

HAURAKI GULF FORUM WORK PROGRAMME

INTRODUCTION AND CONTEXT

The Hauraki Gulf is recognised through the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act 2000 ('HGMPA') as being a place of 'national significance'. The HGMPA also provides for the establishment, purpose and functions of the Hauraki Gulf Forum ("Forum"). The purposes of the Forum are set out in section 15 of the Act.

WORK PRIORITIES AND STRATEGIC ISSUES

In August 2018, the Forum adopted three priority topic areas and associated strategic issues. The Forum will pursue and progress these in a future focussed and integrated way, incorporating Mātauranga Māori and in accordance with the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi consistent with the HGMP Act. This work programme document should be read in conjunction with the strategic issues paper.

The three work priority topics and associated strategic issues to which the Forum will apply its focus are:

Work topic	Associated strategic issue	Assigned priority
Improving integrated management through collaborative planning, informed decision-making and credible action.	Central government engagement	Short term
	Tangata whenua participation	Short to medium term
	Forum operations	Immediate to longer term
Restoring water quality values through addressing land use activities that degrade those values.	Sedimentation	Immediate to longer term
	Coastal development and urbanisation	Medium to longer term
	Water quality (nutrients and contaminants)	Short to longer term
Recognising those critical marine values and ecosystems through advocating for protection, restoration and enhancement.	Marine Protected Areas	Medium to longer term
	Biodiversity loss/reduction	Immediate to longer term
	Marine contaminants	Medium to longer term

FORUM MEETING DATES AND AGENDA PLANNER

The Forum meets quarterly. Indicative agenda items for the forward meetings are as follows:

Forum Meeting Date	Agenda items	Regular reports
19 November 2018	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation from NZ Fisheries (part 1). 2. Consolidated report from WRC, AC and DOC regarding their roles in marine management. 3. Report to confirm meetings dates for 2019. 4. Update regarding Executive Officer recruitment. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strategic issues / forward work programme report. 2. Chairpersons report 3. Executive Officer report 4. Constituent party reporting on development applications and other matters (tbc)
11 February 2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation from NZ Fisheries (part 2) 2. Terms of reference for multi-agency working party to scope and advance marine protection. 3. Draft budget for 2019/20 4. Interim update on progress with sedimentation initiatives – AC and WRC 	
20 May 2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Constituent party reports regarding biosecurity. 2. Approval of 2019/2020 HGF budget. 3. Approval of 2020 State of the Gulf Report project scope. 4. Delegation to working party to commence preparations of annual seminar. 5. Delegation required for Holdaway Awards. 	
19 August 2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update from constituent parties regarding sedimentation. 2. Constituent party reports regarding water quality (nutrients and contaminants) 3. Approval of 2018/2019 Annual Report 4. Report to cover any delegations, or otherwise, prior to local body elections. 	
February 2020	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Election of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson. 	

NB: at least six weeks prior to each Forum meeting, a meeting of Technical Officers will be held to discuss the next Forum agenda and confirm scope of reports.

WORKSTREAMS

This visual chart displays some of the main workstreams through to October 2019. The following pages provide more detail about each of the workstreams.



Workstream/project name (NB: not in priority order)	Brief description	Key dates	Budget
1. Central government engagement (strategic issue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to meet regularly with the Minister of Conservation. Continue to receive support from the Minister of Conservation, to use her office as a conduit for engagement with other central government agencies represented on, or relevant to, progressing the Hauraki Gulf Forum's strategic issues. 	Ongoing as required.	Executive Officer time / travel expenses.
2. Tangata whenua participation (strategic issue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better enable a means to facilitate the tangata whenua voice and position, as appropriate on progressing the strategic issues, including engagement with the 26 iwi of the Hauraki Gulf. Continue engagement with DOC and TPK regarding practicalities of tangata whenua engagement. 	Throughout 2018-2019.	Executive Officer time / tangata whenua member and technical officer time / meeting expenses.
3. Constituent party updates regarding fisheries and marine management. (strategic issue / biodiversity loss/reduction)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To invite greater participation from Fisheries NZ in the Hauraki Gulf Forum and build fisheries knowledge amongst Forum members. Engagement with senior officials from Fisheries NZ and Minister of Fisheries to advance Forum's strategic issues. 	Presentation from Fisheries NZ to Forum (19 Nov 2018 and 11 Feb 2019)	Constituent party time.
4. Communications and publicity strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of a communications and publicity strategy for the Forum and its work. As per Sea Change recommendation (p.53) consider in-scope a centralised and social media and marketing campaign to inspire kaitiakitanga. "One Gulf One Message." Consider in-scope the 20th Anniversary of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park in 2020. 	To be undertaken in April 2019.	\$15,000 budget recommended to be assigned to this for strategic communications expertise. Then, implementation funds would need to be determined.

