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Introduction to NORA

What is NORA?

NORA (Notices, Orders, Regulations and Acts) is a searchable database of fisheries related legislation.

Purpose of NORA?

To make fisheries law more accessible and transparent and to enable the Ministry and stakeholders to improve effectiveness and compliance with rules over time.



Disclaimer

This database is a tool for fisheries management analysis prepared by the Ministry of Fisheries. The legislation, regulations, orders and notices contained in this database are not the official versions published under the authority of the New Zealand Government and should not be relied upon as such. The official versions of legislation, regulations, orders, and notices published as deemed regulations, can be obtained from any Government bookshop. The official versions of Ministerial notices not published as deemed regulations can be obtained from the New Zealand Gazette.

While the Ministry endeavors' to keep this search tool as up to date and accurate as possible, there may be occasions where there is an administrative time lag between the publication of legislation and its incorporation into this search tool.

If you notice any errors, omissions or inconsistencies in the database content please contact the administrator (contact details can be found on the introduction tab).

If you are uncertain of any fisheries rules please free call 0800 4 RULES (0800 478 537) or contact your [local Ministry of Fisheries office](#).

Using NORA to Search for legislation

Introduction

The NORA search tool is comprised of search tabs, filters and a tree structure.

This chapter describes how to navigate and use the website, the purpose of each of the search tabs and how filters can be used to search for legislation. It also explains how search results are displayed through the use of a tree structure and includes tips and advice for searching legislation.

This chapter is divided into the following parts

- Navigating and using the website
- General overview of the search tabs
- General overview of the search filters

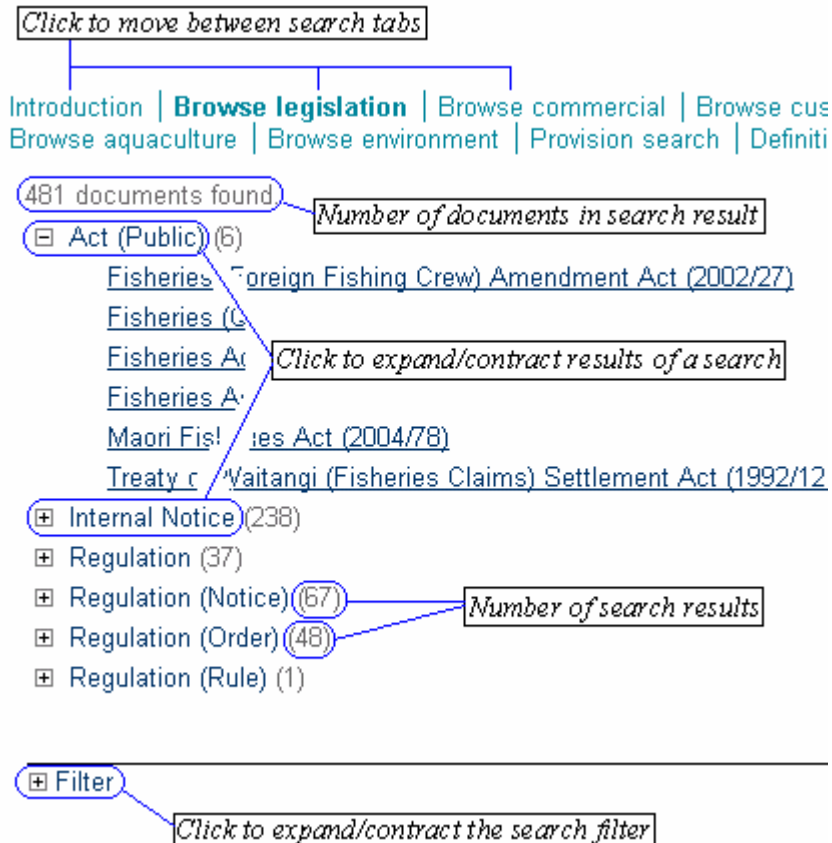
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Navigating and using the website

Introduction

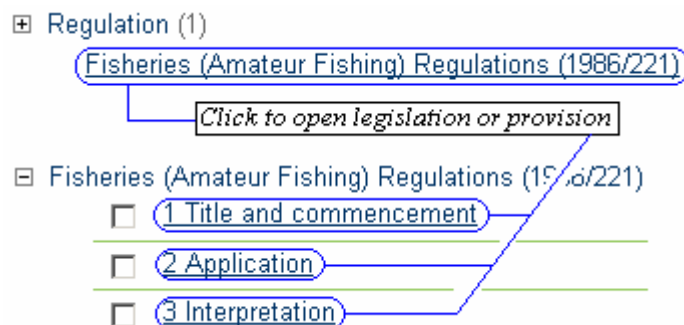
This part explains how to navigate and use the website.

Basic layout and navigation



Linking to legislation or provisions

Click on a legislation or provision title to open the legislation.



Clicking on Acts or Regulations will link to the New Zealand website at www.legislation.govt.nz. Clicking on an Internal Notice will open a copy of that Notice.

Search Tabs, a general overview

Introduction

This part contains a general overview of the use of the search tabs.

The NORA search tool is comprised of the following search tabs

- Browse legislation tab
- Browse (Commercial/Customary/Recreational/Aquaculture and Environment) tabs
- Provision search tab
- Definitions tab

For a detailed description of each of the search tabs refer to the relevant chapters found in this guide.

Navigating between search tabs

To move between search tabs click on the search tab you want to use. (The search tab you are currently using will show as bolded text)

[Introduction](#) | **[Browse legislation](#)** | [Browse commercial](#) | [Browse customary](#)
[Browse aquaculture](#) | [Browse environment](#) | [Provision search](#) | [Definitions](#)

When moving between search tabs, certain filters previously applied will be remembered and applied in the search tab that you move to. To clear the search filter press the “Reset to default” button.

What search tab should I use?

Depending on what you are looking for, use the search tabs as follows

If you want to ...	Then use the ...
Browse through all the legislation in NORA	“Browse legislation” tab Searches here are performed broadly across entire pieces of legislation (i.e. from top to bottom including the preamble and intent, and not just on provisions as with searches performed in the “Provision Search” tab).
A simplified way to search legislation only relevant to a particular sector	Browse (Commercial/Customary/Recreational/Aquaculture and Environment) tabs Preconfigured search links on these tabs open either in the ‘Browse legislation’ tab showing entire pieces of relevant legislation, or in the “Provision Search” tab showing specific parts of legislation relevant to that search.

