

Aquatic Pests Co-ordination Group

Minutes for Thursday 12 September 2013

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Office (Lake Ōkataina Lodge) – Rotorua 10.30 am

Present: Matt Osborne (Fish & Game); Johlene Kelly (Alchemists Ltd., left 12:00 pm); Marcus Girvan (Boffa Miskell); Robby Atkinson (RDC); David Mole (LINZ); Hamish Lass, Steph Bathgate, Shane Grayling (BOPRC); Hera Smith (TALT, left 12:00 pm); Paul Champion, John Clayton (NIWA)

Chair: Richard Mallinson

Scribe: Jenny Clarke

Item	Details	Action	Responsibility / Timeframe
1. Apologies & introductions			
2. Matters arising from previous minutes	<p>Go through previous minutes of 21 February 2013</p> <p>Action points report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Email Johlene regarding any suggested changes to Draft Annual Reporting and Planning Summary (All) – completed 2. Boffa Miskell and BOPRC to sort areas to be sprayed over the 2013/2014 season. Also, confirm that 2012/2013 has been completed (Richard/Marcus) – completed 3. Circulate draft of BOPRC 2012/2013 summer student advocacy work (Richard) – completed 4. Contact Manu (DOC summer student) regarding advocacy work until March (Richard) – completed 		
3. Draft Annual Reporting and Planning Summary	<p>The Annual Reporting and Planning Summary spreadsheet is designed to centralise reporting. It will be 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johlene Kelly gave an update on the draft Annual Reporting and Planning Summary. The final draft copy will be circulated tomorrow for feedback. Greg aiming to present summary of this report to Council next week (SPP on 17 September). • Agreed that planning/administration hours also need to be captured • APCG need to be comfortable with contents of this, as the document becomes public 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Circulate final Draft Annual Reporting and Planning Summary 2. Draft Annual Reporting and Planning Summary presented to 	<p>Johlene (feedback by Tues 17 September)</p> <p>Greg</p>

	<p>once acceptance by Council. Opportunities for media release / exposure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on figures from last report, including total agency staff hours. This year Rotoehu harvest done. <p>Suggestion made to have a meeting closer to end of financial year to finalise planning/reporting (Richard)</p>	Council	
4. Results of Aquatic weed spraying programme 2012/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results of aquatic weed spraying programme for 2012/13, including information required for annual report. Update given by Marcus and Hamish Overall success of programme, including funding by LINZ and BOPRC. Phone number well-advertised and used by the public for inquiries regarding spraying. There was one incident regarding contractor spraying close to water supply intake near jetty during drought. This has prompted review in LINZ comms plan. Discussion on potential buffer zones for Diquat. Suggestion to put Diquat factsheet and comms information on Rotorua lakes website. Hamish will discuss with Rachael McGarvie. <p>Hornwort complaint from Ōkāreka residents. This may not be hornwort around shoreline, but need to check out.</p> <p>DOC (Craig Summers) prefers spraying not take place Sep-March (during Dabchick breeding). Richard suggests meeting with latest DOC representative.</p>	<p>3. Identify locations for water intake points and update comms planning</p> <p>4. Organise for Diquat and spraying information to go on the Rotorua lakes website</p> <p>5. Check out potential hornwort around Ōkāreka shoreline and feedback to residents (Don Atkinson)</p> <p>6. Meet with DOC (Jeff Millham) regarding spraying around Dabchicks</p>	<p>BOPRC / Boffa Miskell (Richard / Marcus)</p> <p>Hamish</p> <p>Hamish</p> <p>Richard</p>
5. Proposed 2013/14 aquatic weed monitoring / spraying programme	<p>Boat ramps / cordon areas – vector points Annual pre-spray check in November, approx. 30-40 sites. Discussion on how to speed-up notification process (currently 3-4 weeks). Much of the 2013/14 programme will depend on results of pre-spray monitoring.</p> <p>Hornwort incursion Ōkataina In management phase (year 4), many incursion sites have reduced or disappeared. The next diving session will be March/April 2014</p> <p>Hornwort incursion Ōkāreka Update on investigation and Council meeting discussion. Research currently on literature review, followed by monitoring technique investigation. Due date February 2014.</p>		

6. 2013/14 Weed cordon programme	(Update by Hamish) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rerewhakaaitu weed cordon was installed in August by Greenfields. The post-installation consent monitoring went well • Next proposed cordon in Kennedy's Bay at Rotoehu. • Overall, all other cordons going well. However, Rotomā starboard buoy had been shot and sunk; with an estimated total repair cost of \$5k <p>Assisting with proposed cordon for Waikeremoana, currently scoping locations</p>		
7. 2013 Rotoehu hornwort harvesting	(Update by Richard) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harvesting in Rotoehu this year primarily for nutrient reduction. The Mighty River harvester was not available, so a contractor was sourced from Coromandel. 3,000 tonnes wet weight hornwort removal, which was relocated to a vermicomposting unit at Tautara station. Lysometer testing showed 60% leachate of N, which did not meet the consent conditions. More options need to be looked at for next year (to eliminate N leaching). • Deloitte have carried out a cost benefit study on the best options for for harvesting equipment; the recommended option is for BOPRC to purchase a harvester and contract out (decision still to be finalised). 		
8. 2013/14 Awareness programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued MPI funding for this year, with \$20,000 for the BOPRC 2013/14 awareness programme. • Emphasis on broadening the Check/Clean/Dry message. • Hamish will be running the student programme this year. DOC will also be taking on a student over the summer. <p>PhD student Lucy Anderson (from UK) will be in Rotorua over the summer to look at freshwater advocacy programmes.</p> <p>World rafting championships in November, on multiple rivers. A central decontamination venue will be set up at Waiariki Polytechnic.</p> <p>John raised point of possibility of hornwort being transferred from central North Island to South Island. Discussion on decontamination of watercraft gear, item to raise with MPI.</p> <p>2013 Trout season opening Opening season in October, update on advocacy at various events</p>	7. Speak to MPI regarding event organisations requirements for decontamination of North Island boating gear prior to taking to South Island	Richard

9. General Business	EPA – update by Paul Champion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-assessment hearing on use of metsulfuron, holoxifop, Garlon360, imazapyr in aquatic environments. Need to register chemicals to enable “use for purpose”. • Generic monitoring programme, including pH, benthic environment and dissolved oxygen. Let Paul know if any sites being treated by Garlon360 for Parrot’s feather (need monitoring sites) <p>Diquat and Aquathol (region-wide) consent – update by Richard. Contract going out to continue the consenting process.</p>		
Next Meeting	18 February 2014 (Venue - Fish & Game) Chair: Richard		

Meeting finished at 2:00 pm