

# Huihuinga O Te Kāhui Māori O Taitokerau

Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party  
Thursday 8 November 2018 at 11.00am

## **AGENDA**

## **RĀRANGI TAKE**

## **Rārangi Take O Te Kāhui Māori O Taitokerau** **(Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party Agenda)**

Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber  
36 Water Street, Whangārei  
on Thursday 8 November 2018, commencing at 11.00am

**Please note: working parties and working groups carry NO formal decision-making delegations from council. The purpose of the working party/group is to carry out preparatory work and discussions prior to taking matters to the full council for formal consideration and decision-making. Working party/group meetings are open to the public to attend (unless there are specific grounds under LGOIMA for the public to be excluded).**

### **NGĀ MANA WHAKAHAERE** **(MEMBERSHIP OF THE TE TAITOKERAU MĀORI AND COUNCIL WORKING PARTY)**

Co-Chair, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine, Pita Tipene  
Co-Chair, Councillor Paul Dimery

Councillor Mike Finlayson	Councillor Bill Shepherd	Councillor Penny Smart
Councillor Joce Yeoman	Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board, Juliane Chetham	Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust, Georgina Connolly
Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa, Rihari Dargaville	Ngāti Kuta, Patukeha, Michelle Elboz	Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Rehia, Te Huranga Hohaia
Ngāti Kuta Patukeha, Shirley Hakaraia	Hokianga o Ngā Hapū Whānau, Patu Hohepa	Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi, Mike Kake
Ngātiwai Trust Board, Henry Murphy	Te Parawhau Hapū Authority Charitable Trust, Mira Norris	Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Rehia, Nora Rameka
Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi, Fred Sadler	Te Whakapiko Hapū, Rowan Tautari	Hokianga o Ngā Hapū Whānau, Rudy Taylor
Ngā Hapū o Ngāti Kuri/Te Hiku O Te Ika Marae Trust, Bundy Waitai	Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust, Malcolm Welsh	Ngāti Tara, Victor Holloway

### **KARAKIA / WHAKATAU**

#### **RĪMITI (ITEM)**

**Page**

#### **1.0 WHAKAPAHĀ (APOLOGIES)**

#### **2.0 WHAKAPUAKANGA O MUA (DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST)**

#### **3.0 NGĀ RĪMITI (ITEMS)**

<b>3.1</b>	Record of Actions – 6 September 2018	4
<b>3.2</b>	Working Party Updates	10
<b>3.3</b>	Non-elected membership on council's Planning Working Party	12

<b>3.4</b>	Northland's oil pollution response capability	13
<b>3.5</b>	Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party marae-based hui	16
<b>3.6</b>	Report: Māori Technical Advisory Group	18
<b>3.7</b>	Update: National hui on Māori representation	21
<b>3.8</b>	Shellfish abundance survey programme	23
<b>3.9</b>	Māori Technical Advisory Group membership	26

**TITLE:** Record of Actions – 6 September 2018  
**ID:** A1117854  
**From:** Sally Bowron, Governance and Engagement Team Admin/PA

---

### Rīpota/Report

The purpose of this report is to present the Record of Actions of the last meeting (attached) held on 6 September 2018 for review by the meeting.

---

Attachment 1: Unconfirmed Record of Actions for 6 September meeting [↓](#)

---

### Authorised by Group Manager

**Name:** Jonathan Gibbard  
**Title:** Group Manager - Governance and Engagement  
**Date:** 1 November 2018

## **Tuhituhi o ngā Mahi O Te Kāhui Māori O Taitokerau** **Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party Record of Actions**

Meeting held in the Council Chamber  
36 Water Street, Whangārei  
on Thursday 6 September 2018, commencing at 11.00am

### **Tuhinga (Present):**

Co-Chair, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine, Pita Tipene  
Co-Chair, Councillor Paul Dimery  
Councillor Mike Finlayson  
Councillor Penny Smart  
Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust, Georgina Connelly  
Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Rehia, Te Huranga Hohaia  
Ngāti Kuta Patukeha, Shirley Hakaraia  
Ngāti Tara, Victor Holloway  
Ngāti Manu, Kitty Mahanga  
Ngātiwai Trust Board, Henry Murphy  
Te Parawhau Hapū Authority Charitable Trust, Mira Norris  
Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Rehia, Nora Rameka  
Te Whakapiko Hapū, Rowan Tautari  
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine, Jaycee Tipene  
Ngā Hapū o Ngāti Kuri/Te Hiku O Te Ika Marae Trust, Bundy Waitai  
Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust, Malcolm Welsh

### **I Tae Mai (In Attendance):**

#### **Huihuinga i te katoa (Full Meeting)**

GM - Governance and Engagement  
Kaiarahi Kaupapa Māori  
Kaiarahi Tikanga Māori  
PA/Team Admin Governance and Engagement

#### **Huihuinga i te wahanga (Part Meeting)**

GM – Environmental Services  
Biosecurity Manager, Biosecurity  
Biosecurity Manager, Marine and Strategy, Biosecurity  
Policy Development Manager, RPS, Planning and Policy  
Resource Management Planning and Policy Manager  
Policy Specialist, Water Quality, Planning and Policy

The hui commenced at 10.10am.

