

Exotic Caulerpa National Advisory Group Meeting

Date: 16 May 2025

Time: 10.00am -12.00pm

Location: Microsoft Teams and AMPIC

Members Attending:

Mike Inglis Co-Chair (BNZ), Nicola MacDonald Co-Chair (Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust), Martin Cleave (2B Media), Izzy Fordham (Aotea Great Barrier Community Board), John Walsh (BNZ) Liz Brooks (Auckland Council) Kaeden Leonard (Northland Regional Council).

Apologies: Warren Maher (New Zealand Sport Fishing Council), Natasha Clarke-Nathan (Te Pēwhairangi Ipipiri) Don McKenzie (Northland Regional Council, Phil Brown (Auckland Council) Tiffany Bock (Seafood New Zealand), Herearoha Skipper (Ngāti Paoa), Alex Rogers (DOC).

In attendance: Irene Middleton (BNZ), Lesley Patston (BNZ), Jackie Bedford (BNZ).

Secretariat: Kristy Calvert (BNZ).

Welcome & karakia

Martin opened the meeting with a karakia.

Item 1 - Programme update

Presented by Irene. Slides will be circulated to the group with the meeting notes.

Item 2 - ECNAG Strategy

Changes made to the strategy following the previous meeting was presented by Irene.

Irene to make sure the strategy is provides a reference link to Hauraki Gulf Marine Protection Act with reference to DOC and mana whenua.

Will ECNAG members be represented as individuals or organisations in the ECNAG Strategy? ECNAG membership was the result of Minister recommendations based on experience and on being first responders to caulerpa, but the individual's organisation is also important. The group decided to leave it up to the individual to

decide on how they wished to be represented in the strategy. Irene to get feedback from each member to how they want to be represented.

It was proposed that Nore Martin (kaumatua and retired MPI staff member) to review strategy to ensure accuracy. Need to determine how to compensate.

It was agreed that a tikanga review by Nore Martin of the ECNAG Strategy would be requested.

Motion proposed that ECNAG supports the current version of ECNAG strategy with minor amendments and Nore's review. Motion moved by Martin and seconded Izzy. (The group's quorum for this meeting was met.) The motion was passed.

It was agreed that a delegation from the advisory group would seek to meet with the Minister to present the Strategy in mid-June and others will join online.

John noted that this draws the work of this group to a close and a new steering group will be formed to take the Strategy and the work forward.

ACTION: Martin to contact Nore Martin. Nore Martin to complete tikanga review of strategy

ACTION: Revise strategy based on minor amendments and circulate to all members

ACTION: Seek a meeting with Minister Hoggard to present strategy for adoption

ACTION: formally call the ECNAG to a close.

Item 3 – Updated comms-engagement plan for the programme

Jackie and Lesley from BNZ presented on the Q4 comms and engagement plan and plans were discussed for release of the ECNAG Strategy.

A need was identified for materials in a range of languages including Asian languages.

A need was identified for whānau to be informed about what is happening through iwi appropriate channels.

It was agreed to reconvene a group of iwi/hapu comms-engagement specialists to support release of the ECNAG Strategy.

ACTION: BNZ to develop comms materials for the public in multiple languages around exotic caulerpa.

ACTION: mana whenua members ensure whānau are informed about what is happening through iwi appropriate channels.

ACTION: BNZ to convene of iwi/hapu comms-engagement specialists to support release of the ECNAG Strategy.

Meeting Close

Martin closed the meeting with a karakia.