

DOUBTLESS BAY MARINE PROTECTION Inc. Society

Te Roopu Whakahauora o Tokerau

Minutes of Meeting held 17 March 2008 7pm Taipa School

Present:

Victor Holloway, Carolyn Smith, Mary Ralph, Richard Robbins, Anthea Goodwin, Clive Monds, John Kenderdine, Yvonne Steinemann, Philippa Moran, Dwayne Walsh.

Apologies: Vince Kerr, Andy Cuckney, Bryce Smith, Stephen Tansey

Minutes from 18:2:08 read and Matters Arising:

Moved – We accept minutes from last meeting John/ Dwayne

Maori Names on Map: Could we approach the geographical board (LINZ)? To see what they have on record. Robert Gabel has local knowledge. We could show him our working map for comment. Victor was asked to find out the name for Mill Bay. Ruakamea is as much as he can find out – name of the waka there.

Anthea found an old lands and survey map with Maori names:

Cape Karikari = Whakapouaka

Fairway reef – Nukutauroa

Alberts – Nukutaurua

Berghan's point - Te Whatu

Victor thought these names were correct to his knowledge:

Albert's reef – Nukutauroa

Cape Karikari – Whakapouaka

Berghan's point - Te Whatu (and island at end there)

Sea Wyf stranded on reef in Doubtless Bay

Word is that Sea Wyf is going to have to be cut up to be removed. Philippa smelled Diesel on Hihi Beach and advised Jimmy Osborne to take a look. NRC came and didn't find anything.

ASB funding option for Fresh Waterways and possibly Estuary Monitoring Project

This is a Maori and Pasifika education initiative that includes wider community.

We think that a Community Water Monitoring Project for Doubtless Bay rivers involving the 5 schools in Doubtless Bay (Peria, Mangonui, Oruaiti, Taipa, Rangiawhia) together with interested local people, Marae etc would be very educational and empowering for our Bay.

NRC does very little water monitoring up North here. They do test the sewage treatment at times but this is not very public knowledge. We would like much more public info on fresh water quality as it impacts greatly on the sea.

There are a range of simple tests that can be done and we could enter the data onto a website and publish regularly in local papers. It needs a lot of co-ordination (with paid person) but there is good support through Whitebait Connection school programme.

DOC has just put in an application for Taipa area school and Rangiwahia to enhance fresh water Maori fisheries. Find out the results of this on the next financial year (July 1st)
Our project could work with this.

Tahi Morton – may be able to help with supply of Seechi disks (for water Quality monitoring). He came over and helped with Ahipara stream project.

National waterways project-May has done monitoring with 9-10 year olds and they entered data into website. Doubtless Bay radio have said they would broadcast the results weekly.

John went to a hui to get information last week. It is a one off fund this year.

Funding application dates:

11 April 400 word summary/expression of interest due. Philippa to draft and to pass it around.

Victor suggested that we get it to Miriam or Anahera and put it to them whether we include Ngati Kahu in the expression of interest.

Monthly Runanga meeting 29th March at Kenana Marae so we would need to get it on the agenda before then.

September – business plans accepted.

November – Project decisions and funding announced.

We were Incorporated as a Society in November 2006. You need a minimum 12 months as an incorporated society before you will be accepted.

An olive plantation along the Karikari peninsular is allowed to pump peat water from the plantation. Apparently this is a permissible activity (NRC) and they have a 30 year consent to do this.

Our Web Site (Assuming that we are going to have a domain name)

After a vote with all present 70% agreed to call project Living Sea Doubtless Bay. Thanks to Anthea for the good name suggestion.

www.Livingseadoubtlessbay.org.nz

email will be info@livingseadoubtlessbay probably. Do we need an email address at present or just Environment Centre's phone number?

Yvonne to put our docs onto a CD and mail them to Vince.

Moved – We accept the website name as above – Yvonne/ Philippa

Scallop Fishery plan: Clive Monds, Victor Holloway and John Kenderdine to attend on the 18th March.

Newspaper Articles/ Press releases

Carolyn Smith to email Yvonne and John what she has of Vince's presentation during Sea Week. We need to put a press release out.

Oral History

Mary Ralph's oral history project application needs to be completed by July. She is not sure when she will find out if she is successful in 2009.

Mary required a 100 word supporting letter to support her sabbatical of expected benefits to the DBMPG. The following was drafted at the meeting.

“This is a project that was initiated by the DBMPG in 2005. The realization of this project will provide a valuable tool for our group in its goal to raise awareness and enhance the local marine environment.

The DBMPG recognizes that history is fast disappearing as older local people are passing on. It gives us a baseline to work from as there is virtually no past scientific evidence of the size, abundance and catch effort of fish stocks.

Creating opportunities to build closer links between local iwi and the community through the gathering and sharing of information while raising the awareness of the plight of marine life in Doubtless Bay”

It is possible that we could get John Hanes of DB radio Wednesdays , 7-8 pm and could interview and get this recorded if people were willing to be interviewed.

Victor – Runanga have funding for a research into traditional methods within the Ngati kahu Rohe. Unfortunately 3 of the people who would have had information are dead, which leaves fewer people to pass on the information on this topic. Obviously Mary’s project and Te Runanga project compliment each other very well.

Clive mentioned that another source of information could be the Muriwhenua report. There are many interviews – some 35 folders held by the Waitangi tribunal. They are not for public viewing but they can be accessed by Ngati Kahu.

Open access strategy

Currently the FNDC is work shopping around the Far North. They are in Mangonui Hall on 31st March 2008 from 5:45 -8pm.

http://www.fndc.govt.nz/recreation/open_space_coastal_access_questionnaire.pdf is the link to the survey run by the district council.

We encourage people to make submissions which need to be in by April 4th.

The NZ coastal policy statement is also up for review. It is the first major review of the statement since it was first written. Information is on the DoC website.

Communication plan – we are looking for dates when people are available. Last year we did some good work on WHAT and WHO – the stakeholders in our Bay and agreed on our mission statement together with Te Runanga a Iwi O Ngati Kahu.

The second part is the HOW we are going to get the message out there – principally our Community Marine Management Discussion Document.

Yvonne would also like to use a couple of hours to pull our Display Material together for presentations.

Agenda items for next meeting

Coastal policy statement.

ASB funding- June.

Co-ordinator’s funding application

Flyer update

Iwi environmental management certificate course

Website content, webmaster

Our Next meeting 14th April – 7 pm at Taipa Area School science lab.