

Biosecurity and Biodiversity Working Party Record of Actions

Meeting held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Wednesday 31 August 2022, commencing at 1:00 pm

Tuhinga/Present:

Chairperson, NRC Councillor Jack Crow
Councillor Marty Robinson
Councillor Rick Stolwerk
Ex Officio Penny Smart
TTMAC representative Juliane Chetham
TTMAC representative Michelle Elboz

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

Full Meeting

Pou Tiaki Taiao - GM Environmental Services
Pou Tiaki Pūtaiao – Biosecurity Manager
NRC Biosecurity Manager – Marine
NRC Biosecurity Manager – Partnerships
NRC Biosecurity Manager – PF2050 Whangārei
NRC Biosecurity Project Lead – Feral Deer
NRC Biodiversity Advisor
NRC Biodiversity Specialist Freshwater

Part Meeting

Planning and Policy – Policy Specialist

The meeting commenced at 1:05 pm.

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Ngā Whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

Councillor Justin Blaikie
TTMAC representative Nora Rameka
TTMAC representative Georgina Connelly
Pou Tātaki GM – Kaipara Moana Remediation – Justine Daw

Record of Actions – 25 May 2022 (Item 4.1)

Presented by: PA – Biosecurity Services

Agreed action points:

- No actions required

Receipt of Action Sheet - 25 May 2022 (Item 4.2)

Presented by: PS – Biosecurity Services

Agreed action points:

- All actions marked as complete

PF2050 Update and Emerging Issues (Item 4.3)

Presented by: Biosecurity Manager – Predator Free Whangārei

Agreed action points:

- The working party note the information provided, page 11 – item noted
- Discussed the project timeframe and the extra efforts being made to strengthen community and hapū relationships with a focus on longevity of the program. Working party indicated their understanding of the need to engage appropriately and that this would lead to delays in implementation.
- Working party supported the recent meeting with the new CEO of PF 2050
- The staff update with further progress at the next working party meeting, page 11 – recommendation supported

Feral Deer Update and Future Planning (Item 4.4)

Presented by: Biosecurity Project Lead – Feral Deer

Agreed action points:

- That the working party note the information contained in the report, page 16 – item noted
- Working party support the collaboration across DOC, MPI and Council
- Staff to update on further progress at a future working party meeting, page 16 – recommendation supported

Marine Biosecurity Update on the Clean Hull Plan and Emerging Partnerships (Item 4.5)

Presented by: Biosecurity Manager - Marine

Agreed action points:

- The working party note the information contained in the report, page 18 – item noted
- Working party support the Marine teams approach and results to date
- Staff to update on further progress at a future working party meeting

FIF Update on Project Progress and EPA Investigation (Item 4.6)

Presented by: Biodiversity Specialist - Freshwater

Agreed action points:

- The report Freshwater Improvement Fund Dune Lake update is received, page 21 – item noted
- Working party acknowledge project in its final year, providing direction rather than operational support
- Staff will update on further progress at a future working party meeting, page 21 – recommendation supported

Wetland Project Update (Item 4.7)

Presented by: Biodiversity Advisor

Agreed action points:

- The working party note the information contained in the report, page 24 – item noted
- Working party request information on the platform the data will be available on and details about privacy and cost to landowners
- Staff to update on further progress at a future working party meeting

Climate Change and Biosecurity (Item 4.8)

Presented by: Pou Tiaki Pūtaiao – GM Biosecurity

Agreed action points:

- That the working party note the information contained in the item on climate change, page 27 – item noted
- Staff bring a progress update on the strategy to a future working party meeting
- Working party discussed the coordination of reporting across different entities within council and mana whenua

Pest Organisms (Item 4.9)

Presented by: Pou Tiaki Pūtaiao – GM Biosecurity

Agreed action points:

- That the working party note the information, page 29 – item noted
- Working party advised of a report of fall army worm in the Kaipara area – action to follow up with MPI – Biosecurity Group Manager
- Staff bring a further update on new organisms to Northland back to the working party at a future date

Kauri Protection - The New National Plan - Rules and Implications for Northland (Item 4.10)

Presented by: Pou Tiaki Pūtaiao – GM Biosecurity

Agreed action points:

- The working party note the information, page 31 – item noted
- That a further update on progress is provided to a future working party meeting

The chair acknowledged that this was the final Biosecurity and Biodiversity working party meeting and thanked all the members for the time they had all put into making the committee a success and acknowledged the staff who had provided advice to the committee throughout the term of the elected members.

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 2.45 pm.