### **Karakia / Whakataui**

*Secretarial Note: The opening karakia and mihimihi by members Tipene, Holloway and Waitai were held at the beginning of the non-elected members caucus session.*

*New member, Jaycee Tipene representing Ngāti Hine, was introduced and welcomed.*

## **Whakapahā/Apologies (Item 1.0)**

NRC Chief Executive, Malcolm Nicolson  
Chairman, Bill Shepherd  
Councillor, Joce Yeoman  
Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board, Julianne Chetham  
Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa, Rihari Dargaville  
Ngāti Kuta, Patukeha, Michelle Elboz  
Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi, Mike Kake  
Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpui, Fred Sadler  
Hokianga o Ngā Hapū Whānau, Rudy Taylor  
Co-Chair, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine, Pita Tipene (departed at 1pm)

## **Whakapuakanga o mua (Declarations of Conflicts of Interest) (Item 2.0)**

It was advised that members should make declarations item-by-item as the hui progressed.

### **1. Record of Actions – 5 July 2018 (Item 3.1)**

The Record of Actions was agreed to be an accurate representation of the hui.

### **2. Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party marae-based hui (Item 3.2)**

The report was taken as read. Ngā mihi nui was expressed for the manaakitanga shown by the host, Te Uri o Hau. Group Manager – Governance and Engagement also provided a verbal update on actions taken to support Te Uri o Hau's vision for Ngā Uri o Hau Native Nursery's application to the Provincial Growth Fund.

### **3. Recommendation to Council: Annual resolution to reform the Māori Technical Advisory Group (MTAG) (Item 3.3)**

TTMAC Working Party agreed that having an annual quota, rather than set hui dates, would give MTAG more ability to provide input when there was a tight feedback timeframe. Other matters regarding MTAG membership and process were also discussed such as concerns about the increased workload, ability to request additional hui, and quorum.

#### **Agreed action points:**

- Put Māori Technical Advisory Group membership and process on TTMAC's November hui agenda.
- Staff to put a paper to October's council meeting recommending that an annual quota of nine hui be set for MTAG to provide technical input into council's plans and processes.

### **4. Non-elected membership on council's Pest Management Working Party (Item 3.4)**

It was agreed that members Holloway and Tipene-Thomas would replace members Harawene and Wells-Smith on council's Pest Management Working Party. It was also noted that, for members to participate as representatives on working parties, plenty of advance notice of hui dates was needed.

## 5. Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party meetings schedule 2019 (Item 3.5)

The 2019 schedule of formal meetings was approved as follows:

Date	Venue
Thursday, 14 March 2019	Council Chambers
Thursday, 3 May 2019	Council Chambers
Thursday, 11 July 2019	Council Chambers
Thursday, 12 September 2019	Council Chambers
TBC, depending on local government election outcomes.	Council Chambers

The following hosts have put themselves forward for 2019's regional marae-based hui. This is subject to them confirming marae availability before or by the November TTMAC formal hui. Marae-based hui details will be confirmed closer to the hui.

Date 2019	Host
Thursday, 14 Feb 2019	Ngātiwai, member Murphy
Thursday, 11 April 2019	Te Ahu, member Holloway
Thursday, 13 June 2019	Ngāti Rehia, members Rameka, Hoheia
Thursday, 8 August 2019	Te Hiku, member Waitai
Thursday, October 2019	TBC, depending on local government election outcomes.

### Agreed action point:

Confirm hui location and details.

## 6. Māori Technical Advisory Group: resource consents (Item 3.6)

This paper identified options for how council can better provide for tangata whenua input into the resource consent process, without any legislative change. The working party agreed to recommend to council that there be further investigation by MTAG and staff into all five options.

### Agreed action point:

Staff to put a paper to October's council meeting recommending that the following five options be further explored by MTAG and staff:

1. Development of an online portal for non-notified resource consent information;
2. Review of the Resource Consent Application form;
3. Develop criteria to assess the identification of tangata whenua contacts to avoid overlapping interests;
4. Holding workshops with iwi and hapū Environmental Management Plan groups that have lodged their plans with council to better understand the cultural values; and
5. Develop a Cultural Effects Test document to assist council consents officers with the capture of cultural values and associated effects that can be taken into account under the Resource Management Act.

## **7. Māori Technical Advisory Group: Mana Whakahono a Rohe (Item 3.7)**

It was agreed that the recommendations in the tabled paper, with some changes, go to October's council meeting. The discussion mainly focused on how the council's position of working at all levels of Māoridom worked in practice, the possibility of overlapping rohe claims, the distinction between iwi and hapū in the Resource Management Act 1991, and how iwi authorities are identified.

### **Agreed action point:**

Staff to put a paper to October's council meeting recommending:

1. That Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party recommend to council that staff work with members Chetham, Murphy, Rameka and Tautari, to further refine a template for hapū based Mana Whakahono a Rohe for the purpose of informing council; and that
2. A process/criterion for joining also be developed; and that
3. The next draft be presented to the November Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party for consideration and a final draft to be put to the March 2019 meeting, prior to being presented to council.

