

Minutes – July 2015

Date: 23 July 2015

Venue: Port Chalmers Town Hall

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
- Stephanie Blair
- Simon Gilmour

DOC

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

MPI

- Tania Cameron
- David Scranney

TRONT

- Nigel Scott

Apologies

- Khyla Russell
- John Henry
- Carol Scott

1. Welcome and Introductions

Edward Ellison opened the meeting at 8.40 am with a karakia.

The chair welcomed the Forum to the meeting, advised the Forum of late apologies, and gave an outline of the agenda.

Review of previous minutes

One amendment to the June minutes was noted:

- Remove 'unanimous' from action 279 (p6)

Agreement: The June Forum minutes were confirmed as accurate, pending the agreed amendment.

Action 281: Leeann to make corrections to June minutes as identified by the Forum.

2. Matters arising

The Forum discussed progress of open actions.

3. Correspondence

No new correspondence was tabled. The chair noted that thank you letters had been sent to the presenters at the Mātauranga Māori Hui in June and an appreciative response had been received from Sir Tipene.

4. Planning to meet milestones

The Chair led the Forum in a discussion around how they would approach deliberation, and what steps would be taken to meet milestones. Greig Funnell gave a presentation on how SeaSketch can be used in an iterative process to assess potential MPA networks against requirements from the MPA Policy. The Forum broke into working groups to discuss how the deliberation stage will be approached and reported back their recommendations

A discussion took place around the development of a set of criteria, incorporating design principles, that the Forum could assess potential MPAs against during the deliberation process. The Forum decided to park the development of criteria at this stage.

Action 282: Greig to confirm with Riki if the Bluewater Titles are on SeaSketch.

Agreement: Forum members all agreed that they were ready to begin deliberations around where MPAs might be located.

(The planning for deliberation discussion was paused for the scheduled session with PEPANZ).

5. Petroleum Exploration and Production Association New Zealand (PEPANZ)

Following an introduction from the Forum chair, outlining the role of the Forum and the process, representatives from the Petroleum Exploration and Production Association New Zealand (PEPANZ), MBIE, Anadarko, NZOG and Shell, gave a presentation to the Forum members, detailing

how and where exploration was undertaken as it relates to the area over which the Forum will be making recommendations.

Action: Greig to determine if Anadarko seabird data is available to be loaded into SeaSketch.

6. Upcoming events

The Forum reviewed upcoming meetings, and discussed who would attend these.

Action 283: Fergus and Philippa to discuss the Forum update to be given at the Yellow-Eyed Penguin Symposium.

7. Communications update

Ruth gave an update on the communications and engagement work that happened over June/July. She recommended that future public newsletters and other updates begin advising the public about the next stage for the Forum.

Action 284: Ruth to send a draft public newsletter to the Forum members for review before circulating wider.

8. Members update

The chair proposed that this session be missed for this meeting, so the conversation on how the Forum will meet milestones can be continued. This was supported by the Forum.

9. Planning to meet milestones (Ctd)

The chair gave a summary of the morning's discussion, and led the Forum in further discussion on a process for the deliberation stage.

Agreement: The Forum will assess the six coastal units that make up the Forum region sequentially: starting with looking at features that are unique/nationally significant; then presenting sector suggestions for that coastal unit; then reviewing the outcome against the policy criteria. Once this had been completed for each region, the draft areas for protection would be reviewed as a whole and the network reassessed against the policy criteria.

Agreement: The coastal units would be assessed in the order: Otago Harbour, Otago Peninsula, Aramoana - Oamaru, Oamaru - Timaru, Kaikorai Lagoon – Nugget Point, Nugget Point - Waipapa Point. It was noted that there would be flexibility in this order, dependant on availability of 'local' Forum members to attend each meeting.

The Forum discussed their availability to add additional meetings to the meeting schedule, and what can be done between meetings to enhance the Forum's progress.

Action 285: Forum members to send individual plans/ideas for marine protection to Greig, who will enter them into a shared forum on SeaSketch for discussion at the next meeting.

Action 286: Greig to establish a forum on SeaSketch where Forum members can share proposed MPAs sites and networks for Forum members to work on between meetings.

Action 287: Leeann to provide copies of the “Marine Biodiversity Expert Group Report”, 2004, to all Forum members for them to read prior to the next meeting.

Action 288: Greig to provide an update on new data layers in SeaSketch in the Wednesday Wave (e.g. information on spawning sites for fish).

Action 289: Ruth to include in the next Wednesday Wave: a link to the latest Plenary (from the MPI website); a link to the document “Eastward to the Sea: a scientific review of Otago’s Coastal Marine Area” by Abby Smith; and a link to the West Coast consultation document.

The Forum then talked about how to undertake public meetings during the deliberation stage. It was noted that while there are still some requests for the Forum to meet with groups, a lot of feedback indicated the public want to engage with the Forum about proposed sites.

Agreement: Forum members would continue to attend meetings with interested sector groups as requested and coordinate attendance of relevant Forum sector group representatives.

Agreement: The August Forum meeting will not include an open public session.

Action 290: Tim, Nelson, Philippa and Ate to progress a meeting with interested parties in Moeraki (specifically the Moeraki and Karitane fishing clubs).

The Forum talked about the location of Forum meetings going forward, and noted that the majority of Forum members were located around Dunedin so it would be prudent to have meetings near Dunedin.

Agreement: August/September Forum meetings will be held in Dunedin.

Agreement: An additional meeting day (20th September) will be added to the September Forum meeting.

The meeting closed at 3.40pm.