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Progress Report - Māori Policy Advisors, Wellington and Wairarapa

1. Purpose

To provide Ara Tahi with an update for the months of June, July and August 2003.

2. Training Initiatives

2.1 Staff Training – Wellington

Twenty-two staff members have recently completed a ten-week course. The *'Introduction to Te Reo Māori'* course involved two weeks of pronunciation training and eight weeks of basic Te Reo. The feedback has been excellent and we will be looking to build on the success of this course and have more courses later in the year.

2.2 Staff Training - Wairarapa

The first of the 10-week Te Reo courses has been completed. A survey will be done with participants and a second course run at a later date.

2.3 Councillor Training

A Councillor training session was held at the Wakefield Street offices on 13 August. This included a presentation from the Office of Treaty Settlements. The training session was designed to inform Councillors about the settlement process and answer any questions.

2.4 Iwi Technical Workshops

There have been two Iwi technical workshops since the last meeting of Ara Tahi.

On Wednesday, 16 July, the topic for the workshop was oil spill response, and was facilitated by Greater Wellington Harbourmaster, Captain Mike Pryce. The

Maritime Safety Authority (MSA) requires that Iwi be consulted on oil spill response plans. Captain Pryce required emergency contact phone numbers for all of the Iwi in the event of an oil spill that may impact on that particular Iwi's resources or sites of significance. Iwi may also want to be part of the clean up team.

A second Iwi technical workshop took place on Wednesday 27 August. The topic was aquaculture reforms. Stephen Karaitiana (Greater Wellington) and Owen Cox (Ministry for the Environment) facilitated this workshop. No further information was available at the time of writing this report.

3. Iwi Projects

3.1 Wellington Tenth's Trust

3.1.1 Inventory of Māori Heritage sites and values

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Ngati Kahungunu

3.2.1 Okautete Bush

The first part of this project will be pest plant control. The Conservation Corps have agreed to help out and they will work under Greater Wellington supervision to spray pest plants in the reserve.

3.2.2 Iwi Management Plan

Ngati Kahungunu are very keen to progress this initiative. More planning is required before a proposal is drafted and submitted.

3.3 Rangitaane O Wairarapa

3.3.1 Haamua Project II

Project has advanced well with huge inroads made towards drafting the History of Haamua report.

4. Review of non-notified consents contracts

There was some discussion at the last technical workshop about a review of the non-notified consents contracts. At the last meeting of the Council's Environment Committee, it was agreed that "*The matter of a review of Iwi funding be raised with Ara Tahi*". A review of the administrative capacity funding is the subject of a separate report in this order paper.

We would like to know Ara Tahi's views on the non-notified consents contracts. The attached questionnaire will be sent to each Iwi and we ask that a response be sent to Rawiri Faulkner by Wednesday 17 September.

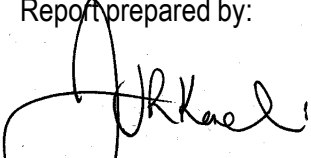
The payment for the first quarter of the financial year would be rolled over while the review takes place.

5. Recommendations

It is recommended that Ara Tahi:

1. *receive the report; and*
2. *note the contents.*

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Attachment 1: Non-notified consents questionnaire