

Biosecurity and Biodiversity Working Party Record of Actions

Meeting held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Tuesday 21 February 2023, commencing at 1.00pm

Tuhinga/Present:

Chairperson, Councillor Geoff Crawford
Councillor Jack Craw
Councillor Marty Robinson
Councillor John Blackwell
Ex-Officio Don McKenzie
Ex-Officio Chairperson Councillor Tui Shortland

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

Tāhūhū Rangapū - Chief Executive Officer NRC
Pou Tiaki Taiao - Group Manager Environmental Services
Biosecurity Incursions and Response Manager
Biosecurity Partnerships Manager
Personal Assistant Pou Tiaki Taiao
Biosecurity Weeds and Freshwater Manager
Biosecurity Predator Free Manager
Biosecurity Marine Manager
Strategic Policy Manager

The meeting commenced at 1pm.

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Ngā Whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

There were no apologies.

Record of Actions – 31 August 2022 (Item 4.1)

Presented by: Don McKenzie, Pou Tiaki Pūtaiao - GM Biosecurity

Agreed action points:

- No actions required

Receipt of Action Sheet 31 August 2022 (Item 4.2)

Presented by: Don McKenzie, Pou Tiaki Pūtaiao - GM Biosecurity

Agreed action points:

- 25 May 2022 Biosecurity Marine Concerns – the proposed workshop with Kerikeri Cruising Club is yet to be confirmed by the club and the date will be reported back to the working party Chair once further information is received.

Fall Army Worm Update (Item 4.3)

Presented by: Nicky Fitzgibbon, Biosecurity Manager - Incursions and Response

Agreed action points:

- Working party supported recommendations
- That NRC take a leadership role to establish a Te Taitokerau Biosecurity Collective (or Collectives), and that this be progressed within the next 6 months.
- Staff to make enquires with MPI to assess if a multi sector science bid can be progressed for Northland to address the issues of Fall Army worm and other new insect pests.
- Working party is supportive of seeking a council decision on establishing a Biosecurity Special Reserve Fund.

Review - Regional Pest & Marine Pathways Plan 2017-2027 (Item 4.4)

Presented by: Kathryn Lister, Biosecurity Partnerships Manager

Agreed action points:

- Working party supported recommendations
- Bring the review of the Pest and Pathways Plan forward where budget and capacity are available.
- Present a targeted plan for the review to the next working party meeting. Prioritised strategic gaps and climate change issues must be incorporated.
- Group Manager to work with the Chair to ensure the working party is kept updated on specific updates on operational activities as they arise during the year.

Update on Wetland Mapping Project (Item 4.5)

Presented by: Justin Murfitt, Strategic Policy Specialist

Agreed action points:

- Working party supported recommendations.
- Comms plan to be developed for working Party to consider.

Kauri Protection - Update on Funding and Project Plan (Item 4.6)

Presented by: Don McKenzie, Pou Tiaki Pūtaiao - GM Biosecurity

Agreed action points:

- Working Party supportive of recommended actions.

Predator Control and Weed Action Groups Update (Item 4.7)

Presented by: Joanna Barr, Biosecurity Manager Pest Plants and Kathryn Lister, Biosecurity Partnerships Manager

Agreed action points:

- Working party in support of the recommendations
- No actions required.

Wild Deer - Update on funding and eradication plan (Item 4.8)

Presented by: Nicky Fitzgibbon, Biosecurity Manager - Incursions and Response

Agreed action points:

- Working party in support of recommendations.
- Staff to seek further opportunities to promote Northland being deer free and the proposed Deer Eradication Plan.

Whakamutunga

(Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 3.44pm.