

Christchurch Wastewater Treatment Plant

Quarterly Monitoring Report

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Summary

This report summarises the results of parameters monitored by the Christchurch Wastewater Treatment Plant (CWTP) over the period May - July 2015 in accordance with consent CRC051724. Consent CRC051724 allows the discharge of treated wastewater from the CWTP Oxidation Ponds into the Pegasus Bay Coastal Marine Area via an ocean outfall.

A dry summer has caused a growth of algae in the oxidation ponds. This has adversely affected total suspended solids results.

Of the comprehensive sampling programme required by the consent, all samples were collected during the monitoring period and most monitored parameters achieved the required standards.

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1 Outfall Discharge

1.1 Resource Consent Conditions

Consent CRC051724 allows CWTP to discharge up to 518,000 cubic metres per day of treated wastewater from the CWTP Oxidation Ponds at a maximum rate of six cubic metres per second into the Pegasus Bay coastal marine area. Compliance conditions regarding the physical discharge to the estuary are summarised in Table 1.1.1. Daily records of maximum outfall discharge flow rates and volumes are attached as an appendix to this report, and shown in summary in Figures 1.2.1 and 1.2.2.

Table 1.1.1 Pond Discharge Consent Compliance for Monitoring Period CRC051724

| Consent Condition | Parameter | Compliance Condition | Compliance | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--|------------|--------|--------|---------|
| | | | May 15 | Jun 15 | Jul 15 | Overall |
| 2 | Discharge Content | Discharge is only wastewater from the CWTP ponds | J | J | J | J |
| 3 | Discharge Volume | Recorded | J | J | J | J |
| 4 | Discharge Rate | Recorded | J | J | J | J |
| 9 | Outfall Maintenance | Routine maintenance completed and recorded | J | J | J | J |
| 10 | Outfall Condition | Visual inspection of outfall | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 12 | Pumping Pressure for a given flow | Monitored | J | J | J | J |

Key: J Full Compliance K Minor, Isolated or Risk of Non-Compliance L Major or Consistent Non-Compliance

1.2 Comments on Compliance

Flowrate and pressure data were recorded as per consent requirements.

CWTP Ocean Outfall Daily Flow Totals

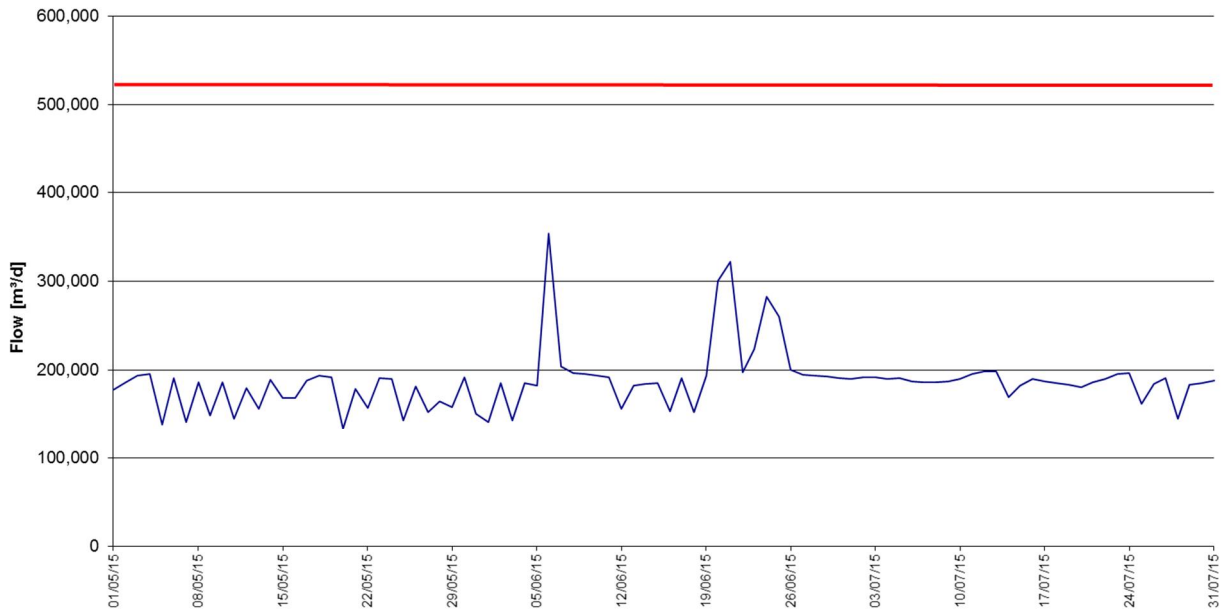


Figure 1.2.1 - Daily Outfall Flow Totals

CWTP Ocean Outfall Peak Discharge Flow Rate (m³/s)

