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Ian's texts

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Sunday, 11 July 2021



Hi Ian, [Redacted] here. [Redacted] asked me to be on site tomorrow morning as a DOC presence. Will you or [Redacted] be around?

8:10 pm

Orca on a trailer in Plimmerton. Lots of lacerations but no reports on injuries beyond that. [Redacted] notified you'll be on site early bells. I might pop over before heading in to work.

8:54 pm

Monday, 12 July 2021

Hi [Redacted]. How things looking for a plan for today? Ian Angus

8:36 am

Well done today. Not easy



[Redacted text input field]





[Redacted contact name]



Hey [Redacted] About to start media calls. Any update following vets? Thanks

8:39 pm



Evening update

Took bloods, Zoo will process and also send to lab.

Noted deep abrasions on tail, administered long lasting antibiotics partly due to this and partly as general precaution.

Took nasal/blowhole swap Orally administered fluids. Treatment was suggested by [Redacted] (Wellington Zoo) and

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Have just sent that to [Redacted] from media

8:46 pm

Excellent work. Well done. Hope manage some rest.

8:47 pm



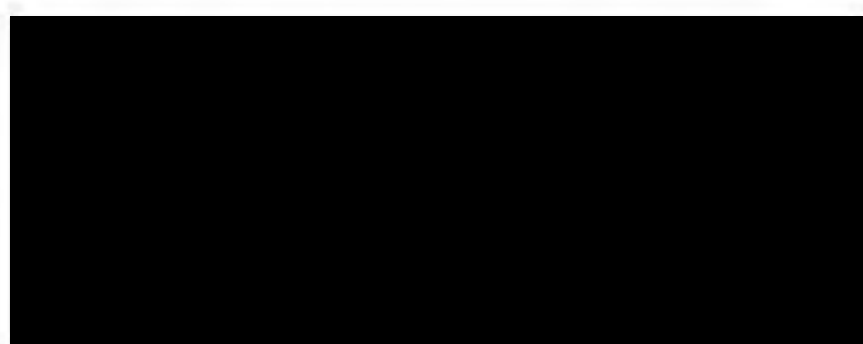
Tuesday, 13 July 2021

Hi. Tv 1 to send footage of orca pod to marine@doc. Can you note to [Redacted] needs. Might be useful for our social media but need check with TV that we can use fir purposes

2:43 pm

Cancel that. No email. Can use footage fir social media

2:54 pm



Monday, 12 July 2021

Hi [redacted] Any news from [redacted] following the vets visit? Ian Angus

8:29 pm

Tuesday, 13 July 2021

No news as yet waiting for results of blood test results. Will not get them till later today

8:26 am

Hi Angus what time would suit you to meet Ingrid, Jack mace, [redacted] and myself today. Willing to cancel the cims meeting. If required. Regards [redacted]

10:50 am

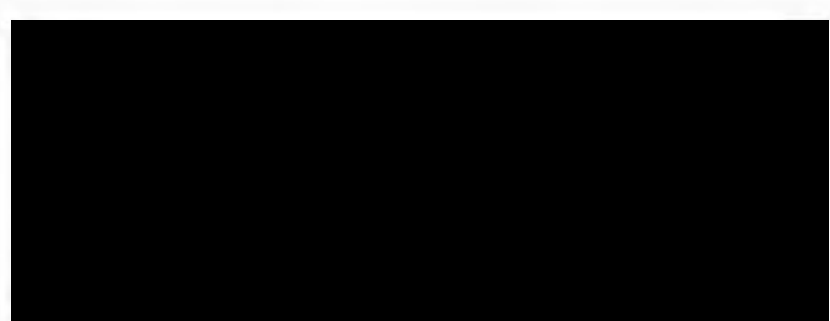
I'll call you back.

11:05 am

Hi Ian I have arranged a Plimmerton boating club meeting room at 3pm. Regards [redacted]

11:54 am





11:05 am

I'll call you back.



Hi Ian I have arranged a Plimmerton boating club meeting room at 3pm.
Regards [Redacted]

11:54 am



Hi Ian can you confirm that Ingrid will attend the meeting at 3pm today at the Plimmerton boating club.
Thanks [Redacted]

12:15 pm

Yes. Not managed yet. But passed on message to her 2ic. Will follow up

12:29 pm



Thanks

12:29 pm

Wednesday, 14 July 2021

Any news. On way but media already calling

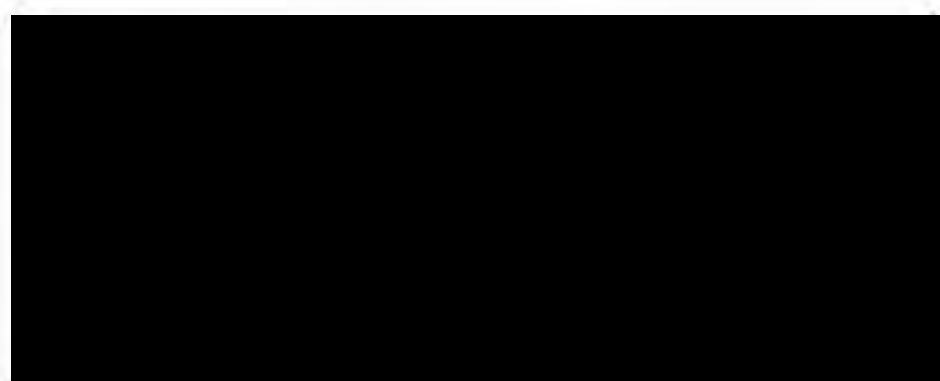
7:32 am



No news at the moment.

7:37 am





Monday, 12 July 2021



Call me when you can, Ian.
Interview request.

4:41 pm

Just on train. Will call back.
Ian

4:42 pm

Tuesday, 13 July 2021



Ian - just FYI, AAP reporter
[redacted] heading to
Plimmerton to cover orca
story. You may be needed
for interviews. Will let you
know.

9:59 am

10:00 am

Ok. Am here

2:15 pm

I'll call you back.



Ok

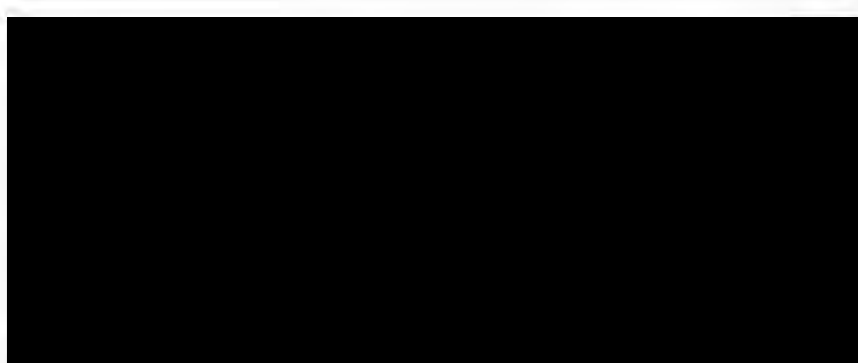
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I'll call you back.

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2:39 pm

Tv1 for 1800 news done



I'll call you back.

2:54 pm



Can you do Newstalk ZB live at 5.20pm?

3:08 pm

3:08 pm

Yes



Great. Will relay your details. Usual questions, likely to ask about euthanasia.

3:08 pm



You are on for 5.20pm with ZB. They will call you. Expect a producer then live to air with host. 5 mins. Situation update sought.

3:22 pm



Radio NZ Checkpoint at 5.53pm - live to air. Doable? We think you should.

3:36 pm



Hauraki canceled tomorrow





10:59 am

Connected

12:02 pm

Media frenzy

Ugh.

12:04 pm

Do you need on-site support?

12:05 pm

Newshub after a phone interview for radio. We can make them wait until after 3pm discussion for 4pm update. Your call on this one.

2:12 pm

Can do. Tv1 want me for the news at 6. Am ok with that.

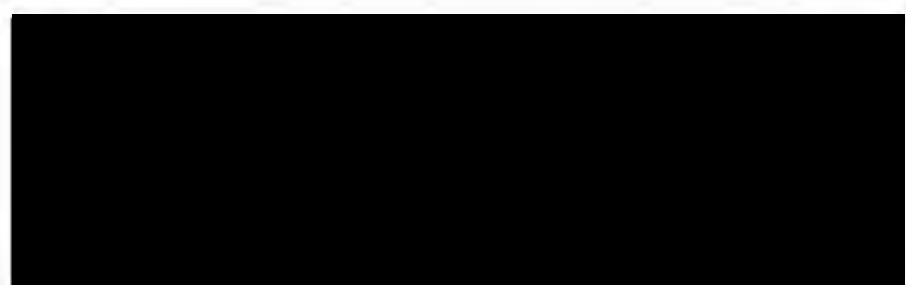
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2:31 pm



 Newshub -

2:49 pm

Friday, 16 July 2021



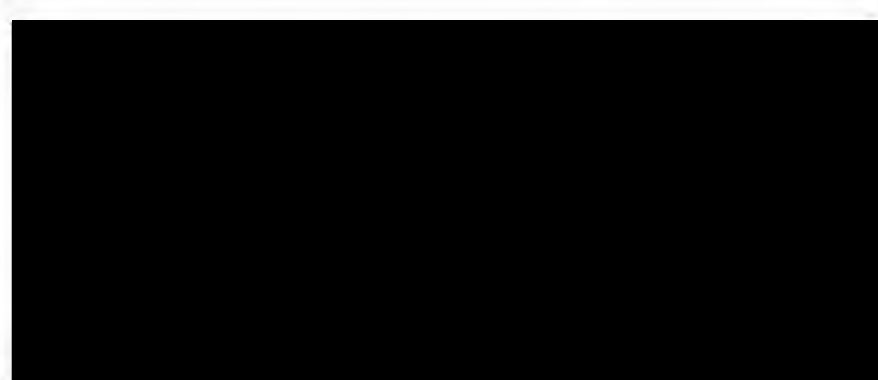
I have told NHNZ producer to stand down her crew at orca site and she agreed to do that.

7:51 am

8:00 am

Ta





Thursday, 15 July 2021



Hi Ian, just giving you my mobile number. Cheers,

[Redacted]

9:33 am

Awesome. Will call you this morning. Possibly after media so 11? I'd like to describe scenarios. Jack Mace leading discussion with Mike Slater around big decisions. Tasks. Welfare metric. Set up tag group (mm science vets, animal welfare). Will need include internationals and Ingrid. Questions: we



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9:57 am



I've emailed you a MSTeams link so that [Redacted] can join too at 11am. Hope that works for you. We'll wait on the Teams from 11am until you join us. Talk soon. [Redacted]



10:50





Given adverse weather and as a precaution looking at option to temporarily hold orca in a pool (swimming). Im really uncomfortable. That TAG is becoming vital. Elizabeth aware and offering to support us.

3:31 pm

Friday, 16 July 2021



Morning ian, the msteams meeting for 0830 is still showing as cancelled every day. Is that correct?

8:14 am

Hi [redacted] Ic decision was no Teams link for daily brief and plan. Ill update or dave Hunt can.

8:16 am



Ok

8:26 am

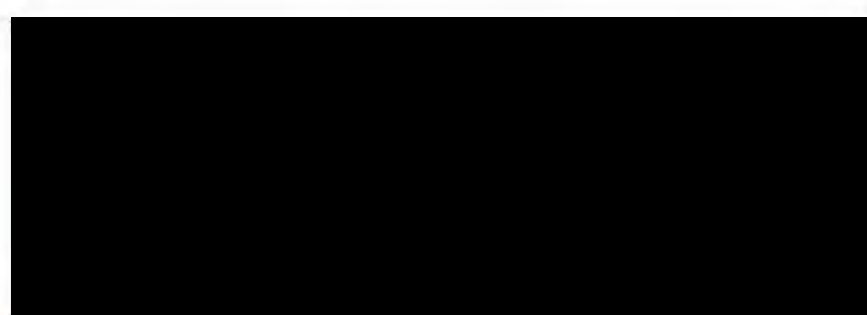
Sending email update now

8:26 am



Got that thanks. Can you tell





Have spoken to [redacted] re tags. She's spoken to [redacted] about it already and has a bit of a plan. She's keen to know if Ingrid would support a bolted tag, or only a suction one.

10:19 am

Bolted from our last conversation.

11:00 am

Ok

11:08 am

Any info on length and girth? Date of girth measurement might be useful too, and if it's being monitored.

12:11 pm

Hopefully get the measurements today. Is being monitored. Breath, behaviour, poo and wee. Hauha vets taken over veterinary support over weekend

12:48 pm



< [Redacted] Media



Saturday, 17 July 2021



Hi Ian, will email you thre draft contingency statements now. Cheers,

[Redacted]

10:56 am



Have emailed statements to sarah too. Just nipping out to grab some lunch but call/text if anything urgent in interim

12:33 pm

Sunday, 18 July 2021

Morning. You'll be busy with the flooding. Any news plans on the orca?

9:36 am



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Am resting. More my kids wanting to know news.

10:13 am

Newstalk zb interview request for kirstie, similar to today's rnz one. Fyi

5:27 pm

All good

5:45 pm



Sunday, 18 July 2021

3:14 pm

Can you cmb? Ian



Can it wait 10 min? Not able top call until then.

3:19 pm

Yes. Just checking if you willing and can participate in Teams TAG discussion on orca tonight possibly, tomorrow more likely. I'm off site supporting, kirstie leading. Call me when able

3:21 pm



Should be fine. Will call shortly.

3:24 pm

Monday, 19 July 2021



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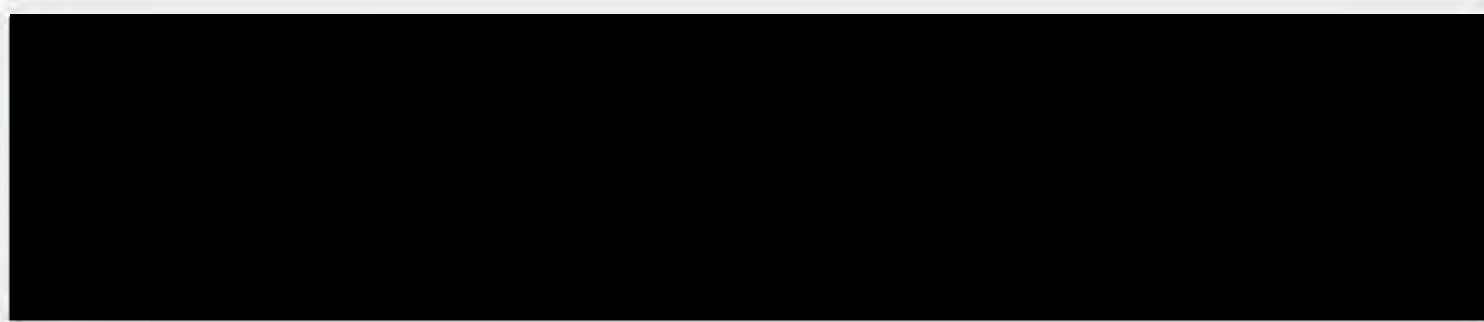
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10:44 am



10:55 am

Ok. When is a good time to catch up?

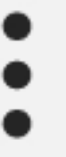
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Me

8:27 pm, 19 Jul

**(No subject)**

Hi folks. As ever thanks. A key and very important question. Is there a safe and humane way to take orca calf back into care once released in wild? I cannot see a safe option. Humane I don't know. I know there is a question about should we, but if we cannot do this safely or humanely, it seems to me the scenario which has the highest chance of success is an attempt into the natal pod. But if that fails we have an orca in the water we cannot recapture safely or humanely. Surely we would not attempt into any pod which has the same recapture risks but a lower chance of success. I think we have almost enough info from experts now, alongside info on practical challenges to state there is one option, wellbeing risks if this fails and no viable option beyond holding until orca weaned? That I think we would not commit to. Garble perhaps. Let's discuss tomorrow please.



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[Redacted name]



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Thursday, 15 July 2021



Hi Angus, [Redacted] here. Sorry to contact you so late. Photo of orca in pen posted on Wellington Live. [Redacted] [Redacted] Any advice? Photo has lots of comments. Will try to send link.

10:41 pm

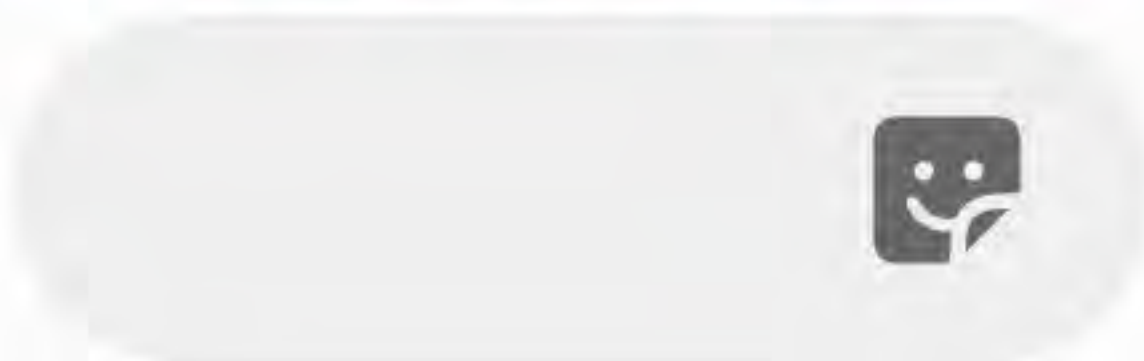


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10:43 pm

Friday, 16 July 2021

Sorry [Redacted] I crashed. This was sadly inevitable given the amount of cameras. Can we start condoning off the pool to keep non





[Redacted contact name]



awake.

6:03 am



[Redacted text]

6:14 am

All good I hope tonight. Do you mind flicking me an update in the morn in case I get an early call from the media? Ian

9:38 pm



All good so far. 11pm feed planned. Will txt an update through 6.30. Ok?

9:40 pm

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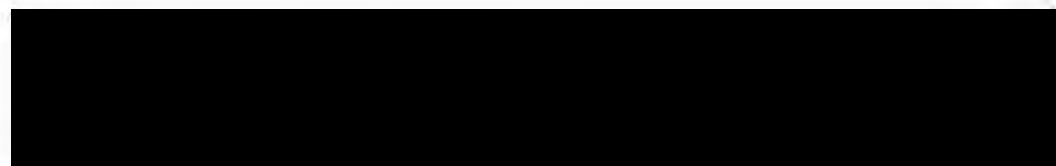
Great. Thank you.

Saturday, 17 July 2021



Toa had an okay night, the odd burst of activity. Problems with feeding last night. Didn't want crop tube and was having difficulty





Orca doing well, several short sleeps overnight. Feeding well. No issues at gate.

6:48 am

7:23 am

Thank you. Good news then

Monday, 19 July 2021



No changes in orca condition overnight, still stable. Maori MP Debbie Ngawera-Packer is swimming with it now as a volunteer.

6:45 am

9:13 pm

Good luck tonight. 0700 update feasible?



Totally.

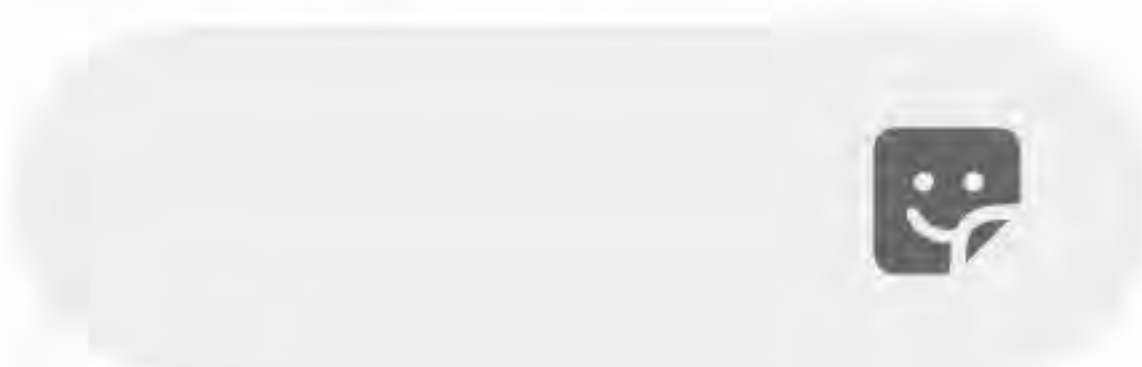
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Ta



Tuesday, 20 July 2021



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9:13 pm

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9:14 pm

Ta

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Tuesday, 20 July 2021

Calf has had an unsettled
night with stomach ache.
He did a poo when I went
out to see him so hopefully
that has relieved him a bit.
Team keeping him calm and
quiet.

