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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 2020 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.

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

One very large result was recorded for Faecal coliforms in July. Follow-up sampling taken within 24 hours of the result was 110MPN/100ml, suggesting this was a one-off non-representative sample. Samples taken subsequently were well under the standard limit, supporting this theory.

Hydraulic testing of the pipeline, as specified by Condition 12, occurred May 2020 after a delay due to COVID-19 lockdown.

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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 20	Jun 20	Jul 20	Overall
2	Discharge Content	Discharge is only wastewater from the CWTP ponds	☺	☺	☺	☺
3	Discharge Volume	Recorded	☺	☺	☺	☺
4	Discharge Rate	Recorded	☺	☺	☺	☺
9	Outfall Maintenance	Routine maintenance completed and recorded	☺	☺	☺	☺
10	Outfall Condition	Visual inspection of outfall	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
12	Pumping Pressure for a given flow	Monitored	☺	☺	☺	☺

Key: ☺ Full Compliance ☹ Minor, Isolated or Risk of Non-Compliance ☹ 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

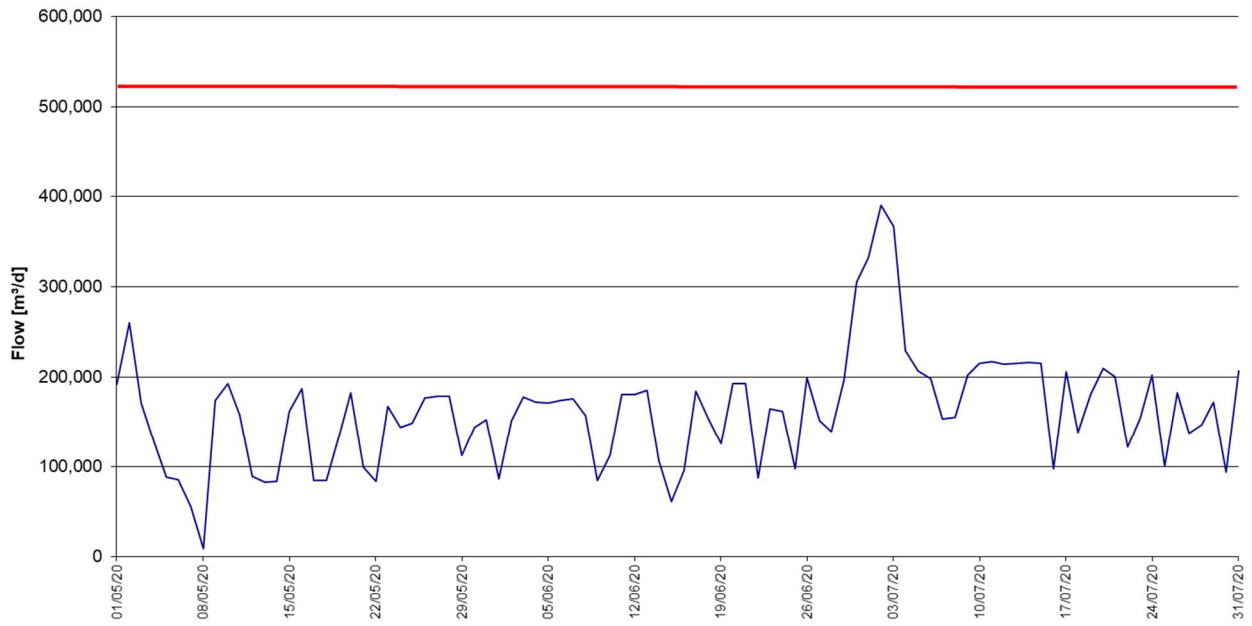


Figure 1.2.1 - Daily Outfall Flow Totals

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

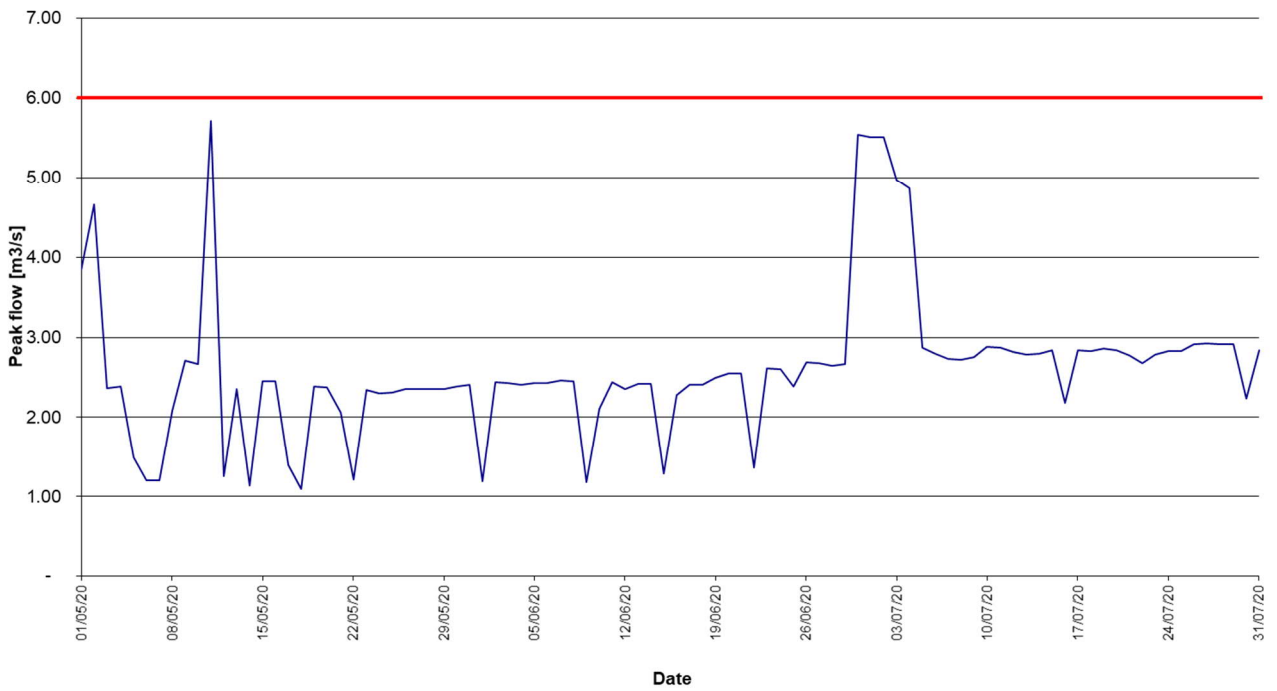


Figure 1.2.2 - Daily Peak Outfall Flows

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 May – July 2019 CRC051724

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

Key: ☺ Compliance Achieved with no Exceedance of Standard ☹ Compliance Achieved with Occasional Exceedance of Standard
 ☹ Exceedance of Standard resulting in Non-Compliance

1.4 Comments on Compliance

All samples were collected and analysed. There was one exceedance of the faecal coliform high limit and one exceedance of the lower standard limit, however CWTP still complied with Condition 16a. Follow-up sampling, not presented in this report, demonstrated this to be a single anomalous result.

