

## **The 154th Meeting of the PNECC**

21 September 2011, PNL Visitor Centre

**Attendance:** Thomas Marchant, Murray McGuire, Matt McDonald, (PNL), Jacquetta Bell (notes), Grant Jones (NEC), Vicki Cordwell-Douglas (MAF), Stephen Wynne-Jones (DOC), Graeme Fox (Sealord), Joanna Plows (Green Party), Paul Fisher (NCC), Carl Jenkins (NCC), Jocelyn Beleski (Forest & Bird), Stuart Slack (Friends of Nelson Haven), Philip Wilson (NPIL), David Frances (EDA).

Thomas welcomed Dave Rees from the Top of the South Marine Biosecurity Partnership to the committee, he and partner Peter Lawless have just taken over this contract.

Apologies: John White, SSL.

**June minutes** tabled and accepted.

### **Noise management update**

The Port Noise Liaison Committee has dealt with four complaints over the last quarter. Containers at Main Wharf South are the main cause.

Port Noise Variation has now been signed off, gone through Council and should be fully operational this year.

### **PNL Update on matters environmental**

**Waste Audit** completed by Mary Curnow from NEC Waste Education services. PNL keen to cut back on landfill, audit has identified more recyclable streams. There are eight different waste collections – complex to get to the bottom of it. Audit will be used as an example by NCC. PNL had been going through 62,000 paper cups per year. Vicki said end of paper cups has also made the port tidier.

**Port Nelson Annual Dredging** – Murray McGuire advised the Kawatiri will be here for the next 4-6 weeks dredging the channels to the charted depth. There is less material to be dredged than expected, PNL has Resource Consent to dump 50,000 cu m per year, with comprehensive monitoring.

### **PNL Environmental Management System internal audits – call for auditors!**

Thomas tabled ISO 14001 Standard 4.5.5 re Internal audit:

The organization shall ensure that internal audits of the environmental management system are conducted at planned intervals to

a) determine whether the environmental management system:

1) conforms to planned arrangements for environmental management including the requirements of this International Standard, and

2) has been properly implemented and is maintained, and

b) provide information on the results of audits to management

Thomas asked for volunteers to assist with the Internal Audits that are required this year for:

General Requirements; Environmental Policy; Environmental Aspects; Legal & Other Requirements; Objectives Targets and Programs; Resources Roles Responsibility & Authority; and Competence, Training and Awareness.

Some would only take 15 minutes on computer, the last four would take a site visit and more time. Paul Fisher, David Francis, Phil Wilson, Graeme Fox, Vicki Douglas, Jocelyn Belieski, Stephen Wynne-Jones volunteered.

Phil advised auditing can be done by checking that the policy matches actions in selected areas.

Results will be reported back at next meeting.

### **Stephen Wynne-Jones talked on the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010 (CPS)**

This is a key document under the RMA, and is important to councils. It has implications for PNL in planning and resource consents. The statement includes sections on:

- Coastal hazards: eg sea level rise & climate change
- Public Access & effects of vehicles
- Natural character – protection and enabling appropriate development, importance of scale.

Discussion of the legal implications of the document – Stephen said it interprets the sections of the RMA relating to the coast.

The CPS creates opportunities to advocate for Inlet or Haven and recognizes some adverse activities must be catered for. Challenges are hazards, sea level rise, loss of biodiversity, public access.

### **DOC restructuring**

Mail has indicated Nelson staff will go from 52 to 31; nationally 96 jobs will go. Stephen explained there will be hubs in Christchurch and Hamilton to handle functions such as planning, legal etc.

Area offices are not affected. The Conservancy structure is being changed to work more closely with communities, with some new jobs created, some staff moving into new roles. New structure comes into effect July 2012. 2013 in Christchurch.

A lot of DOC's South Island work is in Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast. Meeting Environment Court requirements (nine month deadlines) will be difficult with just four staff. Next year a further restructuring will look at service delivery.

Meeting closed 1.15pm. Next meeting Dec 14