

AFB PMP Management Agency Board Videoconference Minutes

Date: 9:00am Tuesday 7 June 2022

Attendance: Russell Marsh, Jason Ward, Gabriel Torres, Mark Dingle, Murray Lewis, Dennis Crowley, John Sanson, Jan Mackay, Mike Harre, Sebastian Doelle, Megan Cheong, Clifton King

Apologies: Val Graham

1. Board only session

2. Cost Benefit Analysis

Michael Yap, Grant Jeffrey, and Allan Pearson from Nimmo-Bell/Prime Consulting presented the draft cost benefit analysis to the Board.

The Board requested the following changes to the draft cost benefit analysis:

- Reduce the industry size from 750,000 colonies to 738,000 colonies to reflect the current size of the industry.
- Change the year 0 reported AFB incidence from 0.40% to 0.46% of colonies to reflect the current annual incidence of AFB.
- Calculate the break-even point for lowering income per hive and reducing industry size
- Add narrative describing the improvement in compliance due to additional training or infringement fines based on Management Agency data.

3. Draft proposal to amend the National American Foulbrood Pest Management Plan

a. Draft AFB PMP Intervention Logic Map

Clifton presented a draft intervention logic map explaining how the key components of the National American Foulbrood Pest Management Plan worked to the Board.

The Board requested the following changes to the intervention logic map:

- Remove the numbering from the 'Monitoring measures' as they cause confusion
- Add 'Beekeepers notify suspected unregistered apiaries' as a Key activity.
- Change the highlighting/fonts to clearly describe which Key activities are the responsibility of beekeepers and which are the responsibility of the Management Agency.

b. Draft proposal to amend the plan order

Clifton presented the draft proposal to the Board. He highlighted that the document should be considered as a "working draft" to enable the Board to provide feedback and direction on the content.

The Boards feedback by document section is described below:

1. Introduction

- No changes

2. *Name of the person making the proposal [s.61(2)(a)]*
 - Change date that the previous chair presided over the development of this proposal to 30 June 2022 instead of 30 June 2021
3. *The subject of the proposal [s.61(2)(b)]*
 - No changes
4. *Description of the adverse effects of AFB [s.61(2)(c)(i)]*
 - Add the impacts of the ability to export to China, the United Kingdom and European Union
5. *Reasons for proposing a plan [s.61(2)(c)(ii)]*
 - No changes
6. *Objectives of the plan [s.61(2)(c)(iii)]*
 - No changes
7. *Principal measures in the plan to achieve the objectives [s.61(2)(c)(iv)]*
 - No changes
8. *Other measures that would be reasonable to take to achieve the objectives, and why the proposed measures are preferable. {s.61(2)(c)(v)}*
 - Update this section to reference previous consultation
9. *Other measures that would be reasonable to take to achieve the objectives, and why the proposed measures are preferable. {s.61(2)(c)(v)}*
 - Highlight that AFB is spread nationally
10. *Analysis of the benefits and costs of the plan [s.61(2)(c)(vii)]*
 - Note that this section has not been drafted
11. *Extent to which any person, or persons of a class or description are likely to benefit from the plan [s.61(2)(c)(viii)]*
 - Add hivesware suppliers
12. *Extent to which any persons, or persons of a class or description, contribute to the creation, continuance, or exacerbation of the problems proposed to be resolved by the plan [s.61(2)(c)(ix)]*
 - Group and provide a summary for the incidental exacerbators
13. *Rationale for the proposed allocation of costs [s.61(2)(c)(x)]*
 - Highlight that beekeepers are paying the costs of the AFB PMP
 - Add consideration of hivesware suppliers

14. *How the proposed levy satisfies section 100L(5)(d) and what matters will be specified under section 100N(1) [s.61(2)(c)(xi)]*
- Clarify that the Management Agency is not proposing to amend the levy order for the foreseeable future
15. *Any unusual administrative problems or costs expected in recovering the costs allocated to any of the persons required to pay the costs [s.61(2)(c)(xii)]*
- No changes
16. *Any other organism intended to be controlled [s.61(2)(d)]*
- No changes
17. *The effects that, in the opinion of the person making the proposal, implementation of the plan would have on economic wellbeing, the environment, human health, enjoyment of the natural environment, and give effect to the relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga [s.61(2)(e)(i)]*
- Effects on economic well being
 - Add the \$5 billion benefit of the beekeeping industry to the New Zealand economy
 - Effects on environment
 - Remove the small air quality benefit
 - Effects on human health
 - No changes
 - Effects on enjoyment of nature environment
 - No changes
 - Effects on the relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
 - No changes
18. *Effects on the marketing overseas of New Zealand products [s.61(2)(e)(ii)]*
- No changes
19. *Effects on another pest management plan or a pathway management plan, [s.61(2)(f)]*
- No changes
20. *Powers in Part 6 that it is proposed to use to implement the plan [s.61(2)(g)]*
- No changes

