

## Aquatic Pests Technical Advisory Group

### Minutes for Tuesday 29 March 2011

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Office – Rotorua 1.40 pm

**Present:** John Mather, Ian Phillips, Greg Corbett (Bay of Plenty Regional Council); Rebecca Lander (DOC); Mark Sherburn (Fish & Game), Tim McKenzie (Boffa Miskell, for LINZ); Garry Page (RDC); David Morgan (LINZ)

**Chair:** Richard Mallinson

**Scribe:** Jenny Clarke

Item	Details	Action	Responsibility / Timeframe
<b>1. Apologies &amp; introductions</b>	Matt Bloxham, Hamish Lass (BOPRC), Johlene Kelly, Sarah Crump (DOC), Matt Osbourne (Fish & Game), Hera Smith (TALT),		
<b>2. Matters arising from previous minutes</b>	<p>Go through previous minutes of 14 September 2010</p> <p><b>Action points report:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Refine and circulate draft TOR (Richard/Johlene) – Completed</li><li>2. Check Hotwater Beach (Lake Tarawera) for hornwort and liaise with LINZ for it to go on treatment list (Richard/Hamish) – In progress</li><li>3. Co-ordinate aquatic pest message for start of Trout Fishing Season (Richard/Johlene/Matt) – Completed</li><li>4. Circulate CCDAG minutes (Richard) – Completed</li></ol>		

<b>3. Terms of reference for APTAG</b>	<p>An overhaul of the TOR is required as the role of the advisory group has changed: (Draft copy of TOR was circulated with agenda)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New name proposed “Aquatic Pest Co-ordination Group”</li> <li>• Includes measureable objectives, including reporting</li> <li>• Discussion of rotation of Chairing - it was generally agreed that BOPRC retain the status quo but that the chairing can be shared where mutually agreed (e.g. DOC)</li> <li>• Suggestion to include more Rotorua lakes and Waikato River / lakes</li> </ul>	<b>1. Members report comments on Draft TOR by 15 April and to be finalised by mutual agreement (via email)</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>4. Aquatic weed spraying and monitoring programme 2010/2011</b>	<p>Tim McKenzie gave an update on sites that have been controlled and are to be sprayed. Advised that an email will be out soon with more information.</p> <p>Richard gave an update on weed spraying at Ōkātina. Major objective is to prevent transmission of weeds from one lake to another. Spraying is also planned for Kawaha Point as a priority for the Rotorua lakefront.</p>		
<b>5. Summer awareness programme</b>	<p>Summary given by Richard on 2010-2011 summer awareness programme. Circulated a report by summer students Lauren Bennett and Nathan Burkepille Over 1000 people were spoken to during this time and the students were well received. The survey questions were updated to include the origin of boats; many of the boats using Lake Rotomā were from the coast.</p> <p>Update of DOC aquatic pest programme given by Rebecca – Amy Greaves distributed information pamphlets on aquatic pests; also work done by Waikato’s “Didymo Dave”.</p>		
<b>6. Weed cordon programme 2011</b>	<p>Richard gave update. Weed cordons are effective at Lake Ōkātina and have been generally well-received. Fish &amp; Game have also been advocating the benefits of cordons. There are currently four nets in use in the Rotorua lakes. A new cordon is ready for installation at Ōtautū Bay and the next cordon planned is for Lake Ōkāreka.</p> <p>There was a discussion of using the weed cordon concept in South Island, e.g. Lakes Wakatipu or Wanaka. Hamish may be involved with advising on this.</p>		
<b>7. Hornwort Incursion – Ōkātina</b>	<p>Richard gave an update on the hornwort incursion at Ōkātina.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful installation of an isolation cordon at the south-eastern embayment.</li> <li>• Further monitoring has found more plants in other parts of lake.</li> <li>• Action planned to spray the 11.1 ha and re-monitor.</li> </ul>		

<p><b>8. General Business</b></p>	<p>John Mather gave an update on the Draft RPMS. Submissions have been collated (50+); will go to Board of Inquiry on 13/14 April. Planned timeline is a final decision mid-June and adopted by mid-July.</p> <p>Most common issues submitted on were; gorse, aquatic fish and aquatic weeds</p> <p>Greg updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informed that the Council lake closures policy has been updated.</li> <li>• Advised that the recent Okawa Bay algal bloom was possibly caused by spraying; therefore future spraying should be timed later in the season when water temperatures were lower.</li> </ul> <p>Richard gave update on resource consent for Diquat and Aquathol – after consultation with iwi groups, further information is required (e.g. environmental effects on kakahi and koura).</p> <p>Pond surveys in Rotorua are continuing (Stephanie Jeffries contracting)</p> <p>Greg advised that APR consultants are looking at the issue of aquatic plant control and managing weed standings’.</p>		
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>12 July 2011, 1.30 pm at the Rotorua Office of Bay of Plenty Regional Council  <b>Chair:</b> Richard</p>	<p><b>2. Collate “Aquatic Pest Co-ordination Group” report prior to July meeting</b></p>	<p><b>Richard/All</b></p>

Meeting finished at