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Decisions on non-notified resource consent applications

1. Purpose

To report on decisions made under delegated authority on non-notified resource consent applications.

2. Non-notified resource consents

A total of 65 resource consents were approved between 16 May 2008 and 30 June 2008. These are summarised in the table below.

	Coastal permit	Discharge permit	Land use consent	Water permit
CDC			4	
HCC	3	1	3	
KCDC		4	13	5
MDC			3	2
PCC	2	3	1	1
SWDC		5	5	2
UHCC		1	2	
WCC	3		2	
Total	8	14	33	10

2.1 Consent trends

This compares to a total of 84 granted in the previous reporting period (7 April 2008 to 16 May 2008), and comparative consent data is provided below.

	Coastal permit	Discharge permit	Land use consent	Water permit
CDC		1	7	
HCC		1	1	3
KCDC		2	8	6
MDC		1	15	5
PCC	2	1	2	1
SWDC		2	11	3
UHCC		1	4	1
WCC	2	1	2	1
Total	4	10	50	20

The number of land use consents and water permits granted is down significantly on the eastern side of the region (CDC, MDC and SWDC); however, bore construction continues to remain above average in the Kapiti Coast even with an increase in rainfall during this period.

Coastal permits in the PCC and WCC regions have increased slightly due to swing mooring renewals coming in.

2.2 Significant non-notified resource consents

Ruamahanga Gravel Consent

Flood Protection hold a 15 year resource consent to extract the sustainable volume of gravel from all rivers and streams in the Ruamahanga River catchment. The maximum annual extraction limits (MAEL's) for specific watercourses is reviewed by Flood Protection every three years based on river bed monitoring information collected during the previous three year period. As a result of this review last year, Flood Protection applied for a change of consent conditions to alter MAEL's for three rivers in the Wairarapa. Following extension consultation and agreement with local iwi, the application was approved in late June.

Tory Street stormwater culvert discharge WGN080245

Wellington Water Management Limited (Capacity) (on behalf of Wellington City Council (WCC) Infrastructure Planning Department) was granted resource consent to continue discharging urban stormwater from the existing reticulated WCC stormwater system to the coastal marine area (CMA) via the Tory Street Culvert Outfall (TSCO) (outer corner of Chaffers Marina, near Te Papa).

The discharge from the TSCO is one of 12 stormwater discharges at various locations around the Wellington Harbour and the coastal waters of Wellington's South Coast consented in 1994 and is the first in this suite of consents to expire. These consents were focused on the management of public health risks to address the issues relating to sewage contamination of stormwater and receiving environments. However, more recently the potential ecological impacts of sediments and other contaminants (metals, organic compounds, etc.) in urban stormwater have come under increasing scrutiny.

The purpose of this consent is to provide the applicant with a short duration consent to allow appropriate information to be collected on the stormwater discharge and its potential effects on the receiving environment. This information will assist the applicant to prepare a more comprehensive assessment of environmental effects for wider-ranging global stormwater consent applications, which will follow later in the year.

Otaki Water Supply WGN080379

Kapiti Coast District Council (KCDC) was granted consent to continue abstracting water from the existing bores located on Tasman and Rangiuru Roads in Otaki. KCDC records show that groundwater has been taken from the bores located at 167 Rangiuru Road since the late 1980s. The purpose for the multiple takes is to supply water to the Otaki Public Water supply for the residents living in Otaki.

The consent allows the abstraction of up to 83 L/s from the bores located at Tasman Road, and up to 47 L/s, from the bores located at 167 Rangiuru Road.

3. Communication

For full details of the non notified consents granted please go to the following link: <http://www.gw.govt.nz/story3982.cfm?>

4. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. Receives the report; and*
- 2. Notes the contents.*

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