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5. Marine protection (strategic issue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of a multi-agency working party to scope and advance marine protection in the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park. 	Working party to commence before end of CY 2018.	Constituent party time. Forum to consider a budget for things such as legal advice, project management, travel expenses to advance this work stream well. No budget currently assigned in 2018-2019 budget.
6. Commercial and recreational boating sector network development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To achieve greater marine protection, it will be critical that the Forum develop a network amongst the commercial and recreational boating/fishing community, to be utilised for two-way communication and engagement. 	Meetings underway with commercial entities. Working with John and Ross Duder to develop a database for recreational boating and yacht clubs.	Executive Officer time, hosting of meeting expenses and administrative expenses (such as printing and postage).
7. HGMP 20 th Anniversary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yet to be scoped. Forum's role in this space to be determined. This project could be part of a wider communications and publicity strategy (see #2 above). 	To be determined.	To be determined.
8. America's Cup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yet to be scoped. Forum's role in this space to be determined. There are several stakeholders scoping projects in this space currently. Forum to work with others to identify where and how to add value. NB: racing will take place 6th- 21st March 2021. This project could be part of a wider communications and publicity strategy (see #2 above). 	To be determined.	To be determined.

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9. Triennial State of the Gulf Report (2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triennial report as required by the HGMPA 	Project scope to be confirmed by May 2019.	\$150,000
10. HGF Annual Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As required by the HGMPA. 	To be produced by August 31 st , annually.	\$4,500
11. Sedimentation (strategic issue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated constituent party reporting on how each is managing sedimentation within their jurisdiction. 	Reported in August 2018. Update again in August 2019.	Constituent party time.
12. Biosecurity (strategic issue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated constituent party reporting on biosecurity management. 	May 2019 meeting.	Constituent party time.
13. Water quality - nutrients and contaminants (strategic issue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated constituent party reporting on water quality, specifically, nutrients and contaminants. 	August 2019 meeting.	Constituent party time.
14. Coastal development and urbanisation (strategic issue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated constituent party reporting on resource consents and other growth activity relevant to the Gulf environment. 	In 2020	Constituent party time.
15. Marine contaminants (strategic issue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated constituent party reporting on marine contaminants (may be able to combine with one of the items above depending on scope). 	In 2020	Constituent party time.
16. Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Seminar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditionally an annual event to update the wider community regarding the state of the Gulf and highlight positive activities and achievements. • Consider refocussing for 2019 to be a research and restoration symposium to bring together the agencies working in these fields, with a view to gain insight into current research gaps and needs (NB: some of which is highlighted in previous State of the Gulf reports and Sea Change). • Thereafter, Forum could consider taking a lead role to oversee and coordination research, information 	Event to be held in early September 2019. Planning to commence no later than May 2019.	\$30,000 (The cost of this event could potentially be lowered through sponsorship)

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	<p>gathering and reporting on the Gulf (as per Sea Change, p.75)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The other alternative would be to consider an annual gathering of educators. There are several groups working with children and offering programs to schools. The Forum could consider a role in bringing these groups together to acknowledge their efforts and promote greater integration of their efforts. 		
17. Holdaway Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coinciding with the Annual Seminar, the awards acknowledge developing leadership in the Hauraki Gulf. 	Award nominations to be called no less than 6 weeks prior to the Seminar.	Executive Officer time, plus budget for award gifts (\$1,500)
18. Hauraki Gulf Marine Park posters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual production of a Hauraki Gulf Marine Park poster, for distribution in the New Zealand Herald during Seaweeek. Scope and requirement to be confirmed each year. There is potential for the Forum to have a greater involvement in Seaweeek planning and events. Could be scoped as part of the communications and publicity strategy. 	Seaweeek 2019, 2 March – 10 March Poster scope confirmed by end of October. Design and illustration November – December. Production during February.	\$60,000 (funded in part through donations and in-kind support)
19. Gulf Journal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly e-publication to recognise inspired management in and around the Hauraki Gulf. Timing coincides with the Forum meetings. 	February, May, August, November	\$8,000
20. Bryde's Whale Ship Strike Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate quarterly monitoring reports from Ports of Auckland and IFAW. Coordinate annual meeting of the working group. Potential to expand this group to cover cruise ship lights and other emerging issues. 	Quarterly reporting. Annual stakeholder meeting.	Executive Officer time / hosting of meeting expenses.

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21. Black Petrel Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a signatory to the Black Petrel Working Group pledge (2014), the HGF is committed to work with other signatory parties to expand the use of seabird smart fishing practices, look for ongoing ways to improve fishing practices, assist with the deployment of electronic monitoring and cameras, support research into black petrol biology. 	Attend meetings as required (biannually to quarterly).	<p>Executive Officer time / hosting of meeting expenses.</p> <p>NB: in the past, some sponsorship of this group has been required.</p>