

## Aquatic Pests Co-ordination Group

### Minutes for Thursday 21 February 2013

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Office – Rotorua 1.30 pm

**Present:** Matt Osborne (Fish & Game); Johlene Kelly (Alchemists Ltd.); Marcus Girvan (Boffa Miskell); Garry Page (RDC); Steph Bathgate (BOPRC); Katrina Knill (DOC)

**Chair:** Richard Mallinson

**Scribe:** Jenny Clarke

| Item  | Details   | Action  | Responsibility / Timeframe |
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| 1. Apologies & introductions                                    | David Mole (LINZ); Greg Corbett, Hamish Lass, Shane Grayling (BOPRC); Roku Mihinui, Hera Smith (TALT)   |   |                            |
| 2. Matters arising from previous minutes                        | Go through previous minutes of 28 February 2012<br><b>Action points report:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Draft and circulate annual report of APCG activities (Richard) – completed</li><li>2. Boffa Miskell and BOPRC to liaise to identify areas that may require treatment for 2012-2013 (Hamish, Marcus, Stephanie and Richard) – completed</li><li>3. BOPRC and Fish &amp; Game to co-ordinate opening activities (Matt O and Richard) – completed</li></ol> |   |                            |
| 3. Annual Reporting and Planning Summary (Draft copy forwarded) | Discussion on the draft Annual Reporting and Planning Summary<br><br>Some suggestions made for alterations/additions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inclusion of Public Boat Ramp maintenance as RDC function</li><li>• Include paragraph on Didymo sampling</li></ul><br>Richard would like to present this reporting to BOPRC Councillors<br><br>Discussion on reporting spreadsheet "APCG spreadsheet – aquatic pest work 2011_2013"                                 | 1. Email Johlene regarding any suggested changes to draft Annual Reporting and Planning Summary | All                        |

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|   | <p>draft”</p> <p>This is designed to centralise reporting. This is useful for capturing summaries from the various organisations, and total expenditure of work over the region. It has capacity to add new issues and a way to pick trends.</p> <p>Suggestion made to have a meeting closer to end of financial year to finalise planning/reporting (Richard)</p>   |   |   |
| <p><b>4. Aquatic weed spraying and monitoring programme 2012/2013</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Richard informed that Hamish will be spending more of his time on updating the Land Management database; Steph Bathgate will be taking over the monitoring work around the lakes and boat-ramps.</li> <li>Spraying programme is going well so far. Incursions at Ōkataina and Ōkāreka are still to be done. Rotoehu wasn't done this time around due to poor water quality. However, 55 of the 80 ha of concern were already completed prior to Christmas.</li> <li>More publicity is to be done over winter regarding the transporting of weeds.</li> <li>Students found hornwort and Algeria in Rotomā, within the cordon area. This is possibly from jet skis with dirty intakes.</li> </ul> | <p><b>2. Boffa Miskell and BOPRC to sort areas to be sprayed over the 2013-2014 season. Also, confirm that 2012-2013 has been completed</b></p>                         | <p><b>Richard / Marcus</b></p>              |
| <p><b>5. Summer awareness programme</b></p>                               | <p>Tracey and Adam returned again as summer students. Worked in with Manu (DOC summer students). Spoke to &gt; 850 people at the lakes.</p> <p>Noted that three fishing tournaments are coming up, including this coming weekend at Lake Ōkāreka. Also a number of sporting events, where advocacy could be useful.</p>  | <p><b>3. Circulate draft of BOPRC 2012-2013 summer student advocacy work</b></p> <p><b>4. Contact Manu (DOC summer student) regarding advocacy work until March</b></p> | <p><b>Richard</b></p> <p><b>Richard</b></p> |
| <p><b>6. Weed cordon programme 2013</b></p>                               | <p>The next weed cordon scheduled is for Lake Rerewhakaaitu – this will be installed following final approval from TALT.</p> <p>A further cordon is planned for Kennedy's Bay</p>  |   |   |

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| <p><b>7. General Business</b></p> | <p><b>Water Poppy incursion - presentation:</b> Richard spoke to Dale William's presentation. Water Poppy was discovered in a pond (landowners contacted BOPRC) at Whangamoia drive, Lake Rotoiti. Physically removed by Steph and Dale 12 February, pond drained and allowed to dry. Follow-up was and is to check neighbouring properties and lake margins.</p> <p><b>Pest fish:</b> Notes from Shane (presented by Richard)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rudd in Lake McLaren – suggestion to create public signage and some netting to prevent the escape of Rudd. Katrina suggested that Brad in DOC Tauranga is the best contact.</li> <li>• Catfish management plan</li> <li>• Koi carp sightings follow-up (mainly Tarawera), DOC/BOPRC</li> </ul> <p><b>New BOPRC factsheets:</b> Richard advised that new factsheets are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aquatic pest plants</li> <li>• Aquatic pests in ponds</li> <li>• Clean your equipment (aimed at contractors)</li> </ul> <p><b>Hornwort harvesting at Rotoehu:</b><br/>Advertised for expressions of interest for hornwort harvesting. Richard informed that this is still in progress, as the initial supplier Transfield Services withdrew their interest.</p> <p>Mighty River Powers harvester; that has been used to date is now unavailable for this work.</p> <p><b>DOC business plan:</b><br/>Katrina informed that DOC are finalising their business plan, and would welcome some feedback on other items to include. A focus this year has been on camping.</p> <p><b>Hornwort incursion at Ōkātaina:</b> Steph gave an update on the surveying at Okataina with Marcus.</p> |  |  |
| <p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>        | <p>12<sup>th</sup> September 2013<br/><b>Chair:</b> Richard</p>   |  |  |

Meeting finished at 2:45 pm