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Search Tabs, a general overview, Continued

What search tab should I use? (continued)

If you want to ...	Then use the ...
Search provisions of legislation	“Provision Search” tab Searches here are performed only on the provisions of legislation, and not outside the provisions themselves (e.g. preamble and intent).
Search for the definition of a word. (or the usage of words within definitions)	“Definitions” tab Searches here are performed mainly on definitions in the “Interpretation” provisions of legislation. In the case of fisheries administered legislation where a definition occurs outside the “Interpretation” provision, then it has been included for searching.

Search Filters, a general overview

Introduction

The following part explains what search filters are, and how they can be used to search legislation.

This part contains only a general overview of the use of the search filters. For a detailed description of how the filters operate on each of the search tabs refer to the relevant chapters found in this guide.

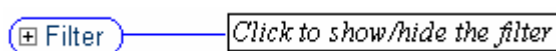
Examples of a few types of searches can be found in [Appendix 2](#) at the end of this guide.

What is a filter?

Search Filters enable the user to define search criteria and provide more efficient and effective searches. By applying filters, a user can limit/narrow the results returned by a search they are performing to only include results that conform to the particular filter criteria they have chosen.

Opening the search filter

When a search tab is first opened the search filters are hidden, to show or hide the search filter click on “filter”.



Default filter settings

When a user first opens the website the search filters are set to the following defaults.

Effective date	<input type="text" value="In force"/>
Document state	<input type="text" value="Principal documents only"/>
Legislation owner	<input type="text" value="All legislation"/>

As default, the ‘Effective date’ and ‘Document state’ and ‘Legislation owner’ filters are preset to show a view of the following legislation

Default filter setting	Searches
‘Effective date’ =	“In Force” legislation only (excludes legislation “not yet in force” that has expired or is revoked).
‘Document state’ =	Principal legislation only (excludes amending legislation)
‘Legislation owner’ =	All legislation in the database (includes fisheries and non fisheries administered legislation)

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Search Filters, a general overview, Continued

Default filter settings
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This way a user will only be searching

- legislation that is in force, that is also;
- principal legislation only (ie ignoring amending legislation), and is also
- any legislation contained in NORA (ie fisheries and non-fisheries).

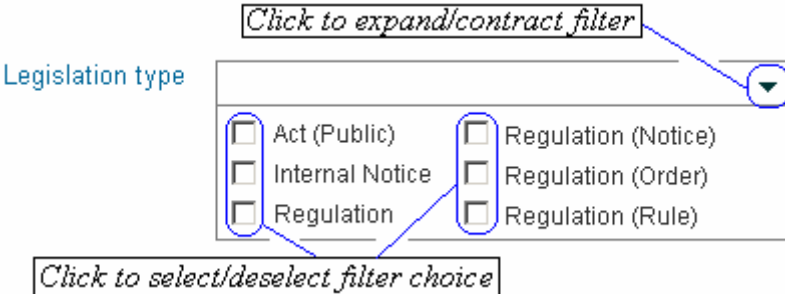
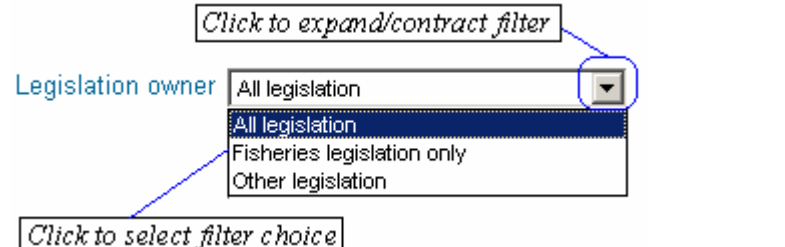
Note: When a search tab is first opened the available filters are not visible and need to be expanded by clicking on “Filters”.

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Search Filters, a general overview, Continued

Changing filter settings

There are 3 types of filters. Their settings can be changed as follows.

Filter type	Procedure
Text Boxes	<p>Type in text that you wish to search for, that is relevant to the field you are using.</p> <p>Defined term <input type="text" value="Dredge"/> or</p> <p>Legislation title <input type="text" value="Fisheries Act"/></p>
Check Boxes	<p>Click on the down arrow and select/deselect settings by clicking in the check box.</p> <p>Legislation type</p>  <p>(Note: When no boxes are selected it searches as if all boxes were selected.)</p>
Drop down lists	<p>Click on the down arrow and select a filter option.</p> <p>Legislation owner</p> 

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Search Filters, a general overview, Continued

Searching To perform a search click on the “Search” button or press the “Enter” key.

Search

Clearing the search filter If you have applied your own filter criteria and want to return to the default search filter settings click the “Reset to default” button.

When moving between search tabs, certain filters previously applied will be remembered and automatically reapplied in the next search tab that you move to. To clear the search filter press the “Reset to default” button.

Reset to default



Filtering Tips

Tip 1 – You don’t have to use filters to find legislation.

It isn’t always necessary to use search filters to find legislation. Legislation can always be browsed for without any the use of any filters.

Tip 2 – Use filters sparingly

When using filters to search, ask yourself if applying a particular filter is really helping you with your search. By applying a filter you may unintentionally exclude what you are actually looking for. E.g. If searching for a word in legislation is it really necessary to specify the legislation type?

Tip 3 – Use filters to reduce search results progressively (not all at once!)

Start with one filter applied and then do a search. If the results returned are too broad, then apply an extra filter and search again. Progressively as extra filters are applied, the number of results returned in the search will be reduced. Remember that with every extra filter you apply, it will work by excluding or narrowing the previous search results.

Tip 4 – Filtering can reduce the speed of search

Applying too many search filters can reduce the speed of searches.

Tip 5 – Text field searches (Legislation title, Word search, Provision heading, Defined term and Definition text)

When using text field type searches you don’t have to enter the “full” text of what you are looking for to find it. For example, if you are searching for a piece of legislation with the title “*Fisheries (Auckland and Kermadec Areas Amateur Fishing) Regulations 1986*” simply typing in any of the words found in the title will return it in the search results. Once again, the more you enter in a filter the more specific the results returned will be.

Tip 6 – Filters may work differently depending on what part of the search engine is being used.

There are slight differences in how a filter will operate depending on the search tab being used. For details on how filters operate in each of these tabs, refer to the information on filters contained in each of the chapters that deal with the relevant search tab.

Browse legislation tab

Overview

Introduction This chapter describes the purpose of the “Browse legislation” tab and contains information on how to use each of the search filters to browse for legislation.

For a general overview on how to navigate and use the website, search tabs and filters refer to the chapter [“Using NORA to search for legislation”](#) at the beginning of this guide.

If you are unsure of the meaning of any of the terminology used, please refer to the glossary in [Appendix 1](#) at the end of this guide.