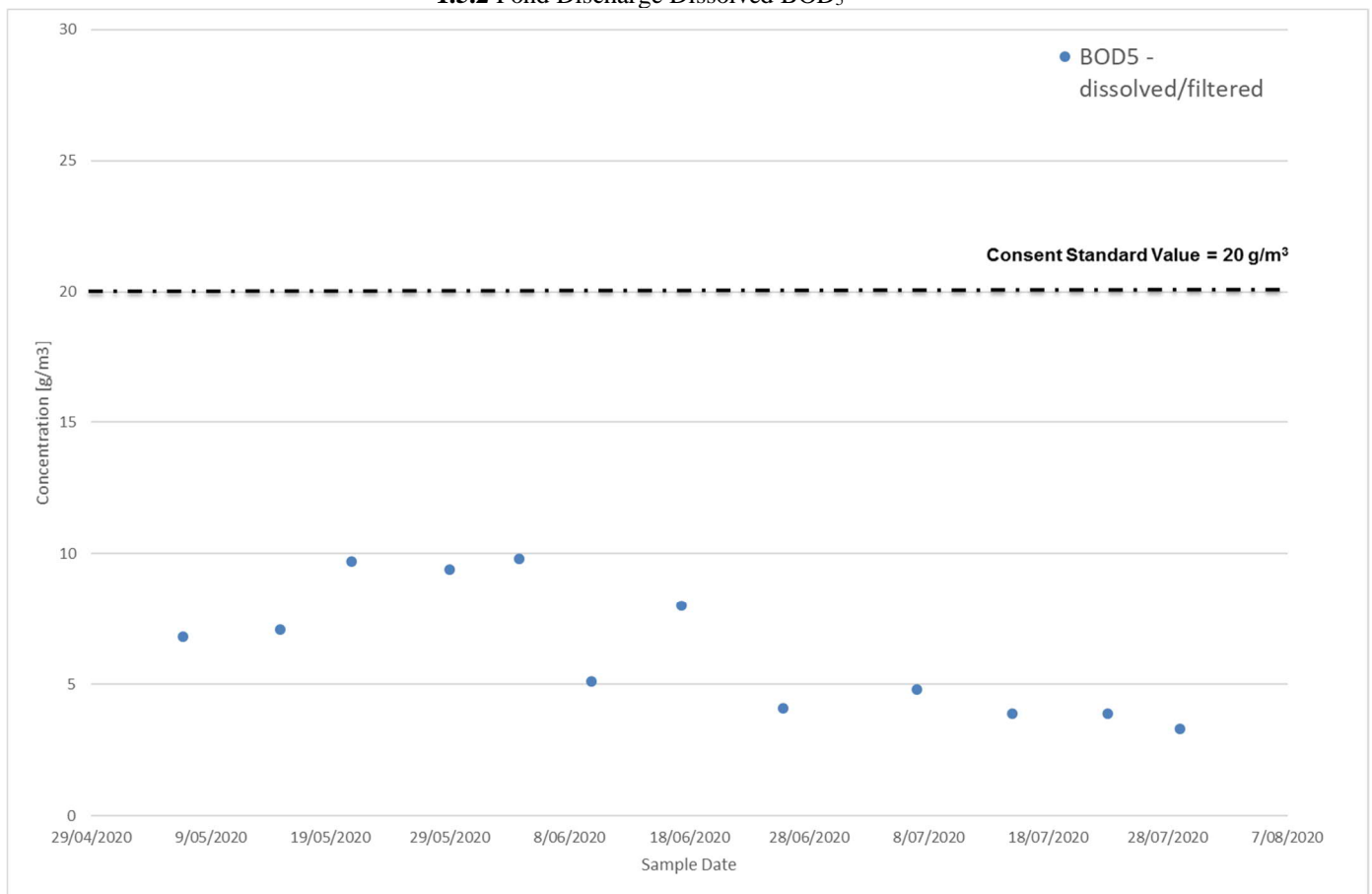
1.5 Dissolved BOD₅ Compliance

The median dissolved BOD₅ concentration for the reporting period was 5.95g/m³. This is higher than the median concentrations in the previous quarter and higher than the same quarter last year. 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 2020 – July 2020)	5.95	Number of Exceedances Current Monitoring Quarter (May 2020 – July 2020)	0
Median Value [g/m ³] Previous Monitoring Quarter (Feb 2020 – Apr 2020)	5.6	Number of Exceedances Previous Monitoring Quarter (Feb 2020 – Apr 2020)	0
Median Value [g/m ³] Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous Year (May 2019 – July 2019)	3.9	Number of Exceedances Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous Year (May 2019 – July 2019)	0

