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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Environment & Planning Committee
Meeting Date: 25 August 2011
Report Author: Stuart Bryant, Chair, Environment & Planning Committee
Subject: Environment & Planning Committee Chair's Report

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Environment & Planning Committee receives the Environment & Planning Committee Chair's Report REP11-08-

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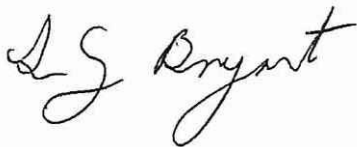
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Recently Tasman District Council hosted a visit by Dr Jim Salinger and Rod Oram who presented a seminar on "Climate Change Impact Outlined" this seminar attracted over 130 people. Jim outlined the most recent information on climate change and Rod talked about the need for businesses and farming to focus on sustainability and innovation to survive. The support given to the presentation is all about providing Tasman residents with the latest and best information on climate change as we are all learning about possible impacts and the need to be resilient in the face of major changes.

The New Zealand Coastal Society (NZCS) 19th annual conference is being held in Nelson from 7-9 November at the Tahuna Beach Holiday Park. The theme for the conference is "Life's a Beach: Enjoying Coastal Resources Today and into the Future". Along with paper presentations during Monday-Wednesday, a pre-conference day trip into the ATNP is planned for Sunday 6 November, a conference icebreaker Sunday, Tuesday night dinner and Wednesday afternoon field trip. The conference also dovetails with the Aquaculture NZ conference being held on 9-10 November at the Rutherford Hotel.

The draft management plan for the Abel Tasman Foreshore Scenic Reserve was notified in June, and submissions closed on 8 August. The submissions have been recorded in a section of Council's database which is accessible by both Council and DoC staff for this project. The submissions will be heard by the Management Plan Approval Committee which comprises: the Chairperson of the Nelson-Marlborough Conservation Board (Ross Hall), Chief Executive Tasman District Council (Paul Wylie), the Conservator of DoC's Nelson-Marlborough Conservancy (Neil Clifton), one Council nominee (Trevor Norriss), and two nominees yet to be named from tangata whenua (for Golden Bay and Tasman Bay respectively).

The foreshore reserve was created in preference to the late 1990s proposal to extend the boundary of Abel Tasman National Park to the low tide mark. The major thrust of the management plan is to preserve the qualities of the foreshore along the coastline around the national park, and to maintain the quality of experience for people in the park, on the foreshore, and in the private properties that adjoin the park. To achieve this, the draft plan proposes to cap the number of people delivered to the foreshore from commercial vessels, and to limit the locations where the bulk of those people are dropped off or picked up.



Stuart Bryant
Chair, Environment & Planning Committee