Purpose The “Browse legislation” tab allows users to view all of the legislation contained in NORA. This search tab is best used for searching for or browsing through whole pieces of legislation.

Scope of search Searches performed here are made across the entire piece of legislation including the parts of legislation outside of the provisions (e.g. preamble and intent). In contrast, searching from the ‘Provision Search’ tab only searches within the provisions of legislation.

Screen layout

Overview

Following is a screenshot of the layout of the “Browse legislation” tab with the filter expanded.

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[Browse aquaculture](#) | [Browse environment](#) | [Provision search](#) | [Definitions](#)

502 documents found.

- Act (Private) (1)
- Act (Public) (30)
- Internal Notice (273)
- Regulation (47)
- Regulation (Notice) (69)
- Regulation (Order) (81)
- Regulation (Rule) (1)

Filter

Legislation type	<input type="text"/>
Legislation title	<input type="text"/>
Word search	<input type="text"/> (searches entire legislation)
Sector	<input type="text"/>
Effective date	<input type="text" value="In force"/>
Document state	<input type="text" value="Principal documents only"/>
Legislation owner	<input type="text" value="All legislation"/>
Sort by	<input type="text" value="Title"/>
	<input type="button" value="Search"/> <input type="button" value="Reset to default"/>

Browse legislation filters

Overview The following part explains what filters are available when browsing legislation, and explains what will be searched when they are used.

Examples of various types of searches can be found in [Appendix 2](#) at the end of this guide.

Legislation type Filter to browse only for legislation of that legislation type.

Searching can be filtered based on the following types of legislation

Legislation type
Act (Public)
Regulation
Regulation (Notice)
Regulation (Order)
Regulation (Rule)
Internal Notice

Legislation title Filter to browse only for legislation with the same or a similar title.

Enter the title or a word or phrase contained within the title of legislation.

Legislation title

Legislation title

Legislation title

You don't need to type in the "full" title of the legislation you are looking for. For example, if you are searching for a piece of legislation with the title "*Fisheries (Amateur Fishing) Regulations 1986 (1986/221)*" entering any of the words found in the title will return it in the search results.

Legislation can also be searched for by typing in the reference number of that legislation. (e.g. 1996 No. 88, 1986/221 or F456).

Word Search Filter to browse only for legislation containing certain words or phrases somewhere in their text.

Enter the word or phrase that you are searching for.

Word search Search for the word "seabird"

Word search Search for the phrase "seabird sustainability"

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Browse legislation filters, Continued

Sector Filter to browse only for legislation that contains one or more provisions that relate to a sector/s.

Click to expand/contract filter

Sector

Commercial International
 Customary Recreational
 Environment

Effective Date Filter to browse legislation based on the “effective date” of the legislation.

Click to expand/contract filter

Effective date

In force
 All (In force, Not yet in force, Expired/revoked)
 In force
 Not yet in force
 Expired/revoked

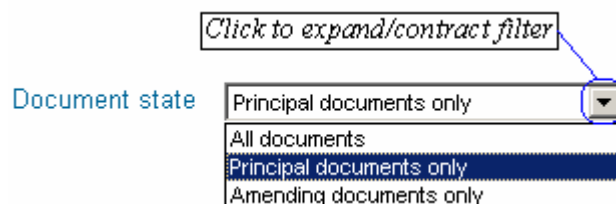
Effective date	Explanation (what will this search?)
All	All legislation (In force, Not yet in force and expired/revoked).
In force	Legislation that is in force. (I.e. that has the current force of law).
Not yet in force	Legislation not yet in force (i.e. that has been gazetted but has not yet commenced).
Expired/Revoked	Legislation that is expired or revoked (i.e. that is no longer in force).

Note: When browsing for amending legislation that is ‘Not yet in force’, remember to also set the “Document state” filter to “All documents” or “Amending documents only” to include amending legislation in the search.

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Browse legislation filters, Continued

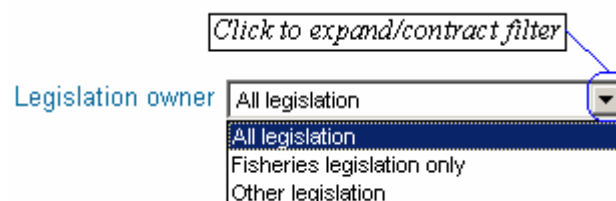
Document State Filter to browse legislation based on the “Document state” type of the legislation.



Document State	Explanation
All documents	All legislation (Principal and Amending).
Principal documents only	Principal legislation only. (the original legislation that is made to implement a particular policy)
Amending documents only	Only amending legislation. (amending legislation makes changes to existing principal legislation)

Note: When browsing for amending legislation that is ‘Not yet in force’, remember to also set the “Effective Date” filter to “All” or “Not yet in force” to include in the search amending legislation that has been published but may not yet be in force.

Legislation owner Filter to browse legislation based on which government department administers the legislation



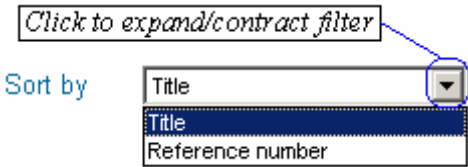
Legislation owner	Searches
All legislation	All legislation.
Fisheries legislation only	Legislation administered by Ministry of Fisheries.
Other legislation	Legislation not administered by the Ministry of Fisheries.

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Browse legislation filters, Continued

Sort By

When browsing legislation search results can be sorted by legislation title or by legislation reference number.



Because reference numbers are generally sequenced chronologically by legislation publication date, sorting by reference number would closely mimic a sort by date.

As default, the filter is set to sort search results by legislation title.

Browse

(Commercial/Customary/Recreational/Aquaculture/Environment) tabs

Overview

Introduction This chapter describes the purpose of the Browse (Commercial/Customary/Recreational/Aquaculture/Environment) tabs.

For a general overview on how to navigate and use the website, search tabs and filters refer to the chapter [“Using NORA to search for legislation”](#) at the beginning of this guide.

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Purpose The Browse (Commercial/Customary/Recreational/Aquaculture and Environment) tabs are intended to provide a simplified way to explore legislation relevant to each sector.

The search tabs provide a faster way of accessing specific legislation of interest to each sector by providing links to predefined filtered searches of legislation in the database.

What are Sectors? Sector is a term used to describe the various stakeholders involved in fisheries. For more information visit the [Sector Perspectives](#) part of the Ministries website.

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Overview, Continued

Scope of Search Links provided on these tabs open legislation either in the ‘Browse legislation’ or in the “Provision Search” tab.

Links that open in the ‘Browse legislation’ tab show ‘entire’ or ‘whole’ legislation related to that search (i.e. all text from beginning to end of legislation, as apposed to the individual ‘parts’ of legislation as with links that open on the ‘Provision search’ tab as below).