1.5.2 Pond Discharge Dissolved BOD₅



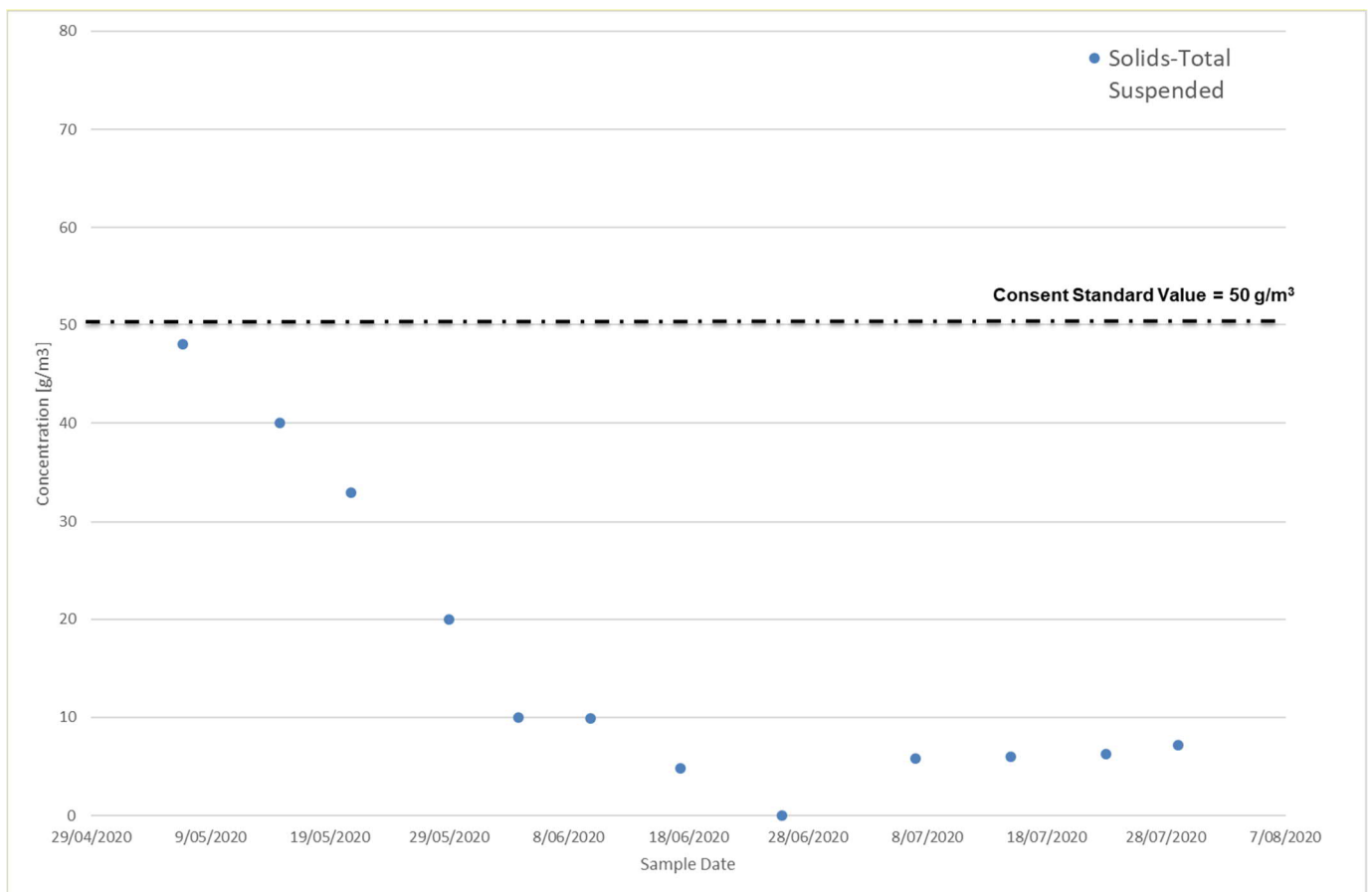
1.6 Total Suspended Solids Compliance

The median total suspended solids concentration for the monitoring period was 8.55 g/m³. This is lower than the previous quarter and lower than the same quarter last year. The drop in TSS compared to last quarter coincides with lower concentrations of algae during winter. There were zero exceedances of the standard value (50 g/m³) this quarter.

Table 1.6.1 Pond Discharge Total Suspended Solids

Median Value [g/m ³] Current Monitoring Quarter (May 2020 – July 2020)	8.55	Number of Exceedances Current Monitoring Quarter (May 2020 – July 2020)	0
Median Value [g/m ³] Previous Monitoring Quarter (Feb 2020 – Apr 2020)	62	Number of Exceedances Previous Monitoring Quarter (Feb 2020 – Apr 2020)	11
Median Value [g/m ³] Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous Year (May 2019 – July 2019)	21	Number of Exceedances Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous Year (May 2019 – July 2019)	0

