

B. NRC – Discharge of Sewage Form



NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

MARINE POLLUTION REGULATIONS – NORTHPORT

Due to concerns for the Whangarei Harbour marine environment and, in particular, the affects of sewage discharges from ships, the Northland Regional Council seeks clarification of visiting ship's compliance with the Resource Management (Marine Pollution) Amendment Regulations 2002.

In summary, these regulations, in conjunction with the requirements of the Regional Plan for Northland, make it illegal for a vessel to discharge untreated sewage into any coastal waters that are:

- Within all Northland Harbours;
- Shallower than five metres;
- Less than 500 metres from high tide mark;
- Less than 500 metres from a marine farm or a gazetted Maitaitai Reserve; and/or
- 200 metres from a marine reserve.

The discharge of treated sewage is permitted as long as the discharge is not within 100 metres of a marine farm and that the treatment system complies with Schedule 5 – Grade A sewage treatment systems.

The Northland Regional Council's preference is for ships to have a "NO DISCHARGE" policy whilst they are inside the Whangarei Harbour limits.

**CONFIRMATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
(MARINE POLLUTION) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2002**

NAME OF SHIP: **IMO NUMBER:**

DATE: **ARRIVAL TIME:** **DEPARTURE TIME:**

- A There will be no discharge of sewage, either treated or untreated, whilst the above vessel is inside the Whangarei Harbour restricted discharge area.
- B Only treated sewage that has been processed through a fully operational sewage treatment system that complies with **Schedule 5 – Grade A Sewage Treatment Systems** of the Resource Management (Marine Pollution) Amendment Regulations 2002, will be discharged.

This ship will comply with A or B (*delete as appropriate*).

Master's signature: Date:

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