

Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari
Fourth Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) meeting summary
9.00, 25 March 2014 at Manukau Institute of Technology

1. Welcome

The meeting commenced with a mihi and karakia followed by introductions from Sean Cooper from DoC attending his first meeting and Will McClintock, Marine Science Institute, University of California Santa Barbara who presented the Sea Sketch training.

2. Sea Sketch training

3. Sean Cooper, DOC

Sean Cooper introduced himself and DoC as a partner of Sea Change and confirmed their role in supporting the SWG to achieve whatever they want to achieve. Clinton Duffy will be providing technical support to the SWG.

Marine protected areas in NZ have been high in conflict in the past for many reasons and have split communities apart. MPA's are only one tool in a vast tool box and there could be new tools in the future. The SWG shouldn't let current legislation affect or constrain their thinking. New marine reserves would follow a statutory process but in the future there might be new legislation that could make things easier and more efficient.

4. Prior meeting

Notes from the last meeting were confirmed. There are no matters arising.

5. Roundtable feedback

Fish, fisheries and fishing

The report from the roundtable was reviewed. Attendees (2 meetings) were Dave, Raewyn, Callum, Dave, Alan, Laurie – Raewyn attended both meetings

Changes to the draft scope and participant report are included in the updated document which it was agreed was a basis for commencing work. The proposed membership needs to be balanced and it appears that there is a lot of commercial interest at the moment, which may need more environmental input. As a design principle it is important that those who could be affected should be included in the group and the right people with the right knowledge are more important than pure numbers.

The next step is to recruit the initial members, convene the broader group before next SWG, and confirm the plan, how they will work and the stages in the process; and then bring it back to SWG

Water quality and catchments

The report from the roundtable was reviewed. Attendees were Raewyn, Alan, Dirk, .

Changes to the draft scope and participant report are included in the updated document. It was agreed there is more to do on scope defining, confirming the balance of the SWG reps, with more definition about who is in the extended group.

Next step to update and refine the scope and check that people are available and if they would be suited to the roundtable

The Chair will spend some time with the group next time they meet

Round tables general findings

- SWG numbers in roundtables – there only needs to be enough to be able to steer the groups so they can accomplish what is needed. There will be probably 6 or 7 roundtables so the SWG members will need to manage the workload. When the roundtable topics are developed some SWG members might wish to reallocate their time in different areas. The minimum SWG presence is 3 or 4
- Turn up at the meetings – if you put your name down you need to make the effort to attend
- The SWG should provide a Terms of Reference to the roundtables, so that others coming in know that they have a voice but that all the findings come back to the SWG. The round tables can influence but not make decisions. It will be important to induct the groups
- It may be better to have longer meetings and less of them to ease travel time. Use technology e.g. video conferencing a good idea to save travel
- When adding invitees to the roundtables bear in mind there is a difference between having a perspective and being able to reach out to the wider groups
- If there were more than 12 in the wider group than the first 2-3 meetings would have all of them, and after the scope people could come and go depending on the work on the agenda. It is essential for people to be face to face for briefings and testing the scope
- Roundtables should start the same way the SWG has with science briefings

6. Next steps

After discussion the next two round tables will be (with SWG participants shown):

- Biodiversity and biosecurity – *Alison, Katrina, Dave, Lucy, Matt,*
- Infrastructure: - ports / marinas / shipping channels / visitor infrastructure / commercial / dredging (and dredging disposal) / access (boat ramps) – *Callum, Alan, Laurie, Matt, Jake, Katrina*

Briefing notes will be developed for those roundtables.

Future roundtables will likely be:

- Marine farming / aquaculture – *Joe, Dave, Callum, Lucy, Katrina*
- Accessible gulf, recreation / tourism, heritage – *Alan, Laurie, Jake, Joe*

7. Other business

- The Hutchwilco boat show is on from May 15 to 18. If interested in being there talk to Emily. Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari has a stand
- The next 'State of the Gulf' report has a review meeting with their science team on Friday, circulation is still expected by mid-year
- Radio NZ 'our changing world' has a programme looking at the Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari project and has approached Tim regarding comment on the state of the gulf report, and have also approached Nick and Matt. They may contact other SWG members.

Meeting closed at 3.50pm with a Karakia.