## **8. Presentation: Regional Recreational Water Quality: consultation (Item 3.8)**

The council's Resource Management Planning and Policy Manager received feedback from TTMAC on "Where's your wai?", an online consultation tool (beta version). The tool will collect data from the public about recreational and cultural water use in Taitokerau, which will help inform council activities. The tool was well supported, with comment that it should be permanently online. Other key points raised during the discussion included coastal monitoring of Māori land in summer, regulating the scattering of ashes at sea, and the difficulties farmers face when dealing with different council's responsibilities for draining/flooding, especially of wetlands.

### **Agreed action point:**

That the Māori Technical Advisory Group workshop the issue of how to prevent ashes being scattered at sea, and bring their recommendations back to TTMAC's November meeting.

## **9. At risk catchments (Item 3.9)**

This paper was to inform and engage with TTMAC about the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) initiative to identify and report on 'at risk' catchments in each region. It was not possible for staff to properly engage with groups like TTMAC prior to sending MfE the draft 'at risk' list imposed by MfE. Members, however, indicated they wanted the opportunity to assist with subsequent refining of the list. Members also strongly objected to the timeline set by MfE which precluded proper engagement and didn't provide information about the implications of identifying a catchment as 'at risk'.

### **Agreed action points:**

- Member Tipene-Thomas, or another member, to attend the first workshop with MfE confirming 'at risk' catchments, and TTMAC to be informed of the date.
- Member Connelly to provide any thoughts about Kaipara Harbour to member Tipene-Thomas.
- That a letter to Minister for the Environment be drafted and circulated for comment to TTMAC, then signed by the Co-Chairs of TTMAC and sent. The thrust of the letter is that



a timeframe that precludes proper consultation is unacceptable, as is not knowing the implications of identifying an area as 'at risk'.

*Secretarial Note: The meeting adjourned at 1.05pm for lunch and reconvened at 1.40pm.*

## **10. Inter-regional marine pest pathway plan: discussion document (Item 3.10)**

It was agreed to tautoko the recommendation that MTAG provide advice on the content of the discussion document and design of the associated consultation programme for an inter-regional marine pest pathway plan.

### **Agreed action points:**

- Ngāti Rehia to send their concerns about introduced marine pests and possible diseases at Titi and Kerikeri inlet to staff, who will follow up.
- Staff to forward NIWA researchers email to TTMAC members, seeking their kōrero about the impact of marine pests in their respective rohe moana.

## **11. Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party's involvement in developing Council's Long Term Plan 2018-2028 (Item 3.11)**

It was agreed to tautoko the recommendation in this paper – that the Māori Technical Advisory Group engage with staff to identify opportunities for improvement in how they provided input into the Long Term Plan process.

### **Agreed action point:**

That the topic of opportunities for improvement in TTMAC engagement on the Long Term Plan be included on the next MTAG agenda.

## **Conclusion**

**The meeting concluded at 2.25pm with a karakia by member Waitai.**

**TITLE:** Working Party Updates

**ID:** A1117875

**From:** Sally Bowron, Governance and Engagement Team Admin/PA

---

## Whakarāpopototanga/Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide council working party updates, for working parties on which Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) has a representative. It includes any Planning, Pest Management and Natural Resources meetings since the 6 September TTMAC meeting.

---

## Rīpota/Report

### Pest Management Working Party

(Chair: Cr Mike Finlayson | TTMAC members group: Elboz, Holloway, Rameka, Tipene-Thomas)

The Pest Management Working Party met on 4 September 2018. The topics for discussion included:

- Corrections Department work on producing trap boxes
- High Value Community Pest Control Areas Update
- Pig Control
- Biosecurity Strategy and Communications/Engagement Plan

Following discussion, the Pest Management Working Party provided advice on the following next steps:

- Staff to contact the Ngawha Corrections Facility's nursery and ascertain what is produced and recommend sourcing seeds within any Program of Works for planting native plants.
- Staff to contact OSPRI about pig and deer control and look at other resources to fill the gap.

### Natural Resources Working Party

(Chair: Cr Justin Blaikie | TTMAC members group: Chetham, Hakoraia, Murphy, Norris)

The Natural Resources Working Party met on 4 September 2018. The topics for discussion included:

- Water Strategy and Communications/Engagement Plan
- Environment Fund Criteria Update
- Ecosystem Prioritisation Project Update
- Update FIF Projects – Northern Wairoa and Dune Lakes

Following discussion, the Natural Resources Working Party provided advice on the following next steps:

- Staff were requested to quantify the number of people and Environment Fund projects that were not successful due to over demand and report back at the next Natural Resources Working Party meeting.
- Staff to provide maps that separate out high value areas administered by Department of Conservation from that owned privately to distinguish NRC's areas where regulatory mechanisms could be provided to protect these ecosystems.

---

**Authorised by Group Manager**

**Name:** Jonathan Gibbard

**Title:** Group Manager - Governance and Engagement

**Date:** 1 November 2018

**TITLE:** Non-elected membership on council's Planning Working Party

**ID:** A1117863

**From:** Sally Bowron, Governance and Engagement Team Admin/PA

---

### Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

The purpose of this paper is to seek a replacement member for the pool of non-elected members from Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) for the Planning Working Party, as provided for by a resolution of council, 22 August 2017.

