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# Environment Science & Monitoring

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## Sounds Advisory Group

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**Minutes for Meeting of the Sounds Advisory Group  
held at the Marlborough District Council, Committee Room on  
Monday, 19 June 2023 commencing at 10.00 am**

**Present:** Clr Faulls, Clr Innes, Clr Minehan, Monyeen Wedge (Queen Charlotte Sound), Ross Withell (Kenepuru & Central Sounds), Vic Koller (Moetapu Bay), Eric Jorgensen (Sustainable Seas), Wayne Boustridge (Te Whanganui/Port Underwood), Rawinia Puna (French Pass), Dick Kearlsey (Cissy Bay), Tim Greenhough (Okivi Bay), Lynley Perkins (Central Pelorus/Te Hoiere)

**Attending via Teams:** Poneke Rene (Rangitoto ki te Tonga/D'Urville Island), Emma Hopkinson-Young (Outer Pelorus/Te Hoiere), Linda Booth (Duncan Bay), and Ned Wells (MFA).

**MDC Staff Attending:** Oliver Wade (Environmental Scientist), Katie Littlewood (Principal Coastal Scientist), Alan Johnson (Environmental Science & Monitoring Manager), Captain Jake Oliver (Harbourmaster), James Mills-Kelly (Land Resource Officer), Dave Parsons, (Senior Advisor, Community Resilience) and Gary Spence (Emergency Services Officer), Neil Henry (Project Manager Marlborough Sounds Access Study) and Bernadette Brooklands (Secretary).

**1. Welcome and Introductions.**

Clr Faulls welcomed members to the hui and Rawinia Puna performed the opening karakia.

**Apologies –**

Vikki Ambrose and Jodi Milne (MPI), Dr John Cretney (Cissy Bay), Clr Burgess, Dave Hayes (DOC), George Shallcrass (Chair, Top of The South Wood Council), Steve Murrin (Marlborough Roads), Sylvie Filipo (Environmental Manager, Te Ātiawa Manawhenua Ki Te Tau Ihu Trust), Shon Emerson (Kaiuma Bay) and Hara Adams (Kaihautū - Manager Māori Partnerships).

**2. Confirmation of minutes 20 March 2023 –** previously emailed to members.

The minutes of 20 March 2023 were taken as read.  
Clr Faulls moved / Seconded Ross Withell. Carried

**3. Actions from the previous meeting.**

Action	Person Responsible	Outcome
1 Clr Faults and FENZ to liaise with Linda Booth regarding communications in event of an emergency.	Darren Crawford (FENZ)/Clr Faults	Completed Clr Faults to follow up with Steve Trigg (Community Risk Manager, Marlborough)
2 Portage update (ongoing item)	Clr Faults	Ongoing item. Written item due from MDC Environmental Protection Team. Clr Faults to get written update & email to the group.
3 Can DOC, and Rata Foundation can speak with MfE to work cohesively for pest control.	Clr Faults	Completed. See <b>Appendix 1</b>
4 Provide Vic with name of person to speak to about the possum traps.	Clr Faults	Completed
5 Invite Mike Aviss and James Mills-Kelly from MDC to speak on suitable plantings that the communities could plant to help with the effects of erosion from the rain.	MDC	Completed. James Mills- Kelly presented at the 19 June hui.
6 Arrange a meeting with farmers and landowners for James Mills-Kelly to speak on hillside erosion.	Clr Faults	Completed. Dates booked in.
7 Presentation on the Restoration Project.	Oliver Wade and Eric Jorgenson	Completed. Oliver & Eric presented at the 19 June hui
8 Speak to Ned Wells from MFA if fisheries can be involved in the Sounds Advisory Group.	Eric Jorgenson/Ned Wells	Ongoing. Eric Jorgensen to speak with Ned Wells about commercial fishery involvement rather than Fisheries.
9 Enquire with Fisheries if the commercial divers have a licensed quota for taking sea cucumbers from Lochmara Bay.	Clr Faults	Completed. Information attached as <b>Appendix 2</b>
10 Provide Wayne Boustridge with the Emergency Management Centre contact to assist with a contingency plan.	Clr Faults	Completed. Wayne advised this is going well.
11 Invite Dave Parsons and Gary Spence from the Emergency Operations Centre to our next meeting to speak contingency plans.	Clr Faults	Completed. Presented at the 19 June hui.
12 Ask Waka Kotahi if they can make a clear statement in their next newsletter regarding yellow stickered homes and truck access.	Clr Faults	Completed. Written comment received "Just confirming, this is for properties along the Keneperu Road specifically? I'm sure that Steve would be considering this to be an essential service and assuming the trucks fit within the current restrictions then it won't be an issue. I'll follow up with the comms team".
13 Why do all over length vehicles on the Mahakipawa hill need a pilot vehicle when over length vehicles carting gravel for roading work do not?	Clr Faults/Steve Murrin	Completed. Written response received – "I would say that this is due to some people not following the rules. If people can let us know some details around the company and/or rego number when they see this happening we can follow it up."

#### 4. Navigational Bylaw Review and Channel Dredging (Captain Jake Oliver, Harbourmaster) – See Appendix 3

- Captain Oliver presented his PowerPoint on the Navigational Bylaw.
- The Navigation Bylaw opened on 15 June and closes 1 October. See link for Council website to have your say  
<https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/have-your-say-consultations>  
<https://haveyoursay.marlborough.govt.nz/information-management/navigation-bylaw/>
- From the MDC website:  
The Marlborough District Council (Council) is proposing to replace its 2009 Navigation Bylaw. Under the Maritime Transport Act 1994 (MTA), the Council has the authority to regulate ports, harbours, waters and maritime-related activities in the Marlborough region.  
Under section 33M of the MTA, the Council has the power to make bylaws for the purpose of ensuring maritime safety in the region.  
In 2010 the Council adopted the Navigation Bylaw 2009 which covered all areas in Marlborough within the specified harbour limits. That bylaw came into force on 1 July 2010.  
Our Proposal  
We are proposing that we replace the Navigation Bylaw 2009 with the [Proposed Draft Bylaw \(PDF, 2.6MB\)](#)  
We want to replace the Navigation Bylaw 2009 to maintain a similar bylaw to the 2009 Bylaw, but with minor amendments to address key issues (ahead of a broader review process) and improve the clarity of the Bylaw.  
Have your say -  
The views of people who live, work and play in Marlborough are important. Council would like your feedback on the proposed changes and proposed new bylaws. **Anyone can make a submission. Your submission can support or oppose the proposals.**

#### Questions/Answers

- Moneyeen Wedge asked if the fees and charges could be used to employ more people?
  - Captain Oliver advised it would be a Council decision, not a Harbours decision.
- Eric Jorgensen asked why jet skis can be registered but not a vessel?
  - Captain Oliver advised that the registration number on the jet skis are kept in the jet ski register, however under the Navigational Bylaw, boats are not required to be registered but only to be named.
- Vic Koller asked about the mussel boats in Mahau Sound that create loud engine noise and what can be done about this.
  - Captain Oliver advised that commercial boats may not have a noise emittance restriction. **Action Point** for Captain Oliver to investigate if boats are required to have a limited decimal level.
- Vic Koller also asked if the boats in Pelorus Sound need a wake restriction like the ferries?
  - **Action Point** Captain Oliver will enquire with Oliver Wade, MDC Nautical Scientist.
- Linda Booth asked regarding incorporating water ski lanes, how will this be monitored, and will these only be allocated via Resource Consents?
  - **Action Point** for Captain Oliver to enquire if Worlds End is a legal ski lane.
  - After the hui, Captain Oliver noted that he is still enquiring into the ski lane, however, nothing from the Bylaw states that ski lanes are permitted under the maritime rules and the Harbourmaster regulates the use of the lanes not the creation of them. When ski lanes are in effect it is the only activity permitted in them, however if the ski lane is not being used for the intended purpose, then other activities can take place.

- It was asked how the material from dredging would be disposed of?
  - Captain Oliver advised it would be a mix of land disposal and marine disposal.

Attendance: Clr Innes joined the hui at 10:51 am

Attendance: Captain Jake Oliver left the hui at 11.00 am

## 5. **Response and Community Planning** (Dave Parsons and Gary Spence, Emergency Management Operations Center) – see **Appendix 4**

- Dave Parsons and Gary Spence introduced themselves and outlined their roles within the emergency management team and presented their PowerPoint on Response and Community Planning.
- The emergency coordination center is a level 4 building which means it can run off its own power, water and sewage systems with a store of food so they can still operate during an event.
- The NZ RT20 are an accredited Response Team that are able to be deployed nationally.
- Dave Parsons attended the recent cyclone in Auckland and Hawkes Bay as a member of RT20.
- A resilience study is currently underway for Marlborough focusing on community resilience towards major risks such as flooding/storms/Alpine Fault risk/earthquakes.
- Carbon dating of sediments shows when a major earthquake is due to occur. There is a 75% chance of a major shake within the next 50 years.
- Tsunami: Look for natural signs and not rely on sirens. There are no sirens in the Marlborough area however, there is a phone warning system that could be activated. If there has been a long or strong earthquake self-evacuate to higher ground immediately. A tsunami may not be a large wave but could be a strong and high tidal surge. You can view the Tsunami Inundation map on Council website here <https://smartmaps.marlborough.govt.nz/>
- See MDC website for more information <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/civil-defence-emergency-management/an-emergency-how-well-inform-you>

How you will be informed in an emergency -

Listen to the radio for updates and warnings. If you don't have power, use a battery powered radio, a car radio or listen in online.

<b>RNZ National</b>	567 AM or 101.7 FM
<b>Newstalk ZB</b>	92.1 FM
<b>Radio Live</b>	95.3 FM Blenheim and 92.3 FM Picton
<b>The Hits</b>	96.9 FM Blenheim and 89.1 FM Picton
<b>More FM</b>	92.9 FM Blenheim and 94.7 FM Picton
<b>The Breeze</b>	89.7 FM Blenheim and 98.7 FM Picton
<b>Brian FM</b>	Marlborough Emergency Management can broadcast live on Brian FM in an emergency:

- 100.9FM - Blenheim
- 104.3FM - Seddon & Awatere Valley
- 105.9FM - Picton
- 100.1FM - Havelock

They can also broadcast on maritime radio on Channels 63 and 65.

