

Aquatic Pests Technical Advisory Group

Minutes for Thursday 13 May 2010

Environment Bay of Plenty Office – Rotorua 1.30 pm

Present: Richard Mallinson, John Mather, Ian Phillips, Hamish Lass, Greg Corbett from 2.30 pm (Environment Bay of Plenty); Sharon Deluca (Boffa Miskell); Johlene Kelly (DOC); John Clayton, Fluer Matheson (NIWA); Eric Haycock (RDC)

Chair /Scribe: Richard Mallinson

Item	Details	Action	Responsibility / Timeframe
1. Apologies	Matt Fanning (LINZ); Tim McKenzie (Boffa Miskell); Matt Bloxham, Pererika Makiha, Tim Senior (Environment Bay of Plenty); Sarah Crump, Rebecca Lander (DOC); Hera Smith (TALT) Matt Osbourne (Fish & Game); Gary Page(RDC);		
2. Matters arising from previous minutes	<p>Go through previous minutes of 2 March 2010</p> <p>Action points report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Organise field trip for Sanford's directors and co-ordinate with EBOP councillors (Hamish) – Hamish has forwarded information to Sanford's management2. Find out if turtles are protected by the Wildlife Act and other info from Donna Watchman (Johlene) -3. Circulate CCDAG newsletter (Richard) -	<p>Johlene to follow up</p> <p>Richard to follow up with Biosecurity NZ</p>	<p>Johlene</p> <p>Richard</p>

3. Hornwort Incursion Okataina	<p>Hamish gave a run down on the Ōkātina Hornwort incursion and actions taken to date. A detailed incursion response plan has been written up with the preferred option being an eradication programme, to this end, as an immediate action 6 hectares covering the sites affected have been treated with Diquat.</p> <p>Johlene pointed out that the Ōkātina Scenic Reserve Board should be consulted/informed and included in communications.</p>	<p>Hamish to circulate the Incursion Response Plan to the APTAG group and comments to be forwarded back to Hamish</p> <p>Johlene to forward Scenic Board contact details to Hamish</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Johlene</p>
4. Terms of reference for APTAG group	<p>Discussion took place around the APTAG groups terms of reference John M recapped the groups formation and that it was based on the Waternet Technical Committee that operated in the late 1980's The APTAG group was originally formed as recommendation from the Lakes Strategy group.</p>	<p>Richard to circulate the original recommendation with the APTAG groups terms of reference comments back for next APTAG meeting</p>	<p>All</p>
5. Aquatic weed monitoring / spraying programme 2010/2011	<p>Boffa Miskell, ENVBOP, and NIWA staff met to coordinate the pre and post monitoring requirements of sites selected for treatment for the 2010/11 year.</p>		

6. Weed Cordon – Installation programme	<p>The consent for generic weed cordons is nearly ready, the conditions of the consent have been sent out to affected parties. Under the consent management plans for each weed cordon will be required management plans will stipulate design and monitoring requirements for each cordon and will require approval from affected parties.</p> <p>A priority list for the installation of cordons has been drafted up.</p>	<p>Hamish to circulate the priority list for Cordon Installation comments back to Hamish please.</p>	<p>All</p>
7. Ornamental pond survey	<p>ENVBOP have engaged a contractor to carry out a survey of ornamental ponds in the Lake Ōkāreka catchment. Specifically to locate these ponds and inspect for any pest species that may have an impact on the lake. This work follows on from recommendations received in the NIWA report and aims to address the risk of pest species being introduced into the lake via this means.</p>		
8. General business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Bay of Plenty’s Draft Regional Pest Management Strategy is to be released for public comment; John M invited APTAG members to make submissions pertinent to aquatic pest issues in the strategy. • Discussion took place regarding event organisers having to cover the costs for Didymo decontamination at commercial events. Environment Bay of Plenty’s Lake Closure Policy is currently up for review this option may then be investigated. • Eric H reported that stranded lakeweed that had previously been dumped at the site off Te Ngae rd, was now being composted. • DOC have funding for a staff member to be located at the Information site at Rotorua 	<p>Submissions are invited to EBOPS Draft RPMS regarding aquatic pest issues</p>	<p>All</p>
Next Meeting	<p>Tuesday 14 September 2010, 1:30 pm at the Rotorua Office of Environment Bay of Plenty Chair: Richard</p>		

Meeting finished at 3.30