---

### Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions

1. That Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party confirm member \_\_\_\_\_ as a replacement for member Mahanga on council's Planning Working Party.

---

### Tuhinga/Background

At its August 2017 meeting, council endorsed non-elected (TTMAC) representation on the following working parties: Natural Resources, Pest Management and Planning. Member Mahanga was endorsed as a Planning Working Party representative but is now no longer a member of TTMAC.

TTMAC is asked if it wishes to replace member Mahanga or continue with just the three existing representatives: members Chetham, Murphy and Tautari, with member Tautari as the working party key contact.

If TTMAC choose to replace member Mahanga, they are requested to select one non-elected member to join members Chetham, Murphy and Tautari as the four TTMAC representatives for the Planning Working Party.

---

### Authorised by Group Manager

**Name:** Jonathan Gibbard

**Title:** Group Manager - Governance and Engagement

**Date:** 1 November 2018

**TITLE:** Northland's oil pollution response capability

**ID:** A1119624

**From:** Peter Thomas, Maritime Manager and Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi - Kaupapa Māori

---

### Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

Due to its extensive coastline Northland is vulnerable to oil spills. The Northland Regional Council has a statutory role to play in the response to oil spills where the spill can't be managed by the spiller or where the spiller is not known.

This paper outlines the response process and responsibilities as they relate to Northland Regional Council. A short presentation will be provided at the meeting.

---

### Ngā mihi tūtohutia /Recommended actions

That the report 'Northland's oil pollution response capability' by Peter Thomas, Maritime Manager, be received.

---

### Tuhinga/Background

Northland has an extensive coastline containing diverse harbours, from New Zealand's only oil refinery at Marsden Point, alongside Northport cargo terminal, to major recreational areas such as the Bay of Islands which hosts regular cruise ships, to small fishing harbours around the coast.

Due to the amount and variety of shipping, commercial activities and recreational vessels along our coast and in our harbours there is potential for an oil spill to occur and over the years there have been a number of incidents that the Northland Regional Council has had to respond to. These include wrecked vessels such as the Seawyf, Viking II and Tiger III through to two serious spills from two ships at Marsden Point, the Ningpo and Alcina. All these oil spills entailed significant responses led by the Northland Regional Council.

Under the Maritime Transport Act 1994, the Northland Regional Council is responsible for maintaining capability in regards to oil spill preparedness in case a response to an incident is required. The council is also required to produce and implement a Marine Oil Spill Contingency Plan.

This plan details standard operating mobilisation and response procedures, responsibilities and powers of all those involved in a response, regionally based oil spill response equipment and manpower available during a response, and the resources that are most at risk, particularly those in sensitive areas. The primary objectives of the plan are:

- to prevent further pollution from the marine oil spill; and
- to contain and clean up the marine oil spill in a manner that does not cause further damage to the marine environment, or any unreasonable danger to human life, or cause an unreasonable risk of injury to any person.

The plan is subject to regular updates to improve its content. These reviews are carried out after every major exercise or incident to ensure that the information within the plan is as current as possible.

The decision on how to deal with a spill depends on the size, type of oil spilled and other conditions. Oil spills responses are managed under a three-tiered system, as follows.

### **Tier one**

A tier one response is where a spiller responds to the oil spill with their own equipment. These sites can include fuel and oil transfer sites (e.g. from a marina fuel jetty or the refinery). These sites are required to have plans and exercises which are auditable. If the spill is too big to be managed by the tier one site response, they contact the Northland Regional Council and if appropriate it will be declared a tier two response.

Within the tier one response system there are some special cases. These sites are referred to as major tier one sites where special response plans are developed specific to an area. In Northland one site has been identified as a major tier one site – Refining NZ at Marsden Point. This is due to the transfer of oil at the refinery, with the deep water port also taking cargo ships at Northport.

As such, a site specific response plan has been developed and includes local hapū Patuharakeke. As noted, this is the only area in Northland that has been identified as a major tier one site and therefore is the only site in Northland that has its own specific response plan.

### **Tier two**

A tier two response is a regional response managed by the Northland Regional Council, and Regional On Scene Commander (ROSC) in conjunction with the tier two plan.

Part of the planning system requires engagement with the local Iwi. This is achieved through the council iwi liaison representative who liaises with either the Iwi or hapū. This could include assistance in the response to the clean-up of sensitive sites and sites of high cultural significance.

In the event of a serious spill in any area the regional council will seek up to date advice on areas of cultural sensitivity, mahinga kai sites, or other reasons of local economic importance for prioritising if possible in any response.

If the spill exceeds the capabilities of the Northland Regional Council and tier 2 response system alone then it can be escalated to a tier three response. Note that in a tier 3 response local input on areas of importance will still be required.

### **Tier three**

A tier three response is coordinated by the Marine Pollution Response Service (MPRS) which is a department of Maritime New Zealand, and is managed by a National On-scene Commander (NOSC). The Northland Regional Harbourmaster is one of the six NOSC that operate in the country, though any NOSC can be appointed to any spill. A National Response Team made up of experienced responders from around the country is maintained which is available to respond to a large spill.

