

StAG subcommittee meeting 13 August 2013, 12.45pm-2.35pm

Present: Stuart Morrison, Tanira Kingi, Karen Parcell, Sarah Omundsen, Anna Grayling, Warren Webber, Ollie Parsons, Wendy Roe, Hera Smith.

Apologies: Don Atkinson (family bereavement), Liam Dagg, Gwyn Morgan

Action List

1. WW to circulate a revised StAG position paper.
2. WW to draft RTALSG paper by 20 August (SM to present 30 August)
3. SO to prepare a presentation slide for discussion at 10 Sept subcommittee
4. SO to table draft paper for 27 August subcommittee discussion
5. SO to prepare 'small-block survey' information for 10 Sept subcommittee and 23 Sept StAG
6. SO to prepare information relevant to 'sector definition' for 02 Oct subcommittee and 15 October StAG
7. **Next Subcommittee Meeting : 1pm-4pm, Tues 27 August. Venue BoPRC, Rotorua**

1. StAG Position paper amendments

Action: WW to circulate a revised StAG position paper.

Main points of discussion

- Nitrogen Reduction Plans will now be a subset of Farm Nutrient Plans (FNP)
- Summary Table. Order to be amended and FNP terminology introduced.
- Powerpoint presentation to SPP on 17 Sept will utilize framework of table previously presented in as a Collective slide.

Action: SO to prepare a powerpoint slide for discussion at 10 Sept subcommittee

- Rules programme (paragraph # 1c) to adopt term 'relevant actions' rather than 'actions under NRPs'
- Incentives Programme (paragraph # 2) will be amended to reflect StAG meeting proposal for \$5.5m Rules funding, and \$40m Incentives funding
- Monitoring and review clauses to be amended to clarify intent that reviews will be in 2017 and five-yearly thereafter

2. Staff Paper on Allocations and Incentives

- Timing : 03 Sept, draft papers due; 10 Sept, final papers due

Action: SO to table draft paper for 27 August subcommittee discussion

3. Sector Definition Workplan

- Basis of sector definition will be land use at time of Rule 11 benchmarking

Action: SO to prepare 'small-block survey' information for 10 Sept Subcommittee and 23 Sept StAG

Action: SO to prepare information relevant to 'sector definition' for 02 Oct Subcommittee and 15 October StAG

4. Expert panel to be convened

- Convenor will be Karen Parcell
- Date to be confirmed
- To discuss what reductions will be achievable with \$40m via Incentives Programme

(or should this be 'how we achieve 100tN reduction via Incentives programme with only \$40m)

- Discussion re panel possible panel members. Graeme Fleming, Bill K. Black (economist), Sam Howard, Kel Sanderson, Lee Matheson, TAG member, et al TBC. TK and WW to attend and participate.

5. Review Clauses for Rules and Allocations

- Workplan required to evolve actual wording of review clauses for
 - Progress reviews for Gorse Programme, Incentives Programme, Rules Programme, Relevant Science

6. Mechanisms to mitigate risks associated with StAG Position proposal

- Noted that subcommittee / StAG discussion is requested re mechanisms/actions which may mitigate risks associated with StAG proposal.
- Deferred for discussion pending SPP decisions 17 Sept

7. NDA Allocation Targets

- Further work required to define range of NDA targets, with consideration of relative ease or difficulty of attainment on individual farms across the catchment

8. Other potential funding (WW got lost in a cloud of acronyms. Can those who live in this cloud please amend the following where necessary)

- AgResearch. Funding has been found for 6 more dairy farms under the FSP project funding
- SFF funding for drystock modelling under modified LEP protocols
- Dairy NZ funding for modified SMP modelling

9. RTALSG Paper

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Meeting closed at 2.35pm