

Charging Policy 2016/17

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Introduction

The charging policy is reviewed annually. Fees and charges that require formal adoption under section 150 of the Local Government Act 2002 may be consulted on in conjunction of a Long Term or an Annual Plan. The fees set out in this policy will come into effect on 1 July 2016 and will continue until superseded. A copy of this charging policy will also be published on council's website.

Local government legislation emphasises the “beneficiary pays” principle, that is, those who benefit from the use of resources are expected to pay the costs of that use. Councils are therefore permitted to collect fees from private users of public resources, and to recover all or a portion of the costs for a range of services it performs in relation to those resources.

The law also acknowledges that some of the costs associated with administering the private use of public resources have a community benefit, and should therefore be met from the general rate. For example, the Northland Regional Council (the council) grants resource consents that allow organisations and individuals the private benefit to use public resources such as air, water or the coast. Where the benefits associated with consents are solely to applicants, they pay the associated costs in full. Where the benefits

accrue more widely – such as in the case of environmental monitoring – then a portion of the associated costs is met through rates.

This document sets out the policies, fees and charges that are collected by the council from private beneficiaries for a range of services it performs.

The fees and charges set out in this document are consistent with the council’s revenue and financing policy, which sets out the funding and cost recovery targets for each council activity.

This document is divided into three sections:

- Part one: general principles and policy.
- Part two: policies on charging and fees for specific activities and functions.
- Part three: schedule of fees and charges.

Part One: General policies and principles

1.1 PRINCIPLES

1.1.1 Charges must be lawful

The council can only levy charges which are allowed by legislation. Section 13 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 enables the council to charge for providing information sought under the provisions of the Act or the Official Information Act 1982.

Section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) enables the council to fix charges for its various functions (refer to Section 2.2).

Section 150 of the Local Government Act 2002 enables the council to fix charges payable under its bylaws (namely the Navigation, Water Transport and Maritime Safety Bylaw Charges 2015) and charges for the provision of goods, services, or amenities in accordance with its powers and duties, e.g. recovering costs of responding to environmental incidents, and inspecting dairy farms operating under permitted activity rules for discharges to land.

Section 444(12) of the Maritime Transport Act 1994 allows the council to fix reasonable charges for its activities/services relating to "Tier 1 sites".

Section 243 of the Building Act 2004 enables the council to impose fees or charges for performing functions and services under the Act. It also allows the council to recover its costs from a dam owner should we need to carry out building work in respect of a dangerous dam.

Section 135 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 enables the council to recover its costs of administering this Act and performing the functions, powers, and duties provided for in this Act by such methods it believes on reasonable grounds to be the most suitable and equitable in the circumstances.

Under Section 227 of the Property Law Act 2007, the council can require a charge to cover reasonable legal or other expenses of the lesser in giving consent.

1.1.2 Charges must be reasonable

The sole purpose of a charge is to recover the reasonable costs incurred by the council in respect of the activity to which the charge relates. Actual and

reasonable costs will be recovered from resource users and consent holders where the use of a resource directly incurs costs to the council. A contribution from the general rate meets a share of the cost where the community benefits from the council performing its role, for example, environmental monitoring. For more information about the council funds and its activities from its various funding sources, please refer to its revenue and financing policy.

Some charges imposed on consent holders are based on the full costs of the council's administration and monitoring of their consents, plus a share of the costs of its state of the environment monitoring activities that relate to the resource used by those consent holders.

1.1.3 Charges must be fair

Charges must be fair and relate to consent holders' activities. The council can only charge consent holders to the extent that their actions have contributed to the need for the council's work.

The council must also consider the benefits to the community and to consent holders when setting a charge. It would be inequitable to charge consent holders for resource management work done in the interests of the regional community and vice versa.

We take this into account when setting the proportion of charges we wish to recover for state of the environment and compliance monitoring from an individual consent holder.

Wherever possible, the council will look for opportunities to streamline and improve processes to ensure that consent processing and compliance monitoring functions continue to be cost effective and efficient.

With regard to state of the environment monitoring, the council must also relate any charge to the effects of consent holders' activities on the environment (see RMA section 36(4)).

1.1.4 Charges must be uniformly applied

Charges will not vary greatly within classes of activities and within the context of the scale of the activity, except where environmental incidents and non-compliance with consent conditions incur additional supervision costs.

1.1.5 Charges must be simple to understand

Charges should be clear and easy to understand, and their administration and collection should be simple and cost effective.

1.1.6 Charges must be transparent

Charges should be calculated in a way that is clear, logical and justifiable. The work of the council for which costs are to be recovered should be identifiable.

1.1.7 Charges must be predictable and certain

Consent applicants and resource users are entitled to certainty about the cost of their dealings with the council. The manner in which charges are set should enable customers to evaluate the extent of their liability.

Resource users need to know the cost of obtaining and maintaining a consent in order to manage their business and to plan for future growth and development. Charges should not change unnecessarily; any charges must be transparent and fully justified.

1.1.8 The council must act responsibly

The council should implement its charging policy in a responsible manner. Where there are significant changes in charges, the council should provide advance warning and give consent holders the opportunity to make adjustments.

1.1.9 Resource use

The charges in this document support preferred resource use practises which as a consequence require less work to be undertaken by the council.

1.2 GENERAL POLICIES

1.2.1 Time periods

The policies, formulae and charges set out in this document apply each year from 1 July to the following 30 June, or until replaced by new charges

adopted during the annual plan or long term plan special consultative procedure as prescribed by the Local Government Act 2002.

1.2.2 Annual charges

Annual charges shall apply from 1 July to the following 30 June each year, or until amended by the council.

1.2.3 Goods and Services Tax

The charges and formulae outlined in this document are *exclusive* of GST, except where noted otherwise.

1.2.4 Debtors

All debtors' accounts will be administered in accordance with this policy and outstanding debts will be pursued until recovered. Account offset will be considered on merit in situations where the council is indebted to the same person.

1.2.5 A minimum annual charge

A minimum annual charge as set out in Section 3.5.1 to all consents other than bore permits, sewage discharge permits for individual dwellings, and new consents granted after 1 March each year when the minimum annual charge will be waived for the remainder of that financial year.

1.3 POLICY ON REMISSION OF CHARGES

1.3.1 Council's fundamental position is that in general, all fees and charges set out in this document are to be met by the person who has invoked the service or activity that the fee or charge relates to (for example, the consent applicant in the case of consent processing services or the consent holder in the case of consent administration, monitoring and supervision services).

1.3.2 The council can fix charges for recovering costs for consent processing, administration, monitoring and supervision services under section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991. The council can also require the person liable for such a charge to pay an additional charge where the fixed charge is inadequate to recover its actual and reasonable costs in respect to the service concerned (s36(3) RMA). The person receiving the additional charge has the right to object to or appeal the charge under section 357(B) of the Act. The council also has the absolute discretion to remit the whole or any part of a charge made under section 36 (s36(5) RMA).

1.3.3 Where a person seeks to have any fee or charge set out in this document remitted that person may make an application in writing to the relevant

department manager for the remission of the charge setting out in detail the applicant's case which may include financial hardship, community benefit or environmental benefit etc. In particular the council will look favourably on applications for waivers or remissions for consented activity that aids the delivery of council's maritime functions and duties

1.3.4 Where the application/consent relates to a structure, the remission of any charge will only be considered if that structure is available at no charge for public use.

1.3.5 Existing waivers or remissions issued under a consenting initiative shall be honoured for the term of the consent, but council reserves the right to review waivers and remissions should it consider any conditions or reasons for them have changed.

1.3.6 Decisions on applications shall be made by the relevant department manager, who may remit a charge in part or full, or decline the application.

Decisions to decline the application or remit a charge in part only may be appealed in writing to the Chief Executive.

1.3.7 Where the appeal relates to an additional charge made under section 36 of the Resource Management Act, then the appeal shall be treated as an objection under section 357B unless, on being advised of this, the appellant does not wish to pursue the matter further.

1.3.8 Where the appeal relates to a fixed charge made under section 36 of the Resource Management Act, then the appeal shall be determined by an appropriately qualified certified RMA hearing commissioner "on the papers" or through a formal hearing, should the appellant wish to appear before the commissioner to support their appeal. The commissioner shall be appointed as per the council's standard procedure for appointing RMA hearing commissioners. The commissioner's decision on the appeal shall be final.

Part Two: Policies on charging and fees for specific activities and functions

2.1 PROVISION OF INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ADVICE

The council recognises that it has a significant advisory and information role. The council has the right, under legislation, to recover the costs of providing certain information.

2.1.1 Information provided under the RMA – consents, hearings etc.

Pursuant to the Local Government Act, and sections 36(1)(e) and (f) of the Resource Management Act, the council may charge for the provision of information as follows:

2.1.1.1 Actual and reasonable charges will be made to cover the costs of making information and documents available, for the provision of technical advice and consultancy services. These costs will include:

- a. Staff costs related to making the information available – i.e., officers' actual recorded time charged at an hourly rate comprising actual employment costs plus a factor to cover administration and general operating costs (refer Section 3.2);
- b. Any additional costs incurred, for example, photocopying, printing binding; and computer processing costs – refer to Section 3.10.9.
- c. Where an inquiry requires less than 30 minutes of staff time, no staff costs will be charged. Additional costs of less than \$10.00 will not be charged.

2.1.1.2 Consistency, distance, location – all time after the first half hour and any disbursements involved in providing information that confers a private benefit on the recipient(s) shall be recovered by way of invoicing the cost in line with the policy set out above. This policy is consistent with that applied in local government, except when information is requested under the Local Government Official Information Act (refer to Section 2.1.2).

There is no concession for time or distance travelled by the council's officers to provide technical information. No such concession is provided by other technical consultants.

Information given by telephone is to be treated exactly the same as information provided at an interview.

2.1.1.3 Advise the cost in advance – officers must warn the person seeking information in advance, that a cost will be incurred after the first half hour, and the estimated cost per hour to be charged. This process allows the applicant to weigh the value of his/her requirements, and will effectively control the level of information sought and deflect frivolous requests.

The provision of information should be charged separately from the cost of processing any future resource application.

2.1.1.4 Community and environmental groups – where an organisation clearly gains no economic or private benefit for its members from the information sought, then the free time available should be extended to one hour, and be treated on the same basis as requests under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (refer to Section 2.1.2) unless a regulation or plan provides otherwise. Additional time and disbursements may be charged for, as a reasonable control mechanism, to avoid frivolous or indulgent requests at the ratepayers' cost. These requests should be referred to at least a group manager for a decision on charging.

2.1.1.5 Educational information and materials, and consent holders - when council officers are involved in Resource Management Act workshops or public promotions aimed at increasing the public's awareness of the Resource Management Act consent procedures, the council's environmental role, liaison on planning issues, etc., there is a benefit to the greater community as well as the people attending. Information provided in this context clearly falls within the educational role of the council and is not charged for.

2.1.1.6 Consentholders - all consent holders are entitled to information arising from the monitoring of their consents, including district councils and other corporate bodies.

