

# Minutes – November 2014

Date: 19 November 2014

Venue: Te Rau Aroha Marae, Bluff

Chair: Maree Baker-Galloway

## Attendees:

### Forum Members

- Fergus Sutherland
- Sue Maturin
- Philippa Agnew
- Carol Scott
- Simon Gilmour
- Gail Thompson
- Stephanie Blair
- Edward Ellison

### Via Video Conference

- Tim Ritchie (until 10.00am)

### DOC

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

### MPI

- Tania Cameron

### Apologies

- John Henry
- Nelson Cross
- Chris Hepburn
- Khyla Russell
- Ate Heineman
- Neville Peat
- Tim Ritchie (from 10.00am)

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

The Forum was welcomed with a pōwhiri onto Te Rau Aroha Marae at 6.00pm on the 18<sup>th</sup> November.

Following dinner, representatives from the Marae talked about the stories and whakapapa represented in the carvings in the whareniui and dining room.

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Edward Ellison opened the Forum meeting at 8.54am on the 19<sup>th</sup> November with a Karakia.

The Chair acknowledged the work of the Officials and Forum support team, who organised the logistics for the meeting.

The Chair also raised awareness that as there had been 6 apologies the Forum only just met quorum for decisions.

## 2. Minutes from previous meeting

A discussion took place about the process for loading the minutes on SeaSketch and the website. It was reiterated that the Forum had one week to comment on draft minutes, via SeaSketch, before they were loaded onto the website as a draft to be ratified. The minutes must be ratified at the following Forum meeting, and then the final is loaded onto the website.

The minutes from the previous Forum meeting were tabled. Simon Gilmour moved to accept these as correct, and Edward Ellison seconded this.

**Agreed:** The minutes from the October meeting were ratified.

## 3. Matters arising – Actions

Maree reviewed the Action Register for the Forum.

**Action 114:** Ruth to include information on the East Otago Taiapure Research Evening in the next Newsletter.

## 4. Officials Update

Tania Cameron and Sarah Bagnall gave an update on the actions assigned to the officials.

**Action 115:** Tania and Sarah to compose a written statement on why the existing Taiapure and Mataitai within the Forum area do not meet the MPA protection standard and to advise what would be required to enable them to meet the standard and be classified as Type II protection, including an explanation of the process involved (noting changes can only be made by the taiapure or mataitai committee).

**Action 116:** Tania and Carol to arrange a meeting to further discuss Action 54 – information on voluntary trawl.

A discussion took place around releasing a media update following Forum meetings – it was noted that one was not sent out following the October meeting, as Ruth was concerned it would not be picked up by the media. The Chair requested that a media release be sent out following each Forum meeting from now on.

Action 117: Ruth to prepare and distribute media release after each meeting.

Sarah gave the Forum an update on the development of new Marine Protection legislation. A number of ministers are working across sectors to implement the National Party manifesto around consolidation of marine protection tools. Officials are working on a discussion document, which Sarah anticipates will be released early 2015. She also noted that she has been making her best endeavours to ensure this Forum process is considered by the DOC policy team and advised early of any changes, so as to be forewarned rather than surprised. Sarah also suggested that it was a good time for the Forum to make contact with the Minister of Conservation.

Sarah also provided the Forum with an outline of the '2015 Block Offer' process in regard to oil and gas exploration that was announced by Simon Bridges. She noted that the areas being offered include some within the boundary of the Forum. The Block Offer process now is to engage with Ngāi Tahu and councils until February 2015, then revise the blocks for formal offer.

A discussion took place about inviting a representative from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment to the February Forum meeting.

**Action 118:** Leeann to add discussion around oil and petroleum within the Forum boundary to February agenda, and invite relevant sector representatives, in consultation with the Chair.

## 5. Correspondence

Maree received a package of information from the Pew Charitable Trusts. The information focuses on the Kermadecs and the Trust's goal of a network of marine protection around the globe. This material has been added to the Forum library.

## 6. Members Update

The Forum members gave an update about what consultation they had undertaken with their respective stakeholders.

Carol: Has not had a lot of time to focus on engagement for the Forum. She has worked with Ruth to create an article for the Federation of Commercial Fishermen newsletter.

**Action 119:** Leeann to coordinate Forum members receiving copies of the Federation of Commercial Fishermen newsletter.

Simon: Impressed by the Taiapure committee presentation in October, Simon had approached the paua and rock Lobster sectors about the taiapure - community management model, exploring whether commercial entities could work with local communities to manage fisheries. All responses were affirmative, suggesting this could be a constructive approach, which would provide local communities the power to make change in their area. It was noted by other members that that this approach might be difficult with sparsely populated areas; however, Simon suggested that the sections of coast managed by each community could cover a large area (e.g. the whole of the Catlins) to address this. It was also noted that only rūnanga can decide on aspirations for mataitai (not the Forum). Simon suggested new regulation could be developed enabling community management, not specific to iwi.

