



## Role Description

### Introduction

The Fiordland Marine Guardians is an advisory group established under the Fiordland (Te Moana o Atawhenua) Marine Management Act 2005 (the Act). The Guardians' vision is that the quality of Fiordland's marine environment and fisheries, including the wider fishery experience, be maintained or improved for future generations to use and enjoy. The Guardians promote and facilitate a collaborative approach to managing the Fiordland Marine Area (FMA).

Under the Act, the Guardians are required to have no fewer than five members and no more than eight members, to be appointed by the Minister for the Environment. At least five members must be ordinarily resident in the Otago or Southland regions, and one member must be nominated by Te Runanga o Ngāi Tahu.

The purpose of this role description is to provide information to candidates so that they understand what the role requires and to create a benchmark against which the attributes of candidates can be assessed.

### Knowledge and experience

As a group, the Fiordland Marine Guardians must have a balanced mix of knowledge and experience in relation to the FMA. Appointed members do not represent any particular organisation or group.

Knowledge and experience in the following areas is desirable:

- An understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Te Tiriti based partnerships, and tikanga Māori
- Knowledge of the Guardians' '[Vision](#)' and '[Philosophy](#)' and an ability to demonstrate behaviours aligned to these principles
- Demonstrated interest and enthusiasm for the role and the FMA, and the necessary time to contribute effectively to the work of the Guardians
- Relevant (recent and ongoing) experience and knowledge of coastal Fiordland
- Experience, knowledge, and perspective to complement those of the current Guardians (current Guardians are profiled at [fmg.org.nz](http://fmg.org.nz)).
- Knowledge, experience and/or expertise in one or more aspects of the legislation and policy instruments relevant to managing the FMA (e.g. familiarity with the Fiordland (Te Moana o Atawhenua) Marine Management Act 2005, fisheries, environmental and/or conservation legislation, the Treaty of Waitangi, regional plans etc.)
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with others from diverse backgrounds
- Confidence and experience in effective communications and engagement
- A wide network of people that have an interest in the FMA
- Experience in governance and/or an understanding of what governance is and how this is applied through the Fiordland Marine Guardians model

- Demonstrated behaviours that suggest they have high personal integrity
- Experience chairing meetings or in related leadership roles.

### **Term of appointment**

Members will be appointed for a term not exceeding four years. Terms will be staggered so that the terms of all members will not expire in the same year.

### **The Role**

The Guardians meet 4-5 times per year with management agency representatives and also progress work in sub-committees and outside the main meetings. The work is generally flexible and ranges from 1-8 hours per week. The Guardians receive honorarium per day worked. The Guardians' actual and reasonable expenses incurred are also reimbursed. The Guardians focus on a wide range of risks and mitigations for the FMA, including but not limited to fisheries sustainability, biological monitoring, compliance, community engagement, resource planning and management and marine biosecurity.

### **Functions**

The Guardians have the following functions under section 13 of the Act:

- a. to advise and make recommendations to management agencies<sup>1</sup> and Ministers<sup>2</sup> who exercise functions under certain Acts,<sup>3</sup> to achieve the purpose of the Act. This includes advice and recommendations on (i) the effectiveness of management measures in the FMA; (ii) activities occurring outside the FMA if those activities impact, or are likely to impact, on the FMA; and (iii) likely threats to the FMA;
- b. to facilitate and promote the integrated management of the FMA;
- c. to obtain, share, and monitor information on the state of the FMA;
- d. to assist management agencies to prepare and disseminate information about the FMA, including educational information; monitor the state of the marine environment and biological diversity of the FMA; and plan for the enforcement of, and compliance with, the management of the FMA;
- e. to conduct any reviews that they are invited by the Minister to conduct or agree to conduct;
- f. to perform any other functions given to them under the Act or any other Act.

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<sup>1</sup> Ministry for the Environment, Ministry for Primary Industries (Biosecurity and Fisheries), Department of Conservation, and Environment Southland

<sup>2</sup> Conservation, Environment, Biosecurity, Oceans and Fisheries, and RMA Reform

<sup>3</sup> Biosecurity Act 1993, Environment Act 1986, Fisheries Act 1996, Marine Reserves Act 1971, and Resource Management Act 1991