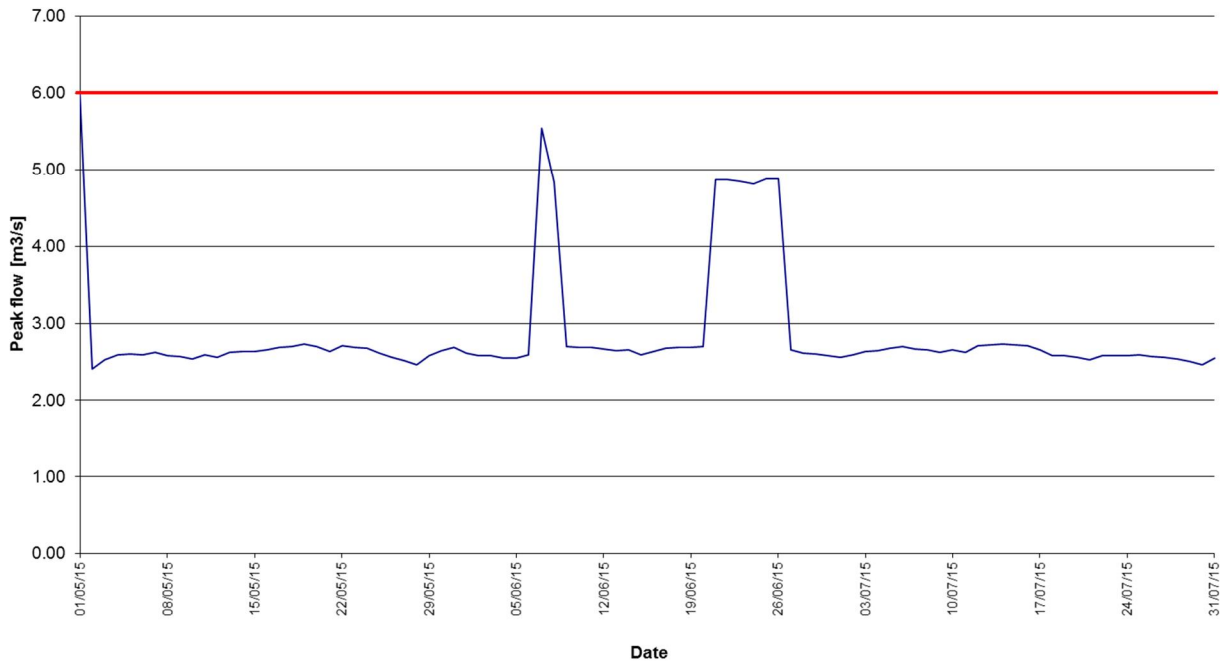


Figure 1.2.2 - Daily Peak Outfall Flows

1.3 Resource Consent Standard Conditions

Conditions 15 and 16 of consent CRC051724 set out concentration standards for a selection of parameters monitored in compliance with condition 13. No more than 16 samples in each rolling 26 week period should exceed the standard value for contaminants listed under condition 15a, and if more than seven from eight consecutive samples should exceed the standard value ECan must be notified within 48 hours. No more than six from eight consecutive samples should exceed the standard value for contaminants listed under condition 16a, and no more than two from eight consecutive samples should exceed the higher value. If more than seven from eight exceed the standard value, or three from eight exceed the higher value, ECan must be notified within 48 hours. Compliance conditions regarding adherence to these standard values are summarised in Table 1.3.1. Analysis results are supplied to Environment Canterbury at quarterly intervals. Contaminant monitoring results for consent CRC051724 are discussed further in Sections 1.4 – 1.9.

Table 1.3.1 Contaminant Limits Consent Compliance February – April 2015 CRC051724

| Consent Condition | Parameter | Compliance Condition | Compliance | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|---|------------|--------|--------|---------|
| | | | May 15 | Jun 15 | Jul 15 | Overall |
| 15a | Dissolved BOD ₅ | Concentration does not exceed 20 g/m ³ | J | J | J | J |
| | Total Suspended Solids | Concentration does not exceed 50 g/m ³ | K | J | J | K |
| | Ammoniacal Nitrogen | Concentration does not exceed 40 g/m ³ | J | J | J | J |
| 16a | Faecal Coliforms | Concentration does not exceed 1,000(standard)/5,000(higher) MPN/100mL | J | J | J | J |
| | Enterococci | Concentration does not exceed 1,500 MPN/100mL | J | J | J | J |

Key: J Compliance Achieved with no Exceedance of Standard K Compliance Achieved with Occasional Exceedance of Standard
 L Exceedance of Standard resulting in Non-Compliance

1.4 Comments on Compliance

All samples were collected and analysed. There were a number of exceedances for the TSS target due to algae growth in May; however CWTP still complied with Condition 15.

