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From: Laurence Walkinshaw
Sent: Wednesday, 30 September 2020 2:34 PM
To: Katie McGuire; Jim Lyle
Subject: RE: Mangawhai Wharf

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Good Morning Katie,

Regarding issues surrounding navigational safety surrounding the proposed wharf.

Access to the wharf: The approaches are very shallow (We currently do not have hydrographic information covering the specific location of the wharf. We can however execute a survey if required) Use of the wharf would be tidal restricted to most if not all motorised craft. The tidal window would vary according to the size and type of vessel attempting to access the wharf. Kayaks and paddle boards may still be able to launch from the pontoon at any stage of the tide. The logistics of transporting a kayak or paddle board along the jetty or boarding craft from the pontoon falls outside of the scope of navigational safety. The observations noted regarding the confluence of tidal streams and the challenges they may or may not present to manoeuvring vessels would not constitute any remarkable or excessive hazard or risk not already experienced elsewhere. Each wharf, boat ramp, pontoon etc have their own challenges and it is the individual skippers responsibility to assess the conditions against their confidence and ability as well as the ability of their vessel to meet such – This is applicable to all water craft. With that said, the state of tide where the currents would be running the strongest would most likely fall outside of the usable tidal window of most power driven vessels, the depth of water would most likely be shallow enough to stand up in.

Enforcement: The Mangawhai Harbour and estuaries due to their sheltered nature and proximity to Auckland is an increasingly popular holiday and recreational boating destination. With its increasing popularity comes an increased demand and requirement for education and bylaw enforcement. Already there are significant challenges associated with effecting this. The upper Mangawhai Harbour being largely estuarine, is difficult to patrol due to the limited water depth and tidal windows. With the nearest vessels being based in Whangarei, lead time to deploy is approximately 1 ½ hours making pre planned patrols the only viable option for on water bylaw enforcement. There are two land based honorary enforcement officers located in Mangawhai who work the boat ramps educating recreational boaties, and enforcing bylaws where it is warranted and they are able to do so.

I trust that this is helpful, please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further clarification or information.

Regards

Laurence Walkinshaw
Deputy Harbourmaster

From: Katie McGuire <katiemcguire@nrc.govt.nz>
Sent: 29 September 2020 09:55
To: Laurence Walkinshaw <laurencew@nrc.govt.nz>; Jim Lyle <jiml@nrc.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Mangawhai Wharf

Hi Laurence,

Further to the documents I sent through last week, the commissioners for the Mangawhai Wharf resource consent application have requested the following response from the Harbourmaster in relation to the below. This is related to the submission and presentation at the hearing by Aaron McConchie which is attached to this email. Please let me know if you have any questions. I am required to provide all requested information by 4pm Friday so if you respond to me by about Wednesday that should give Ali plenty of time to circulate to the commissioners.

- i. Ms McGuire to provide comment from the Harbourmaster on potential navigation safety issues (including enforcement) associated with the increased motorised recreational use of the upper harbour in all tide conditions, safety issues (if any) associated with use of the wharf and pontoon for launching non-motorised boats, and safety issues (if any) associated with vessels approaching the structure under different tidal conditions.

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From: Katie McGuire

Sent: Thursday, 24 September 2020 2:49 PM

To: Laurence Walkinshaw <laurencew@nrc.govt.nz>

Subject: Mangawhai Wharf

Hi Laurence,

Please see attached documents as discussed. I have attached the plans for the wharf, Aaron McConchie's original submission and presentation from the hearing as well as correspondence with Jim and Ross regarding the wharf. I will send through the presentation slides in a separate email as the file size is too large. Once the minute comes through from the commissioners I will forward details through.

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