

## Waimeha Inlet Forum Working Group Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August

1. The first Maori inhabitants had given the name Waimeha to the estuary, wai meaning water and meha meaning in and out/coming and going, ie tides. This name will be used in future.
2. Update on Waimeha Inlet Restoration Partnership (One Billion Trees project) Progress report on planting and trapping around the estuary.
3. The \$500K for implementing the Waimea Inlet Action Plan to be spent on salt marsh restoration and bittern habitat. Saltmarshes sequester more carbon than fresh water wetlands. A bittern expert to be consulted.
4. One Billion Trees stage 2 funding has been awarded, planting to continue for three years. Funding includes some jobs.
5. TDC Bio strategy – individual on-line submissions will be sent in and a draft for the group circulated. Everyone encouraged to send in their own.
6. A Blue Carbon public workshop and seminar to be held on 29 August , 10 am to 12 noon at Headingly Centre.
7. Application for renewal of consent for Biosolids disposal on Moturoa draft submission will be circulated.