

## Aquatic Pests Technical Advisory Group

### Minutes for Tuesday 14 September May 2010

Environment Bay of Plenty Office – Rotorua 1.30 pm

**Present:** Richard Mallinson, John Mather, Ian Phillips, Hamish Lass, Greg Corbett (Bay of Plenty Regional Council); Sharon Deluca (Boffa Miskell); Johlene Kelly, Rebecca Lander (DOC); Rohan Wells (NIWA); Eric Haycock (RDC) Hera Smith(TALT) Matt Osborne (Fish & Game) Steve Smith

**Chair /Scribe:** Richard Mallinson

Item	Details	Action	Responsibility / Timeframe
1. Apologies	Matt Fanning (LINZ); Tim McKenzie (Boffa Miskell); Matt Bloxham (BOPRC); Sarah Crump, (DOC); Gary Page, Eric Haycock (RDC); Paul Champion (NIWA);		
2. Matters arising from previous minutes	<p>Go through previous minutes of 13 May 2010</p> <p><b>Action points report:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hamish to circulate the Incursion Response Plan to the APTAG group and comments to be forwarded back to Hamish - Hamish has forwarded these through</li> <li>2. Johlene to forward Scenic Board contact details to Hamish – Johlene has sent these through</li> <li>3. Richard to circulate the original recommendation with the APTAG groups terms of reference comments back for next APTAG meeting –TOR are on this meetings agenda</li> <li>4. Hamish to circulate the priority list for Cordon Installation comments back to Hamish please - Cordon list has been circulated</li> <li>5. Submissions are invited to EBOPS Draft RPMS regarding aquatic pest issues - The draft RPMS will be put out for submissions in October</li> </ol>		
3. Terms of	Greg presented an outline of a proposed terms of reference for the group the proposed TOR	<b>1. Richard and Johlene</b>	<b>Richard/Johlene</b>

<b>reference for APTAG</b>	<p>highlighted the Aquatic Pest Management co-ordination role of the APTAG group</p> <p>Hera highlighted the need to link the TOR back to the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group.</p>	<p><b>to meet and refine the draft TOR for circulation</b></p>	
<b>4. Aquatic weed spraying and monitoring programme</b>	<p>Sharon gave a run down of areas designated by LINZ for spraying over the upcoming summer; the list was a combination of boatramp areas for vector management, incursion areas at Ōkataina, and amenity areas such as Kawaha point.</p> <p>Matt had a request from Fish and Game for an area at Ruato Bay Lake Rotoiti to be treated to enable angler access.</p> <p>Rohan pointed out that Hotwater Beach at Lake Tarawera was not on the list for treatment; this area has a heavy infestation of Hornwort and is a major anchoring area over the summer period.</p> <p>Hamish presented some printouts of sonar soundings of weedbeds at Kawaha Point, Lake Rotorua, and at Okawa Bay, Lake Rotoiti, discussion took place around the usefulness of soundings to gauge the extent and growth of large weedbeds. The soundings are a useful record; spot diving to ground check may be required.</p>	<p><b>2. EBOP to check this area and liaise with LINZ</b></p>	<p><b>Richard/Hamish</b></p>
<b>5. Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Regional Pest Management Strategy</b>	<p>John gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the Regional Councils proposed Regional Pest Management Strategy.</p> <p>The draft strategy will be released for comment in October.</p> <p>Implications for aquatic pest management are;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discussions will take place with Fish and Game to place restrictions on Coarse fishing within the Bay of Plenty Region.</li> <li>2. It is proposed to include penalties for the transfer of Aquatic weed on boats/trailers.</li> <li>3. The strategy will identify lakes where aquatic weed species are <u>not</u> present, any new incursions into these lakes of these species will be treated as containment pests.</li> </ol> <p>John urged APTAG members to comment on the draft when available.</p>		

<b>6. Lake Ōkātina Hornwort Incursion</b>	<p>Hamish briefed the meeting regarding progress on implementation of the Hornwort Incursion response plan for Lake Ōkātina. Spraying with diquat has been carried out over the initial incursion sites in the south-western embayment's' with good results. A cordon has been installed segregating the major embayment from the body of the lake; the top section of the cordon is constructed from shade cloth. Publicity will be carried out to inform lake users of the programme, further monitoring and follow up control is planned.</p> <p>Johlene advised the group of the relationship between DOC and the Lake Ōkātina Scenic Reserve Board.</p>		
<b>7. General Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diquat and Aquathol Consent - The consent is currently being processed; further consultation is required with IWI groups.</li> <li>• Start of the Trout Fishing Season - the 1<sup>st</sup> of October, a Friday, is the start of the Trout Fishing Season staff from Fish and Game, DOC, and The Bay of Plenty Regional Council will be required to push the aquatic pest message.</li> <li>• EBOP Pond Audit - Following on from the audit of ponds within the Lake Ōkāreka catchment a further pond audit is planned for the Rotomā, Rotoehu, and Rotoiti Catchments.</li> <li>• Check Clean Dry Advisory Group - The Biosecurity NZ led Check Clean Advisory Group have met, BNZ have confirmed their commitment to public education of aquatic pests including Didymo</li> </ul>	<p><b>3. Richad/Johlene and Matt to Coordinate</b></p> <p><b>4. Richard to Circulate the CCDAG minutes</b></p>	<p>Richard/Johlene/ Matt</p> <p>Richard</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p>Tuesday 22 February 2010, 1:30 pm at the Rotorua Office of Bay of Plenty Regional Council <b>Chair:</b> Richard</p>		

Meeting finished at 3.30 pm