
Workshop - Banks Peninsula Water Management Zone Committee NOTES

Date: Tuesday 30 April 2024
Time: 4.15 pm
Venue: Lyttelton Mt Herbert Community Boardroom, 25
Canterbury Street, Lyttelton

Present

Chairperson Gina Waibl - Community Representative
Deputy Chairperson Trudi Bishop - Community Representative
Members Andrea Davis - Community Representative
Elisa Knight - Community Representative
Ben Manson - Community Representative
Tyrone Fields - Councillor Christchurch City Council

Also attending John Ben (Doc)
Melissa Shearer (ECan)
Pam Richardson
Katie Noakes (CCC)

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Please Note:
This forum has no decision-making powers and is purely for information sharing.

Karakia Tīmatanga: Given by all

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

Apologies was received from Paul Dietsche, Amber Moke, Rik Tainui, Jaleesa Panirau, Erana Riddell, George Howden and Tori Peden.

3. BPWMZC FISH PASSAGE WORKSHOP - INTRODUCTION

- i. Jaimee Grant (Zone Facilitator) outlined the purpose of the workshop and noted that the Committee has some actions in its Action Plan that relate to Fish Passage. These are:
 - *We will collaborate on practical projects by supporting: The removal of priority barriers to fish passage*
 - *We will engage with the community and partner with other organisations to encourage future proofing/resilience about: Mahinga kai,...*
- ii. The Zone Implementation Programme) – has a recommendation for CCC and ECan to identify barriers to native fish passage to be investigated.

A programme is to be established to work towards removing these barriers to promote native fish passage. Christchurch City Council, DOC and Environment Canterbury within 5 years (4.11).
- iii. Jaimee also noted that Mahinga kai acknowledged as important and to be protected and/or enhanced. Fish passage improvement efforts support the continuation of mahinga kai.
- iv. Jaimee noted that the aim of the workshop is to identify and confirm actions the Zone Committee can take to support fish passage improvement in the zone. In order to do that, the Committee needs to understand what the current state is – and two presentations are to be given at today’s workshop (Ecan and CCC) – to help paint that picture. This will be followed by a discussion on what the next steps are.

7 PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION - PAM RICHARDSON

Gina introduced Pam Richardson who provided her input to the zone committee on fish passage.

Notes from Pam’s presentation are attached.

Attachments

- A Pam Richardson presentation 

4 ECAN - FISH PASSAGE PRESENTATION

Jaimee introduced Melissa Shearer, ECan Senior Environmental Advisor, who provided an overview on progress towards understanding fish passage issues. Melissa's presentation is attached.

Melissa noted that ECan has a small annual fund (\$100,000) for fish passage work, and that the land owner also needs to make a contribution. The Committee noted that to be effective, where there is more than one land owner, any work at the top of a stream would need to be complimented by any required work lower down the stream. Funding could apply to new structures. ECan has separate funding for its own structures. ECan have a global consent that enables works to be undertaken to remediate fish barriers. It was noted that in order to utilise this, landowners must engage ECan staff first.

There were suggestions around the marketing of the fish passage application and the potential for linking it to the DoC walks website.

Attachments

- A ECan Fish Passage Presentation 

6 CCC - FISH PASSAGE BARRIER PROGRAMME UPDATE


Jaimee introduced Katie Noakes, CCC Principal Waterways Ecologist who will provided an update on the fish passage barrier programme mahi that CCC are undertaking. A copy of this presentation is attached.

CCC has undertaken a lot of investigation into fish passage and has a prioritisation tool. The focus (and funding) is on structures that are owned by Council, but includes some structures where ownership is unknown. The relevant reports are on the CCC website.

The example of the Mona vale weir remedial work which has opened up a further 9km of fish habitat.

There was a discussion around consenting and how ECan global consents for in flow waterway work has reduced the burden for private land owners who want to undertake instream work to enhance fish passage. This could save the land owner between \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Attachments

- A CCC Fish Passage presentation 

8 DISCUSSION

The aim of this item was to identify the actions/next steps the Zone Committee can take to support fish passage improvement in the zone.

Prompt questions were:

1. What practical projects could be supported? What needs to be done? (ZCAP action)
2. How could community be engaged on the issue? (ZCAP act.)
 - a. Are there key areas to target?
 - b. What info/tools could be promoted?
 - c. What are the barriers for landowners to address fish passage?

3. What would partnership with other organisations (ZCAP act.)
 - a. CCC, ECan, DOC.
 - b. How do rūnanga fit in?
 - c. Who needs to be involved?

4. What would support look like?
 - a. Community workshops
 - b. Funding
 - c. Communications/promotion

The attendees at the workshop agreed that more could be done to promote fish passage with land owners. It was noted that CCC can help landowners with advice on what could be done to enhance fish passage, and assist with design and other matters.

The Committee felt it has a role in promoting the fish passage assessment tool and relevant information that would support community remediation efforts tool and suggested that ECan use the CCC prioritisation framework.

The members of the Committee attending the workshop expressed support for:

- promoting fish passage remediation, including the tools available, to the Banks Peninsula groups identified during the March review workshop.
- Recommending to ECan that a prioritisation framework such as that utilised by CCC is used to prioritise ECan structures for remediation.

The Committee asked for advice on whether land owners who are putting in new structures such as a stock or vehicle crossing, be considered under the global consent to do the work.

2. Committee Members Update

This item was an opportunity for committee members to share relevant updates on other meetings, work in the zone, issues, etc. Gina to lead the round-the-table discussion.
Updates included:

- The CWMS review feedback – link to survey sent out 23 April. Members are encouraged to fill out the survey. There was a general consensus that the direction in the collective submission being developed by the Zone Committees is supported.
- There was a brief update on the Wairewa Catchment Group meeting a few weeks ago and a general discussion about catchment groups.

Karakia Whakamutunga: Given by all

Meeting concluded at 6.45pm.