

Aquatic Pest Co-ordination Group

Minutes for Thursday 13 November 2014

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Office, Rotorua 1:30 pm

Present: Leilani Ngawhika (TALT); Rob Pitkethley (RDC); Hamish Lass, Stephanie Bathgate, Shane Grayling (Bay of Plenty Regional Council); Marcus Girvan (Boffa Miskell); Bella Tait, Manu Rangihueua (DOC); David Mole (LINZ), Tracey Burton (NIWA), From 3.00pm Joe Butterworth (BOPRC contractor)

Chair: Richard Mallinson

Scribe:

Item	Details	Action	Responsibility / Timeframe
1. Apologies & introductions	Greg Corbett (BOPRC); Matt Osborne (Fish & Game), Paul Champion, John Clayton (NIWA)		
2. Matters arising from previous minutes	<p>Go through previous minutes of 18 February 2014</p> <p>Action points report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organise for Diquat and spraying information to go on the Rotorua lakes website (Hamish) -To do 2. Meet with DOC to discuss spraying around Dabchicks (Richard) - Issue currently with DOC 3. Organise press release re. joint programme highlights Richard, Dave Mole (LINZ), Caraline Abbott (DOC) Will revisit after latest round of spraying 4. Contact Rotorua Duck owners regarding boat cleaning protocol (Hamish) - Done 5. Present Lucy Anderson's survey findings -PhD student from UK (Hamish) – Carry over 6. Contact Michelle Lee regarding update of the Lake Ōkataina incursion programme (Hamish) – still to do 7. Approach RDC regarding removal of Kennedy Bay boat ramp (Hamish) – After discussion this will not be pursued; a cordon is now planned for this site 	<p>1. Organise for Diquat and spraying information to go on the Rotorua lakes website</p> <p>2. DOC BOPRC and LINZ to Liaise re a joint Press release post herbicide application</p>	<p>Hamish</p> <p>Richard</p>

	<p>8. Circulate 2013-2014 Student survey report (Hamish) Completed</p> <p>9. Check rāhui protocols with Pererika, prior to lake spraying (All) Ongoing</p> <p>10. Discuss potential wash-down facilities / options (Richard, Manu) Done</p> <p>11. Contact Waikato regarding advocacy at Waikato waterways(Richard, Manu) Done</p> <p>12. Circulate APCG secure website link (Richard) Done</p>		
3. Planning for Weed Spraying Programme 2014/15	Marcus gave a run down. Pre-spray monitoring is currently being carried out through November, with spraying planned for December. Checks are being made on the suitability of weed for spraying, 32 sites have been programmed for treatment maps are currently being drawn up some weed cordon areas are being dropped off as the plant composition is now largely native LINZ budget is currently 114K with a BOPRC amenity weed control budget of 45K	3. Forward public concerns regarding aquatic weed growth through to Marcus	All
4. Hornwort Incursion Lake Ōkāreka	Update by Steph: NIWA report completed, recommendations around monitoring and surveillance methods Report outlying Okareka Hornwort management due for presentation to BOPRC Regional Direction and Delivery Committee on the 9 th of September. a containment programme is the recommended option.		
5. Hornwort Incursion Lake Ōkataina	Update by Hamish; An increased number of sites now up to seven, all sites have been sprayed a number of sites have been found in shallow water amongst Raupo. Further monitoring will be carried out over March 2015 with control to follow.		
6. Summary of Te Arawa Lakes Values Project	Leilani presented an outline of the Te Arawa Lakes Value project.		

7. Weed Cordon Programme	Update by Hamish, a weed cordon has been installed into Lake Waikaremoana a further cordon is planned for Kennedy Bay Lake Rotoehu this may be deferred to the 15/16 financial year, the current maintenance budget for cordons is 20K		
8. Pest Fish monitoring programme	Update by Steph, Lakes Rotorua, Rotoiti and Ōkāreka have been monitored no catfish were found a number of other species were found including the common Bully and Koaro, It is planned to carry out monitoring in a further four Lakes through February.		
9. 2014 Rotoehu hornwort harvesting	Richard gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the Hornwort harvesting operation that has been carried out on Lake Rotoehu over the last six years and the purchase and operation of the new aquatic weed harvester		
10. 2014 Draft Annual Reporting and Planning Summary.	A draft report detailing the group's activities staff time and expenditure over the 2013/14 year and planned activities for the 2014/15 year was presented by Joe Butterworth.	4. Circulate a copy of the report	Richard
11. 2014/2015 Awareness programme	<p>The Bay of Plenty Regional Council will again have two students; Xia Stevens and Matt Liddicoat working over the summer period they will be liaising with Manu from DOC and will be attending events and be engaging with Lake users the Rotorua Lakes and wider Bay of Plenty area.</p> <p>The BOPRC boat wash will also be in operation over the summer period being operated by contractors at boat ramps throughout the Lakes area.</p>		
12. Chairing of meetings	It was agreed to rotate the chairing of meetings between organisation with each organisation chairing two meetings in succession; administrative support and venues still to be provided through BOPRC, the next meeting will be chaired by Leilani from Te Arawa Lakes Trust		

<p>13. General Business</p>	<p>Concessions Discussion regarding obligations for concession/event organisers to decontaminate to Didymo standards was discussed.</p> <p>Biological Control Bio-control agents are being investigated for Hornwort and Lagro by Landcare Research, external funding sources are required.</p> <p>Water Quality Symposium The Lakes Water quality Society will be holding a symposium entitled Lake weed and Wallabies Their role and control in the ecology of the Rotorua Lakes the Symposium will be held over the 12th 13th of March 2015.</p> <p>Ear pond Snails The impact and distribution of Ear pond Snails within the Rotorua Lakes was discussed these snails are currently in large numbers within Lake Rotoehu</p>	<p>5. Contact MPI regarding the Pest Status of Ear pond Snails</p>	<p>Shane</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>To be determined</p>		

Meeting finished at 3:50 pm