

StAG Subcommittee, 22 October 2014

BORPC, 1125 Arawa St Rotorua 12:30 PM

Present:

Collective: Stuart Morrison and Wendy Roe; LWQS: Warren Webber; BOPRC: Sarah Omundsen, Stephen Lamb, Lisa Power, Hariata Ngatai and Anna Grayling; Tanira Kingi (StAG Chairman); Gloria Zamora, Simon Park (Subcommittee Chair), Ben O'Brien (B&LNZ) and Sharon Love (deer farmer invitee)

Previous Minutes and Actions

- Apologies: Sandra Barns, Gwyn Morgan, Ollie Parsons
- All actions completed or on the agenda

ACTION LIST

1. Sarah Omundsen: circulate consultation feedback report as soon as it is finalised
2. Sarah Omundsen: circulate rates evaluation report and questions for the consultant that is looking at the impact of rules on property values in the catchment.
3. Tanira Kingi: email Warwick requesting two additional seats on StAG (1 deer sector, 1 additional Small Block holder i.e. 2 Small Block members and new Deer member)
4. Stephen Lamb: incorporate accountability of 100 tonnes in paper to Council.
5. Anna Grayling: make request and identify candidates for support/liason for Māori landowners.
6. Ben O'Brien: contact Lee Matheson for additional/available drystock farm N loss data.
7. Sarah Omundsen: send data from Ag census to Warren Webber.
8. Sarah Omundsen: discuss with Warren Webber additional allocation workshop invitees.
9. Sarah Omundsen and Simon Park: organize a meeting at the end of November inviting all landowners affected by new groundwater boundary.
10. Hariata Ngatai: put draft rules FAQs up on website.
11. Anna Grayling: organize an evening with local commercial solicitors.

STAG Follow Up

Item 1: Previous Notes, Actions

- a. FNPs requirements are currently being drafted.
- b. Farmer Health
 - i. Ministry for Environment and MPI should be flagging farmer mental health as important.
 - ii. BOPRC looking how they can implement additional support by using EAP program by providing psychologist to be available and training staff to identify stress. Helen Creagh working on this on behalf of Warwick Murray.
 - iii. Noted that some stress is driven by lack of information or by understanding and still not being able to cope.
 - iv. Farmers feel that they are not being heard.
- b. 100 tonnes N accountability

ACTION: Stephen Lamb: incorporate accountability of 100 tonnes in paper to Council

- c. Draft rules feedback – to be discussed at 6 November Council workshop.

ACTION: Sarah Omundsen circulate consultation feedback report as soon as it is finalised

- d. Discussion of recent property valuations

ACTION: circulate rates evaluation report on farmer feedback and questions from for the consultant that is looking at the impact of rules on property values in the catchment

Item 2: Engagement with Small Block holders

- a. Noted that additional seats on StAG require a formal approval process.

- b. Additional StAG members will help to get more feedback from and into the different sectors.

ACTION: Tanira Kingi will email Warwick requesting two additional seats on StAG (1 deer rep and 1 SBH)

Item 3: Support for Māori Landowners Engagement

- a. Requested at StAG meeting for additional support to reach iwi landowners more effectively.

ACTION: Anna Grayling to make request and identify candidates for support/liaison for Māori landowners.

Item 4: Nitrogen loss start points

- a. Subcommittee OK with StAG recommendation on start point; however end point still not decided, especially for defining land use status.
- b. Further understanding on the land use activity on small blocks is still needed and concern was stated that rules development is occurring without enough information on small blocks.
- c. The start point discussion was raised by staff at the request of StAG members concerned about the need for some certainty around some of the technical detail of the rules. It was noted that the start point decision would be taken to Council for confirmation on 9 December, but the other two issues raised would be deferred to a later time.

Item 5: Drystock N loss changes analysis

- a. Noted that a clearer picture of current drystock N losses will inform the current policy development. A Rule 11 comparison, similar to the dairy analysis by Lee Matheson, would clarify where sampled farmers have come from, although this will miss sub-40 ha blocks.
- b. "Cost of Mitigation" curves are being developed already to inform catchment modelling.
- c. Nutrient assessment costs are to be covered by Beef&Lamb NZ - if they need additional resourced they will ask.

ACTION: Ben O'Brien to contact Lee Matheson for additional/available drystock farm N loss data.

Item 6: Allocation Workshop due 11 December 2014

- a. Invitees list based on StAG sub-committee members, staff and external experts - no Councillors invited. The intent is to have a range of viewpoints and expertise contributing to discussion.
- b. Invitations have been sent out and there are existing commitments to proceed.
- c. Papers will be circulated to get as much input as possible.
- d. More information gathering needs to be done on particular sectors of the small block holders.

ACTION: Sarah Omundsen to send data from Ag census to Warren Webber.

ACTION: Sarah Omundsen to discuss with Warren Webber workshop additional invitees.

Item 7: Groundwater boundary

- a. Landowners affected by the "new" groundwater catchment area are concerned about the new boundary's scientific validity
 - i. A request for a science panel question and answer forum with the scientists.
 - ii. Council stated that the report has been peer reviewed.

ACTION: Sarah Omundsen and Simon Park to organize a meeting at the end of November inviting all landowners affected by new groundwater boundary.

ACTION: Hariata Ngatai to put draft rules FAQs up on website.

Item 8: General Business

Commercial Solicitors have requested an information session with Council staff.

ACTION: Anna Grayling to organize an evening with local commercial solicitors.

Meeting ended 2:45 pm