

Te Moana-a-Toi aquaculture hui
Whakatōhea Trust Board
12/08/2022 (9:30am – 3:15pm)

Present:

Iwi

Name	Role
Graeme Riesterer	Whakatōhea settlement claims trust board chair
Peter Vitasovich	Whakatōhea Director
Rehua Smallman	Ngāti Pukenga fisheries Director
Danny Loughlin	Tuwharetoa
Puhirake Ihaka	Ngāti Te Rangi, chair of AHC
Jed Friel	Tuhoe
Dickie Farrar	Whakatōhea
Joe	Te Whanau-a-Apanui
Jack Parata	Te Whanau-a-Apanui
Haydn Reed	Te Whanau-a-Apanui
Rueben Araroa	Ngāti Awa
Rawiri Biel	Tapuika
Andy Gowland-Douglas	Tapuika
Tamaku Pau'u	Tapuika
Leanne Faulkner	Other
Matthew James	Te rangapu mana whenua Tauranga moana
Karama Insley	Te Arawa (10:18)
Bill Evaroa	Ngāti Ranginui (10:15)
Charlie Rahiri	Ngāti Ranginui (10:28)
Robert Edwards	Whakatōhea
Elaine Tapsell	Ngāti Pukenga

Te Ohu Kaimoana

Name	Role
Kylie Grigg	TOKM aquaculture and fisheries manager
Laws Lawson	TOKM contractor
Jim Missen	TOKM analyst
Aari Hall	MPI
Timoti Gallagher	MPI
Monique Hatfull	MPI
Phil Health	MPI
Campbell Murray	MPI
Stephen Lamb	BOPRC
Stacey Faire	BOPRC (10:28)
Ella Tennent	BOPRC (10:28)

Malcom Smeaton	Cawthron Institute
Jason Hall	Kānoa
Rebecca Hunter	DOC ranger
Laura McCartney	DOC marine technical advisor

Apologies:

Name	Role	Iwi
Harry Mikaere		Ngāti Pukenga
Sam Mikaere		Ngāti Pukenga
Tipene Kapa-Kingi	NZTE	
Memory Mio		

Agenda

9:30 – Mihi, whakawhanaungatanga

10:00 – Scene set and overview by Te Ohu Kaimoana

10:30 – Cawthron gaps analysis

11:15 – Collaborative opportunity for Te Moana-a-Toi iwi aquaculture organisations

12:30 – Crown agencies to outline their workstreams and opportunities

1:00 – Lunch

1:30 – Te Ohu Kaimoana to presentation on:

1. Progress to date
2. Potential settlement sites and scenarios
3. Required Agreements
 - Regional Aquaculture Agreement
 - Allocation Agreement
4. Next steps

2:00 – Next steps on the collaborative opportunities

2:30 – Further iwi discussions

3:15 – Close

Views captured

MPI presentation

Q: How flexible is it move the aquaculture settlement sites?

A: Quite flexible, it requires a letter to the Minister and a collective agreement between iwi and TOKM. Then the Ministers will consider it. (Note: this will then require approval of the other Ministers involved in aquaculture settlement approvals. In particular the Minister of Conservation).

Cawthron presentation (RE. the gaps analysis report)

Point to note: The soft sediment seabed, which is characteristic of all current sites, generally contain creatures that are able to process the waste that comes from aquaculture farms.

It is recommended that the carrying capacity study is repeated. There has been a study done previously but this was in the early 2000's and is likely not as relevant for the conditions found in BoP today and in the future.

Carrying capacity timeframe – the study is conducted by NIWA and could take up to a year to complete . This work will help inform the site locations and the quantity of mussel aquaculture that the BoP can sustainably profitably produce. This is important as it ensures the longevity and sustainability of the iwi settlement sites. If iwi want space, there is no need to rush to reach a regional agreement until the carrying capacity data is available. The need for this carrying capacity work will inform part of the rationale to the Minister to extend the regional agreement timeframe.