6:42 am

Thank you

6:48 am

He's done a few more little
💩

7:11 am

< Minister KIRI AL...



Tuesday, 20 July 2021

12:46 pm

Please text me.



Hi Ian,

Can you call me when you're free.

Kiri Allan

12:46 pm

Will do Minister. Just in midday planning meet. 2 mins please. Ian

12:47 pm



Liked "Will do Minister. Just in midday planning meet. 2 mins please. Ian"

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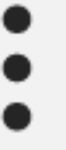
Yeap, good as gold

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 Me

9:06 am, 21 Jul



Orca remains stable. Pumping sea water into temp pen again. Better night. Weather not looking great from tonight so move to sea pen unlikely. [REDACTED] on site assisting with sighting work. Kirsty Prior taking over as IC. Have asked [REDACTED] to make discrete enquiry with King Salmon around feasibility of salmon pen in sounds. She has contacts. Do call a stop if bad call. Just contingency. Step away as spokesperson today. Little tense on site given talk outside site on euthanasia. Ballistics remain the call. Iwi concerned but accepting. Plan today same as previous day, maintain orca at site, seek sightings, scenario plan. And just thanks team. Your support has been brilliant.



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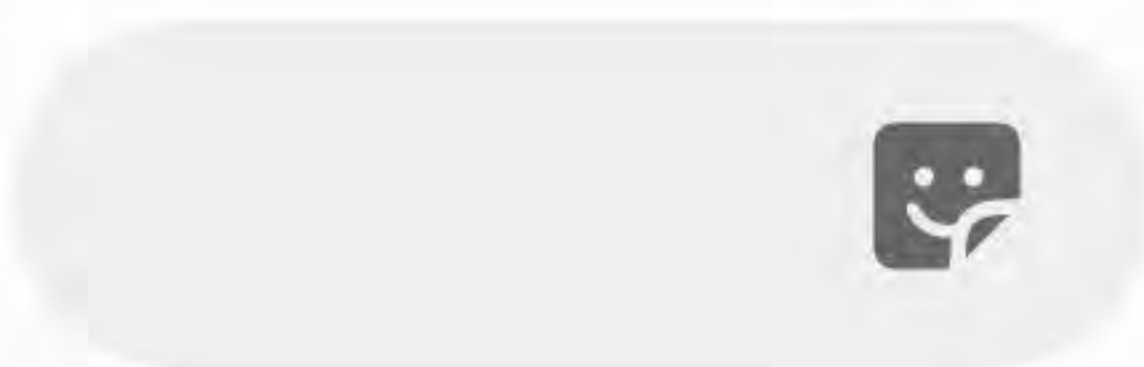
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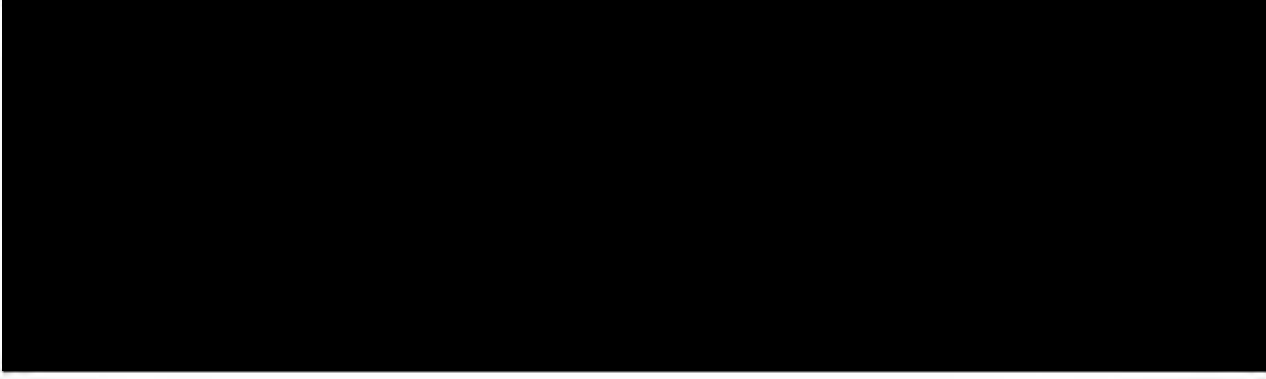
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Suggestion in media if we find natal pod we tag an individual. Appreciate logistical/operational/ethical issues, but can you bullet me via email quick thoughts. Need het my head around that quickly in case get door stopped.

12:38 pm

Striking tag question with iwi now. Will report back





Tuesday, 13 July 2021



Hi Ian, how is the orca calf doing?

8:59 am

Hi. Moc getting updates on the orca? There is lot of media interest.

5:59 pm



Hi ian - not that I've seen. Are you a to give me a quick update?

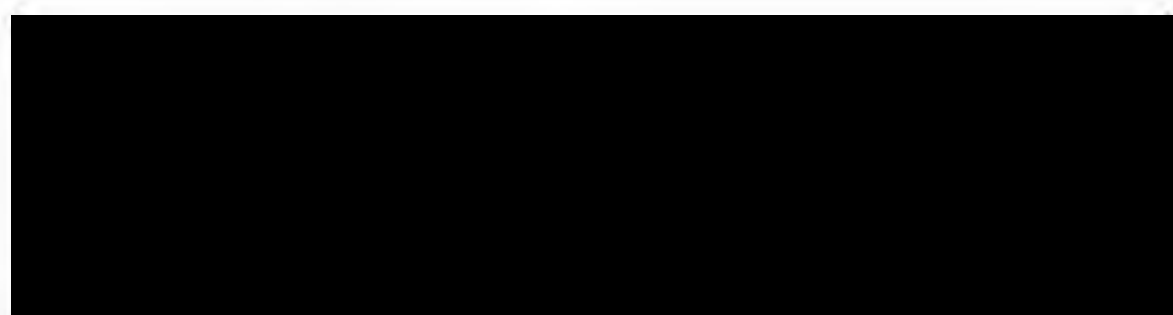
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Calf being rehydrated. Looking better but still not clear if improving. Not located pod but some encouraging sightings. Reassess calf tomorrow. If good continue treatment and search for pod. This could be a drawn out issue if calf stabilizes. We will be challenged whether this is all in best interes

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6:35 pm





Sorry I missed your call.
Thanks for the update.
Sounds very challenging
for all involved. Appreciate
being kept in the loop.

6:59 pm

Wednesday, 14 July 2021



Morning Ian, I realise you're
flat tack at the moment, but
if you have time to send
through another update this
morning it would be very
much appreciated.

8:49 am

Orca calf stable. Have a
reliable sighting of the pod
off Raumati. Planning to
relocate calf, but still unsure
if we are to go. Will provide
news.

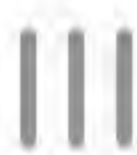
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Thank you ian

10:23 am

No change here. Orca calf
stable. Not located pod. So





Thanks Ian. Let me know how things look tomorrow?

9:00 pm

Thursday, 15 July 2021

Hi [Redacted] Orca stable. Weather against a translocation attempt. So efforts into scenario planning. Orca rehab. Likely be situ for next few days.

9:31 am



Thanks Ian!

9:40 am

Friday, 16 July 2021

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Understood, thanks Ian.

8:06 am

Orca calf stable in pool. No pods sighted.

6:58 pm



Thanks Ian

7:10 pm

Saturday, 17 July 2021

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7:10 pm

Saturday, 17 July 2021

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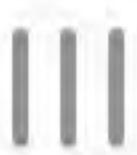
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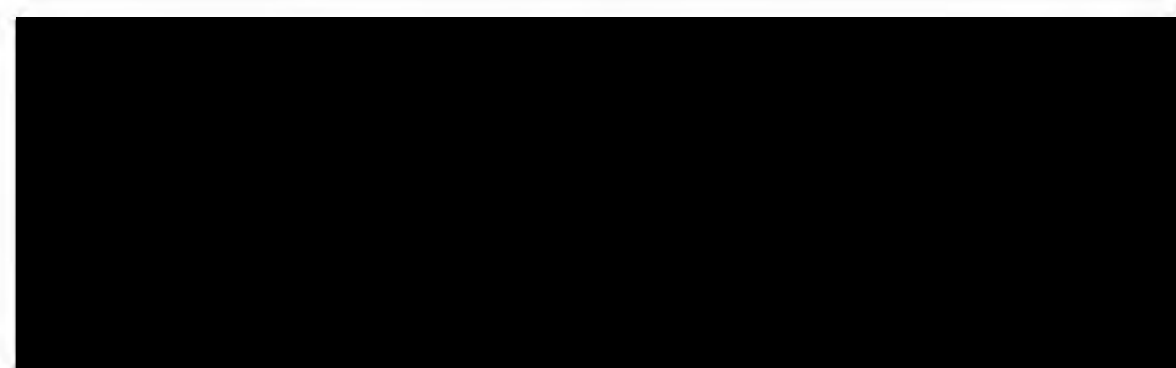


Thank you Ian.

9:25 am

Wednesday, 21 July 2021





Wednesday, 21 July 2021

You getting info you need on orca? Have pushed for better info share into MOC office. Ian

12:31 pm



Hi Ian - I haven't seen any update since Monday. Updates would be helpful- thank you.

12:38 pm

Ok. Orca calf stable. Likely to stay in pool as weather not looking great for tonight. Orca pods sighted but none identified as natal pod. Media very focused on question over euthanasia. We are saying planning for contingencies, orca wellbeing central to decisions.

1:01 pm



Thanks

1:55 pm



< Me

3:44 pm, 21 Jul



EH AND KH: At the 1700 stand up can you ask about whether we increase search effort for pod? Do we investigate feasibility of sea pen in sounds? Do we share scenario paper with iwi and how? Can we have bullets on off site work to share here at site? [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I'm hoping the status update will get to you both shortly.

[REDACTED]
From here orca stable. Lots of work to improve site management. Work to tidy relocation process as contingency. Some sightings but none validated. Sat tag AE approval sought. Relations at site with iwi and partners ok. Media focused on medium term contingencies and euthanasia.



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6:28 am

Thats encouraging. Thanks

Thursday, 22 July 2021



Morning Ian, another quiet night here with no issues. Toa energetic last night but vollie team have been instructed (by Whale Rescue) to be calm and quiet with him and he's slept apparently. Fresh sea water has been circulating all night. Nothing further. Hope you got some good rest. Cheers, [REDACTED]

6:26 am

Thanks [REDACTED] Sounds like a good night. Great weather ahead of us all today.

6:32 am



Yeah the rajn came in later than expected but it's making up lost time now. Might be able to swim him back to the sea pen....

6:34 am





3 recipients

Thursday, 22 July 2021

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6:34 am

Reading scenario paper. Just question why we have kept that one US expert view at start. Just not clear why there as a stand out. Better to include range. Also scored against categories, collective assessment by you three? Jack and Reg on scene.

12:54 pm



 Me

8:10 pm, 22 Jul



Hi team orca. A very busy day. Vets agreed pool impacting on orca so orca now back in sea pen. Huha vets will monitor overnight. Scenario meet postponed and Im not yet clear on new timing. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] now on site. Kris taking over from me Sat. Still no clarity on spokesperson. Media very focused on euthanasia. Thanks for all support today.



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 Me

8:20 am, 23 Jul



Hi Aquatic Orca team. Orca in sea pen. Quiet night. Health assessment this morning. Weather forecast good. So on site work mostly BAU under Cims. Off site, search effort for Pod to be picked up today. Scenario meet to be scheduled in for today. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] lan, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on site. Kris and [REDACTED] stepping in over weekend, with [REDACTED] remaining.

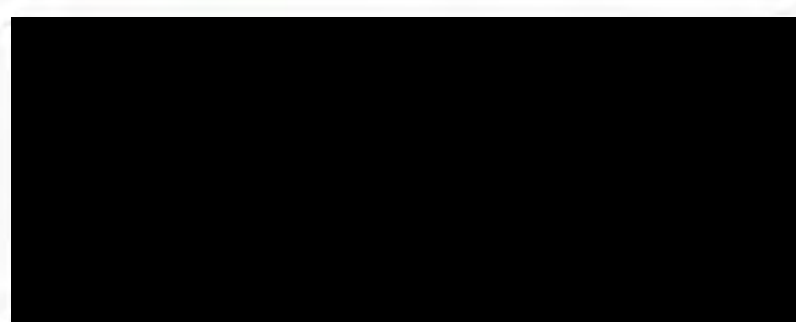


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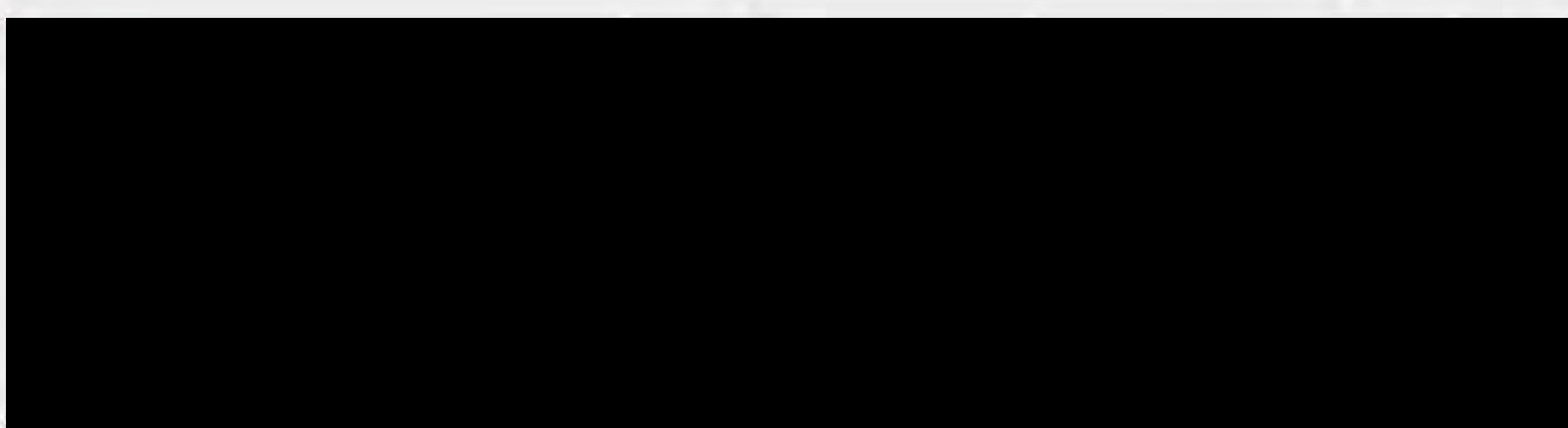


Thanks [redacted] Appreciate all this. There's a huge amount of interest which is proving the usual distraction. If we get to necropsy is [redacted] [redacted] Not there yet and iwi need be consulted, but im casting ahead for scenarios and challenges.

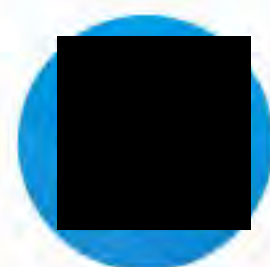
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I'll check with [redacted]



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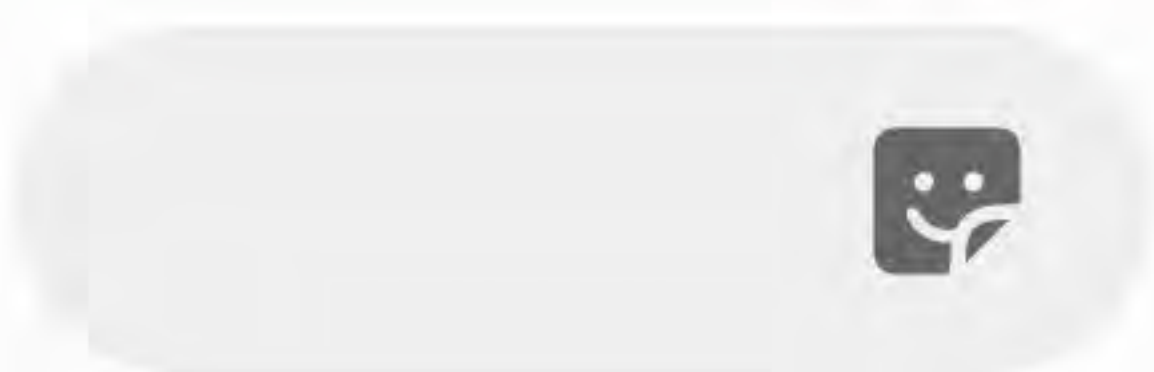
Hi again. [redacted]



6:00 pm

Ok. Zoo vets were on scene until 7. Hopefully get an update. But bloods and attempt to rehydrate. Tomorrow we'll reassess plan.

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plan.

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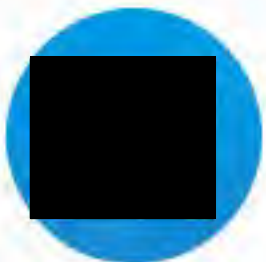


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Friday, 23 July 2021

Hi [redacted] Re orca here
in Wlg, looks like we will
not necropsy if is dies or
is euthanised. Based on
iwi preference. So for now
plan to seek pod and aim
to reunite. But obviously
cannot do this indefinitely.

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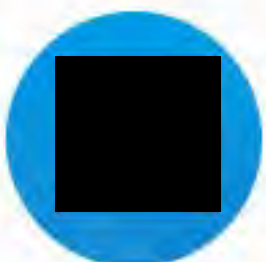


Fingers crossed the pod is
found soon then

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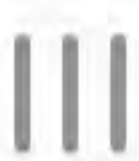
Tell me about it. I'm just
glad for the weekend off.

4:16 pm



I bet. It must be pretty damn
stressful 😞

4:51 pm



Friday, 23 July 2021

Hi team. Toa passed tonight. Very sad news, but I am very proud how you guys stepped up

9:21 pm





Friday, 23 July 2021

Hi [redacted]. Who you looking to bring here to orca site and when. Ian Angus

12:59 pm



James Cameron tomorrow if at all possible but Ingrid may well have been in contact as well? Wasn't sure who to speak with sorry to bother you

1:34 pm

I'll pass the request on, but help me if you can by making it clear why Mr C is seeking to visit please. Our media team on site are dealing with these requests

1:44 pm

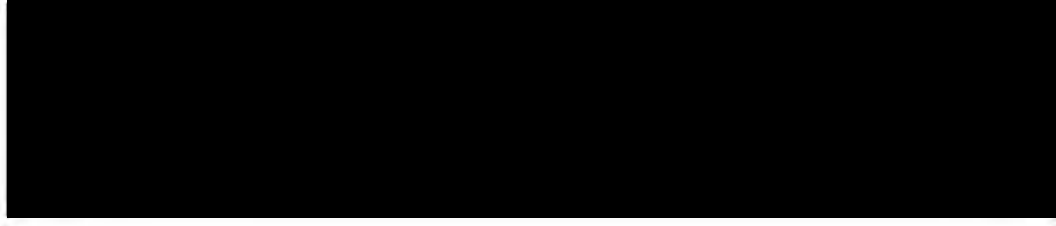
Orca has passed. Media statement going out shortly.

9:35 pm



Thanks Ian, really sorry. My thoughts to you and your team, it's a tough gig. Ingrid called me so of course





Friday, 23 July 2021

Hi Ian Angus here. Sad news about orca. If needed I can do media in morning. I'm fine on the situation. Elizabeth wants me to rest but can manage the last few tasks to tidy this one away.

9:09 pm

Please text me.

9:10 pm

Just change sea pea to sea pen. Otherwise yup reads well. Can front this.

I'll be on site from 545am

9:18 pm

Media calling. I'm ignoring to the morning?

10:00 pm

Yes. Told them no ivs tonight and they should request through media inbox tomorrow morning

10:59 pm





Saturday, 17 July 2021

Message from [Redacted]
Morning Kirstie, hope you are doing well this morning. Are we able to request someone films behaviour at a feed? Would be helpful to help understand the level of habituation that is occurring.

11:09 am

You home safe? Thanks again

7:51 pm

Sunday, 18 July 2021



Sorry got home safe abd back on site now. Pod potentially in pukerua bay this am

8:41 am

Ok. Wow. Sea conditions? Orca condition?