**Emergency mobile alerts:** if you receive an emergency mobile alert, stop what you're doing and follow the instructions. Not all phones are capable of receiving alerts, so if you receive one, let others know. If you do not, there are lots of other ways to stay informed during an emergency. [www.civildefence.govt.nz](http://www.civildefence.govt.nz)

Get informed. Use MetService to stay on top of the best advice about the weather. Go to Geonet for geological hazard information for New Zealand.

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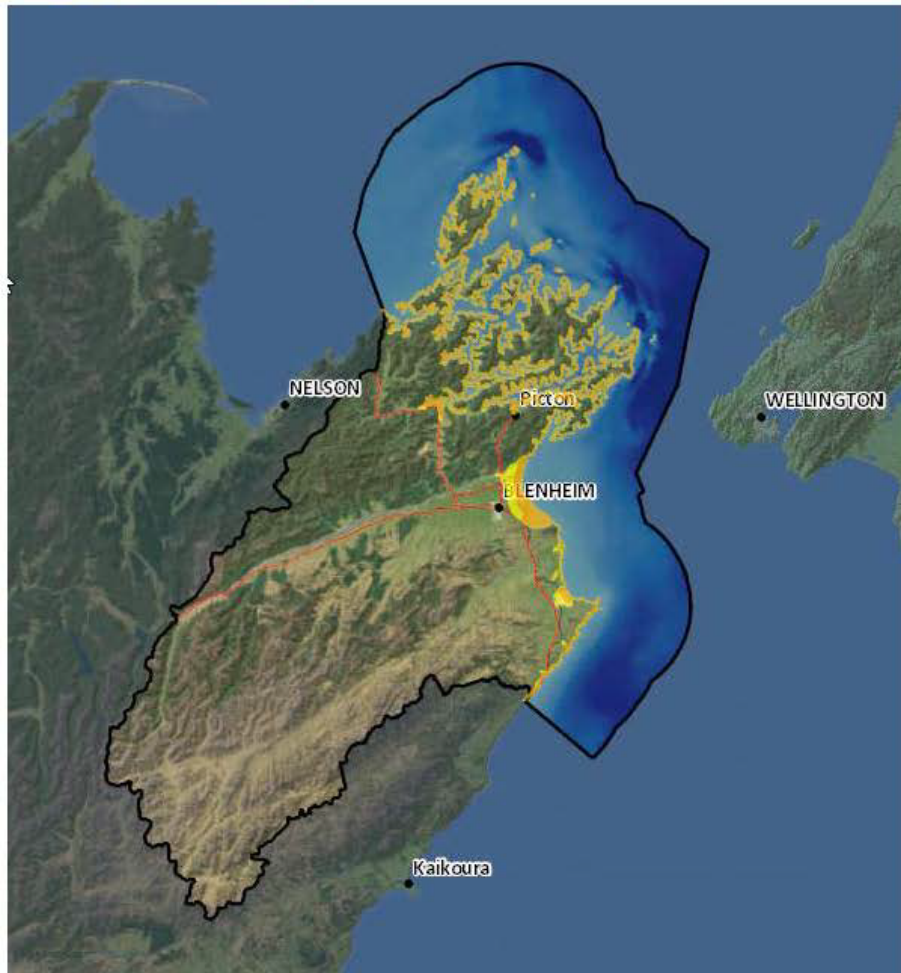


Figure 1: Tsunami Inundation map from MDC Website.

#### Questions/Answers

- Cllr Minehan had a question from his communities which was if people have been displaced, can they go to the local community hall? It was agreed that yes, go to a community center which will act as an emergency hub till further help comes.
- Linda Booth advised that there are many areas in the Sounds that do not have a hall or a church such as Duncan Bay. It was advised that in those areas it may come down to the locals supporting each other in a house that is not damaged until assistance can arrive.

Attendance: Gary Spence and Dave Parsons left the hui at 12.00 noon

**6. Marlborough Sounds Future Access Study** (Neil Henry, Project Manager Marlborough Sounds Access Study - MDC)

A series of Community Drop In days have been arranged for late June as part of the engagement process for the Marlborough Sounds Future Access Study. We will be sharing the preferred options that were discussed at the Governance Advisory Group meeting in late April. For those that are based in Nelson, note that we will be holding an event there on 27 June. For those further afield, we will be holding an online meeting on 26 June.

From 16 June see the Council website here: <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/roads-and-transport/marlborough-sounds-future-access-study>

The engagement period, closes at 5.00 pm on 11 July. People can provide feedback on the options considered in the study, in particular the 'emerging preferred options' and 'hazard adaptation pathways'. At the sessions, people can pick up the printed versions of the engagement booklet and ask the project team questions.

The engagement documents and survey are now live on the [project website](#)

The documents are:

- The engagement booklet and two videos which outline the emerging preferred options and hazard adaptation pathways, and their estimated costs.
- The other options booklet, which provides details about the other options considered by the project team.
- Geology assessments.
- An economic analysis.
- The strategic case.

Tuesday 20 June	5.00 pm – 7.00 pm	Blenheim, Landsdowne Park Sports Hub
Wednesday 21 June	10.00 am – 12.00 pm	Waitaria Bay Hall
Thursday 22 June	10.00 am – 12.00 pm	French Pass Hall
Friday 23 June	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Linkwater Hall
Monday 26 June	10.00 am – 12.00 pm 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm	Rai Valley, The Millers Rest Zoom online call <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83594599876?pwd=ICWlPAA1">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83594599876?pwd=ICWlPAA1</a>
Tuesday 27 June	3.00 pm – 5.00 pm	Nelson, Trafalgar Centre Northern Extension
Wednesday 28 June	12.00 pm – 2.00 pm	Picton, Port Marlborough Pavilion

**Questions/Answers**

- Moneen Wedge from Lochmara Bay asked what the rating impact of the Sounds Access Study preferred options would be for the Sounds Admin Rating Area, as it has a lower weighting for roading than other rating areas in Marlborough.
  - After the meeting Neil Henry spoke to Martin Fletcher, MDC Chief Financial Officer and



provided the following update:

Mr Fletcher indicated that it would be a quarter of the rate for the other rating areas. Therefore, for the example in the engagement document:

**Land** value (not property value) - \$300,000

Rating impact – 71% FAR = \$53 per annum; 51% FAR = \$75 per annum; 0% FAR = \$130.75 per annum.

**Land** value (not property value) - \$5,000,000

Rating impact – 71% FAR = \$888 per annum, 51% FAR = \$1,251 per annum; 0% FAR = \$2,178 per annum.

People can find the land values of their property on the Council website:

[www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/rates/rates-search](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/services/rates/rates-search)

- Dick Kearlsey asked if trucks are paying the road user charges and an extra fee for bringing logs in and out from the Sounds? **Action point** noted that Clr Fauls will enquire with Marlborough Roads.

#### 7. TOR and Member Travel Expenses (Clr Fauls)

- A discussion was held on TOR and travel expenses for members who travel long distances to the meetings. This was discussed at the last hui and the feeling is that there needs to be a review of volunteer/payment policy and potentially a reset at Long Term Plan time.

#### Questions/Answers

- Eric Jorgensen felt that Council needs to revise their community group reimburse practices as members attend these meetings to provide their expert opinions and advice on behalf of their community.
- **Action Point** noted that Clr Fauls and Alan Johnson will speak with Dean Heiford regarding TOR.
- Clr Fauls and Alan Johnson thanked members for their input into creating the TOR.

#### 8. Portage (Clr Fauls)

- Council is aware of the issue and the matter is under an active investigation, due to this it cannot be discussed further at this stage.

#### 9. The 3 Waters (Written update from MDC Chief Executive, Mark Wheeler)

- The four Entity model has become a ten-entity model -  
MDC is now part of a Te Tau Ihu Entity with Tasman and Nelson. There has been no change to our boundary i.e Ngai Tahu Takiwa boundary for South Marlborough but expectation that Te Tau Ihu entity will manage the Marlborough area within that Takiwa boundary.
- Implementation has been given flexibility out to 1 July 2026 -  
Te Tau Ihu staff are talking to the DIA National Transition Unit to get work underway on the operational set up of the new entity . It is expected Te Tau Ihu could be operational by 1 July 2025.
- The delay in implementation means any electoral change and possible reform of the proposal ( e.g. National repealing it and giving Councils wider options) will not mean operational planning by Councils is totally wasted and will be minimal anyway pre-election.
- The Te Tau Ihu Entity will give MDC a seat on the Regional Representative Group. We may not have had this representation if the 4-entity model had stayed in place. There is very little (mainly technical only) other change in the new system.

Attendance: Oliver Wade and Katie Littlewood joined the hui at 12.40 pm

A short break was taken for lunch with the hui recommencing at 1.00 pm.

**10. Hill Country Erosion Programme** (James Mills-Kelly, MDC Land Resource Officer) – See **Appendix 5**

- James presented his PowerPoint on the Hill Country Erosion Programme.

**Questions/Answers**

- It was asked if three rotations of pines is too much.
  - James advised that this was extremely context-specific and outside his area of expertise. He noted that where pines were planted in an area with risk of erosion during harvest or extreme weather events assistance is available to look at retirement options.
- Monyeen Wedge asked if planting willows is a good idea in the Sounds area?
  - James advised that willows and poplars should not be planted near waterways in the Sounds where spreading into sensitive environments is a possibility. There are different species of both poplar and willow, some are less likely to present a spreading risk than others, and some are not recommended for planting in the Sounds. These trees are suitable for erosion prone farmland where grazing pressure will limit suckering, and male non-seeding clones should be used.