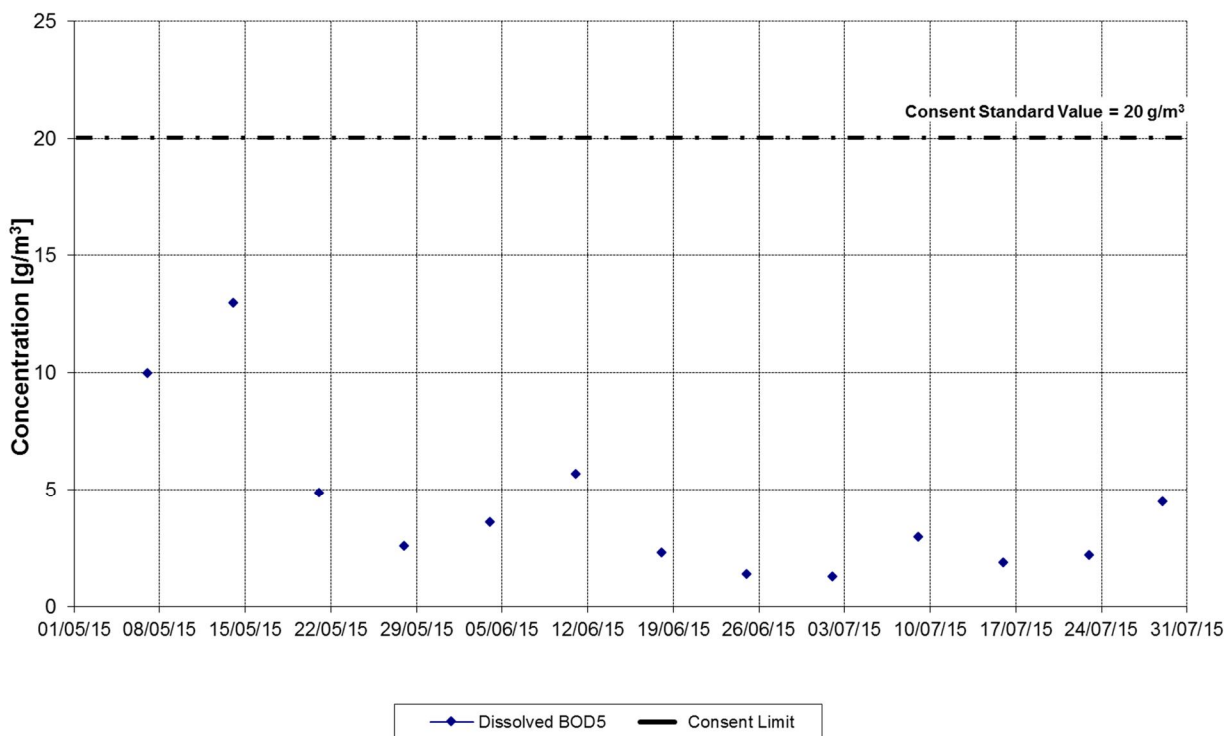
1.5 Dissolved BOD₅ Compliance

The median dissolved BOD₅ concentration for the reporting period was 3g/m³. This is lower than the median concentrations in the previous quarter and higher to the same quarter in 2014. There were no exceedances of the standard value (20.0 g/m³) in the current monitoring quarter.

Table 1.5.1 Pond Discharge Dissolved BOD₅

| | | | |
|---|-----|--|---|
| Median Value [g/m ³] Current Monitoring Quarter (May 2015 – July 2015) | 3 | Number of Exceedances Current Monitoring Quarter (May 2015 – July 2015) | 0 |
| Median Value [g/m ³] Previous Monitoring Quarter (Feb 2015 – Apr 2015) | 8.6 | Number of Exceedances Previous Monitoring Quarter (Feb 2015 – Apr 2015) | 0 |
| Median Value [g/m ³] Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous Year (May 2014 – July 2014) | 1.9 | Number of Exceedances Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous Year (May 2014 – July 2014) | 0 |