21. Proposed rules and an explanation of purpose [s.61(2)(h)]

- Combine existing and proposed new rules into one table, and ensure that the proposed new plan rules are clearly identified
- c14. Restrictions on use of drugs
 - Mike Harre to advise whether the use of the word “substance” includes phage’s
- c20. Marking of apiaries
 - Clarify description of policy intent of the proposed amendment to highlight that subclause 2b is redundant in the current plan order
- C39. Review of Certificate of Inspection Exemption
 - Review proposed plan rules and powers to ensure that the Management Agency has the power to investigate compliance with training requirements
- New rule. Training of employee beekeepers
 - Redraft proposed rule to make it clearer that a beekeeper employee that has not completed AFB recognition or refresher course prior to employment has 6 months to comply with this requirement
 - Highlight that existing AFB recognition and refresher course costs will remain the same at \$100 and \$30 respectively. However, the online AFB refresher course will be available free of charge to those that have completed their AFB recognition course.

22. Rules whose contravention is proposed to be an offence under the Biosecurity Act 1993 [s.61(2)(i)]

- Add a plain english description of ‘15. Prohibition on keeping bees in a place other than an apiary’
- The Board confirmed the intention for ‘11. Obligation to keep honey bees in moveable-frame beehives to become an infringement offense

23. The management agency [s.61(2)(j)]

- Highlight that ApiNZ membership is not a requirement to be on the Management Agency Board with the exception of one position that is filled by an ApiNZ Board member

24. Proposed means to monitor or measure the achievement of the plan's objectives [s.61(2)(k)]

- Re-write the measures for ‘DECA holders eliminate AFB from their beehives’ to highlight the current and proposed activities for monitoring DECA holder performance, namely: honey surveillance, AP2 inspections and the proposed new rule requiring diagnostic laboratories to provide information
- Highlight that in excess of 90% of DECA holders are compliant with their DECA obligations

25. The actions that it is proposed local authorities, local authorities of a specified class or description, or specified local authorities may take to implement the plan, including contributing towards the costs of implementation [s.61(2)(l)]

- No changes

26. *Any basis, on which the management agency is to pay compensation for losses incurred as a direct result of the implementation of the plan [s.61(2)(m)]*
- No changes
27. *Information on the disposal of the proceeds of any receipts arising in the course of implementing the plan [s.61(2)(n)]*
- Mike Harre to advise on the wording of this section. Matters to consider include levies, training course fees, and proposed fines
28. *Whether or not the plan would apply to the EEZ [s.61(2)(o)]*
- No changes
29. *Whether the plan includes portions of road adjoining land it covers, as authorised by section 6, and, if so, the portions of road proposed to be included [s.61(2)(p)]*
- No changes
30. *The anticipated costs of implementing the plan [s.61(2)(q)]*
- No changes
31. *How it is proposed that the costs be funded [s.61(2)(r)]*
- No changes
32. *Period the proposed plan will be in force [s.61(2)(s)]*
- No changes
33. *Consultation on the proposal and the outcome [s.61(2)(t)]*
- Noted that it is not possible to complete this section prior to completing consultation on the proposal, and hence this section does not need to be present in the proposal sent out for consultation.
34. *Any matter that the national policy direction requires be specified in a plan [s.61(2)(u)]*
- Correct the section title
 - Reword the description of the eradication programme to clarify that it is limited to the domestic bee population on apiary sites
35. *Steps taken to comply with the process requirements in the national policy direction, if there were any [s.61(2)(v)]*
- No changes
36. *Glossary/Interpretation*
- Mike Harre to clarify the definition of the word 'husbandry' for the purposes of the 'employee beekeeper' definition

c. Presentation of the review of the plan order at the 2022 ApiNZ Conference

The Board discussed options for presenting the work on the proposal at the ApiNZ conference. The Board decided that the most appropriate materials to share ahead of the 3rd round of consultation were the Intervention Logic Map, and a summary of the proposed amendments to the plan order.

4. Management Agency staff remuneration

Clifton presented a staff remuneration paper to the Board and provided further clarifications of staff performance in response to enquiries by member of the Board.

The Board approved the salary recommendation for each staff member.

5. Meeting Finalisation

The Board agreed that the next full agenda Board meeting should be in August 2022, and that an additional 2-hour Zoom meeting was required in July to review and approve the proposal to amend the plan order. Clifton to send our Doodle Polls to confirm the dates.

6. Meeting close

The meeting closed at 4pm.