

Fisheries Liaison Group Meeting Record

Fisheries Liaison Group (FLG) for 6 Wharf Development

Napier Port, 6 Wharf Project Office

February 26, 2020 - 4.30 pm to 5.03 pm

Present

Independent Chair

Eileen von Dadelszen

Note-taker

Maria Chalmers, 6 Wharf Communications Advisor

Commercial Fishers

Rick Burch - Commercial Fisher

Oliver Wilson (FINZ) – Area 2 Committee (interim)

Recreational Fishers

John Stewart – Legasea

David Scott – Legasea

Napier Port

Paul Rose - Environmental Advisor

Te Kaha Hawaikirangi - Pou Tikanga -

Infrastructure Environmental & Cultural Advisor

Co-Opted

Karl Warr - Independent Fisher

Ref	Item:	
1.	Welcome and introductions The meeting was opened with Eileen von Dadelszen welcoming attendees.	EvD
2.	Apologies. Grant Russell (Stantec), Jim Yeoman (Legasea) and Michel de Vos (GM Infrastructure Manager, Napier Port) sent apologies. No apologies were received from Alison (Ali) Undorf-Lay at the time of the meeting, nor was an alternate provided for the Area 2 (FINZ) representative. It was Moved: That the apologies be accepted. Rose / Stewart Carried	EvD
3.	Confirmation of minutes of meeting of 31 October 2019 Moved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2019 be accepted as a true and accurate record. Stewart / Scott Carried	EvD
4.	Matters arising from previous minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resignation of Jonathan Dick. There has been no replacement nominated yet. In the meantime, Oliver Wilson will continue to stand in. Discussion around the need for a commercial fisheries representative with Alison (Ali) Undorf-Lay's unofficial resignation. Noted: there are now two vacancies for Area 2 (FINZ) representation and formal resignation documentation still needs to be sent from Ali to FLG.	All
4.1	Recap informal meeting with Dr Emma Jones (Paul Rose)	All

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul Rose provided a summary of the meeting held between the FLG and Dr Emma Jones from NIWA around the scientific perspective of the fishing baseline data. The view is that the baseline data is not scientifically robust enough. It was noted that Dr Jones and other NIWA scientists are unavailable to undertake the surveys/scientist aspect of the baseline, but under the management plan a scientist is required. The FLG then discussed Item 6 on the agenda; whether there were any independent scientists not previously identified that could complete the dive surveys and assurance monitoring as identified in the 6 Wharf Water Quality Management Plan. Three new independent scientists were suggested at the meeting by Oliver Wilson: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Middleton Mark Chambers Tom McGowan. Oliver Wilson to follow up with Paul Rose and provide the contact details of above scientists as a matter of urgency. Paul to the follow up with scientists and send the scope of work out as soon as possible with a response expected from scientists by Friday 13 March. It was noted that John Holdsworth is unavailable to do the main work but can undertake the peer review. The meeting then agreed that it should follow up on the scientists before discussing alternative options and whether a change in methodology and fishing technique is required, including by-catch. It was agreed that if a scientist can be appointed to undertake the survey design, the process would need to be reviewed and approved by the FLG first. If no scientist is appointed, the group will look at alternatives. 	OW/PR
4.2	Clarification re: membership update – also refer 'Updated FLG contact list (as at 26 February 2020)' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted 	All
5.	Agenda Review (anything to be added) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new items 	All
6.	Fishing baseline and monitoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The agenda items were previously discussed under Item 4 (see above). The group discussed the confidential report (due to commercial sensitivity on fish data) and whether this could be made available to the wider fishing community. Karl Warr agreed for his data to be shared. Oliver Wilson to confirm whether the commercially sensitive data used for the report can be shared. 	KW / PR / OW
7.	6W construction update Paul Rose provided an update on 6 Wharf to the committee as follows:	PR

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The construction site is a hive of activity with sheet piling underway, pipes and pile casings being transferred and three cranes now on-site.• The first set of piles will be installed in early March• 150 metres of the revetment wall has been cleared, which has included moving 32 penguins into the sanctuary.	
8.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Paul Rose noted there will be a gap in data for the monthly baseline trawls due to Christmas and injuries.</p> <p>Karl Warr offered to have conversations with prospective scientists around the baseline data and proposed to share his findings with the new scientists.</p> <p>PR agreed to provide a background document and brief from the outset to independent scientists identified above about what has been achieved so far in baseline, process (how we did it) and issues to date.</p> <p>There was also discussion from commercial fisheries around sustainable fishing and high nitrates from the rivers and water temperature affecting fisheries. It was noted that these may impact water quality results but are unrelated to the project.</p>	PR / KW / RB
9.	There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.03 pm.	
10.	Next meeting: To be confirmed.	