

## Fisheries Liaison Group Meeting Record

Fisheries Liaison Group for Te Whiti (6 Wharf)  
 Meeting held Napier Port  
 July 17, 2024 – 4.00pm

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**Invitees:**

**Independent Chair**

Eileen von Dadelszen

**Note-Taker**

Grant Russell - Stantec

**Area 2 Committee Representatives**

Rick Burch - Commercial Fisher  
 Rosa Edwards (SNZ IC) - Area 2 Committee  
 Rawinia Lewis (SNZ IC) - Area 2 Committee

**Recreational Fishers**

Jim Yeoman - Legasea  
 John Stewart - Legasea  
 David Scott - Legasea

**Napier Port**

David Broad - General Manager Asset and Infrastructure  
 Hannah Strauss - Environmental and Sustainability Manager  
 Cameron Ormsby - Pou Tikanga - Infrastructure Environmental & Cultural Advisor

**Co-Opted**

Karl Warr - Independent Fisher

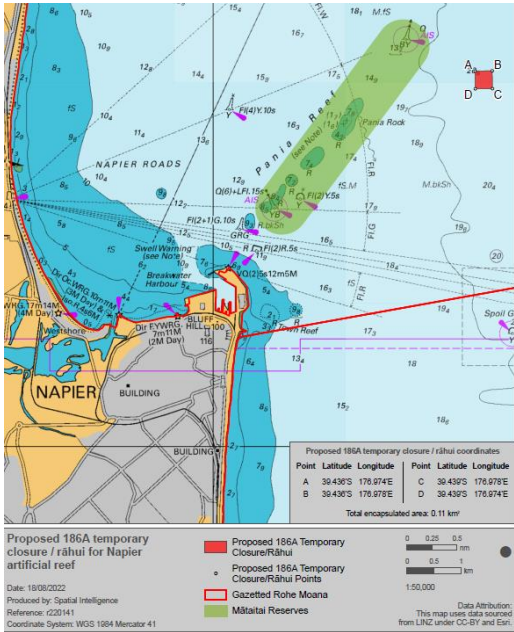
**HBRC**

Alice McNatty - Marine Biosecurity

**Pre-circulated material:**

- Unconfirmed FLG Minutes (27 March 2024)
- Terms of Reference (dated May 2019)
- Cawthron Pania Reef dive survey (Cawthron No. 3925) October 2023 (via Port email 17 May 2024)

1.	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The meeting was opened with Eileen von Dadelszen welcoming all in attendance at 4.06pm. Tiff Bock (alternate for Rosa Edwards) attended via TEAMS.</p>
2.	<p><u>Apologies</u> were received from Rosa Edwards, John Stewart, Karl Warr and Rick Burch.</p> <p><b>Yeoman/Lewis</b> <span style="float: right;"><b><u>Carried</u></b></span></p>
3.	<p><u>Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of 27 March 2024</u></p> <p><b>Moved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2024 be accepted as a true and accurate record.</b></p> <p><b>Yeoman/Lewis</b> <span style="float: right;"><b><u>Carried</u></b></span></p>
4.	<p><u>Matters Arising from Meeting of 27 March 2024</u></p> <p>The Terms of Reference (May 2019) were pre-circulated and will be discussed at next FLG meeting on 13 November 2024.</p>
5.	<p><u>Agenda Review (anything to be added or re-ordered)</u></p> <p>It was agreed to re-order Items 11 and 12.</p>

