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Divisional Manager's report

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee about activities that promote the sustainable management of the region's natural and physical resources by overseeing the Council's regulatory responsibilities in relation to resource management and harbour navigation and safety.

2. Managers' reports

Managers' reports from the Environmental Policy, Environmental Monitoring and Investigations, Environmental Regulation and Harbours Departments follow as **Attachment 1**.

3. Beacon Hill Signal Statement Upgrades

As Councillors are aware, we have been working for some time on plans to construct a new Signal Station at Beacon Hill, including the installation of new computer and radar facilities.

This work forms a recommendation that arose out of the independent *Port and Harbour Marine Safety Code Navigational Risk Assessment* that was completed on February 2006. Progress on this work has been stalled for the last year as we have worked through issues surrounding an adjacent property, including potential building envelopes should that property be redeveloped. I am pleased to say that these issues have now been satisfactorily resolved, and we will be getting this project moving again as a result.

Councillors may want to consider whether or not they would like to visit the Beacon Hill site as part of the next Regulatory Committee member on 29 April 2008.

4. Environment New Zealand 2007 - Ministry for the Environment (MfE) presentation

At the last Regulatory Committee meeting, committee members requested that a representative from MfE make a presentation on the key findings of the Environment New Zealand 2007 report, which was officially released in late January this year. Justine Daw, Manager of the environmental reporting section of MfE has kindly agreed to provide this presentation, and where possible, will be highlighting key findings for the Wellington region.

5. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

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Attachment 1: Departmental Managers' reports