

Making Waves: Protecting and Restoring the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park

Date: Tuesday, 27 August 2019

Venue: Auckland Museum Events Centre

Timing: 10 am - 8:00 pm, with registrations open from 9am.

Master of Ceremonies: Elisabeth Easter, host of TVNZ's Islands of the Gulf

Join us on Tuesday 27 August 2019 at Auckland's War Memorial Museum / Tāmaki Paenga Hira as we come together to take forward the Hauraki Gulf Forum's recently announced recommendations for the Marine Park:

- **That at least 20% of the waters be protected; and**
- **That 1000sqkm of shellfish-beds and reefs be restored.**

From late morning into the early evening, the Forum's flagship public annual event will feature headline expert speakers, panel debates, facilitated breakout sessions, the annual Holdaway awards, and a genuine participatory process designed to bring forth the best ideas from all participants and ensure that all voices are heard.

Tickets here:

<https://www.aucklandmuseum.com/visit/whats-on/series/hauraki-gulf-marine-park-seminar-2019>

Conference programme

9:00AM	Registration opens
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Session 1: State of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park

10:00 AM	Mihi
10:15 AM	Welcome and opening address Hauraki Gulf Forum Chairperson John Meeuwsen & Deputy Moana Tamaariki-Pohe

10:35 AM	<p>Conference overview Hauraki Gulf Forum Executive Officer, Alex Rogers</p>
10:45 AM	<p>State of the Gulf Tom Trnski, Auckland Museum, and Dan Hikuroa, University of Auckland, will present different ways of thinking about the State of the Gulf and our aspirations to restore the health/mauri of the Marine Park.</p>
11:25 AM	<p>Capturing our Stories How do we make protection and restoration of the Gulf front of mind? Nick Sampson, Strategy Director, Principals, will start a collective conversation about our relationship with the Gulf and the stories we tell. The conversation will conclude in the evening session, with a facilitated discussion.</p>
11:45 AM	<p>Philanthropy Address Chris Severne, Chair of Foundation North Grants Committee will outline the innovative mahi G.I.F.T is supporting in the Hauraki Gulf.</p>

12:00 PM	LUNCH
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Session 2: Mahi tahi (working together) toward the two goals

Attendees can choose to attend either session.

12:45 PM	<p><i>Group 1: Mahi tahi towards at least 20% protection</i></p> <p>Facilitated by Livia Esterhazy, CEO WWF-New Zealand</p>	<p><i>Group 2: Mahi tahi towards 1000sqkm of shellfish beds</i></p> <p>Facilitated by Carl McGuinness, Director of Conservation, The Nature Conservancy</p>
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12:55 PM	<p>What mechanisms can we use to get to at least 20%?</p> <p>EDS Program Director Raewyn Peart will outline what's currently protected, what marine protection tools we have, and how we might get to at least 20%.</p>	<p>Marine Biosecurity Context</p> <p>The extent of the marine biosecurity challenges facing the Marine Park as context for restoration efforts will be presented by Kathy Walls, Biosecurity New Zealand - Tiakitanga Pūtaiao Aotearoa, MPI, Samantha Happy, Auckland Council and Michael Townsend, Waikato Regional Council</p>
1:15 PM	<p>Seeing the value</p> <p>Tim Haggitt and Nick Shears from Leigh Marine Laboratory will present their current research and share insights about how we can protect marine biodiversity.</p>	<p>What has been done</p> <p>Rebecca Barclay, Revive Our Gulf will talk about their work, other projects they have been involved in, and the challenges of shellfish restoration work.</p>
1:30 PM	<p>Looking abroad</p> <p>WWF, Ocean Programme Manager Lucy Jacob will discuss what's happening globally with marine protection and the benefits being realised.</p>	<p>Looking abroad</p> <p>Simon Branigan from The Nature Conservancy will share insights into international examples of Shellfish Restoration projects.</p>
1:45 PM	<p>Group Mahi!</p> <p>60-minute facilitated, interactive and participatory session where you'll tackle the big questions, share your knowledge and contribute to advancing the protection goal.</p>	<p>Group Mahi!</p> <p>60-minute facilitated, interactive and participatory session where you'll tackle the big questions, share your knowledge and contribute to advancing the shellfish restoration goal.</p>

2:45 PM	AFTERNOON TEA
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Session 3: Expert panels

What are the most practical next steps we can take to support the advancement of marine protection and shellfish restoration? How can upcoming big events like the America's Cup, Te Matatini and APEC be used as a catalyst for change? These questions and the results from Session 2 will be put to our expert panels to discuss.

3:15 PM	Facilitators feedback from Session 2 - Livia Esterhazy and Carl McGuinness
3:30 PM	<p><i>Panel #1: Mahi tahi towards at least 20% protection</i></p> <p><i>Facilitated by Livia Esterhazy, CEO WWF-New Zealand</i></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carolyn Lundquist, NIWA - Richelle Kahui-McConnell, Kaiwhakaora Whenua - Sanford (individual TBC) - Te Ohu Kaimoana (individual TBC) - Hayden Smith, Seacleaners - Rod Neureuter, Noises Islands
4:20 PM	<p><i>Panel #2: Mahi tahi towards 1000sqkm of shellfish beds</i></p> <p><i>Facilitated by Carl McGuinness, Director of Conservation, The Nature Conservancy</i></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Andrew Jeffs, University of Auckland - Jenny Hillman, University of Auckland - Clinton Duffy, Department of Conservation
4:55 PM	<p><i>Panel #3: Youth view</i></p> <p><i>Facilitated by MC Elisabeth Easter</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rangatahi - Waiheke School - Long Bay School

Session 4: Celebrations

5:15 PM	<p>A chance to celebrate this year's Holdaway Award recipients who have made an exceptional contribution to restoring the mauri of the Marine Park.</p> <p>Followed by a light supper and drinks.</p>
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Session 5: Call to action

6:20 PM	<p>Capturing our Stories (Part 2) Nick Sampson, Strategy Director, Principals will explain the collective adventure for the evening session.</p>
6:25 PM	<p>Visiting the moana in Virtual Reality - NZ-VR / New Zealand Geographic / BLAKE Participants will be taken on an underwater journey with the help of state of the art virtual reality.</p>
6:40 PM	<p>The Minister of Conservation, Eugenie Sage will present a Government Address followed by Q&A with Forum Chairperson & Deputy Chairperson.</p>
7:05 PM	<p>Capturing our Stories (Part 2) Nick Sampson, Strategy Director, Principals will lead a collective discussion of a vision for the future of the Marine Park, and facilitate both collective and individual calls to action.</p>
7:45 PM	<p>The Next Generation Steve and Riley Hathaway from Young Ocean Explorers bring the conference to a close with a message from the next generation.</p>
7:55 PM	<p>Karakia</p>