8:52 am

Monday, 26 July 2021

Jack's texts

(this page to be deleted for final release)

11:08 am

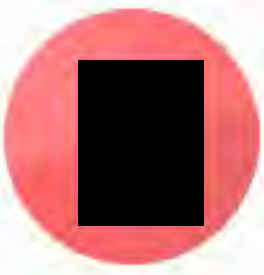


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11:46 am

Cool thanks [redacted]

11:52 am

Sunday, 18 July 2021



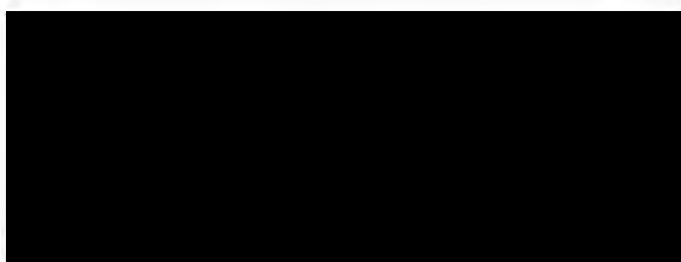
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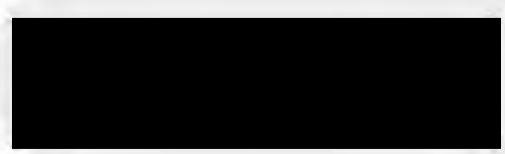
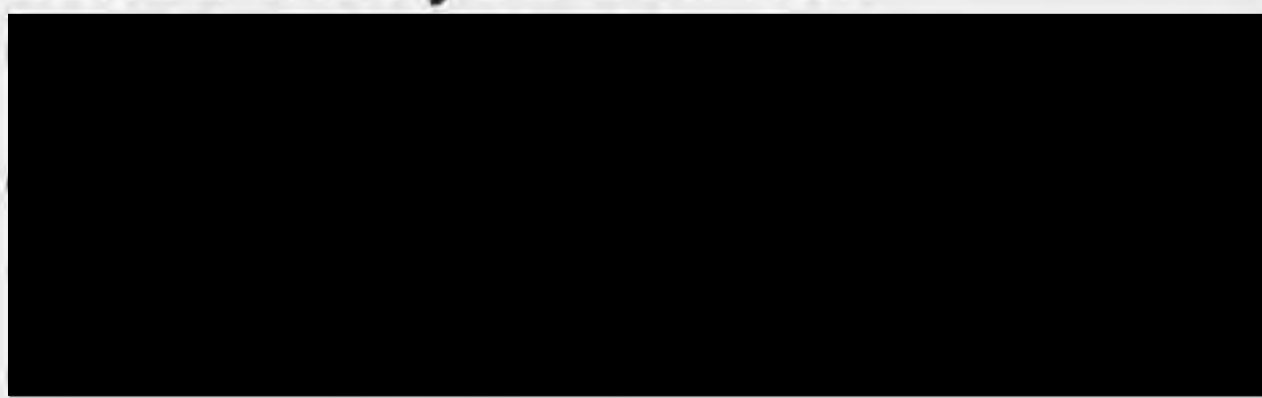


Ok. She has not responded to my message. So may not have your number yet.

2:13 pm



She's keen to still be at shoreline, so you will need to be prepared for this. She will still wear some of the flack so better to be ahead of it. She has also asked that you call her.



2:25 pm



< Kirsty Prior



K Hi Jack, Kirsty Prior here. I board the flight at 6.10pm. Call before then or after 7.30pm, Kirsty 5:52 pm

7:58 pm **All good. You've had a long day. We can talk in the morning**

K Thanks Jack, that's kind of you. Chat in the morning. Get some rest, k 8:00 pm

Wednesday, 21 July 2021

K Morena Jack, are you free for a chat? K 7:17 am

Thursday, 22 July 2021

K Morning Jack, can we catch up this morning please? 7:27 am

2:01 pm

K 2:04 pm

2:12 pm **Ok**



2:13 pm **Let me know how it goes and if it will affect 430 meeting...when yiu can!**

2:14 pm **Kia kaha!**

K We're all good 2:19 pm


Cool. Will stay with original plan. Can you let Elizabeth know. An ensure knows it is 430



< Kirsty Prior 




2:19 pm

Cool. Will stay with original plan. Can you let Elizabeth know. And ensure  knows it is 430

K

We need to shift the meeting to tomorrow morning

4:08 pm

K

I'll call you back.

4:19 pm

4:19 pm

Ok. I'm tucked on the side of the road just up the hill. I won't come down just yet. Call me

K

Animal in the pen. Everyone safe and sound. Have video and photos.

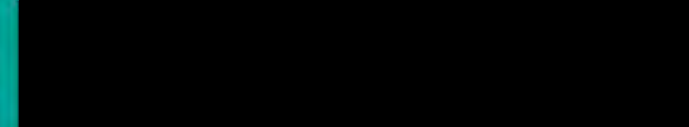

6:44 pm

K

(Please pass onto MOC office for her meeting in the morning)
Sleep well

6:45 pm

6:46 pm

Awrsome, thanks Kirsty. Really good work today, 


K



< Kirsty Prior [redacted]



6:58 pm

Friday, 23 July 2021

7:23 am

Ata marie. Do we have a time for this options meeting this morning?



I'll leave my door unlocked in case you need some space. [redacted] Downstairs unit, in front of where they park their car

7:51 am

8:22 am

Ta. Have gone in to head office for now, will come out for meeting

8:32 am

Can we get a time ASAP please

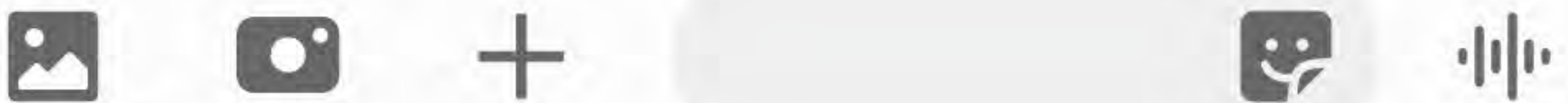




Ingrid wants 12pm

9:11 am

9:12 am

Can we go 11 - conscious [redacted] has a day job that I think starts around 1





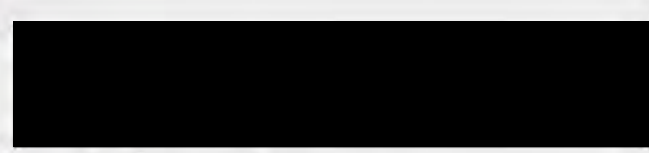
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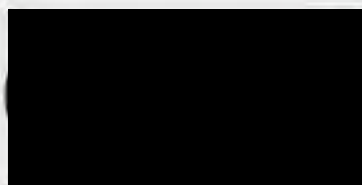
9:13 am Can you please send boat plan through to Elizabeth, Reg, Bronwyn, Sarah, me

 There's a link in iap. I'll get it sent separately 9:29 am

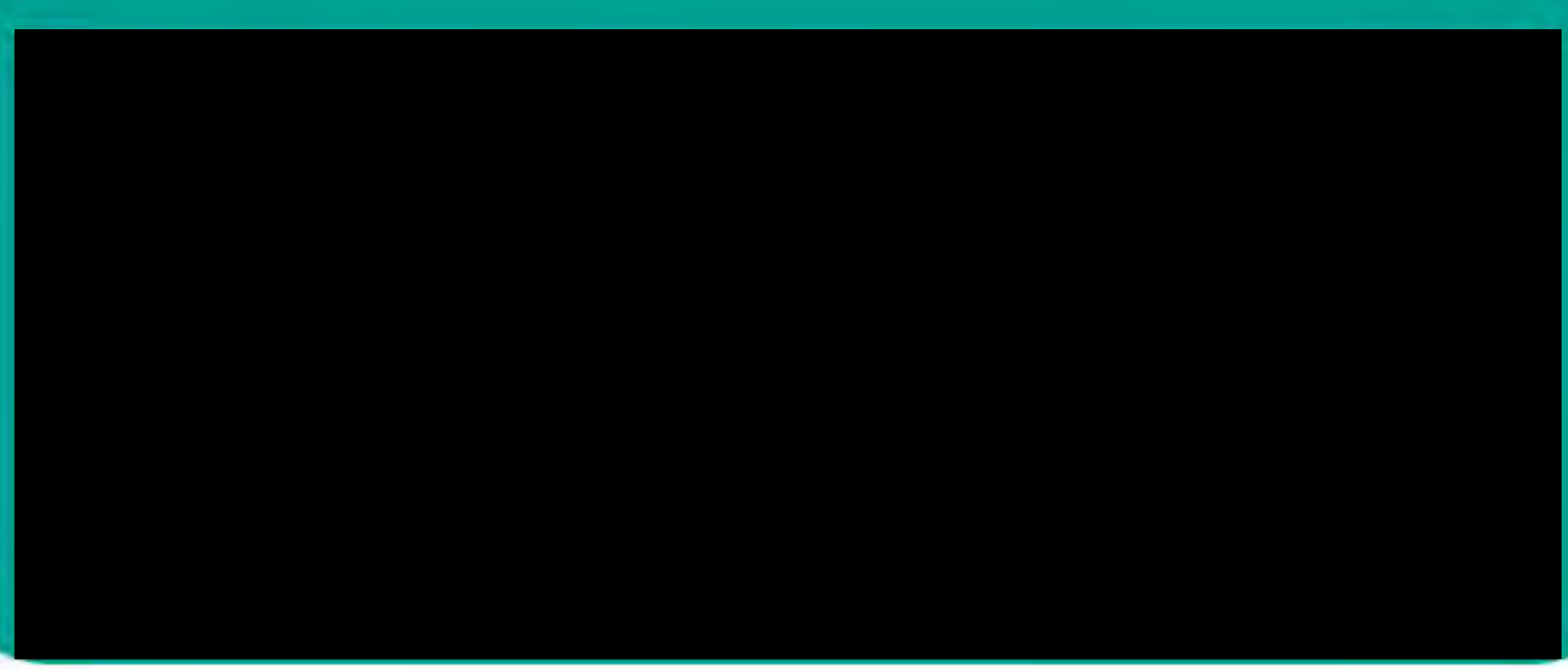
  is sending to you all plan 10:01 am

 We're upstairs 11:07 am

12:53 pm Its locked! No worries we will go find an outside spot

  my keys inside 12:58 pm

Wednesday, 4 August 2021

4:49 pm 



< Reg Kemper



R whats the plan 8:07 am

Still waiting to hear time.

Where are you? 8:31 am

R at site 9:04 am

Ok. Can you please chase a time for this meeting with Kirsty. Sooner we do it the sooner we can move on to a decision

R Roger 9:10 am

[Redacted]

12:51 pm

R I'll call you back. 4:21 pm

Call me

4:21 pm

Talk to Angus RE iwi side too

6:24 pm

R orca died 8:46 pm

Sarah told me

Telling me now

8:46 pm

Tuesday, 27 July 2021

R please call me after OLT 8:59 am

I have RLT will call shortly

9:03 am

R this wont take a minute 9:04 am



< Brent Swanson



B

I been to a few sar jobs there in a former life all good made Taupo ill be there around 9

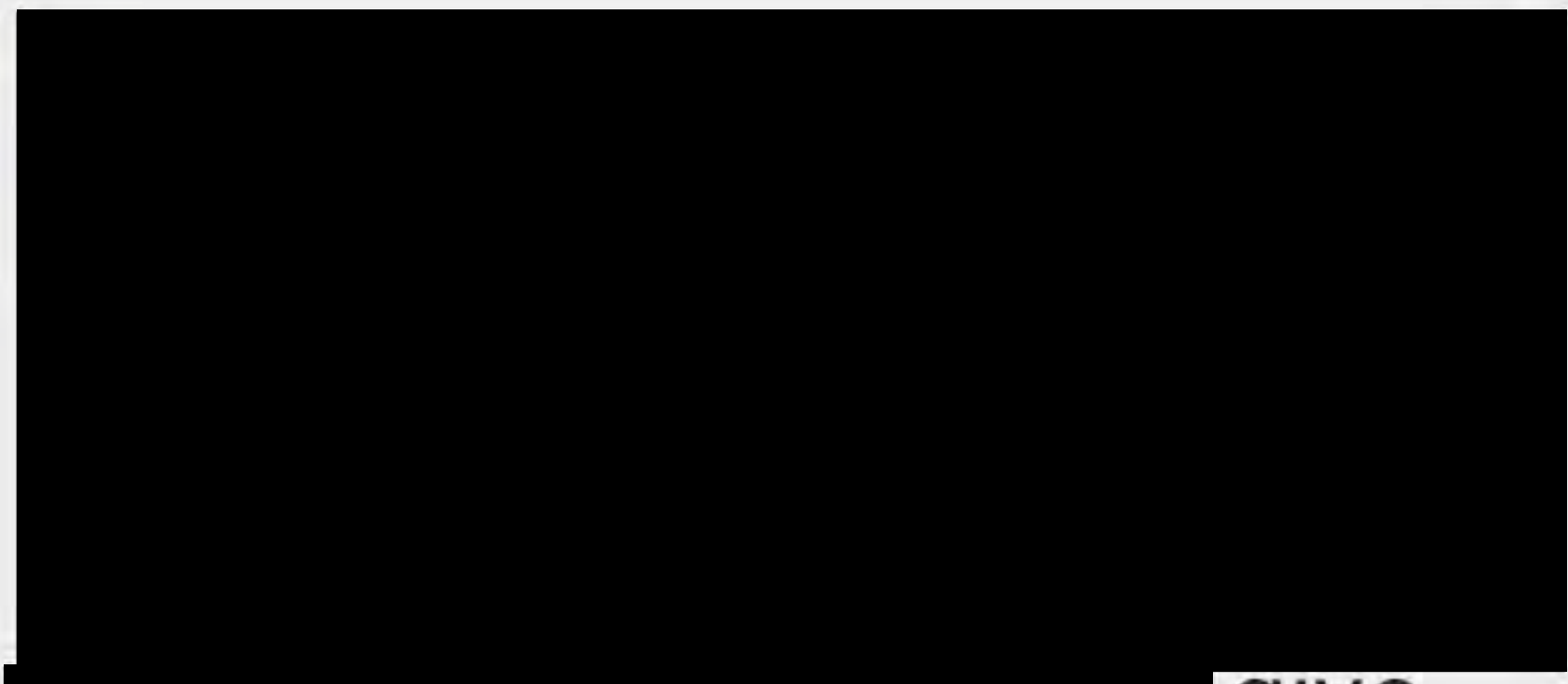
7:47 pm

Sweet thanks. I've got 2x FENZ IMT coming plus a bunch of Doc so should have the right ingredients for Dave Smith to build a good IMT

7:52 pm

Monday, 19 July 2021

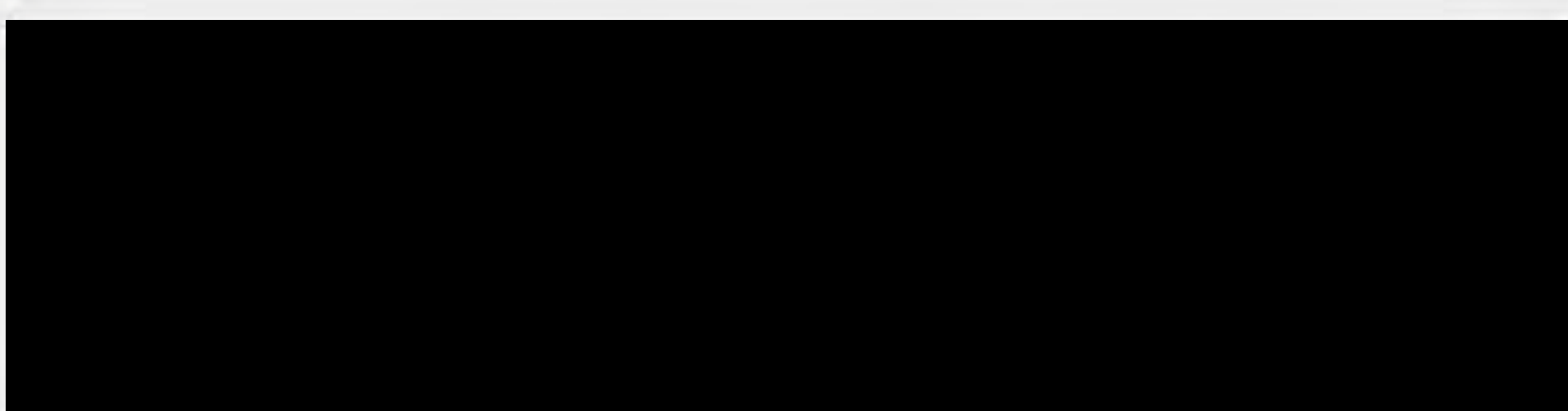
B


give me a yell if you need any further help , will need to clear it with Harry.

5:53 pm

Tuesday, 20 July 2021

B



1:41 pm







< Sarah Owen



Thursday, 15 July 2021

S Sorry missed your calls yesterday was in an all day workshop 1:16 pm

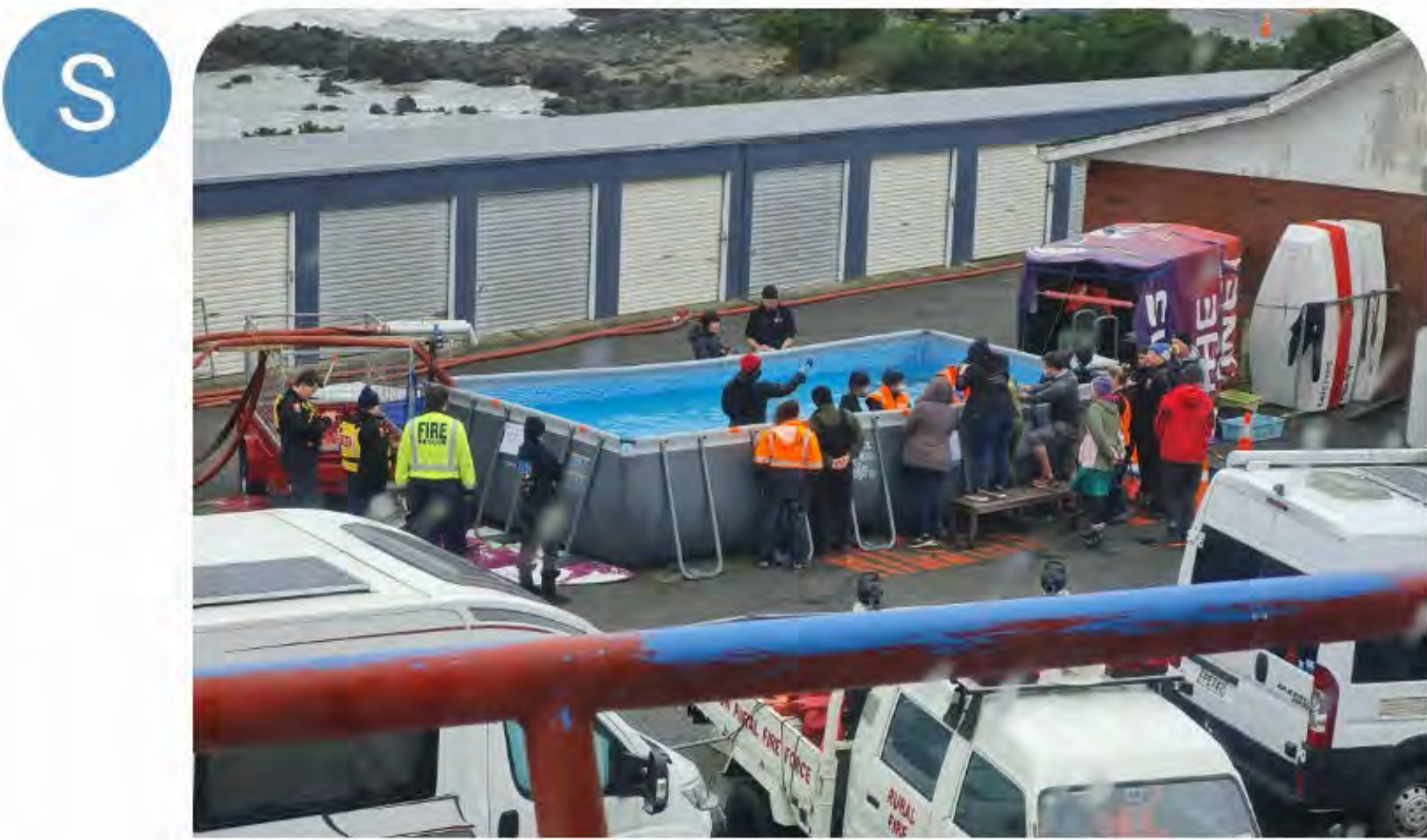
1:17 pm All good I was (and still am) chasing competent experienced CIMS people

2:02 pm I'll call you back.

