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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 104 resource consents were approved between 23 July 2011 and 2 September 2011. This compares with 78 consents that were approved for the same period last year. One application was returned to the applicant as incomplete under section 88 of the RMA.

The consents approved are summarised in the table below:

	Coastal permit	Discharge permit	Land use consent	Water permit
CDC		1	2	6
HCC	2	2	1	2
KCDC		1	1	
MDC		1		1
PCC	63			
SWDC		4	2	4
UHCC				1
WCC	1	3	3	1
Whole region		1		1
Total	66	13	9	16

2.1 Consent trends

There continues to be a high number of boatsheds processed. These make up 57 of the coastal permits in PCC.

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2.2 Non-notified consents of interest

Greater Wellington Water (GWW) was granted a 'global' resource consent for discharges to land and water from maintenance and repair works to the wholesale water distribution network. The discharges occur as a result of dewatering excavations while repairing pipes. This 'global' consent was processed as GWW had previously had to apply for a number of site specific consents - this often meant delays to the repairing the pipe while the consent was processed. This 'global' consent allows GWW water the flexibility to carry out works as required, within the bounds of a robust set of consent conditions around environmental performance

Wellington Zoo was granted resource consent for soil disturbance associated with upgrading the Asian precinct of the zoo. Once complete the area will house sun bears. In total 2,250m³ of fill is required to elevate and flatten the sun bear enclosure and walkways to the proposed levels. Adjacent to the new proposed sun bear enclosure is the current tiger enclosure. As part of the works on the new sun bear enclosure, the tiger enclosure will also be altered with a realigned fence, a new viewing platform and a boardwalk.

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