

StAG Subcommittee, 5 February 2015

RLC, 1061 Haupapa Street Rotorua 10:00 AM

Present:

LWQS: Warren Webber; Farmers Collective: Stuart Morrison and Wendy Roe; Dairy NZ: Oliver Parsons (on phone) RLC: Paul Skinner and Paulina Wilhelm; BOPRC: Stephen Lamb, Sandra Barns, Alastair MacCormick; Simon Park (Subcommittee Chair) and Gloria Zamora.

Previous Minutes and Actions

- Apologies: Tanira Kingi, Roku Mihinui, Gwyn Morgan, Ben O'Brien and Lisa Power
- Actions: Land TAG operation still evolving – keep StAG informed and involved
- General Business to add:
 - StAG review
 - Land Valuation Report

ACTION LIST

1. Warren Webber: send questions on TDRs to Sandra Barns
2. Sandra Barns: confirm Martin Craven to present and answer questions at next StAG.
3. Subcommittee members: send comments on TDR paper to Paul Skinner & Paulina Wilhelm
4. Alastair MacCormick: to clarify use of “twice the permitted activity” in ranges.
5. Alastair MacCormick: present at next StAG and seek endorsement on NDA adjustments related to Overseer version changes and associated impact on different allocation options.
6. Give StAG members an opportunity to put together allocation questions so work can be done before the 2nd allocation workshop.
7. Oliver Parsons: present at next StAG on the catchment economic analysis with precirculated interim summary.

Item 1: TDR Update from last working group meeting - Paul Skinner & Paulina Wilhelm

- a. Recommendations and possible changes to the District plan were highlighted - Approach differed greatly from that discussed before Christmas
- b. Putting limits/restrictions on subdivisions that don't use TDRs
 - i. There will be performance standards with a possible trigger point $\approx 150\text{kgN}$ per TDR (recommendation of working party).
 - ii. TDR trigger points will be presented as a range to StAG for discussion.
 - iii. If trigger point as low as 150 kgN , this reduces the value of the TDR
 - iv. 150 kgN appears too low and 500 kgN (original figure) may be too high.
- c. Recipient areas: reasonable to make lakeside settlement zones a recipient area for multiple lakes but all of Lake Rotorua catchment will be the donor zone.
- d. What is a “significant” N reduction? Working group waiting on BOPRC advice.
- e. TDR trigger reduction should be applied “below the line” i.e. below NDA, not status quo
- f. Information from working group back to StAG and BOPRC comes as group consensus.
- g. Would LWQS legal be willing to do some work around the value of the recommended TDR scheme to support RLC? Possibly Martin Craven at Telfer Young Valuers could assist.
- h. LWQS has filed an appeal to RLC on TDRs and would like support from the BOPRC

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ACTION: Subcommittee to send comments on TDR paper to Paul Skinner & Paulina Wilhelm.

Item 2: NDA adjustments related to Overseer version changes - Alastair MacCormick

- a. Initial subcom “working group” discussed NDA adjustments on 23 January with Alastair, Simon, Warren, Ben and Rebecca Fotu from MfE. The main adjustment principles were:
 - i. Sector reduction proportionality is maintained, consistent with the original Integrated Framework which was based on ROTAN values (not Rule 11)
 - ii. The lower end of the dry stock range is set at the permitted activity allocation. The upper end is calculated to meet the 2032 sector allocation (~17% below ROTAN load).
 - iii. The lower end of the dairy sector is set at twice the permitted activity allocation. The upper end is calculated to meet the 2032 sector allocation (~35% below ROTAN load).
 - iv. House block areas (~490 ha total) will be assigned background N allocation equivalent to bush and scrub to avoid “non-allocation” and on the assumption that OSET rules will deal with the N losses from house effluent.
 - v. Two tree sectors have been created to avoid under and over allocation to bush and forestry areas respectively.
- b. Oliver Parsons commented that people may want to rethink the numbers.
- c. The core problem is the principles behind the ranges are not clear.
- d. Noted that the working group supported the above adjustment principles although further work was needed on the sector range limits and implications.

ACTION: Alastair MacCormick to clarify use of “twice the permitted activity” in ranges.

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Item 3: Updates

- a. Planning for 2nd allocation workshop - Steven Lamb noted planning is underway
- b. StAG review - Stephen Lamb – will seek StAG feedback on comfort with review being conducted internally e.g. using survey monkey and an internal BOPRC auditor

Meeting ended 12:15 pm