

### Waimea Inlet Forum held at 4.0pm on 21 May 2018

The 12 people attending went through the draft Waimea Inlet Action Plan point by point, firstly to agree or change the 'high', 'medium' or 'low' designations, then to decide which activities the Forum will lead or support.

DOC, TDC and NCC are in the process of deciding where they can lead or support and Fish & Game will do the same. The Plan Targets were prioritised in the draft and this meeting changed 13 of them, most from 'medium' to 'high'.

All these groups will send their decisions to Peter Lawless who will draw up a final Plan

WIF is likely to take the coordinating role and community groups will be given the chance to lead or support projects. It is hoped to involve wide ranging members of the community.

TDC has allocated funds for the next 10 years, the term of the next Long Term Plan and budgets will be approved a year at a time.

The Action Plan will be reviewed every three years and groups leading projects will be asked to report on progress.

The TDC has brought out a new plan for storm water which is on the web site and a new staff member is leading this. It is time that silt and chemicals are contained before they reach the estuary.

It is planned to incrementally increase restoration round the estuary edge, the width of this will depend on what lies behind the edges. Soft engineering will be encouraged rather than rock walls. A challenge will be to maintain biological sequences and diversity of species despite sea level rise.

TET will lead over-arching activities with WIF support. Some activities are likely to be led by the council eg contaminants in freshwater bodies which need to be better controlled.

The meeting closed at 6 pm.