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Committee Regulatory

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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 resource by overseeing the Council's regulatory responsibilities in relation to resource management and harbour navigation and safety.

2. Managers' reports

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

3. Land and Water New Zealand Website

Based on the premise that regional councils are the country's main repository of environmental information, regional and unitary councils have been exploring the concept of a shared reporting website which highlights not only environmental information, but also the strength of the regional council collective as environmental managers.

The development of such a website has been endorsed by both the Regional Affairs Committee and also the regional councils' Chief Executives, and provides a timely opportunity for councils to work on a collaborative project aimed at enhancing the provision of environmental reporting.

I will provide a brief presentation on this project at the meeting, highlighting the background to the Land and Water New Zealand concept, and how this project will evolve over the next 6 to 9 months.

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4. Recommendations

That the Committee:

- 1. **Receives** the report.
- 2. **Notes** the content of the report.

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Attachment 1: Departmental Manager's reports

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