Other information sought by district councils is to be assessed on individual merit, and referred to the Group Manager for a decision, to ensure political appropriateness.

2.1.2 Information provided under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act

The Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act enables the public to have access to official information held by local authorities because this is good for accountability and effective participation. However, official information and deliberations are protected to the extent that this is consistent with public interest and personal privacy. More information about the Act, including how to make a request for information and why it may be declined, is on the Office of the Ombudsman's [website](#).

Section 13 of the Act provides for the recovery of the cost of making information available under the official information act. However, there are some exceptions to this, e.g. the council cannot charge the Inland Revenue Department for its information requests.

The current charges are set out in Section 3.1.

Note: under Section 13(1) of the official information act the council has 20 working days to make a decision (and communicate it to the requestor) on whether we are granting or withholding the information, including how the information will be provided and for what cost. We will also tell the requester that they have the right to seek a review by an Ombudsman of the estimated charge. If the charge is substantial the requester may refine the scope of their request to reduce the charge. We may request a minimum estimated initial fee to be paid under the information act and the 2002 Charging Guidelines issued by the Secretary for Justice. We will recover the actual costs involved in producing and supplying information of commercial value. In stating our fee schedule we reserve discretion to waive a fee if the circumstances of the request suggest this is appropriate, for example in the public interest or in cases of hardship.

2.2 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

2.2.1 Introduction

Under Section 36(1) of the Resource Management Act, the council may charge for costs associated with the following:

- a. Processing resource consent applications, including requests made by applicants or submitters under Section 100A of the Act,
- b. Reviews of consent conditions,
- c. Processing applications for certificates of compliance and existing use certificates,
- d. The administration, monitoring and supervision of resource consents,
- e. Carrying out state of the environment monitoring,
- f. Applications for the preparation of, or changes to, regional plans or policy statements, and
- g. For providing information in respect of plans and resource consents and the supply of documents (also refer to Section 2.1.1).

2.2.2 Performance of action pertaining to charges

With regard to all application fees and amounts fixed under Section 36(1) of the RMA, the council need not perform the action to which the charge relates until the charge has been paid in full [RMA, Section 36(7)] except for charges under section 36(1)(ab)(ii).

2.2.3 Regulations/Crown charges

The council will apply Crown charges, which may be set from time to time by Order in the Council (Regulations). [Resource Management Act, Section 36(1)(g).]

2.2.4 Applications for resource consents, reviews of consent conditions, certificates of compliance and existing use certificates

2.2.4.1 Applicants will be charged for the actual and reasonable costs, including disbursements, of receiving and processing applications for resource consents, reviews of resource consent conditions under Sections 127 and 128 of the RMA or Sections 10, 20, 21 and 53 of the Aquaculture Reform (Repeals and Transitional Provisions) Act 2004, certificates of compliance and existing use certificates. These costs include:

- a. **Minimum estimated initial fee** on application as set out in Section 3.2.1 and **Staff Charge Rates** (which are rates derived from actual employment costs plus a factor to cover administration and general

operating costs) charged at the relevant hourly rate as set out in Section 3.2. These are minimum charges for resource consent applications and are charges 'fixed' under Section 36(1) of the RMA (they are therefore not subject to objection rights). All consent processing costs which exceed the minimum estimated initial fee are considered to be additional charges pursuant to Section 36(3) of the RMA and these may be progressively charged on a monthly basis or invoiced at the end of the consenting process. Prior to consideration of the application, the Chief Executive Officer is authorised to require an additional minimum estimated initial fee of up to \$20,000 for complex applications.

b. Hearings – the costs of pre-hearing meetings and hearings will be charged to the applicant. The costs of councillors who are members of hearing committees (panel) will be recovered as determined by the Remuneration Authority. Staff costs and hearing panel members' fees or the actual costs of independent (non-councillor) commissioners at formal hearings will be charged.

Charges relating to joint hearings will be apportioned by the authorities involved, according to which authority has the primary role of organising the hearing.

Where a hearings panel has directed that expert evidence is pre-circulated then all persons who are adducing such evidence shall be responsible for providing the prescribed number of copies of such evidence to the council. In the event that the council needs to prepare copies of such evidence the person adducing the evidence will be charged for the copying.

Submitters that request that independent hearing commissioners under Section 100a of the RMA will also be charged a portion of the cost of those hearing commissioners in accordance with Section 36(1)(ab).

c. External costs disbursements will also be charged; for example, advertising, legal and consulting advice, laboratory testing, hearing venues and incidental costs.

d. Withdrawn applications are subject to the minimum fees set out in Section 2.2.7.4, Section 3.2.1 or Section 3.4 as appropriate, or the actual costs of the work completed to the date of withdrawal (whichever is greater).

2.2.4.2 The final costs of processing each resource consent application will be based on actual and reasonable costs and will include the charging of staff time at the rates set out in Section 3.2 and disbursements. In the event that consultants are used

to assist the council in processing resource consent applications, the actual costs of the consultants will be used in calculating the final costs.

2.2.4.3 All consent applications must be publicly notified if the consent authority decides that the activity for which consent is sought will have or is likely to have adverse effects on the environment that are more than minor. Where the adverse effects are considered to be minor the application will be processed on a limited notified basis unless written approval for the application has been provided from every person that the consent authority decides is adversely affected by the activity for which consent is sought, in which case the application will qualify to be processed on a non-notified basis.

2.2.4.4 Where an application is for multiple activities involving more than one type of consent, minimum estimated initial fees are required for each type with the following exceptions:

- a. The fee for land use consents for earthworks and/or vegetation clearance (including mining, quarrying, forestry, bridging and gravel extraction) also includes the water and discharge permits to divert and discharge stormwater where these are required;
- b. The fee for discharge permits for sewage volumes greater than three cubic metres per day (e.g. communal subdivision systems, marae etc.) includes the associated discharge to air resource consent; and
- c. The fee for discharge permits to discharge stormwater includes the associated water permit to divert stormwater.

Notwithstanding the above, the council may determine that other 'packages' of consent applications do not require individual minimum estimated initial fees for each consent type.

2.2.4.5 The consent holder will be invoiced the amount of the minimum estimated initial fee for reviews of consent conditions at the time the review is initiated by the Northland Regional Council.

2.2.4.6 There is a 'fixed fee' for applications for discharge permits for burning of specified materials, including vegetation, by way of open burning or incineration device (e.g. backyard burning). This fixed fee only applies to such applications if they are able to be processed on a non-notified basis and no additional charges will be invoiced for such applications even if the costs exceed the fixed fee. However, in the event that the application is required to be limited notified or publicly notified then the council will require the

applicable minimum estimated initial fee for notified and limited notified applications (as outlined in Section 3.2.1 before notification of the application.)

2.2.4.7 The council will provide a discount, if applicable, on the administrative charges imposed under Section 36 of the RMA in accordance with the Resource Management Discount Regulations 2010 for all applications lodged on or after 31 July 2010.

2.2.5 Administration, monitoring and supervision of resource consents

2.2.5.1 Administration covers how the council records and manages the information it has on the resource consents it grants. The council is obliged to keep *“records of each resource consent granted by it”* under Section 35(5)(g) of the RMA, which must be *“reasonably available [to the public] at its principal office”* [Section 35(3) of the RMA]. The council keeps this information on hard copy files and electronic databases. The costs of operating and maintaining these systems are substantial.

The minimum annual resource consent charge set out in 3.5.1 recovers some of the costs of the administration of resource consents.

2.2.5.2 Monitoring is the gathering of information to check consent compliance and to ascertain the environmental effects that arise from the exercise of resource consents. The council is obliged to *monitor “the exercise of the resource consents that have effect in its region”* under Section 35(2)(d) of the RMA.

2.2.5.3 Supervision covers functions that the council may need to carry out in relation to the ongoing management of resource consents. This can include the granting of approvals to plans and other documentation, review and assessment of self-monitoring *results* provided by the consent holder, provision of monitoring information and reports to consent holders, meetings with consent holders relating to consent compliance and monitoring, and participation in liaison and/or peer review groups established under consent conditions or to address issues relating to the exercise of resource consents.

In determining charges under Section 36 of the Resource Management Act, the council has given consideration to the purpose of the charges and the council's functions under the Act. It is considered that consent holders have both the privilege of using resources and responsibilities for any related effects on the environment. It is the council's role to ensure that the level of effects is managed, monitored and is acceptable, in terms of sustainable management

and the community's values. The annual charges for the administration, monitoring and supervision of resource consents are based on the assumption that those consents will be complied with and exercised in a responsible manner.

Annual resource consent (management) charges will be based on a set minimum charge plus charges for consent monitoring and/or supervision undertaken by council staff. Where appropriate, a portion of costs associated with State of the Environment (SOE) monitoring of resources used by consent holders is also collected, for example, the costs of running council's hydrological sites, water quality monitoring networks and associated surveys such as macroinvertebrate and fish monitoring. This particularly applies to water take consents, both surface and groundwater, and marine farms.

2.2.6 Invoicing non-scale fees

2.2.6.1 The majority of large-scale activities or activities with high potential adverse effects (where annual monitoring costs exceed \$1,000 GST inclusive) and certain small-scale activities such as short-term earthworks/construction type consents, will be monitored, the results recorded/reported and subsequently invoiced to the consent holder on an actual and reasonable cost basis.

2.2.6.2 Invoices will be generated once the costs of any work have exceeded a prescribed sum. This will be determined by the scale of the activity. Costs will be invoiced in a timely manner during the progress of the work to ensure that large amounts of costs do not accrue, unless otherwise authorised by the consent holder.

2.2.6.3 In the case of significant water takes, charges will generally be invoiced annually in line with Section 3.5.6 and any further supervision charges will be invoiced on a regular basis as costs are incurred by council.

2.2.7 Timing

2.2.7.1 Invoicing of consent annual charges will be in the quarter following the adoption of the Long Term Plan or Annual Plan by the council or after monitoring of the consent has been undertaken (post billing).

2.2.7.2 In some cases, invoicing of charges may be deferred until after the council has completed all, or a significant portion, of its planned monitoring of a consent.

2.2.7.3 Where any resource consent for a new activity is approved during the year and will be liable for future annual charges, the actual costs of monitoring activities will be charged to the consent holder subject to Clause (5) below. Consents for activities in the Coastal Marine Area are also subject to the Navigation Water Transport and Maritime Safety Bylaw Charges.

2.2.7.4 In any case, where a resource consent expires, or is surrendered, during the course of the year and the activity or use is not ongoing, then the associated annual charge will be based on the actual and reasonable costs of monitoring activities to the date of expiry or surrender, and also the administrative/monitoring costs incurred as a result of the expiry/surrender of the consent.

2.2.7.5 Where a resource consent expires during the course of the year but the activity or use continues and requires a replacement consent, then the annual charges will continue to be applied.

