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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. Background

A total of 69 resource consents were approved between 1 April 2011 and Friday 6 May 2011. This compares with 39 consents that were approved for the same period last year and therefore quite a significant increase of 30 consents (77%) processed in the same time period. Three applications were returned to the applicant as incomplete under Section 88.

The consents approved are summarised in the table below:

	Coastal permit	Discharge permit	Land use consent	Water permit
CDC		2	2	26
HCC		2	2	
KCDC			3	
MDC			2	3
PCC	3	1	2	1
SWDC		9	1	2
UHCC			2	2
WCC	1	1	2	
Whole region				
Total	4	15	16	34

2.1 Consent trends

The consent numbers processed has increased significantly in the past couple of months. One reason for this is that there has been an increase in the number of replacement applications lodged as consents expire, particularly with a run of replacement water permit applications in the Carterton District and to a lesser extent dairy effluent discharges in South Wairarapa and a large number of land use (river/stream works, structures and soil disturbance) consents across the whole region.

This trend is likely to continue for the next couple of months as we are still to receive a number of replacement applications particularly for water takes and dairy effluent discharge consents in the Wairarapa, but also for boat shed renewals.

2.2 Non-notified consents of interest

- **Rugby World Cup Village:** On 6 April 2011 consent was granted to place and use structures in the coastal marine area associated with the establishment of a temporary Rugby World Cup village and any noise associated with the use of the structures. The village will be located on Taranaki Wharf area, immediately seaward of St Johns Building. The village consists of a fenced off area, with large screen and stage and speakers and covers areas in Territorial Authority and GW jurisdiction. The village will operate for a period of 31 consecutive days in September and October 2011.
- **Patrick and Tracey Roil:** following from enforcement action taken by the Environmental Protection team, a suite of resource consents was granted for remediation works to restore ecological habitat and improve water quality on a section of stream on the Roils' property. Stream side riparian planting will be carried out, stock will be fenced off from a section of the stream and a fish passage barrier will be removed. The consent also requires the restored area be protected into the future through the imposition of a covenant against the land title.
- **Department of Conservation:** Consent was granted to allow the Department of Conservation to discharge piscicide (cube root slurry active ingredient Rotenone 6 – 9%) to water. The discharge of the piscicide to water was in order to eradicate pest fish from two ponds in Ahiaruhe Road, Carterton. The target fish are *Gambusia affinis* (mosquito fish) which to the applicants knowledge, are not found anywhere else in the Wellington region. The pest fish is a species listed as an unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act 1993.