

**Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari
Fifth Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) meeting summary
9.00 am, 29 April 2014 at the Marine Rescue Centre, Auckland**

1. Welcome and introductions

The meeting commenced with a mihi and karakia followed by introductions from project representatives attending their first meeting.

Apologies were received from Lucy.

The presentations are available on the website. These brief annotations reflect some of the key points.

2. Notes from the last meeting

The meeting summary from the fourth meeting was approved subject to final edits for duplications by the Chair.

3. Matters arising

Confirmation of round table participants from the SWG will be dealt with later in the meeting. There were no other matters arising.

4. Towards a Total Economic Valuation of the Hauraki Gulf – Ross Wilson

The economy of the Gulf is one of the central themes of the SWG along with ecological productivity and mauri. The SWG will need to consider the impacts on the economy of the Gulf of recommendations made by the SWG for a Marine Spatial Plan.

The presentation is available.

This is the best available data but has limitations and the degree of accuracy is limited. It is important the components of the valuation are not added to indicate a total. The report was produced as a summation of other economic valuations

The direction of change was stated to be the important consideration.

The SWG identified that there are inconsistencies in the data presented including the dates the data supporting different components were collected, the approach to the valuations and the risks of double counting through the use of multipliers.

The SWG identified the valuation to be an important area where more work was needed. Concerns were expressed around the accuracy and robustness of the data. At present the SWG would be reluctant to use it to inform decisions.

Phase two of this report was planned but wasn't carried out and we are not aware of any similar work being carried out.

The timeframe may be a challenge when it comes to economic analysis of potential changes.

5. A Long View, the impacts of humans on the NZ marine ecosystems since first settlement – Alison MacDiarmid

The presentation is available

The method of data collection and analysis was explained and the nature of the modelling covered. New Zealand is in a unique position having these historic sites available from the start of human habitation.

6. Report on engagement activities to date – Emily, Kaaren, Ben Sheeran, Kyna Hart

Emily O'Donnell presented an engagement update.

Ben Sheeran talked to the 'Love Our Gulf' campaign.

Kaaren Goodall talked to the output from the 'listening posts'.

Kyna Hart presented on the website traffic, the newsletters and the response rates on the survey.

The intention is to analyse information collected and report back to the SWG synthesising the key findings. A report of all early engagement tools (listening posts, love our gulf, survey data) will be available by roundtable topic for the next SWG. The survey data may not be fully analysed by then.

7. Feedback from the round tables

a. Terms of reference and co-chair roles

A question had been raised about whether the minutes could be approved and made available sooner than at the next meeting. After discussion it was agreed to stay with the existing approach. The SWG is still listening and assimilating information so it is not surprising there is little news of activity. Better explanation of the activity phases will help. Also important to consider communications in other languages.

The roundtable 'terms of reference' was endorsed.

b. Fish stocks

Terms of reference endorsed.

c. Water quality and catchments

The scope document is not yet complete but the direction was endorsed.

d. Infrastructure and commercial use

The scope document is not yet complete but the direction was noted.

e. Biodiversity and biosecurity

The scope document is not yet complete but the direction was noted.

8. Next steps

Final round tables are to be established

- Aquaculture
- Accessible gulf

Next meeting will be at Umupuia Marae and will be largely dedicated to Matauranga Maori. There is a possibility Chris Gaskin may be able to report on birdlife in the gulf.

Planning horizon

The seventh meeting will be held over 2 days in Whitianga. Concern was expressed over the timeline and workload and whether the seventh meeting would be a 'phase change'.

The Chair undertook to:

- Circulate the Roundtables noting SWG members and co-chairs so people could identify the key RTs they want to be on (2 or 3 is likely to be a maximum)
- Identify the support for the RTs and the role of support staff and SWG members
- Suggest scope pruning for RTs to avoid duplication
- Set out a likely plan for the rest of 2014

It is likely different RTs will progress at different speeds as some are comparatively broad.

9. Close

The meeting closed with a karakia.