1.5.2 Pond Discharge Dissolved BOD₅



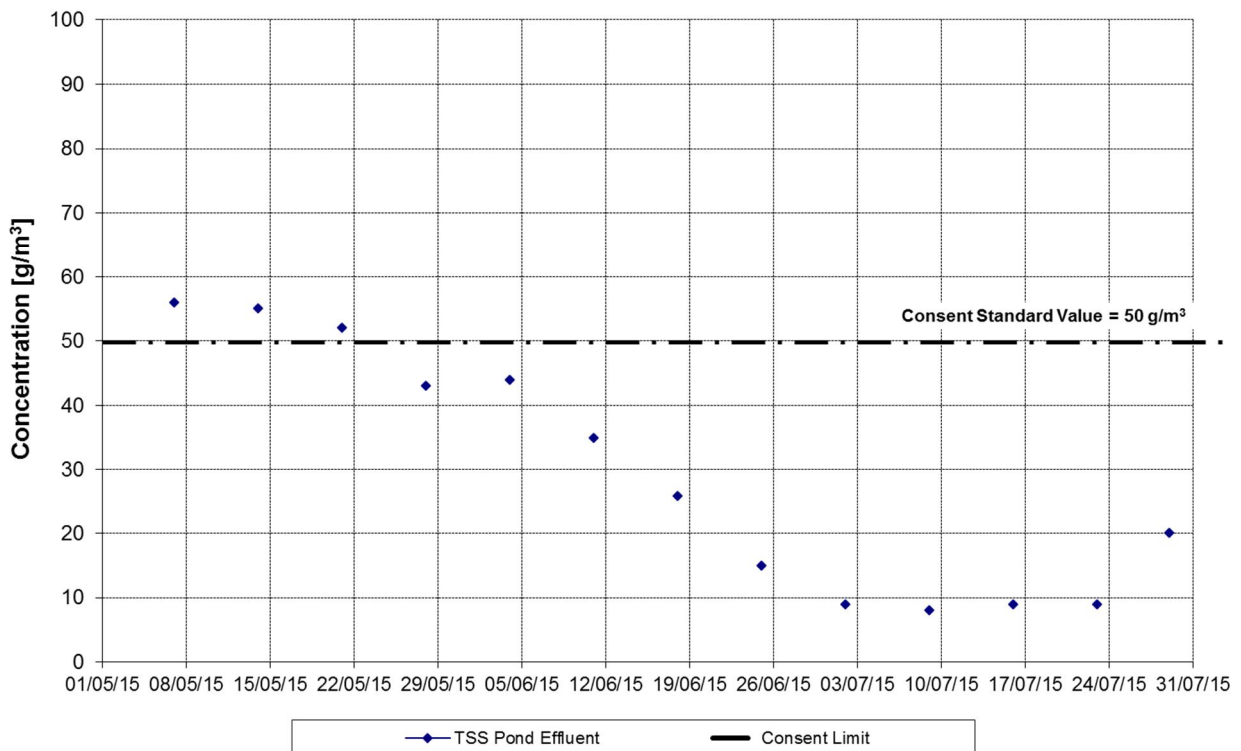
1.6 Total Suspended Solids Compliance

The median total suspended solids concentration for the monitoring period was 26 g/m³. This is lower than the previous quarter and higher than the same quarter last year. There were 3 exceedances of the standard value (50 g/m³) this quarter due to a growth in algae caused by the unusually hot, dry summer. However CWTP still complied with Condition 15 'a' and 'b'.

Table 1.6.1 Pond Discharge Total Suspended Solids

| | | | |
|---|----|--|----|
| Median Value [g/m ³] Current Monitoring Quarter (May 2015 – July 2015) | 26 | Number of Exceedances Current Monitoring Quarter (May 2015 – July 2015) | 3 |
| Median Value [g/m ³] Previous Monitoring Quarter (Feb 2015 – Apr 2015) | 55 | Number of Exceedances Previous Monitoring Quarter (Feb 2015 – Apr 2015) | 10 |
| Median Value [g/m ³] Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous Year (May 2014 – July 2014) | 7 | Number of Exceedances Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous Year (May 2014 – July 2014) | 0 |

