

## RECORD OF ACTIONS

### NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL Natural Resources Working Party

Discussion held in the Whangaroa Room, Northland Regional Council  
on Tuesday 6 March 2018 commencing at 1.00 pm

**Present:** Justin Blaikie (Chair), Rick Stolwerk, Joce Yeoman, Mike Finlayson (via teleconference), Juliane Chetham, Bruce Howse, Bill Shepherd, Malcolm Nicolson, Colin Dall, Duncan Kervell, Lorna Douglas, Nola Sooner (Minute Taker)

**Apologies:** Nil

**Additional matters to be discussed:** Nil.

#### MATTERS DISCUSSED

1. Record of Actions from Previous Meeting & Matters Arising
2. Swimming water quality programme and MST river result

**Presented by:**

Colin Dall

##### Agreed action points

- Staff to provide a high level analysis of the need and work required for Section 128 reviews of consents for farm dairy effluent discharges to water. **Action: Colin Dall**
- Staff to follow up on naturalised ecoli for the NZ Science Challenge. **Action: Bruce Howse**

*\*1.10pm Juliane Chetham joined the meeting.*

3. Lake Omapere

**Presented by:**

Bruce Howse

##### Agreed action points

- Staff to obtain a high level opinion from NIWA on the benefits or otherwise of raising the water level of Lake Omapere. **Action: Lisa Forester**
- Re-establish a good working relationship with the Lake Omapere Trust and advise NRC wishes to be part of future studies. **Action: Duncan Kervell**
- Bruce to rewrite to Minister of Conservation to request swans be removed from the Game Bird List of the Wildlife Act. **Action: Bruce Howse**
- Audit of the original Farm Plans to be undertaken via desktop exercise using oblique aerial photography. **Action: Duncan Kervell**

#### **4. Research into the benefits of manuka for riparian planting**

**Presented by:**

Duncan Kervell

- Staff to contact ESR Consortium and Lincoln University to request baseline studies, identify a site and investigate what NRC's contribution would be e.g. Environment Fund could be used to support NRC's research to support water quality in the case of Lake Omapere. Rangihamama Trust farm may be an option to pursue. **Action: Lester Bridson**

*\*2.14pm Mike Finlayson left the meeting.*

#### **5. Fencing Technologies/Systems**

**Presented by:**

Duncan Kervell

**Agreed Action Points**

- Staff to consider and trial new or emergent fencing technologies for inclusion into the Environment Fund. **Action: Duncan Kervell**

#### **6. Proposed NRC Regional Afforestation Grant Scheme**

**Presented by:**

Duncan Kervell

#### **7. Establishment of Elite Soil Protection Working Party between FNDC and NRC**

**Presented by:**

Justin Blaikie

**Agreed Action Points**

- Staff to contact FNDC and nominate an NRC staff member to work with FNDC on providing technical expertise to a Soil Protection Working Party. **Action: Bruce Howse**

#### **8. Combined Consents for coastal protection works**

**Presented by:**

Colin Dall

*\*2.51pm Bill Shepherd left the meeting.*

**9. Update on Maritime Facilities for boat cleaning**

**Presented by:**

Bruce Howse

**10. Future Items/priorities for Natural Resources Working Party**

**Agreed Action Points**

- Marine Management Issues to be included on future agendas. **Action: Bruce Howse**

**Meeting closed: 3.04 pm**