

Marlborough Marine Futures

Issues/Interests expressed by participants about process

Stakeholder Working Group formation workshop #1 - 8 March 2015

Comments made during facilitated group dialogue. Some grouping and paraphrasing done to sort information into themes. Notes of speakers comments directly are also available.

Process must be:

Site specific: Needs to work for Marlborough although can draw on the value of past practice in other places.

Representative: Mandated by sector groups and communities.

Inclusivity: Ensure all relevant interests have opportunity to be involved.

Size: Views expressed ranged from 12 (efficiency and efficacy) to 20 - 50 (representivity and inclusiveness).

Mandating/Appointment process:

- general acceptance of iwi resolving own appointment process;
- suggestion of a mix of people selected through group process and appointed for particular sector representivity or skills.

Communication and transparency:

- Opportunity to build trust, engagement and relationship with scientists;
- Value of 'listening posts' and information being available to all eg through website for broad public engagement.

Scope: Integration requires consideration of marine and terrestrial issues including land management to understand & influence relevant pressures.

Quality information: Required to understanding issues and interests; from scientists (eg habitat mapping to inform spatial process), and local knowledge and concerns.

Time scale: Whatever is required for robust solutions to be developed and to ensure sector engagement (some comments about length of time process has taken since Omaka in 1998; some comments about not wanting to be rushed now).

Resourcing and support structures:

For process overall and for SWG.

Results: Want traction and results - it has been a long time.

SWG members:

- have strong mandate from sector groups and communities;
- have track records of working well with others & strong interpersonal skills;
- have proven ability to develop plans and implement them;
- operate with a culture of collaboration and commitment

Further points expressed and noted:

DOC: DOC's role may be more important for this process than those in other areas given the amount of land administered by DOC in region (particularly Sounds Foreshore Reserve and Mt Richmond Forest Park) and the knowledge held by DOC.

Sequencing and relationship with other processes: eg Marlborough District Council RMA integrated plan process. Value of 'joining dots' between existing processes and proposals and information/engagement with wider community.

Stakeholder groups: A number of stakeholder groups were mentioned. These were also mapped through a separate exercise and are documented separately.

Comments about the process

1. Debs Martin:

Huge responsibility for DOC for land including the foreshore reserve, marine environment and marine mammal protection. DOC are involved in projects as well as being a knowledge holder.

2. Storm Stanley:

Select a very representative group with mandate from their sector. Need ability to negotiate and to carry a plan through. Good mandating back from their group. Reporting back. A group of 20.

3. Monyeen Wedge:

Involve people in contact with holiday home owners.

4. Tim Newsham:

Where is the terrestrial side? In the Picton Smart and Connected forum 14 people out of a much larger group put up their hands. How about 6 or so selected by the group and 6 or more left to ensure all industries are represented.

5. Steffan Browning:

Stakeholder groups way too small. Hope process is very inclusive. Full representation. Residents groups in the Sounds. Some will dropout over time. 50 people would not be too much. Big catchment management groups overseas. Very good terrestrial engagement. From fishing to paddocks.

6. Mark:

Key sector groups not here today

7. Piero Rocco:

Lack of communication by NIWA. Scallops seeding but no growth. How do we build trust with the scientists and have them engage with us?

8. Nadine Taylor:

Big group.

9. Graeme Taylor:

A long time.

10. Laurie Saunders:

Newspaper article said people will be selected for the second meeting. Hamish said this would not be the case.

11. Poneke Rene:

Pathways for engagement. Residents associations. Group of stakeholders are the iwi/hapu/whanau that are applicants that come from the marine and coastal area.

12. Eugenie Sage:

Hope for a wide public process including listening posts, website. Noted the value in the West Coast process of habitat mapping and investing in science.

13. Raymond Smith:

Top of the South Fisheries Forum. Iwi are at all different stages. Door is open for as many iwi as want to participate.

14. Brain McGurk:

Resourcing and support. Long term plan to support SWG. How does SWG remain well informed of local knowledge and community concerns?

15. Hugh Shields:

Single species fisheries debates - better to go to wider environment. 1990s - Danny Boulton marine reserve proposal failed. Taiapure proposal by Te Atiawa for Tory Channel failed. Maps of no-take zones. Long Island marine reserve established by divers. MDC/DOC ecologically important sites of Marlborough required reading. MPI customary fisheries guide. Draw on all the building blocks. Danny Boulton's obituary was frustration about the lack of completion.

16. Des Boyce:

1999 hui about all these same things. MDC was charged with sorting out fishing problems. Mitchell was chairperson. Sounds Fish Inc formed. MDC funding. Need more time to go back to the community. Need to pause and go back to groups. Sell it to the various groups. Need more information.

17. Janette Walker:

Quick push. People that can collaborate and deal with the issues. No restriction on working groups numbers. RMA Plan.

18. Steve Urlich:

20 November Council Minutes. Council has a Plan process underway. Has been collaborative. Important that multiple pathways are not allowed to create confusion. Land plan will proceed. Need to focus on marine protection.

19. David Hayes:

DOC supportive.

20. Paul Creswell:

MPI supportive as long as the right governance arrangements are in place.

21. Hugh Shields:

Go for low hanging fruit now and high hanging fruit later. Leverage off the election cycle.