2.2.8 Setting of annual resource consent (monitoring) charges

2.2.8.1 Basis of charges

- a. The charges reflect the nature and scale of consented activities. In general, those activities having greater actual or potential effects on the environment require greater supervision and monitoring from the council. In setting these charges, the council has duly considered that their purpose is to recover the reasonable costs in relation to the council's administration, monitoring and supervision of resource consents and for undertaking its functions under Section 35 of the Resource Management Act. The estimated full costs of the council's supervision role and planned monitoring of consents will be recovered.
- b. In respect of the council's administration role, a standard minimum annual charge will apply to cover some of the costs of operating and maintaining its consents-related information systems.
- c. Where appropriate, a proportion of the costs of monitoring the state of the environment (Section 35(2)(a)) is incorporated in the charge to the consent holder. In such cases, the council has had particular regard to Section 36(4)(b)(iii), that is, the extent that the monitoring relates to the likely effects of the consent holder's activities or the extent that the likely benefit to consent holders exceeds the likely benefit of the monitoring to the community. The costs to the council associated with this activity may be shared between consent holders and the community. This recognises that

there is value and benefit to the community of work the council undertakes with respect to monitoring the state of the environment. In the council's judgement this is a fair and equitable division.

To date, a state of the environment charge has been incorporated into the annual charges applying to consents for water takes, known as the (water take) resource user charge (refer to Section 2.2.8.5).

- d. In relation to swing/pile moorings within the Marine 4 Management (MM4) Areas which meet the permitted activity criteria, the costs of providing council services will be recovered through the Navigation and Safety Bylaw Charges outlined in Sections 2.4.2 and 3.7.2.
- e. In relation to swing/pile moorings outside the MM4 Areas without consent (non-consented), costs will be recovered through the Navigation and Safety Bylaw until consent is gained.
- f. The charges for consents for minor to moderate activities are often based on scales (refer to Section 2.2.8.4). The general method for charging for large-scale activities is to apply the formulae in Section 2.2.9.6.

2.2.8.2 (Water take) resource user charge

- a. Some of Northland's water resources are highly allocated and are under pressure. It is difficult to assess the natural flows/levels of water bodies as there is limited data available on water use and flows/levels in some areas. The National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014 requires the council to set water quantity limits for all of Northland's water bodies.
- b. In order to address this, the council developed a Sustainable Water Allocation Plan. This project requires ongoing resourcing by council to implement. The work provides benefit to both water users and the wider community. Much of the information provided by council's current hydrometric network is the basis for this work and as such, a part of the cost of running this network shall be recovered from water users through the (water take) resource user charge.
- c. The details of this charge are outlined in Sections 3.5.2
- d. The resource user charge for water take consents for hydroelectric generation will be considered on a case by case basis because they can be substantial and complex in nature.

2.2.8.3 Other State of the Environment charges

- a. Where appropriate, the addition of a specified amount which contributes towards the recovery of costs incurred by council as part of its state of the environment monitoring and/or the hydrometric network.
- b. The estimated monitoring costs are then rounded to an appropriate sum which becomes the expected annual charge. These formulae and the historical cost data of monitoring like consents provides a reasonable estimate of the actual costs of monitoring consents each year and will be used to provide the expected costs of monitoring in the forthcoming years.

2.2.8.4 Scale charges

Scaled charges are attributed to consents for minor to moderate activities and the charge reflects the costs of administering and monitoring that class of consent and/or the actual and/or potential effects of the activity. The latter will reflect the resource affected by the consented activity. Scale charges relate to the following types of consents:

Type of consent	Charges
Water takes fee scale	Refer to Section 3.5.2 and 3.5.6
Minor to moderate discharges to air and water and small to moderate-scale discharges to land, and land use activities including quarries	Refer to Section 3.5.3
Farm dairy effluent discharges (Refer to Section 3.6.2 for non-consented discharges)	Refer to Section 3.6.3
Coastal structures (post construction or installation)	Refer to Section 3.5.4
Coastal structures (construction or installation phase)	Refer to Section 3.6.4
Land use consents for boating-related structures in waters upstream of the coastal marine area (post construction)	Refer to Section 3.5.5

2.2.8.5 Large-scale activities

- a. Consents that do not fall into the classes listed in Section 2.2.8.4 will be for larger scale activities or activities with high potential adverse effects

(estimated compliance monitoring costs of \$1000 and over per year inclusive of GST). In most cases these consents will generally be subject to comprehensive monitoring programmes, regular inspections and involve routine sampling and testing or audit monitoring functions and/or contribute towards the costs of the council's State of the Environment monitoring as is the case for water take consents. Large-scale activities may require more monitoring inspections. As the sampling and testing requirements for these consents will vary, so too will the costs incurred by the council to carry out those monitoring programmes.

- b. Annual charges for the monitoring of these consents is calculated using the following formulae and/or the actual and reasonable historical costs:

Labour (refer to Section 3.2)
+ Sampling and testing
+ Sampling and testing
+ Monitoring equipment
+ Administration
+ State of the Environment monitoring charge/resource user charge (refer to section)
= ANNUAL CHARGE

- c. Holders of consents for large-scale activities will generally be invoiced the actual and reasonable costs of monitoring during the progress of the work.

2.2.9 Additional monitoring/supervision charges

2.2.9.1 Where non-compliance with resource consent conditions is encountered, or not programmed, additional monitoring is necessary the costs will be recovered in addition to the set annual charge.

2.2.9.2 The purpose of additional supervision charges is to recover costs of additional supervisory work that is required to be undertaken by council when people, including consent holders, do not act in accordance with consents or council's rules relating to resource use.

2.2.9.3 Additional supervision charges relate to those situations where consent conditions are not being met or adverse effects are resulting from the exercise of a consent; or unauthorised activities are being carried out.

2.2.9.4 When consent non-compliance or an unauthorised activity is found, the person is, if possible, given the opportunity to remedy the situation and is informed that costs of additional supervision will be recovered. Such activity may also be subject to infringement notices, enforcement orders or prosecutions.

2.2.9.5 Charges for additional supervision will be calculated on an actual and reasonable basis.

2.2.9.6 The costs that make up the charge will include:

- a. Labour costs; officers' actual recorded time spent, including travel time, in following up the non-compliance matter or unauthorised activity (charged at the appropriate hourly rate listed in Section 3.2); plus
- b. Any sampling and testing costs incurred; plus any equipment costs (excluding vehicle running costs) associated with the monitoring of the non-compliance; plus
- c. Any external costs incurred (e.g. external consultants, hire of clean-up equipment).
- d. For consent holders only, no additional supervision charge will be applied where the annual charges for their consents are sufficient to cover the costs incurred in following up their consent non-compliance.
- e. In the case of water takes, annual charges are estimated on the basis of normal summer flows and consequently during drier than normal years further monitoring may be required in the form of flow, water level and/or water abstraction measurements. The costs of this further work will be charged to the consent holder in the form of additional supervision charges as outlined above.

2.2.10 Charges for emergency works

Under Section 331 of the Resource Management Act, the council may charge for the costs associated with any emergency works required for the:

- a. Prevention or mitigation of adverse environmental effects;
- b. Remediation of adverse effects on the environment; or
- c. Prevention of loss of life, injury, or serious damage to property.

The costs charged will be the actual and reasonable costs incurred by council to do the works.

Charges for labour, supply of information and the council plant and equipment are detailed in Sections 3.2 and 3.10.

2.2.11 Changes in resource consent status

- a. Where any resource consent is approved during the year, and will be liable for annual charges, the actual costs of monitoring activities will be charged to the applicant. The annual minimum fee will continue to apply per the council's policy in Section 2.2.7.
- b. For large-scale activities where a resource consent expires, or is surrendered, during the course of the year and the activity or use is not on-going, then the associated annual charge will be based on actual and reasonable costs incurred to the date of expiry or surrender, including costs incurred as a result of monitoring and administration activities associated with the expiry or surrender of the consent. The annual minimum fee will continue to apply.
- c. Where a resource consent expires during the course of the year but the activity or use continues and is subject to a replacement process, then the annual charges will continue to apply.

2.2.12 Charges set by regional rules

2.2.12.1 When developing a regional plan, the council may create regional rules to prohibit, regulate or allow activities. These rules may specify permitted activities, controlled activities, discretionary activities, non-complying activities, prohibited activities and restricted coastal activities.

2.2.12.2 Permitted activities are allowed by a regional plan without a resource consent, if the activity complies with any conditions, which may have been specified in the plan. Conditions on a resource consent may be set in relation to any matters outlined in Section 108 of the Resource Management Act. They may include a specific condition relating to a financial contribution (cash, land, works and services) for any purpose specified in a plan.

2.2.12.3 The council therefore reserves the right to set other charges pursuant to regional rules in regional plans. These charges will include staff costs for giving evidence in a New Zealand court; matters pertaining actions required under the Maritime Transport Act 1994 or Biosecurity Act and any other regulated activities. Any new charges would be notified through the public process required for a regional plan prior to its approval.

2.2.12.4 Actual and reasonable costs will be charged for fees set by regional rules. These costs will include:

- a. Staff costs – officers’ actual recorded time charged at an hourly rate comprising actual employment costs plus a factor to cover administration and general operating costs. (See Staff Charge Rates in Section 3.2)
- b. Hearings – the costs of pre-hearing meetings and hearings will be charged to the applicant. Council members’ hearing costs will be recovered as determined by the Remuneration Authority. Staff costs and committee members’ fees or the actual costs of independent commissioners at formal hearings will be charged.
- c. For applications relating to restricted coastal activities, the applicant will also be charged the council’s costs of the Minister of Conservation’s representative. Charges related to joint hearings will be apportioned by the authorities involved, according to which authority has the primary role of organising the hearing.
- d. External costs, disbursements, are additional to the above charges, for example advertising, consulting and legal advice, laboratory testing, hearing venues and incidental costs.

2.2.13 Preparing or changing a policy statement or plan

2.2.13.1 Any person may apply to the council for the preparation of or change to a regional plan. Any minister of the crown or any territorial authority of the region may request a change to a policy statement.

2.2.13.2 When considering whether costs should be borne by the applicant, shared with the council, or borne fully by the council, the following will be taken into account:

- a. the underlying reason for the change; and
- b. the extent to which the applicant will benefit; and
- c. the extent to which the general community will benefit.

2.2.13.3 For the receipt and assessment of any application to prepare or change a policy statement or plan, actual and reasonable costs will be recovered. The charging policies are outlined below:

- a. All applicants will be required to pay a minimum estimated initial fee set out in Section 3.3 based on the expected costs of receiving and assessing the application, up to but not including the costs of public notification. Actual and reasonable costs based on an hourly rate set out in Section 3.3,

mileage and disbursements will be included in the minimum estimated initial fee. Any additional costs incurred in processing the application will be invoiced to the applicant.

- b. For any action required to implement a decision to proceed with the preparation or change to a policy statement or plan, a minimum estimated initial fee as set out in Section 3.4 shall be made for the costs of public notification. This will be followed by a case-by-case assessment of where the costs should fall. Any costs charged will be invoiced monthly from the date of public notification.

Prior to public notification, an estimate of total costs will be given to the applicant. The applicant will have the option of withdrawing the request on receipt of notice of the estimated costs.

Withdrawn requests are subject to payment of the actual and reasonable costs of relevant work completed to the date of withdrawal.