**Action 119:** Leeann to investigate obtaining a copy of the presentation presented by the East Otago Taiapure Committee, at the October Forum meeting.

**Action 120:** Leeann to add specialised legislation based on the Taiāpure community management model to potential tools register

Sue: The photographer for the company 'Deep and Meaningful Productions' gave a presentation to the local Forest and Bird branch. She has also been building a library about marine protection tools and would search for an IUCN marine protection booklet on line..

Tim Ritchie: Has been feeling agitated about the Forum survey, which caused him to question how to best engage with recreational fishers, and the purpose of the Forum. He would like to engage by educating – he suggested putting information about the benefits of marine protection on the web page. By showing the public that this process is in their interests, they will be positive about the process. He has also been working with Greig around mapping, so he can engage directly.

Steph: The Mahinga Kai forum was postponed until February, so she was not able to engage with that group. The Marine Science Dept (Otago University) opened a research house at Rakiura (Stewart Island) and she was able to talk about the Forum process at the opening. She also participated in the stock assessment of the Mātaitai/Waikawa Harbour/Tuma Toka Mātaitai Reserve with Otago University Marine Scientists. She gave a report on the Forum

process to this group as well. She also suggested the Forum engage with a group from the Ngāi Tahu Rūnanga, who meet with the Department of Conservation.

Gail: As with Steph

Philippa: Met with other penguin biologists and the Pew Charitable Trust, which is interested in penguin ecology. Philippa talked to them about the Forum process. She will talk to those biologists involved in data collection at the end of summer. She will also investigate having penguin experts attend the science workshop being held as part of the Forum meeting in April.

Fergus: Has been leaving consideration of the tools available until later, and has been engaging with the public as a key priority. He raised concern that the Forum are getting behind in this area, especially as there are no meetings over Christmas. He noted that misconceptions around the goal of the Forum are already spreading (he has heard people question if a large marine reserve was being established). Fergus attended the Owaka Market day on behalf of the Forum, and found marginal interest. People who knew Fergus personally would stop and engage, but Fergus needed to initiate conversation with most people. Most people were interested in SeaSketch, and took the questionnaire away. He has also been posting on Facebook (his personal account and business account), and noted that a small group had started debating marine protection. He also noted that getting posters out is very important, and he has been generating a list of businesses to which to send these.

Edward: Has been in China, so has not undertaken the work on behalf of the Forum that he wanted to. He is hoping to build a network through the Mahinga Kai Forum, and noted that having South-East Forum meetings on the Marae has been positive for this. Edward also noted that he supports a session classifying marine protection restrictions– he would like to explore all available options.

The audio for the video conferencing was only working intermittently, so Tim announced he was going to leave the meeting early. He requested that the Forum contact details be circulated amongst the Forum members, and also requested a glossary of marine protection tools to be available on the website.

**Action 121:** Leeann to send Forum contact details to the Forum members

**Action 122:** Ruth to add a glossary of marine protection tools on the Forum website.

Whether the forum was overly focused on improving fisheries and not marine protection was discussed. Tim suggested that if the Forum can enhance fisheries as a by-product of a marine protection network, then that is a bonus, but should not be the focus. The Chair

questioned if it was a matter of terminology being used, as opposed to a fundamental difference in intent, by referring to “fishery enhancement” instead of “marine protection”. Whether the Taiapure model that allows commercial take will provide suitable protection was discussed. There was also discussion about how broad the Forum needed to look, with both caution around the Forum biting off more than it can chew and suggestions that the Forum should be looking at the broader impact on the marine environment, not focusing on small areas. A discussion then took place about what the Policy stated around marine protection requirements and what (if any) marine protection tools allowed for commercial fishing. Greig confirmed that commercial fishing is allowed in Type II protection, but bottom trawling, Danish seining and dredging are prohibited. He reminded the Forum of the importance of being careful to refer to marine reserves as a subset of marine protection tools. Sarah then clarified that there is no clear indication at this stage that the the MPA Protection Standard will be changing.

Due to the difficulty Tim was having in hearing the conversation via the video link, the Forum agreed to resume this discussion at the February Forum meeting.

**Action 123:** Leeann to add discussion on the marine protection standard and classification to the February Forum meeting agenda.

**Action 124:** Sarah and Tania to provide a list of existing Type II marine protection areas around the country (and those in the pipeline) for the February meeting pack.

**Action 125:** Sarah and Tania to provide a list (in narrative form) on the type of management tools that are available, and what policy/act each comes from, for the February meeting pack.

