SEA CHANGE – TAI TIMU TAI PARI

STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

MEETING OVERVIEW

FEBRUARY 2016

The Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) met on 15 and 16 February 2016 in Auckland.

The SWG is working through a number of topics for the marine spatial plan.

This is done on an iterative basis, with further work and discussion being undertaken between SWG meetings (including through topic specific 'sub-groups'), and reporting back at the next SWG meeting. The writing team undertakes research and writing in preparation for the next meeting.

The matters discussed at the February 2016 SWG meeting included:

- A refresh on the collaborative process;
- Biodiversity / Marine Protected Areas, including the need to consider the range of tools available for marine protection;
- The recreational fishing park proposed by the government;
- The Hon Maggie Barry, Minister of Conservation (along with senior officials), attended the SWG meeting to discuss the recreational fishing park proposal;
- Aquaculture, overview of the Round Table report, and further discussion including potential locations for aquaculture and effects that need to be considered;
- An update from the Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari agency 'conduits' (relevant local authorities, central government departments and the Hauraki Gulf Forum);
- Marine spatial plan process and timing.