2.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2002 (LAND AND RESOURCES)

The charges for the following council activities/services have been set according to Section 150 of the Local Government Act:

2.3.1 Monitoring/inspections of permitted activities

Charges are payable to recover the costs of inspections of permitted activities to determine compliance with the permitted activity rules in the regional plans. The inspections are conducted in order that adequately carries out its functions and responsibilities under Sections 30, 35 and 36 of the Resource Management Act.

2.3.1.1 Farm dairy effluent discharges

- a. Administration costs incurred will be charged in addition to the costs of the site visit/inspections, plus the actual and reasonable cost of any specific water quality testing and/or enforcement action required (see Section 3.7).
- b. Where there is a need for two officers to attend, the costs of both officers will be recovered.
- c. The charges are listed in Section 3.6.
- d. For charges for consented farm dairy effluent discharge consents, refer to Section 3.6.3.

2.3.1.2 Other permitted activities

- a. The costs of the site visit/inspections, plus the actual and reasonable cost of any specific water quality testing and/or enforcement action required will be charged.
- b. The charges are listed in Sections 3.2 and 3.10.

2.3.2 Environmental incidents

Where a person (or persons) carries out an activity in a manner that does not comply with Sections 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 315, 323, 328 or 329 of the RMA, the council will charge that person (or persons) for the actual and reasonable cost of any inspection/investigation it undertakes in relation to the activity. This cost may include:

- a. Time spent by the council staff identifying and confirming the activity is taking or has taken place.
- b. Time spent by council staff identifying and confirming the person(s) responsible for causing or allowing the activity to take place or to have taken place.
- c. Time spent by council staff alerting and informing the person(s) of their responsibilities in relation to the activity, including any guidance or advice as to how any adverse effects of the activity might be managed.
- d. Staff travel time and vehicle mileage.
- e. Costs of any specific testing of samples taken.
- f. Costs of professional services contracted to assist in the inspection/investigation of the activity.
- g. Clean up costs and materials.

The council will only charge for time spent that exceeds 30 minutes. Travel time will be included in the calculation of that time.

Where an incident occurs on a site that 'holds' a resource consent and a breach of consent conditions is confirmed, then this section does not apply. Any actual and reasonable costs incurred in the investigation of the incident will be recovered as additional consent monitoring charges.

2.3.3 Investigation of land for the purposes of identifying and monitoring contaminated land

The council is responsible for identifying and monitoring contaminated land under Section 30(1)(ca) of the RMA. Council will recover the costs of inspections plus the actual and reasonable cost of site investigations including any specific testing of samples taken. Staff charge rates, sampling and equipment costs are outlined in Sections 3.2 and 3.10.

2.4 MARITIME ACTIVITIES

These charges – which the council is enabled to set under a number of legislative instruments – are presented together for the purposes of clarity.

2.4.1 Charges for maritime-related incidents (Local Government Act 2002)

These charges are made to recover the costs incurred by the council as a result of staff responding to any incident that causes or may have the potential to cause, adverse environmental effects or effects on navigation and safety. The response action taken by council staff may include, but will not be limited to, monitoring, inspection, investigation, clean-up, removal, mitigation and remediation works. Actual costs for consumables, plant and equipment used/hired during a response will also be charged in addition to staff hours (as set out in Section 3.2) as appropriate.

For incidents occurring outside normal business hours, a minimum call out fee of three hours at staff charge rates shall apply (includes oil spill response, training exercises, and emergency response).

2.4.2 Northland Regional Council Navigation, Water Transport and Maritime Safety Bylaw Charges 2016 (Local Government Act 2002)

- a. This bylaw regulates navigation, water transport and maritime safety in Northland.
- b. The charges specified in the Northland Regional Council Navigation, Water Transport and Maritime Safety Bylaw are collected for functions, duties, powers or services carried out by the council and must be paid on demand by the specified person or owner, to the council.
- c. The current bylaw is available on the council's website or from council offices.
- d. The current charges are set out in Section 3.7.
- e. The fees and charges collected under the bylaw contribute to the upkeep of the region's maritime services, for example, the harbourmaster, buoys and beacons, etc.

2.4.3 Standard charges for Marine Tier 1 Oil Transfer Sites (Maritime Transport Act 1994)

2.4.3.1 Maritime Rule Part 130B requires that the operator of an oil transfer site obtain the approval for a site marine oil spill contingency plan from the Director of Maritime New Zealand. The power to approve these plans has been delegated by the director to the Chief Executive Officer (sub-delegated

to council employees) of the Northland Regional Council in an Instrument of Delegation pursuant to Section 444(2) of the Maritime Transport Act 1994.

2.4.3.2 Section 444(12) of the Maritime Transport Act 1994 allows the council to charge a person a reasonable fee for:

- a. Approving Tier 1 site marine oil spill contingency plans and any subsequent amendments.
- b. Inspecting Tier 1 sites and any subsequent action taken thereafter in respect of preparation of inspection reports or reporting on non-conformance issues.

2.4.3.3 Basic fee – the council will charge a minimum fee as set out in Section 3.7.3, and any additional staff costs.

2.4.3.4 Additional staff costs – in addition to the basic fee set out above, additional charges may be applied for staff costs. The costs are based on officers' actual recorded time charged at an hourly rate set out in Section 3.2 of this document, comprising actual employment costs plus a factor to cover administration and general operating costs. Should travel be required, additional costs for mileage will be charged at the standard rate as approved by the Inland Revenue Department.

2.5 BUILDING ACT 2004

2.5.1

Section 243 of the Act specifically allows for the council to impose a fee or charges for:

- a. Issuing a project information memorandum.
- b. The performance of any other function or service under this Act.
- c. Recovering its costs from the owner if it carries out building work under Section 156 of this Act.
- d. Where a fee or charge is payable for the performance of a function or service, then the council may decline to perform the function or service, unless the fee or charge is paid.

2.5.2

Costs incurred beyond the fee are to be recovered on the basis of actual and reasonable costs incurred by the council.

2.5.3

The minimum fees for the different consent activities are set out in Section 3.4.

2.5.4

Charges fixed under the Building Act 2004 are resolved by the council and fixed pursuant to the Local Government Act 2002 process until subsequently amended.

2.5.5

Policies set out in Section 3.4 also apply to Building Act applications.

2.5.6

All applications for a project information memorandum and a building consent, as well as the issuing of notices to rectify will be subject to a minimum estimated charge as set out in Section 3.4.

2.5.7

Charges for Building Act functions other than the issuing of project information memoranda and building consents will be charged a set fee per individual element, or on the basis of actual and reasonable cost, as set out in Section 3.4.

2.5.8

These functions include the issue of compliance schedules, requests for information on building consent applications, extension of valid term, actions re dangerous buildings, inspections and technical processing.

2.5.9

The "Minimum Estimated fee" is payable upon application for a PIM/LIM. Final actual and reasonable costs are payable upon uplifting the PIM/LIM based on staff charge rates in Section 3.2.

2.5.10 Building consents and certificates of approval

Incorporating receipt of a building consent application, the issue of a building consent, including project information memorandum, payment of a building research levy and/or Department of Building and Housing levy (where applicable) and the issue of a code of compliance certificate (where applicable).

2.5.11 Dams

Under section 244 of the Building Act 2004, council has decided to transfer the Building Act functions for consenting dams to the Waikato Regional Council. Fees will be charged in accordance with the Fees and Charges policy set by Waikato Regional Council. All

fees and charges for consent processing will be invoiced directly to the applicant by Waikato Regional Council.

2.5.12 Requests for information on building consents

Charges will be the actual and reasonable costs based on staff charge rates shown in Section 3.2.

2.5.13 Technical processing and the exercising of other functions, powers and duties under the Building Act 2004

For technical processing and other functions under the Building Act, full costs over and above the minimum estimated initial fee will be recovered in accordance with the additional hourly charges.

2.5.14

All charges are payable upon invoice, provision of service or upon the exercise of the function, power or duty. Progressive charging may be used where costs are greater than \$500 (excluding GST).

2.5.15

When building consent non-compliance or an unauthorised activity is found, the person is, if possible, given the opportunity to remedy the situation and is informed that costs of additional supervision will be recovered. Such activity may also be subject to infringement offence notices, enforcement orders or prosecutions.

2.5.16

An enforcement officer who observes a person committing an infringement offence or has reasonable cause to believe that an infringement offence is being or has been committed is authorised and warranted under Section 229 of the Building Act 2004 to issue an infringement notice.

2.6 BIOSECURITY ACT 1993

2.6.1 Regional Pest Management Strategies Cost Recovery Policy

Section 135 of the Biosecurity Act provides regional councils with options to recover the costs of administering the Act and performing the functions, powers and duties under a pest management strategy. The mechanisms include user charges and cost recovery in the event of non-compliance with a legal direction.

2.6.2 Request for work

An authorised person may request any occupier to carry out specified works or measures for the purposes of eradicating or preventing the spread of any pest in accordance with the Northland Regional Pest Management Strategies.

2.6.3 Legal directions

An authorised person may issue a legal direction to any occupier to carry out specified works or measures for the purposes of eradicating or preventing the spread of any pest in accordance with a Northland Regional Pest Management Strategies. The legal direction shall be issued under Section 122 of the Biosecurity Act and specify the following matters:

- a. The place in respect of which works or measures are required to be undertaken;
- b. The pest for which the works or measures are required;
- c. Works or measures to be undertaken to meet the occupier's obligations;
- d. The time within which the works or measures are to be undertaken;
- e. Action that may be undertaken by the management agency (generally the council) if the occupier or occupiers fail to comply with any part of the direction;
- f. The name, address, telephone number and fax number of the management agency and the name of the authorised person issuing the legal direction.

2.6.4 Failure to comply with a legal direction

Where a legal direction has been given to an occupier under Section 7.5 of the Northland Regional Pest Management Strategies and the occupier has not complied with the requirements of the legal direction within the time specified, then the council may enter onto the place specified in the legal direction and carry out, or cause to be carried out, the works or measures specified in the legal direction, or such other works or measures as are reasonably necessary or appropriate for the purpose of giving effect to the requirements of the legal direction.

2.6.5 Recovery of costs incurred by management agency

Where the council undertakes works or measures for the purposes of giving effect to the requirements of a request for work or a legal direction it shall recover the costs incurred from the occupier pursuant to

Sections 128 and 129 of the Biosecurity Act and may register the debt as a charge against the certificate of title for the land.

2.6.6 Regional Pest Management Strategy (pest management strategy) for nassella tussock

This strategy adopted by the council on 20 July 2010, pursuant to Section 77 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, supersedes the former Operative Northland Regional Pest Management Strategy for nassella tussock adopted in 16 July 2003. The strategy continues the funding policy of the former operative strategy, which identifies the regional benefits of eradicating nassella tussock but also recognises benefits to the occupiers of infested properties. It now includes rules for the recovery of costs incurred by the council.

