

StAG Subcommittee, 11 March 2014

BORPC, 1125 Arawa St. 12:30 PM

Present:

Te Arawa Lakes Trust, Hera Smith; LWQS: Don Atkinson, Warren Webber; Te Arawa Land Rep, Te Taru White; Collective Rep Wendy Roe; Dairy NZ Ollie Parsons; BOPRC: Sarah Omundsen, Stephen Lamb, Sandra Barns; Tanira Kingi (StAG Chairman), Gloria Zamora, Simon Park (Subcommittee Chair)

Previous Minutes, actions

- No General business items
- Action List – all completed or on today's agenda

ACTION LIST:

1. Sarah Omundsen: Put together working group for FNPs
2. Simon Park: Draft Land TAG ToR and present at next StAG subcommittee 26 March 2014.
3. Tanira Kingi: Discuss Grow Rotorua liaison with Francis Pauwels and John Green
4. Ollie Parsons: Add single sector option NDA catchment analysis and circulate Friday 14 March 2014
5. Stephen Lamb: raise national contribution to OVERSEER calibration at Regional Sector Group
6. Simon Park: speak to Fertilizer Association on validation/calibration of OVERSEER
7. Tanira Kingi: email to AgResearch colleagues on validation/calibration of OVERSEER
8. Sarah Omundsen: email to other regional councils re validation/calibration of OVERSEER.
9. Simon Park: Present at next StAG (April) and BOPRC workshop (25 March) on Overseer rules report

STAG Follow Up

Item 1: \$5.5m What's next?

1. Covered in STAG Meeting - Incentives team to collate answers received.

Item 2: Farm Nutrient Plans

1. What are the likely rule requirements? Should they link with existing farm plan templates?
 - a. Overseer nutrient budgets effectively form part of the current Rule 11 requirements - FNPs will be more comprehensive.
 - b. Council is working with industry to develop FNP templates, including the "Dashboard" being developed BOPRC, Dairy NZ and Beef & Lamb NZ – this provides a set of KPIs and progress tracking.
2. DNZ's Sustainable Milk Plan (SMP) is a basic plan with 5 target areas, including "nutrients".
 - a. Capable of managing some reduction but not designed to meet NDAs – more to chart a direction of travel, ID mitigation opportunities. Not farm systems change.
 - b. Dashboard will get everyone on the same baseline
 - c. DNZ SMP roll out for Rotorua by early-mid 2015, with minimal requirements as rules and incentives not available yet. Noting: SMPs national while FNPs will be needed to deliver the NDA; SNP can be modified for Lake Rotorua; Time length of plan needs to be decided; Alternative is to start FNP design from scratch.
3. Commonality needed with drystock and dairy FNPs.
 - a. Establish a technical subgroup to help direct content

- b. Assuming FNPs required for consent, work backwards from there, noting: Farmers want consents to at least 2032 – does this depend on showing “managed reduction”?; The policy needs a disincentive on waiting till 2032 to make changes.

ACTION: pull together a working group - 1st task is define FNP requirements

Item 3: Land TAG

Regional/lakes focus options – accepted that it will initially focus on lake catchments, then morph to a region-wide, noting: Consider regional funding / rating base issue; Reporting line – Council if region-wide; Also possible to report to CEO and inform RTASLG and Council as appropriate.

ACTION: Simon to draft ToR, focusing on lakes initially, with transition to a regional TAG. Draft to be presented at next StAG subcommittee 26 March 2014.

Item 4: Grow Rotorua

Grow Rotorua liaison and interaction with Lakes Programme discussed.

ACTION: Tanira Kingi to talk to Francis Pauwels and John Green

Item 6: NDA Alternatives

Some people are looking at the possibility of a single pastoral sector, so:

1. What would that look like based on Rule 11 data? Average from R11 data is about 20kgN/ha/yr
2. Takes away the dairy/drystock clash, appears to be more fair
3. Will be informed by NDA analysis and catchment modelling work

ACTION: Add this to the scope of the NDA Phase II catchment analysis (Ollie Parsons)

ACTION: Add to agenda for next subcom: present spreadsheet on single pasture sector (Warren Webber)

Item 7: NDA impact analysis

1. Perrin Ag granted contract, project underway
2. Scope may expand to give additional “below NDA” scenarios to assist later catchment modelling.
3. This “Phase 1” will give a picture of individual farm impacts.

Item 7: Overseer

1. Converting version 5 to 6 Progressing steadily, Headlands received contract
2. Calibration/validation- Lake Rotorua calibration needs to fit into a national initiative, noting:
 - a. Very costly for BOPRC and will benefit NZ and other regional councils.
3. Overseer Rules report – final draft with Sarah Omundsen
4. ROTAN link to Overseer - will assess calibration need after 5-6 Overseer migration.

ACTION: Stephen Lamb to bring up national contribution at the Regional Sector Group

ACTION: Simon Park to speak to Fertilizer Association

ACTION: Tanira Kingi email AgResearch Overseer colleagues

ACTION: Sarah send feeler email to other key regional councils

ACTION: Simon to present at next StAG (April) and BOPRC workshop (25 March)