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Report on Te Upoko Taiao - Natural Resource Management Committee meeting 22 September 2011

1. Purpose

To inform the Council about the meeting of the Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resource Management Committee that took place on 22 September 2011.

2. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

3. Report

3.1 Year end review

The Committee noted that the year end report is a useful resource for Committee members as it gives an overview of activities undertaken by the Environment Management Group, and this in turn is passed on by representatives to their respective groups.

The Committee discussed the recently issued stock access guidelines. The guidelines have been developed with industry involvement and support in order to address the issues surrounding stock access to water ways. While stock in waterways is often perceived as only a hill country issue, the guidelines are aimed at all stock in all areas across the region.

The Committee discussed, and noted the difficulty in processing boatshed replacement consent applications and also issues around monitoring their usage.

The Committee also discussed the issues of compliance and earthworks, and noted that the Environmental Regulation team is introducing a new points system for managing earthworks compliance. The system is designed as an incentive for compliance, and to allow for a more flexible management framework to develop around issues such as winter bulk earthworks.

4. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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