Links that open in the ‘Provision search’ tab show the individual ‘parts’ of legislation related to that search. For ease of use this allows a search to be made across all legislation in the database to return only the specific ‘parts’ of legislation that are related to that search.

It is important to note that legislation referenced in these predefined legislative searches operates within the context of the broader legislative framework. Individual parts of legislation referenced should not be interpreted in isolation.

Restriction types

Overview This part gives an explanation of the various restriction types that can be searched for. “Restriction Types” have been applied almost exclusively to fisheries legislation.

Restriction types The following table gives a description of the various restriction types that can be searched for or used in conjunction with further filtering.

It is important to note that not every ‘*Restriction Type*’ available as a filter when searching is of relevance to each sector. Individual rules can be of varying interest or application to different sectors. For example Benthic area protection legislation is applicable to the Commercial sector and is of interest to the Environmental sector, therefore attempting to search for Benthic protection rules that apply to the Customary or Recreational sectors shouldn’t retrieve any search results.

Restriction type	Restriction type subset	Restriction description
Spatial Tools (Area Restrictions)	Benthic Protection Areas	Specific restrictions related to areas declared as Benthic Protection areas.
	Marine Reserves	Specific restrictions related to Marine reserves.
Restriction of an activity in a defined area	Benthic Protection Areas	Specific restrictions related to areas declared as Benthic Protection areas.
	Miscellaneous	Miscellaneous restrictions related to areas that do not fit with any of the other ‘Restriction type subsets’ of Spatial Tools (Area Restrictions)
	Rohe Moana	Specific restrictions related to areas declared as Rohe Moana
	s11	Restrictions brought into effect pursuant to s11 Fisheries Act 1996 “Sustainability measures”.
	s186A	Specific restrictions in areas pursuant to s186A Fisheries Act 1996 . “Temporary closure of fishing area or restriction on fishing methods”
	s186B	Specific restrictions in areas pursuant to s186B Fisheries Act 1996 . “Temporary closures of fisheries”
	s297	Restrictions in areas pursuant to s297 Fisheries Act 1996 “General regulations” (similarly pursuant to s89 Fisheries Act 1983)
	s299	s299 Fisheries Act 1996 . “Regulations relating to foreign licensed access”
	Taiapure	Specific restrictions related to areas declared as taiapure local fisheries.

Restriction type	Restriction type subset	Restriction description
Fishing Seasons/Time based rules		Temporal based restrictions (includes fishing years, seasons or other restrictions related to certain times or periods.)
Gear and method controls		Restrictions related to the use of a type of gear or fishing method.
Bag limits		Restrictions related to the number of fish that may be taken in a day.
Biological Limits		Restrictions related to biological factors of fish that regulate their taking.
Size limits		Restrictions related to the sizes of fish that may be taken.
Vessel Restrictions		Restrictions relating specifically to vessels

Fish plan

Overview This part gives a brief explanation of what fish plans are, and what legislation is returned when filtering by ‘*Fish plan*’.

What are Fish plans? Fish plans are the mechanism through which objectives based fisheries management of specific species groupings in defined areas are put into practice.

Fisheries plans describe how New Zealanders can get best value from their fisheries within environmental limits or standards, set by the Government.

For more information about fish plans; the species groupings and areas that have been assigned to each of these plans, visit [Fisheries Plans](#) part of the Ministries website

Searching by “Fish plan” Filter by ‘*Fish plan*’ to view legislation of relevance to a particular fish plan.

When filtering by fish plan, the search returns legislation of particular relevance to that fish plan, but not necessarily all legislation that might apply (e.g. legislation of a more generalized national application). This is done to provide an overview of legislation without the cluttering up of ‘Fish plan’ searches with literally every law that applies.

Fish plan searches are useful because they direct a user to specific legislative provisions, that when viewed in the context of the legislation in which those provisions occur, give an overall picture of what legislation is relevant.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements

Overview This part explains what ‘*Reporting/Recordkeeping Requirement*’ filters are, and what is returned when using this filter.

“*Reporting/Recordkeeping Requirement*” has been applied to fisheries legislation only.

What are reporting and recordkeeping requirements?

A reporting and recordkeeping requirement can be seen as a requirement to report information in a certain way, to inform the Ministry or some other entity of something or to keep certain records.

Reporting and recordkeeping requirements are categorized in terms of a class of person in relation the function, role or capacity that they are acting in at a particular point in time.

For example a requirement that a commercial fisher must provide the Ministry with certain returns or to keep specific records.

Searching by “Reporting and recordkeeping requirements”

Filter by a ‘*Reporting/Recordkeeping Requirement*’ to view legislation related to the reporting or recordkeeping requirements required by users of fisheries resources when they are performing certain activities.

This filter does not necessarily return all legislation applicable, but is intended to provide an overview of the reporting and recordkeeping requirements associated with certain activities or classes of people. They are useful because they direct a user to specific legislative provisions, that when viewed in the context of the legislation in which those provisions occur, give an overall picture of what legislation is relevant.

Provision search tab

Overview

Introduction

This chapter describes the purpose of the “Provision search” tab and contains information on how to use each of the filters on this tab to search provisions.

For a general overview on how to navigate and use the website, search tabs and filters refer to the chapter [“Using NORA to search for legislation”](#) at the beginning of this guide.

If you are unsure of the meaning of any of the terminology used, please refer to the glossary in [Appendix 1](#) at the end of this guide.

Purpose

The “Provision search” tab can be used to perform detailed searches on the individual provisions of legislation..

Scope of Search

Searches here are performed only on the provisions of legislation, consequently the search will not include results from outside these areas of legislation. (E.g. preamble, schedule and explanatory note).

On this website, it is the individual provisions of legislation that have been “marked” to show that they refer or apply to a particular thing. This then allows a user to find the exact provisions in legislation that relate to, for example ‘Bag limits’.

In contrast, searching from the 'Browse legislation' tab searches the entire piece of legislation.

Screen layout

Overview Following is a screenshot of the layout of the “Provision Search” tab with the “Filter” expanded.

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[Browse aquaculture](#) | [Browse environment](#) | **[Provision search](#)** | [Definitions](#)

8780 provisions found.

Please use the filter below to refine your search.

☐ Filter

Legislation type	<input type="text"/>	
Legislation title	<input type="text"/>	
Provision heading	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Include provision text
Provision text	<input type="text"/>	
Sector	<input type="text"/>	
Effective date	<input type="text" value="In force"/>	
Document state	<input type="text" value="Principal documents only"/>	
Legislation owner	<input type="text" value="All legislation"/>	
Fish plan	<input type="text"/>	
Restriction type	<input type="text"/>	

Provision search filters

Overview The following part explains what filters are available when searching provisions.