1.6.2 Pond Discharge Total Suspended Solids



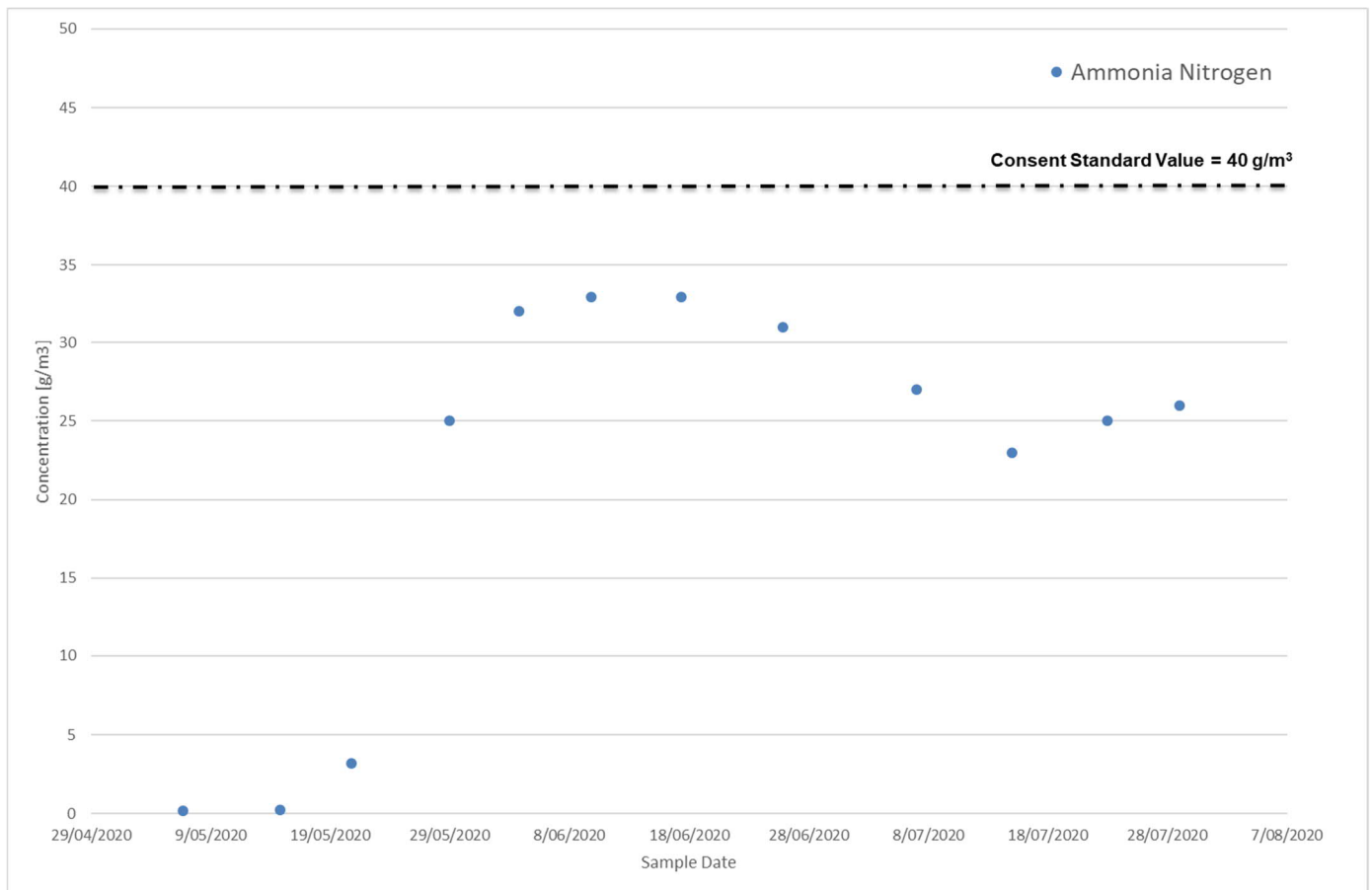
1.7 Ammonia Nitrogen Compliance

The median total ammonia nitrogen concentration for the monitoring period was 25.5 g/m³. This was higher than the previous quarter and lower than the same quarter last year. There were zero exceedances of the 40 g/m³ limit.

Table 1.7.1 Pond Discharge Ammoniacal Nitrogen

Median Value [g/m ³] Current Monitoring Quarter (May 2020 – July 2020)	25.5	Number of Exceedances Current Monitoring Quarter (May 2020 – July 2020)	0
Median Value [g/m ³] Previous Monitoring Quarter (Feb 2020 – Apr 2020)	0.21	Number of Exceedances Previous Monitoring Quarter (Feb 2020 – Apr 2020)	0
Median Value [g/m ³] Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous Year (May 2019 – July 2019)	26.5	Number of Exceedances Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous Year (May 2019 – July 2019)	0