1.6.2 Pond Discharge Total Suspended Solids



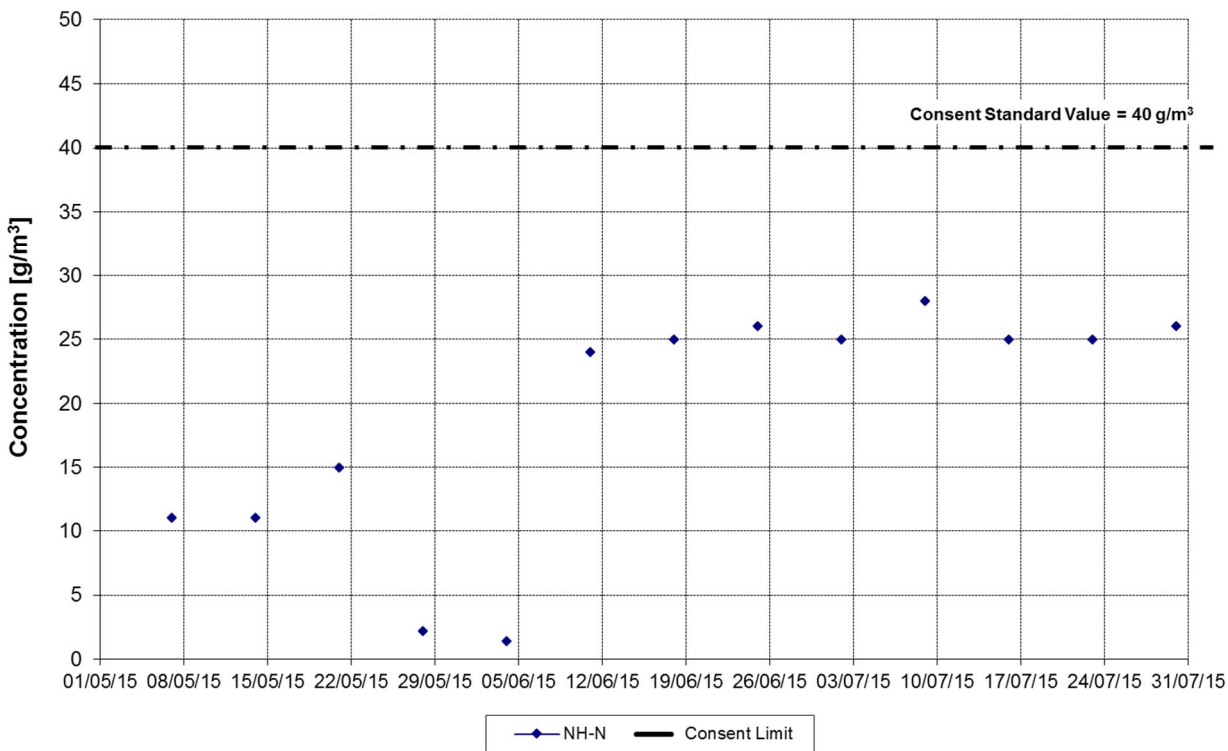
1.7 Ammonia Nitrogen Compliance

The median total ammonia nitrogen concentration for the monitoring period was 25 g/m³. This was higher than the previous quarter and higher than the same quarter last year. There were no exceedances of the 40 g/m³ limit. The two extremely low values late May/early June were due to nitrification in the oxidation ponds.

Table 1.7.1 Pond Discharge Ammoniacal Nitrogen

| | | | |
|---|-----|--|---|
| Median Value [g/m ³] Current Monitoring Quarter (May 2015 – July 2015) | 25 | Number of Exceedances Current Monitoring Quarter (May 2015 – July 2015) | 0 |
| Median Value [g/m ³] Previous Monitoring Quarter (Feb 2015 – Apr 2015) | 9.5 | Number of Exceedances Previous Monitoring Quarter (Feb 2015 – Apr 2015) | 0 |
| Median Value [g/m ³] Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous Year (May 2014 – July 2014) | 21 | Number of Exceedances Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous Year (May 2014 – July 2014) | 0 |

1.7.1 Pond Discharge Ammoniacal Nitrogen



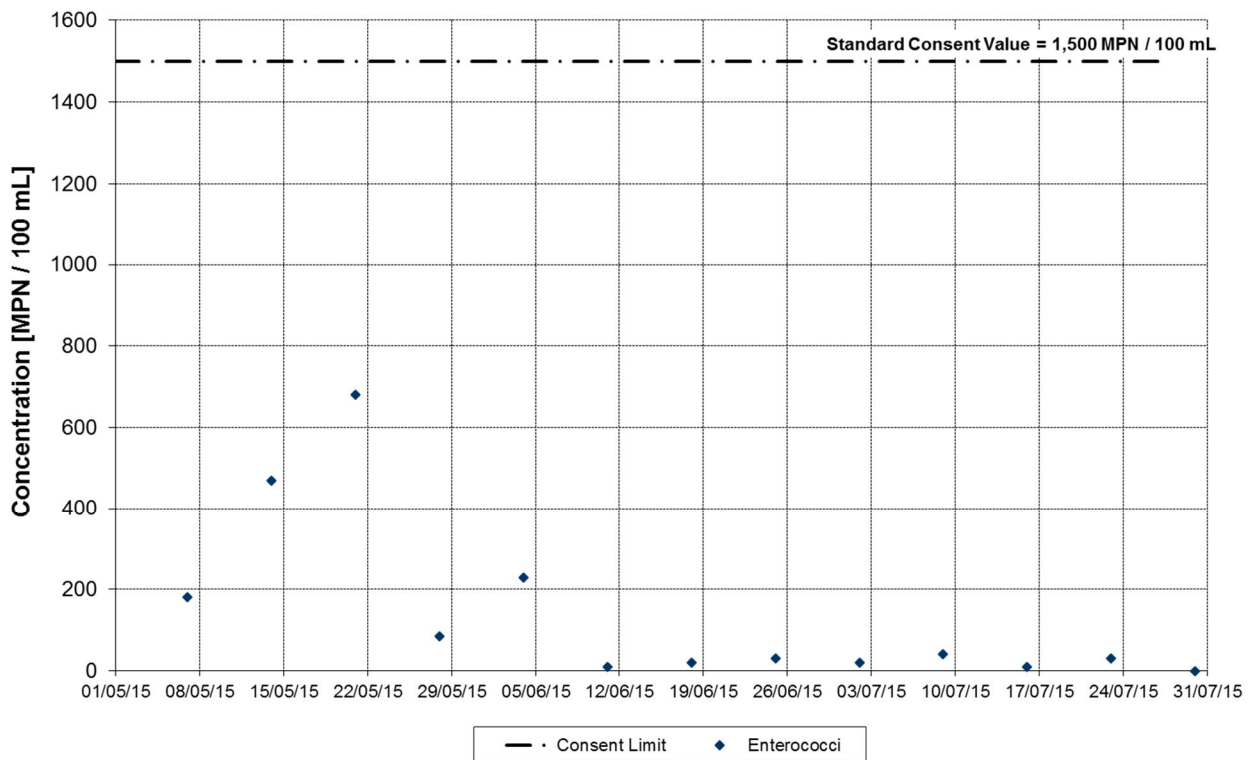
1.8 Enterococci Monitoring

The median enterococci concentration during the reporting period was 36 MPN/100mL. This was lower than previous quarter and lower than the same quarter last year. There were no exceedances of the 1,500 MPN/100ml limit during the reporting quarter.

