

Aquatic Pests Technical Advisory Group

Minutes for Tuesday 2 March 2010

Environment Bay of Plenty Office – Rotorua 1.30 pm

Present: Richard Mallinson, Jenny Clarke, Ian Phillips, Hamish Lass, Pererika Makiha (Environment Bay of Plenty); Sharon Deluca (Boffa Miskell); Hera Smith (TALT); Steve Smith (arrived 1.50 pm, Biosecurity NZ); Matt Fanning (LINZ); Mark Sherburn (Fish & Game); Joby Barham (RDC); Sarah Crump (DOC)

Chair: Richard Mallinson

Scribe: Jenny Clarke

Item	Details	Action	Responsibility / Timeframe
1. Apologies and introductions	Greg Corbett, Matt Bloxham (EBOP); Johlene Kelly (DOC); Paul Champion (NIWA), Steve Smith (lateness - Biosecurity NZ)		
2. Matters arising from previous minutes	<p>Go through previous minutes of 19 November 2009</p> <p>Action points report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obtain consent for use of Endothal on Rotorua lakes (Richard) – an Environmental Impact report is being prepared as part of this process 2. Circulate updated weeds incursion spreadsheet in November (Richard) – a spreadsheet of the incursion priorities is now on CD, with photos and GPS tracking (refer agenda Item 5) 3. Organise date for continuation of weed fragmentation trials (Matt B / Richard) – for weed cordon at Rotomā (refer agenda Item 7) 4. Organise field trip for Sanfords directors and co-ordinate with EBOP councillors (Hamish) – still to be arranged, possibly for winter 5. Circulate completed Aquatic Weed Surveillance Review (NIWA) report (Richard) – completed 6. Provide update on possible turtle invasion risk in geothermal area (Johlene) – Sarah gave update as Johlene is away (refer agenda Item 3) 	<p>1. Organise field trip for Sanfords directors and co-ordinate with EBOP councillors</p> <p>2. Find out if turtles are</p>	<p>Hamish</p> <p>Johlene</p>

	<p>7. Find out if turtles are protected by the Wildlife Act and other info from Donna Watchman (Johlene) – still to do</p> <p>8. Circulate CCDAG newsletter (Richard) – still to do</p> <p>9. Look at consent conditions for lake closures and incorporate an aquatic pest plan (Richard) – in progress</p> <p>10. Co-ordinate APTAG discussion of role of EBOP, DOC, NIWA and LINZ in pre and post treatment monitoring of weedbeds (Richard) – in progress</p> <p>11. Obtain consent for new weeds cordons (Hamish) – in progress</p> <p>12. Look at TOR in next meeting. Circulate original advisory group document (Richard) – deferred until next meeting (refer agenda Item 4)</p> <p>13. Approach RDC in regard to removing Mexican waterlilly from government gardens (Richard) - completed</p>	<p>protected by the Wildlife Act and other info from Donna Watchman</p> <p>3. Circulate CCDAG newsletter</p>	<p>Richard</p>
3. Pest Fish / Turtles	<p>DOC update given by Sarah Crump</p> <p>Turtles – no overall progress due to anomaly in Wildlife Act, but there is now more awareness within DOC</p> <p>Pest fish – work is continuing</p>		
4. Terms of reference for APTAG group	<p>This will be discussed at the next meeting as Johlene is away today</p>		
5. Aquatic weed monitoring / spraying	<p>Richard gave an explanation of the “Lakes surveillance priorities” spreadsheet, including works control priorities.</p> <p>There was discussion on Diquat consents. It was informed that the Environmental Impact assessment and consultation will involve consultation with iwi and TALT.</p>		
6. '09/10 Aquatic Pest Awareness Programme	<p>The two advocacy students, Clinton and Stephanie have done an excellent job over the summer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary report shows a positive interaction with the public regarding advocacy • There is a decrease in number of boats, but more people in each boat. More kayaks and coastal visitors. • Still co-ordinating with fishing and other events 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on not to target didymo repetitively, but emphasise different pests to keep the public's interest <p>Sarah reported that the DOC advocacy student noticed there are more aquatic events now.</p>		
7. Weed cordon – monitoring results	Hamish gave an update of control work around the Rotoma weed cordon – report summary circulated		
8. General business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard gave an update of weed-harvesting at Rotoehu. Informed that Michael Quintern is applying for Consent to vermicompost weeds. There was also an enquiry about a PhD student trialling methanol production from the weeds. • Hera Smith mentioned a complaint about RDC that weed removed from Rotorua has been dumped near the BMX track. It was informed that Andy B is now aware of this • Joby explained that as signs are cluttering boat ramps lakefronts, RDC are setting up signage kiosks. He informed that these are working well so far and that there is potential for EBOP and other organisations to also use the kiosks. Discussion held on signs and that they should be proof-read by the issuing authority • Sarah Crump informed that there is a Wetland Symposium field trip this week 		
Next Meeting	Thurs 13 May 2010, 1:30 pm at the Rotorua Office of Environment Bay of Plenty Chair: Richard		

Meeting finished at 4.30 pm