**11. Restoration by Design Presentations** (Oliver Wade – MDC Environmental Scientist, Katie Littlewood MDC Principal Coastal Scientist) and **Blue Cod Sustainability Review and Shellfish Restoration** (Eric Jorgensen) - See **Appendix 6**

- Oliver introduced Katie Littlewood who will be Oliver's replacement for the next 12 months. You can contact Katie at [Katie.Littlewood@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:Katie.Littlewood@marlborough.govt.nz)
- On the 27 September further hui's will be held around the Ships Cove area on the Horse Mussel Restoration Project.
- Eric noted that if you handle your live fish with a wet towel, this will damage the fish's membrane and can cause infections in the scales. Using wet hands is the best way to handle a fish.
- September to December is closed fishing for Blue Cod as this is their spawning time.

**Questions/Answers**

- It was asked if there is a similar model to the Blue Cod model in other areas of the country.
  - It was noted that there is a similar model in Hawkes Bay.
- Monyeen Wedge asked if the female Blue Cod could be kept in a marine protection area.
  - There are numerous marine protected areas, however due to the migratory patterns, it is difficult to keep them in a secluded area.
- Clr Innes asked why fishing stores do not sell just soft bait and not hooks?
  - It was noted that there is no law against this.
    - Rawinia Puna noted that it would be good for the restoration group to speak to Iwi to gain traction on this issue.

**12. MFA Update** (Ned Wells)

- Awaiting the outcome of Variation 1.
- SFFF funding for research in the Pelorus for mussel beds that the MFA developed three years ago.
- King Shag population being monitored due to a decrease in numbers.

Attendance: Ned Wells left the hui 2.39 pm

**13. DOC Update** (Dave Hayes)- Apology

#### 14. Marlborough Roads (Steve Murrin)

Steve Murrin an apology today, however provided the following written update –

- Culvert replacement works will be finished on Kenepuru Road by the middle of next week.
- Seal and pothole repairs on Kenepuru are underway.
- Hydroseeding of a number of damaged sites will be completed over the next few weeks. Gravel road maintenance continues.
- French Pass Road - Maintenance on unsealed roads continues on French Pass Road following completion of Te Towaka Port Ligar Road.
- Road realignment at Fitzroy Bay is now completed.
- Queen Charlotte Drive - Repair works at Havelock Causeway are now complete. Hydroseeding is underway. Further geotechnical investigations are about to commence on some of the damaged sites.

#### 15. MPI UPDATE –

Vikki Ambrose an apology for today's hui, however Vikki Ambrose provided the following written report.

##### **Marlborough Sounds Blue Cod Technical Group - (Vikki Ambrose – Senior Analyst Coastal Planning – Inshore Fisheries South)**

The group has met three times and compiled much of the available background information.

Draft issues identified are as follows:

1. Fishing pressure – Especially seasonal causing serial/multiple capture of sub-MLS cod in the inner Sounds. F (mortality from fishing) is over three times the target. The fishery is based on six and seven year-old cod while Blue Cod live for over 30 years.
2. Population structure – Populations 70-80% male: length and age structure are truncated, and both are very low; spawning females are few in number and of small size. Few female cod are over the minimum legal size of 33 cm.
3. Release mortality – Hook and handling mortality, predation of released fish, up to 80% of cod caught are released.
4. Habitat degradation – Restricted to effects of fishing, benthic impacts on sensitive habitat, both juvenile and adult.
5. Larval and egg distribution- Is there any reaching the inner Sounds; are there any suitable larval settlement habitats?
6. Shift of effort to Rangitoto ki te Tonga and Takapourewa – These areas are suspected as the source of larval and adult immigrants to the inner Sounds populations. Increase in effort in outer Sounds from recreational fishers and commercial fishers.
7. Management change causes shift of effort – Unintended consequences.

The group has identified a major issue is sedimentation which has the potential to negate management actions. This issue is beyond the control of fisheries legislation and is, therefore, of significant concern to the group. The group will most likely reach out to MDC, DoC and forestry for mitigation of this serious problem which is affecting the whole marine ecosystem within the Sounds.

Attendance: 3.12 pm Oliver Wade and Katie Littlewood left the hui.

#### 16. Sounds Representatives Updates

- **Rangitoto ki te Tonga/D'Urville Island (Poneke Rene)**
  - New mail shed has been installed.
  - Roading issues ongoing.
  - The AGM is being held next week.

- **Kenepuru & Central Sounds Residents Association (KCSRA)** – (Ross Withell)
  - Potholes are being repaired.
  - The coin skip will be back up and running in about three weeks and the Portage skip bin will continue.
- **Sustainable Seas** (Eric Jorgensen)
  - Nil further to add.
- **Moetapu Residents Association (Mahau Sound Outward Bound)** (Vic Koller)
  - Pest control ongoing. Some funding provided however the community need to raise \$5000 to get this completed.
  - Great mahi with 100 traps borrowed from and set by a Koromiko couple to catch the possums in the Moetapu Bay area.
- **Queen Charlotte Residents Association** (Monyeen Wedge)
  - Deer numbers reduced.
  - Appears to be a number of juvenile Wilding Pines growing in the bay.
- **Te Whanganui/ Port Underwood Residents Association** (Wayne Boustridge)
  - Wayne Boustridge has been working with the Emergency Management Center to develop contingency plans for future weather events in the Te Whanganui/Port Underwood area.
- **Top of The South Wood Council** (George Shallcrass) - Apology
- **Te Aumiti/French Pass** (Rawinia Puna)
  - Spread of pest plants such as wattles when roadside cutting has been done and when pines fall down.
  - Clr Faults to ask the Compliance Section about the new pine plantings in Cissy Bay.  
**Action Point noted.**
- **Duncan Bay Residents Association** (Linda Booth)
  - Linda provided the following written update –
  - There is a cell site up and running in the bays now which has given us a slightly better service as long as there is power, and I believe the network connecting to the cell phone tower is via Fibre Optic Cable which runs between Havelock and Okiwi Bay. Should this cable get damaged anywhere along the line then all cell communications within this area is cut along with any landline telephone and internet which is also feed via that cable, therefore again leaving a large percentage of the area without any coverage.
- **Outer Pelorus** (Emma Hopkinson-Young) – Nil
- **Central Pelorus (Hopewell)** (Lynley Perkins)
  - The local community were disappointed to no longer have skip bins provided and are prepared to have a user pays system as the nearest skip bin is at Portage (over one hours drive each way).
  - Lynley has contacted Steve Murrin questioning when the Kenepuru Road from Waitaria Bay to Hopewell will be gravelled and that the trucks transporting gravel from the Heads to Ellie/Crail/Hopai Bay are damaging the road. Locals are hoping for a closer gravel source by revisiting the quarry at the top of the Crail Bay hill.
  - Many locals are having Starlink installed as the Spark network has become unreliable and appears to be overloaded. Starlink costs \$159 per month for unlimited high-speed internet and there is currently a special for rural installation of \$199.

- Cellphone coverage is poor so looking forward to Starlink and One bringing in the new system.
- Thanks to the Council, and Waka Kotahi for extending the water taxi and barge subsidy. This is such a help for people running businesses in the area.
- Ungulate issues with animals coming down and eating people's gardens.
- **Okiwi Bay** (Tim Greenhough)
  - Updated the water system at a cost of \$100 thousand dollars. There are approximately 200 households on the scheme.
    - Clr Faulls enquired with Council prior to the hui regarding funding assistance for small community water schemes to implement the new measures required under Taumata Arowai.
    - Stephen Rooney from Council advised that the following was announced last year, however he expects there will be thresholds which have to be met to gain this funding. <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/government-supports-better-drinking-water-rural-k%C4%81inga-and-communities>
    - John Cretney from Cissy Bay noted via email after the hui that if qualifying as a very small community (VSC) scheme for under 25 people the costs are minimal. Basically, two water tests per year or about \$120. If however, a scheme needs upgrading or if the size of the scheme necessitates installation of water treatment that's a quite different story with significant costs involved.
- **Cissy Bay**
  - Attended by Dick Kearlsey as Mr Cretney is on leave.
- **Kaiuma Bay** (Shon Emerson)
  - Prior the hui, Mr Emerson enquired with Council stating the Kaiuma Bay Community would like to know what the future of rubbish collection and or wheelie bins/skip bins looks like for our Bay.
    - Dr Alec McNeil, MDC Solid Waste Manager advised that the Kaiuma Bay residents will be able to continue to use the Havelock TS as no changes are being considered for this site.
  - Mr Emerson also advised that they have officially instigated a community association and now will have the Kaiuma Bay Residents Association (KBRA). Raelene Gilchrist can pass on any further information on behalf of our community.
- **Te Ātiawa Manawhenua Ki Te Tau Ihu Trust** (Sylvie Filipo) – Apology

## 17. General Business

- 2023 Meetings from 10.00 am till .300 pm.
  1. Monday 28 August – MDC Committee Room.
  2. Monday 27 November (Please note that this date has been changed from the 20 November due to another Council meeting being held on this day). Location TBC.
- **The Speed Management Plan Consultation** opened on the 13 June and closes on 11 July. See here for details <https://haveyoursay.marlborough.govt.nz/roads/speed-management-plan-consultation/>

With the introduction of the national road safety strategy Road to Zero, the way speed management is being done throughout New Zealand is changing. This means that decisions on speed management are now able to be made at a local level.

As part of the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022, all Councils in New Zealand are required to prepare speed management plans to consider how implementing safety infrastructure and speed limits can make our roads safer.

There being no further general business, the meeting closed at 3.15pm.

