

Summary of the current status of agency response to Sea Change

Agency	Status of review	Current position
<p>Department of Conservation / Ministry for Primary Industries / Ministry for the Environment</p>	<p>“The Government’s current marine priorities are the reform of marine protection legislation and advancing the regional processes already underway (including Sea Change).</p> <p>Reforming marine protection legislation will provide a strategic and more efficient process for the establishment of marine protected areas, and Ministers are considering how Sea Change will be advanced alongside progressing the reforms.”</p> <p>Updated statement about the central government agencies response to Sea Change. 9/8/17</p>	<p>Under consideration.</p>
<p>Waikato Regional Council</p>	<p>Minutes of WRC Strategy and Policy Committee meeting of 29 March, approved by council 27/4.</p> <p>SPC17/53 RESOLVED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. THAT the report Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan (Sea Change) (Doc # 10106162 dated 29 March 2017) be received. 2. THAT Councils representative on the Hauraki Gulf Forum notes Council “support in-principle” for the integrated management approach to Sea Change. 3. THAT Council staff continue to work with affected territorial authorities of the region to gauge their comments on the HGMSP. 4. THAT the comment and input received from relevant territorial authorities is fed into Councils implementation responses to the HGMSP. 5. THAT a comprehensive report on HGMSP implementation be provided to the May meeting of the Committee and that this report discusses: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Funding implications of implementation b. Actions and roles and responsibilities of Council c. Timetable for delivery of implementation methods d. Overview of partner agencies implementation approach e. What is being implemented f. Options in regard to community engagement 	<p>Through its Long Term Planning 2018-2018 processes WRC is identifying where elements of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan can be embedded into ‘business as usual activities’ as well as relevant business case proposals.</p> <p>Staff are also preparing a standalone HGMSP business case for those relevant elements of plan that sit outside ‘business as usual’ activities and are not included in other business cases.</p>

	<p>and engagement processes</p> <p>6. That the Waikato Regional Council HGMSP Implementation report be shared with the Hauraki Gulf Forum post the May Committee meeting.</p> <p>Minutes of WRC Strategy and Policy Committee meeting of 27 June 2017</p> <p>SPC17/85 RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>1. THAT the report “Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan (Sea Change) WRC Implementation Plan” (Doc 10274772 dated 16 May 2017) be received for information.</p> <p>2. THAT the Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan (Sea Change Tai Timu Tai Pari) – Draft Implementation Plan to Inform WRC 2018 Long Term Plan processes (Doc # 10317453) be endorsed by the Committee.</p> <p>3. THAT the Committee request that staff advise the Territorial Authorities of the concerns of Councillors about the costs of implementation, and in particular the significant costs related to the gathering of more science.</p>	
<p>Auckland Council</p>	<p>Auckland Council Environment and Community Committee 12/09/17:</p> <p>Incorporating SeaChange objectives into Auckland Council group activity</p> <p>Resolution number ENV/2017/115</p> <p>That the Environment and Community Committee:</p> <p>a) approve the proposed work programme as council’s initial response to addressing the objectives identified by SeaChange;</p> <p>b) approve the terms of reference and membership of the Auckland Council SeaChange – Tai Timu Tai Pari Hauraki Gulf Political Reference Group to ensure that Hauraki Gulf outcomes are further embedded in the work programme of the Auckland Council group.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	<p>In September 2017, Auckland Council’s Environment and Community Committee considered a second paper on the council group’s detailed evaluation of SeaChange. The thrust of the council’s assessment was that there are opportunities to embed SeaChange objectives within the council’s work programme, rather than seeing it as a separate work programme.</p> <p>The committee resolved to approve the proposed work programme as council’s initial response to addressing the objectives identified by SeaChange, and secondly to approve the terms of reference and membership of the Auckland Council SeaChange – Tai Timu Tai Pari Hauraki Gulf Political Reference Group. The purpose of the group is to ensure that Hauraki Gulf outcomes are further embedded in the work programme of the Auckland Council group. Some additional Local Board representatives have been included in this Political Reference Group.</p> <p>Further staff activity is focusing on preparations for the Long-term Plan scheduled for public consultation in February 2018. Depending on funding decisions, a number of initiatives would further the shared outcomes desired by both</p>

		<p>Auckland Council and as reflected in the objectives of SeaChange. Additional projects which were identified will be assessed through the Long-term Plan process. Many current objectives which align to the shared objectives of Auckland Council and SeaChange will continue.</p> <p>Further updates will be provided through the constituent party reports as the standard reporting process.</p>
Matamata Piako District	Matamata-Piako District Council agreed to postpone conversation on the role of the Hauraki Gulf Forum until following local body elections of late 2016.	Matamata-Piako District Council has recently considered the report in a workshop and the Council will address it later this month.
Waikato District	<p>Waikato District Council was briefed on Sea Change on 22 February 2017 at their Strategy and Finance Committee Meeting and on 10 April at a Council workshop. Waikato District Council is unlikely to have a role in leading implementation actions and provide feedback to the Waikato Regional Council as they develop an implementation plan.</p>	<p>Feedback will be provided to Waikato Regional Council as they develop their implementation plan.</p> <p>Members should note, however, that Waikato District Council raised the following points on the report titled '<i>Hauraki Gulf Forum - Governance review and recommendations</i>' which were presented at the 12 September 2016 HGF Meeting :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the forum be comprised of a balance of Manawhenua and elected representatives • that Minister of Conservation appointments and NGO's be advisors and not members of the forum.
Hauraki District	Will be considered over the next three years as parts of the District Plan are considered for review.	Refer to HDC Mayor for comments on this aspect.
Thames-Coromandel District	At a Council meeting on 24 January 2017, Councillors gave their input to the Mayor on the governance review of the Hauraki Gulf Forum. Council does not support the changes to governance arrangements for the Hauraki Gulf Forum proposed by the independent reviews, and nor does it support the consequent actions required to support those changes.	Council considers the Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan, "Sea Change", should be used as an information tool only to inform the strategic action functions of the Hauraki Gulf Forum going forward and that any moves to change its status as a statutory document should trigger a full resource management consultative process.