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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 32 resource consents and one certificate of compliance were approved between 8 October 2011 and 18 November 2011. This compares with 68 consents that were approved for the same period last year. 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	0	0	1	0
HCC	0	0	1	2
KCDC	0	1	7	1
MDC	0	0	0	0
PCC	7	1	0	1
SWDC	0	1	0	1
UHCC	0	1	1	0
WCC	2	1	2	1
Whole region	0	0	0	0
Total	9	5	12	6

2.1   Consent trends

There are no particular trends of note during the period.

2.2 Non-notified consents of interest

Flood Protection variation consents

In November, the Flood Protection department was granted consent to vary conditions to extend routine and maintenance works in the Waingawa, Waiohine/Mangatarere/Kapaitangata, Waipoua and Ruamahanga Rivers. The reasons for the proposed changes were to ensure that adequate maintenance work could be undertaken to protect established buffer zones, to construct more rock and gravel groynes to stabilise the design river alignment and protect new plantings and to better reflect the proposed reduction in use of rail groynes in the Ruamahanga River. In addition, the changes proposed reflected updated knowledge of the key periods for wader bird nesting. The proposed changes are expected to be adequate for a 'normal' year with average winter and spring freshes. This 'global' consent allows Flood Protection the flexibility to carry out works as required, within the bounds of a set of consent conditions around environmental performance and monitoring.