

APPLICATION

FAR NORTH DISTRICTY COUNCIL

APP 002667.01.04

Revised Consent Conditions for Opononi/Omapere Wastewater Treatment Plant Resource Consents.

Far North District Council

Tena Koe my name is Donna Washbrook and I am a Ratepayer.

My submission is in response to the REVISED CONDITIONS FOR THE OPONONI/OMAPERE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.

And how it has affected I and others that form part of the eco system and as such have, personal relationships to the environment of the Hokianga Harbour.

AUT.002667.01 and AUT.002667.02 Dis charges To Coastal Water and Land

My response to CONDITION 17 is as follows:

There is no signage placed across the road from the Waiorohia Stream where the pipeline enters the harbour and all along the beach fronts informing people not to swim when the treated waste water is discharged to the harbour.

I see people letting their babies play in that area where the stream water and pipeline is put and it makes me feel sick.

There is only 1 sign placed at the Opononi boat ramp, but I think that refers to boaties. (Attached.)

The Omapere beach front opposite the Wastewater Treatment Plant no longer is clean or safe for swimming and other options are to go further around the bay to where it is more acceptable, This however has limited parking, not safe for the elderly to climb over the rocks and definitely is not accessible for the disabled.

My response to Condition 12 is as follows:

There is a reef near- by, where the fish and kina were abundant and needs to be nurtured back to its former health undisturbed and by its natural means.

This was once a favourite spot for fishing. But because of lack of vegetation, the fish caught are mainly undersized. Kina were also collected from this area, but are either undersize or hard to find.

The harbour used to be well known for its recreational fishing, but very few now enjoy that.

Matters to move forward to having a Land Based Waste Water Treatment Plant to put back the Mauri to the Hokianga Harbour.

Condition 7:

These 2 groups Ngati Korokoro hapu/Trust and The Opononi/Omapere Rates Payers both are the only legal entities that are able to represent myself and others.

Their Ngatikorokoro Hapu/Trust rohe, is from Whirinaki to Waimamaku and beyond. The Opononi/Omapere Ratepayers members, includes the areas from Whirinaki to Waimamaku.

Condition 8

A unified name to endorse the CLG can support the group to be a stake holder so as they can source the funding agents to get the much needed putea to be able to look at developing a land based Wastewater Treatment Plant that can be sourced by those living in the Omapere/ Opononi area that complies with the resource consent

Condition 9

Becoming a stake holder the CLG will be able to have direct contact with experienced people to discuss the ground level problems and needs. .

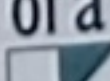
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OPONONI

BYLAW INFORMATION

SPEED LIMITS The speed of all vessels must be no more than 5 knots (a fast walking pace) when:

- Within 200 metres of the shore or a structure.
- Within 50 metres of another vessel or person in the water.
- Within 200 metres of a vessel or floating structure flying the dive flag (Flag A,  see below for detail).
- Please be considerate of other water users.
- Be aware of your wake and its effect on others.



MINIMUM AGE Persons under the age of 15 years should not operate powered vessels (including jet skis) capable of exceeding 10 knots, unless directly supervised by another person over the age of 15 years who is within immediate reach of the controls.

WATER SKIING Vessels may exceed 5 knots when using designated Access Lanes or Speed Uplifting Areas which are available in several Northland harbours. • Skippers should carefully consider the safety of all persons, vessels and objects in the area before choosing to exceed 5 knots.

When water skiing **REMEMBER IT TAKES THREE TO SKI**

- 1 the vessel driver
- 2 the water skier
- 3 the lookout on the vessel.

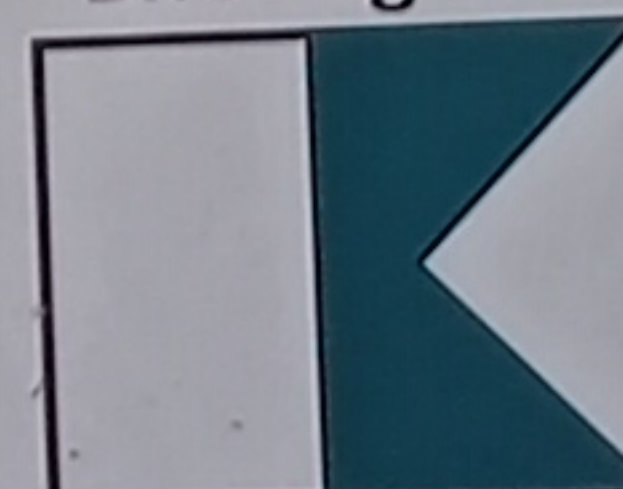
JET SKIS Jet skis must be registered. The unique registration number should be displayed and clearly visible on both sides of the hull. • Full details at www.nrc.govt.nz/onthewater or at any NRC office.