1.7.1 Pond Discharge Ammoniacal Nitrogen



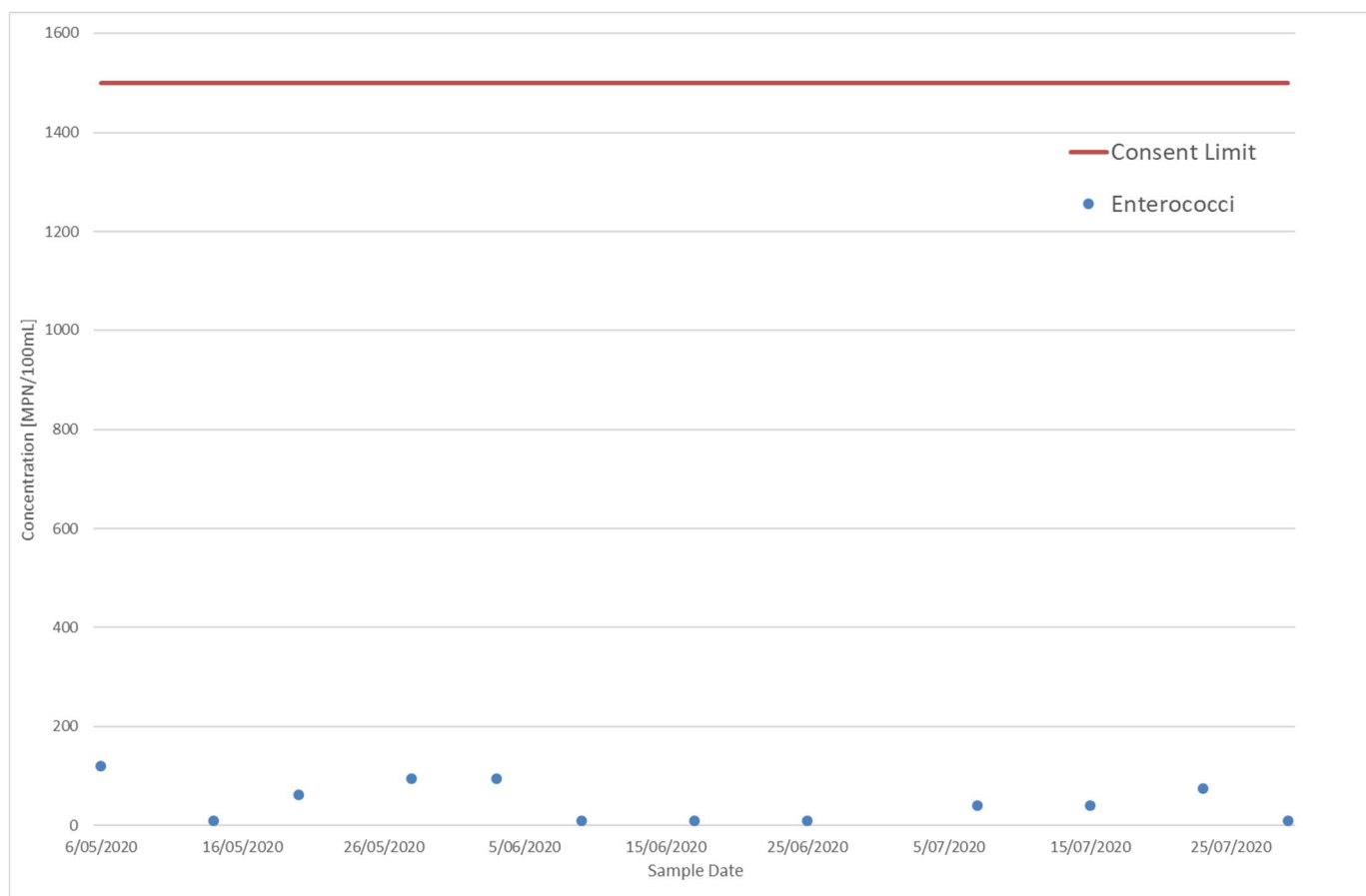
1.8 Enterococci Monitoring

The median enterococci concentration during the reporting period was 41 MPN/100mL. This was higher than previous quarter and lower than the same quarter last year. There was zero 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 2020 – July 2020)	41	Number of Exceedances Current Monitoring Quarter (May 2020 – July 2020)	0
Median Value [g/m ³] Previous Monitoring Quarter (Feb 2020 – Apr 2020)	10	Number of Exceedances Previous Monitoring Quarter (Feb 2020 – Apr 2020)	0
