

## Minutes for Engagement hui with Te Hiku O Te Ika on aquaculture

Date	Time	Venue
10 March 2022	10 AM - 12 PM	Zoom meeting

<b>Engagement with (individual(s) or group(s))</b>	<p>Kevin Robinson (Te Rarawa, Chairperson Te Hiku Iwi, Fisheries NZ)            Patau Tepania (Te Rarawa)            Nore Martin (Senior Customary Fisheries Advisor MPI – Fisheries NZ)            Anaru Kendall (Te Rarawa, Te Puna Tōpu o Hokianga Trust)            Graeme Noho (Ngāti Kuri)            Reuban Taipari (Te Rarawa)            Robert Willoughby (Ngāt Kuta)            Nyze Manuel (Ngāti Kahu ki Whangaroa)            Veronica Rotman (Tertiary Tutor of Marine Science/Sustainable Aquaculture, Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology)            Laws Lawson (Principal Analyst, Te Ohu Kaimoana)            Kylie Grigg (Aquaculture Programme Lead, Te Ohu Kaimoana)            Bianca Hampton (Graduate Policy Analyst, Te Ohu Kaimoana)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b>            Wallace Rivers (Ngai Takoto)            Niki Conrad (Te Aupouri)            George Riley (Te Rarawa)            Tui Qauqau Te Paa (Te Rarawa)            Geraldine Baker (Kahukura Ariki Trust)</p>
<b>Agency representatives involved</b>	<p>Daniel Lees (Manager, Aquaculture Strategy and Development, Ministry for Primary Industries)            Nicola Hattersley-Marshall (Senior Analyst, Strategy &amp; Development, Ministry for Primary Industries)            Ben Moginie (Senior Analyst, Settlement &amp; Operational Policy, Ministry for Primary Industries)            Conor Paul (Senior Analyst, Aquaculture Policy, Ministry for Primary Industries)            Michael Nielsen (Principal Advisor Aquaculture Operational Policy, Ministry for Primary industries)            Finn Sumner (Senior Analyst, Strategy &amp; Development, Ministry for Primary Industries)            Monique Hatfull (Senior Analyst, Settlement &amp; Operational Policy, Ministry for Primary Industries)            Ann Hewitt (Policy Analyst, Aquaculture Policy, Ministry for Primary Industries)            Imogen Eglesfield (Graduate Policy Analyst, Aquaculture Policy, Ministry for Primary Industries)</p>

### Key Matters raised by Te Hiku O Te Ika

<b>Resource Management Reform</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern that the ‘first in first serve’ method will not consider and safeguard iwi settlement.</li> <li>• Concern that some iwi will not have enough resources to apply for a consent, meaning that larger/wealthier industries will take over their local space.</li> <li>• Regional councils are not consistent with their policy surrounding the rating of Māori land etc which could result in Māori being left out of the application process.</li> <li>• Questioned how the Marine and Coastal Area Act will affect the proposal and where hapū will fit into it.</li> </ul>

## **Open-Ocean Aquaculture Framework**

### ***Slide on spatial planning***

- Mobile aquaculture might affect the migration routes for taonga species – important that spatial mapping takes into account all environmental effects.
- Kevin commented that Central Government deliver better results and would be happy to have CG progressing spatial planning with iwi.
- Would like to be kept informed on any progress/issues which arise.
- Concern that some iwis, e.g those on the West Coast, will not be exposed to the same opportunities for OOA.
- Local hapū need to be involved in the spatial planning process especially with culturally sensitive data, as they will feel the effects on the community.

### ***Slide on zoning***

- Support that the framework identifies areas and gives certainty to community/hapū/iwi settlement.
- Concern on what is happening outside of zones and the mechanisms which will enable ad hoc aquaculture development within those areas.

### ***Slide on management standards***

- Iwi need to have a more involved role in the planning of National Standards.

### ***Slide on allocation***

- Concern that some iwi will have settlement attributes but no resources to apply for applications – Central Government should provide funding to assist iwi getting up and running.
- The problem with the strategy is that iwi are not informed – spatial planning could be done prior so that a comprehensive plan can be put together.
- It is key that Central Government help to unlock space from regional councils.

### ***Slide on consenting***

- Anaru suggested regional councils take a lead on consenting with support from Central Government.
- Nyze stated a preference for regional consenting because it increases local discussions, engagement, and consequently, the connectivity of the community.

### ***Slide on biosecurity***

- Hapū/iwi would like larger involvement in the management of biosecurity – organisms in the water can have a huge effect on their ability to collect kai.
- Currently iwi get alerted on threats once they have entered the system – would like to receive information earlier and gain a greater understanding on biosecurity.
- Be more proactive with extensive monitoring, to ensure the issue is stopped before it becomes too large.

### ***Slide on charging***

- Too premature to decide anything surrounding charging.
- Should we be charging? Who has jurisdiction over the ocean?
- Charges have the potential to wipe Māori out of their settlement space over time.

### ***Slide on monitoring and compliance***

- Councils would likely struggle under the responsibility of monitoring OOA, especially as we move further out – Central Government should be more involved.
- Laws suggested a partnership between regional councils and government would work best e.g in the Bay of Plenty.

### **Open ocean aquaculture in the exclusive economic zone**

- There are risks surrounding the environmental aspects, especially in regards to mobile aquaculture i.e disrupted migration routes.
- If one species is impacted, it could have flow on effects throughout the food web and create trophic cascades.

### **Further comments**

- Ngāti Kuri would like a place holder in the progress that is made from this point onwards.
- Although the minister would like to process this framework quickly, that is not how Ngāti Kuri operates – would like to ensure that the moana is protected and will respond later with further thoughts.
- Good to work in partnership with the Crown because treaty obligations/commitments are clear unlike with regional councils.
- Te Hiku region needs more support for development.
- Would like to have more involvement in the progress every step of the way

### **Key Actions**

- Keep Te Hiku O Te Iku updated on any development and progress.
- Mat to instigate a link up with Plant and Food research.