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Report on the Regulatory Committee meeting held on 18 November 2008

1. Purpose

To inform Council about the meeting of the Regulatory Committee that took place on 18 November 2008.

2. Reports

2.1 Harbour Navigational and Safety Bylaw review

The Committee agreed to hold a meeting of the Regulatory Committee on 11 December to hear submissions on the Harbour, Navigational and Safety Bylaw. Councillors Lamason, Donaldson, Baber and Laidlaw indicated they were available on this date.

2.2 State of the environment – 2007/08 annual summary

The Resource Management Act 1991 requires us to monitor and report on the state of the environment in the region.

We have presented annual summaries of the state of the environment as a package of report cards since 2001.

The 2007/08 cards cover:

- air quality
- rainfall and river flows
- groundwater
- recreational water quality
- the health of rivers and coastal environments and
- soil health and contamination.

There is also a report card about our work in natural hazards.

The report cards present key information about the state of the region's resources and, where relevant, compare results with national standards and guidelines. This allows us to check the "pulse" of the environment in between the full analysis of trends done every six years for our major state of the environment report, *Measuring up*. *Measuring up* will next be prepared in 2011 and will be used to determine the effectiveness of our Regional Policy Statement and regional plans.

The report cards were widely distributed on 26 November along with a press release.

2.3 Report to the Regulatory Committee on the RMLA Conference 2008 in Dunedin

Councillors Sally Baber and Barbara Donaldson attended the RMLA Conference on 25 to 27 September and provided a report on proceedings.

Both Councillors felt this was a very good conference with plenty of thought provoking speakers covering issues we will be grappling with as we go through the RPS and Plan review process.

3. Regular reporting

Regular summary reports on decisions on non-notified resource consents applications, pollution control incidents, and the Council's input into city and district planning were also provided. This information is readily available on the Council's website to ensure public accessibility of the information.

4. Unconfirmed minutes

The unconfirmed minutes of the committee meeting are attached as *Attachment 1*.

5. Recommendations

That the Committee:

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

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Attachment 1: Unconfirmed minutes