**Action 126:** Tania to provide a link to the 2011 Gaps Analysis, and provide a hard copy for Forum library.

Tim then queried if the West Coast Forum spent a lot of time arguing these points, and if that was part of the reason the process took so long. Carol clarified that they did not have the MPA Policy documentation for two years and that caused much debate. Carol recommended a presentation on the MPA Protection Standard and Classification at the next meeting.

## **7. Communications and Engagement Report**

Ruth talked through the Communications Report

Facebook: Aim is to update 2-3 times a week, with interesting articles/stories that are marine related. The goal is to draw people in.

Website: Ruth is updating this regularly. It has been raised that the website does not come up in a Google search – Ruth will work with the DOC web team to increase this. She also noted that the more places the website is linked to (e.g. emails, other websites) the higher the profile of the site will be.

Advertisements: This month the public session was advertised in the Southland Times, The Eye, and the SIN (and engaged with the Journalists at these papers). Ruth is also developing a contact list, to which the ads can be sent.

Ruth has also been in touch with Cue TV, who will do a story on the Forum at some stage.

She also advised that she has been working with various members of the Forum – she assisted Carol and Nelson with writing articles for newsletters; and has been helping develop an engagement plan for recreational fishers with Tim and Nelson.

Mail Out: Ruth has been compiling a list of businesses to which to send the Forum posters, along with a letter requesting they display the poster. She expects to post these in the first week of December.

Stickers for posters: Ruth will send out stickers, with individual Forum member's contact details, once finished.

Summer Plan: Ruth would like to hear the expectations of the Forum.

Seaweek: Ruth has been in contact with the coordinator, and will meet them next week. Philippa noted that the Oamaru Library is happy to have a Forum member talk to the public there.

<p><b>Action 127:</b> Ruth to include all newsletter/pamphlet articles about the Forum in the weekly newsletter.</p>
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Ruth reminded the Forum that the project Governance Group are meeting in Dunedin, and have invited the Forum members to dinner on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Newsletter: Forum feedback on the newsletter was positive. The Chair explained to the Forum how the FTP site works.

### Survey

At the October Forum meeting the Forum brainstormed the types of questions that should be in the survey, and then a subcommittee was delegated with finalising it. Following the

meeting the subcommittee determined that the purpose of the survey was not clear. A meeting was held, where agreement on how to progress was made.

- The survey is part of the early engagement process, aiming to raise awareness of the process
- It will not be called a survey, but a questionnaire to better reflect that no 'scientific' results are expected
- It will help develop the next stage of engagement, but could also highlight hotspots and key activities
- It will build a database of interested users of the coast
- In order to draw in more responses, a prize is available (tickets for Monarch Cruises). Due to this, the questionnaire will close at the end of March.

A paragraph has been added to the beginning to make it clear that this is the first stage of engagement.

**Action 128:** Ruth to notify Forum once questionnaire is live

A discussion then took place about how the Forum should use SeaSketch when showing it to the public – if Forum members are logged in as themselves potentially classified information could be shown. A separate account could be set up, but then data specific to each sector would not be available. It was also noted that drawing functionality could be turned on for non-logged in visitors (and they could either be able to submit their suggestions, or not).

**Agreed:** The Forum will not be logged into their seasketch account when they show the public or their sector groups SeaSketch.

**Action 129:** Greig to ensure the drawing function in SeaSketch will be available to the public, but they will not be able to share.

**Action 130:** Leeann to update the Internal Protocols to reflect that the Forum will not be logged on when showing the public SeaSketch.

## 8. Timeframes and Milestones

The Chair led the Forum in a discussion about the milestones – the Governance Group have requested that actions under the milestones are fleshed out. It was agreed that a subcommittee would determine the actions needed to “consider classification and



inventory information and other information on biodiversity and habitat values”. It was noted that this will need to look at threats, as well as what is actually there.

**Action 131:** Chris and Philippa to determine the specific actions that will be undertaken to reach the milestone “consider classification and inventory information and other information on biodiversity and habitat values”

A discussion took place around what educational material is available on the website, and whether educating the public would be part of this milestone. It was suggested that ‘Education’ would be a separate milestone and the Forum discussed what the outputs would be (tools, cost/benefit of marine protection types, SWOT<sup>1</sup> analysis of each type of marine protection). Carol advised that the West Coast Forum spent time compiling and publishing information – it was a good learning process, and involved a lot of engagement with the public. It was noted that the Forum need to be sharing information about the changes to the coast, as well as the Forum process.

