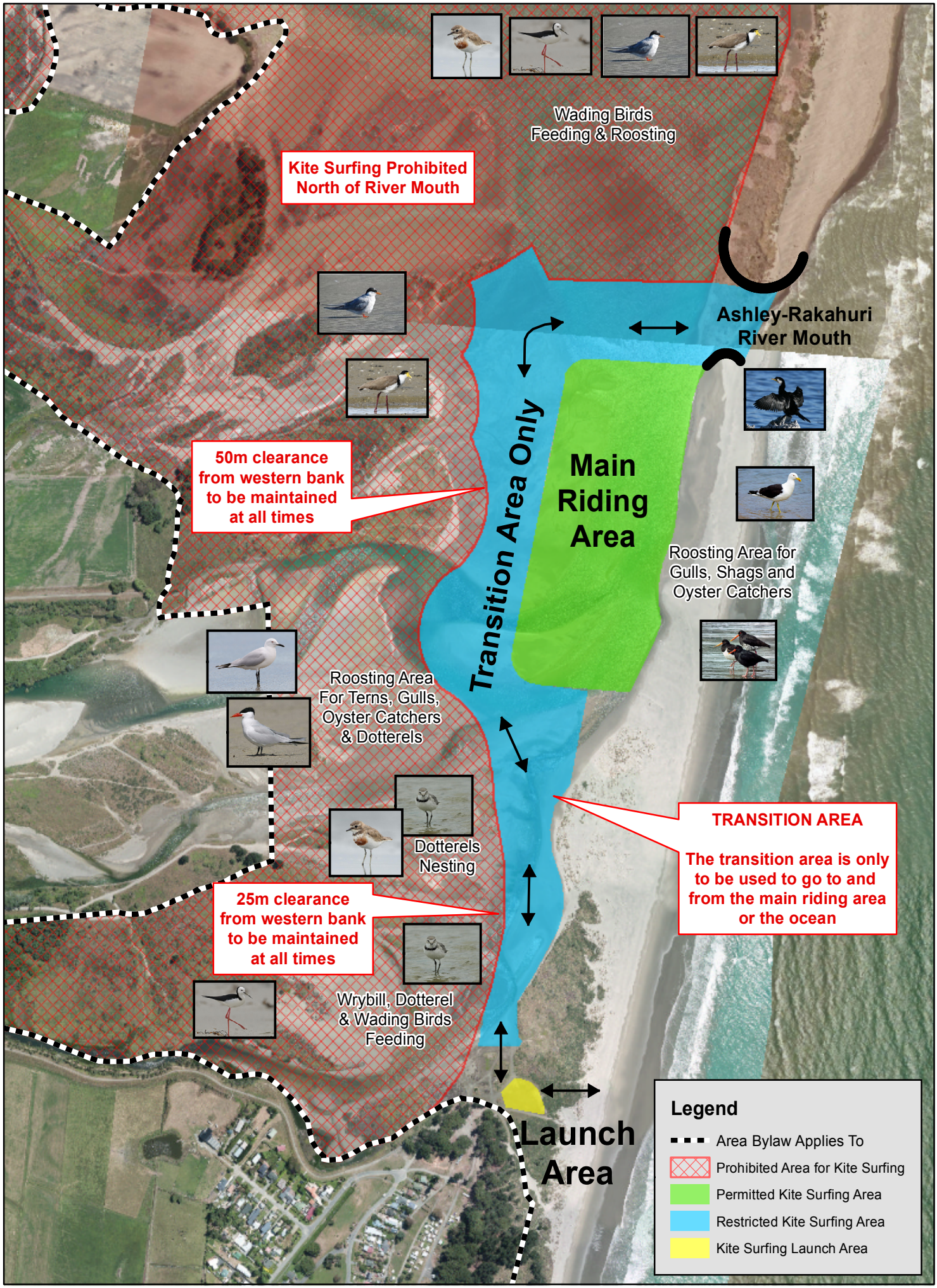
While the next Bylaw review is not due until 2021, the Council is able to carry out an early review of any rules that have not effectively addressed user conflicts, and environmental and safety concerns.

Kite surfers recognise that using the Ashley River/Rakahuri Estuary for kite surfing is a privilege and agree to:

- work closely with the Council to ensure compliance with the Bylaw, resolve complaints and monitor progress;
- help educate other kite surfers about the Bylaw rules;
- stay clear of bird feeding areas in shallow water or exposed mudflats at low tide;
- stay clear of dry shingle and sand banks or islands where birds might be nesting or roosting;
- stay clear of areas of driftwood and other detritus likely to be used for bird habitats;
- not interfere with or cause prolonged distress to any roosting, nesting, resting or feeding birds;
- remain within the designated kite surfing area at the Ashley River/Rakahuri Estuary;
- only use the kite surfing transition area for moving to and from the launch area to the main riding area or the ocean;
- stay 50 metres away from the north-west bank of the Ashley River/Rakahuri Estuary at all times;
- stay 25 metres away from the south west bank of the Ashley River/Rakahuri Estuary at all times.

Copies of the Bylaw are available at the Council's service centres and libraries and online at waimakariri.govt.nz

Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2016



Kite Surfing Prohibited North of River Mouth

50m clearance from western bank to be maintained at all times

25m clearance from western bank to be maintained at all times

TRANSITION AREA
The transition area is only to be used to go to and from the main riding area or the ocean

Legend	
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[Red Hatched Box]	Prohibited Area for Kite Surfing
[Green Box]	Permitted Kite Surfing Area
[Blue Box]	Restricted Kite Surfing Area
[Yellow Box]	Kite Surfing Launch Area