<b>Matters Arising</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>
1	Clr Fauls to follow up with Steve Trigg (Community Risk Manager, Marlborough)	Clr Fauls
2	Portage update (ongoing item). Written item due from MDC Environmental Protection Team. Clr Fauls to email update to members.	Clr Fauls
3	Eric to speak with Ned Wells from MFA about commercial fishery involvement rather than Fisheries.	Eric Jorgensen/Ned Wells
4	Are boats required to have a limited decimal level.	Captain Oliver
5	Do boats in the Pelorus Sound need a wake restriction like the ferries.	Captain Oliver/Oliver Wade
6	Regarding incorporating water ski lanes, how will this be monitored and will these only be allocated via Resource Consents. Captain Oliver to enquire if Worlds End is a legal ski lane.  After the hui, Captain Oliver noted that he is still enquiring into the ski lane, however, nothing from the Bylaw states that ski lanes are permitted under the maritime rules and the Harbourmaster regulates the use of the lanes not the creation of them. When ski lanes are in effect it is the only activity permitted in them, however if the ski lane is not being used for the intended purpose, then other activities can take place.	Captain Oliver
7	Are trucks are paying the road user charges and an extra fee for bringing logs in and out.	Clr Fauls/Marlborough Roads
8	Enquire with the Compliance Section about the new pine plantings in Cissy Bay.	Clr Fauls
9	Clr Fauls and Alan Johnson will speak with Dean Heiford regarding TOR.	Clr Fauls/Alan Johnson
10	Invite Katie Littlewood from the Nautical Science team to speak on her previous work in the North Island.	Clr Fauls/Alan Johnson

#### **Appendix 1 - Update from DOC on the Rata Foundation**

"DOC does have a working relationship with Rata. They came to us a few years ago and asked for help in assessing bids for conservation type work and often have discussions about where priorities for conservation work sit. In essence, DOC is an advisor.

We have also provided letters of support for projects at a local level, e.g. MSRT wilding work where we also provided a boat and personnel to discuss a project at Maraetai Bay – this ended up getting Rata funding for three years.

Te Hoiere would be an example of MfE and DOC contributing to shared outcomes. Another eg. Is the Moawhitu wetland restoration of D'Urville Island.

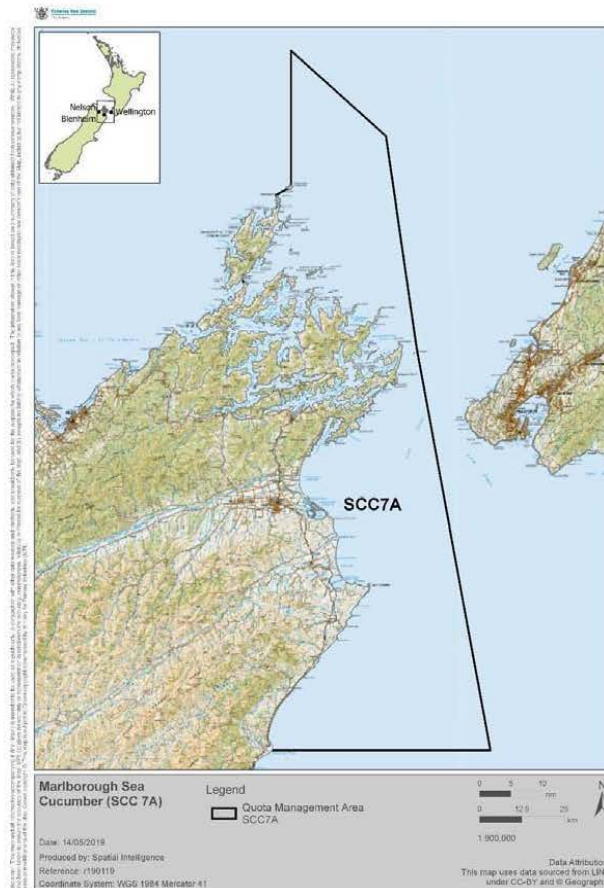
The opportunities come when there is an alignment of desired outcomes. As you say, Rata has their criteria for funding and they don't actually run the projects.

Rata and MfE don't fund DOC and so the opportunity for all three agencies to work together depends on there being another party, eg. A community group.

For pest control, the main players out there are the likes of MPI, Predator Free NZ, DOC and Councils."

Appendix 2 – Sea Cucumbers (Jodi Milne – MPI)

Sea Cucumber (SCC 7A) Catch Spreading Plan:-  
1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021[DRAFT] – provided by MPI



**Pre-amble**

As a consequence of the SCC 7A TAC review in 2019, the Minister of Fisheries added a condition which required a catch spreading plan for the fishery and hand gathering as the only method to be used in the Marlborough Sounds component of the fishery.

In fulfilling this requirement, Fisheries New Zealand has facilitated the development of this draft 2020 iteration of the fishing plan, noting that, each year, the plan will need to be reviewed as new research and other information becomes available.

To assist with the adherence to this plan, 80% of quota holders (so far) have agreed to condition annual catch entitlement (ACE) sales agreements such that fishers agree to fish in accordance with the plan.



## **2020 Fishing Year (April 2020 – March 2021)**

### ***How the catch will be spread***

Quota holders and fishers who wish to hold annual catch entitlement (ACE) have agreed that catch will be capped across subareas within the fishery to assist in spreading catch. The estimates of maximum amounts to be taken from each area are as follows;

Pelorus Entrance (Cape Jackson to Chetwode)	3.0t
Eastern D'Urville Island (Admiralty Bay to Rangitoto Island)	2.0t
Pelorus Sound	4.0t
Queen Charlotte Sound	4.0t
Port Underwood	0.5t
Tory Channel	1.5t

These caps have been revised, based on the exploratory fishing over the 2019-20 fishing year, however this information is still incomplete. Further adjustments may need to be considered and incorporated into this plan.

The Cook Strait (Cape Komaru to Rarangi) proved too difficult to safely access and has been incorporated into the Cape Komaru to the Clarence River component of the fishery.

Fishers report bycatches of sea cucumbers from trawls in Cloudy and Clifford Bays and there is also the area from Cape Campbell to the Clarence River. The potential contribution to the fishery from these areas is unknown. These areas will be open to exploratory fishing. With increasing knowledge of the fishery, these allocations will continue to be improved and refined.

### ***Handgathering***

The method of harvest within the Marlborough Sounds will be hand-gathering by diving. In practise, this means populations at depths greater than 15 m will not be harvested, due to the limitations imposed by decompression times required when operating at greater depths.

*Comment:- This will retain undisturbed spawning aggregations within the fishery.*

### ***Minimum size***

Fishers have agreed to implement a voluntary minimum size of 14 cm. This will help ensure that no area or bay is "fished out".

*Comment:- In future, data on population size structures may let us know the proportion of individuals that would remain in a fished area.*

### ***Spawning Season Closure***

From experience, commercial fishers report an improved understanding of the spawning habits of Marlborough sea cucumber.

Hence, for the current fishing year, April 2020 to March 2021, they propose a voluntary closed period for SCC 7A from 1st December 2020 to 31 January 2021, as this appears to be the main spawning time for sea cucumber in the Marlborough Sounds.

This would be subject to any unforeseen closures relating to Covid-19 which may change fishing strategies.

### ***Catch Monitoring***

Implementation of electronic reporting this year will include position recording in real time. Further, catch monitoring by way of ACE tracker for each month last season was successful and proved very useful.

It is proposed to continue with the ACE tracker system for the current year.

### ***Annual Review***

In the medium term, it is proposed to have an annual review of the previous year's fishing. This review will include how well monitoring is operating, adherence to the fishing plan, concerns or

complaints from stakeholders or residents, and whether improvements or changes to the plan are required.

Notwithstanding, a review may be held at anytime should stakeholders raise concerns that Fisheries New Zealand considers require a review.

**Minutes for Meeting of the  
Sounds Advisory Group  
to be held at Scenic Circle Hotel  
(Marlborough Room) on Monday, 20 March 2023  
commencing at 10.00 am**

**Present:** Cllr Faulis, Cllr Innes, Cllr Minehan, Cllr Burgess, Moneen Wedge (Queen Charlotte Sound), Ross Withell (Kenepuru & Central Sounds), Vic Koller (Moetapu Bay), Eric Jorgensen (Sustainable Seas), Wayne Boustridge (Te Whanganui/Port Underwood), George Shallcrass (Chair, Top of The South Wood Council), Rawinia Puna (French Pass), Shon Emerson (Kaiuma Bay), Dr John Cretney and Dick Kearsley (Cissy Bay).

**Attending via Teams** – Apology to members on Teams who were unable to join the meeting due to technical issues. Poneke Rene (Rangitoto ki te Tonga/D’Urville Island), Emma Hopkinson-Young (Outer Pelorus/Te Hoiere), Lynley Perkins (Central Pelorus/Te Hoiere), Linda Booth (Duncan Bay), Sylvie Filipo (Environmental Manager, Te Ātiawa Manawhenua Ki Te Tau Ihu Trust).

**MDC Staff Attending:** Oliver Wade (Environmental Scientist), Alan Johnson (Environmental Science & Monitoring Manager), Neil Henry (Manager Strategic Planning and Economic Development), Dr Sarah Brand (MDC Strategic Planner) Hara Adams (Kaihautū - Manager Māori Partnerships) and Bernadette Brooklands (Secretary).

**1. Welcome and Introductions –**

Members Dr John Cretney and Dick Kearsley (Cissy Bay), Shon Emerson on behalf of Gerry Gregg (Kaiuma Bay), Rawinia Puna (Te Aumiti/French Pass) and George Shallcrass (Chair of the Top of the South Wood Council). Sounds Ward Councillors, Raylene Innes, Ben Minehan and Allanah Burgess (Māori Ward – MDC).

**2. Apologies** – Vikki Ambrose (MPI), Jodi Milne (MPI), Dave Hayes (DOC), Gerry Gregg (Kaiuma Bay), Steve Murrin (Marlborough Roads), Ned Wells (MFA), Tim Greenhough (Okiwi Bay).

**3. Correspondence** - Resignation of Rick Osborne (Forestry) and Ian Shapcott (Te Ātiawa Manawhenua Ki Te Tau Ihu Trust).