To recognise the regional benefit of eradicating nassella tussock, the council may recover part of the costs of ranging and grubbing infested land from the owner/occupier of the land. The portion of the staff charge rates (as set out in Section 3.2) recovered is as follows:

Category I – surveillance sites, that is sites found free of nassella for the preceding three or more years. No cost recovery.

Category II – sites where nassella is still being found but which have been permanently retired from grazing and on which there is a full canopy cover of indigenous scrub or forest, or such a cover is being actively encouraged. No cost recovery.

Category III – sites where nassella is still being found but which are being managed to encourage a dense, well grazed pasture with easy access and no obstructions which prevent plants being seen. Twenty percent cost recovery.

Category IV – active sites with major obstructions to access and visibility. Typically non or lightly grazed pasture with less than 10% scrub or scrubby weeds. Forty percent cost recovery.

Category V – active sites with major access problems and obstructions to visibility. Typically reverted pasture with greater than 10% cover of gorse or scrub, unpruned pine forest and long grass or scrub under storey or pine forest with heavy pruning and/or thinning slash. Sixty percent cost recovery.

2.7 PROPERTY LAW ACT 2007

Under the Property Law Act 2007, the council can require a charge to cover reasonable legal or other expense of the lesser in giving consent. The charges are set out in Section 3.9.

Part Three: Schedules of fees and charges

3.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION

In some cases, the council is permitted to charge for the provision of official information. Requesters will be advised in advance if the council decides to apply a charge.

Black and white photocopying or printing on standard A4 or foolscap paper where the total number of pages is in excess of 20 pages will be charged out at 20 cents for each page after the first 20 pages. All other photocopying and printing charges will recover the actual and reasonable costs involved.

For staff time	\$ inclusive GST
First hour	No charge
Additional hours	Ministry of Justice, Charging Guidelines
First half hour (after the initial free hour)	38.00
Per hour	76.00

See also Section 3.2.2 for charges relating to the supply of information provided under the Resource Management Act 1991.

3.2 STAFF CHARGE RATES

Charges are applicable for a range of services performed by council staff:

- Processing of consents under the Resource Management Act 1991.
- Environmental and consent monitoring of:
 - Large-scale activities;
 - Permitted activities; and
 - Contaminated land.
- Technical assessment and administration of functions under the Building Act 2004.
- Eradication of nassella tussock in accordance with the Regional Pest Management Strategy provisions.
- Maritime-related incidents.
- Mooring inspections/assessments.
- Preparing or changing a policy statement or plan.

Description	Hourly rate \$ excluding GST
Monitoring Technician/Administrator	71.50

Description	Hourly rate \$ excluding GST
Secretarial/administration	
Technician/Administrator	
Biosecurity Technician/Administrator	
Monitoring Officer Scale 1	84.50
Consents Officer Scale 1	
Policy Analyst	
Officer Scale 1	
Biosecurity Officer Scale 1	
Monitoring Officer Scale 2	95.00
Consents Officer Scale 2	
Policy Specialist	
Officer Scale 2	
Biosecurity Officer Scale 2	
Maritime Officer	
Monitoring Officer Scale 3	106.00
Consents Officer Scale 3	
Officer Scale 3	
Biosecurity Officer Scale 3	
Senior Monitoring Officer Scale 1	112.50
Programme Manager Scale 1	
Senior Officer – Scale 1	
Senior Biosecurity Officer Scale 1	
Maritime Programme Manager	
Senior Monitoring Officer Scale 2	124.00
Senior Programme Manager	
Programme Manager Scale 2	
Senior Officer – Scale 2	
Senior Biosecurity Officer Scale 2	

Description	Hourly rate \$ excluding GST
Deputy Harbourmaster	
Manager Harbourmaster	161.00
Consultants	Actual costs

Notes:

Where there is a need for two or more officers to attend, the costs of all officers will be recovered.

Labour costs for the council's staff not specified in this policy will be charged at an hourly rate determined from actual employment costs, including overtime rates if applicable, plus a multiplier to cover overheads and any internal costs incurred.

Resource consent applications

3.2.1 Resource consent applications - minimum estimated initial fee

Schedule of minimum estimated initial fees

Description	Minimum estimated initial fees \$ excluding GST	\$ including GST
Notified and limited notified applications		
• Coastal Permits (excluding moorings), Land Use Consents, Water Permits, and Discharge Permits	2,797.83	3,217.50
• Moorings	1,399.13	1,609.00
New non-notified applications		
• Coastal Permits (excluding moorings), Land Use Consents (excluding Bore Drilling Permits), Water Permits, and Discharge Permits (including Farm Dairy Effluent and Domestic On-site Wastewater)	746.09	858.00
• Moorings	512.61	589.50
• Bore Drilling Permits	306.96	353.00
• plus per additional bore	31.74	36.50
• Fixed Fee for Discharge Permit for burning of specified materials, including vegetation, by way of open burning or incineration device (e.g. backyard burning) (see Note 7)	56.09	64.50

Description	Minimum estimated initial fees \$ excluding GST	\$ including GST
Replacement non-notified applications		
• Coastal Permits (excluding moorings), Land Use Consents, Water Permits, and Discharge Permits (excluding Domestic On-site Wastewater)	653.04	751.00
• Moorings	420.00	483.00
• Domestic On-site Wastewater Discharge Permits	466.96	537.00
Certificate of compliance	420.00	483.00
Existing use certificate	420.00	483.00
Transfer of consents from the consent holder to another person (payable by the person requesting the transfer)	72.17	83.00
Transfer existing water permit between sites within catchment		
• Notified (including limited notification)	653.04	751.00
• Non-notified	409.57	471.00
S127 Change or cancellation of consent conditions		
• Notified (including limited notification)	978.70	1,125.50
• Non-notified	419.57	482.50
Request to review deemed coastal permit to reflect actual space (off-site review) under s53 of the Aquaculture Reform (Repeals and Transitional Provisions) Act 2004		
• Notified (including limited notification)	2,797.83	3,217.50
• Non-notified	746.09	858.00
S128 Review of consent conditions, and review of deemed coastal permits under S10(4), 20(3) and 21(3) of the Aquaculture Reform (Repeals and Transitional Provisions) Act 2004 (see Note 7)		
• Notified (including limited notification)	978.70	1,125.50

Description	Minimum estimated initial fees \$ excluding GST	\$ including GST
• Non-notified	419.57	482.50
Extension of period until a consent lapses	259.13	298.00
Hearing costs (per hearing day per committee member) at hourly rates set by the Remuneration Authority* or the actual costs of independent Commissioners.	(Per RA)	
* Determination dated 1 July 2006 of consent hearing fees payable and defining the duties covered by the fee or excluded, currently \$80 per hour (committee Member) and \$100 per hour (chairman).		
Mooring licence amendment fee	171.30	197.00
Requests by applicants and/or submitters for independent commissioner(s) to hear and decide resource consent applications as provided for by s100A(2) of the RMA:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In cases where only the applicant requests independent commissioner(s), all the costs for the application to be heard and decided will be charged to the applicant. • In cases where one or more submitter requests independent commissioner(s), the council will charge as follows: • The applicant will be charged for the amount that the council estimates it would cost for the application to be heard and decided if the request for independent commissioner(s) had not been made; and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The requesting submitters will be charged equal shares of any amount by which the cost of the application being heard and decided in accordance with the request exceeds the amount payable by the applicant outlined in a) above. • Notwithstanding the above, in cases where the applicant and any submitter(s) request independent commissioner(s) all the costs for the application to be heard and decided will be charged to the applicant. 		

Note: Approved resource consents attract annual charges. For Building Consent Application Fees – Refer Section 3.5.

3.2.2 Photocopying costs for information provided under the RMA – consents, hearings etc.

See also Section 3.1 for charges relating to the supply of information provided under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

3.3 APPLICATION TO PREPARE OR CHANGE A POLICY STATEMENT OR PLAN

Minimum estimated initial fee required for receipt and assessment of any application to prepare or change a policy statement or plan.

Minimum estimated initial fee required to implement a decision to proceed with the preparation or change to a policy statement or plan for the costs of public notification.

3.4 BUILDING ACT 2004

Charges fixed under the Building Act 2004 are resolved by the council and fixed pursuant to the Local Government Act 2002 process until subsequently amended.

3.4.1 Project and Land Information Memoranda (PIM/LIM)

Estimated value of work	Minimum estimated initial fee (MEC) excluding GST	(MEC) including GST
All applications	\$1,120.87	\$1,289.00

Notes:

1. MEC is payable upon application for a PIM/LIM.
2. Final actual and reasonable costs are payable upon uplifting the PIM/LIM based on standard labour charges in Section 4 of this appendix.

3.4.2 Building consents and certificates of approval

Incorporating receipt of a building consent application, the issue of a building consent, including project information memorandum, payment of a Building Research Levy and/or Department of Building and Housing Levy (where applicable) and the issue of a code compliance certificate (where applicable).

Under section 244 of the Building Act 2004, council has decided to transfer the Building Act functions for consenting dams to the Waikato Regional Council. Fees will be charged in accordance with the fees and charges policy set by Waikato Regional Council. All fees and charges for consent processing will be invoiced directly to the applicant by Waikato Regional Council.

3.4.3 Requests for information on building consents

Charges will be the actual and reasonable costs based on standard labour charge rates shown in Section 4 of this appendix.

3.4.4 Technical processing and the exercising of other functions, powers and duties under the Building Act 2004

For technical processing and other functions under the Building Act full costs over and above the minimum estimated initial fee will be recovered in accordance with the additional hourly charges.

Function	Minimum estimated initial fee including GST	Hourly charge for exercise of functions or to recover additional costs
Action to be taken in respect of buildings deemed to be dangerous or insanitary		Standard labour charge rates shown below.
Issue of a Notice to Fix		Minimum charge of \$97.00 and further charges for inspections and other action to confirm compliance based on standard labour charge rates shown over page.

Function	Minimum estimated initial fee including GST	Hourly charge for exercise of functions or to recover additional costs
Lodge Building Warrant of Fitness	\$111.50	Standard labour charge rates shown over page.
Amendment to compliance schedule	\$1,120.00	Standard labour charge rates shown over page. Actual and reasonable for expert advice.
Building Warrant of Fitness audit		Standard labour charge rates shown over page.
Certificate of Acceptance	Large dam (above \$100,000 value) \$4,479.50. Medium dam (\$20,000 – \$100,000 value) \$2,239.50. Small Dam (\$0 to \$20,000 value) \$558.50.	Standard labour charge rates shown below. Actual and reasonable for expert advice.
Lodge dam potential impact category	\$111.50	Standard labour charge rates shown below.
Lodge dam safety assurance programme	\$111.50	Standard labour charge rates shown below.
Lodge annual dam safety compliance certificate	\$111.50	Standard labour charge rates shown below.
Other functions		Standard labour charge rates shown below.

3.5 ANNUAL CHARGES

3.5.1 Minimum annual charge

\$103.50 including GST

3.5.2 Water takes charge scales

Scale of annual charges for water takes

Note: Section 3.5.6 identifies water take consents that have charges set outside these scales.

