

## Fisheries Liaison Group Meeting Record

Fisheries Liaison Group for Te Whiti (6 Wharf)  
 Meeting held at The GinTrap (Elbow Room) – 64 West Quay Ahuriri, Napier  
 March 27, 2024 – 6.06pm – 6.54

**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  
 Paul Rose - Senior Environmental Advisor  
 Te Kaha Hawaikirangi - Pou Tikanga - Infrastructure Environmental & Cultural Advisor  
 Hannah Strauss – Environmental and Sustainability Advisor

**Co-Opted**

Karl Warr - Independent Fisher

**HBRC**

Alice McNatty - Marine Biosecurity

**Pre-circulated material:**

- Unconfirmed FLG Minutes (15 November 2023)
- CawRpt 3961\_5 yearly Benthic Report for disposal grounds R-Ext and IA (via Port email 20 February 2024)
- CawRprt 3960\_Sampling Survey of Port of Napier (via Port email 23 February 2024)
- WQMP – Fishing aspect (with track changes) via Port email 04 March 2024
- WQMP – Fishing aspect (with track changes accepted)
- Summary of all management plans updates.
- Annual Report: Benthic Fisheries Hawke Bay 2023
- Commercial Fisheries Update to Napier Port Fisheries Liaison Group

1.	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The meeting was opened with Eileen von Dadelszen welcoming all in attendance at 6.06pm, including Sarah Warr (All Star Fishing).</p>
2.	<p>Apologies were received from David Broad, Alice McNatty, Rosa Edwards, Te Kaha Hawaikirangi and Grant Russell (late)</p> <p><b>Yeoman/Rose</b> <span style="float: right;"><b><u>Carried</u></b></span></p> <p>Due to apologies from Grant Russell, for lateness, Hannah Strauss took minutes.</p>
3.	<p><u>Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of 15 November 2023</u></p> <p><b>Moved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record.</b></p> <p><b>Yeoman/Stewart</b> <span style="float: right;"><b><u>Carried</u></b></span></p>
4.	<p><u>Matters Arising from Meeting of 15 November 2023</u></p> <p>None</p>
5.	<p><u>Agenda Review (anything to be added or re-ordered)</u></p> <p>None</p>
6.	<p><u>Marine Biosecurity</u></p> <p>Will await update from Alice McNatty at next meeting</p>

	<p><b>Informed:</b> Paul Rose provided update that NIWA has recently completed 6-monthly high risk surveillance biosecurity surveys. The findings to be shared with FLG upon completion.</p>
7.	<p><u>Commercial fishers update any studies completed/planned</u></p> <p><b>Noted:</b> Rick Burch provided update that the seasonal closure of the Springs Box for commercial fishers has been going for 8 years now with great partnerships built between Legasea and commercial fishers. Without closure to commercial the cause of the decline in snapper stocks in the area would have likely been assumed to be commercial overfishing.</p> <p><u>Report:</u> <u>Commercial Fisheries Update to Napier Port Fisheries Liaison Group (Pre circulated)</u>        John Stewart commended SNZs work/innovations – <b>Noted</b> that sonar approach/methodologies developed in the wake of Cyclone Gabrielle can be utilized post other weather systems.</p> <p><b>Moved: FLG accept the report “Commercial Fisheries Update to Napier Port Fisheries Liaison Group”</b></p> <p><b>Lewis/Warr</b> <span style="float: right;"><b><u>Carried</u></b></span></p>
8.	<p><u>Targeted monitoring at the Offshore Disposal Area (ODA)</u></p> <p><u>Report: Annual Report: Benthic Fisheries Hawke Bay 2023</u></p> <p>Hannah Strauss noted that the approach taken in this report was different to previous reports in tracking changes in catch rates/conditions over the 2023 and comparing to previous year. Previous reports have targeting capital dredging specifically and have not found significant cause for concern.</p> <p><b>Noted:</b> The monitoring does not currently look specifically in certain areas around the ODA, just trawls around the outside, however there is scope in future work to use fish traps for more temporally targeted areas.</p> <p><b>Noted:</b> Incorporating environmental conditions into monitoring such as wind direction will likely provide correlation to catch rates – trends have been observed in the past (west is best).</p> <p><b>Noted:</b> Rick Burch highlighted that the studies have shown little impact to stocks as a result of dredging, any future reduction in stock unlikely to be due to Port activities.</p> <p><b>Noted:</b> Gut samples of indication of food sources would make good addition to dataset</p> <p><b>Noted:</b> Historical data set extremely valuable, and that Cyclone effects may be more apparent in future years.</p> <p><b>Moved: FLG accept and support the recommendations in the report “Annual Report: Benthic Fisheries Hawke Bay 2023”</b></p> <p><b>Stewart/Warr</b> <span style="float: right;"><b><u>Carried</u></b></span></p> <p><b>Update</b> from David Scott regarding divers experiences around Pania: usual diving conditions, not dissimilar to 2 years ago (limited visibility). Kingfish, kahawai and snapper found in good numbers north of Pania.</p>
9.	<p><u>Artificial Reef - Reef 1 and Te Kohanga Project</u></p> <p>Postponed to next meeting due to apologies from Te Kaha Hawaikirangi.</p>
10.	<p><u>Completed dive surveys: Benthic @ ODA, Benthic @ R-Ext/IA and Pania Reef/Artificial Reef</u></p> <p><b>Noted:</b> Benthic Reports around IA, R.Ext and ODA completed and circulated to FLG. These are available on Napier Port website and are available to be shared publicly.</p> <p><b>Noted:</b> Paul Rose provided update on Pania Reef dive survey (survey complete awaiting report from Cawthron) and Artificial Reef survey (unable to survey due to lack of visibility)</p> <p><b>Moved: The FLG to provide a letter in support of Napier Port purchasing of an underwater drone for the purposes of:</b>  <b>Cost benefit and ability to enhance any future survey work when visibility allows– specially the Pania reef dive survey and artificial reef dive survey. Currently very difficult to plan/conduct any dive surveys due to ongoing poor visibility and only small dive windows throughout the year.</b>  <b>Potential to remove the necessity of Cawthron divers to conduct the surveys with less dependency on ideal weather conditions and H&amp;S requirements for divers. Management Plans will need to be updated and certified before any process change to surveys is approved.</b></p>

	<b>Lewis/Stewart</b> <span style="float: right;"><b><u>Carried</u></b></span>
11.	<p><u>Ti Whiti (6 Wharf) management plans – annual reviews</u></p> <p><b>Noted:</b> changes are for the purpose of aligning management plans away from Te Whiti focus towards a whole-of-port focus</p> <p><b>Moved: FLG support all recommended changes to management plans</b></p> <p><b>Stewart/Yeoman</b> <span style="float: right;"><b><u>Carried</u></b></span></p>
12.	<p><u>Any Other Business –</u></p> <p><b>Noted:</b> Terms of Reference are due for review. Paul Rose to share this documentation with the group prior to next meeting for discussion.</p> <p><b>Noted:</b> Te Kaha Hawaikirangi has recently resigned from Napier Port to move into a full-time role at HBRC.</p> <p><b>Noted:</b> Karl Warr shared that <i>Caulerpa spp.</i> causing widespread devastation further north but likely to spread south</p> <p><b>Noted:</b> the FLG has come a long way since establishment 5 years ago, and original goals have been met.</p> <p><b>Recommended:</b> Jim Yeoman provided recommendation to have meetings in restaurants more often.</p>
13.	Meeting Closed at 6.54pm
	<b>2024</b> FLG meeting schedule: Wednesday 27 March, Wednesday 17 July and Wednesday 13 November