

## Notes from Hauraki Gulf Forum / Tikapa Moana Technical Officers' Meeting 31 October 2019

### Fisheries New Zealand, Mangere

#### Present:

- Sonja Austin (FNZ)
- Moana Waa (Moana Tamaariki-Pohe & Dean Ogilvie)
- Puti Wilson, Rebecca Barclay and Megan Carbines (AC – Healthy Waters and RIMU)
- João Paulo Silva (MPDC)
- Leslie Vyfhuis (TCDC)
- John Galilee (DoC)
- Moana Tamaariki-Pohe (Deputy Chair)
- Aden Miles (Communications Advisor)
- Alex Rogers (Executive Officer)

#### Invited Guest:

- Shane Kelly (Lead Author, 2020 State of the Environment Report)

#### Apologies

- Martin Mariassouce (TPK)
- Gareth Read (WRC)
- Sietse Bouma (AC – NES)

Moana Tamaariki-Pohe opened the hui at 10:00am with a karakia and a mihi whakatau.

Technical officers thanked Fisheries NZ for hosting the meeting.

Before getting into the agenda, technical officers took a moment to get to know the new officers present.

#### **1. Update from Deputy Chair and Executive Officer (5 minutes)**

Deputy Chair Moana Tamaariki-Pohe updated on the wonderful progress in removing the last moorings from Ōkahu Bay, and a forthcoming hui on the issue of kina barrens being organized by Richelle Kahui-McConnell (see separate attachment).

Executive Officer Alex Rogers welcomed Aden Miles, the Forum's new part-time Comms Advisor, and updated technical officers on recent marine protection discussions involving several islands of the Hauraki Gulf, plus the opportunity for a forthcoming Fish of the Day episode on shellfish restoration in the Gulf.

#### **2. Notification of new/returning Local Body members (5 minutes)**

It was noted that the recent local body elections had resulted in at least 50% turnover for local body representatives on the Forum, with 6 of the 12 local previous body members either retiring or not returned. That figure could rise as selections of Forum representatives are made by authorities and notified over the coming weeks.

Advice from technical officers suggested that the Forum should know who the 12 local body representatives will be by mid-December. The Executive Officer noted that he and the Deputy Chair

would contact and offer to meet with new/returning local body members as soon as they are formally notified.

### **3. Induction session for new/returning members – TBC 20 Jan 2020 (5 minutes)**

Current planning for an induction session was detailed, with a three-hour event being planned at this stage for 20 January at the Sir Peter Blake Marine Education Research Centre at Long Bay, Auckland. The agenda would include the historical context, legislation, roles, current agenda, and challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Provision would also be made for members to get to know one another better and build trust and confidence.

The induction will only be confirmed once all new members are known and discussions confirm if the time and venue is suitable.

### **4. HGF in 2020 – in particular the agenda for the first meeting on 17 Feb 2020 (10 minutes)**

Technical officers noted the four meetings planned for 2020, with the intention to split the meetings 50/50 between venues in the Auckland and Waikato regions – subject to confirmation of the willingness of members to host.

For the first meeting, to be held on 17 February at Auckland's Town Hall, the agenda would focus on the election of the Chair and Deputy, the 2020 State of the Environment Report, 2020 Marine Park Poster, and the 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Marine Park which will occur 10 days later on 27 February. Technical officers were asked to bring to the Executive Officer's attention any other items that might need to be added to the agenda. Mention was made of the need to continue to follow issues such as dredging, dumping, biosecurity, shellfish restoration, and marine protection, with a view to seeing whether any live issues or recent developments should be brought before the Forum on 17 Feb.

### **5. 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Marine Park 27 Feb 2020 (10 minutes)**

Technical officers were updated on the current early planning taking place:

- Daytime – events involving the Forum and Minister of Conservation (TBC)
- Late Afternoon to Early Evening – 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration event at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, hosted by Clarke Gayford, featuring a keynote from the Minister, release of the 2020 State of the Environment Report, release of the 2020 Marine Park Poster, and a panel debate on a topic related to the America's Cup (TBC)

The Executive Officer pledged to send more detail as soon as it becomes available. A special '20 Years' edition of the Marine Park logo is also being designed for the occasion, which would kick off a whole year of activities to promote better outcomes for the Marine Park.

One suggestion raised was whether Vector might consider a special light show on the bridge for the 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

### **6. 2020 Marine Park Poster draft (10 minutes)**

Technical officers were also updated on the early scoping for the 2020 Marine Park Poster, which will draw out key themes from the 2020 State of the Gulf Poster.

Again the Executive Officer pledged to send around a draft sketch when ready. Mention was also

made of the ability to make direct distribution of copies of the final poster to members for onward distribution, should they wish or be able to assist in reaching more local communities.

#### **7. 2020 State of the Environment Report – discussion with lead author (1 hour)**

Technical officers had a good initial discussion with the Lead Author for the report, Dr Shane Kelly, centred around the initial draft table of contents circulated earlier. Overall, development of the draft report was progressing well, but some key data was still outstanding and work continues among the core team on design, the interweaving of Te Ao Māori, and what conclusions can be drawn.

Technical officers asked questions related to the methodology and content of the report. They also made a range of helpful suggestions of ways to deal with the tension between clean, simple communication and the fact that within most aspects of the report there will be a lot of nuance and careful explanation necessary. Dr Kelly took those on board and asked for officers to send through any best practice they had seen of late on how to deal with that tension, and other challenges including cultural indicators, spatial mapping, and terminology.

Moana closed the meeting at 11:58am with a karakia.

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