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Kaitohutohu Mātanga Pūtaiao Matua ki te Pirimia

FISH EXPERT PANEL – MINUTES FROM MEETING Tuesday 6 October 2020

Meeting opened: 9:30am

Present: Juliet Gerrard (co-Chair), Craig Ellison (co-Chair), Chris Cornelisen, Livia Esterhazy, Rosemary Hurst, Andrew Jeffs, Anaru Luke, Celia Cunningham, George Slim, Rachel Chiaroni-Clarke

Apologies: Dion Tuuta, Mike Plank, Raewyn Peart, Maren Wellenreuther

Welcome, update, and actions from previous meeting. All actions complete or underway.

Feedback on report content and developing recommendations.

Panel members provided report feedback, including suggestions to restructure innovations chapter to frame by issue being addressed rather than type of technology, and better synthesise evidence, analysis and add a critical lens across the whole report. Suggestion to include a case study on Kaikōura Marine Guardians to illustrate the utility of regional responsibility in sorting marine issues locally.

Discussion around panel member suggestions for what their top recommendations would be. These included:

- Need for development of Ocean Strategy / collective vision
- Oceans Ministry, agency or Oceans Minister
- Investment in implementation of technology and mechanisms to accelerate innovation
- Invest in gear technology innovations
- Moving towards EBFM / operationalising EBFM e.g. through trawling technology, funding supporting industry transition
- Action regarding climate change e.g. managing changes related to climate change (e.g. movement/distribution of species)
- Greater assessment of inshore species
- Investment and immersion in data technology space, including connecting up groups/researchers/industry etc
- Developing fisheries ecosystem plans
- Research in environmental enhancement and recovery
- Strategic management of MPAs, particularly how they are set up, managed, and their flexibility. Possibly working towards goal of 30% MPA (MPA in this context does not necessarily mean no-take, marine environment has many dimensions, e.g. protect mesopelagic species in midwater fisheries).

Acknowledgement that New Zealand has a unique marine situation which gives us the ability to specify what happens in our waters and gives us opportunities to lead in this space. The power of making the vision a visual. Also questions around the model of fisheries at a higher level (i.e. balance between large companies and smaller fishers). Could we aim for 100% sustainably managed ocean space?

Blue economy: thoughts on the use/value of this concept in discourse? Latest concept in sustainability, important to include but does not need to be featured.

Stakeholder list: anyone missing? N/A

Discussion on any other business? N/A

Subsequent meetings: post-election? Further meeting to be held in December 2020.

Plan for project and report finalisation. Agreement to additional panel meeting in early September.

Agreed actions for next meeting.

Action item	Responsibility	Status
Update Sustainable Seas section.	CC	Complete
Introduction to iwi leaders forum	CE / DT	
Connect PMCSA team with recreational fishers	AL	Pending
Minutes and set up December meeting	CeC	

Meeting closed: 11:30am