Northland has an experienced team of responders which includes 14 National Response Team members available to attend a response within NZ or internationally if required. Ongoing national training and exercises are provided and managed by Maritime NZ.

### **Response preparedness**

Northland Regional Council maintains an ongoing training and exercise programme for the regions oil spill response capability. There are currently three Regional On-Scene Commanders in Northland and approximately 37 'regional responders'. Our response team is made up of council staff as well as qualified staff from regional stakeholders such as Refining NZ (RNZ), North Tugz and Northport.

These people attend specialised training run by Maritime New Zealand. In addition to this training, there is on-site training to ensure responder capability and familiarisation of equipment as well as

desk-top scenario training. This is all aimed at maintaining our capacity and capability to respond effectively to an incident.

---

**Authorised by Group Manager**

**Name:** Jonathan Gibbard

**Title:** Group Manager - Governance and Engagement

**Date:** 1 November 2018

**TITLE:** Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party marae-based hui

**ID:** A1118911

**From:** Abraham Witana, Kaiarahi - Tikanga Māori and Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi - Kaupapa Māori

---

### Whakarāpopotanga/Executive summary

The third Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party(TTMAC) marae-based hui for 2018 was hosted by Ngā Tirairaka o Ngāti Hine and held on the 11th October 2018 at Ōtiria Marae, Moerewa.

The intent of this hui was to promote, share information and showcase the work and projects that Ngāti Hine and Ngā Tirairaka o Ngāti Hine are currently involved in.

Committee members in attendance were Ngāti Hine representatives Pita Tipene, Jaycee Tipene-Thomas (facilitator), Georgina Connelly (Te Uri o Hau), Co-Chair, Councillor Dimery and Councillor Mike Finlayson. The hui was also attended by Councillor Justin Blaikie, senior managers and staff.

TTMAC extend considerable thanks and gratitude to Co-chair, Pita Tipene (Ngāti Hine), Jaycee Tipene-Thomas (Ngāti Hine) and Ngā Tirairaka o Ngāti Hine for their facilitation and hosting the hui at Otiria marae.

---

### Ngā mahi tūtōhutia/Recommended actions

That the report 'Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party Marae Based Hui' by Abraham Witana, Kaiarahi – Tikanga Māori, and Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi – Kaupapa Māori, be received.

---

### Tuhinga/Background

TTMAC was provided with an historical account of Ngāti Hine, their rohe potae (area of influence), in particular, the history of the whare tupuna Porowini where the hui was held. Co-chair Paul Dimery acknowledged the history shared and highlighted that the first TTMAC hui was also held in this whare.

Ngāti Hine provided historical and cultural association with Ōtiria River and the wider province/catchment of Ngāti Hine, an update on their Environmental Management Plan and presentations in relation to Moerewa Kura māra kai and native nursery concept and the Hundertwasser development project.

#### Ōtiria Falls - Ko au te awa, ko te awa ko au

*"Taumarere herehere i te riri, te rere i Tiria, te puna i kete tangariki".*

Due to weather conditions, the proposed hikoi to Ōtiria Falls was cancelled. Kaumatua Tohe Ashby provided a historical overview of the above whakataauaki of Ngāti Hine. Kete Tangariki is a common Ngāti Hine term for assisting tangariki (elvers) above the Ōtiria waterfalls so that they can move into the upper catchments of Ngāti Hine. Kete tangariki is also about their people ensuring the survival of their tuna stocks.

#### Te Kahu Kiwi o Ngāti Hine: Meeting conservation and biodiversity outcomes.

Jason Cooper, on behalf of Ngā Tirairaka o Ngāti Hine, provided an overview of a water quality monitoring project with Transpower. This project has provided Ngāti Hine with some baseline data



at specific sites of significance to Ngāti Hine using a cultural health index developed by Ngā Tirairaka o Ngāti Hine. The project identified that land within Ngāti Hine rohe is generally covered in 1/3 native, 1/3 forestry and 1/3 other (including farming). The result was variable in terms of water quality.

Forestry was raised as a point of discussion in respect to sedimentation controls and the effects downstream to Taumarere and the Bay of Islands. Ngāti Hine advised that they are shifting away from monoculture forestry and will be applying a mosaic approach to diversifying in a number of native tree varieties such as tōtara over the coming years.

#### **Ngāti Hine Environmental Management Plan**

Ngā Tirairaka o Ngāti Hine acknowledged the funding contribution made from council towards the review of the Ngāti Hine Environmental Management Plan and that they have identified a number of matters in their plan to be reviewed.

#### **Moerewa Kura Māra Kai and Native Tree Nursery Concept**

Wiremu (Wylie) Keretene provided a presentation on a gardening project at Moerewa school and covered their visit to Minginui Nursery, located near the Urerewa's. Minginui Nursery focuses on native plant species and is the first in the country to use the new approach to vegetation propagation of indigenous podocarps, which Scion has been developing over the past two years in conjunction with Ngāti Whare Holdings.

Their intent is to develop a native nursery at the kura for future riparian planting within the wider Ngāti Hine catchment and seeks support from council.