S Sweet have turned volume on now so can hear it ring 2:02 pm

S I'll call you back. 3:34 pm

Sunday, 18 July 2021



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< Sarah Owen



MMS 11:40 am

12:34 pm

Spoke to [redacted] and gave her situation. She will look at getting me an oral briefing slot tomorrow 1030, ideally I would take Ian Angus.

12:35 pm

MOC will also get my number to call tonight if she wishes. Sarah if we could have briefing to her today would be good - I can sign it out



We can manage a visit

3:03 pm

3:05 pm

Awesome, will see how I go on phone call today. I will try to bring Ian in on the call if I can figure out the tech

Monday, 19 July 2021

4:23 pm

I'll call you back.

Tuesday, 20 July 2021



< Sarah Owen



[Redacted]

Tuesday, 20 July 2021

1:49 pm

[Redacted]



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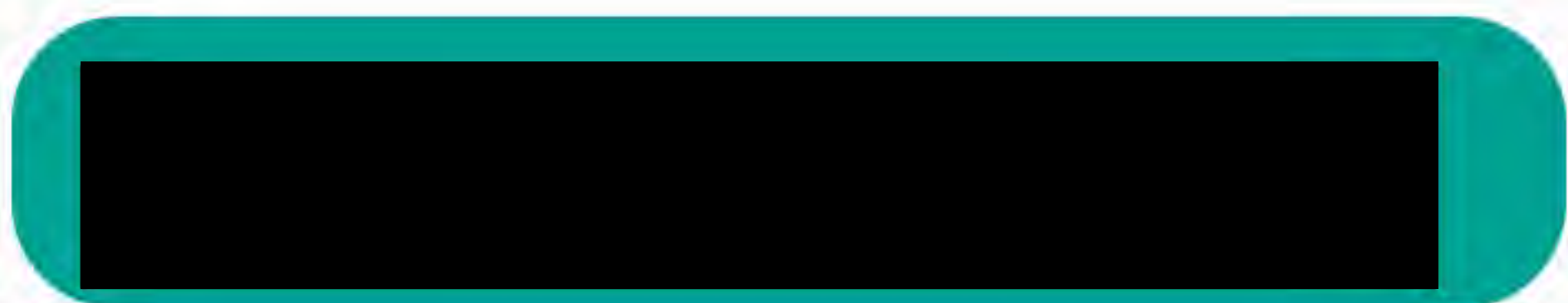
< Sarah Owen



Hey I'm free now are you at plimmerton - can drop by otherwise will go home and be online

3:14 pm

3:27 pm



Thursday, 22 July 2021

10:12 am



Hey I'm here where you,?

12:17 pm



You've got this ok! Just be Jack on his best day - how you respond will be what people remember - they already like and respect you

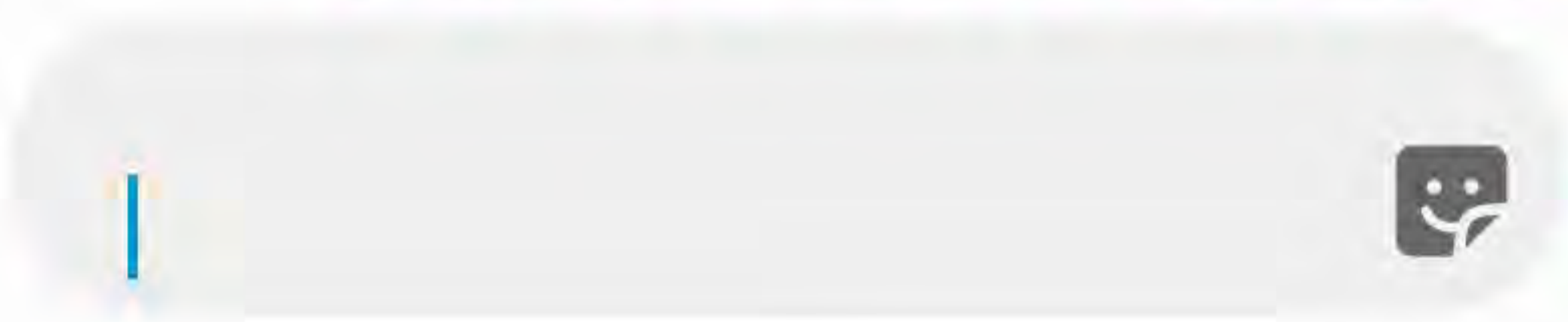
4:02 pm



And also stick to your knitting - others have to own theirs- don't own it for them

4:03 pm

Thanks Sarah. Just remember what I decided as Ops Mgr. If



< Ian Angus



Sunday, 18 July 2021



Ok. If needed Kirstie and I can speak with MOC

2:49 pm

2:58 pm

It would be good if I could dial you in on this afternoon's call, if I can figure that out.

2:59 pm

Mike advised me that the minister has a high level of confidence in you personally!



Ok. Can be on call if needed. Kirstie to arrange scenarios discussion with TAG tonight or tomorrow. I suggest make MOC aware on this, that might be a very emotive scene after the TAG and MOC might be lobbied at scene. Good to hear on note of support on me.

3:02 pm



Great. Will be ready

3:42 pm

Monday, 19 July 2021



Hey can you and Elizabeth sort out who I am to come with?



< Ian Angus



Monday, 19 July 2021



Hey can you and Elizabeth sort out who I am to comms with?



12:16 pm

Yes. For now I would say report to me but keep her in the loop as you think best. I will talk to her post MOC visit

1:33 pm



Cool. Sent text to Elizabeth too. Just swamped out here. Kirstie will assist with the TAG off site for today, perhaps tomorrow. Ill try manage on site events.

1:38 pm

Thursday, 22 July 2021



Rest up. Great work to get us to this point. Ian

8:14 pm

Thanks mate. Hard work eh. Great stuff from the team on the ground today. Thanks for all you have done

8:18 pm



< Mike Slater



Sunday, 11 July 2021

FYI. Live orca calf stranded at Pimmerton this afternoon. DOC staff on hand. Attempted to find pod today but no joy. Whale Rescue caring for it overnight with Ingrid Visser incoming tonight.

Will attempt to find pod tomorrow and reunite them. If no luck will reassess situation

7:23 pm



Ok thanks Jack-good to have Ingrid involved. Good luck for morning to reunite everyone. Cheers Mike

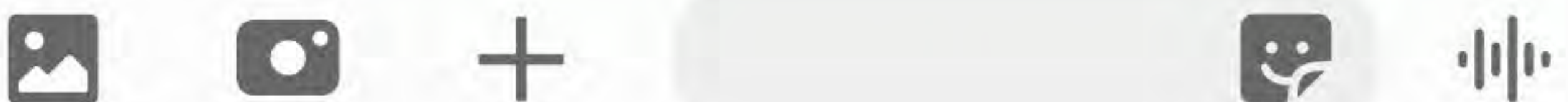
7:33 pm

Thanks Mike, will look to head down there

7:33 pm

Tuesday, 13 July 2021

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< Mike Slater



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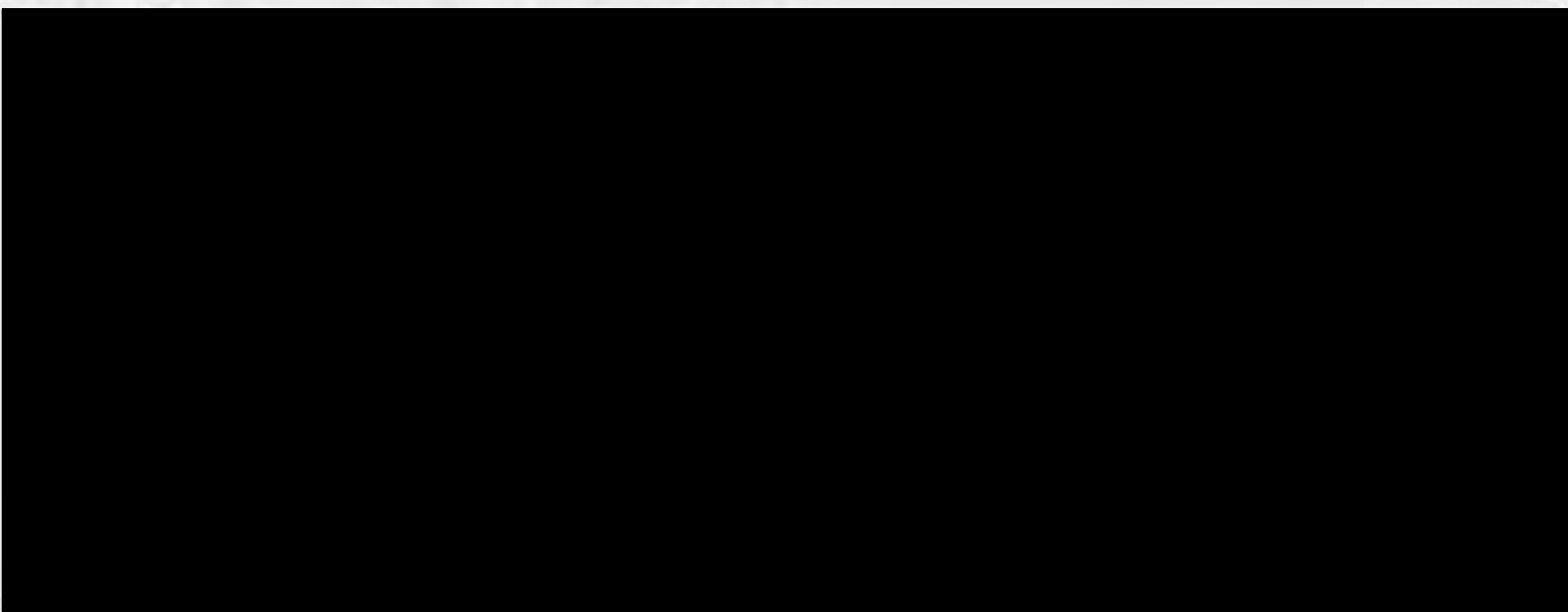
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5:22 pm


Sunday, 18 July 2021



Thanks Jack
Definitely good idea to bring Ian Angus to this call.



Sing out if you need further support. I'm flying back to Wgtn about 7pm but should be availabl

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12:53 pm



Thanks. All flights ex Rotorua



< Mike Slater

12:53 pm, 18 Jul



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Cheers Mike



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< Mike Slater



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12:53 pm

Thanks. All flights ex Rotorua have just been canceled for next two days. Working on alternatives but I may well be stuck here.

1:21 pm




Ok-cant do much about that. What is road transport like?

1:41 pm

We have managed to reschedule ex Hamilton at 0810 so all good.

2:01 pm

Minister's preference is for me to call her today which I will do in an hour or so. She is very keen to go to site -  suggesting I may be unable to dissuade her - and willing to wear some flak for that. So will just have to ensure she understands our context. We have Sarah Owen on-site today and

2:33 pm

 View all



And Len will be back on site



< Mike Slater



2:33 pm

2:34 pm

And Ian will be back on site tomorrow too so a few safe pairs of hands

Monday, 19 July 2021



Hi Jack
How did Ministers discussion on Orca go?

7:57 am

7:59 am

Good. She will look to visit tomorrow afternoon and hear what people have to say but is clear any decisions will be operational.

8:00 am

Sarah Owen lead on planning her visit. I will try to travel out eith MOC if not will meet there.

8:04 am

Understand you are at Ponui this Mon/Tues with SLT



Yes-we are out at SLT for next 2 days. There will be limited contact but should be able to respond to some things in our



< Mike Slater



8:04 am

Understand you are at Ponui this Mon/Tues with SLT




Yes-we are out at SLT for next 2 days. There will be limited contact but should be able to respond to some things in our breaks.
Cheers

9:28 am

9:33 am


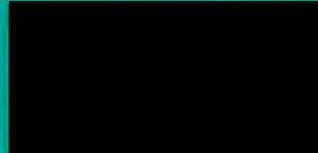
No worries, we should have everything under control but will reach out if needed.

5:45 pm

Minister visit went well. I am going to do some work tomorrow on reshaping the back end (media, advice) with Elizabeth Heeg, Bron Saunders, 

Tuesday, 20 July 2021

2:09 pm

 has not been able to raise Lian. So have stood him down and will ask  to cover this week as she knows the team.



If I need someone for next



< Mike Slater



[Redacted]

2:10 pm

If I need someone for next week it would be good to talk through who would suit - [Redacted] is happy to be on standby but I can approach others with some direction

3:25 pm

[Redacted] I'll carry on running operation and await further instruction!

Thursday, 22 July 2021

2:18 pm

Call me when you are available. Can give you current plan. I will hold on this a little longer - needs me to front decision then Reg can pick up implementation

5:44 pm

Meeting now tomortoe AM. All good tonight. Orca moved back to seapen



Ok thanks.-Ill be back in office tommorrow myself by about 10.00am. Cheers Mike

5:44



< Elizabethh Heeg




Monday, 12 July 2021



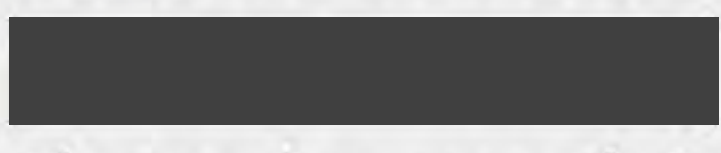
Kia ora, MOC office phoned and said she was keen to visit, Ian advised against at this time. Give me a call if you need to discuss. Thanks Elizabeth

3:56 pm

3:59 pm

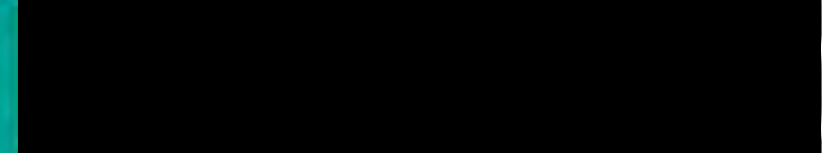
Ok great,  called me earlier but good to hear



United front! Poor little orca,  Let me know if there's anything else we can do to help.

4:11 pm

5:50 pm

Thanks
I went down today and lots of people there but all pretty calm. Had a good chat with Ingrid - happy for her to run things under watch of our ranger and in consultation with tech team (vets and ). Will evolve pretty quickly so really appreciate your team's help!



6:12 pm



< Kevin O'Connor



Thursday, 22 July 2021

2:38 pm

[Redacted]



[Redacted]

3:07 pm

3:07 pm

[Redacted]

3:08 pm

Will aim to have advice to you for a decision tomorrow. Aiming to socialize our tech advice with iwi, whale rescue, vets...

...see where we agree, and where we don't, capture the different views clearly for you to understand and decide on

3:09 pm

Hold fast to principles of transparency, good faith, ensuring iwi and expert voices heard by decision maker.



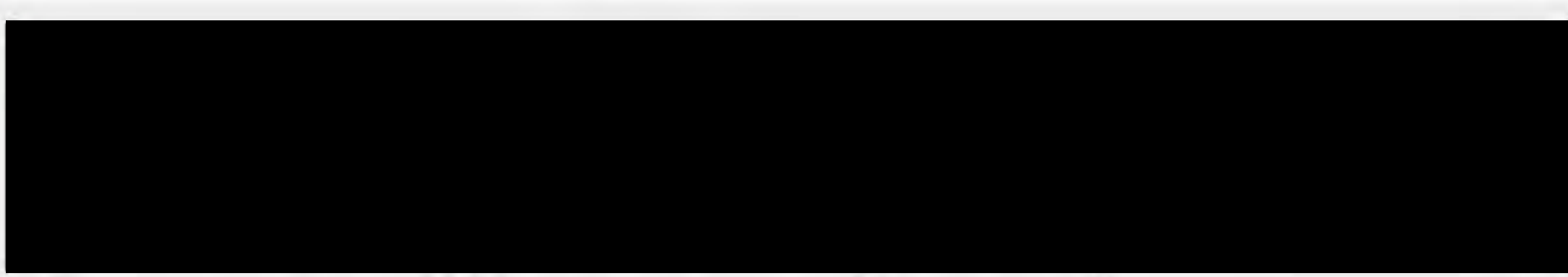
[Redacted]

Keep up the good work

3:15 pm



< Kevin O'Connor



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3:15 pm

Roger. Have agreed with Reg that I will continue to front through options and decision, once that is communicated he will assume operational lead and I will step out for a few days. Will see how it looks tonight/tomorrow.

3:16 pm



Great thanks

3:22 pm

Saturday, 24 July 2021




Kia ora Jack. have just returned from Plimerton , general clean up underway and likely rescue teams and infrastructure will be all gone by 4pm and everything going well.
U have done a sterling job throughout many thanks . Please have a decent break b 4 u even think about coming back to work, u need

 View all



5:54 pm



 Kevin O'Connor

5:54 pm, 24 Jul



Kia ora Jack. have just returned from Plimerton , general clean up underway and likely rescue teams and infrastructure will be all gone by 4pm and everything going well. U have done a sterling job throughout many thanks . Please have a decent break b 4 u even think about coming back to work, u need it and deserve it.
Well done and take care
Kevin



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Thursday, 15 July 2021

Can you text through photo of CIMS structure please

1:45 pm



Here it is...

Dave H

MMS 1:52 pm

2:06 pm

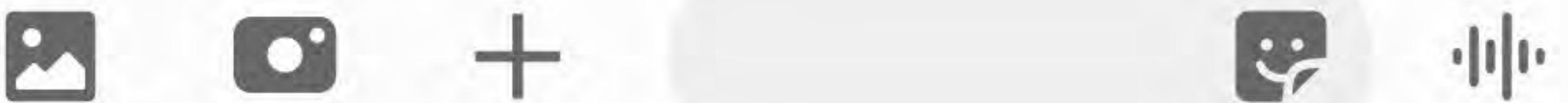
Thanks

Monday, 26 July 2021



Hi Jack

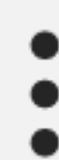
Reg discussed a debrief for participating agencies possibly later this week.





Dave Hunt


8:33 am, 26 Jul



Hi Jack

Reg discussed a debrief for participating agencies possibly later this week.

I was thinking thu fri.

Ian Angus suggested flying Ingrid down for the debrief then organise a technical debrief on the same day or following day. Our vet  is here for the week as well and would be a good support for Ian.

I will build a list and can you check the names for the participating organisations.

Dave H



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When do you want to catch up?

I think Ian Angus should also join if available. You are the Responsible business owner so have the call.

