

The 155th Meeting of the PNECC, Port Nelson Board Room

14 December 2011

Attendance: Thomas Marchant, Matt McDonald, Jacquetta Bell, Phil Wilson, Grant Rutledge, Vicki Cordwell-Douglas, Pam Lambert, Stephen Wynne Jones, Paul Fisher, Dave Rees, Joanna Plows.

Apologies: Jocelyn Beleski, David Francis, John White.

Stephen advised he has taken a DOC job in Wellington. He suggested Thomas write to DOC to request a new rep for the committee. Thomas thanked Stephen for his commitment and input over many years.

September minutes: passed Thomas/Dave.

Matters arising: Thomas thanked the members who had helped with internal audits of the PNEMP.

EMS Objectives' Review

The current objectives have been in place for some time and the auditor has recommended a review. To comply with ISO14001 standard an objective is required for each significant aspect. Committee members were asked to review the objectives in pairs, looking at the relevance of the objectives, anything missing, and whether they meet the inputs suggested under ISO14001.

Existing objectives are grouped under: Noise, Air Quality, Water Quality, Waste, Oil Spills.

New suggestions from Thomas:

Principles of environmental sustainability

Biosecurity

Tenant/Contractor Environmental Management

Issues/suggestions raised in feedback from pairs:

Practicability – to be addressed as a filter at higher level rather than under each objective

Objectives are aspirational and are not 'How Tos'

Need to include review process, which should be on a rolling basis.

Number of categories could be reduced.

Suggestions:

Biosecurity, education and forming of a relationship with Marine Biosecurity Team to minimise harmful invaders

Is PNL long term development plan flexible enough to adapt to changes?

Making port resilient from natural hazards

Contaminated land and hazardous wastes

More efficient lights – Matt said Nelson has the most restrictive regulations re glare into residential areas. Stephen said there is also an impact on night flying birds. Phil reported on PNL experience with identifying offending lights and pointing them downwards.

Recreational activities – managing adverse effects and protecting values

Built heritage

Earthquake safety – Matt responded to a question about a report on safety at the port re impact of liquefaction on oil storage & other businesses.

Oil spills – should sit under water quality

Adding green house gases under air quality.

Use of bio-diesel – is being looked into.

Transport of hazardous waste eg yellow cake – Thomas said there are emergency plans in place.

Top of the South Marine Biosecurity Partnership

Dave Rees gave a presentation, he is part of a new team that started in August.

They are revising the strategy in line with the National Plan of Action on Pest Management, and focussing on risk reduction.

Intention is to widen the scope of communication.

Dave outlined the pest threats in this region, their potential environmental and economic impact. Big savings can be made from delaying pests such as stylea establishing.

MAF deals with movements into NZ. MBSP role is within regional waters.

After strategy is in place next steps are monitoring, and communication to change behaviour.

Aim is engagement rather than messages. Raising awareness so people notice when something looks different. Enforcement as a backup.

Thomas thanked David for his presentation.

Other business:

Jo noted concern regarding liquifaction and oil tanks, from others than PNL eg Auckland Point School.

Stephen queried service provided by Rocks Road, disruption to State Highway from slips. That morning there had been a serious slip. Safety for cyclists and transport viability is an issue. Matt said it would be up to Road Transport Association to lobby on this issue. Further discussion around traffic flows, risk, costs.

Meeting closed 1.30pm

Next meeting: end of March date TBA.