Table 1.8.1 Pond Discharge Enterococci

| | | | |
|---|-----|--|---|
| Median Value [g/m ³] Current Monitoring Quarter (May 2015 – July 2015) | 36 | Number of Exceedances Current Monitoring Quarter (May 2015 – July 2015) | 0 |
| Median Value [g/m ³] Previous Monitoring Quarter (Feb 2015 – Apr 2015) | 240 | Number of Exceedances Previous Monitoring Quarter (Feb 2015 – Apr 2015) | 3 |
| Median Value [g/m ³] Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous Year (May 2014 – July 2014) | 110 | Number of Exceedances Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous Year (May 2014 – July 2014) | 0 |

1.8.1 Pond Discharge Enterococci



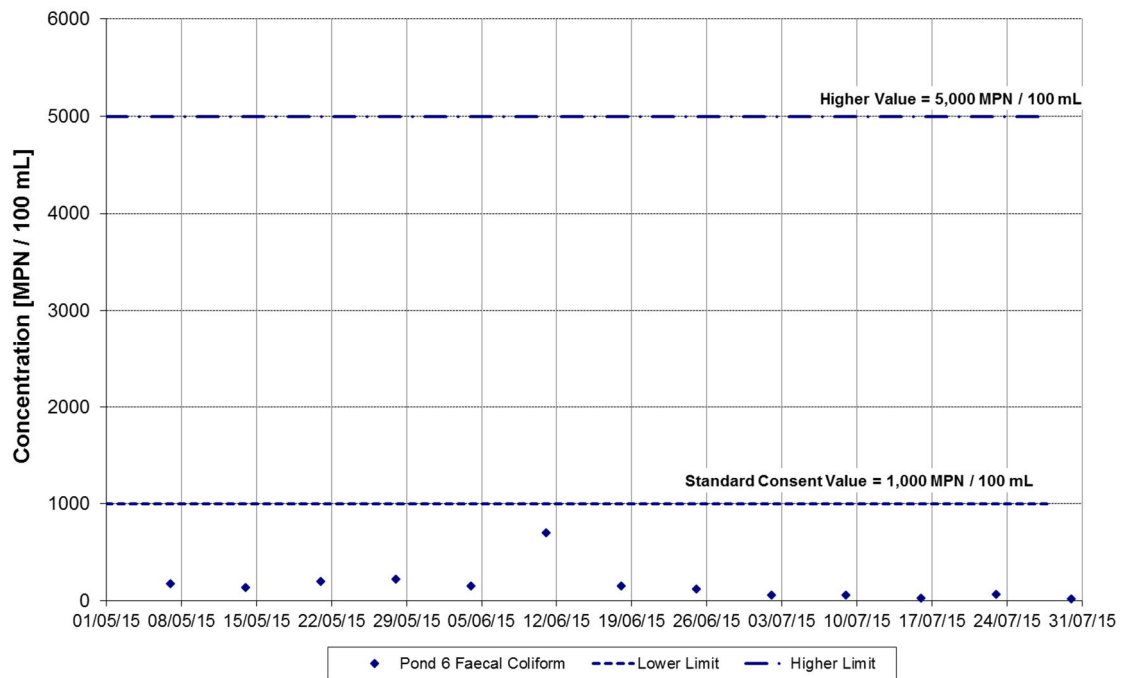
1.9 Faecal Coliform Compliance

The median concentration for the reporting period was 140 MPN/100 mL, which is lower than the median for the previous quarter, and higher than the same quarter in 2014. There were no exceedances of the standard and upper faecal coliform limit.

Table 1.9.1 Pond Discharge Faecal Coliforms

| | | | |
|---|-----|--|---|
| Median Value [g/m ³] Current Monitoring Quarter (May 2015 – July 2015) | 140 | Number of Exceedances Current Monitoring Quarter (May 2015 – July 2015) | 0 |
| Median Value [g/m ³] Previous Monitoring Quarter (Feb 2015 – Apr 2015) | 410 | Number of Exceedances Previous Monitoring Quarter (Feb 2015 – Apr 2015) | 3 |
| Median Value [g/m ³] Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous Year (May 2014 – July 2014) | 95 | Number of Exceedances Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous Year (May 2014 – July 2014) | 1 |

1.9.1 Pond Discharge Faecal Coliforms



2 Receiving Environment Monitoring in Pegasus Bay

2.1 Water Quality Resource Consent Conditions

All samples were collected and analysed as required by consent condition 18. Samples for condition 18 are collected from South New Brighton Beach at Jellicoe Street, Sumner Beach at the surf club, and New Brighton at the Surf Club. Sampling for condition 22a is due March 2017.