Dave H

8:20 am

Later on this morning- have 2 x meeting then need to catch up on where we are up to

8:21 am

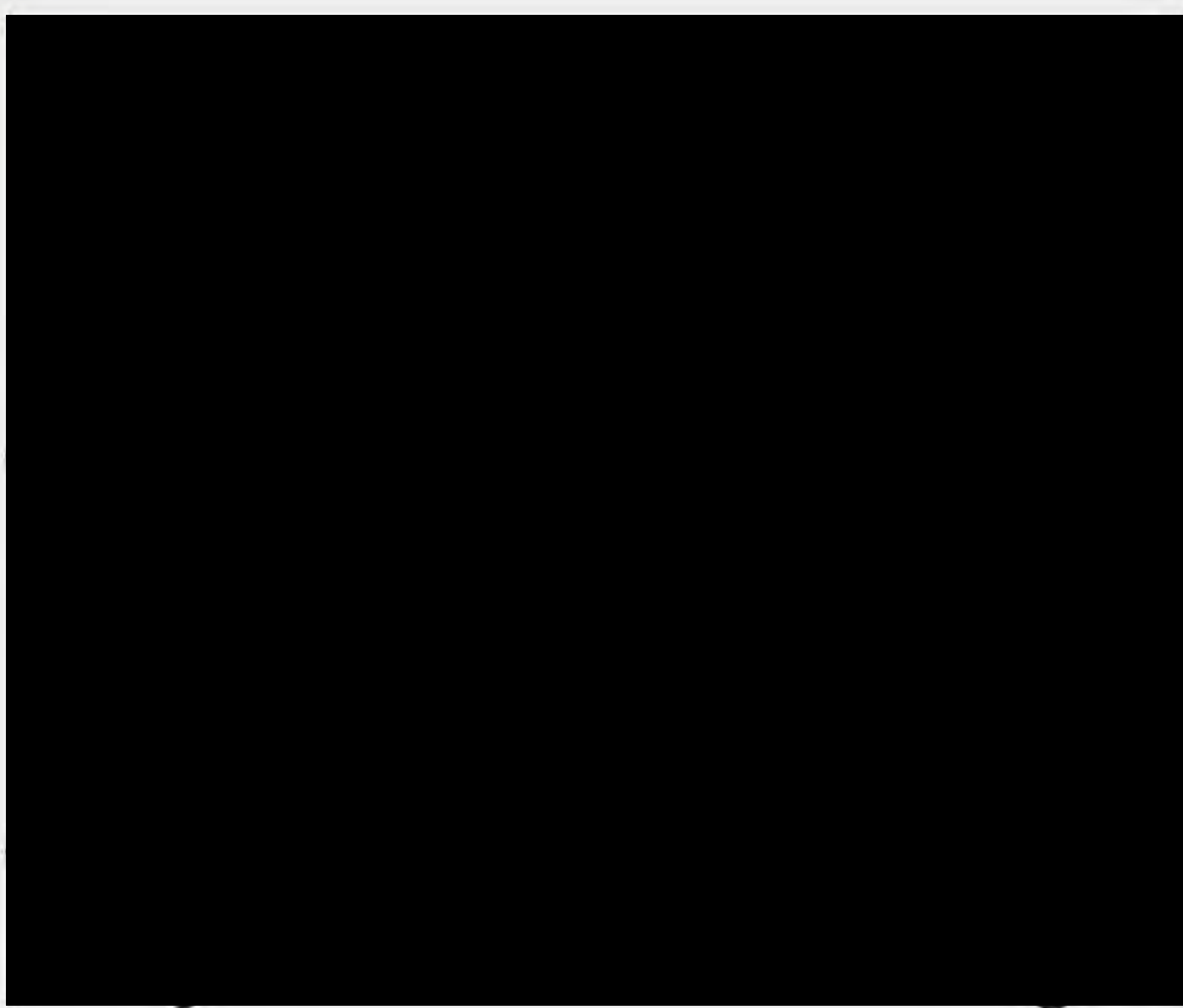


Ok

I have a draft note I can send you.

D

9:06 am



12:07 pm





Thursday, 22 July 2021



Hi Jack, [REDACTED] here. The move went well to the sea pen and just tidying up the site tonight/tomorrow. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] put in an awesome effort today. [REDACTED] was an awesome help with getting things on track too. No need to reply mate, just an update that I thought might give some relief

8:31 pm

Thanks mate. It is looking better and better out there. Sounds like a great call made by Kirsty today too. Thanks for stepping up too mate!


8:34 pm



Yes, she's doing great, good call bringing her in. Always keen to help our patch where I can


8:58 pm





< Dave SMITH





Thursday, 15 July 2021


4:02 pm Still chasing admin/finance. I'll get them to connect with  RE details?

 D Yes please 4:05 pm

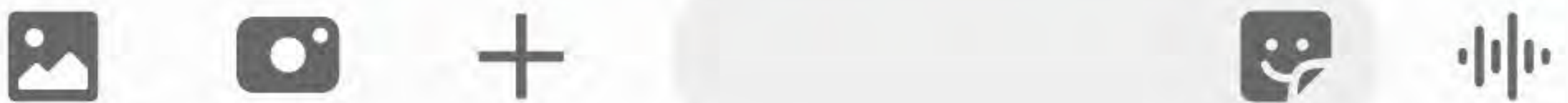
4:13 pm Ok have someone from local admin, will connect them to 

 D Starting the transfer! So far so good 8:36 pm

Roger. Good luck. How is the weather - still building?
8:37 pm Public now excluded eh?

 D Yep public excluded, security guard on for the night. 8:38 pm

Awesome. Good work today- was really great to just see everything humming. Let me go to WLG and give DDGs a sense



< Dave SMITH



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8:38 pm

Awesome. Good work today- was really great to just see everything humming. Let me get to WLG and give DDGs a sense of confidence

8:39 pm

D

Weather building, might have been OK til morning but safer to go now not middle of night

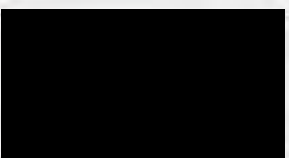
8:40 pm

Yes, good call, much better early while people are fresh. Hard to make margin calls when people are tired and on night watch. Good to be able to get people...

...out of the wx too.

8:41 pm

D

 is going to overnight, good for us to have a face here and a contact point for Ingrid

8:43 pm

Good thinking..trust you'll get some shut eye yourself. Have you been able to arrange local accom up that way?

8:44 pm



D

Back to CRD in an hour I'd



< Dave SMITH



8:44 pm

Good thinking..trust you'll get some shut eye yourself. Have you been able to arrange local accom up that way?



Back to CBD in an hour I'd guess, no local options. Hooking up hiab for lift into pool now

8:50 pm



Toa safely in the pool

9:07 pm

9:11 pm

Excellent. Good work to the team. Thanks for updates - really appreciated.

Friday, 16 July 2021

This from Rachael Bruce at 0700:

"Hi Jack. Sorry for the early text. My husband is on orca security and he has rung to say there is only one DOC staff member there and is struggling with the media. She might need some reinforcements."

7:31 am

Sorry just saw r



< Dave SMITH



7:31 am

Sorry just saw now



5 mins away

7:54 am

All good. Rach says Ian is on site and has mollified them with a statement- that they were unhappy about being restricted

So may just need media liaison to do some work on them today!

7:55 am



Only one crew been here this morning, tvnz live cross

8:05 am

8:06 am

Good.

2:33 pm

I am going to be offline shortly while in the air to Rotorua, coming back on around 1600.

2:34 pm

Scratch that flight delay, will be incommunicado 1510-1630



Hi Jack
Can we book you in for a call Sunday afternoon - talk with me Sarah, Ian about decision



< Dave SMITH



2:34 pm

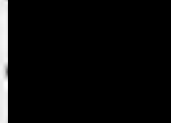
Scratch that flight delay, will be incommunicado [1510-1630](tel:15101630)



Hi Jack
Can we book you in for a call Sunday afternoon - talk with me Sarah, Ian about decision process. Dave

4:46 pm



Keen to check an imminent media release with you.  also emailing it

5:06 pm

5:40 pm

Roger

5:46 pm

Thanks that looks all good. Where are we up to with the media Q and A?

5:47 pm

Sunday my flight is 1330 so a time before 1230 would be best if possible

5:48 pm

Bless Dave Hunt and his IAP with "vegetation type" on page 2!



I should read them properly ...

5:49 pm



< Dave SMITH



Everything ok on site - is media manageable without a dedicated wrangler?

3:01 pm



Yep don't think we've had any media on site today. Working up a just in case media release if needed for health decline

3:05 pm

3:20 pm

Great. Any signs of decline?



No, seems all good health

3:26 pm

3:26 pm



Update call?

5:42 pm

Sunday, 18 July 2021



Hi Jack
You should have a teams invite now

10:59 am

10:59 am

Ok will log



< Dave SMITH



[Redacted]

now

10:59 am

10:59 am

Ok will log in

Spoke to [Redacted] and gave her situation. She will look at getting me an oral briefing slot tomorrow 1030, ideally I would take Ian Angus.

MOC will also get my number to call tonight if she wishes. Sarah if we could have briefing to her today would be good - I can sign it out

12:35 pm

D

No worries

2:54 pm

D

I'll call you back.

4:50 pm

4:51 pm

Will call minister shortly, just keen to know of any update especially regarding TAG, Ingrid, iwi

Expect Minister approx 1430 for up to 60 min. She has spoken direct to Ngati Toa ([Redacted] the



< Dave SMITH



Expect Minister approx 1430 for up to 60 min. She has spoken direct to Ngati Toa ([redacted] the enviro mgr) as well FYI.

I'll touch base with [redacted] (private sec) in the morning, once we have spoken post-TAG

6:32 pm



Debbie Ngarewa Packer MP and Ngati Toa, volunteering tomorrow 6-8am

6:53 pm

Ok very good to know, I will need to give Min office a heads up on that.

Is she volunteering in-water, or? And with Ngati Toa?

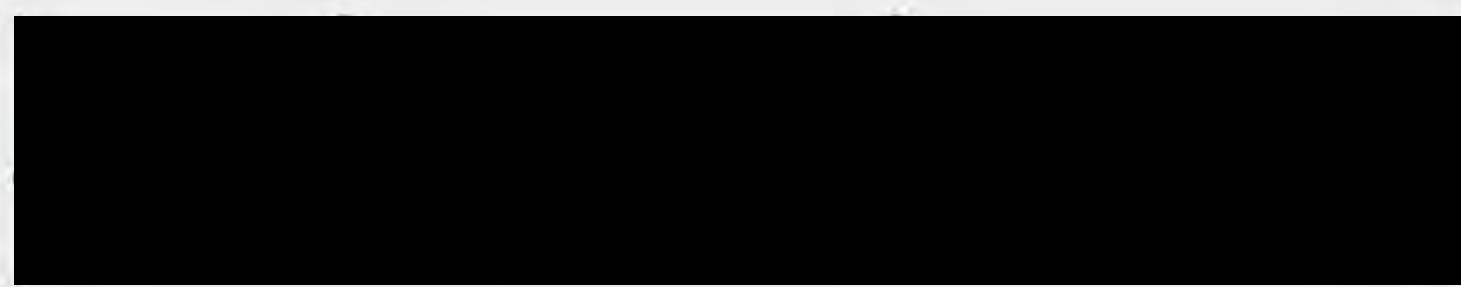
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I got this from Angus. Believe she is in the pool and is a member of Ngati Toa

7:00 pm

7:06 pm



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< Dave SMITH




 7:09 pm

Ha

7:16 pm

Volunteer roster being run by Whaje Rescus with us on safety oversight eh?

7:17 pm

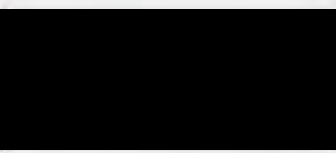


PS yes ar sond point tomorrow i need to meet all my ops mgrs and exude what work we will.actisly do this year...fun

D

Yep we are doing oversight on safety


7:19 pm

D

 and  will try to be available for 230pm.  mentioned Debbie N P too, but but wasn't sure if she was still coming

8:11 pm

8:13 pm

Ok good - having them there will be really good. Minister has apparently also spoken to  from Ngati Toa about visit. I'll check kn with Angus HM 2moro





< Dave SMITH





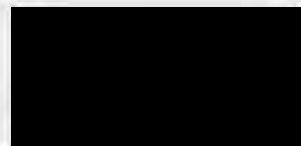
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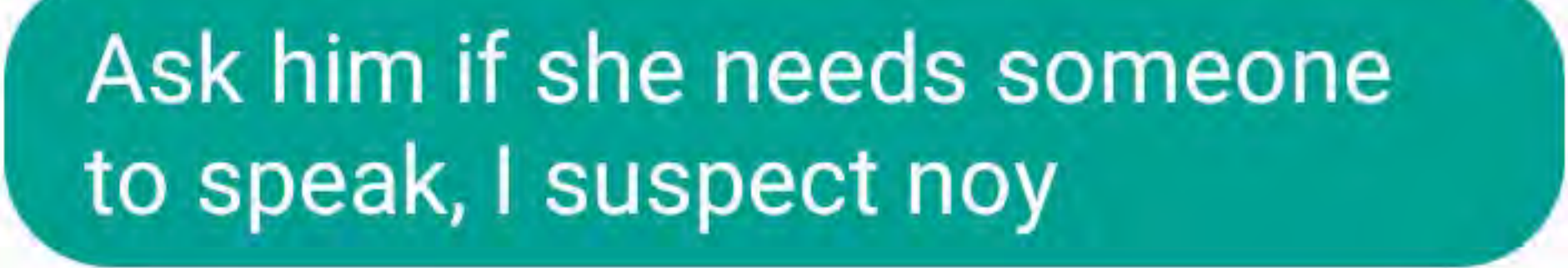
 Toa all good overnight. TAG meeting underway. 9:28 am


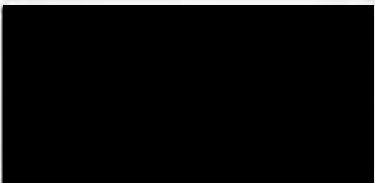
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 OK for a call? 11:15 am


 Coming to the boat club.  or someone will do a mihi whakatau when you arrives 12:05 pm

12:05 pm 

12:06 pm 

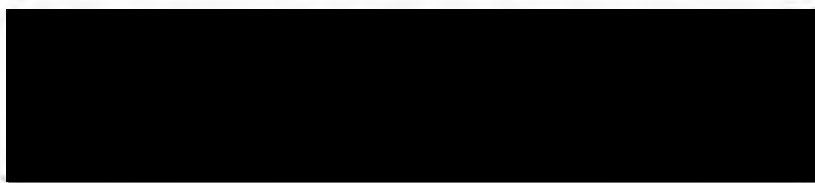
  says fine for her to speak 12:09 pm

12:23 pm 

 Other point with not swimming



< Dave SMITH



12:23 pm

Ka pai





Other point with not swimming is publicly breaching the guidelines we set up re number of swimmers

12:40 pm

Ok. If she us adamant about getting in we will need to get another swimmer out

12:46 pm



Yep, but ingrid may say it doesn't matter 


12:49 pm

👍 if MOC wants to get in still I will let her know

12:49 pm



12:52 pm

Tuesday, 20 July 2021

Any possibility of boat op today?
And how is planning around a boat op?

9:22 am



< Dave SMITH



Tuesday, 20 July 2021

9:22 am

Any possibility of boat op today?
And how is planning around a
boat op?



Yep possible but narrow window
to spot verify and transfer

9:23 am



Toa good overnight

9:24 am

9:24 am

Ok. What is timing looking like
for potential op? There is some
decision making that I need to
do before that happens



Ok for a call?

9:46 am



I'll call you back.

9:56 am

12:53 pm

How are we looking RE potential
boat op - I assume increasingly
unlikely today?



Yep, no current tracking,
increasingly unlikely

12:53



< Dave SMITH



Yep, no current tracking, increasingly unlikely

12:54 pm

12:57 pm

Ok - thanks



Still off. 2pm cut off for acting on verified sighting. WWF thing resolved itself. Keen to re-discuss the overland to Wgtn option.

1:39 pm

Have done some work to get back end tidied up. Me as overall response lead with Elizabeth, Bronwyn, Sarah, you in lead roles. Meeting at 5pm for a stand up.

If you are free before then call and I will run you through structure

4:42 pm



Just waiting for Ian to join us

5:58 pm



Any time

6:19 pm

Thursday, 22 July 2021



< Dave SMITH



4:42 pm

structure

D

Just waiting for Ian to join us

5:58 pm

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Any time

6:19 pm

Thursday, 22 July 2021

Hey mate

Hope you got home safe. Pretty interesting day on site today but we are still all together.

6:44 pm

Thanks for all your help over the last week - you did a really great job establishing order out of chaos and holding people together in very very hard circumstances

6:45 pm

I owe you one...or two!

D

No worries, thanks for the chance to be part of it. I reckon tapestry of experiences is a great part of life, and this sure will be one of those for me!

7:01 pm



< Bronwyn SAUND...



Friday, 16 July 2021

12:44 pm

Can you call me RE Q and A

Wednesday, 21 July 2021

B

Be good to catch up for quick chat. Just talked to Elizabeth about spelling Ian with either kirsty or kris. Need tech advisor to keep people calm that plan remains same in trying to reunite. Not urgent .

For media spokesperson I should say

11:58 am





Tuesday, 13 July 2021



Hi Jack, [redacted] here, Sue told me you had an orca calf, I'm happy to supply advise if you need it and aware you've got Ingrid to work with, cheers [redacted]

6:03 pm

Thursday, 15 July 2021

Thanks for your advice and help. I put up the balloon yesterday and got Dave Smith down as IC with [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] so some good hands

8:15 pm

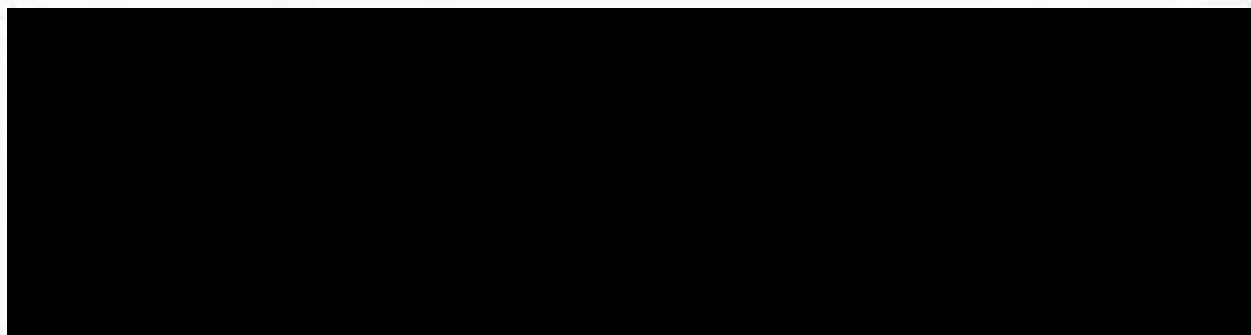
Looks like getting that extra muscle in has really helped get some order in and work underway. Still a bit of water to go but touch wood we have some structure

8:16 pm



Thats awesome had to travel today so was listening to the updates on the national radio, reports over the say demonstrated progress and order you in the nose in hands



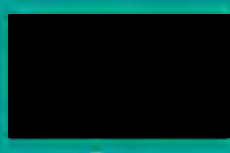


Thats awesome had to travel today so was listening to the updates on the national radio, reports over the say demonstrated progress and order, you in the nose in, hands out role yet as Dave calls it

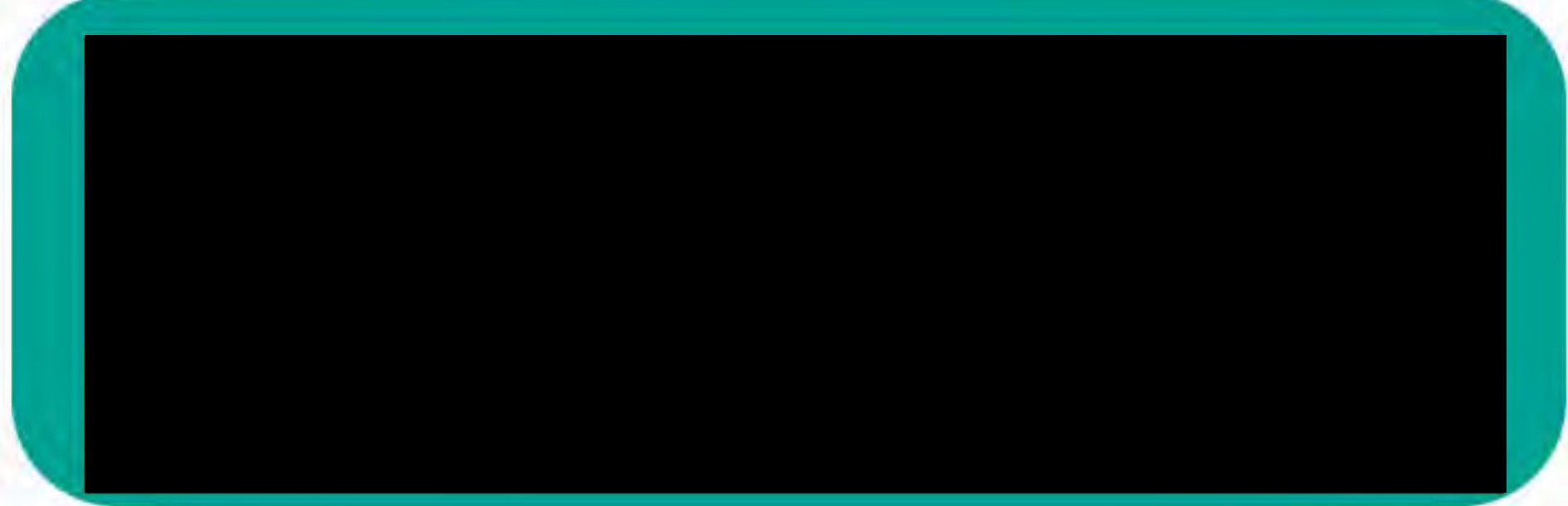
8:20 pm

Yep I was able to hand over this morning, Ingrid was very sad to see me go! But Dave Smith has a lovely manner and will keep it together. Was great to see...

