

Invitation

Marlborough Marine Futures Second Forum 2016

When: 31 July, 9.30am to 1.00pm

Venue: Port Marlborough Pavilion at Endeavour Park, 181 Waikawa Road, Picton

You are invited to participate in forming a Stakeholder Working Group for the Marlborough Marine Environment.

The Marlborough Marine Futures project is back up and running thanks to a generous injection of funds by the Marlborough District Council. We committed at the last Forum to forming the Stakeholder Working Group but had to defer the action as we could not support its functioning.

Since then, integrated management for the Marlborough marine environment has not materialized. The Council is committed to integration, but only holds some of the pieces of the puzzle. Other agencies are progressing on an issue by issue basis, but have not come to the table to discuss a more comprehensive approach. We think, therefore, that it is high time for the people of Marlborough, and stakeholders committed to a sustainable future, to pick up the reins and start driving the agenda.

The process for the day will involve working in clusters of stakeholders to nominate members of the group. Those nominations will be subject to choice from all of those present, but an absolute consensus will not be required. The work of participants will be to choose a Working Group that is sufficiently informed and connected to identify and solve the big problems. The Group needs to also be highly mandated by the community.

Four places on the Working Group will be reserved for tangata whenua who will be invited to conduct their own selection process according to their tikanga. The stakeholder clusters for the day will be:

- Aquaculture
- Tourism
- Recreation
- Environment and conservation
- Residents
- Commercial fishing
- Recreational fishing
- Primary production land users

Our expectation is that each cluster will have not less than one member on the group, and that, subject to the mandate of the Forum, some clusters will have more than one.

Note: The process for choosing the Stakeholder Working Group will be sent to everyone after our Trustee meeting on 15 July.

Please register by return email before 25 July.

Important: When you register please confirm whether you will be staying for lunch and if you have any special dietary requirements.