Examples of various types of searches can be found in [Appendix 2](#) at the end of this guide.

Legislation type Filter to search only provisions contained in legislation of that legislation type.

Searching can be filtered based on the following types of legislation

Legislation type
Act (Public)
Regulation
Regulation (Notice)
Regulation (Order)
Regulation (Rule)
Internal Notice

Legislation title Filter to search only provisions contained in legislation with a similar title.

Enter the title or a word or phrase contained within the title of legislation.

Legislation title

Legislation title

Legislation title

You don't need to type in the "full" title of the legislation you are looking for. For example, if you are searching for a provisions in legislation with the title "*Fisheries (Amateur Fishing) Regulations 1986 (1986/221)*" entering any of the words found in the title will return it in the search results.

Legislation can also be searched for by typing in the reference number of that legislation. (e.g. 1996 No. 88, 1986/221 or F456).

Provision heading Filter to search only provisions that contain certain words or phrases in their title headings.

Provision heading Include provision text

[Click to select/deselect the display of text of provisions](#)

Clicking on the "Include Provision Text" checkbox will display/hide the text contained in each provision.

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Provision search filters, Continued

Provision text Filter to find provisions that contain certain words or phrases in their text.

Enter the word or phrase that you are searching for.

Word search Search for the word “seabird”

Word search Search for the phrase “seabird sustainability”

Sector Filter to search provisions that relate to a particular sector/s.

Click to expand/contract filter

Sector

Commercial International
 Customary Recreational
 Environment

Effective date Filter to search provisions contained legislation based on the “effective date” of the legislation.

Click to expand/contract filter

Effective date

All (In force, Not yet in force, Expired/revoked)
 In force
 Not yet in force
 Expired/revoked

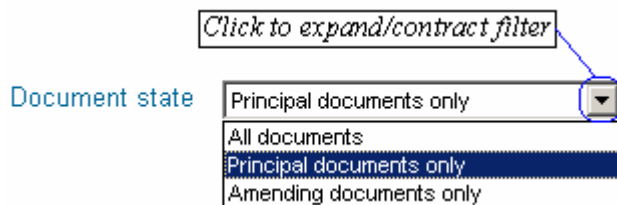
Effective date	Explanation (what will this search?)
All	All legislation (In force, Not yet in force and expired/revoked).
In force	Legislation that is in force. (I.e. that has the current force of law).
Not yet in force	Legislation not yet in force (i.e. that has been gazetted but has not yet commenced).
Expired/Revoked	Legislation that is expired or revoked (i.e. that is no longer in force).

Note: When searching for Provisions contained in amending legislation that is ‘Not yet in force’, remember to also set the “Document state” filter to “All documents” or “Amending documents only” to include provisions from amending legislation in the search.

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Provision search filters, Continued

Document state Filter to search provisions contained in legislation based on the ‘Document state’ type of the legislation.



Document State	Explanation
All documents	All legislation (Principal and Amending).
Principal documents only	Principal legislation only. (only the original legislation that is made to implement a particular policy)
Amending documents only	Only amending legislation. (only amending legislation which makes changes to existing principal legislation)

Note: When searching for provisions in amending legislation that is ‘Not yet in force’, remember to also set the “Effective Date” filter to “All” or “Not yet in force” to include in the search provisions from amending legislation that has been published but may not yet be in force.

Legislation owner Filter to search provisions contained in legislation depending on which government department administers the legislation.

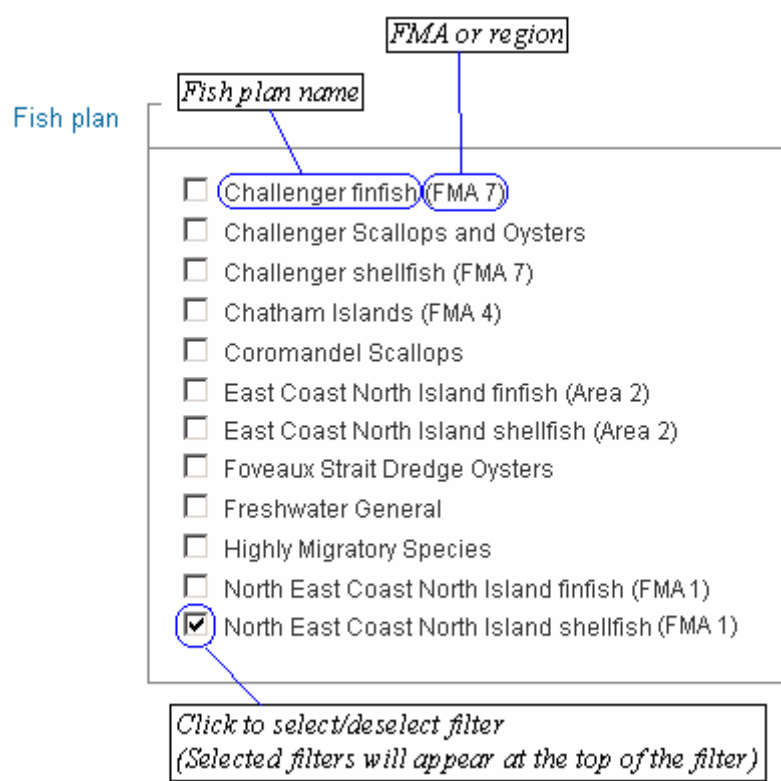


Legislation owner	Searches
All legislation	All legislation.
Fisheries legislation only	Legislation administered by the Ministry of Fisheries.
Other legislation	Legislation not administered by the Ministry of Fisheries.

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Provision search filters, Continued

Fish plan Filter to search provisions that relate to a fish plan.



When filtering by fish plan, the search will return provisions of particular relevance to that fish plan, but not necessarily all provisions that might apply (e.g. provisions of a more generalized national application). This is done to provide an overview of the relevant provisions without the cluttering up of 'Fish plan' searches with literally every provision that may apply.

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Provision search filters, Continued

Restriction type Filter to search provisions that relate to the restriction type selected.

Restriction type

Fishing seasons

Gear and method controls

Bag limits

Biological Limits

Prohibited species

Size limits

Vessel controls

*Click to select/deselect filter
(Selected filters will appear at the top of the filter)*

For a description of each of the restriction types of refer to the chapter covering the [Browse \(Commercial/Customary/Recreational/Aquaculture and Environment\) tabs](#).