<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Marine Biosecurity</u></p> <p><b>Note:</b> In March 2024, a high-level site surveillance was carried out within the Inner Harbour and the Port Management Area. NIWA conduct the dive survey paid by MPI).                  Note: a single marine pest species was found, suspected to be <i>Stylea clava</i>. Fortunately, it was mis-identified in the water and was later confirmed to be a native marine species.  <b>Note:</b> All incoming vessels complete appropriate forms (online preferably) when undertaking a 'haul out'.  <b>Note:</b> Napier Sailing club use form online and while Napier CC has gone 'online' with their form the uptake from commercial vessel has been slow. More awareness and education is needed.</p>																		
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>Commercial fishers update</u></p> <p>Tiff Bock reported on behalf of SNZ IC.  <b>Note:</b> Flatfish population survey being carried out, along with a series of out fish species being surveyed i.e. snapper and gurnard.  <b>Note:</b> SNZ IC continues to work with commercial and recreational fishers on catch limits.</p>																		
<p>8.</p>	<p><u>Targeted monitoring at the Offshore Disposal Area (ODA)</u></p> <p><b>Note:</b> Napier Port provided raw data (unvalidated to date) on the following species at the ODA: BRI – Brill, ESO – New Zealand Sole, SFL – Sand flounder, YBF – Yellow belly flounder, GUR – Gurnard and LSO – Lemon sole. Attachment 1 are the graphs attached for information purposes. (CPUE means Catch Per Unit Effort).  <b>Note:</b> Karl Warr provided a brief update (via text) to Hannah, <b>noting:</b> fishing is generally quiet and noted that a lot of woody debris is still around. As is typical during winter, fish tend to go in habit deeper water.</p>																		
<p>9.</p>	<p><u>Artificial Reef - Reef 1 and Te Kohanga Project</u></p> <p>Cam Ormsby presented on the Artificial Reef located off from Pania Reef.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The rahui, refer map below and link to NZ Gazette, has a 2-year limit. Originally signed off on 22 June 2022, it will expire on 21 June 2025.</p>  <p><b>Proposed 186A temporary closure / rahui coordinates</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Point</th> <th>Latitude</th> <th>Longitude</th> <th>Point</th> <th>Latitude</th> <th>Longitude</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>38.436°S</td> <td>176.674°E</td> <td>C</td> <td>38.439°S</td> <td>176.679°E</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>38.438°S</td> <td>176.679°E</td> <td>D</td> <td>38.436°S</td> <td>176.674°E</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Total encapsulated area: 0.11 km<sup>2</sup></p> <p><b>Proposed 186A temporary closure / rahui for Napier artificial reef</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed 186A Temporary Closure/Rahui</li> <li>Proposed 186A Temporary Closure/Rahui Points</li> <li>Gazetted Rohe Moana</li> <li>Mātaaitai Reserves</li> </ul> <p>Date: 18/08/2022                  Produced by: Spatial Intelligence                  Reference: 220141                  Coordinate System: WGS 1984 Mercaator 41</p> <p>Data Attribution: This map uses data sourced from LINZ under CC-BY and CC-B.</p> <p><b>FYI: <a href="#">57451-B23-23-0408-Fisheries-Te-Rahui-o-Moremore-Temporary-Closure-Notice-2023-MPI-1656</a></b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> A detailed summary of the artificial reef, rahui and options once the rahui ceases were presented. Options to manage customary fisheries are: Mataitai, Taiapure (local fisheries) Temporary closure (rahui).  <b>Note:</b> Jim Yeoman (Legasea), agreed that rahui, which has 'run its course' and would like to see the site become a Mataitai; with the following 'restrictions': no potting, no set nets and no commercial fishing.</p>	Point	Latitude	Longitude	Point	Latitude	Longitude	A	38.436°S	176.674°E	C	38.439°S	176.679°E	B	38.438°S	176.679°E	D	38.436°S	176.674°E
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	<p><b>Note:</b> Anecdotal evidence says recreational fishers fish at the site, and further notes it is difficult to enforce the rahui.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> That the process to establish a Mataitai<sup>1</sup> (with MPI), will be an application led by mana whenua (via Mana Whenua Steering Komiti), and other key stakeholders such as Legasea.</p> <p><b>Noted</b> by the Port: Mana Whenua Steering Komiti held quarterly. Legasea wish to be at the 'table' for the mataitai kōrero. This was absolutely supported and details were shared between Cam Ormsby (Pou Tikanga - Infrastructure Environmental &amp; Cultural Advisor) and Jim Yeoman (Legasea).</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Cam wishes to include commercial fisher inputs into the process. Relevant information to be provided to the Area 2 (SCN IC (Rawinia Lewis and Tiff Buck)) representatives.</p> <p><b>Te Kohanga Project</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> that NKII has the contract to do this install / seed the spat ropes and it was noted that Cam is meeting with Shade Smith from NKII, to get this underway.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> That in partnering with Napier Port and Legasea, more spat ropes will be prepared and taken out to the site, with assistance from Legasea. Legasea happy to partner with Waiohiki Marae.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Jim Yeoman suggested the artificial reef is named the 'Legasea Reef'. In reply, Cam noted that a Māori naming (convention) would also be good to have in place.</p>
10.	<p><u>Completed dive surveys: Benthic @ ODA, Benthic @ R-Ext/IA and Pania Reef/Artificial Reef</u></p> <p><b>Note:</b> Pania reef survey completed.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> there is no consent 'driver' to maintain annual dive surveys of Pania Reef.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> FLG to prepare a letter of support to Napier Port to conduct Pania Reef surveying via an underway drone.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> As previously minuted on 27 March 2023, FLG to prepare and submit a letter of support to Napier Port to conduct Pania Reef surveying via an underway drone, as a cost effective alternative to conducting dive surveys.</p>
	<p><u>Dredging campaign</u></p> <p><b>Note:</b> Maintenance dredging (planned) under way at end of July. This is due to NCC conducting their planned maintenance and that the dredging vessel will be present. It was cost effective for the dredging to occur concurrently for Napier City Council and Napier Port.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Total maintenance dredging volumes, approximately 110,000m<sup>3</sup>. Deposited offshore at Westshore and ODA. This equates to approximately 7,500 m<sup>3</sup> via backhoe and remainder trailer suction hopper dredging (TSHD). Programmed to take approximately one month to complete works.</p>
11.	<p><u>Ti Whiti (6 Wharf) management plans – annual reviews</u></p> <p><b>Note:</b> That heavy metals testing is a requirements of capital dredging only, not maintenance. However, Napier Port has completed Microtox testing on areas be to dredged as required by consent and WQMP.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Cam noted that Mana Ahuriri Trust carry out water quality sampling in Ahuriri Estuary.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The components of dredging spoils is typically an 'ooze' like substance, potentially sourced from the NCC maintenance dredging disposal.</p>
12.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p><b>Note:</b> Terms of Reference (dated 19 May 2019) to be reviewed on Wednesday 13 November 2024. This has been previously circulated.</p>
13.	<p>Meeting Closed at 4.55pm</p>
	<p><b>2024</b> FLG meeting schedule: Wednesday 27 March, Wednesday 17 July and Wednesday 13 November</p>

<sup>1</sup> A mātaítai is a way to recognise and provide for traditional fishing through local management. They allow customary and recreational fishing but usually do not allow commercial fishing.