**4. Confirmation of minutes 15 August 2022.**

The minutes of 15 August 2022 were taken as read.  
Cllr Faulis moved / Seconded Ross Withell. Carried

**5. Actions from the previous meeting.**

Action	Person Responsible	Outcome
1 Enquire with the Council Compliance Team for an update regarding water quality in Lochmara Bay.	Alan Johnson	Completed.
2 Cllr Faulis and FENZ to liaise with Linda Booth regarding communications in event of an emergency.	Darren Crawford (FENZ)/Cllr Faulis	Ongoing. FENZ and Civil Defense are reviewing the model. The Pelorus/Kenepuru community may have a coast guard vessel in Havelock which will have an operating ambulance.
3 Share the Mussel Restoration Report and the King Shag Report with group. Link to the Mussel Bed Report June 2022 report has been added to the minutes <a href="https://www.marinefarming.co.nz/mussel-bed-restoration/">https://www.marinefarming.co.nz/mussel-bed-restoration/</a>	Ned Wells	Superseded

Action	Person Responsible	Outcome
4 Portage update (ongoing item)	Clr Faulis	Ongoing Making progress however still ongoing due to staff shortages, changes in management and road closures.
5 Follow up with Marlborough Roads and Marlborough Lines regarding their notification system which may be a better way to communicate roading updates to areas without cellphone coverage.	Clr Faulis/Clr Taylor	Completed Steven Neil from Marlborough Lines advised they have two staff members on call and will add any outages to their website. Dean Heiford from Council advised that there are no after hours staff to update the Antento App.
6. Share the Significance Consultation Report.	Vikki Ambrose (MPI)	Superseded
7 Provide results of the testing on the navigation aids testing in Havelock.	Harbourmaster	Completed
8 Will the noise from the passageway in the Channels interfere with the whale's sonar or the route they take into the Channels?	Harbourmaster/DOC	Completed
9 Can DOC, and Rata Foundation can speak with MIE to work cohesively for pest control.	Clr Faulis	DOC an apology today
10 Provide Vic with name of person to speak to about the possum traps.	Clr Faulis	Ongoing
11 Find out further information on the forestry plans at the upcoming Kaiuma meeting.	Clr Faulis	Superseded
12 Provide your thoughts on meeting remuneration and travel expenses for SAG members to Bernadette.	All	Completed Two items received.
13 Advice or a list of suitable plantings that the communities could plant to help with the effects of erosion from the rain.	MDC	If the erosion is for the colonisation of new slip faces in the Sounds, then Manuka and Kanuka are some of the best. Council website has information on plantings in the Sounds area Clr Faulis has spoken to James Mills-Kelly regarding hillside erosion for farming. Clr Faulis will arrange a meeting with farmers and landowners to discuss further. Invite Mike Aviss to our next meeting.
14 Email the latest information to Tim re the Okiwi Bay Hall insurance assessment.	Clr Faulis	Completed
15 Share copy of reimbursement paper with Clr Faulis.	Linda Booth	Completed and emailed to the group by Linda Booth.

Attendance: Clr Burgess arrived at 10.36 am.

#### 6. TOR and Members Travel Expenses (Clr Faulis)

- A discussion was held on the Terms of Reference. The group noted the following amendments to be considered.
  - I. That the member organisations should be nominated by their community and then this is approved by Council.

- II. It should be clearly stated that this is also a voluntary position.
- III. In the Purpose of SAG section, the last two bullet points need to be reworded.
  - a. Provide feedback on policy to MDC and Iwi through consultation processes.
  - b. Note: that SAG is unable as a group to formally submit on policy for any agency, however members can coordinate submissions through their respective representative organisations.
- IV. Should forestry be listed on the TOR? Alan noted that a new MPI engagement person, Simon Langley has been employed in Marlborough and would be a good person to have join SAG.
- V. Insert Forestry after MPI in the references.
- VI. New members to be added.
- VII. Change MFIA to the Top of the South Wood Council.
- VIII. Cllr Faulks agreed that Shon Emerson is to formally take over from Gerry Gregg as the SAG representative for Kaiuma Bay.
- IX. Outer Queen Charlotte Sound representative remains vacant. Cllr Faulks and Cllr Burgess may have a suitable representative in mind.
- X. The Duncan Bay representative Linda Booth has moved from the area, however, will continue in her role until she decides otherwise.
- XI. Can Fisheries be involved? Action Point noted for Cllr Faulks to speak to Ned Wells from MFA.
- XII. It was agreed to keep the four meetings per year with the option of one meeting per year off site from Council. Monyeen Wedge suggested that one meeting per year be held in a remote area. Cllr Faulks, Alan Johnson, Hara Adams and Rawinia Puna to have a conversation outside of this forum to discuss further.
- XIII. Remove 'co jointly chaired' as Cllr Faulks is the only Chair.
- XIV. Travel expenses. Cllr Faulks advised that an invoice can be sent to Council via Alan Johnson for travel expenses. Thoughts on accommodation expenses and time taken to attend meetings was discussed. Thoughts were –
  - a. Giving up time from their day job.
  - b. As a Health and Safety issue accommodation should be an option.
  - c. It is a voluntary position, however payment for fuel would be appreciated.
  - d. Is SAG beneficial for Council/Sounds residents/DCC? If yes, then travel expenses should be reimbursed.
  - e. It was asked what other community groups do? Council policy currently states that travel can be reimbursed but not accommodation. Other community groups are more urban based, and their members are not travelling in from the outer Sounds areas.
  - f. Some resident's associations do assist their representative with fuel costs.
  - g. Cllr Faulks noted that the group is aware that fuel is expensive, and the general cost of living has increased.
  - h. One member noted that volunteering for your community does not require payment.
  - i. Members can make their own decision to apply for payment.
- XV. Can the Rangitahi be involved? Cllr Faulks noted that a Rangitahi member from the Youth Council or a school Council would be a good idea to bring in the younger generation's perspective. Please advise Cllr Faulks if you know of any suitable young person.
- XVI. Linda Booth from Duncan Bay provided written feedback via email to Cllr Faulks. This was emailed to members to read post the meeting. Linda's comments are noted below -  
 I do not agree with payments being made to SAG Members other than a *small* contribution for mileage.

As a SAG member we are also representing the specific areas, providing the conduit to Sounds Communities. If these Representatives require any further payment or reimbursement of any kind, (travel, accommodation, connectivity, etc) perhaps they should be in communication with the local community groups they are supporting with the expenses being picked up by these communities.

Another point for discussion is in regards to communications in emergencies. Today has provided a very valid example of how important other forms of communication are. In the last emergency in the Sounds area, this was found to be a very important lacking point. This was also the case in the recent North Island emergencies. This has been portrayed to Council many times, yet we see no movement or consideration for the outlying areas. What is/has been done with this?

In regards to roads, it appears the old problem of maintenance is still the main problem. A lot of work in Tennyson has been completed, however the ongoing maintenance of the culverts is of a concern for resident from Penzance Bay area with many blocked culverts. It appears several SAG meetings have been cancelled over the more recent times. Can I suggest that two dates are set for each Meeting (four times per annum) with a confirmation a month prior. This would then allow for Council staff to be accommodated for meetings.

- XVII. Feedback from Lynley Perkins - I understand if some members wish to be reimbursed for travel expenses however, I do not believe there should be a meeting remuneration. Personally, the meeting has great value, it is informative and provides a great opportunity to understand the workings of council. And I enjoy the chance to meet the other community representatives, Councillors, and industry members. I have known that we were able to claim for our travel expenses and I remember that in the very beginning of my involvement with SAG that I did claim once. However, I chose not to again, I am happy to give back and feel that I gain so much through my connection with this group.

- XVIII. Feedback from Rawinia Puna

**Payment for travel**

*I will use my own travel distance as an example;*

Bulwer to Picton is 3 hours 50 mins, therefore return is 8 hours approx. – 340kms. (This is literally one day of travel to attend up to a 5 hour hui.

The other representatives may have similar distances.

State Services kilometre rate for 2021-2022 is - 83 cents per km?

**Payment for attendance**

There is preparation for the meetings. Reading documents prior and after the meeting Attendance and input at the meetings and then presenting to our French Pass community group.

SAG attendees have no funding. SAG members like myself have a day job therefore we lose a day's salary from our own jobs. Plus, one day's travel. - (2 days)

Zoom meetings – Wi-Fi connection is not constant in Bulwer.

Kanohi ki te kanohi hui is always best. Culturally and respectfully, this is best considering there are only 4 meetings per year.

Payment for attendance should be in place.

**Payment for accommodation the day before**

Health and safety must be considered "fatigue and tiredness" happens. To expect a representative to drive 7.5 hours with some breaks. Is too much for the health and wellbeing of that person.

Absolute focus and concentration of driving is paramount, and sometimes the road conditions can be treacherous as well. Driving at night can worsen the travel.

I therefore recommend representatives who travel with a time and distance like myself is provided accommodation in Blenheim or Picton, the day before the hui.

**Questions:**

The TOR document states payments are made to members for travel reimbursement. This has never happened (?).

One night's accommodation should also be provided where the meetings are held?

Attendance payments, SAG members lose a day's wages to attend, or two days if they have to travel 7.5 hours return? Others that attend are paid by their respective employer, e.g. DOC, MDC, and MPI?

Should meetings be held in a meeting room at the MDC and in Picton? Other venues that have been used e.g. Chateau Marlborough, later last year, is expensive to hire?

Should meetings alternatively be held in SAG areas at least one of the 4 meetings?

XIX. All thoughts will be collated and then reviewed by Cllr Faulis and Alan Johnson to share with the group. Changes will then be put forward to Council.

XX. Council lawyers will need to review the changes.

#### **Nautical and Coastal Science Update (Oliver Wade, Environmental Scientist)**

- Oliver introduced himself to the new members today and explained the role of the Nautical and Coastal Science team.
- The removal of an oil rig from the Taranaki area is underway and it will be towed into Admiralty Bay this week and then taken out of the country on the MV Blue Marlin which is a semisubmersible heavy lift ship. Oliver and his team who are trained in oil spills will be on standby at the site in case of any oil spills. YouTube video of the MV Blue Marlin can be seen here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G28oAqoYXbs>
- Oliver advised that the parchment worm is dense in some areas such as Anakiwa. It appears to be sporadic in its habitat locations. The worm has a fan but this is enclosed within the tube of the worm. It lives on the seafloor in muddy or soft areas and can form a mat that covers large areas of the seabed. It is highly likely to be the same variety as what was found in the Hauraki Gulf. It is not known where it originally came from. Oliver advised not to break up the parchment worm as this spreads particles. If you remove the parchment, it must be in a completed piece.