Definitions Tab

Overview

Introduction This chapter describes the purpose of the “Definitions” tab and contains information on how to use the each filters on this tab to search for definitions.

For a general overview on how to navigate and use the website, search tabs and filters refer to the chapter [“Using NORA to search for legislation”](#) at the beginning of this guide.

If you are unsure of the meaning of any of the terminology used, please refer to the glossary in [Appendix 1](#) at the end of this guide.

Purpose The “Definitions” tab gives the user the ability to search and compare terms as defined in legislation. The user can either search for the definition of a word or alternatively for the use of that word within a definition.

What is a definition? Definitions provide clarity about the exact meaning of a word when it is used in legislation.

It is important to note that the meaning of a particular word can vary between different legislation. In some cases, definitions are even used within the context of an individual provision.

Scope of Search Searches are executed predominantly on words as defined within ‘Interpretation’ provisions of legislation, however in the case of legislation maintained by the Ministry of Fisheries, additional descriptions found in other parts of legislation have also been included as definitions so that they can conveniently be searched.

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Overview, Continued

Definition Types

Definitions have been divided into the following types.

Definition type	Description of definition type	Legislation Source
Miscellaneous (Non fisheries)	Definitions found in non-fisheries legislation.	Non fisheries legislation
Miscellaneous	Definitions found in fisheries legislation that don't 'fit' the other fisheries "definition types" named below.	Fisheries legislation
Organization	Organizations, people or classes of people.	Fisheries legislation
Area	Areas and locations	Fisheries legislation
Gear	Types of fishing gear	Fisheries legislation
Fish	Fish, aquatic life and seaweed	Fisheries legislation
Return	Definitions of returns	Fisheries legislation

Screen layout

Overview

Following is a screenshot of the layout of the “Definitions” tab with the Filter expanded.

[Introduction](#) | [Browse legislation](#) | [Browse commercial](#) | [Browse customary](#) | [Browse rec](#)
[Browse aquaculture](#) | [Browse environment](#) | [Provision search](#) | **Definitions**

4169 definitions found.

- Miscellaneous (non fisheries) (2036)
- Miscellaneous (683)
- Area (274)
- Organisation (363)
- Gear (118)
- Fish (641)
- Return (17)
- Method (37)

Filter

Legislation type	<input type="text"/>
Legislation title	<input type="text"/>
Defined term	<input type="text"/>
Definition text	<input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Include notes
Sector	<input type="text"/>
Effective date	<input type="text" value="In force"/>
Document state	<input type="text" value="Principal documents only"/>
Legislation owner	<input type="text" value="All legislation"/>
	<input type="button" value="Search"/> <input type="button" value="Reset to default"/>

Definitions search filters

Overview The following part explains what filters are available when searching definitions.

Legislation type Filter to search only for definitions contained in legislation of that legislation type.

Searching can be filtered based on the following types of legislation

Legislation type
Act (Public)
Regulation
Regulation (Notice)
Regulation (Order)
Regulation (Rule)
Internal Notice

Legislation title Filter to search only for definitions contained in legislation with a similar title.

Enter the title or a word or phrase contained within the title of legislation.

Legislation title

Legislation title

Legislation title

You don't need to type in the "full" title of the legislation that contains the definitions you are looking for. For example, if you are searching for definitions in a legislation with the title "*Fisheries (Amateur Fishing) Regulations 1986 (1986/221)*" entering any of the words found in the title will return it in the search results.

Legislation can also be searched for by typing in the reference number of that legislation. (e.g. 1996 No. 88, 1986/221 or F456).

Defined term Filter to search only for definitions in legislation that contain a certain word or phrase.

Defined term

Defined term

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Definitions search filters, Continued

Definition text Filter to search only for definitions that contain a certain word or phrase used within the text of that definition.

Definition text Include notes

Definition text Include notes

Click to select/deselect the display of history notes

Clicking on the “Include Notes” checkbox will display/hide the history notes of each definition.

Sector Filter to search only for definitions contained in provisions that that relate to a sector.

Click to expand/contract filter

Sector

Commercial International
 Customary Recreational
 Environment

Effective Date Filter to search only for definitions contained in legislation based on the “effective date” of the legislation.

Click to expand/contract filter

Effective date

In force
 All (In force, Not yet in force, Expired/revoked)
In force
 Not yet in force
 Expired/revoked

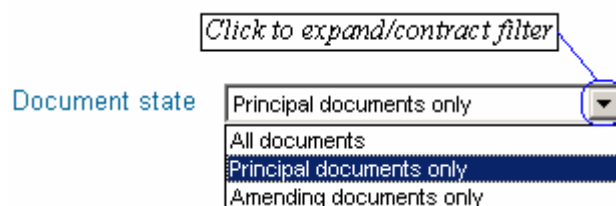
Effective date	Explanation (what will this search?)
All	All legislation (In force, Not yet in force and expired/revoked).
In force	Legislation that is in force. (I.e. that has the current force of law).
Not yet in force	Legislation not yet in force (i.e. that has been gazetted but has not yet commenced).
Expired/Revoked	Legislation that is expired or revoked (i.e. that is no longer in force).

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Definitions search filters, Continued

Effective Date (continued) Note: If searching for definitions contained in amending legislation that is ‘Not yet in force’, remember to also set the “Document state” filter to “All documents” or “Amending documents only” to include definitions from amending legislation in the search.

Document State Filter to search only the definitions contained in legislation based on the ‘Document state’ type of the legislation.



Document State	Explanation
All documents	All legislation (Principal and Amending).
Principal documents only	Principal legislation only. (only the original legislation that is made to implement a particular policy)
Amending documents only	Only amending legislation. (only amending legislation which makes changes to existing principal legislation)

Note: When searching for definitions in amending legislation that is ‘Not yet in force’, remember to also set the “Effective Date” filter to “All” or “Not yet in force” to include in the search definitions from amending legislation that has been published but may not yet be in force.

Legislation Owner Filter to search only for the definitions contained in legislation based on which government department administers the legislation.



Legislation owner	Searches
All legislation	All legislation.
Fisheries legislation only	Legislation administered by the Ministry of Fisheries.
Other legislation	Legislation not administered by the Ministry of Fisheries.

