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Divisional Manager's Report

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee about activities that promote the sustainable management of the region's natural and physical resources by overseeing the Council's regulatory responsibilities in relation to resource management and harbour navigation and safety.

2. Managers' reports

Managers' reports from Environmental Policy, Environmental Monitoring and Investigations, Environmental Regulation and Harbours Departments follow as **Attachment 1**.

3. Regional Plan Review update

With the Regional Policy Statement now out for consultation, we are turning our minds to timing and process issues around the review of our Regional Plans.

As you will recall, the joint Environment Division/Catchment Management Division workshop held with Councillors in late March endorsed the broad concept of our second generation regional plans being based on a mix of regulatory and non-regulatory approaches. To that end, staff were encouraged to further explore how regional plans, catchment plans and sustainability plans might best be integrated into the plan review process.

Over the next three months we will be developing our thinking on issues such as what could be covered in a catchment plan or sustainability plan; indentifying catchments across the region where water quality and/or quantity is not meeting aquatic ecosystem health; and developing a framework for the detailed analysis of topic areas that will need to be considered and consulted upon as a part of the review process. Such topics include land use controls for water quality, water allocation, stock access and effluent disposal, and air quality management.

While we are in the early stages of this thinking at the moment, the next meeting of the Regulatory Committee will have a more detailed update paper on the Plan review process for your information and consideration.

4. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report; and*
2. *Notes the contents.*

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Attachment 1: Departmental Managers' reports