**Action 132:** Maree to add ‘Education’ as a separate row in the milestones, and define related outputs.

The Forum then discussed the milestone ‘Collate feedback and information”. The need to provide summary to communities (for further feedback) was raised. The West Coast Forum produced a ‘findings’ paper that was released to the public. It was also suggested that hard copies of the information in SeaSketch be created and released. It is critical to keep in mind “what information do the public need to make well informed, considered, submissions?”

**Action 133:** Tania to obtain copy of the West Coast MPA Process findings paper, and circulate to Forum.

The Forum then discussed the submission process, and who is responsible for summarising submissions. It was noted that DOC can provide support for this. Carol suggested that someone impartial should undertake this. It was also suggested that the Forum members looked at differing sector group submissions. The Forum felt they would like a chance to be more familiar with each other’s sector group, and to have a better understanding of each site.

**Action 134:** Leeann to add to future agenda items register presentations by Forum members on their sector group.

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<sup>1</sup> Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats

## **9. Message for new Minister of Conservation**

The Forum discussed themes to express in correspondence with the Minister of Conservation

- Give a snapshot of the issues
- We would like to keep her abreast of what the Forum are doing, and where they are in the process
- Offer to have the Chair and/or Deputy Chair go to Wellington to give updates
- Give an open invite to attend Forum meetings

## **10. Planning for Public Session**

The Chair outlined what had been prepared for the public session and asked the Forum for feedback. It was noted that at the previous session, the Forum received questions about the process, but the public did not offer information. It was agreed that the relaxed format worked well at the previous session. The Chair and the Project Team had developed interactive stations that the public could engage with: Marine Protection Tools, SeaSketch, and paper maps to which the public could stick up post-its to indicate areas of interest. The Forum members were positive at this approach and keen to try techniques to encourage engagement.

## **11. Engagement with Stakeholder Groups and Networks**

### Methods of Engagement

- SeaSketch – Sector Forum, Survey/Questionnaire, specific questionnaires
- Paper Questionnaires
- Listening Posts (Forum members with banners at tables)
- Education
- Poster mail outs
- Boat ramps
- Magazines (need to look at cost benefit – focus on those that will not charge). Possible ones include Forest and Bird, Dive, Te Karaka, FMC, Sea Kayaking, Farming, DOC, Fonterra)

- Webinar
- Face-Face (involves time and energy)
- Roadshow (in first quarter 2015)
- Attending other group meetings (even for 10 min at start)
- Inviting specific people to talk (informal 'have a cuppa' style)

#### Engagement Plans for sector groups

The success of the engagement process will rely on commitment from all Forum members. How much effort to put into each stage of engagement needs to be considered – the next few months are 'awareness building', the following stage will require more effort.

#### **Tourism**

Contacting regional tourism operators, linking into community websites/facebook pages. Hiring community halls, setting up a table in local libraries.

**Action 135:** Fergus, Philippa and Ruth to generate list of all tourism groups within the Forum boundary for next Forum meeting

**Action 136:** Fergus, Philippa and Ruth to populate a calendar with all tourism group meetings for next 6 months; investigate when Forum can attend these.

**Action 137:** Fergus and Philippa to create a draft schedule for engagement with the Tourism sector to bring to the February meeting.

#### Commercial Fishing

Carol has a large database of quota holders and can access port associations on the coast, and the NZ Federation of Commercial Fishermen.

Roadshows proved effective for the West Coast Process. If meetings are too large a facilitator is required.

**Action 138:** Carol, Simon and Ate to create a draft schedule for engagement with the commercial fishing sector to bring to the February meeting.

It was noted that 'cross pollination' of sector groups would aid success of the engagement process eg have Sue present to the fishers and vice versa.

## Ngāi Tahu

Will sit down with Ruth to work out a plan. The members cover three separate regions – Canterbury, Otago and Southland. It was noted that engagement would be more effective if split into three.

**Action 139:** Edward, Khyla, Gail, Steph and John to create a draft schedule for engagement with the Ngāi Tahu sector to bring to the February meeting.

## Recreational Fishing

Commercial fishing representatives will invite recreational fishers to roadshows as well. Fishing competitions would be a good place to engage.

**Action 140:** All members to send any dates for fishing competitions within the Forum boundary to Ruth.

**Action 141:** Tim and Nelson to create a draft schedule for engagement with the recreational fishing sector to bring to the February meeting.

## Community

The Dunedin City Council website has a good system for seeking feedback, and a link to the Forum website could be added to the council website. Dates of Forum meetings could be added to community diaries.

**Action 142:** Neville to create a draft schedule for engagement with the community sector to bring to the February meeting.

**Action 143:** Ruth to create a template for an engagement schedule that the Forum members can populate for their sector group.

## Closing

Edward closed the meeting with a Karakia at 2.35pm. A short break followed, and then the Public Engagement Session began at 3.00pm.