Fee level	Description/Criteria	Administration charge \$ including GST	Compliance monitoring/supervision \$ including GST	Resource user charge \$ including GST	Total annual charge \$ including GST
M001 RUC001	1. Negligible potential effect: minor abstraction from water resource low level of allocation and limited future potential demand; no water use returns; limited benefit from existing State of Environment monitoring. (Minimum fee)	103.00	0.00	26.00	129.00
ADM001 WAT001 RUC002	2. Minor potential effect: minor abstraction from water resource with low to moderate level of allocation; moderate abstraction from water resource with low level of allocation; water use returns; small benefit from existing State of Environment monitoring and limited monitoring in the catchment.	103.00	27.00	78.00	208.00
ADM001 WAT002 RUC003	3. Moderate potential effect: minor abstraction from water resource with moderate to high level of allocation; moderate abstraction from a water resource with moderate levels of allocation; major abstraction from water resource with low level of allocation; water use returns, resource monitoring by consent holder; moderate benefits from existing State of Environment monitoring, data likely to be used for flow allocation management purposes and/or replacement of consent.	103.00	61.00	154.00	318.00
ADM001 WAT003 RUC004	4. Medium potential effect: moderate abstraction from water resource with high level of allocation; major abstraction from resource with moderate level of allocation; water use returns, resource monitoring by consent holder; continuation flow conditions; existing State of Environment monitoring has greater benefits to consent holder for management, security of supply and/or replacement of consent; total estimated staff time relating to monitoring, supervision and reporting of compliance 1–2 hours.	103.00	137.50	258.00	498.50
ADM001 WAT004 RUC004	5. Medium potential effect – moderate inspection time: same criteria as Category 4. However, total estimated staff time relating to monitoring, supervision and reporting of compliance 2–3 hours.	103.00	212.00	258.00	573.00
ADM001 WAT005 RUC004	6. Medium potential effect – significant inspection time: same criteria as Category 4 but total estimated staff time relating to monitoring, supervision and reporting of compliance 3–4 hours	103.00	287.50	258.00	648.50

Fee level	Description/Criteria	Administration charge \$ including GST	Compliance monitoring/supervision \$ including GST	Resource user charge \$ including GST	Total annual charge \$ including GST
ADM001 WAT006 RUC005	7. Medium to high potential effect – significant inspection time: moderate to major abstraction from resource with high level of allocation. Significant total estimated staff time for inspection and/flow monitoring and consent compliance >4 hours; existing State of Environment monitoring has considerable benefits to consent holder for management, security of supply and/or replacement of consent.	103.00	348.50	451.00	902.50
ADM001 WAT007 RUC006	8. High potential effect – significant inspection time: major abstraction from resource with high level of allocation. Significant total estimated staff time for inspection and/flow monitoring and consent compliance >4 hours; existing State of Environment monitoring has direct benefits to consent holder for management, security of supply, replacement of consent, and specific compliance monitoring of consent.	103.00	425.50	902.00	1,430.50

3.5.3 Minor to moderate discharges to air, water and land, and land use activities including quarries

Scale of annual charges for consents for minor to moderate discharges to air, water, and land (no or minor sampling and/or testing planned) and consents for land use activities including quarries.

The fee levels provided below allow for the appropriate recovery of costs by the council based on the degree of work required by the council in monitoring each consent.

Fee level	Annual charge \$ excluding GST	Annual charge \$ including GST	Fee code narration
	0.00	0.00	Invoiced manually
	0.00	0.00	Waived or remitted annual charges
	0.00	0.00	Charged under another consent
	0.00	0.00	Post billed (non-scale)
	0.00	0.00	Special arrangement
	0.00	0.00	Domestic sewage discharges (Post billing)
MON001	90.00	103.50	Minimum loaded with additional fees post monitoring

Fee level	Annual charge \$ excluding GST	Annual charge \$ including GST	Fee code narration
MON002	90.00	103.50	Annual monitoring charge (and for all the following fees)
MON003	96.52	111.00	
MON004	109.13	125.50	
MON005	128.26	147.50	
MON006	140.87	162.00	
MON007	160.00	184.00	
MON008	193.04	222.00	
MON009	205.65	236.50	
MON010	223.48	257.00	
MON011	242.61	279.00	
MON012	256.96	295.50	
MON013	269.13	309.50	
MON014	288.26	331.50	
MON015	320.43	368.50	
MON016	333.04	383.00	
MON017	353.04	406.00	
MON018	375.65	432.00	
MON019	406.96	468.00	
MON020	448.70	516.00	
MON021	480.87	553.00	
MON022	512.61	589.50	
MON023	545.22	627.00	

Fee level	Annual charge \$ excluding GST	Annual charge \$ including GST	Fee code narration
MON024	577.83	664.50	
MON025	608.26	699.50	
MON026	641.30	737.50	
MON027	673.91	775.00	
MON028	705.22	811.00	
MON029	737.39	848.00	
MON030	768.70	884.00	
MON031	800.87	921.00	
MON032	834.35	959.50	
MON033	864.78	994.50	
MON034	897.39	1,032.00	
MON035	929.57	1,069.00	
MON036	961.30	1,105.50	
MON037	994.35	1,143.50	
MON038	1,026.09	1,180.00	
MON039	1,057.83	1,216.50	
MON040	1,089.57	1,253.00	
MON041	1,122.17	1,290.50	
MON042	1,154.35	1,327.50	
MON043	1,185.65	1,363.50	
MON044	1,218.70	1,401.50	

Fee level	Annual charge \$ excluding GST	Annual charge \$ including GST	Fee code narration
MON045	1,249.57	1,437.00	

3.5.4 Coastal structures (post construction or installation)

Scale of annual charges for coastal structures

Fee level	Description/Criteria	RMA administration fee or mooring licence fee \$ including GST	Navigation safety bylaw fee \$ including GST	Total fee \$ including GST
MOR001 MOR002	Individual swing, pile and jetty moorings with or without resource consents.	103.50	74.00	177.50
MOR004 MOR002	Swing and pile moorings owned by one person or organisation, comprising 10 to 24 moorings (per mooring and berths). Note: No additional charge will be set for those structures which are an integral part of the mooring area, so long as those facilities and activities do not give rise to any significant adverse environmental effects.	88.00	74.00	162.00
MOR005 MOR006	Pile moorings and jetty berths owned by one organisation, comprising 25 berths or more, but no more than 75 berths (per berth). Note: No additional charge will be set for those structures which are an integral part of the mooring area, so long as those facilities and activities do not give rise to any significant adverse environmental effects.	56.50	69.00	125.50
	Marinas comprising more than 75 berths. Navigation fee reverts to \$60.00 plus GST if fees are not paid within 60 days (per berth).		62.00	62.00
MOR003	Dinghy pulls	137.50		137.50
CST001	Cables and pipes	131.50		131.50
CST002	Buildings in the coastal marine area	137.50		137.50
CST003	Seawalls and reclamations up to 100 m	137.50		137.50
CST004	Seawalls and reclamations over 100 m	147.00		147.00
CST005 NAV001	Community and boating club structures and jetties, and non-commercial public structures	137.50	74.00	211.50
CST006 NAV001	Boatsheds	137.50	74.00	211.50
CST007 NAV002	Boatsheds with additional berth	144.00	148.00	292.00

Fee level	Description/Criteria	RMA administration fee or mooring licence fee \$ including GST	Navigation safety bylaw fee \$ including GST	Total fee \$ including GST
CST008 NAV001	Boat ramps up to 15m	137.50	74.00	211.50
CST009 NAV002	Boat ramps/slipways over 15m and grids	144.00	148.00	292.00
CST010	Low use structures not more than 10m ²	131.50		131.50
CST011 NAV001	Low use structures more than 10m ² and up to 300m ²	137.50	74.00	211.50
CST012 NAV002	Low use structure over 300m ²	144.00	148.00	292.00
CST013	High use structures not marine related	137.50		137.50
CST014 NAV003	High use structures not more than 300m ² and slipway not more than 50 tonnes	137.50	414.00	551.50
CST015 NAV004	High use structures more than 300m ² but not more than 1,000m ²	144.00	1,797.50	1,941.50
CST016 NAV005	High use structures more than 1,000m ² and slipways with a maximum capacity of more than 50 tonnes	147.00	3,181.00	3,328.00
CST018 CST017 NAV001	Marine farm	*263.50 +admin fee (\$103.50)	74.00	441.00 (minimum)

* Per farm for amalgamated consents.

Note: All structures may be subject to additional charges that recover the costs incurred by the council for extra monitoring, such as sampling a discharge. Where the costs of monitoring the structure and discharge exceed the annual charge herein, the council will recover the balance in accordance with Section 36(3) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Low use structures are typically privately owned and high use structures are typically commercially owned.

Consent holders of multiple structures authorised under a single resource consent for contiguous facilities, will be charged one annual fee for the most significant authorised by that consent.

3.5.5 Land use consents for boating-related structures in waters upstream of the coastal marine area (post construction)

Scale of annual charges for land use consents for boating-related structures in waters upstream of the Coastal Marine Area (CMA) with minor environmental effects (amended to match fees for similar structures in the CMA, section 3.6.3).

Fee level	Description/criteria	RMA \$ excluding GST	Total fee \$ including GST
MON046	Minor structures and jetties: not more than 10m ² in plan area.	145.65	167.50
MON047	Jetties and other structures: more than 10m ² in plan area.	207.39	238.50

Note:

1. Consents for new boat-related structures or to alter boat-related structures in water-bodies will be subject to an inspection during their construction phase based on staff time and rates set out in section 3.2.
2. Refer to Section 2.2.8 setting of annual resource consent (monitoring) charges of the Charging Policy for bases of charges.

3.5.6 Water takes of high potential effects

Estimated annual charges for water take consents for high potential effects.

