

**Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari
Seventh Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) meeting summary
23 & 24 June 2014 at the TCDC Community Boards Meeting Room,
Whitianga**

Day 1

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting commenced with a Mihi and karakia followed by a background of the cultural significance of the Whitianga area.

Apologies given from Tame and Callum

2. Notes from the last meeting

The meeting summary from the fifth meeting was approved.

3. Matters arising

Mana whenua engagement in the process was discussed recognising it is an important part of the process of developing a MSP. It is also important that processes are in place to ensure matauranga Maori is incorporated in the plan and it takes into account customary entitlements under the current legislation pertaining to the Gulf.

The SWG recognise that the current treaty settlement process had meant that the development of a plan to support the mana whenua SWG members and outreach to the wider community had been deferred. This plan needs to include ways to convey information to the public and the kaupapa required.

Meetings of PSG and SWG mana whenua representatives have been scheduled for early July.

4. Reflection on progress to date, purpose of meeting, forward plan for the future meetings content.

The independent chair noted that the SWG has moved a long way and are transitioning to the second phase where issue based tables refine the issues and options drawing on a wider group of people. The SWG will maintain their focus through the three core lenses (ecology, economy and mauri) and will receive feedback from the roundtables.

Paula Vincent spoke to a list of scientific presentations available to the SWG and RTs. Most will be filtered through the RTs but if there are specific papers that would be useful for the SWG then these can be presented to the SWG.

A diary of RT meetings and speakers will be circulated for those SWG members who were not specifically at a given RT presentation but wanted to attend.

Making recordings of any RT presentations for the SWG will be investigated.

5. Level setting report back on roundtables

It is important that all RT members meet face to face at the first two RT meetings. It would be an idea for all groups to schedule ahead 6 months.

- Water Quality and Catchments

All members confirmed. Scope signed off at last meeting by SWG.

- Fish Stocks

First meeting has been held and the next planned. Scope signed off.

- Biodiversity and biosecurity

Summary document refined and added definitions to the scope. First meeting planned.

- Gulf Infrastructure

Finalising members. Scope has been refined. Next meeting tentatively planned.

- Accessible Gulf

Membership to be finalised. Meeting planned. Scope amended.

There is a lot of common ground between the accessible and infrastructure RTs, as well as natural pairings between other groups.

- Aquaculture

Membership not finalised. The scope confirmed. The next meeting will be arranged once the membership is confirmed.

There is an overlap with affects from fishing and the impacts on fishing grounds, biodiversity and biosecurity roundtable as well.

6. Engagement Update

Kyna Hart presentation.

The engagement team has been very busy with phase 1 - Listening Posts (25 throughout the project area); presence at the Hutchwilco Boat Show; the 'Use and Values' survey; Ben Sheeran's 'Love our Gulf' campaign; new branding; new website; newsletters (with a 48% read rate); Hauraki 100+; etc.

Feedback from the Listening Posts was exceptional with local people sharing and connecting. There are over 105 pages of text gathered and hundreds of years of experience and knowledge captured. This information has been grouped into themes aligned with the round table topics. A summary booklet has also been created, 'Voice of the Gulf', and this will be placed on the website along with the results from the use and values survey.

For next phase of the project the structures are in place (email, e-news, letters, Sea Sketch) for outreach. The SWG can decide what best meets their needs are for communication. Feedback from the SWG on future events to be present at is needed as well as the use of social media, Sea Sketch and other platforms including those targeting youth engagement.

7. Practical hints on the use of SeaSketch

Options for the use of Sea Sketch were discussed considering Sea Sketch's four components:

- Viewing data
- Sketching (idea forming)
- Forums
- Survey capability

Sea Sketch can support RT developing information in a visual way and can be used to feed back to the SWG. It can feed the information in through scientific, wider community (survey capability) or other speciality groups.

It can also be used for engagement with people outside the immediate group, not just one way consultation. Or it can potentially provide participation of all groups in some decision making processes.

Access to confidential or sensitive data will need to be managed. This may be particularly relevant for mana whenua data where some information is not public.

Any gaps in the information needs to be clear.

8. OPC visit

The SWG visited the local OPC fish packing and mussel processing factories.

Day 2

Apologies; Tame, Callum, Jake.

1. Boat Tour

The SWG members caught an early morning fishing charter to view a part of the Gulf from a different perspective.

2. What does marine spatial planning look like

Peter Singleton presentation – Waikato Regional Council

3. Marine spatial planning – lessons from international experience

Presentation from Stacey Faire of Coast and Catchment

4. Marine spatial plans – commentary from the SWG

Presentation from Raewyn Peart, EDS, SWG member

5. Workshop – starting to draft the MSP (visions, principals, objectives)

Vision

A draft vision was developed for the MSP (see separate document)

The mana whenua members are to discuss ‘te mauri ora o Hauraki’ as an element to be positioned with the vision.

It will be brought back to the next SWG

Principles

The principles the SWG will use in developing the plan were refined (see separate document)

The wording to be refined by the support team and brought back to the SWG.

6. Close

The meeting closed with a karakia.