

Appendix 5

Approval of inspectors

Note: All references in this Appendix to Performance Standards are references to the Performance Standards in Table 1.

1. Inspections carried out in accordance with Performance Standard 2 (Table 1), whether in-water or out-of-water, must be undertaken by an approved ~~person~~inspector.
2. Inspectors (individuals or organisations) may be approved by the Minister of Conservation following an application in writing (email or letter) made to the relevant Department of Conservation Director, via coastalplan@doc.govt.nz.~~and s~~Such approval will not be unreasonably withheld and will be provided based on the criteria in clause 4.
3. The required application for approval must contain the name, address, contact details (including phone number(s) and email address), relevant qualifications and practical experience of the individual, or in the case of an organisation of its employees, contractors or members, and two ~~independent~~ references as to relevant professional expertise.
4. The requirements to be met for approval by the Minister of Conservation include:
 - (a) The inspector must have appropriate qualifications and relevant practical experience of vessel hull inspections (including niche areas).
 - (b) The inspector must confirm that they are familiar with Appendix 4 of this plan.
 - (c) The inspector must confirm that they are competent in the use of the Level of Fouling ranking system.
 - (d) The ~~person~~inspector must confirm that they are familiar with and have a copy of the Department of Conservation's current guidance document relevant to inspection, sampling and reporting protocols for vessel hull inspections (including niche areas).¹
 - (e) For yachts only, an approved ~~person~~inspector includes any Safety Inspector appointed by Yachting New Zealand or Maritime New Zealand.
5. Where an in-water inspection is undertaken by a diver in New Zealand, that diver must hold a current certificate of competence for the category of diving

¹ At the time of preparation of this plan, the relevant document containing this information is NIWA report prepared by Floerl, O.; Wilkens, S.; Inglis, G. 2010: Development of a template for vessel hull inspections and assessment of biosecurity risks to the Kermadec and sub-Antarctic Islands regions. NIWA.

required and ~~who~~ meet the requirements of a diver under the Health and Safety in Employment Regulations 1995.

6. Where an in-water inspection is undertaken by a diver outside New Zealand, that diver must be compliant with all relevant commercial diver certificates required in their country of operation, relevant health and safety legislation, and confirm their relevant diving experience.
7. Where any in-water cleaning is undertaken by a diver in New Zealand, that diver must be a current qualified construction diver.
8. Where any in-water cleaning is undertaken by a diver outside New Zealand, that diver must be compliant with all relevant commercial diver certificates required in their country of operation, relevant health and safety legislation, and confirm their relevant diving experience.
- ~~9. An approved inspector must be independent from the vessel owner/operator/company when undertaking a vessel hull and niche area inspection in accordance with Appendix 4 to demonstrate compliance with Performance Standard 1.1.~~
10. The Minister of Conservation will make available on the official DOC website and on request the details of which inspectors are approved for in-water and out-of-water inspections.
11. Approval of an inspector may be suspended or cancelled by the Minister of Conservation in situations where s/he is not satisfied of that inspector's competency. An inspector can reapply for approval.