Consent holder	Consent no(s)	Annual admin/ supervision/ monitoring charge \$ including GST	Resource user charge \$ including GST	Annual charge \$ including GST (Total)	Fee level
Whāngārei District Council	2960	*2,681.50	902.00	3,583.50	ADM002 RUC006
Fonterra Kauri	437304	*3,084.00	902.00	3,986.00	ADM003 RUC006
Far North District Council	4369	*2,949.50	451.00	3,400.00	ADM004 RUC005
Maungatapere Water Supply Co.	4607	*402.00	902.00	1,304.00	ADM005 RUC006
Murphy Prosperity Trust	4715	*402.00	451.00	853.00	ADM005 RUC005
North Power	4845	*1005.50	451.00	1,456.00	ADM006 RUC005

Consent holder	Consent no(s)	Annual admin/ supervision/ monitoring charge \$ including GST	Resource user charge \$ including GST	Annual charge \$ including GST (Total)	Fee level
Ngāwhā Geothermal Resource Company Ltd.	488312	*670.50	*1,353.00	2,023.50	ADM007 RUC007
Kokich & Anderson	4965	*804.00	902.00	1,706.00	ADM008 RUC006
West Coast Dairy	5004	*670.50	451.00	1,121.50	ADM007 RUC005
Glen Mor Ltd	5014	*468.50	451.00	919.50	ADM009 RUC005
McBeth Farms Ltd	5021	*468.50	451.00	919.50	ADM009 RUC005
Hoddi Ltd	5022	*468.50	451.00	919.50	ADM009 RUC005
Rehford Farms	5027	*468.50	451.00	919.50	ADM009 RUC005
Bryant Fischer Family Trust	7330	*670.50	451.00	1,121.50	ADM007 RUC005
Whangarei District Council	7398	*1,340.00	902.00	2,242.50	ADM010 RUC006
Whangarei District Council	7404	*3,351.00	902.00	4,253.00	ADM011 RUC006
Whangarei District Council	7405	*938.50	451.00	1,389.50	ADM012 RUC005
Kaipara District Council	7582	*1005.00	451.00	1,456.50	ADM006 RUC005
Burke Farms Ltd.	7642	*804.00	451.00	1,456.50	ADM008 RUC005
Kaipara District Council	8032	*804.00	451.00	1,255.00	ADM008 RUC005

Consent holder	Consent no(s)	Annual admin/ supervision/ monitoring charge \$ including GST	Resource user charge \$ including GST	Annual charge \$ including GST (Total)	Fee level
Kaipara District Council	8134	*938.50	451.00	1,389.50	ADM012 RUC005

* Includes a charge pursuant to Section 36(1)(c) towards the costs of specific investigations (flow and/or water quality monitoring) within catchment relating to consent and compliance monitoring (see section 4).

Multiple consents taking from different catchments and/or resources.

For the basis of charging, refer to section 2.2.8 setting of annual resource consent (monitoring) charges of the Charging Policy for bases of charges.

3.6 INSPECTION AND MONITORING CHARGES

3.6.1 Permitted activity monitoring/inspections – fees

The fees will be charged on a cost recoverable basis (officer time, sampling and equipment costs). Refer to section 3.2 staff charge rates and section 3.10 miscellaneous management charges.

3.6.2 Permitted activity dairy discharges – fees

The charges are as follows:

	\$ excluding GST
(i) Inspection and monitoring fee:	
Grades 1P, 2P, 3P (fixed fee)	175.00
Grades 4P, 5X, C (fixed fee)	262.00
(ii) Second and subsequent visits and inspections including travel time, (for non-complying or inadequately treated discharges, grades 4P, 5X and C).	85.00 per hour

Where there is a need for two officers to attend, the costs of both officers will be recovered.

Administration costs incurred will be charged in addition to the costs of the site visit/inspections, plus the actual and reasonable cost of any specific water quality testing and/or enforcement action required (see section 3.10).

Note: For charges for consented farm dairy effluent discharge consents, refer to section 3.6.3.

3.6.3 Farm dairy effluent inspection charges

Scale of charges for consents for farm dairy effluent discharges (full and minor non-compliance and significant non-compliance).

3.6.3.1 Full and minor non-compliance

Sampling and testing required where indicated.

Description/criteria	Charge \$ excluding GST	Charge \$ including GST
Per inspection – (no sampling or testing)	263.91	303.50
Per inspection – (single sample only)	313.48	360.50
Per inspection – (two samples)	363.48	418.00
Per inspection – (three samples)	413.48	475.50
Per inspection – (four samples)	462.61	532.00
Per inspection – (five samples)	512.61	589.50
Per inspection – (six samples)	562.61	647.00

3.6.3.2 Significant non-compliance

Sampling and testing required where indicated.

Description/criteria	Charge \$ excluding GST	Charge \$ including GST
Per inspection – (no sampling or testing)	353.04	406.00
Per inspection – (single sample only)	402.61	463.00
Per inspection – (two samples)	452.61	520.50
Per inspection – (three samples)	502.17	577.50
Per inspection – (four samples)	551.74	634.50
Per inspection – (five samples)	601.74	692.00
Per inspection – (six samples)	651.30	749.00

Second and subsequent visit, including follow-up inspections, for non-complying systems will be at \$85.00 per hour plus GST, plus the actual and reasonable cost of any specific water quality testing and/or enforcement action required.

Note: For fees charged under the Local Government Act for the inspection of non-consented dairy effluent discharge systems, refer to Section 2.3. of the Charging Policy.

3.6.4 Coastal structures (construction or installation phase) – monitoring inspection charges

The fees will be charged on a cost recoverable basis (officer time, sampling and equipment costs). Refer to section 3.2 staff charge rates and section 3.10 miscellaneous management charges.

Note: Refer to Section 2.2.8 setting of annual resources consent (monitoring) of the Charging Policy for bases of charges.

3.7 MARITIME ACTIVITIES

3.7.1 Fees for maritime-related incidents

Staff time will be charged at the minimum charge out rate applicable to the staff members involved.

3.7.2 Navigation, water transport and maritime safety bylaw fees and charges 2016

These bylaws shall be known as the Northland Regional Council Navigation, Water Transport and Maritime Safety Bylaw Charges 2016:

1. These bylaws shall apply throughout the region of the council.
2. In these bylaws, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Maritime facility” means any jetty, jetty berth, wharf, ramp, slipway, boatshed, marina berth, pontoon or, whether private, commercial or a recreational public facility, that is located within the coastal marine area of Northland.

“Mooring” means any swing or pile mooring whether private, commercial or recreational mooring that is located within the coastal marine area of Northland.

“Owner” includes:

- a. in relation to a vessel, the agent of the owner and also a charterer; or
- b. in relation to any dock, wharf, quay, slipway or other maritime facility, means the owner, manager, occupier or lessee of the dock, wharf, quay, slipway or other maritime facility.

3.7.3 Navigation Safety Bylaw fees

For the period specified hereunder and for each year thereafter until amended or superseded by a subsequent bylaw change, the owner of every maritime facility or mooring in the region shall pay to the council an annual navigation fee fixed herein.

a.	The navigation safety bylaw fee shall be payable on the number of berths available at the maritime facility, whether or not all berths are used. The council's Harbourmaster shall determine the number of berths available at any maritime facility.			GST Exclusive
b.	(1)	For every mooring, jetty, jetty berth, boatshed, boat ramp up to 15m x 4.5m, minor structure, and any group of piles with 74 berths or less owned by one organisation.		\$64.35
	(2)	For every berth holder not otherwise included herein a fee for the recovery of the cost of the navigation safety equipment in the upper Hātea River, per berth.		\$64.35
	(3)	a.	For every berth in a marina containing more than 75 berths, provided that if the fee is not paid within 60 days of invoice, the fee shall revert to \$60.00 per berth.	\$53.91
		b.	For every berth in marinas containing 24 or more, but less than 75 berths, provided that if the fee is not paid within 60 days of invoice, the fee shall revert to \$60.00 plus GST per berth	\$60.00

	c.	Swing and pile moorings owned by one person or organisation comprising 10 to 24 moorings (per mooring).	\$64.50
(4)		Boatsheds, per additional berth.	\$64.50
(5)		Community and boating club structures, jetties and non-commercial structures in the coastal marine area.	\$64.50
(6)		Marine farms.	\$64.50
(7)		Boat ramps/slipways over 15 metres and grids.	\$128.70
(8)		High use structures and jetties, marine-related, not more than 300m ² in plan area within the coastal marine area.	\$360.00
(9)		High use commercial slipways with a maximum capacity of less than 50 tonnes.	\$360.00
(10)		High use structures and jetties, marine-related and more than 300m ² but less than 1,000m ² in plan area within the coastal marine area.	\$1,563.04
(11)		High use structures and jetties, marine-related and more than 1,000m ² in plan area within the coastal marine area.	\$2,766.09
(12)		High use commercial slipways with a maximum capacity of more than 50 tonnes.	\$2,766.09
(13)	a.	Mooring license amendment fee. Any changes to the mooring license conditions, such as position, size or design of a mooring, or the maximum length of vessel allowed to use the mooring must be approved by the harbourmaster as required by the Navigation Safety Bylaws. The fee relates to the actual work involved in processing the application, including checking the effect on adjacent mooring holders.	\$171.30
	b.	On-site assessment of moorings. Mooring holders who require an on-site assessment or inspection of their mooring, or proposed mooring, by the maritime staff for their own benefit will receive a fee based on the actual officer's time charged, at an hourly rate comprising actual employment costs plus a factor to cover administration costs (as per the staff charge rate see section 3.2).	
(14)		Pursuant to the provisions of Navigation Safety Bylaw clause 3(1)(6), should any mooring licence fees or other charges due to the council under the provision of this bylaw remain unpaid for a period of 60 days, then the harbourmaster may remove, or cause to be removed, the mooring and detain the vessel using the mooring, until such fees and charges, including the cost of removing the mooring and storing the vessel, have been fully paid and discharged. Should such debts have not been paid and discharged within a further 60 days, the council has the right to sell the mooring and/or vessel to recover the debt.	

3.7.4 Hot Work Permits

	GST Exclusive
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For vessels alongside wharves or at anchor, per permit.	\$77.39
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3.7.5 Safe Operating Licences

	GST Exclusive
For all Northland harbours, unpowered craft not subject to a maritime rule and available for lease or hire, including: dinghies, kayaks, canoes, aqua-cycles, surf cats or similar commercially available craft, an inspection fee to verify the adequacy of procedures and safety equipment, up to one hour.	\$77.39
Where inspection time exceeds one hour, the charge shall be at the rate of \$70.00 per hour plus vehicle running costs at the rates approved from time to time by the Inland Revenue Department.	

3.7.6 Jet Ski Registration Fees

As resolved and prescribed by the Auckland Council which undertakes this function on behalf of the Northland Regional Council under delegated authority.

3.7.7 Pilotage and Shipping Navigation and Safety Services Fees

a.	Pilotage ⁽¹⁾	GST Exclusive
	(i) Inwards/outwards to wharf, Ōpua – per visit	
	Where GT is greater than 500 but less than 3000	\$1,611.19
	Where GT is greater than 3000 but less than 18,000	\$3115.14
	(ii) Ships to anchor in Bay of Islands – per visit	
	Where GT is greater than 500 but less than 3000	\$1,611.19
	Where GT is greater than 3000 but less than 18,000	\$3,115.14
	Where GT is greater than 18,000 but less than 40,000	\$3,717.61
	Where GT is greater than 40,000 but less than 100,000	\$4,155.89
	Where GT is greater than 100,000	\$4,592.85
b.	Shipping – Navigation and Safety Services Fee per ship visiting the Bay of Islands regardless of which pilotage organisation or company actually services the vessel	
	Where GT is less than 3000	\$1.07/GT
	Where GT is greater than 3000 but less than 18,000	\$3,115.14
	Where GT is greater than 18,000 but less than 40,000	\$3,499.59
	Where GT is greater than 40,000 but less than 100,000	\$3,827.08
	Where GT is greater than 100,000	\$4,373.92
c.	Shipping	
	(i) Navigation and Safety Services Fee per ship visiting the Bay of Islands when the master is exempt from compulsory pilotage	

¹ Charges for Bay of Islands apply for vessels entering inside the pilotage limits as marked on chart NZ 5125.

