

Report to the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee
from Stephen Yeats, Compliance Officer

Annual Coastal Compliance Monitoring

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee of the compliance monitoring of coastal permits for the 1998/99 year.

2. Background

Under the Resource Management charging policy, those consents with an ongoing effect on the environment are to receive a compliance inspection. For coastal permits, this requires a quarterly or annual inspection

3. 1998/99 Inspections

- 3.1. There are currently seven consents which allow the taking of water and discharge of contaminants to the sea. They are for crayfish and paua operations in various locations along the coast, and a boat launching ramp at Mataikona.
- 3.2. Only five of them were operating in spring when we inspected them. One crayfish operation had finished the season early. In this case, the owner was supposed to provide samples of his wastewater, but overlooked this requirement. One paua operation had not yet begun operating on a commercial scale.
- 3.3. There are a number of other consents for coastal structures, which do not need ongoing inspections. These are generally inspected once, after completion of the structure, and then left.
- 3.4. In all cases a brief report of findings was sent back to the consent holder.

4. Comment

There was a good level of compliance overall. The impact on the environment is minimal or non-existent. We will look closely at the frequency of the inspections prior to this year's annual charges going out. It may be appropriate to lessen the frequency of inspections provided the consent conditions allow us to change the frequency.

5. Coastal Permits Inspected

The following coastal consents received an annual charge for a compliance inspection:

WAR 98005803	Discharge wastewater, Te Awaiti
WAR 93001601	Discharge wastewater, Orui
WAR 93015002	Discharge wastewater, Ngawi
WAR 97021701	Disturb Coastal marine area, Mataikona
WAR 94007501	Discharge wastewater, Te Awaiti
WAR 95011701	Discharge wastewater, no inspection required, Pahaoa
WAR 96022201	Discharge wastewater, no inspection required, Pahaoa

6. Recommendation

That the report be received and the information noted.

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