Table 2.1.1 Receiving Environment Water Quality Consent Compliance

| Consent Condition | Parameter | Compliance Condition | Compliance |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| | | | May – Jul 15 |
| 18 | Faecal Coliforms | Sampled and Analysed | J |
| | Enterococci | Sampled and Analysed | J |
| 22a | Temperature | 2 yearly | na |
| | DO | 2 yearly | na |
| | Salinity | 2 yearly | na |
| | Total Suspended Solids | 2 yearly | na |
| | Nitrogen Oxides | 2 yearly | na |
| | Ammoniacal Nitrogen | 2 yearly | na |
| | Dissolved Reactive Phosphorus | 2 yearly | na |
| | Chlorophyll-a | 2 yearly | na |
| | Trace Metals | 2 yearly | na |
| | Faecal Coliforms | 2 yearly | na |
| | Enterococci | 2 yearly | na |
| | Phytoplankton Species | 2 yearly | na |

Key: J Full Compliance K Minor, Isolated or Risk of Non-Compliance L Major or Consistent Non-Compliance

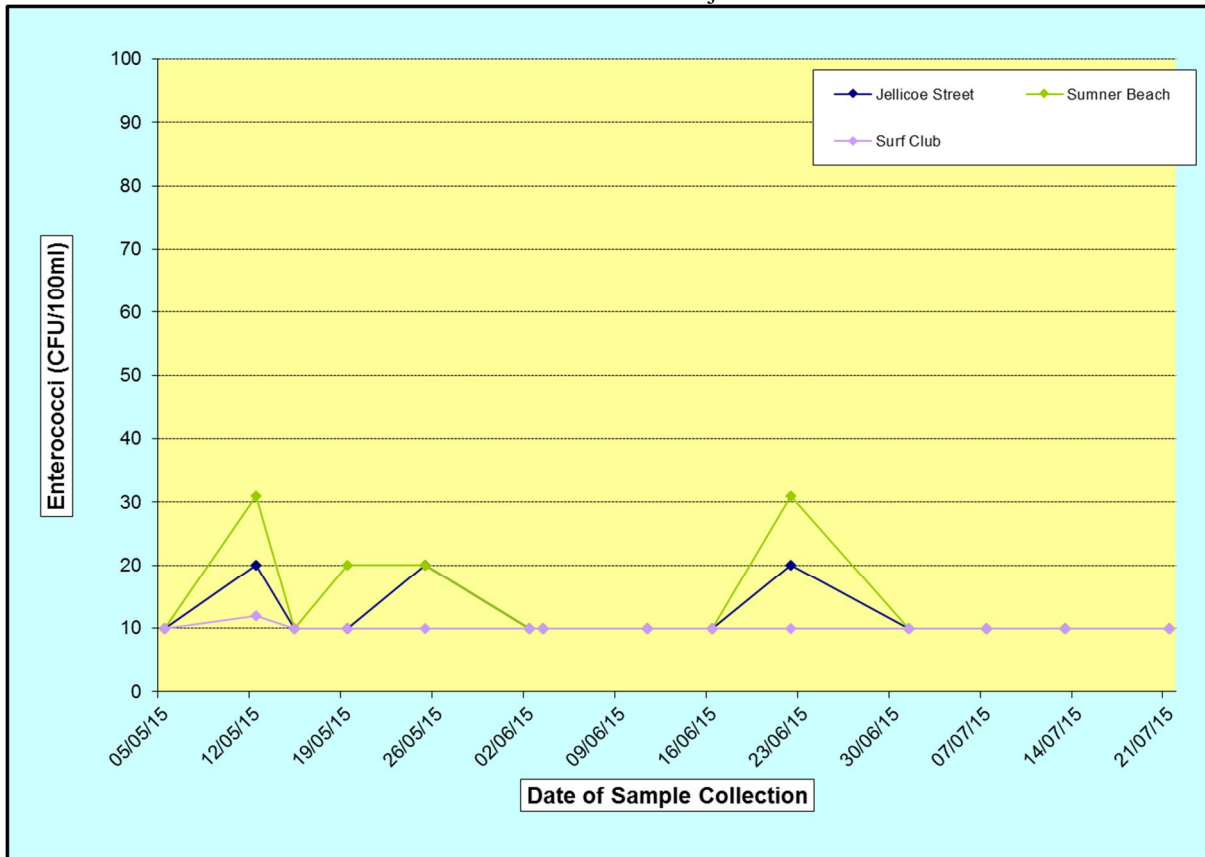
2.2 Comments on Compliance

All results for the Pegasus Bay area were within consent for the recording period.

