

Meeting: New Zealand sea lion Threat Management Plan – Stakeholder Meeting

Date: 25 November 2014

Time: 1:30pm

Venue: Level 4 Conference room, Department of Conservation, 18-32 Manners St, Wellington

Chairs: Ian Angus (DOC) and Vicky Reeve (MPI)

Attendees: Hilary Aikman, Ian Angus, Katie Clemens-Seely, Igor Debski, Laura Boren, Paul Crozier, & Skyler Suhrer (DOC), Vicky Reeve, Michelle Beritzhoff-Law, Nathan Walker, & Rohan Currey (MPI), Brittney Graham, Jim Roberts, Charlie Edwards (NIWA), Ed Abraham & Christopher Knox (Dragonfly), David Middleton (Trident Systems), Rob Mattlin (MWR), Sarah Michael (Massey University), Tom Clarke (FINZ), Barry Weeber (ECO), Milena Palka (WWF), Richard Wells (DWG & FINZ), Bruce Robertson (University of Otago), and Simon Childerhouse (BPM).

ACTION POINTS:

NOTE - Any and all feedback from stakeholders on the TMP documents and/or process, please send to the DOC and MPI e-mails: marine@doc.govt.nz and TMP.sealions@mpi.govt.nz.

Overview of the Threat Management Plan development & draft management goals (Ian Angus (DOC) and Vicky Reeve (MPI)):

- Project Managers to develop and send Barry Weeber and other interested stakeholders a more detailed time frame of TMP, noting that this time table may change as required by DOC and MPI.
- Stakeholders have until 19 December to send feedback on the proposed management goals of the TMP to DOC and MPI.

Interim Research Priorities:

- Stakeholders to contact DOC and MPI with any top priorities they think are missing from the Interim Research Priorities document give the associated time frames.
- Stakeholders have to the end of January 2015 to provide feedback on the initial list of threats.

2014/15 Field Season:

Protocol Development – CSP component

- Clarifying whether pup mortality from pups falling into holes was taken into consideration in the pup count and overall population estimate.
- Add to the Auckland Island field protocols the following:
 - Someone at 8:00 or 9:00 to walk entire beach and recording the total number of sea lions seen, recording whether they are marked (i.e. tagged etc) or not marked. This addition to the protocol is to improve our understanding of the amount of data or animals possible 'missing' from the tag re-sight data.

Protocol Development – Non-CSP component

- Field team needs to use ethanol instead of formalin for any HSL samples so that they can be used for any future genetic or stable isotope work.
- Any requests for biological samples must be send to Laura Boren at DOC (i.e. teeth, whiskers, liver, etc).

Risk Assessment:

- Update stakeholders on the timeframe associated with the development of the risk assessment model and highlight potential AEWG/CSP meeting dates.
- TMP Project Team to update stakeholders on the April Expert Panel in the new year.