

Notes from Hauraki Gulf Forum / Tikapa Moana Technical Officers' Meeting 8 April 2019

Present:

- Nathan Kennedy (Liane Ngamane)
- Moana Waa (Moana Tamaariki-Pohe & Dean Ogilvie)
- Frank Kingi Thorne & Scott Summerfield (TCDC)
- Ben Bunting & Julie Ambury (WRC)
- Sietse Bouma, Nick Reid & Monica Wu (AC)
- Samantha Collings (MPI)
- John Galilee (DoC)
- John Meeuwsen, Moana Tamaariki-Pohe & Alex Rogers (HGF Chair, Deputy and EO)

Guest

- Qiane Matata-Sipu (Communications Consultant)

Apologies

- Martin Mariassouce (TPK)
- Helgard Wagener & Liz Brooks (AC)
- Mark Hamilton (MPDC)
- Leslie Vyfhuis (TCDC)

Nathan Kennedy opened the hui at 1:00pm with a mihi whakatau.

The meeting confirmed the agenda.

1. Updates from Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Executive Officer (10 minutes)

John Meeuwsen, Moana Tamaariki-Pohe and Alex Rogers presented highlights of their activities since the last Forum meeting, focusing on engagements with Constituent Parties in situ, and with Ministers. They noted there was now broad support among Constituent Parties on considering further the big goals and extra resource. Questions/comments focused on feedback on the 2019 Poster (largely positive, though with questions on efficacy of current distribution via NZ Herald, and lack of effective mechanism for distribution in the Waikato Region) and Constituent Party roles.

2. Updates from Technical Officers (10 minutes)

Updates were received from Samantha Collings (member of the public is working on an alternative to lead sinkers for fishing), Sietse Bouma (coordination efforts within AC), John Galilee (Sea Change Tai Timu Tai Pari Ministerial Advisory Committee), and Scott Summerfield (forthcoming change of lead TO within TCDC to Leslie).

3. Communications and Publicity Strategy – consultant to present (30 minutes)

Qiane Matata-Sipu ran a short workshop to get feedback on the Forum's communication key messages, audiences, challenges, products and opportunities. A question was raised about also keeping in mind improvements to internal communications and feedback mechanisms. (Qiane was subsequently introduced to Forum members, and the process ahead outlined.)

4. Constituent Party reporting template (10 minutes)

There was support for adopting the new template, though some minor changes requested to ensure that the reports were useful to members also clear when read by the public. Changes will be made, and the template recirculated for use for the 20 May Forum CP Reports item.

5. Mapping the Forum's Strategic Priorities to the mandates of members (10 minutes)

There was support for using this matrix though a few changes needed to finalise it recognising the statutory roles and functions of agencies and the role of Tangata Whenua members. Changes will be made, and the matrix recirculated.

6. Technical Officer Terms of Reference (10 minutes)

There was support and agreement that a Terms of Reference for the role of a Technical Officer would be important and helpful. The draft will be refined and recirculated for comment.

The list of Technical Officers was confirmed, though with the forthcoming TCDC change noted and the usefulness of having a lead Technical Officer noted where there was more than one TO in any given Constituent Party.

7. Outstanding Forum resolutions (5 minutes)

These were noted. Resolution 2018/55 remains ongoing as per the update to the Forum in February. Resolution 2018/56 remains on hold pending announcement of the scope of activity to be progressed through the Sea Change M.A.C.

8. Preparation of 20 May Forum meeting (30 minutes)

There was a good discussion about the fact that the 20 May meeting will see resolutions put forward on important agenda items, including the big goals, budget, 2020 State of Gulf report scoping, 2019 Seminar, etc. Papers for those will be circulated to members and technical officers well in advance of the meeting.

An update on the Sea Change Tai Timu Tai Pari M.A.C as an agenda item was also discussed, noting that both AC and WRC have had ongoing implementation work underway for some time.

9. Technical Officer calendar for 2019 (5 minutes)

There was agreement to hold the next TO meeting on Monday 8 July, and the offer was extended to Constituent Parties outside of Auckland to host. There was also agreement that TO meetings should continue during the August – February period, even though there will not be a Forum meeting through that period due to Local Body elections and changeover of Forum representatives. As such, there will likely be a TO meeting on Monday 7 October (TBC).