Jaycee Tipene-Thomas acknowledged the Enviroschools programme and provided an overview of their approach to developing Ngāti Hine Te Taiao curriculum for schools within the rohe of Ngāti Hine.

#### **Hundertwasser Trust Development**

Pita Tipene provided a presentation regarding the Kawakawa Hundertwasser Project. The presentation included an overview of the vision, project partners and a footprint of the proposed development.

While it was noted that flooding was a major concern for the project, this had been addressed through the planning stage of the project. It was acknowledged that council has provided a lot of information regarding this issue.

The presentation also included an overview of proposed wetland restoration, boardwalk and riparian planting in the Kawakawa and Moerewa area, which was envisaged to contribute to current and proposed attractions highlighting sites of interest, native plants and local stories.

---

#### **Authorised by Group Manager**

**Name:** Jonathan Gibbard  
**Title:** Group Manager - Governance and Engagement  
**Date:** 1 November 2018

**TITLE:** Report: Māori Technical Advisory Group

**ID:** A1118924

**From:** Abraham Witana, Kaiarahi - Tikanga Māori; Don McKenzie, Biosecurity Manager and Justin Murfitt, Resource Management Planning and Policy Manager

---

### Whakarāpopotanga/Executive summary

The Māori Technical Advisory Group (MTAG) was tasked by Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) to provide advice on the content of the 'inter-regional marine pest pathway plan' discussion document, at risk catchments and recreational water quality consultation and engagement, and that this advice be reported back to the subsequent formal TTMAC meeting.

This report provides a summary of the discussion from the 18 October workshop attended by MTAG members Hohepa, Chetham, Tautari and Norris and an update on Mana Whakahono ā Rohe and consent processing – two previous work streams.

---

### Ngā mahi tūtōhutia/Recommended actions

1. That the report 'Māori Technical Advisory Group Update' by Abraham Witana, Kaiarahi – Tikanga Māori, Don McKenzie, Biosecurity Manager, Justin Murfitt, Resource Management Planning and Policy Manager, and Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi – Kaupapa Māori, be received.
2. That Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party ask staff to contact the Ministry for the Environment to invite members of Kāhui Wai Māori – the Māori freshwater forum to attend a Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party meeting to discuss the purpose of the forum and the need for appropriate input from tangata whenua into Ministry for the Environment processes.
3. That the results of the recreational water use consultation be reported back to a subsequent Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party meeting, after further advice from the Māori Technical Advisory Group.
4. TTMAC consider how best to promote engagement with Māori in the Inter-regional marine pest management discussion document and how to support greater efforts to manage marine pests across all four regions at its November meeting.

---

### Rīpota/Report

#### At risk catchments

Justin Murfitt, Planning and Policy Manager provided background on the request from the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) to identify 'at risk catchments', the criteria used and Northland Regional Council's (NRC) approach. He then went through the list of at risk catchments identified by NRC and the rationale by which each was included.

Issues raised by the group were:

1. More guidance is needed on the application of the criteria which seemed quite high level and open to interpretation – E.g. the timeframe over which a decline in water quality has occurred. Lake Ōmapere was cited as an example – while it may not be in decline now, it clearly has declined, especially if measured over decades.

2. Concern at the lack of explicit reference to cultural values/indicators in the criteria – if cultural values / indicators had been used the list may look very different. The decline in pipi in the Ngunguru estuary was cited as an example.
3. Concern that the opportunity for tangata whenua input into the identification of at risk catchments is unclear – the timeframe imposed on regional councils did not provide such opportunity. The Essential Freshwater framework may provide for engagement with Māori through Kāhui Wai Māori - the Māori freshwater forum structure but how and when this will occur is not clear.

Note: At the meeting of 6 September TTMAC asked that a letter be sent to MfE outlining similar concerns. This was further supported by council at its formal October council meeting. A copy of the letter sent to MfE is attached.

### **Recreational water quality consultation**

Justin Murfitt, Planning and Policy Manager outlined the proposed consultation being an online map-based tool which enables people to identify the waterbodies they use, what they use it for, how often and what time of year. The group indicated general support for the idea but considered the format proposed may not receive a great response from Māori.

Some suggestions were:

1. Assess the potential for a Te Reo version of the tool, which would be particularly useful for kura / Māori immersion schools.
2. Advise all schools, youth facilities and other like organisations.
3. Assess the potential to promote the consultation through Northland District Health Board networks given they have connections / networks that may be useful, and they also have a function in monitoring health risks associated with water.
4. The region's district councils should also be advised and potentially used as another means to spread the word (i.e. host on their websites).
5. MTAG advise that they are interested in looking at the feedback received on the consultation once collated.

### **Inter-regional marine pest management**

Don McKenzie, Biosecurity Manager outlined the issues faced by councils at the top of the North Island in managing marine pests and the risks bio-fouling on boat hulls poses to these regions. He also outlined that this risk is likely to grow with increasing marine traffic.

Don outlined the mandate from the Upper North Island Strategic Alliance councils to embark on a consultation document outlining options for managing marine pest pathways across the four northern most regions (Northland, Auckland, Waikato and Bay of Plenty). This will likely focus on controls on the level of bio-fouling allowed on vessel hulls. The group supported strong controls and the requirement for vessel hulls to be kept clean (light fouling only) at all times, whether moving or not.