Appendix 1 - Glossary

Glossary

Acts	An Act is a law passed by Parliament. Acts are also sometimes called statutes. This website links to Acts on the New Zealand Legislation website.
Amending legislation	On this website, amending legislation, is legislation that makes changes to principal legislation. By default, this website shows principal legislation with subsequent amendments incorporated.
Commencement	Commencement means the date when an Act or Regulation (or part of it) first has the force of law.
Expired	On this website, legislation is described as expired/revoked if it has been revoked, is spent, has been disallowed, or has expired. It is no longer in force.
Filter	Search filters enable the user to define a search based on criteria to provide more efficient and effective searches.
Fish plan	Mechanism through which objectives based fisheries management is put into practice. For a more information on fish plans and the species groupings that have been assigned to each of these plans refer to http://fpcs.fish.govt.nz/Default.aspx
History notes	Text that describes amendments or other changes that may have been made to parts of legislation.
In force	On this website, in force means that the Act or the Regulation has the force of law. This is the case if the Act or Regulation has come into force and has not been repealed or revoked.
Internal Notices	<p>A type of Regulation. They are drafted 'internally' by the Ministry of Fisheries and published in the New Zealand Gazette. They are made by ministers, officials, or organisations, rather than the Executive Council on the recommendation of Cabinet.</p> <p>This website links to copies of the Internal Notices as published in the New Zealand Gazette, and where applicable copies of the Internal Notices with any amendments incorporated.</p>
Legislation	On this website, legislation means Acts, Regulations and Internal Notices.
Legislation owner	Administering department or ministry. Most Acts and Regulations are administered by a government organization, usually a department or ministry, which is identified in the Act or Regulation. That department or ministry is generally responsible for the operation of the legislation and for making recommendations to the government of the day about improving it. You can usually find the name of the administering agency from the contents list of each Act or Regulation. Alternatively it may appear under Legislative

history or Administrative information in the contents.

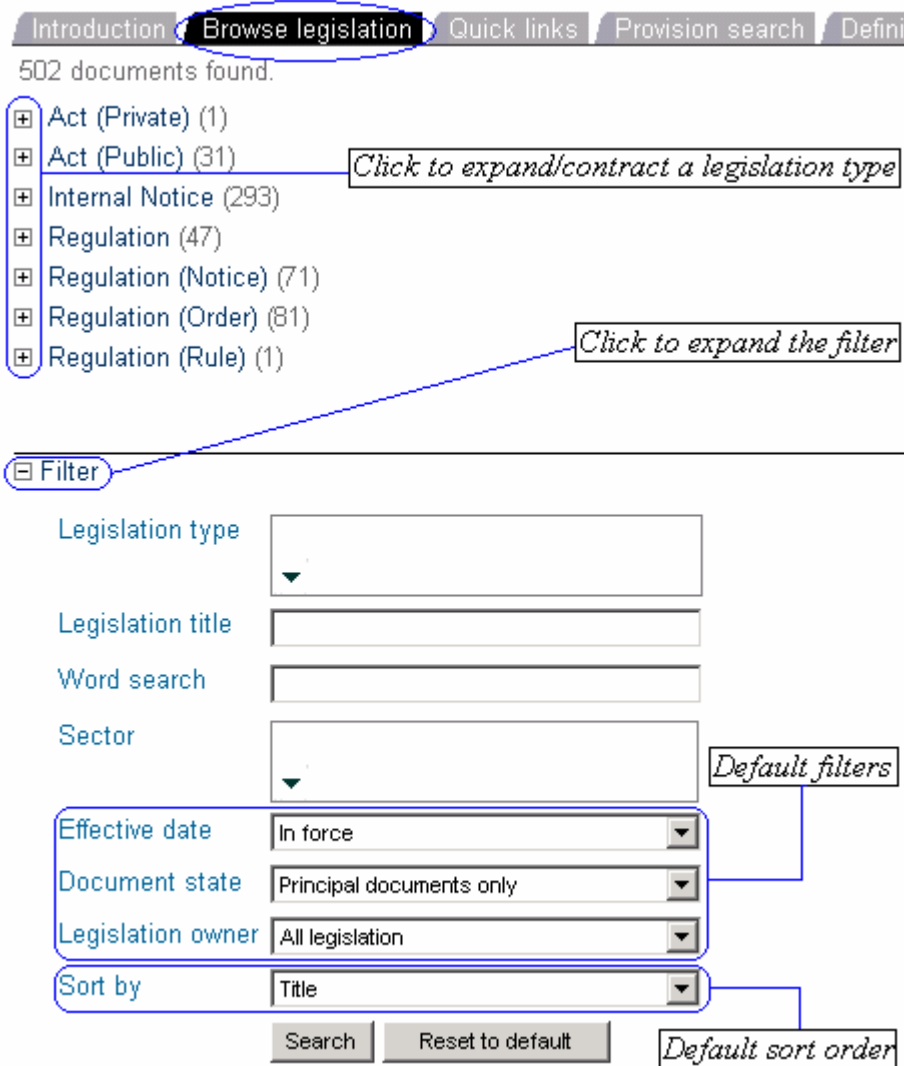
New Zealand Gazette	<p>The Gazette is the official newspaper of the Government of New Zealand, and is published by the New Zealand Gazette Office at the Department of Internal Affairs. Regulations are notified in the Gazette after they are made, but before they come into force. Internal Notices are published in the Gazette.</p> <p>Copies of the gazette can be obtained online at http://www.dia.govt.nz or by contacting the New Zealand Gazette office directly.</p>
Not yet in force	<p>On this website, legislation is not yet in force if it has not commenced. Legislation that is not yet in force, does not have the force of law until it commences.</p>
Parliamentary Counsel Office (PCO)	<p>New Zealand’s law drafting office. It is responsible for drafting and publishing most New Zealand legislation. PCO drafts and publishes all legislation found on this website, with the exception of “Internal Notices” which are drafted ‘internally’ by the Ministry of Fisheries and published in the New Zealand Gazette.</p>
Principal legislation	<p>On this website, principal legislation is the original legislation that is made to implement a particular policy (as opposed to an amending legislation which makes changes to existing principal legislation). By default, this website shows principal legislation with subsequent amendments incorporated.</p>
Provision	<p>On this website, provision is a term used to refer collectively to the sections of an Act, regulations of a Regulation and clauses of a Notice. Provisions can be seen as the basic units of legislation. Each provision deals with a separate subject or idea and has its own number.</p>
Regulations	<p>Regulations are laws made by the Governor-General, Ministers of the Crown, and certain other bodies under powers conferred by an Act of Parliament, as defined in the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 and the Regulations (Disallowance) Act 1989. References to “Regulations” on this website refer to SR series regulations drafted by the PCO and published in the Statutory Regulations series. This website links to Regulations on the New Zealand Legislation website.</p>
Revoked	<p>On this website, legislation is described as expired/revoked if it has been revoked, is spent, has been disallowed, or has expired. It is no longer in force.</p>
Sector	<p>A term used to describe the various stakeholders involved in fisheries. For more information visit the Sector Perspectives part of the Ministries website.</p>
Tree Structure	<p>A term used to describe the way information is displayed by NORA (in a manner similar to the windows explorer style of navigation). To expand or contract the search results or filters simply click on the “+” or “-” respectively.</p>

Appendix 2 – Search Examples

Finding legislation

Introduction The following part shows examples of how to find a specific piece of legislation.