Image 1: Chaetopterus chaetopterus-A (Parchment Worm)

#### **Questions/Answers**

- It was asked if the ballast water on the MV Blue Marlin is discharged into the bay? Oliver noted that the ballast water must go through its process 12 nautical miles out from the bay.
- Does the MV Blue Marlin and the oil rig go through a biosecurity check? Oliver advised that it does. As the ship failed its last biosecurity check, the project was delayed.
- It was asked by Monyeen Wedge what has caused the red algae bloom in Lochmara Bay. The algal bloom will be affected by climate change. Read further about the algal blooms here <https://www.msi.govt.nz/fishing-aquaculture/recreational-fishing/where-unsafe-to-collect-shellfish/what-are-toxic-algal-blooms/>
- Oliver noted to please email him any items for the next meetings. [Oliver.Wade@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:Oliver.Wade@marlborough.govt.nz)
- Please contact the Nautical and Coastal team if you or the community have any issues they would like discussed.

#### **7. August Weather Event Recovery (Neil Henry – MDC Manager Strategic Planning and Economic Development)**

- Neil Henry presented the PowerPoint on the Sounds Future Access Study. **See Appendix 1**

#### Questions/Answers

- It was asked how many kilometers of the roads have been assessed by Geotech engineers. Cllr Fauls noted that Emma Speight from Waka Kotahi advised that the huge number of areas are being assessed and then collated. This information will then assist with the allocation of funds from Waka Kotahi and the government.
- It was asked by Moryeen Wedge if people who do not use the roads in the Sounds eg such as boat access only areas like Lochmara, will these rate payers need to contribute? Neil Henry noted that this is still being worked on.
- It was asked why Cissy Bay residents are charged an extra \$99 on their rates to assist with roading upkeep in their area? Cllr Fauls noted that this would be a Waka Kotahi question, however Steve Murrin is an apology today.
- Cllr Fauls noted that filling out the census form does provide a huge amount of information for the areas such as the Sounds. This will be helpful for infrastructure conversations going forward.
- Cllr Fauls noted that it is important that the community respond to the surveys and attend the community meetings so that all information is collected for Santec to provide correct information in their report.
- Ross asked how are the costings being done for boat access only areas? Neil advised that the water access areas are still being looked at to assess safety factors such as if another event happens and the current roading network is disrupted.

**12.45 pm - A short break was taken, and the meeting resumed at 1.15 pm.**

#### 8. **Fresh Water Policy** (Dr Sarah Brand – MDC Strategic Planner)

- Dr Brand shared her PowerPoint presentation. **See Appendix 2**
- Further information can be found at [www.environment.govt.nz](http://www.environment.govt.nz)
- You can participate further by accessing the Council website <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/environment/freshwater-management/have-your-say-on-freshwater>

#### Questions/Answers

- Moryeen Wedge asked if the wetlands would be captured in the project. Dr Brand advised that if it is a natural wetland, they will be captured.

Attendance - Hara Adams left the meeting at 1.47 pm.

#### 9. **DOC Update** (Dave Hayes)

- Dave provided a written update as he is an apology for the meeting today – **See Appendix 3**

#### 10. **Sounds Representatives Updates**

##### **Rangitoto ki te Tonga/D'Urville Island – Poneke Rene**

- Due to technical issues at the meeting venue no update could be taken from Poneke.

##### **Kenepuru & Central Sounds Residents Association (KCSRA) - Ross Withell**

- Lack of maintenance of the roads and culverts is still an issue. There are 20 culverts that need to be replaced.
- Locals have been employed to assist with repairs of potholes and clearing the road of blockages due to Marlborough Roads being overwhelmed with repairs.



#### **Sustainable Seas – Eric Jorgensen**

<https://www.sustainableseaschallenge.co.nz/our-research/mariborough-sounds-regional-study/>  
<https://www.sustainableseaschallenge.co.nz/news-and-events/newsletter-archive/>

- Current projects are Restoration by Design, Shellfish Restoration and the Blue Cod Project.
- Eric and Oliver Wade will present on the Restoration by Design at our next meeting. Action Point Noted.

Attendance - Oliver Wade left the meeting at 2.02 pm.

#### **Moetapu Residents Association (Mahau Sound Outward Bound) – Vic Koller**

- Ongoing road issues.
- A large mob of deer was sighted in the area. The community fundraised for a helicopter crew to cull the deer. An excellent outcome of 70 deer being culled. DOC completed a follow up and believe there are still approximately 40 deer left in the area.
- 40 volunteers assisted with the wasp eradication in the area.
- Vic reported a boat in the area is causing vibrations due to the high level of noise it emits. The boat in question has not been formally identified as yet.
  - Cllr Fauls advised Vic to find out name of the boat and report it to the Harbourmaster.

#### **Marine Farming Associations – Ned Wells**

- No update given as Ned is an apology for today's meeting.

#### **Queen Charlotte Residents Association – Monyeen Wedge**

- Monyeen spoke to commercial divers taking large amounts of sea cumpers from Lochmara and questioned why they can do this.
  - Eric Jorgensen advised that the commercial divers have a licensed quota.
  - Cllr Fauls to enquire further with Fisheries NZ. Action Point Noted.
- Lochmara has had several power outages over the past few months. One such outage lasted for five days which proved disruptive to residents.
- Monyeen wanted it noted that there is suitable access at the Lochmara foreshore for a large helicopter to land if required for an emergency.

#### **Te Whanganui/Port Underwood/Port Underwood Residents Association – Wayne Boustridge**

- Wayne spoke to the vulnerability of the roading in the Port Underwood area as there is only one way in and one way out. This led to a community consultation as people need access to food and medical treatment when the roads are closed.
  - Cllr Fauls to provide Wayne with the Emergency Management Operations Centre (EMOC) contact to assist with a contingency plan. Action Point Noted.
  - Cllr Fauls advised that it would be helpful to invite Dave Parsons and Gary Spence from EMOC to attend our next meeting to talk about contingency plans. Action Point Noted.

#### **Top of The South Wood Council – George Shallcrass**

- Nil further updates.

#### **Te Aumiti/French Pass – Rawinia Puna**

- The community has dissipated with several residents moving out of the area. Mainly the elderly community or people with Yellow/Red stickered homes. The community have been working together to support each other during these difficult times.

#### **Duncan Bay Residents Association – Linda Booth**

- Due to technical issues at the meeting venue no update could be taken from Linda.

#### **Outer Pelorus - Emma Hopkinson-Young – Apology**

#### **Central Pelorus (Hopewell) - Lynley Perkins**

- Due to technical issues at the meeting venue no update could be taken from Lynley.

#### **Okiwi Bay – Tim Greenhough – Apology**

#### **Cissy Bay – Dr John Cretney**

- Rooding through to Cissy Bay is the major concern for residents and especially the vulnerability of the road between Rai and Okiwi Bay, especially if heavy vehicles use the road.
- Dr Cretney also spoke regarding new provisions for very small community water schemes which will not now require a water treatment plant to be installed. Main requirement is a water safety plan and testing for E.coli twice yearly.
- The other issue for the community is the dependence on cellphones for communication in emergencies if power to the new call tower is disrupted and given it has limited battery backup. While some still have landlines, this number will diminish over time. A discussion was held on the pros and cons of Starlink which has been spoken about in previous meetings.
- As Dr Cretney will be on leave for our next meeting, Dick Kearsley will take his place. Mr Kearsley attended today's meeting to familiarise himself with the group.

#### **Kaiuma Bay – Shon Emerson**

- Positive growth in the Kaiuma Bay area which on the downside has made the fragile roading system very busy.
- Thank you to Waka Kotahi for the hard mahi they have done so far.
- Kaiuma Bay have also sent a letter to Waka Kotahi regarding tourists driving in the centre of the road on blind corners and there is restricted vision with high grass growth on the side of the roads.
- Shon noted that Kaiuma Bay has two community shared septic systems which are serviced each year and funded by the community. Insurance on the system is expensive and difficult to obtain.

#### **• Te Ātiawa Manawhenua Ki Te Tau Ihu Trust – Sylvie Filipo**

- Due to technical issues at the meeting venue no update could be taken from Sylvie.

#### **Clr Updates –**

- Clr Minehan attended a farmers meeting where the outcome was that farmers did not want the barging for transporting animals as the cost is too high and is not a long term solution.
- It was asked if Waka Kotahi do not fix the roads, can the locals?
- It was asked if a house is yellow stickered, how can you get it repaired if the trucks cannot get in?
  - Clr Fauls will ask Waka Kotahi to make a clear statement in their next newsletter. Action Point Noted.
- Clr Innes has attended the community meetings regarding the road to recovery and has found it helpful to see the damage firsthand and hear the community's perspective.
- Clr Burgess thanked the group for having her as part of the Sounds Advisory Group. Clr Burgess also supported having the younger Rangitahi attend these meetings.

#### **11. General Business and next meeting – Monday, 19 June 2023 (venue - Committee Room, Marlborough District Council)**

#### **• 2023 Meetings –**

1. Monday, 28 August (venue – Committee Room, Marlborough District Council)
  2. Monday, 27 November (venue TBC)
- Clr Fauls expressed condolences to the whānau of Laurance Etheridge from Te Aumiti/French Pass who recently passed away.

- Alan Johnson noted an agenda item for the next meeting will be the Council Environmental Plan. Action Point Noted.
- Shon Emerson advised the group of an excellent book called One Hundred Havens, The Settlement of the Marlborough Sounds by Helen Beaglehole. The book is an informative read on the history of the Sounds.