8:22 pm

...them all humming and I could leave confidently. Let me get down to WLG just in time to take over the meeting  Mike and Elizabeth Heeg had called lol

8:23 pm



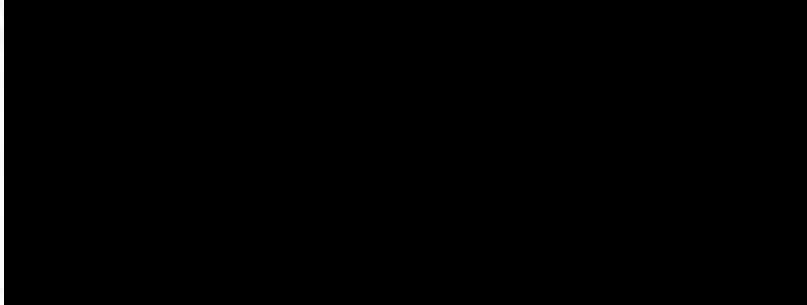
8:24 pm



Well done mate, it takes time to get to the level of thinking needed hopefully you'll get some time in with your family, take care

8:27 pm





Sunday, 11 July 2021



Howdy Jack, we got a baby orca stranding at Plimmerton near the marae that's becoming a likely scenario for euthanising. [redacted] is on Standby coordinating, if you need more information. [redacted]

2:36 pm



Do you care if Project Jonah and other volunteers stay with the whale overnight if the refloating is unsuccessful?

4:39 pm

6:16 pm

Sorry just saw these texts now. No, no concerns, let me know how things go

Good job today. Tomorrow AM can you make sure you have someone confident there as early as possible - [redacted] or similar. Ian will make sure someone from his team is available to support.

Work in with Ingrid/whale rescue to try and locate pod - if they want to pay a plane to go up there...





6:16 pm

Sorry just saw these texts now. No, no concerns, let me know how things go

Good job today. Tomorrow AM can you make sure you have someone confident there as early as possible - or similar. Ian will make sure someone from his team is available to support.

7:25 pm

Work in with Ingrid/whale rescue to try and locate pod - if they want to pay a plane to go up thats good but Dave and could go out in boat as well.

Call or from Ngati Toa in the morning too and make sure they are aware.

7:27 pm

I will call in the morning to touch base - I'm happy to head down to Plimmerton tomorrow if needed, may look to do so mid morning if its all still go



Thanks Jack. Will do.


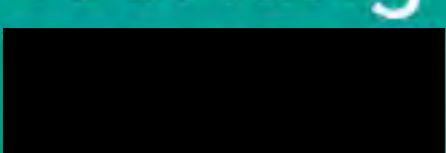
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< Angus HULME-...




Monday, 19 July 2021

How's everything with Ngati Toa RE the orca? Is runanga happy with Hongoeka representing? Working well with  and 

FYI Minister called   who she knows, last night. MOC aiming to visit 1430 today

7:50 am

I'll call you back.

Sorry just on plane, about to start taxi.

8:14 am

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Cool


8:14 am

I'll call you back.

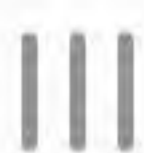
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Tuesday, 20 July 2021

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Apologies from me. Just need to be in Ops meeting.  will come for us

Hey checking you got the



< Angus HULME-...




Apologies from me. Just need to be in Ops meeting.  will come for us



9:02 am

9:02 am

Ok

Wednesday, 21 July 2021



I have a couple of questions when you have space

9:38 am

Thursday, 22 July 2021



Ive got some thoughts on the iwi contribution this arvo. Ring if you have space

8:58 am

10:12 am

Will do.



Howd you go? I was thinking of you

5:58





Me

10:18 pm, 19 Jul

**(No subject)**

Hey [REDACTED], Kirstie here. So sorry I didn't get to say goodbye today. Full of good intentions to walk round and thank the crew then, as is the way, dramas happened and time flew. I got to wave bye to Ingrid and had brief chat with [REDACTED] before the big race back to take over kid wrangling duty so thats good.

I'm offsite now with Ian tagging back in and will be focussing on TAG tasks (on top of day job). I've looped you in as TAG member so you can keep Ingrid updated and if not already seen there is a email from [REDACTED] with decision framework suggestion. Thanks heaps for taking notes. If you get a chance to fire those through tonight/early tomorrow that would be awesome. No stress if not as ill get one of my peeps to do it. (Just thought a head start would help timewise.)

Good luck people wrangling - fo keep the dic team informed and they can do the bad cop routine.

Thanks again.

Kirstie



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Kirstie's texts

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Saturday, 17 July 2021



Morning Kirstie, hope you are doing well this morning. Are we able to request someone films behaviour at a feed? Would be helpful to help understand the level of habituation that is occurring.

10:56 am


Yep will pass onto Ian. I'm not on duty till 2pm. Glad we're looking more at habituation. Sounds like we're slowly making moves to euthanasia?? Will fund out more later.

11:00 am



Ah sorry! Thank you. Yep TAG team have been severely concerned about habituation from day one. Sounds good. Let me know if I can help support those conversations at all.

11:01 am

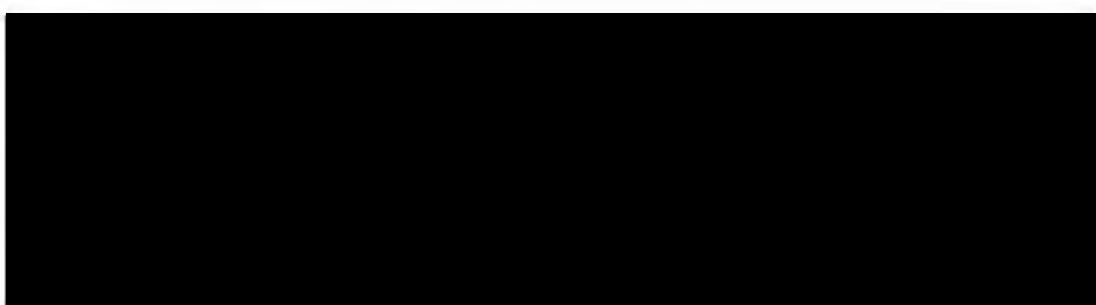
Thanks  Will update when I know more.

11:03 am



Sorry me again (I dont have Ian's number). IWC are setting up a





11:03 am

Know here.



Sorry me again (I dont have Ian's number). IWC are setting up a WhatsApp advisory group - **[redacted]** has offered to add me and anyone else on the DOC team as appropriate. Any thoughts on who is best to join that?

11:11 am

Me please at this stage. Ian crap on What'sApp hence the texts.

I'll let him know.

11:15 am



Hahaha done 😄

11:15 am

[redacted] trying to get footage from the Huha vets. Hearing them yesterday on call it sounds very habituated - peeing on request, immediate attention when food and nuzzling up for sleep??

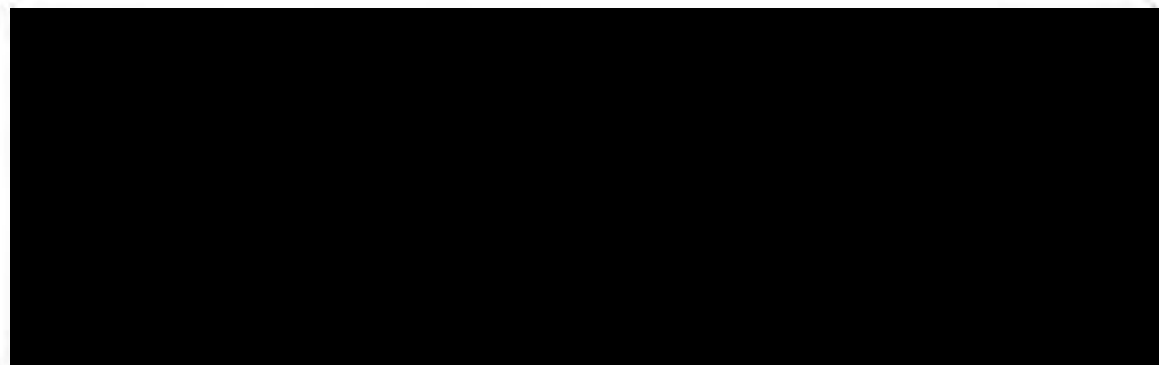
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Yep, my thoughts precisely from that call and not surprising given its age and the amount of over the top human interaction that has been occurring.

11:18 am





11:23 am

Hopefully IWC group can provide a collective statement to back us up. Easier to manage those on site relations if can refer to international pressure.

11:24 am

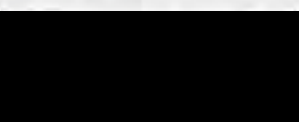
Is IFAW similarly on the case? Would they be in favor of captivity or euthanasia do you think?



Most definitely! International feedback has been unanimous


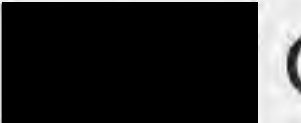
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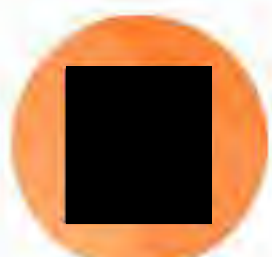
I forwarded you an email from  (IFAW) this morning. From day one she has been saying euthanasia is best.

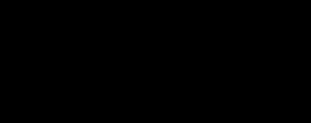
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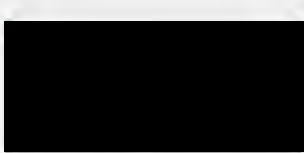
If you wanted  or  on the TAG I am sure they would be very happy to do so, they were also thinking of other internationals in the stranding community that would be good contacts outside of IFAW


11:26 am




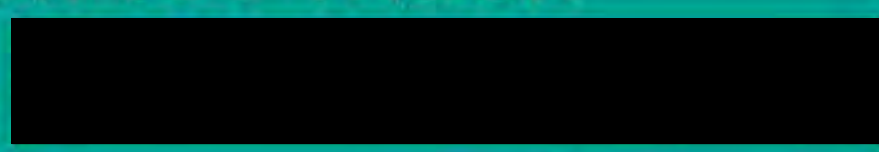
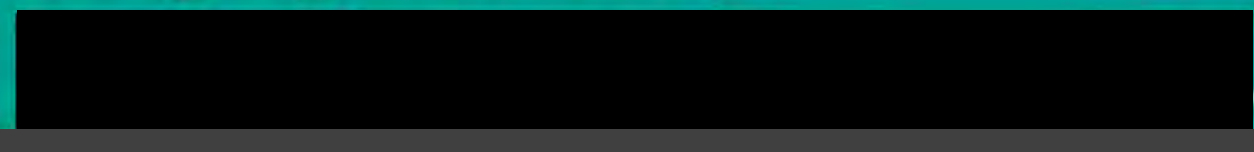
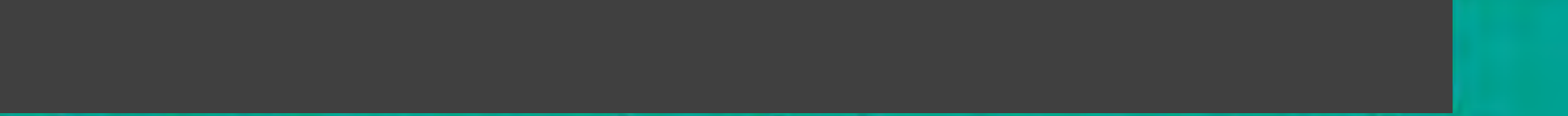

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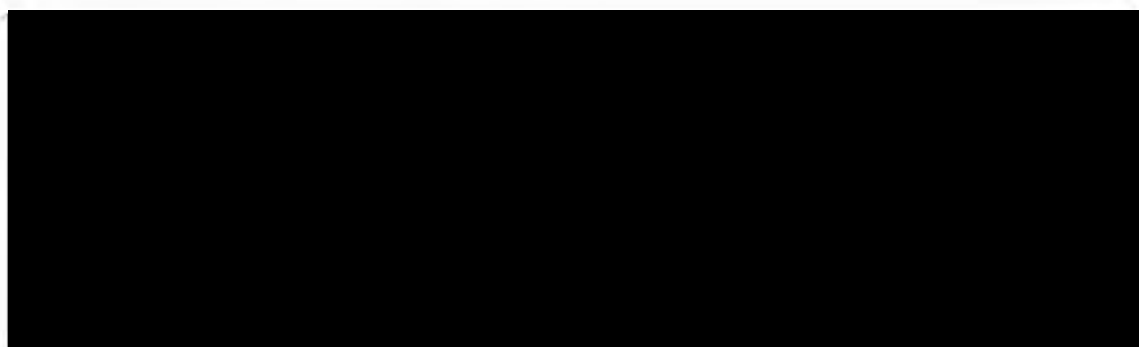


  has invited you to the group - couldn't directly add you for some reason so keep a look out for that invite 11:44 am

11:51 am Thanks . Could be good having IFAW. Will confirm w Ian and reach out if do, copying you in. Conscious were ucking up your time as a go between but greatly appreciated!!!!!!

 No worries! Very happy to be a go between especially easy when people like IFAW who I have a previous relationship with. Just thinking the International Fund for Animal WELFARE is a great team to have on board for challenging decision making. 12:05 pm

12:12 pm Ian not keen on too much engagement. 


Suggest we both keep quiet for now and not offer anything up until I get on site instruction. Both of us keen to help but not sure if wanted at this stage. Stand by. 
And thanks 😊



No worries! Standing by! You should have an IWC statement within a couple of hours at the most.

12:14 pm


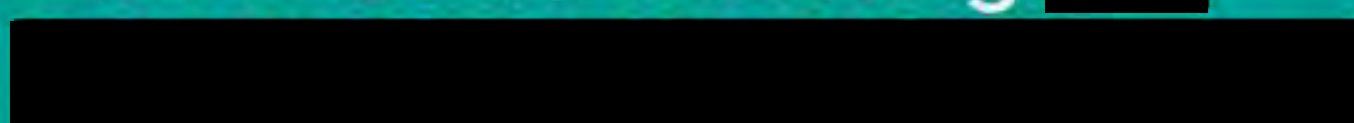

12:16 pm

Ok good to know.



Just a heads up, put of contact for 2 hrs...

3:59 pm

Can wait till morning. 

. Keen to pick yr brains and test back up plan of flying you up. If no then no but told to ask. Catch up in morning.

6:00 pm



Sorry out again now - can chat tonight if you like?

7:28 pm

No no let's catch up tomorrow. That ok?

7:32 pm



Absolutely!

7:33 pm



Sunday 18 July 2021





I am going to be unavailable today from 2-5ish. Around to help other than that! Let me know when you want to chat

9:04 am

9:06 am

Great. Just finishing it briefing.

9:18 am

Can you call when free?



Yep! I have terrible reception at home - will call on WhatsApp

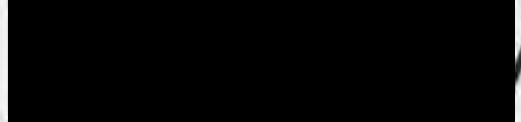
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Ooops, not calling through - says you are on a call - call me when you are free.


9:22 am



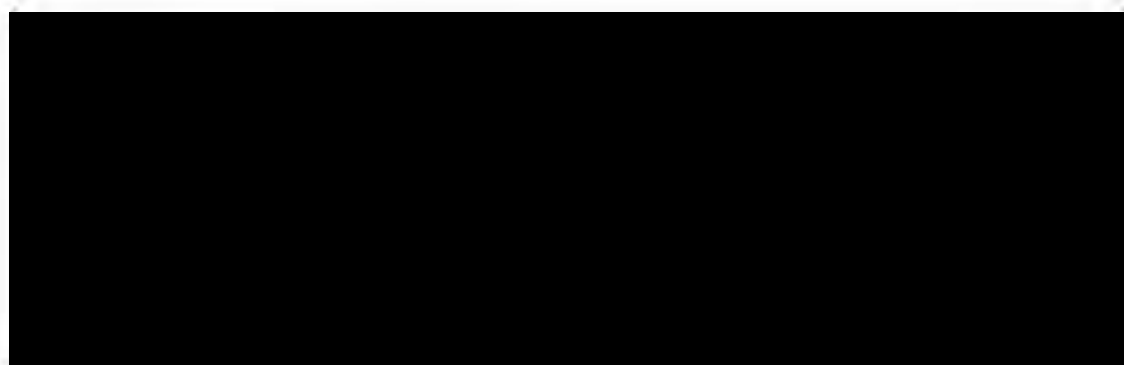
Sorry follow up questions why I was thinking coming up might be a good idea... Would having a DOC vet onsite help with making decisions and people feel heard? And follow up... If there was a pod sighting and the calf was going to be released then would need /myself close anyway to apply the

 View all



9:43 am 





9:51 am

Calling you in 5. Can you join key DOC decision meeting at 11?



Yep no worries!

9:52 am



Have just emailed you the collation of advice.

10:50 am



Focused on vet advice as that is my area of expertise. Haven't incorporated any of the IWC advice at this stage

10:51 am

10:54 am


Thanks will look now



Hopefully that meeting and the document I sent were helpful. Sounds like a good process to move forward. I am mostly out of reach now until 5. Just message anything you need and I will pick it up again as soon as I can

1:11 pm


1:30 pm


Thanks so much  Really hard to find time to update!!!



Not surprised! Sounds like you





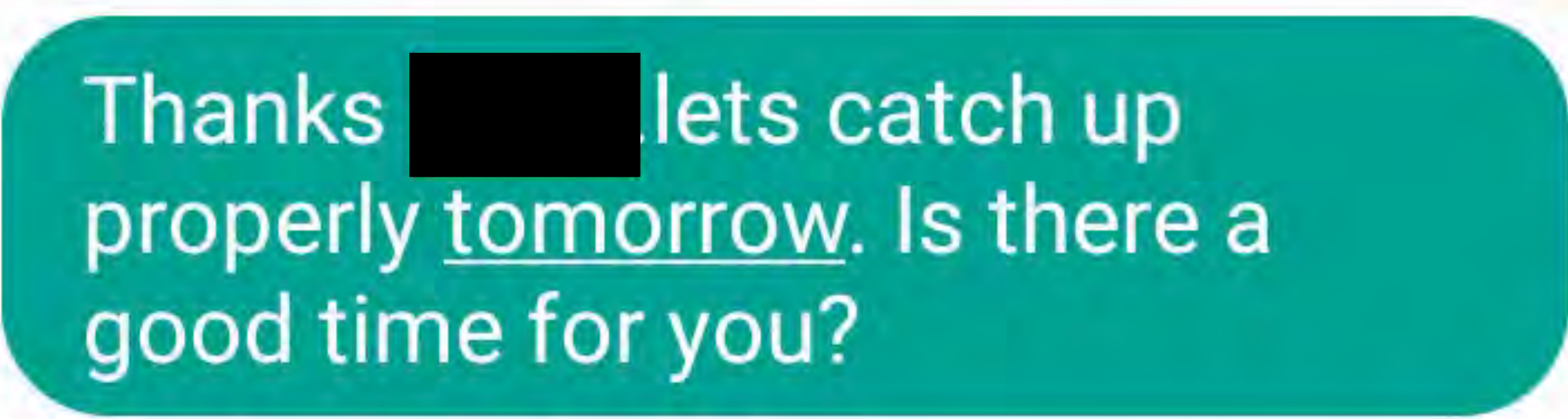
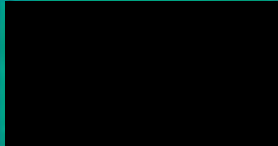
 Not surprised! Sounds like you are all doing an amazing job! 1:31 pm


 Wooohooo! Sounds like a full on day but lots of progress. Amazing work Kirstie 6:14 pm


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5:02 pm  I'll call you back.