Without using filters (Browse legislation tab only) Expand any of the “Legislation types” displayed (i.e. Act (Private), Act (Public), Internal Notice, Regulation etc.) and search for the title of the legislation you are looking for.



In the example above, because no filters are used, (aside from the default filters) you are simply viewing all the legislation in the database that conforms to these 3 default filters.

The default filters are arranged in this way to give a more user friendly way of only searching that legislation that is of ‘current’ relevance. If you wish to broaden a search to include all legislation in the database then arrange the default filters as follows.

Effective date

Document state

Legislation owner

By default legislation displayed is also ordered alphabetically by legislation title. To change the sort order, open the filter and change the “Sort order” filter.

**Using filters
(All search
tabs)**

Expand the filter.

In the “Legislation title” field enter a

- word or phrase from the legislation title, or a
- legislation reference number.

Press Enter or click search.

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502 documents found.

- Act (Private) (1)
- Act (Public) (31) *Click to expand/contract a legislation type*
- Internal Notice (293)
- Regulation (47)
- Regulation (Notice) (71)
- Regulation (Order) (81)
- Regulation (Rule) (1) *Click to expand the filter*

Filter *Legislation title text to search for*

Legislation type

Legislation title

Word search

Sector

Default filters

Effective date

Document state

Legislation owner

Sort by *Default sort order*



Search tip

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Finding legislation, Continued

Search tip
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For example, if searching for legislation with the title “Fisheries (Auckland and Kermadec Areas Amateur Fishing) Regulations 1986 (1986/222)” any of the following text could be entered to find the legislation.

Legislation title	Fisheries (Auckland and Kermadec Areas Amateur Fishing) Regulations 1986 (1986/222)
Legislation title	Auckland and Kermadec
Legislation title	Kermadec
Legislation title	Amateur
Legislation title	1986
Legislation title	1986/222

Whenever a filter is used, it searches only for legislation in the database that matches the filter specified. (i.e. “Only search legislation that has the word “Kermadec” in its title”).

Be aware that the more filters you apply, the narrower the search results returned will be. As a suggestion, start by applying only one filter at a time to familiarize yourself with how the use of each filter affects the results of a search, before attempting to use filters in combination. (Refer to [‘Filtering tips’](#) in the part relating to ‘Search filters’)

Searching for a word or phrase

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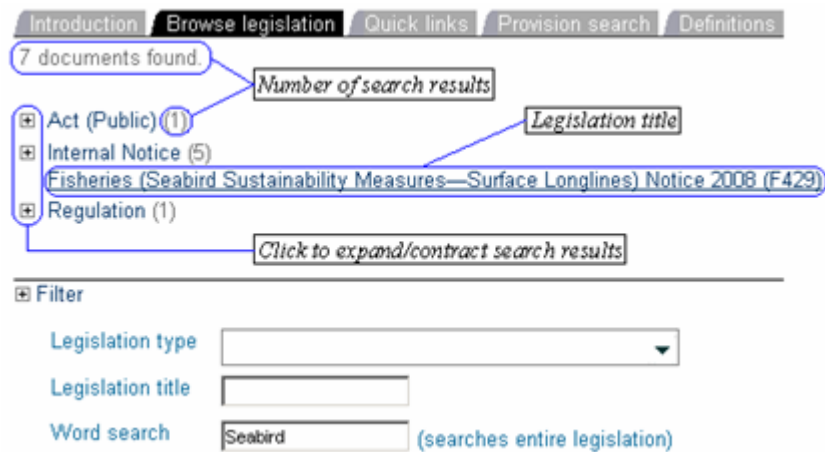
The following part shows examples of how to search for a word or phrase in the text of legislation.

The examples given show how to search for a word using the:

- ‘Browse legislation’ tab and the ‘Word search’ field.
 - ‘Provision search’ tab and the ‘Provision text’ field.
 - PCO website www.legislation.govt.nz
-

Word search (Browse legislation tab)

Open the filter. In the “Word search” field enter the word or phrase you are looking for and press enter or click search. This will return a list of legislation in NORA that contains that word or phrase without showing exactly where in the text that word or phrase occurs.





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Searching for a word or phrase, Continued

Word search
(Browse
legislation tab)
 (continued)

To now find the exact location of the word or phrase, depending on the legislation type, follow the following steps.

For Acts and Regulations

Step	Action
1	Click on the legislation title of the Act or Regulation. This will link to the table of contents for that legislation on the New Zealand Legislation website.
2	Click on “Search within this act/regulation” 
3	Enter the word or phrase that you were looking for in the search text box. 

For Internal Notices

Step	Action
1	Click on the legislation title to open a copy of the notice
2	Press the Ctrl+F keys or on the menu bar click on Edit → Find. Enter the word or phrase that you were looking for in the search text box.

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Searching for a word or phrase, Continued

Provision text search (Provision Search tab)

Open the filter. In the “Provision text” field enter the word or phrase you are looking for and press enter or click search. This will return a list of provisions showing exactly where that word or phrase occurs.

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28 provisions found. *Number of provisions in search results*

- ⊕ Fisheries (Commercial Fishing) Regulations 2001 (2001/253) (4)
- ⊕ Fisheries (Revocation of Seabird Sustainability Measures for Trawl Vessels) Noti
- ⊕ Fisheries (Seabird Scaring Devices Minimum Standard and Procedures) Notice 2
- ⊕ Fisheries (Seabird Sustainability Measures - Bottom Longlines) Notice (No. 2) 2C

Click to expand/contract search results

⊕ Filter

Legislation type

Legislation title

Provision heading Include provision text

Provision text

Word Search (PCO website)

Go to www.legislation.govt.nz (the same site that NORA links to).

Click on search All

Home Search: Acts Bills Regulations **All**

Enter the word you are looking for as below, this will search all of the legislation on the PCO website to find the parts of legislation where that the word occurs.

Quick search content

Enter search words:

Acts Bills Regulations

[Help](#)

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Searching for a word or phrase, Continued

**Word Search
(PCO website)**
(continued)

By using this method you will be searching across all of the legislation on the www.legislation.govt.nz (PCO) website, as opposed to only the legislation in NORA as with the examples above. NORA contains all fisheries law, but in cases where you want to search legislation maintained by other government departments that isn't in NORA this method should be used.

Note that this method will not search Internal Notices, as they are not contained on the PCO website.