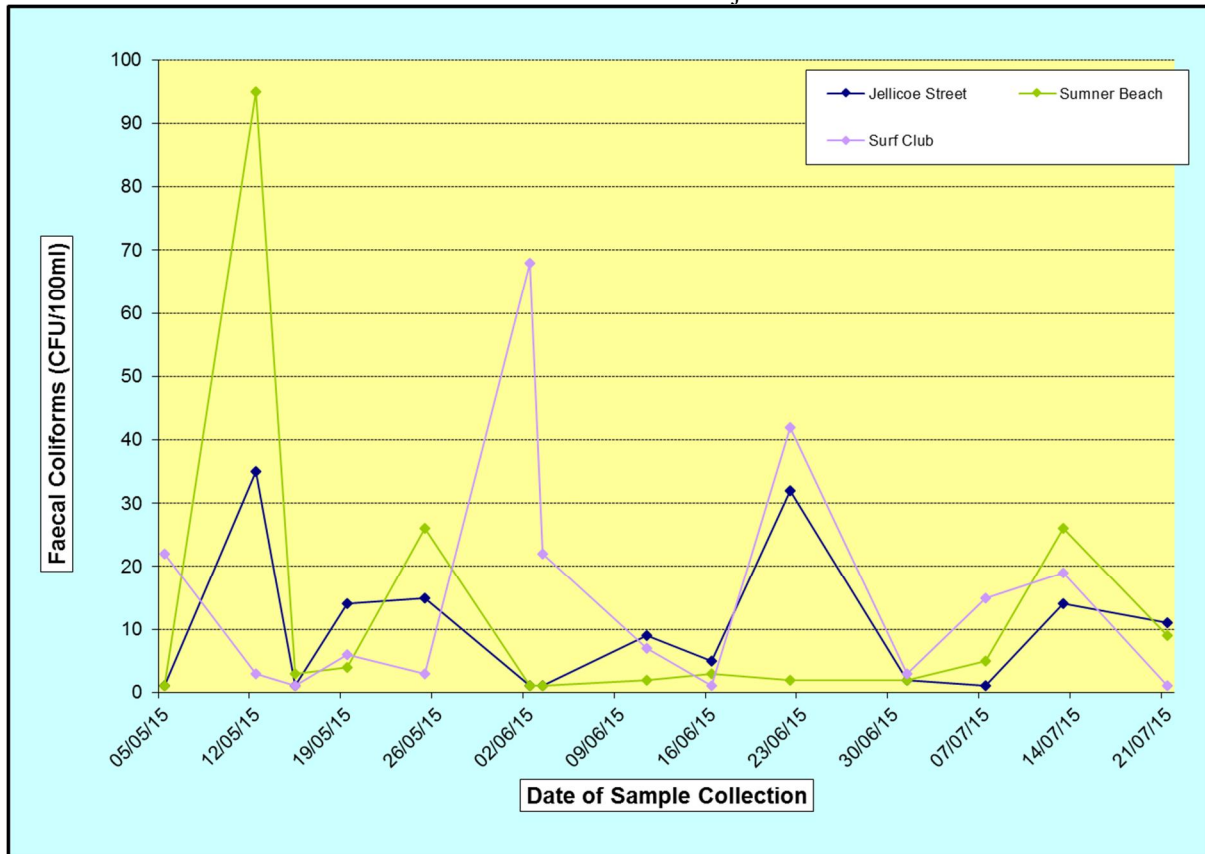
Beach Water Quality Analysis Results

Samples for condition 18 were taken at weekly intervals from the prescribed onshore locations. Results are presented in Figures 2.3.1 and 2.3.2. Any retest results are contained in the appendices.

2.2.1 Enterococci Levels at beaches adjacent to the Outfall



2.2.2 Faecal Coliform Levels at beaches adjacent to the Outfall



2.3 Other Receiving Environment Analysis

Consent conditions 23, 25, 26 and 27 call for monitoring of the marine environment around the outfall at various frequencies, some of which fall in the monitoring period. These requirements are summarised in Table 2.4.1, and the results are attached as an appendix to this report. Sampling for Conditions 23 – 26 are due 2017, while condition 36 is due in December.

Table 2.3.1 Receiving Environment Monitoring Consent Compliance

| Consent Condition | Parameter | Frequency | Compliance Condition | Compliance |
|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---|--------------|
| | | | | May – Jun 15 |
| 23 | Marine Sediments | 5-yearly | Not monitored this quarter | — |
| 25 | Benthic Invertebrates | 5-yearly | Not monitored this quarter | — |
| 26 | Epibenthic Fauna | 5-yearly | Not monitored this quarter | — |
| 27 | Shellfish | Quarterly | Sampled and analysed | J |
| 29 | Complaints | As required | Recorded and reported | J |
| 31 | Report | Quarterly and Annually | Report and information lodged with ecan | J |
| 36 | Community Liaison Group | Annually | Not done this quarter | — |

Key: J Full Compliance K Minor, Isolated or Risk of Non-Compliance L Major or Consistent Non-Compliance

2.4 Comments on Compliance

No complaints regarding the ocean outfall have been received this quarter. This report and supporting documentation will be submitted to Environment Canterbury.

Bad weather has delayed divers from performing the visual check as per CRC051722 condition 12. Inspection should be completed by the end of August.

Stack testing results for the plant general air discharge consent (CRC103926) was emailed to ECan 05/06/15.