

From: [Morgan Fitzgerald](#)
To: [Darin Sutherland](#)
Subject: RE: Wetland fauna surveys
Date: Tuesday, 9 April 2024 1:44:00 pm

Kia ora Darin,

Thanks for your patience as we collected a thorough response. I wanted to thank you for your inquiry as well, as it's raised the need for more comms from us. An EDM is coming through to all regional councils regarding the court case - you should be receiving that today.

There's a request to send feedback to the wetlandsteam@mfe.govt.nz email within it, and to lessen the burden on you to repeat yourself, I've forwarded your pātai to that email so it's on file. Please feel free to send whatever additional feedback you have if you have more to add. We welcome it!

As next steps are still to be confirmed, I suspect Envirolink funding, if there's a pathway, is a great opportunity to explore. Keep us in the loop with how that goes!

Let me know if you have any additional pātai.

Nā,
Morgan

From: Darin Sutherland <Darin.Sutherland@es.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 2:39 PM
To: Morgan Fitzgerald <Morgan.Fitzgerald@mfe.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Wetland fauna surveys

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Thanks Morgan for the quick update.

Part of the reason for my asking was I was thinking about getting some enviro-link funding to assess the feasibility of creating a methodology for fauna surveys. We have had some recent significant wetland loss in Southland and need to be able to take enforcement action in some cases,

Cheers

Darin

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From: Morgan Fitzgerald <Morgan.Fitzgerald@mfe.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 25 March 2024 2:15 pm

To: Darin Sutherland <Darin.Sutherland@es.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Wetland fauna surveys

Kia ora Darin,

Lovely to hear from you – been a minute since the workshops in Kirikiriroa | Hamilton!

Natalia is on secondment into another team, so I'm now leading the wetlands portfolio.

I wanted to let you know we've received your inquiry, and we're wanting to provide an integrated response so will get back to you asap once we've had the chance to touch base with the other teams.

Let us know if you have any additional pātai in the interim. You'll hear from us soon!

Mauri ora,

Morgan

From: Darin Sutherland <Darin.Sutherland@es.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 2:02 PM

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Subject: Wetland fauna surveys

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Hi Natalia,

I was interested in whether MfE were contemplating the idea of providing a wetland fauna delineation tool in light of the recent court case GWRC vs Page. It would appear that the NPS-FM mapping delineation tools as they stand are not sufficient for enforcement purposes.

Has there been any discussion about this?

Would be interested in MfE's position,

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