

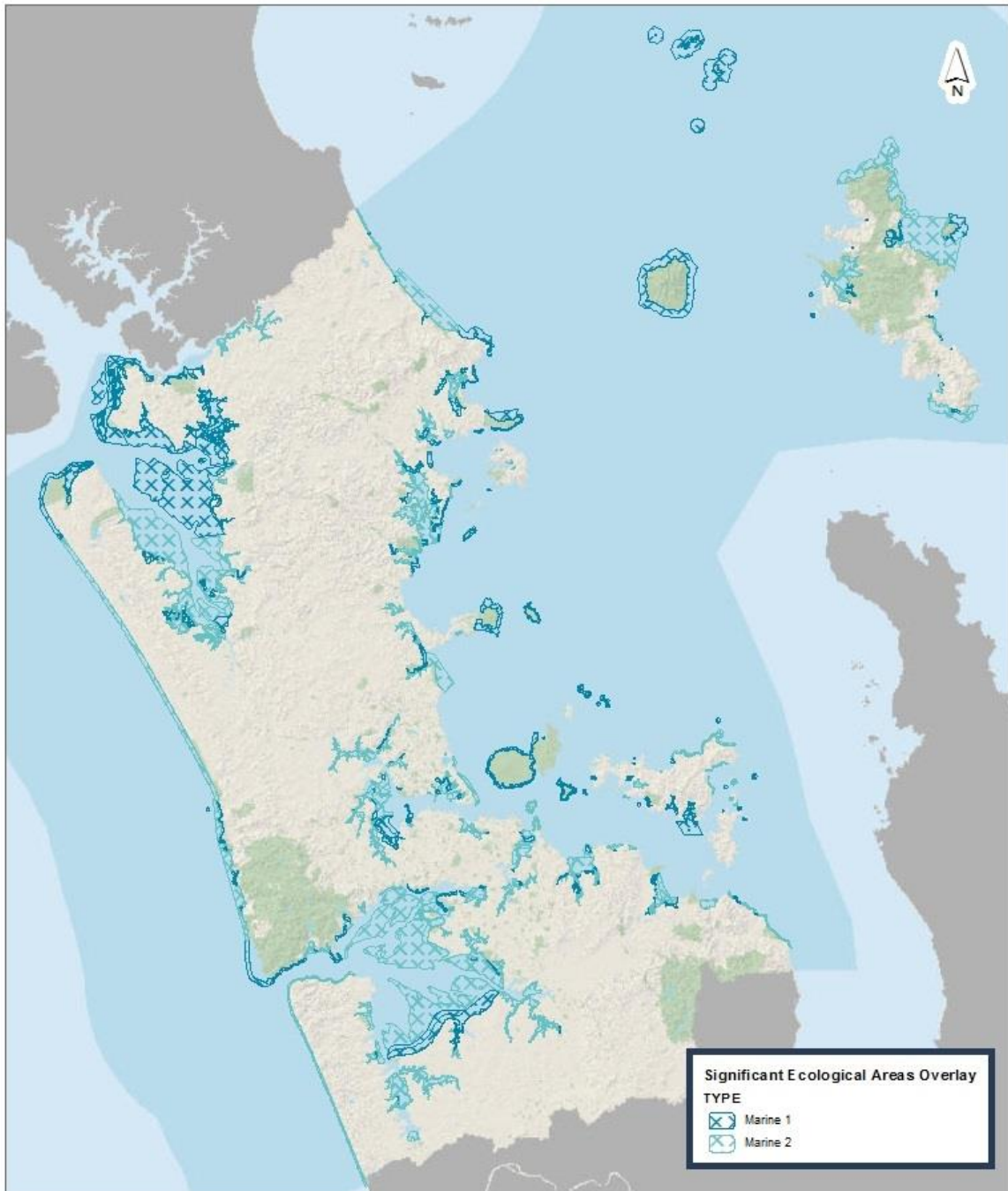
# Marine Pests and Boaties

## Marine Biosecurity – what is it?

Marine pests pose risks to native ecology and industry such as aquaculture. Any site may have marine pest species and diseases that can be spread by dirty hulls, so good biosecurity is always important. While most boat users are vigilant about not spreading marine pest species and diseases, there is a real risk that those that aren't could accidentally spread pests. Some areas of Auckland have marine pests but we don't want them to spread further. We have new rules in the Auckland Unitary Plan (AUP) to minimise marine pest discharges from vessel cleaning and high risk vessel movement.

## What can you do?

- All vessels should maintain their hull's antifouling coating and keep it clear from all but the most minimal of slime that encourages clinging plants and animals.
- Haul out and clean heavily fouled vessels.
- In-water cleaning should be avoided whenever possible. There are restrictions on where and how in-water cleaning can occur (avoid the areas shown in the attached map 'Significant Marine Areas' and refer to the AUP for full details). At all times the spread of marine pests should be minimised.
- Keep antifouling coatings up to date.
- Hulls should always be checked and thoroughly cleaned before traveling to another region (for example from Auckland to Northland). Always check the regulations of the destination you are travelling to prior to departure.
- Empty water that has collected in bilges or kayaks and wash water-cooled engines through with fresh water before leaving the area.
- When cleaning hulls on land, stop material from getting into the sea by using collection devices such as ground covers, nettings or similar. Bund around drains that could go to the sea.
- Use gentle non-abrasive cleaning techniques that do not compromise the existing anti-fouling coating.
- Learn to identify invasive species. If any suspected marine pests are spotted, stop cleaning and notify an Auckland Council Biosecurity Advisor. Tell other boaties if you see an invasive species on their boat.



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### Significant Marine Areas (under the Auckland Unitary Plan)

Auckland, New Zealand

0 1,500 3,000 4,500  
Metres

Scale @ A4  
= 1:671,422

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## Want to know more?

- Become aware of some of the priority pest species.
- Visit: [www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/marinepests](http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/marinepests)

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