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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. This report covers the period 21 May to 29 June 2012.

2. Consents processed

A total of 45 resource consents were approved between the period 21 May to 29 June 2012. This compares with 55 consents that were approved for the same period last year. One application was returned as incomplete under Section 88.

The consents approved are summarised in the table below:

	Coastal permit	Discharge permit	Land use consent	Water permit
CDC			1	2
HCC		1	6	
KCDC		2		5
MDC			3	2
PCC	6	1		
SWDC		1	1	8
UHCC		2		
WCC	2	1	1	
Whole region				
Total	8	8	12	17

2.1 Consent trends

Non-notified consent approvals have remained stable and are down slightly for this period compared to last year.

The coastal permits mainly relate to the final few boatshed renewals being processed in the Porirua region which brings the renewal process for the suite of boatsheds almost to the end. The water permits mainly relate to the water take renewals being processed in the Wairarapa and on the Kapiti Coast.

2.2 Non-notified consents of interest

Ngatai Consultants Limited was granted two renewal coastal permits to occupy the coastal marine area with two boatsheds and associated decking structure and to use the boatsheds as a club house for both water based and non-water based activities at Onepoto Road, Porirua Harbour. Consent was issued for a duration of seven years. The use of a boatshed for non-water based activities that are not functionally dependent on the location in the coastal marine area, such as the operation of a bar, social gatherings and fundraising events, is a non-complying activity under the Regional Coastal Plan. The application for the original consents was publically notified on that basis. However, the decision was made to process the application for these renewal consents on a non-notified basis as the issues raised through the initial consenting process had been addressed, there have been no adverse environmental effects from the use of the boatsheds that are more than minor and Greater Wellington has not received any complaints regarding the use of the boatshed for non-water based activities. This is the only consent issued in the Wellington region to undertake activities in a boatshed which do not require a coastal location, such as the operation of a bar and social gatherings not related to water based activities.