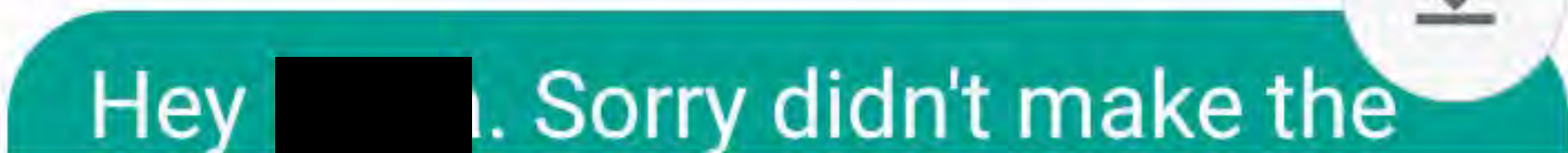


 Tag! Sorry was on the phone to  5:02 pm

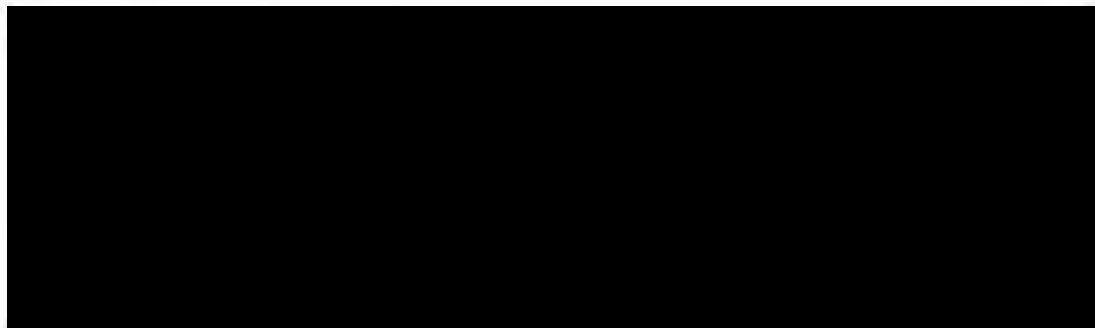
5:30 pm  Thanks  lets catch up properly tomorrow. Is there a good time for you?

 Sometime between 11 and 12? 5:52 pm

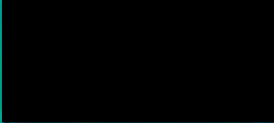
5:56 pm 

Wednesday, 21 July 2021

 Hey . Sorry didn't make the 



Wednesday, 21 July 2021

Hey  Sorry didn't make the vet mtg. Can you please flick me a vet update for director 5pm meeting.

4:31 pm




All stable, OK to release in next 24 hrs should opportunity arise assuming all goes well overnight. No major health concerns, no more Colic. Investigating NZ vet specialist help to look at eye and maybe abdominal ultrasound. Not due to major concerns but good to do if ongoing

4:35 pm

6:00 pm

Thanks 

Thursday, 22 July 2021

 needed on site for 4:30 meeting. CN she try b there?

2:56 pm



Just landed, will ask if she hasn't replied via email

3:30 pm



Have asked

3:33 pm





3:34 pm

Thanks. If she can't the team on ground can set up Teams meet. Preference is in person though.



She doesn't think she can be on site but hopefully can be on teams

3:36 pm

3:37 pm

Roger




In the car but Google predicting 50 mins to get to you

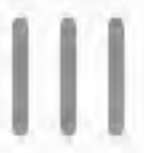
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Don't stress they know it'll be a while. Just take care on these wet roads!!

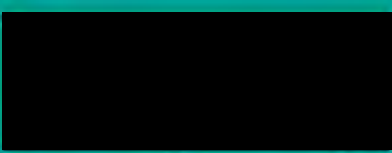
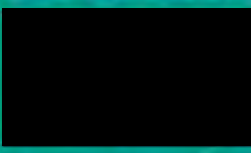
Saturday, 24 July 2021

Hey  Thinking of you. Hope you're ok. All pretty rough. Thank you so so much for all your support and advice. Glad you could be here but sad too. Assume you'll be on your way home if not home already. Safe journey and no doubt we'll be in touch next week. Kia kaha.





Thursday, 15 July 2021

Hey  Kirstie here. I've just been asked to step in for Ian this weekend from 2pm Saturday. Sounds like it'll be you and me/?? On the plus side we might (might) get to have some influence?

I'm standing back until requested but have been asked to be in plimmerton for briefing at 2pm.



Plea


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4:19 pm



Awesome, thanks for joining the team! I think its primarily me on call for technical advice but  is also available for vet advice. I'm doing handover from  tomorrow afternoon so will figure out current situation then. I think there has been some stuff going on in the background that I'm not

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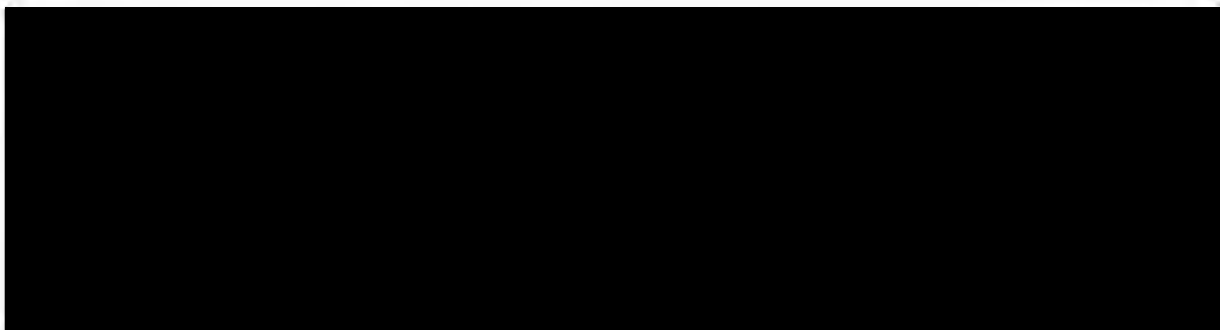


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Friday, 16 July 2021





Friday, 10 July 2021



They aren't trying to minimize interactions...

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Not with orca yoga no but that was kind my point!!

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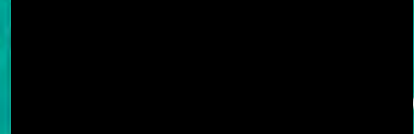
I'm still in interview so might be late to 3pm meeting sorry.



Ok

3:03 pm

4:29 pm

Hey . I've got more context on what's needed. I've got this. Its now about having the hard conversations. Go enjoy your party and have a chilled weekend.
You rock!!!



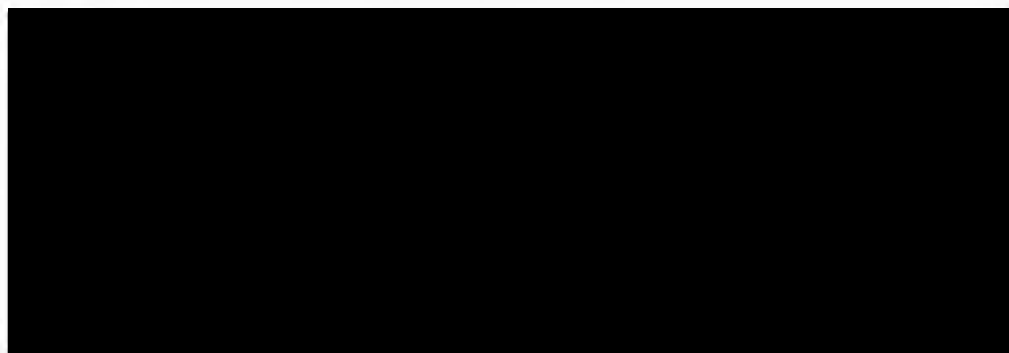
Sorry missed your calls. Been a bit non stop. Thanks for your support

I think we will be in good hands with you

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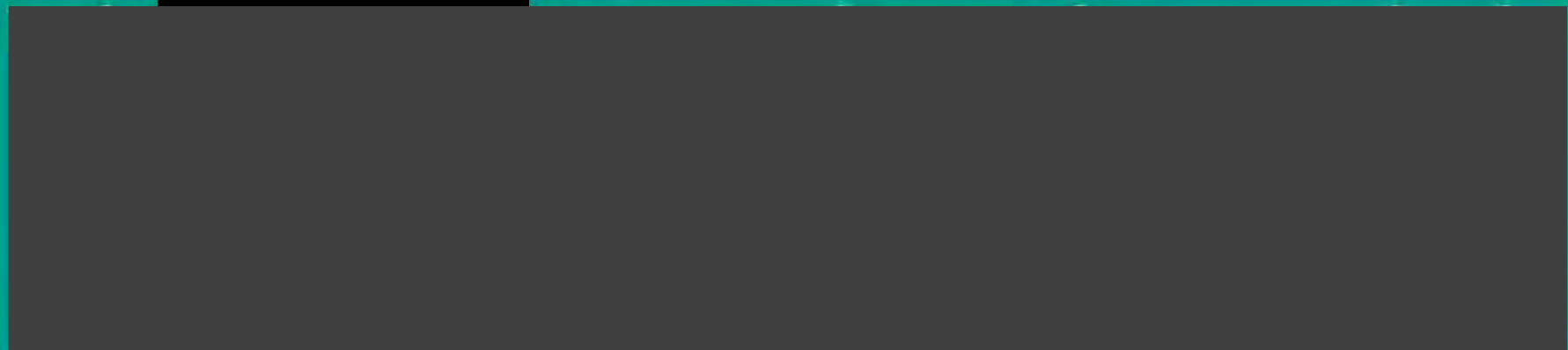
Ha. We'll see.
Sorry I didn't appreciate 1)





Wednesday, 21 July 2021

Hi , Kirstie here. 



Can you please ensure you keep me updated periodically with sightings updates. If a quick text or email with bullet points. One now would be good if possible but on site is full on so no stress

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9:58 am



Allgood Kirstie. No credible sightings of Orca pod around Wellington so far. More sightings of the pod with calves off the coast of Tauranga this morning. Cheers,




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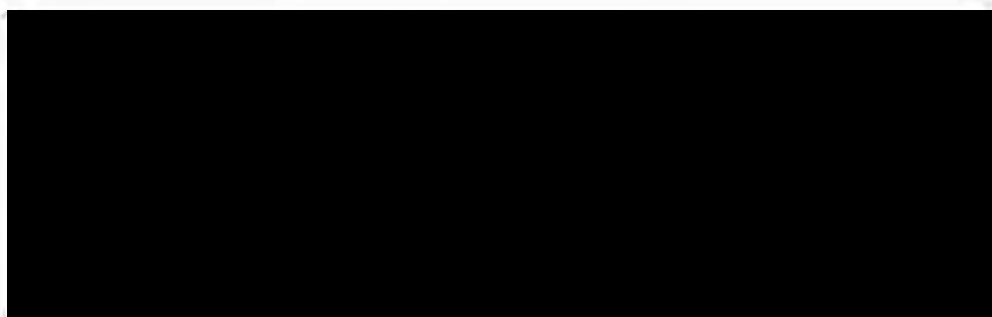


No sightings reported around Wellington since morning.. sighting records coming in from Pukekina beach in Bay of Plenty.


1:17 pm

Thanks . Great having this update





1:58 pm


Thanks . Great having thus update!



Lots of sighting reports from Tauranga and nearby areas today... but nothing from around Wellington. The pod in Tauranga have a calf with them.

6:32 pm

6:35 pm

Thanks  REALLY appreciate the regular intel 👍

Thursday, 22 July 2021



Quiet morning so far.. no sighting reports.

10:57 am



Sorry for not much intel today..been mostly a quiet day in terms of sighting reports...one sighting of a pod heading towards Brothers Island in the afternoon (reported by a fisherman).

8:44 pm

Friday, 23 July 2021

How's reporting today 





10:33 am

How's reporting today  ?



A few couple of sighting came through but yet to be confirmed. We are trying to get a plan in place to get going on active search area.

10:35 am

10:36 am

Good luck and thankyou!!! You're doing a great job 😊



A confirmed sighting of orca pod off Raumati south.. boats and aircrafts are being deployed

11:33 am

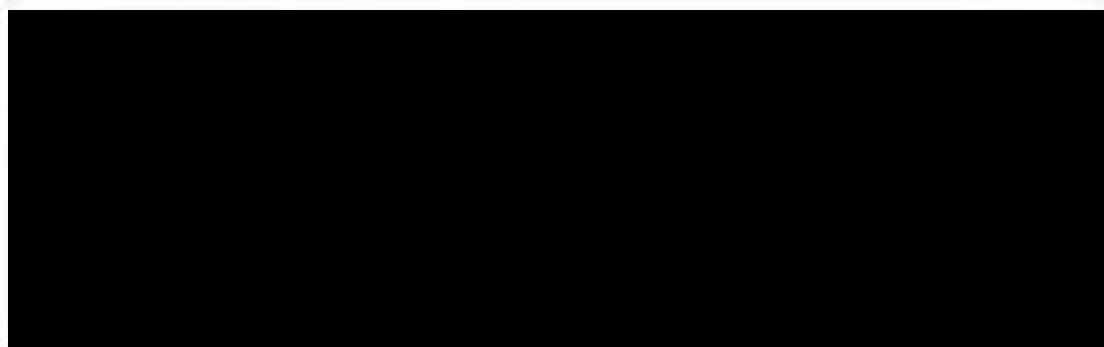
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A confirmed sighting from Raumati and Kapiti but air and water search yielded nothing...reports of orca from Owhiro bay and Welly Harbour towards the end of the day..Owhiro bay one was humback and only some rowers in Welly harbour

6:09 pm





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6:12 pm

Tuesday, 20 July 2021

Sorry  Was more a governance mtg. Keen to sit with you n Elizabeth next to run through tasks and plan what we do. Will sort time. Assume you're 100% on this so free all arvo?

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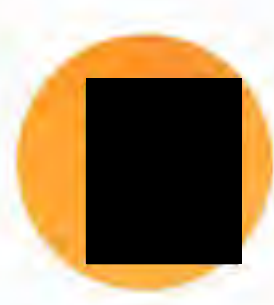
Elizabeth text: Mike Slater is asking if we can tag the pod so we don't lose them again, can you please include in scenario analysis

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Good thinking. I will include so





Good thinking. I will include so we can highlight the issues. Not a possible solution from my perspective.

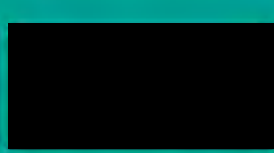
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Standing by as and when needed.

Wednesday, 21 July 2021

8:14 am

Morning . Can we catch up this morning make a plan for today? I should be free by 8:30.




8:30 is good

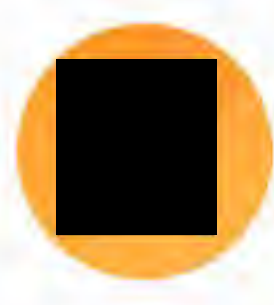
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Listening to  on rnz now. Listen in n chat after?

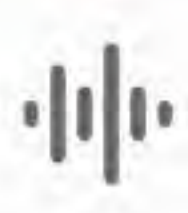


Sure

8:31 am

8:31 am

All done





Checked in with legal consideration. Additional scenario they covered was recapture after release.

9:37 am

Ian calling us at 10am.

12:27 pm

I'm working on scenario table.



Okay, I'm lunching at the moment and then will get back to see what's next.

12:28 pm

I'm off for lunch. Checked in n will call when back. Created duplication I think re transportation but have a look see. Sent to meg or Ajmal Ethics people. Can't get committee review until full meeting on 2 Aug.

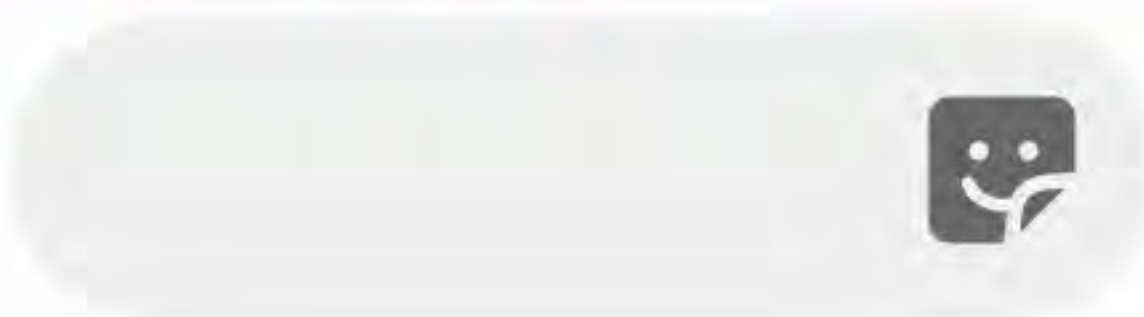
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Thursday, 22 July 2021

I'm pulling AEC feedback into table then E wants it sent off to DOC team. Call if issues.

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Did you fill out the public





8:36 am

Did you fill out the public perception column?



I did where I thought I could usefully assess things.

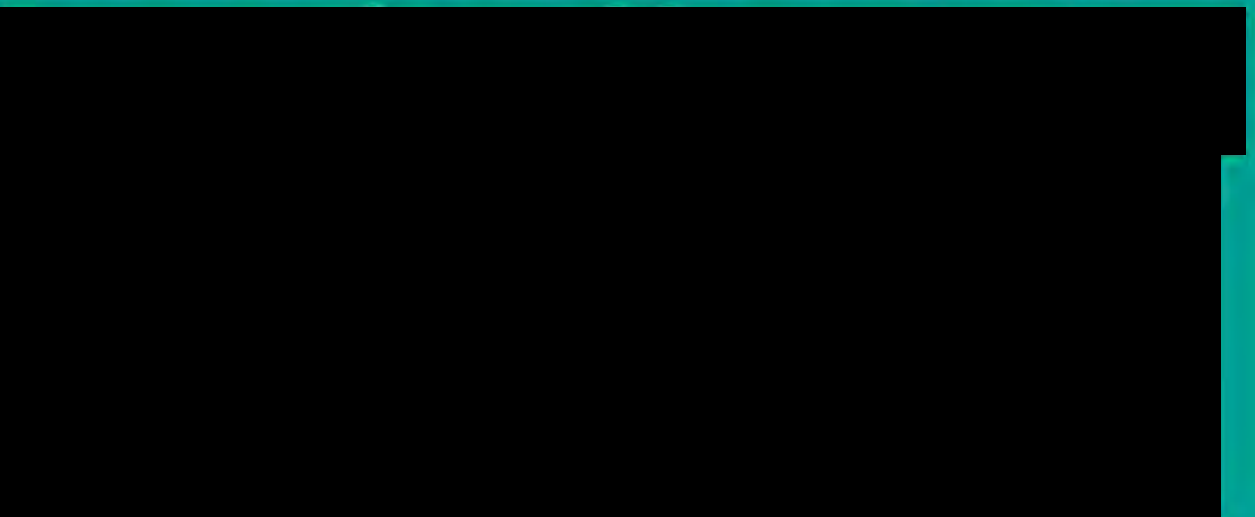

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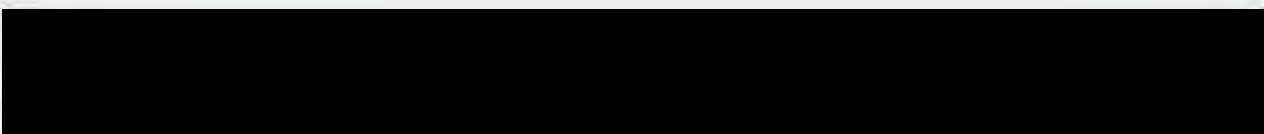

Can you give me a buzz when free?

Friday, 23 July 2021

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With respect to background



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With respect to background advice that iwi requested, any use in pulling out a select few such as the IWC strandings expert panel, IFAW, or others which can be attributed to groups rather than individuals? Maybe pick a variety that are representative of the views expressed?

2:42 pm

Not without thie permission.

Thanks tho

2:48 pm

< Reg Kemper



Friday, 23 July 2021




I'll call you back.

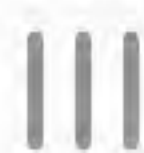
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10:12 am

Reg - Kirstie here. Messaging on Elizabeth's behalf re orca response media spokesperson. The agreement the other day as that it should be the IC - ie you. Can you please confirm in writing that you will be spokesperson. Thanks

10:29 am

Hi Reg. 
Kirsty Prior now spokesperson. You can stand down.



