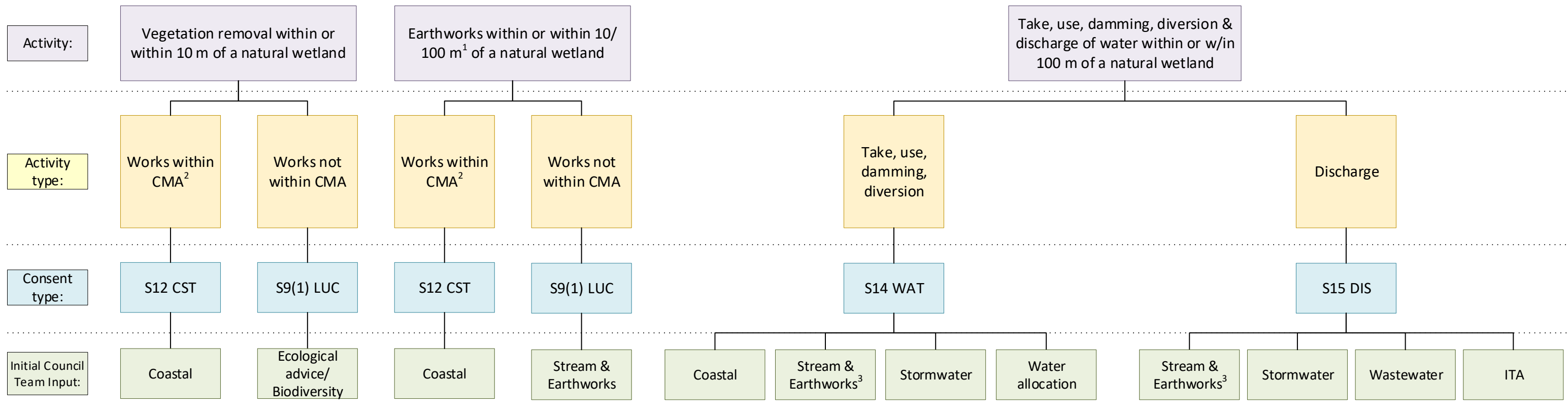


NES-F Part 3 – Standards for other activities that relate to freshwater, subpart 1 – Natural wetlands, Other activities - Regulation 54 (Non-complying activities)



Potential Assessments Required:

Potential adverse effects of the nature, scale, timing, intensity & location of the activity on:

- The existing & potential values of the natural wetland, its catchment and the extent of the natural wetland; and the following assessments; where relevant:
- The seasonal & annual hydrological regime of the natural wetland
- Water quantity (ground & surface water)
 - Increase resulting in flooding – permanent or seasonal
 - Reductions in water quantity – e.g. changes to catchment or groundwater table
- Water quality – including cumulative effects of contaminants, sediment & temperature changes
- Freshwater ecology (e.g. loss of or changes to freshwater flora & fauna, fish passage, biodiversity & habitat)
- Terrestrial ecology (e.g. terrestrial flora & fauna & biodiversity including edge effects & buffering)
- Erosion, scour & other geomorphic processes
- Effects on the coastal environment including coastal ecology & geomorphology (when relevant)

Assessments should be commensurate with the level of risk and may not be applicable to every scenario or further assessments may be required & this list is not exhaustive but is intended to serve as a starting point for developing an assessment of effects and engaging the correct experts.

If you believe that your proposal may be within 100 metres of a wetland or possible wetland; we recommend that you engage Auckland Council for a preapplication meeting.

Instructions:

Please note, this is a diagrammatic summary of the activities in Regulation 54 of the NES-F in regards to vegetation clearance, earthworks and the taking, use, damming, diversion and discharge of water in regards to natural wetlands.

This diagram is to assist you in the assignment of consent types to applications under the NES-F and is to assist you in briefing the correct specialist team.

¹ Earthworks within 100 m of a natural wetland which result or are likely to result in complete or partial drainage of the wetland require consent under the NES-F if they do not have another status under any of regulations 38 to 51 – sufficient information should be supplied with the application to determine whether consent is required or if the activity is permitted.

² The current legal position is that the NES-F manages natural inland wetlands and natural wetlands in the CMA upstream of the 'river mouth' as defined by the RMA – the setbacks from these wetlands may occur in the CMA, or inland. Refer to the [Practice and Guidance Note on the Auckland Design Manual](#). For further guidance, please refer to the "Essential Freshwater Policies & Regulations" section of the [Auckland Design Manual](#).

³ Includes the taking, use, damming, diversion & discharge of water or sediment laden water during earthworks activities, such as sediment retention ponds, clean water diversions & dewatering devices etc.