

Marlborough Marine Futures First Forum meeting held 9 August 2015 in Picton

Notes range from verbatim records to overview notes of comments or process. A summary is provided up front with more detail behind for those who want it. All notes remain in draft as they have not been checked with all present for content/accuracy.

Mihi and karakia: Raymond Smith.

Peter Lawless set the scene for tasks to be achieved today, that is to identify all the issues the Forum can list out. *You will also become more knowledgeable about what the Atlantis system may offer us as a tool to use. We also have included another presentation by Steve Urlich about the recently released Rob Davidson report commissioned by MDC.*

So people were aware of who was in the room, people introduced themselves.

Eric Jorgenson - Fish and fisheries:

Eric added to the overview of where we are up to and made the group aware of the number of organisations that we will be engaging with. There are a number of issues that we can start with like seaweed and fish stocks, but we need to have it coordinated in a manageable way. The issues will lead us to our future work on environmental matters.

John Hellstrom - Biosecurity:

The Forum was informed about biosecurity in the region, examples were given and *Undaria* was the most commonly known explosion of an uncontrolled pest that was let go and is now New Zealand wide, and the harm it causes.

Didemnum vexillum was another example, it was not identified soon enough and when Government looked at it, not enough effort was put into managing it before it became a real problem.

Mediterranean fanworm was another example of an out-of-control pest. Another strain of *Bonamia ostrea* was discovered last year and the Government has implemented controls sooner than past pest invasions by closing areas.

It is so important to implement a management plan to control pest outbreaks before they become a national problem and impact on our marine environment.

John also talked about the Biosecurity 2025 a review of national policy being done by MPI.

Raymond Smith - The post Treaty settlement:

Raymond provided knowledge about the timeframes that it took Maori to get where they are today in reaching a settlement. First is acknowledgement of the past, commercial and cultural have been addressed. Kaitiakitanga was explained and what it means to iwi. Purpose of engagement and recognition of Government to

each of the eight iwi in the top of the south also known as Te Tau I Hu, each iwi has their own needs and addressed based on their own rohe.

Raymond showed a slide showing the statutory area of the recognition of iwi interests.

Mountains to the sea is where iwi see the management is required.

Iwi have a special relationship to many locations in the Sounds, ancestors names are used to identify those locations.

Customary marine title is a tool that can provide a higher level of marine protection.

The group was informed of the importance to fully engage with iwi.

Steve Urlich, Marlborough District Council Marine Scientist:

Presented Rob Davidson Marlborough Sounds Marine Environment report.

Alistair Dunn and Ian Tuck, NIWA Scientists - Atlantis Model and the Sustainable Sea Challenge.

After the presentations the Forum was given the opportunity to ask questions on the presentations given.

A number of questions were asked of the Atlantis Model, how much data and what information is required for the modeling.

Understanding some of the complexities of the modeling.

How can MMF become involved and engaged in the process of the Sustainable Sea Challenge?

MMF can provide some guidance in filling the gaps identified.

Concern with the Davidson report given he wears a number of hats. Should it not be peer-reviewed as it may be seen as a conflict in some areas? MDC responded about Rob Davidson's integrity and being the most logical person to undertake the work, given his vast knowledge of the region he was the right person to do the work.

Peter wrapped up the presentations by explaining that it takes the community or the collective to provide information to go forward.

After lunch the group was asked to form groups of like-minded people and start writing out all the issues they can think of and put those issues on a sticky note and place on the window. Five groups were naturally formed to identify issues.

After about 1.5 hours everyone had completed the task and all the issues that were placed on the window were grouped into the different categories - habitat, fisheries related, tress, information requirements, Governance, solutions, sedimentation effects, people and resources, all headings had a good number of issues attached below them.

Larnce Wichman provided a brief summary of the day's activities before bringing the day to a close.

Peter thanked everyone for their engagement and informed them that the day's information and presentations will be posted on the MMF website.

Raymond Smith closed the meeting with a karakia.

Forum closed at 2:15pm.