

Minutes: Port Noise Liaison Committee #25

Date:	25 June 2014
Time:	1200hrs
Location:	Engineers Library, Port Nelson Admin Office 10 Low Street
Attendance:	Bob Dickinson (Chair) until 1pm, Thomas Marchant (PNL), Matt McDonald (PNL) arrived 12.45pm, Jacqui McLeod (PNL minutes), Chris Keegan (residents' rep), Andy Farmer (PNL) and Troy Dando (PNL) joined meeting to give update on noise reduction ideas.

	Agenda	Discussion	Action points
1.	Welcome and intro	Apologies from Digby Kynaston (PNL), Bruce Robertson (residents' rep) and Charlie Osmond (PNL). Accepted (Chris/Thomas).	
1.	Minutes from 19 March 2014	Accepted (Chris/Thomas)	
2.	Matters Arising:	Craig Terris (PNL Workshop Supervisor) has approval to purchase a warning system to assist with landing the crane spreader.	
3.	Noise complaints	Reports covering the period 18 March – 25 June were circulated and discussed. A total of four complaints were received during the period. Investigations into the causes were discussed: Log loading noise from Cape Morton – impacts from top deck stowage; Container vessel noise – Unusually loud from Olivia Maersk operation; Container vessel noise – MV Glory at Brunt Quay- Blind loading of one bay appeared to be the cause; Plant noise – Movement alarm on crane, and hired Maffy exhaust noise.	
4.	Noise Monitoring	Thomas gave his analysis of the noise events for previous 3 months. Distributed sound data summary and significant noise events investigations. March – 3 significant port noise events (two impact noises from an overnight steel discharge at Main Wharf. Log crane and truck noise from Kingsford Quay).	

		<p>April – no significant port noise events May – no significant port noise events</p>	
5.	Update on acoustic treatments	<p>Working on a number of properties that are undertaking renovations within the port effects overlay. Some property owners are completing the work themselves over a long period, which is proving to be difficult to work through.</p>	
6.	Other business	<p>Nomination forms sent with annual summary residence pack 1 May. Excluded the contour map as currently being reviewed and updated. 2 Nominations formally accepted. Chris and Bruce will continue as residents' reps. Noise reductions ideas raised by Chris (19 March 2014):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hatch lids – can we guide them with ropes or detach spreader from spare crane? Update: tested ropes but would require more people as can only pull on ropes. Discussing 2 deckhands being in place to guide by hand. Unable to move spreader with anything else other than the crane. 2. Reefers – noise from these do not appear on noise monitoring reports, but very noisy especially when all start up at once. Could we use timer to regulate power supply? Update: dictated by customer needs and compliance with food safety regulations. Andy Farmer (Terminal Operations Supervisor) will conduct a trial in July by stacking export dry boxes 3-4 high at Haven Road end to buffer noise. Chris to email ideas to Thomas who will then forward to a Refer Technician. 3. Spreaders – look into rubber buffer between spreader and container. Update: Craig Terris (Workshop Supervisor) intends to adhere hard plastic to the spreader (rubber wouldn't last) and will trial that. 4. Berthing at Main South Wharf. Would like to understand the criteria that determines what vessels are berthed there. Update: Troy Dando (Marine Services Supervisor) explained berth allocation and criteria. Brunt Quay is the preferred option if possible for container vessels. 5. Crane cabins – are they sound insulated? Are the operators aware of the noise? Update: not insulated, only have single pane glass and also keep windows open to top fogging up. Drivers are certainly aware of noise issue. 6. Acoustic treatments – allow for more insulation in bedrooms and counter that with less in living rooms as less critical for sound proofing. 	

		Matt explained this would require a formal plan change which is not something PNL would pursue.	
7.		Meeting closed at 1330hrs Next meeting at 1200hrs, September 25 2014, PNL Visitor Centre	