DIVING OPERATIONS

It is compulsory to display Flag A (pictured) from a vessel which has divers down — the flag must be visible from 200 metres away.

- All vessels passing within 200 metres of a dive flag must proceed at less than 5 knots, and preferably steer well clear.
- Divers must ensure that they remain within 200 metres of the flag.
- The vessel carrying out dive operations must remain within 200 metres of the divers.

Dive Flag A



LIFEJACKETS

It is compulsory to carry lifejackets of an appropriate type and size for every person on board a vessel. • The skipper is responsible for ensuring that everyone on board is wearing lifejackets when their safety is at risk e.g. when crossing bars, in rough weather, poor visibility, darkness, etc. • It is compulsory to wear lifejackets on a vessel less than 6 metres while underway at all times.



OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Always keep as far over to the starboard side of the channel as possible.
- Never anchor within a navigation channel.
- Do not tie-up to navigation aids (such as buoys & beacons).
- Do not tie-up to a mooring without the prior approval of the mooring owner.
- Check the marine weather forecast before heading out.
- Listen to the Coastguard Nowcasting service or go to www.metservice.com.

IF IN DOUBT, DON'T GO OUT!

BE SEEN

Kayakers, paddle boarders, dinghies and small craft.

By day:

Use/wear brightly coloured gear or fly a flag.

By night:

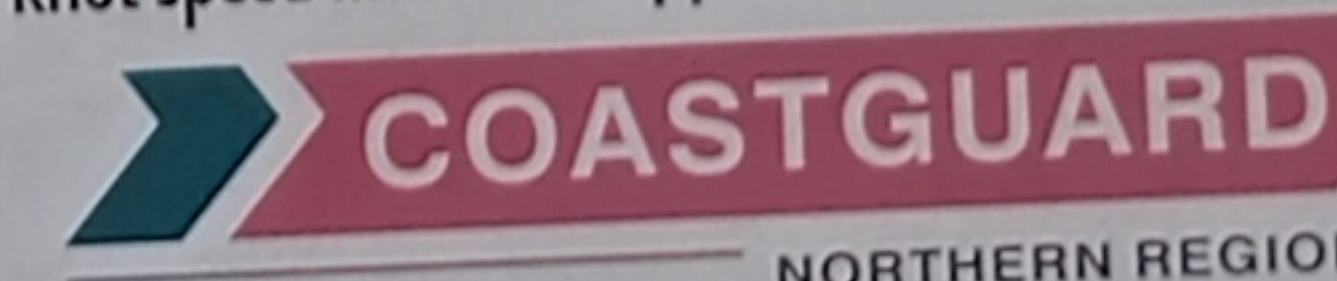
Display correct lights for your craft, or at least have a white light ready to be turned on in time to avoid collision.

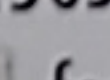
SEWAGE

It is illegal to discharge untreated sewage into any Northland harbour. Further restrictions apply for both treated & untreated sewage when near the coast, marine farms, marine reserves, mataitai reserves and in shallow water.

LOCAL INFORMATION

- At times the Hokianga Harbour can be very busy. Please keep a good lookout and be considerate of other harbour users, in particular, swimmers and people in small vessels.
- The bar entrance can be extremely dangerous and should only be crossed when it is safe to do so — normally at high tide. Bar conditions change frequently, so make sure you obtain local knowledge and inspect the bar before attempting to cross it.
- Please note that jumping, diving or swimming from or within 50 metres of the Opononi Wharf is prohibited.
- There are strong currents in this area, please be aware of this when conducting marine activities.
- Please observe the 5 knot speed limit that applies in this area.



VHF Channel 65 or Phone 09 303 1303 or Cellphone *500. • File a trip report and be safe. • Listen to Nowcasting on VHF  for real time and forecast weather nearby. • Boating education courses are provided by Coastguard. Learn the boating rules. Go to www.coastguard.org.nz

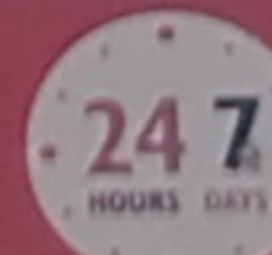
QUICKCHECK

Lifejackets • Fuel • Battery

VHF radio & cellphone • Bung • Anchor chain & rope

Emergency equipment • Weather • Share your voyage plans

Report all oil spills and maritime incidents to the NRC Environmental Hotline Phone 0800 504 639



To obtain a copy of the full bylaw or for more maritime information please:

Go to **www.nrc.govt.nz** Call **0800 002 004**

Visit our offices: Whangarei, Opuā, Dargaville or Kaitiā. Read our "Boating in Northland" guide.

