

Minutes –August 2015

Date: 26 August 2015

Venue: Forsyth Barr Stadium

Chair: Maree Baker-Galloway



Forum Members

- Fergus Sutherland
- Neville Peat
- Philippa Agnew
- Edward Ellison
- Nelson Cross
- Ate Heineman
- Chris Hepburn
- Sue Maturin
- Tim Ritchie
- Gail Thompson
- Carol Scott
- John Henry

TRONT

- Nigel Scott

DOC

- Ruth Mackenzie – White
- Leeann Ellis
- Riki Mules
- Greig Funnell
- Sarah Bagnall

MPI

- Tania Cameron (until 3pm)

Apologies

- Khyla Russell
- Simon Gilmour
- Stephanie Blair

1. Welcome and Introductions

Edward Ellison opened the meeting at 8.44 am with a karakia.

The chair welcomed the Forum to the meeting, advised the Forum of apologies, and confirmed any time constraints regarding the end of the meeting.

Review of previous Minutes

Several amendments to the July minutes were noted:

- change bio-region to coastal unit;
- delete line around ensuring all habitats are protected for each region; and
- remove first reference to gaps analysis, paragraph 9, pg 3.

Agreement: The July Forum minutes were confirmed as accurate, pending the agreed amendments.

Action 292: Leeann to make corrections to July minutes as identified by the Forum.

2. Matters Arising

The Forum discussed progress of open actions.

A new item for the agenda was tabled by Carol: developing a framework for mitigating the impacts of displacement/exclusion of users from sites identified for MPAs. Ways to address impacts to specific users will be addressed when reviewing the region as a whole, and a framework could be considered at this point. User values could also be raised during each phase of discussions.

The chair proposed that the remainder of the meeting be held 'in committee', which was seconded by Neville.

3. Correspondence

A letter from the Governance Group, in regards to the Forum meeting milestones, was tabled.

The chair noted that Fish and Game had been written to, inviting them to engage in the Forum process.

4. Deliberations

The Forum began deliberations, with the objective of identifying areas of interest, for Otago Harbour and Otago Peninsula.

Action 293: Tania to source the survey conducted on Hector's Dolphin population within the South-East region : *Abundance and distribution of ECSI Hector's dolphin* (New Zealand Aquatic Environment and Biodiversity Report No. 123).

Action 294: Riki to obtain by-catch data, to show impact of set nets in this region.

Action 295: Tania to follow up with MPI sign off, on further commercial fishing data being released for the Forum process.

Action 296: Chris to ask Warren Smith about water current convergence impacts.

Action 297: Nelson to talk to Warren about recreational fishing interests around the canyons.

Action 298: Greig and Tim to get coordinates of recreational fishing spots at the canyons.

Action 299: Greig to determine if any of the sharks found on Otago Peninsula are on the threatened list, and, if so, what threat classification they have.

Action 300: Neville to investigate water quality effects at Green Island and Tahuna.

Action 301: Edward to determine if local rūnanga still have interests in making an application for a mātaihai reserve around the Peninsula.

Action 302: Sarah to investigate what the impact would be on tangata tiaki's authority (eg impacts on where they can issue customary authorisations) if a MPA was established in their jurisdiction.

Action 303: Ruth to investigate if Maree and Neville can attend a mayoral forum in Canterbury.

Action 304: Ruth and Maree to develop a media release, around the Forum moving into deliberations.

Action 305: Forum members who are most familiar with Aramoana – Oamaru, and Oamaru-Timaru to schedule time with Greig before the next Forum meeting to identify key biodiversity in that area.

5. Officials update - Milestones

The chair led the Forum in a discussion around timeframes for completing deliberations, as resources needed to be confirmed (e.g. author of consultation document). The chair presented three timeline options, which the Forum discussed.

Agreement: The Forum agreed to release the public consultation document early February 2016, and would aim to have the deliberations complete by December 2015.

Agreement: It was agreed that additional meetings would be scheduled between September and December to allow the Forum time to develop the consultation document.

Action 306: Leeann would contact each Forum member to find additional meeting dates.

The meeting closed at 6.05pm.