	Up to 3000 GT	\$1.07/GT
	(ii) Navigation and Safety Services Fee per ship visiting the Poor Knights Area to be avoided under Maritime NZ approval for exemption from applicable Marine Protection Rules.	
	Over 45 metres length overall	\$1.05/GT
d.	Shipping – Navigation and Safety Services Fee per ship visiting Whangaroa Harbour except when the ship is also visiting the Bay of Islands during the same voyage.	\$1,074.13

3.7.8 Harbourmaster's Navigation Safety Services Fee

	GST Exclusive
a. North Port Limited	\$122,750.00
b. For water transport operators not serviced by a port company, at actual time and cost.	
c. Where the actual costs on a labour time and plant recovery basis exceed the annual fee, the council will recover any balance on an actual cost basis.	

3.7.9 Applications for Reserved Area for Special Event (clause 3.13 of the Navigation Safety Bylaw 2012)

	GST Exclusive
Special Event Processing Fee	\$155.65
The council shall recover from the applicant all actual and reasonable costs incurred in arranging for the publication of a public notice. These costs are additional to the above fee. Where the actual costs on a labour time and plant recovery basis exceed the annual fee, the council will recover any balance on an actual cost basis.	

3.7.10 Pilot Exemption Exam Fee

	GST Exclusive
Pilot Exemption Exam Fee	\$400.46

3.7.11 All navigation and other fees specified herein are exclusive of Goods and Services Tax

The fees shall apply for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 and will continue to apply until superseded by a subsequent bylaw change fixed by resolution and publicly notified or by the review required by section 158 of the Local Government Act 2002.

3.7.12 Standard charges under the Maritime Transport Act 1994 – Marine Tier 1 Oil Transfer Sites

	GST Exclusive
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	Maritime Rule Part 130B requires that the operator of an oil transfer site obtain the approval for a site marine oil spill contingency plan from the director of Maritime New Zealand. The power to approve these plans has been delegated by the director to the Chief Executive Officer (sub-delegated to council employees) of the Northland Regional Council in an Instrument of Delegation pursuant to Section 444(2) of the Maritime Transport Act 1994.	
	A Minimum fee will apply.	
	Section 444(12) of the Maritime Transport Act 1994 allows the council to charge a person a reasonable fee for:	
a.	Approving Tier 1 site marine oil spill contingency plans and any subsequent amendments;	\$266.96
b.	Inspecting Tier 1 sites and any subsequent action taken thereafter in respect of preparation of inspection reports or reporting on non-conformance issues.	
	A minimum fee is charged and further charges may apply based on officer's actual recorded time charged at an hourly rate comprising actual employment costs plus a factor to cover administration and general operating costs. Should travel be required, additional costs for mileage will be charged the standard rate as approved by the Inland Revenue Department.	

These bylaw charges were publicly notified pursuant to the Local Government Act 2002 and were set at a meeting of council on 16 June 2015. On 16 June 2015, the Council also resolved that activity income sources would be inflation adjusted each year. The bylaw charges came into force on 1 July 2015. In accordance with the decision made on 16 June 2015, these charges have been inflation adjusted for the 2016/17 year.

3.8 BIOSECURITY

3.8.1 Pest control products

- Northland landowners are entitled to a one-off, free 2kg bag of rabbit pindone.
- Landowners are also entitled to a one off free issue of a 5-gram sachet of herbicide to control wild ginger.
- All other pest control products such as traps, pesticides, pre-feed, bait stations, and associated equipment are resold at a 10% mark-up on the price they are purchased from the manufacturer. This 10% mark-up is to cover the administrative costs of supplying these products.

3.9 PROPERTY LAW ACT 2007

	\$ excluding GST
a. Transfer or assign the lease	\$164.35
b. Enter into a sublease	\$164.35

3.10 MISCELLANEOUS MANAGEMENT CHARGES - PLANT AND EQUIPMENT CHARGES

The council's Resolution of 8 December 2004, "that pursuant to Section 150(6) of the Local Government Act 2002, council managers be authorised to set or vary labour, plant and equipment hire fees and fees for miscellaneous services provided by the council as necessary from time to time." The council's labour, plant and equipment charges to external parties are as follows:

3.10.1 Laboratory services – laboratory test charges

Job Ref. No.	Description/criteria	Per sample \$ excluding GST	Per sample \$ including GST
7346	Absorbance % transmittance	5.22	6.00
7369	Conductivity	10.43	12.00
7349	Deposited air particulate	65.22	75.00
7368	Dissolved oxygen	5.22	6.00
7377	E coli/total coliforms – colilert	30.87	35.50
7378	Enterococci – enterolert	30.87	35.50
7373	Faecal coliforms by MF	23.91	27.50
7381	Microscopic examination	25.65	29.50
7374	Faecal coliforms by MPN	43.48	50.00
7370	pH	5.22	6.00
7348	PM10	33.04	38.00
7371	Salinity	5.22	6.00
7358	Suspended solids	18.70	21.50
7372	Temperature	1.30	1.50
7365	Turbidity	6.52	7.50
7346	UV% transmittance	5.22	6.00

Any further tests required, please contact laboratory staff for prices.

3.10.2 Labour – general

Labour costs for the council's staff not previously specified in this policy will be charged at an hourly rate determined from actual employment costs, including overtime rates if applicable, plus a multiplier to cover overheads and any internal costs incurred.*

3.10.3 Plant

Where any of the council's plant is hired, extra costs including additional labour cost in overtime hours, travelling allowance, transport charges, etc., shall be recovered from the hirer of the plant. Where plant is ordered and its services cancelled, all costs incurred by the council are payable by the hirer.

3.10.4 Water quality monitoring devices

	\$ excluding GST	\$ including GST
YSI Sondes per day	65.22	75.00
ISCO Automated Sampler per day	54.78	63.00

All labour incurred in the hire of water quality monitoring devices, is additional and charged in accordance with the charge out rates specified in Section 3.2.

3.10.5 Vehicles/quads

Inland Revenue approved mileage rates for annual work-related kilometres travelled	External rate per km \$ excluding GST	Internal rate per km \$ excluding GST
Motor vehicles		
1 – 3000km (total kilometres for a job)	0.62	0.28
3001 kilometres and over (for each km over 3000)	0.19	0.28
Transit van or similar (public service rate)	1.00	0.41
Light truck (public service rate)	1.20	0.55
Motor vehicles – flat rate	0.28	0.26

* When tradesmen are called out, and their service is cancelled, all costs incurred by the council are payable by the hirer, at the above charge-out rates.

Motor cycles/quad bikes		
1 – 3000 km	0.31	0.14
3001 kilometres and over (for each km over 3000)	0.10	0.14

Transit van or similar (public service rate)	0.14	0.14
Light truck (public service rate)	1.20	0.55
Motor vehicles – flat rate	0.28	0.26

Flat rates may be used where a great deal of travel related to one job is done regardless of the distance travelled in a year.

3.10.6 Floating plant – standard rates

(a) Workboat hire	\$ excluding GST	\$ including GST
Workboat – Waikare per hour	716.52	824.00
Standby – Waikare per hour	271.30	312.00

For significant commercial projects, the council will negotiate hire, standby and total costs with contractors and other parties.

(b) Small launch hire	\$ excluding GST	\$ including GST
BOI Patrol Boat 'Karetu' per hour	255.65	294.00
Standby – 'Karetu' per hour	102.17	117.50
5 metre 'Mangapai' per hour	153.48	176.50
Standby – 'Mangapai' per hour	102.17	117.50
Whāngārei Work Boat 'Ruawai' per hour	255.65	294.00
Standby – Whāngārei Work Boat 'Ruawai' per hour	133.04	153.00

All labour and transport costs incurred in the hire of vessels are additional and charged at \$73.50 per hour per crew member.

NB: (Additional rates may apply in overtime hours)

Other plant not specified above

Each request to hire other council plant or equipment is to be referred to the appropriate manager for approval, who shall apply a realistic charge-out rate and notify the finance manager so that an invoice can be raised.

3.10.7 Hire charge – council, committee, training/meeting rooms

Catering is the responsibility of the hirer. Any refreshments provided by the council will be on charged at cost.

Per day	\$ excluding GST	\$ including GST
Council room	156.96	180.50
Committee room	52.61	60.50
Council and committee rooms	188.70	217.00
Kaipara training room	156.96	180.50
Whangaroa meeting room	52.61	60.50
Kaipara/Whangaroa rooms	188.70	217.00

3.10.8 Hire charge – council video conference facilities

Hire charge includes a meeting room	\$ excluding GST	\$ including GST
Price per hour	\$156.96	\$180.50

Bookings will be subject to the availability of a meeting room and the video conferencing unit. Priority will be given to council business. Video conferencing units are Polycom with 55 inch screens. Connection is IP/Skype for Business only and is not configured for ISDN.

3.10.9 Photocopying

Per page	\$ excluding GST			
	Colour A4	Colour A3	Black A4	Black A3
Applicants/Staff	0.31	0.44	0.09	0.18
Other parties	0.44	0.88	0.18	0.26

Note: Double-sided is equivalent to two pages.

Labour costs also to be recovered.

3.10.10 Digital colour aerial ortho-photography

The council, through a partnership with the other councils in the region, is currently acquiring digital colour aerial ortho-photography for the region. Geo-referenced tiff images are available for purchase or use. Any purchase or use is subject to a licensing agreement, available on request.

The agreement may vary depending on the purchase or use and it is at the council's sole discretion whether such an agreement is entered into.

Typical clauses in purchase agreements:

- a. The owners will supply the aerial photography to the purchaser as GIS compatible geo-referenced tiff tiles and the associated registration file, with each tile scale covering 2500m x 3750m.
- b. The said aerial photography is supplied to the purchaser for internal use only and may not be sold or distributed in any format.
- c. The purchaser will not make the said aerial photography available to any other organisation or person in any form.
- d. The purchaser will refer any request for derived or associated products by any third party, to the owners.

All hard copies of the aerial photography produced by the purchaser for its own use shall be endorsed with a statement that the aerial photography is copyright and may not be reproduced in any form without the consent of the "Owners".

Purchase of small sets of 1:5000 tiles, for an organisation's own internal use: \$50 per tile plus compilation costs at the standard charge rate per hour and GST.

Purchase of large sets of 1:5000 tiles: price negotiable, including recovery of compilation costs at the standard charge rate per hour and GST.

Use of sets for research purposes: price negotiable, including compilation costs at the standard charge rate per hour and GST.

3.10.11 Publication charges for RMA and miscellaneous documents

Plan	\$ including GST
Regional Policy Statement	48.00
Regional Coastal Plan	216.50
Regional Air Quality Plan	48.00
Regional Water and Soil Plan	173.50
Integrated Transport Study	38.00
Regional Land Transport Strategy	59.00
Heavy Traffic Volumes in Northland	21.50

Plan	\$ including GST
Oakleigh-Marsden Point Rail Link Project	21.50
On-site Wastewater Disposal from Households and Institutions	21.50
CDs of plans	21.50

Any council publications not made freely available to ratepayers may be purchased at cost from the council. Contact the council for further details.