**Action Points from the meeting.**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>
1 Clr Faulis and FENZ to liaise with Linda Booth regarding communications in event of an emergency.	Darren Crawford (FENZ)/Clr Faulis
2 Portage update (ongoing item)	Clr Faulis
3 Can DOC, and Rata Foundation can speak with MIE to work cohesively for pest control.	Clr Faulis
4 Provide Vic with name of person to speak to about the possum traps.	Clr Faulis
5 Invite Mike Aviss and James Mills-Kelly from MDC to speak on suitable plantings that the communities could plant to help with the effects of erosion from the rain.	MDC
6 Arrange a meeting with farmers and landowners for James Mills-Kelly to speak on hillside erosion.	Clr Faulis
7 Presentation on the Restoration Project.	Oliver Wade and Eric Jorgenson
8 Speak to Ned Wells from MFA if fisheries can be involved in the Sounds Advisory Group.	Clr Faulis
9 Enquire with Fisheries if the commercial divers have a licensed quota for taking sea cucumbers from Lochmara Bay	Clr Faulis
10 Provide Wayne Boustridge with the Emergency Management Centre contact to assist with a contingency plan.	Clr Faulis
11 Invite Dave Parsons and Gary Spence from the Emergency Operations Centre to our next meeting to speak contingency plans.	Clr Faulis
12 Ask Waka Kotahi if they can make a clear statement in their next newsletter regarding yellow stickered homes and truck access	Clr Faulis
13 Agenda item for the June meeting will be the Environment Plan.	Alan Johnson

There being no further general business, the meeting closed at 2.56 pm.



## Overview of Future Access Study

### Why a Business Case approach

- Significant level of damage sustained in August 2022 event, likely to be x 4 higher cost than the \$85m Kenepuru event in July 2021 (if roads restored to pre-2021 event standard)
- The response will require significant investment by Waka Kotahi (71%-95%) and Marlborough District Council (balance of funding)
- A study is required by WK and MDC to identify priorities for roading repairs and to determine what levels of service should be provided for roading and other transport in the Sounds
- A Programme Business Case is being developed

## Progress and milestones

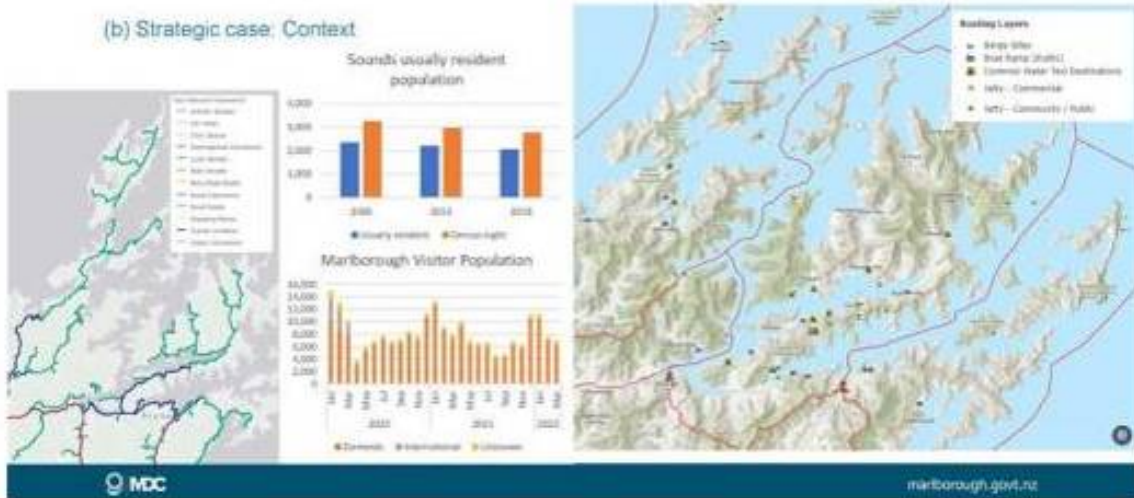
### Community engagement

- MDC Scope Survey (Dec/Jan) – 125 responses
- Stakeholder engagement event – Tuesday 24 January, Havelock – 47 attendees (invite only)
- Seven public meetings (six in person, one online) 31 January-8 February – 500+ attendees
- Main Survey, open 31 January-22 February – 919 responses
- Direct email channel – 53 written submissions
- Further stakeholder engagement with specific organisations e.g. water transport, utilities, industries
- Iwi/Maori hui planned for Tuesday 14 March



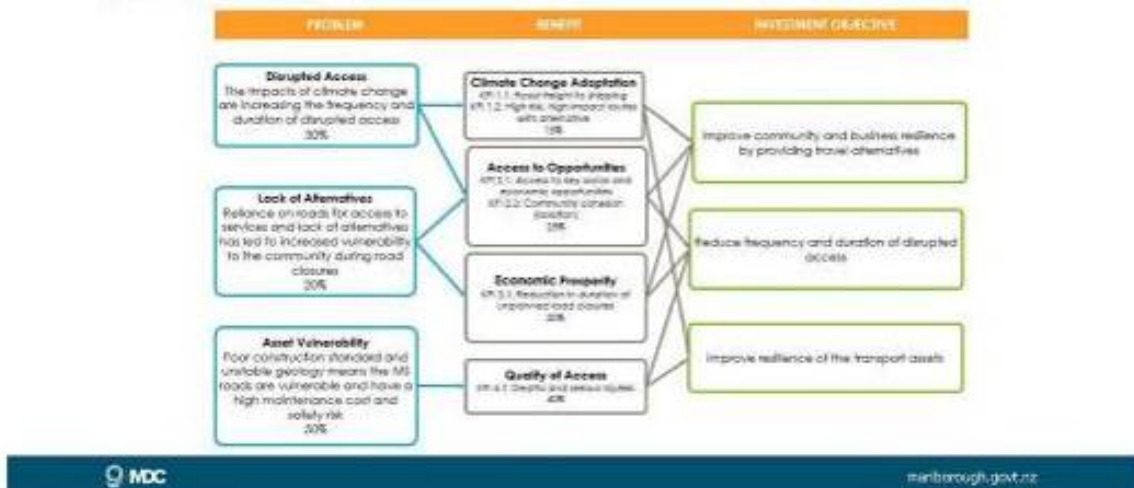
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(b) Strategic case: Context



## Progress and milestones

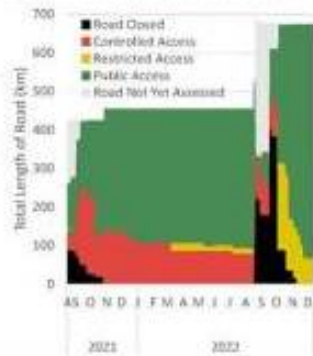
(b) Strategic case: ILM



## Progress and milestones

### (b) Strategic case: Problems

Problem 1: Disrupted Access



Problem 2: No Alternative Routes



Problem 3: Asset Vulnerability



## Progress and milestones

### Economic case: Route Breakdown



## Progress and milestones

### Next steps

- **March**
  - Iwi engagement
  - Complete strategic and economic case (option development and evaluation)
- **April**
  - Engagement with Waka Kotahi and Marlborough District Council on options
  - Engagement with Crown partners
- **May/June**
  - Stakeholder workshop and community meetings on options
  - Identify recommended preferred option for Programme Business Case
- **July**
  - Completion of the Programme Business Case
- **August onwards**
  - Decision making processes





## Presentation Plan

- The what and the why
- Provide information on what the legislation requires.
  - Te Mana o te Wai
  - Integrated Management
  - National Objectives Framework
  - Values
  - Visions
  - Freshwater Management Units (FMUs)
- Aims of this engagement
- How you can participate.
- What's coming up next?

## The What

- Government's 2020 Essential Freshwater package.
- Key element = Updated National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPSFM).
- Sets new rules to protect and restore New Zealand's freshwater.
- Councils must implement through plan changes after undertaking engagement with communities and tangata whenua.



## The Why

- Freshwater matters to us all.
- Healthy freshwater is a prerequisite for a healthy wider environment and community.
- Vital to look after it and use it in ways that provide the best environmental, social, cultural, and economic outcomes.
- Aim of the Government's package
  - To stop further water quality degradation.
  - Restore waterways to health within a generation.



## Te Mana o te Wai



- Strengthened fundamental concept in the NPSFM 2020.
- It is the lens through which all matters and decisions relating to freshwater management must now be viewed.
- Protecting health of freshwater protects the environment and the community.
- Hierarchy of obligations – starting point is providing for the well-being of the water body.



## Integrated Freshwater Management

- Ki uta ki tai – mountains to the sea
- Need to:
  - Recognise interactions between freshwater, land, water bodies, ecosystems and receiving environments.
  - Manage freshwater and the use and development of land.
  - Manage on a whole catchment basis.
  - Manage effects on receiving environments.



## The National Objectives Framework (NOF)

NOF Steps	What is required – At each step engagement with communities and tangata whenua
1 – Identify Freshwater Management Units (FMU)	Define FMUs (where the provisions and rules will apply). Consider mountains to sea, physical water and coastal basis > cultural/community based catchment groupings.
2 – Visions	For each FMU – what do communities and tangata whenua aspire to? Timescale needed
3 – Values	For each FMU – what freshwater values are important to communities and tangata whenua?
4 – Environmental Outcomes	For each Value – what is the goal sought by communities and tangata whenua?
5 – Attributes	For each Value – how can we measure or assess whether we are meeting the Value now and over time?
6 – Attribute states	For each Attribute – what is the baseline and current state? What are we aiming for (target state)? If these are different what are the interim targets to meet on the way to the target state?
7 – Limits & Action Plans	For Attributes not meeting target state – what rules (limits) are needed in the Plan and what other non-regulatory actions (monitoring, restoration, education etc) are needed to reach our goals?
8 – Monitor progress	Monitor progress towards target states and environmental outcomes and make changes to take action to move towards outcomes.



## Freshwater Values

- Must be identified for each FMU.
- 4 compulsory values, 9 other national values, additional regional values.
- For each value identified, environmental outcomes must be set.
- Environmental outcomes will be expressed as objectives in the Marlborough Environment Plan (MEP).
- When met, environmental outcomes must fulfil long-term visions.



4 Compulsory Values	
Ecosystem health	Freshwater ecosystems are healthy and able to sustain the indigenous aquatic life with a focus on water quality, water quantity, habitat, aquatic life, and ecological processes.
Human Contact	People can connect with water through a range of activities.
Threatened species	Critical habitats and conditions necessary to support a population of threaten species and recovery of that species.
Mahinga kai	Kai is safe to harvest and eat, providing a range of desired species plentiful enough for long term harvest.