Median Value [g/m ³] Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous Year (May 2019 – July 2019)	72	Number of Exceedances Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous Year (May 2019 – July 2019)	1

1.8.1 Pond Discharge Enterococci



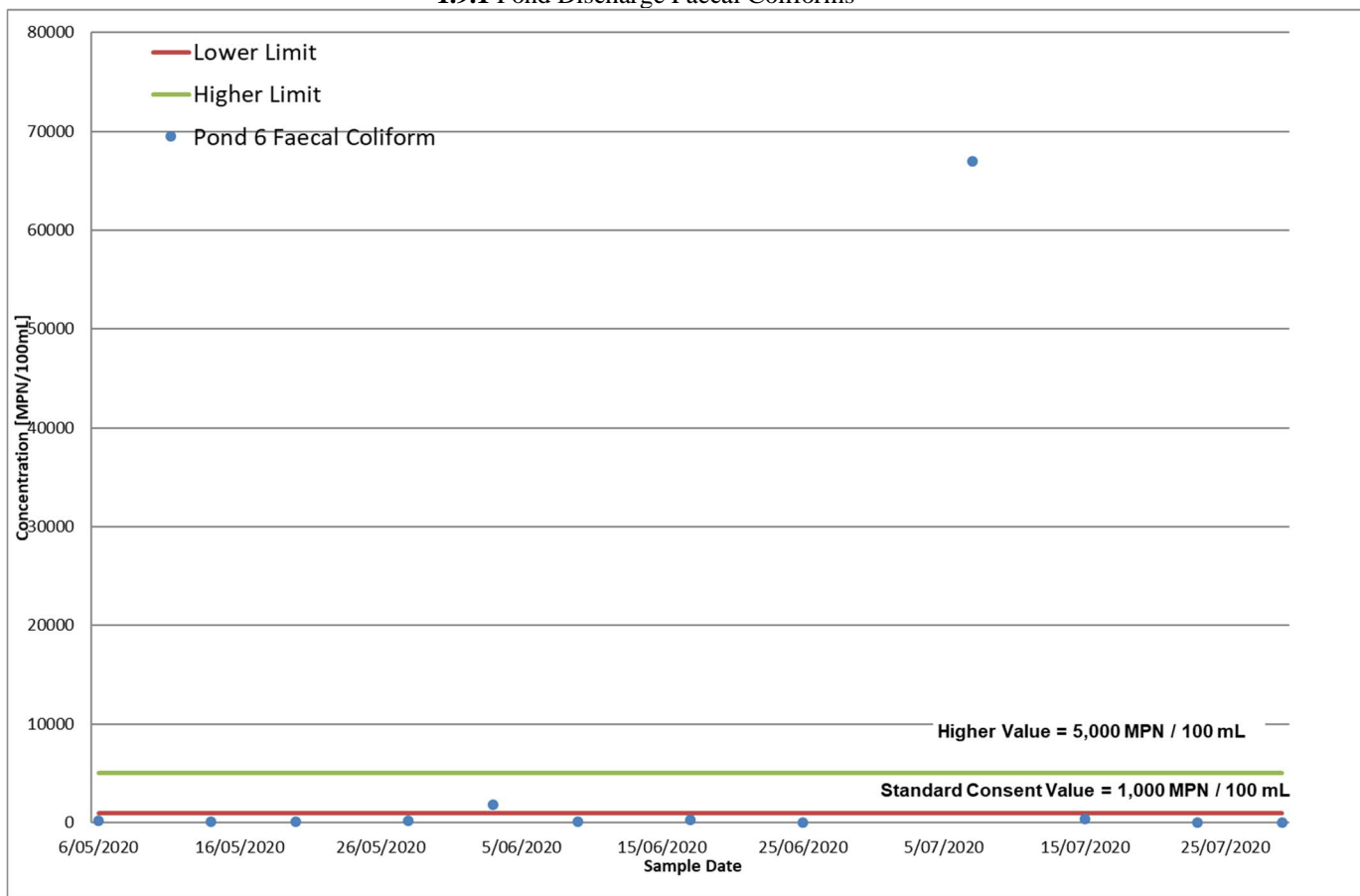
1.9 Faecal Coliform Compliance

The median concentration for the reporting period was 160 MPN/100 mL, which is higher than the median for the previous quarter, and lower than the same quarter last year. There was one exceedance of the standard faecal coliform limit and one exceedance of the high faecal coliform limit.