The group was asked for advice on how to promote engagement and seek input from Māori across the four regions. Suggestions were:

1. Use the Kauri Dieback tangata whenua rūpu (TWR) which cover much the same extent (Kauri lands extends over pretty much the same regions) to spread the word and promote engagement.

2. Support for 1 or 2 hui to be held once the discussion document is released (early 2019) – ideally tagged onto currently planned hui.
3. The issue of how to promote / support inter-regional management of marine pests by Māori across all four regions to be raised at the next TTMAC meeting (November 2018).

### **Mana Whakahono a Rohe (MWR)**

A further paper will be drafted to council's November meeting for approval following their 24th October 2018 workshop on MWR.

### **Resource Consent Processes**

A paper will be drafted to take to councils November meeting for approval. Unfortunately TTMAC September recommendations that related to resource consent processes were overlooked and a report did not go to the October Council meeting for council decision.

---

### **Authorised by Group Manager**

**Name:** Jonathan Gibbard  
**Title:** Group Manager - Governance and Engagement  
**Date:** 1 November 2018

**TITLE:**           **Update: National hui on Māori representation**

**ID:**               A1119664

**From:**           Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi - Kaupapa Māori

---

### **Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary**

At its September meeting the non-elected members of Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) asked council members if they had considered their request for council to host a national symposium on Māori representation in local government. This paper provides council response having considered this request at a workshop of council.

After discussion, council has decided that Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) is best placed to host such a symposium and should be leading this conversation at a national level. As such, council wrote to the Chair and Chief Executive of LGNZ requesting they consider hosting a symposium (attached).

At the time of compiling this agenda council had not received a response.

---

### **Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions**

That the report 'Update: National hui on Māori representation' by Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi – Kaupapa Māori, be received.

---

### **Attachments**

Attachment 1: Letter to Local Government New Zealand - request to host national symposium on Maori representation [↓](#)

---

### **Authorised by Group Manager**

**Name:**           Jonathan Gibbard

**Title:**            Group Manager - Governance and Engagement

**Date:**            1 November 2018



26 October 2018

Dave Cull  
Chairman  
Local Government New Zealand  
P O Box 1214  
Wellington 6140

Malcolm Alexander  
Chief Executive  
Local Government New Zealand  
P O Box 1214  
Wellington 6140

Tēnā korua

**Local Government - Māori representation**

Northland Regional Council's Māori engagement working party, TTMAC (Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party), has requested the Northland Regional Council to consider hosting a national symposium on Māori Representation in Local Government.

Northland Regional Council has considered the request in a workshop and decided that if such a symposium were to be held, it would be more appropriate for it to be hosted by Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ).

The purpose of this letter is to request that LGNZ consider hosting such a symposium.

The Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party consists of up to 26 members from iwi and hapū of Taitokerau, four councillors (including the council Chair), and is co-chaired by Māori and council.

Like other regions, Northland has grappled with Māori representation and the Local Electoral Act 2002 (LEA). The recent reviews of Māori representation in Northland have resulted in all councils either resolving not to establish Māori constituencies, or in one case a poll was held which did not support Māori constituencies.

These results prompted the iwi and hapū members of TTMAC to request council host a national symposium on Māori representation. As a council, we see this as a role that LGNZ is best placed to lead as a national debate. This would also sit well with LGNZ given the open letter LGNZ sent to the leaders of Government earlier this year on this matter.

We look forward to your response.

Nāku noa,  
nā

Bill Shepherd  
Chairman

A1110198

Malcolm Nicolson  
Chief Executive Officer

**TITLE:** Shellfish abundance survey programme

**ID:** A1119797

**From:** Ricky Eyre, Coastal and Water Quality Field Operations Manager and Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi - Kaupapa Māori

---

### Whakarāpopotptanga/Executive summary

Shellfish are an important food source to many Northlanders. Given the importance of healthy shellfish stocks to our communities, Northland Regional Council (NRC) intends to commence a shellfish abundance programme this summer to complement our other environmental monitoring programmes and to assist with the knowledge and management of local shellfish populations.

This paper outlines the NRC's new estuarine shellfish abundance survey programme commencing this summer and seeks Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party's thoughts on proposed sites for surveying.

---

### Recommended actions

1. That the report 'Shellfish Abundance Survey Programme' by Ricky Eyre, Coastal and Water Quality Field Operations Manager and Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi - Kaupapa Māori and dated 18 October 2018, be received.
2. That Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party support the sites identified by staff.

---

### Background

Management of shellfish has overlapping responsibilities between the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and the council. MPI has responsibility for managing fishery stocks and the access to the fishery under the Fisheries Act 1996. The council has responsibility under the Resource Management Act 1991 for ensuring a healthy environment (that may maintain healthy fisheries), protecting the biodiversity and ecology of the environment, and to undertake monitoring to adequately assess these.

To effectively manage shellfish fisheries, regular surveys are vital to assess the abundance and population structure (age of individuals). Understanding these factors helps us to interpret the natural fluctuations in abundance, indicating whether stocks are stable over the long-term and provide for early interventions if required.