9 Other National Values
Natural form and character
Drinking water supply
Wai tapu
Fishing
Transport and Tauranga waka
Hydro-electric power generation
Animal drinking water
Irrigation, cultivation, and production of food and beverages
Commercial and Industrial use

## What other Values are there?

### Additional Values – for example

Flood capacity and drainage

Spirituality of water and ecosystems

Public access

Existing infrastructure

Educational sites



## Long-term Visions – Goals with timeframes

They must...

- Express what communities and tangata whenua want the FMU to be like in the future
- Be ambitious but reasonable.
- Be informed by the history of, and environmental pressures on the FMU.

## Vision Examples from other regions

- The FMU is managed in accordance with Te Mana o te Wai objectives and policies.
- The FMU and estuaries are returned to a healthy condition.
- The habitats of indigenous species are restored, and indigenous species can migrate naturally within the FMU.
- Land use practices minimise discharges of nutrients and other contaminants to water bodies.
- Land management will minimise the extent of accelerated soil erosion, including where impacted by climate change.
- Waterways are safe, accessible and provide for swimming and other recreational uses.
- The ongoing relationship and connection of mana whenua to waterbodies and wai tapu is provided for.
- Waterways provide good and accessible mahinga kai and food resources.
- A long term viable spring fed ecosystem is achieved.
- The impact of water takes in managed in a manner that is responsive to climate change.

## What is an FMU?

A way of dividing the region to manage its water.

Can have sub-FMUs = smaller catchments.

Every waterbody must be in an FMU.

Within each FMU, identify:

- Monitoring sites
- Primary contact sites
- Locations of habitats of threatened species
- Outstanding water bodies
- Natural inland wetlands.



## Considerations for Marlborough's Proposed FMUs

1. Hydrological / Geographical – Where and how does the water flow? Catchments.
2. Integration – Ki uta ki tai – from the rain falling onto the land, its journey across and through the land and its final connection to coastal water.
3. Our communities.
4. Our regional boundary.
5. Practical issues with monitoring and reporting within resources and time available.



## 6 Proposed FMUs

- 1 - Marlborough Sounds Complex
- 2 - Te Hoiere / Pelorus
- 3 - Wairau
- 4 - Awatere
- 5 - East Coast Complex
- 6 - Waiapu toa / Clarence







## Marlborough Sounds Complex FMU

- 1,473 Km<sup>2</sup> Area
- A collection of small catchments characterised by steep, short run streams entering into the Marlborough Sounds, Tasman Bay and Cook Strait.
- Includes Linkwater catchment – Linkwater Stream, Cullen Creek and Ada Creek.
- Includes the centres of Waitohi/Picton, Waikawa and Linkwater and small communities in various bays.
- No lakes, wetlands commonly associated with the heads of bays.
- Shares an estuarine/marine boundary with Te Hoiere/Pelorus FMU at Havelock.



## Te Hoiere / Pelorus FMU

- 1,042 Km<sup>2</sup> Area
- Te Hoiere / Pelorus River and its tributaries from its source in the Richmond Ranges to its entry into Te Hoiere / Pelorus Sound at the Motuweka / Havelock estuary.
- Major Tributaries include Rai, and Wakamarina.
- Kaituna River also within FMU.
- Te Hoiere Catchment restoration project already happening.
- Havelock and Rai Valley Townships and dispersed rural community.
- Significant proportion of the catchment is covered in indigenous vegetation.
- Many wetlands associated with the valleys.



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## Wairau FMU

- 4,187 Km<sup>2</sup> Area – Largest FMU
- Wairau River and its tributaries from its source in the Spencer Mountains to the sea at Cloudy Bay.
- Longest river – 170Km.
- Multiple tributaries – Branch, Goulter, Waihopai, Omaka, Taylor, Onamaultu, Tumanina Rivers.
- Richmond Ranges to the north, Ragland Ranges to southwest,
- Lake Chalice, Fish Lake, Grovetown Lagoon and significant number of wetlands.
- Largest population - Blenheim, Renwick, Spring Creek, Wairau Valley.



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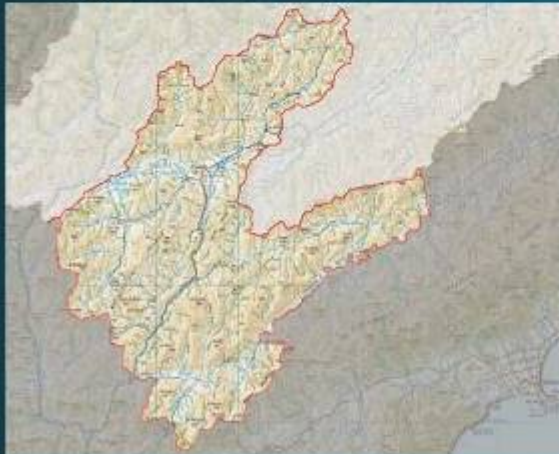
## Awatere FMU

- 1,573 Km<sup>2</sup> Area, 110 Km in length.
- Awatere River and its tributaries from its source in mountains southeast of Molesworth to the sea between Clifford Bay and Cloudy Bay.
- Southern boundary - Inland Kaikoura Mountains, highest peak Mt. Tapuae-O-Uenuku (2885m).
- Northern and western Boundaries - several ranges of mountains, including the Black Birch Range.
- Small lakes, e.g. Lake Jasper and multiple significant wetlands.
- Includes township of Seddon and dispersed rural community.



## East Coast Complex FMU

- 673 Km<sup>2</sup> Area
- Collection of rivers along the south eastern coast draining east into Cloudy Bay and south of Camp Campbell.
- Major Rivers – Waima, Flaxbourne and Blind River.
- Lake Elterwater, a few significant wetlands.
- Township of Ward and dispersed rural population.
- Includes an area to the north of the Awaterere FMU – North Dashwood / Redwood Pass.



## Waiau-toa / Clarence FMU

- 1543 km<sup>2</sup> Area
- Named after Waiau-toa /Clarence River which forms the southern FMU boundary.
- Main tributary, Acheron River flows south from headwaters near the Acheron Saddle through Molesworth to its confluence with the Waiau-toa /Clarence close to the southern boundary of the FMU.
- Alpine / High country environment.
- Currently sparsely populated.
- Alpine lakes, Lake McRae in the NE and Tarndale Lakes in the NW, numerous significant wetlands.

## This 1<sup>st</sup> Engagement aims to find out.....

1. If we have appropriately divided up the region into 6 freshwater management units (FMUs)?
2. What are our visions for the future of Marlborough's freshwater?
3. What we value about freshwater in Marlborough?



## How to participate further....

- Head to the Council Website and search - Freshwater Management

<https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/environment/freshwater-management/have-your-say-on-freshwater>

Find 2 survey links:-

- 1 – **Quick map-based survey** - to identify where you interact with freshwater and what activities you undertake.
  - 2 - **15-20 min online survey**, traditional form survey diving deeper into freshwater and all its aspects.
- Fill in a hard copy survey
  - E-mail your views directly to [freshwater@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:freshwater@marlborough.govt.nz)

## What's Next?

- First engagement has been extended.
- 2 more rounds of community engagement
  - NOF steps 3-6; and
  - Draft plan rules and action plans.



Report for Sounds Advisory Group

20 March 2023.

<p><b>Sounds</b></p>	<p><b>Biodiversity</b></p> <p>A regular check by the Conservation Dog team of Te Pakeka picked up the presence of a rodent. Extra traps and monitoring devices were deployed as part of the incursion response and a mouse was caught. A dog has revisited the island again and we are awaiting any news of further detections. If further detections are made either by the dog or from other monitoring we will escalate the response as advised from a specific TAG tea that has been set up.</p> <p>A plague skink was trapped in one of the surveillance areas at Havelock. This followed two years of no detections. MPI have decided that since there are plague skinks already in Marlborough and that there is little chance of preventing more entering from the North Island that they will no longer be involved in control at this site. DOC will pick up the trapping work, mainly because Havelock is a gateway to the predator free islands in Pelorus Sound.</p> <p>We had the benefit of having two teams of NMIT trainee rangers working over two weeks on Queen Charlotte islands.</p> <p>The four Tuatara that were held at Ecoworld in Picton have been temporarily relocated to Lochmara Lodge following the closure of Ecoworld. Lochmara Lodge upgraded their gecko enclosures and the Tuatara will remain there until conditions are favourable for relocation further into the Autumn. They will be part of a larger group of Tuatara being translocated from several captive locations where there are excessive numbers.</p> <p>The Moawhiti wetland restoration steering committee visited the site to observe progress and to discuss the recent storm event effects on the lake. The wetland continues to develop and the change from 5 years ago, when the project started, is now quite dramatic.</p> <p>James Speirs has resigned as Biodiversity supervisor and we are currently arranging for this role to be filled through a secondment until it can be advertised and filled.</p> <p>Work is underway to replace the solar power unit on Takapourewa. When this is in place we will not need to provide solid fuel for heating. In the past this has been coal but in recent years we changed to Bio – Bricks which still need to be quarantined and delivered to site.</p> <p><b>Heritage and Visitors</b></p> <p>The Cullens Point Loop Track has been repaired following slip damage from the last two big storm events. This involved several weeks of digger work and some re-metaling of a steep section of track.</p> <p>Outward Bound provided the labour to remove a slip from the Waterfall Track that leads off from Mertoto/ Ship Cove.</p> <p>It was sad to hear that Lawrence Etheridge passed away after a short illness. Lawrence and partner Grace managed the French Pass campground for us for over 15years and they were a big part of the local community.</p> <p>Staff hosted a couple of Coromandel Peninsula staff who were interested in seeing other areas that were affected by storm events to help to inform them on future options for their badly affected camps and facilities.</p>
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	<p>Assistance was provided to the Census team who required forms to be available to five of our sites, including the bigger campgrounds and a couple of huts.</p> <p>The annual weed control programme has almost been completed along the sides of the Queen Charlotte Track.</p> <p><b>Community</b></p> <p>Staff organised a rubbish pick up as part of Seaweek. This also included staff from Sandfords.</p> <p>Concession monitoring was undertaken for an adventure sports event and a marine mammal tourism operator.</p> <p>A successful environmental event was held at Momorangi Campground that targeted kids.</p>
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