Q: Why is site 3 seem to be dubious for kingfish?

A: While Site 3 is the best of three to fish farming, the information is incomplete making it difficult to have a definite opinion. The sites water flow is near the minimum rate required for finfish but with the site is deep (~90m) so there is more time and therefore area for the waste to taken up by the ecosystem.

Karamea aquaculture development presentation

Trout isn't currently an option because of the political environment. At present the Minister is not willing commit to trout in this current term.

Science bid – Horizon 2022 - largest fund for this in the world with MU with research groups meaning we are well-placed

Bay of Plenty Regional Council presentation

Q: Will future applications be more streamlined due to what has happened in the past?

A: The required information is still the same so need robust science but the process itself is expected to be more user friendly.

Point to note – Peter V mentioned the right of renewable process to be easier for a more intergenerational approach. And that the consents should be given out to the maximum level of 35 years not the default of 20 years.

Q: Can the consenting processes start earlier?

A: This is very dependent on the quantity of information that is required – consents can't be granted without adequate information.

Iwi and Te Ohu Kaimoana afternoon discussion

Q: is the space or the consent in perpetuity?

A: Neither the space nor the consent is in perpetuity. If iwi want to select space as your form of settlement, the settlement provides iwi with a perpetual authorisation, but iwi still have to apply for a resource consent (coastal permit) the same as anyone else. The settlement authorisation means that iwi is not compelled to apply for a consent within 2 years (as would normally happen). Iwi with an authorisation can instead apply at any time – even after a generation if they wish. The consent itself is not in perpetuity. However, if at any point when rec consenting the application is declined it is the Crown's obligation to uphold the settlement and provide more space.

Q: what is UAE?

A: After a resource consent is granted BUT before it can be exercised, the applicant must have the impact of the proposed aquaculture farm assessed as to its impact on fishing. This is done under the Fisheries Act. This is called the Undue Adverse Effects test (UAE) and it assesses the cumulative effects on fishing be that recreational, customary commercial and non-commercial. The threshold for recreational and customary non-commercial is subjective. The threshold for commercial catch is if it stops 5% of the commercial catch (the effects on fishing are assessed as a percent). In BoP the aquaculture development being considered will likely exceed 5% so it is necessary to effectively communicate with fishers to bring them on board. There is the ability to reach an Aquaculture Agreement under the Fisheries Act

Working group

Purpose: for a group of iwi nominated reps to come together for discrete bits of mahi to be taken back to the broader IAO representatives for direction and agreement. This mahi, once collectively agreed, would be taken back to IAO boards for approval.

Scope: To progress the relationship agreement between all iwi. To provide a space for iwi technical experts to give a view on various bits of mahi such as the development of science reports and analysis, collective

ventures. This knowledge and information would be shared back to the wider IAO representative group for further discussion and agreement.

Members: Rueben Araroa (chair), Peter Vitasovich, Danny Loughlin, Karamea Insley, Charlie Rahiri and Dickier Farrar.

Confirmations: All in favour.

Actions

1. Confirm individual and collective iwi potential aquaculture aspirations
2. Discuss if you as an iwi would like to invest in aquaculture in the same places or separate places?
3. MPI to develop a plan for the next phase of science investigations based on Cawthron's identified Gaps Analysis work: including priority order, cost estimates, timeframes, and an indication about which aspects MPI might be able to fund by 27th October 2022
4. MPI to work with the BOPRC to understand the list of AEE reports/detail required for consents (including investigating further the alternative consenting option that has changed since Whakatōhea last went through the application process)
5. MPI would like to establish a monthly online standing meeting- the purpose is so we can give regular updates and seek input on any matters consistently. - We would send out an agenda 1 week prior to the hui so iwi can choose whether their attendance is necessary. Regardless we would send out minutes to all. Suggest the first of these hui is on Thursday the 28th of October to time with the science next steps proposal.