These surveys are generally undertaken by MPI for both commercial and recreational beds, but are also undertaken by councils and interested parties such as community groups. For example, in the Auckland Region many community groups carry out annual shellfish surveys under the leadership of Auckland Council and the Hauraki Gulf Forum.

While surveying shellfish is a key responsibility for MPI, NRC has decided to undertake a number of these surveys to complement its current environmental monitoring programmes. The survey programme of work will focus on pipi and cockle at selected estuarine sites. The sites will be surveyed annually in later summer.

The budget for the programme will enable cockle and pipi beds to be surveyed at 5-8 locations across Northland. The initially proposed sentinel sites are provided on the attached map. Of these, the preferred sites are Houhora Heads, Taipa, Pakanae, Kellys Bay, Waitangi and Mangawhai.

Site locations have been selected based on known popular fisheries, areas of known pressure(s), and proximity to other council monitoring sites, such as the Estuary Monitoring Programme. We have not included sites currently subject to annual surveys by other parties.

While council has identified sites, we are keen to hear what Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party think of these them and sites you would like council to consider.

Staff will ensure that MPI are included throughout the development and ongoing implementation of the programme. Discussions with their resource managers will be maintained to ensure the programme meets both the needs of MPI and that there is no duplication of efforts. If requested, staff are happy to circulate the results of surveys to the local hapū / Iwi.

Unfortunately, this programme cannot account for all shellfish beds within Northland. Where a community may wish assistance with surveying a local shellfish bed, or wider estuarine environment, the council runs the “Coastal Community Monitoring” programme, providing basic field equipment, training, and assists communities to monitor their local area.

A short presentation showcasing the Marine Metre Squared – MM2 – will be provided at the meeting.

---

## Attachments

Attachment 1: Proposed Shellfish Survey Sites. [↓](#)

---

## Authorised by Group Manager

**Name:** Colin Dall  
**Title:** Group Manager - Regulatory Services  
**Date:** 1 November 2018





**TITLE:** Māori Technical Advisory Group membership

**ID:** A1119937

**From:** Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi - Kaupapa Māori

---

### Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

TTMAC requested at its September meeting that an opportunity be provided to discuss further the role of the Māori Technical Advisory Group (MTAG), a sub working party of TTMAC who provide technical advice to TTMAC and council. This paper provides a brief overview of the MTAG role, membership and activities as a means to enable further discussion.

---

### Recommended actions

That the report 'Māori Technical Advisory Group membership' by Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi – Kaupapa Māori, be received.

---

### Background

At the February 2016 meeting of TTMAC it was resolved to recommend to council, the establishment of MTAG. This recommendation came from a working group (of TTMAC) which was tasked with reviewing, analysing and providing advice to TTMAC for consideration on how council could best engage with, and seek Māori input into, its planning documents and processes.

This recommendation was presented to the March 2016 meeting of council where the technical working group was endorsed. At that time, the membership consisted of nine TTMAC members who would be tasked with providing technical advice and support during the development of council's (at that time) Proposed Regional Plan, Proposed Pest Management Plans and Annual Plan 2016/2017.

The nine members appointed to the working group were:

Juliane Chetham	Patu Hohepa	Mikaera Miru
Henry Murphy	Mira Norris	Nora Rameka
Tui Shortland	Rowan Tautari	Bundy Waitai

Membership on MTAG was reduced when members Miru and Shortland were replaced on TTMAC. Replacement members were sought to fill these vacancies however, at the time, it was not considered necessary by TTMAC and the current membership stands at seven.

### Involvement in council processes and programmes of work

Since inception, MTAG have provided advice and input during the development of a number of key council documents as well as being engaged by council staff on a number of projects and initiatives. All of these processes have been reported back to TTMAC through an agenda item to its formal bi-monthly meetings.

To date MTAG have been involved in the following processes:

- Annual Plan 2017/18
- Draft Regional Plan
- Proposed Regional Plan
- Regional Land Transport Plan

- Regional Pest Management Plan and Marine Pest Management Plan
- Long Term Plan 2018 – 2028
- Mana Whakahono ā Rohe – advice
- At risk catchments – an MfE project to identify at risk catchments
- Where's your wai – water quality project
- Inter-regional Marine Pathway Plan
- Reviewing council's consents processes

While reports on these programmes of work have been presented to TTMAC. Both the Long Term Plan 2018/2028 (LTP) and the Proposed Regional Plan (PRP) included reports over the duration (of the development) of these two plans. The process of engaging MTAG during the development of the Proposed Regional Plan also involved two MTAG members joining full council workshops during the development of the plan.

From a council perspective MTAG has provided valuable input and advice from a Māori perspective. Advice and guidance provided has significantly influenced and guided council plans and processes. In acknowledgement of the value added by MTAG, at its October meeting council resolved to support the TTMAC recommendation to enable MTAG to meet up to nine times, without further council endorsement, to provide input into central government processes where timeframes wouldn't otherwise allow for council endorsement.

---

#### Authorised by Group Manager

**Name:** Jonathan Gibbard  
**Title:** Group Manager - Governance and Engagement  
**Date:** 1 November 2018