Table 1.9.1 Pond Discharge Faecal Coliforms

Median Value [g/m ³] Current Monitoring Quarter (May 2020 – July 2020)	160	Number of Exceedances Current Monitoring Quarter (May 2020 – July 2020)	2
Median Value [g/m ³] Previous Monitoring Quarter (Feb 2020 – Apr 2020)	130	Number of Exceedances Previous Monitoring Quarter (Feb 2020 – Apr 2020)	0
Median Value [g/m ³] Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous Year (May 2019 – July 2019)	480	Number of Exceedances Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous Year (May 2019 – July 2019)	4

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 next due in February 2021.

Table 2.1.1 Receiving Environment Water Quality Consent Compliance

Consent Condition	Parameter	Compliance Condition	Compliance
			May – Jul 20
18	Faecal Coliforms	Sampled and Analysed	☺
	Enterococci	Sampled and Analysed	☺
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: ☺ Full Compliance ☹ Minor, Isolated or Risk of Non-Compliance ☹ Major or Consistent Non-Compliance

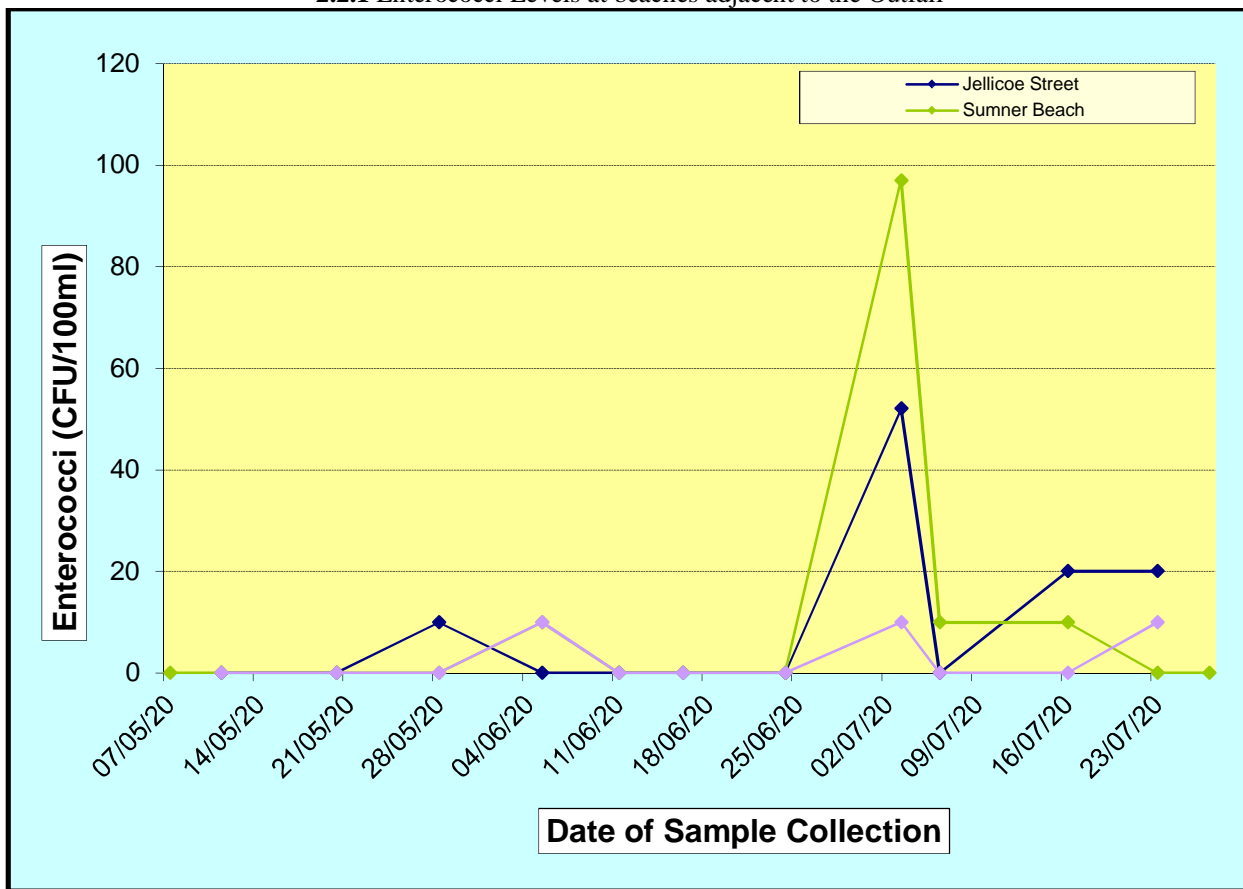
2.2 Comments on Compliance

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

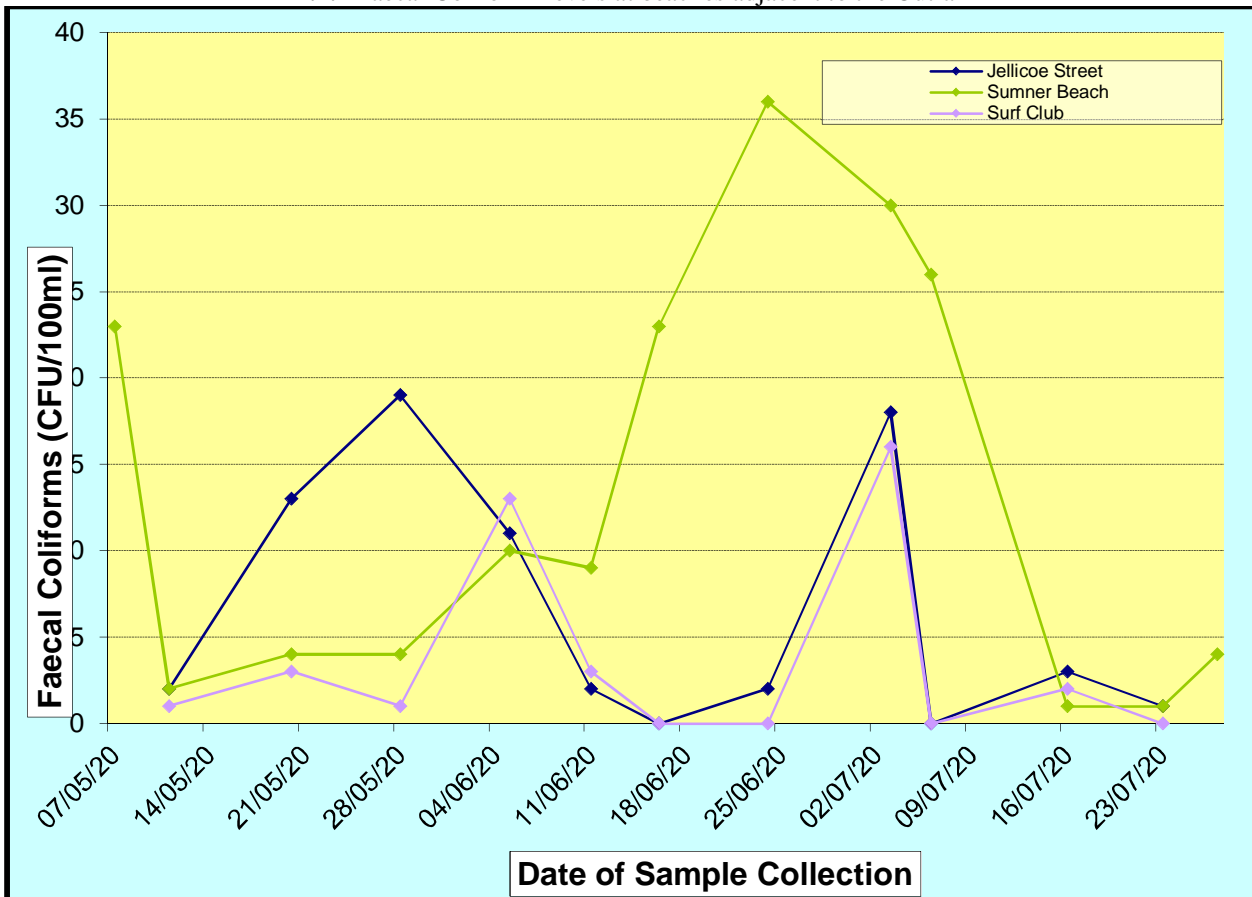
Beach Water Quality Analysis Results

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 but was delayed and completed in early 2018 (next due 2022), while condition 36 is now only undertaken if requested by members of the community.

Table 2.3.1 Receiving Environment Monitoring Consent Compliance

Consent Condition	Parameter	Frequency	Compliance Condition	Compliance
				May – Jun 20
23	Marine Sediments	5-yearly	Reported to ECAN	—
25	Benthic Invertebrates	5-yearly	Reported to ECAN	—
26	Epibenthic Fauna	5-yearly	Reported to ECAN	—
27	Shellfish	Quarterly	Sampled and analysed	☺
29	Complaints	As required	Recorded and reported	☺
31	Report	Quarterly and Annually	Report and information lodged with ecan	☺
36	Community Liaison Group	Annually	Not done this quarter	—

Key: ☺ Full Compliance ☹ Minor, Isolated or Risk of Non-Compliance ☹ 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.