

## **Key Points Summary to lake Rotoiti Classic and Wooden Boats Association 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

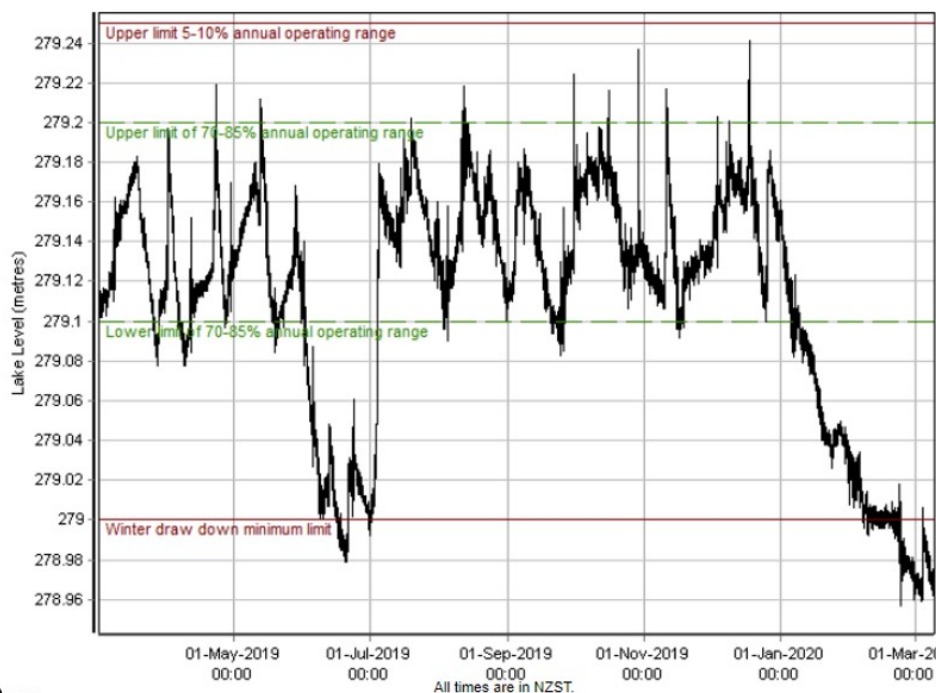
1. The current Resource Consent required preparation of a Cultural Management Plan (Condition 9.9)
2. The CMP was prepared and identified issues and concerns including reduction on level range and loss of beaches and access to sites of cultural significance.
3. BOPRC agreed to seek consent change for a trial which will allow iwi to see the beaches and cultural sites.

### **4. Key Lake Rotoiti Level Range Trial Parameters**

The key matters proposed for the trial are:

- (a) The proposed consent variation for the trial will replace the operating regime set out in RC 65979 for the 3 years duration of the trial.
  - (b) Within the period after Waitangi Day (6<sup>th</sup> February) to June 30th the lake level will be drawn down to 278.85m (150mm lower than current consent minimum) and held at that level for **one week** before allowing the level to return to the previous target range of 279.1- 279.2m. This will be a one off drawdown during the trial. The one week drawdown will allow time for community, particularly iwi, to observe and monitor the beaches and cultural sites. If the drawdown can't be achieved in autumn 2020 it will be deferred until autumn 2021 and if necessary 2022, but it will be a one off activity or one week.
  - (c) There will be no change to consent maximum levels 279.4m and high levels above 279.200m will be suppressed. Outside of the 1 week drawdown, at levels below RL279.100, outflow as will be kept as close to inflow as possible minimise level dropping.
  - (d) There will be no annual drawdown to 269.0m for flushing of the Ohau Channel
  - (e) The aspirational target range (Conditions 7.4.b) will be removed.
  - (f) Key guiding parameters will remain:
    - Maintain Kaituna minimum flows
    - Ensure outflow (Kaituna Gates) > inflow (Ohau Channel)
  - (g) The trial will be given effect by s127 RMA change of consent conditions application plus change of the operating protocol;
5. In addition to the 3 year trial variation, BOPRC will seek three administrative changes to Resource Consent: RC 65979
- i. Change to the annualise reporting date (condition 15),
  - ii. Addition of mechanical weed control to the conditions 12.5 (herbicide weed control on beaches)
  - iii. Surveying error channel (condition 12.2). – No longer required
  - iv. The annual drawdown to 269.0m for flushing of the Ohau Channel, will be on request from Fish and Game not an automatic annual requirement. (Condition 13.1-13.5)

6.Current Level Graph. The original plan was to drop the lake level in autumn but the current low level is opportunity to undertake the trial will less impact on lake users. If resource consent is obtained before the dry weather ends, this opportunity will be taken. If dry weather persists, it is possible that the lake level may reach the 278.85 level, in which case the one week observations will be undertaken at that time. The lake level is already well below winter drawdown limit. Drawdown is currently 113mm below current level. Current level at 13/03/20 278.966m



278.9m



278.85m



The intention is to lodge the resource consent application as soon as possible, so I would be grateful if you could please provide the response for the Lake Rotoiti Classic and Wooden Boat Association as soon as possible, and preferably by the middle of next week. The urgency is to try to take advantage of the current low lake levels.

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