

1 Decision items

1.1 Launch of the Hauraki Gulf / Tīkapa Moana Marine Protection Bill: 25-N-0006

- You have indicated you would like a launch event following enactment of the Hauraki Gulf / Tīkapa Moana Marine Protection Bill (the Bill). This item seeks your decision on options.
- Under current timeframes, the Bill will be enacted mid-May. This is subject to on-going Cabinet processes, priority on the House Order paper and time taken for Royal Assent.
- In mid-April, DOC will provide your office draft content for a press release and Q+As, alongside materials to support you at Committee of the Whole House.
- The development of the Bill has been widely collaborated on over more than 10-years and represents a significant win for Conservation. An event to celebrate the enactment of the Bill is appropriate.
- DOC proposes the following options for a launch:
 - » Option 1: No launch – this option requires no time commitment from you but misses an opportunity to celebrate the enactment of the Bill.
 - » Option 2: Launch event at Auckland CBD location (1 hour) – this option has a low time commitment but is likely less 'connected' to the Hauraki Gulf. Location options that have the Hauraki Gulf in the background can mitigate this.
 - » Option 3: Launch event at Cape Rodney / Okakari Point (Goat Island / Leigh) (4 hours) – this option has a high time commitment due to travel time. It is the world's first marine reserve, celebrates its 50th anniversary this year and is being extended under the Bill.
 - » Option 4: Launch event at Tiritiri Matangi Island (4 hours) – this option has a high time commitment. This location is picturesque and shows connection between whenua and moana. The island borders a new high protection area.

Next steps

- Once we have your feedback on which event option you would like DOC to pursue, we will provide you with further advice on potential dates (subject to legislative process), possible invitees, and logistics.
- Options 3 and 4 are complex launch events, requiring lead-in times to enable logistical planning and preparation, and options 2, 3 and 4 involve inviting both iwi and stakeholders. Given this, we seek your feedback as soon as possible to not miss the window to make your preferred event happen.
- You may wish to talk to your ministerial colleagues about the launch event to determine their interest in attending. Media will be invited to attend and accommodated as necessary e.g. space on the boat if travelling to Tiritiri Matangi Island.

Recommendations

Indicate to officials which event option you would like DOC to pursue:	
Option 1: No launch	Yes / No
Option 2: Launch event at Auckland CBD location	Yes / No

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Option 3: Launch event at Cape Rodney / Okakari Point (Goat Island / Leigh)	Yes / No
Option 4: Launch event at Tiritiri Matangi Island	Yes / No
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