< Kirsty Prior



Thursday, 18 March 2021

8:47 am

Hey Kirsty, Kirstie here. Got your message. Sorry not to call back - was on leave yesterday. You about 10:30 today if I call?



No worries. Yep 10.30 is good - I'll be driving so thats a good use of time!

9:01 am

12:35 pm

Hey Kirsty. Spoke to Ian. He said thanks for raising the marine mammal permit issue and agrees one for him to sort. Asked you to give him a call to discuss.



Thanks for that. I'll give him a call




1:59 pm

Thursday, 22 July 2021


10:38 am

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< Kirsty Prior




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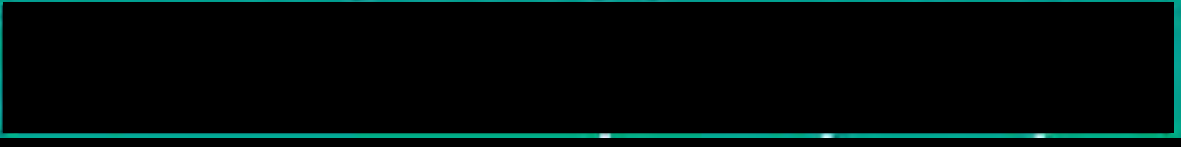
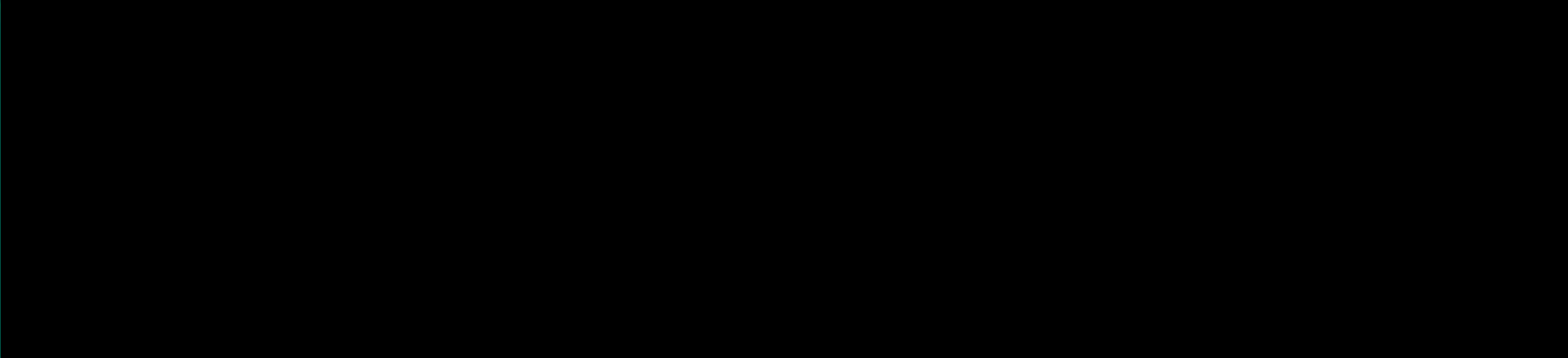

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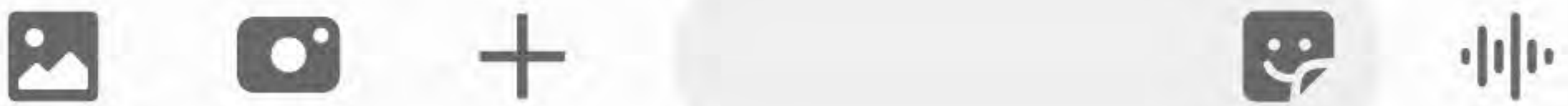
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 now picking up formula then heading to site.

Friday, 23 July 2021

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< Sarah Owen




Monday, 19 July 2021

4:11 pm

Hey Sarah. Just forwarded email from one of TAG members. Really struggle with decision to ask science media centre to ask for ethics advice. We can and are doing that. Preference is to not pursue.

Wednesday, 21 July 2021

10:45 am


Hey Sarah Kirstie here. Can you call when you have 5 please?



Yep will do shortly

10:58 am

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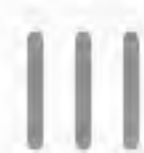
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Hope you guys ok.



I'm not on site now

4:50 pm



< Ian Angus, Kirsty ... (2)



2 recipients

Thursday, 22 July 2021

Ian/Kirsty - [redacted] the vet arrives in Welly 3:25. Welly vet [redacted] (call her [redacted]) hopefully coming to site too but if now will get [redacted] to pick up formula for orca feeding en route. Assume you have [redacted] number. Kirstie

12:44 pm



< Dave Smith
[Redacted]



Monday, 19 July 2021

Morning Dave, Kirstie here. I'm on site. Keen to post a message on IWC (Internationsl Whaling Commission) ehats app as there's lots of concern based on whale research social media postings. Suggestion is:

Good morning from Aotearoa everyone. As [Redacted] said the team here on the ground are extremely b

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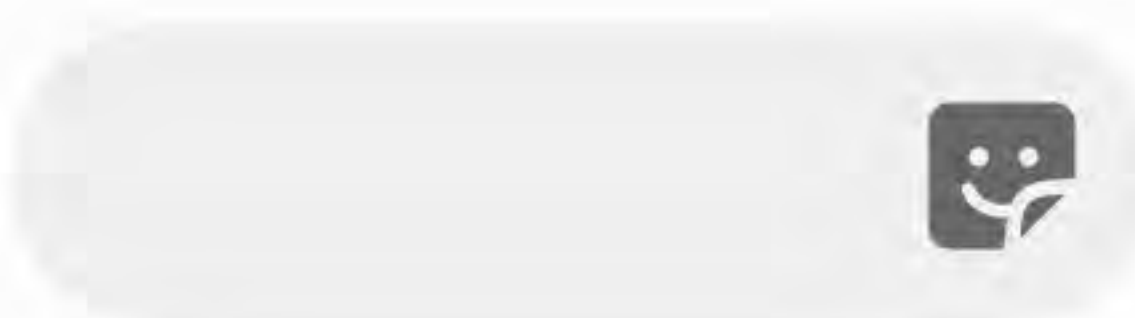


Hi Kirstie
Just boarding flight so may be awkward to respond, please don't wait for me

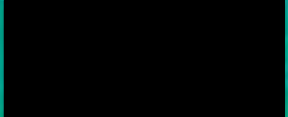
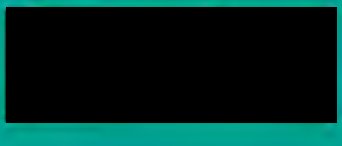
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9:38 am

Ok thanks Dave. Safe trip.





Hello Orca team (as I'm calling you) - Elizabeth, Ian,  and 


ORCA UPDATE: we have id'd TAG members names and just waiting on confirmation from international experts. Formal invite to come. I am reviewing TAG TOR that has been drafted and collating advice to date tonight. Will have somet



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5:36 pm



Some updated info for this weekend from  on the HUHA contact:

' number is 
- I think we should just use her as the HUHA contact rather than trying to work out which of their vets is on roster"

9:40 pm

10:05 pm

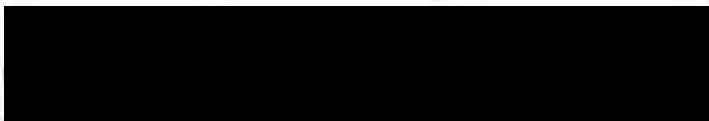
Cool thanks 

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Thanks 



< Bronwyn Saunde...




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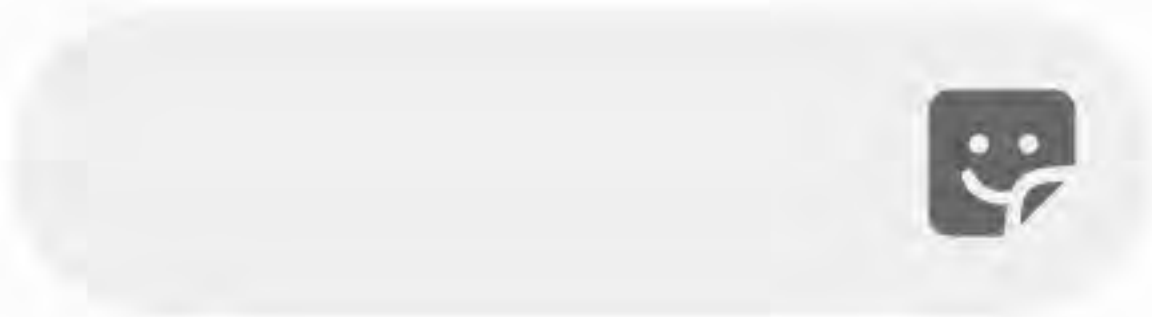
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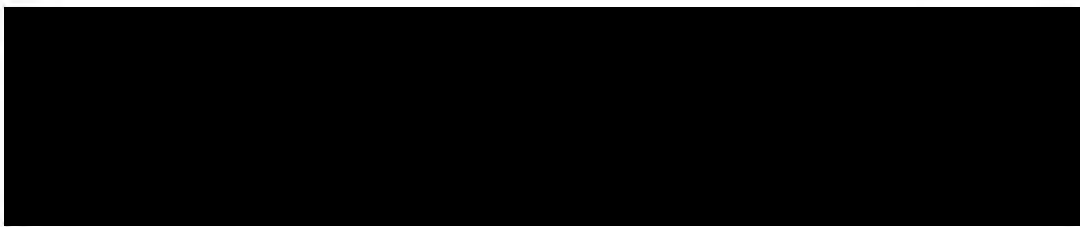
Hi Bronwen, Kirstie here. Did you want vet names for media or will Jack ask wellington zoo when he confirms their lead/involvement?



Vet names be good if you can email thanks

4:14 pm



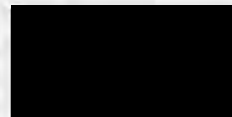


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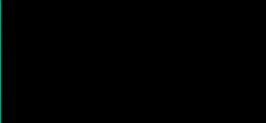
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Saturday, 17 July 2021



Hi Kirsty, has Ian handed orca incident over to you? Was hard to hear him on phone yesterday, but that sounded like the plan. I will have to delay flight to Wgtn until Sunday, road from Takaka to Nelson is closed, with more heavy rain to come. Cheers 

10:54 am

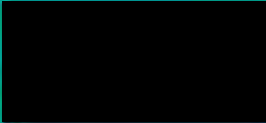
All good  No Ian still on duty ' I take over st 2pm. Will let him know.

10:57 am



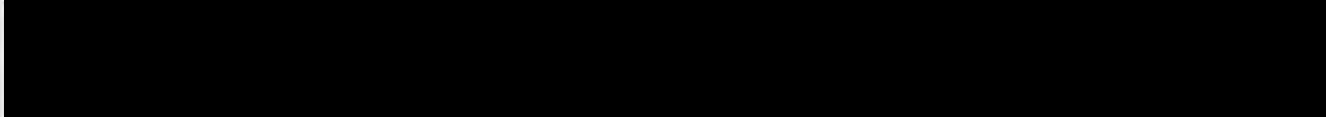
Ta, will try for Sunday.


11:00 am

Yes please thanks  Not sure of context but response from Ian was: Aaaaaargh. Ok.

11:03 am



Oh o, sounds like has had a week of it! 


 Fingers crossed





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[redacted]
[redacted] Fingers crossed won't come to that.

11:07 am



Hi Ian (& Kirstie), FYI my travel plan rescheduled. Arrive Wgtn 11amish Monday. Road to Nelson is closed, no seats available on Sunday. So Monday it is. Cheers [redacted]

11:33 am

Sunday, 18 July 2021

Hey [redacted]
Any update on travel plans?

6:13 pm



Hi Kirstie, the road is open 😊 no seats were available Sunday, so arriving Wgtn 11am. Just had a catch up with Ian. I'll get myself to Kapiti office early afternoon Monday. How's that?

6:25 pm

Fab - o. Knew it was some time tomorrow. Will let CIMS lead know.
Safe trip [redacted]

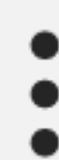
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Me

11:33 am, 18 Jul



Morning team:

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- 4 media enquiries. Rnz this arvo. Am show tomorrow.



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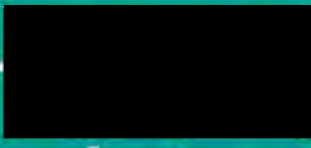
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- TAG recs go to CIMS and decision maker.
- Ingrid still happy with DOC.
- Media updates gone out and done RNZ today and about to do News talk Zb.

Wish us luck!!!!!!



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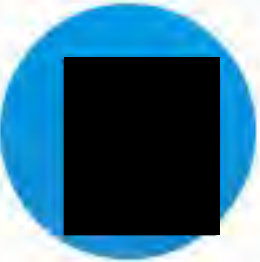


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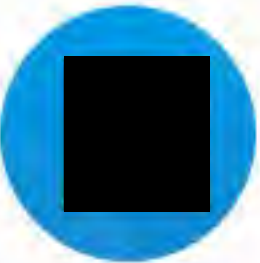


Hi Kirstie, [redacted] from Doc media team. Just wanting to introduce myself and ensure you've got my phone number since you're stepping into Ian's gumboots this weekend. Give me a bell if anything needed. Cheers

2:53 pm

Thanks [redacted] So sorry not been in touch. Into another briefing. Keen to catch up.

4:34 pm



No worries - I figured no news is good news (no change to orca) but feel free to give me a call when you're free if theres anything I need to know

4:36 pm

Actually yes just heard credible sighting off coast but weather conditions no good to do anything. Will call soon...

4:44 pm



Statement in inbox for review now



5:28 pm


Got it some edits coming...

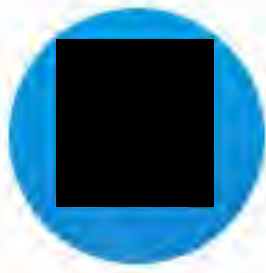
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5:55 pm  Did you call?

  Nope not me 5:57 pm



5:57 pm 

 Final version in your inbox now, am sending to webteam to get loaded up too so any last issues bows the chance to fix 6:01 pm


 Release out now. Was a slight delay getting it online but all good now. Will be in touch if any follow up requests. Hopefully a quiet night- and no one tried to ring ian direct 6:39 pm

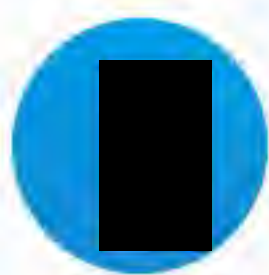

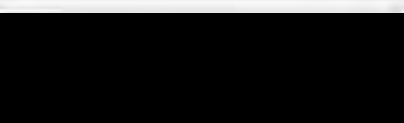
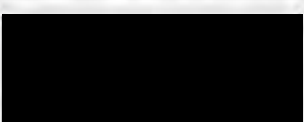
6:45 pm  Awesome thanks 


Sunday, 18 July 2021


 Rnz interview request on the pod sighting as per pur update last night. Are you available early afternoon? 10:50 am 


10:51 am 


 Cool will sort a time now 10:51 am


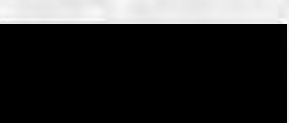

 2pm confirmed for RNZ interview.  on 
 Have flicked you suggest key messages. 12:35 pm

 AM show looking for a live interview tomorrow morning at 6.10am. Is this something you'd be available for? 12:44 pm

1:09 pm 

 Yep. Let me know when to expect those edits through too cheers 1:10 pm

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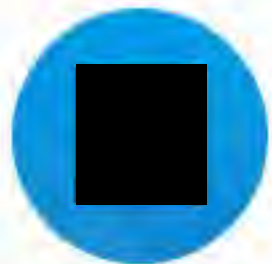
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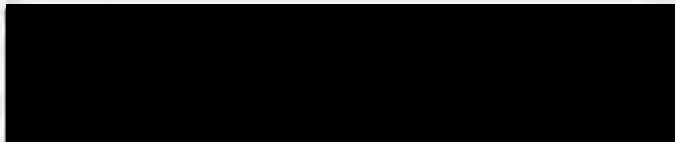
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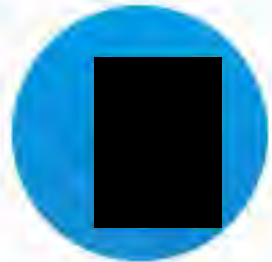
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Hmmm. Number not working.



Sorry! Fat fingers. 

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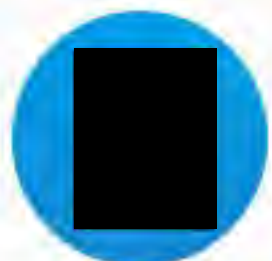
How did it go? Was on a call

2:42 pm



Fyi have declined AM show, they're fine and happy to wait and see how it all pans out

2:45 pm



Re weta workshop, seeing as it's already out we will just manage reactively. I'd caution against creating any media ops today as we want to continue minimizing the stress on orca and having a bunch of cameras down there wont help. But we can manage any requests that come through

3:04 pm



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Friday, 16 July 2021

Hello Orca team (as I'm calling you) - Elizabeth, Ian, [redacted] and [redacted]

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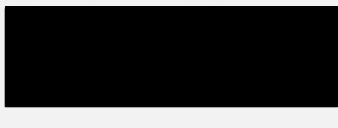
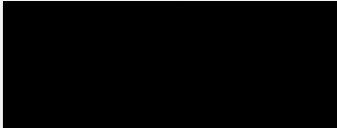




Me

5:23 pm, 16 Jul



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Kirstie Knowles



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- Elizabeth, Ian, [redacted] and [redacted].

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17:23

Saturday, 17 July

Good morning Orca Team.
UPDATES from me:
- [redacted] on standby for tech advice this weekend
- [redacted] latest advice from International experts is orca highly likely <3 months old. So much younger than first thought.
- HUHA primary contact should be [redacted] - rather than trying to work out which of their vets is on roster.

Good luck Ian and see you at 2 if not just before.



Text message





Kirstie Knowles



08:15

Morning Kirstie, hope you are doing well this morning. Are we able to request someone films behaviour at a feed? Would be helpful to help understand the level of habituation that is occurring.

10:55

Yep will pass onto Ian. I'm not on duty till 2pm.
Glad we're looking more at habituation.
Sounds like we're slowly making moves to euthanasia?? Will fund out more later.

11:00

Ah sorry! Thank you. Yep TAG team have been severely concerned about habituation from day one. Sounds good. Let me know if I can help support those conversations at all.

11:01

Thanks [redacted] Will update when I know more.

11:03



Text message





Kirstie Knowles



Afternoon orca team.

UPDATE:

- credible orca sighting off Kapiti. Weather too rough and call made to put put media statement shortly to say we know please don't go out there and please continue to report sightings.
- orca still considered stable by HUHA vets
- still lots if people and noise around pool

17:26

Can wait till morning. [redacted]

[redacted] Keen to pick yr brains and test back up plan of flying you up. If no then no but told to ask. Catch up in morning.

18:00

Sorry out again now - can chat tonight if you like?

19:28

No no let's catch up [tomorrow](#). That ok?

19:32



Text message





Kirstie Knowles



19:32

Absolutely!

19:33

Sunday, 18 July

I am going to be unavailable [today](#) from [2-5](#)ish. Around to help other than that! Let me know when you want to chat

09:04

Great. Just finishing it briefing.

09:06

Can you call when free?

09:19

Yep! I have terrible reception at home - will call on WhatsApp

09:20

Ooops, not calling through - says you are on a call - call me when you are free.

09:22

Sorry follow up questions why!



Text message





Kirstie Knowles



09:22

Sorry follow up questions why I was thinking coming up might be a good idea... Would having a DOC vet onsite help with making decisions and people feel heard? And follow up... If there was a pod sighting and the calf was going to be released then would need [redacted]/myself close anyway to apply the satellite tag.

09:43

Calling you in 5. Can you join key DOC decision meeting at 11?

09:51

Yep no worries!

09:52

Have just emailed you the collation of advice.

10:50

Focused on vet advice as that is my area of expertise. Haven't incorporated any of the IWC advice at this stage



Text message





Kirstie Knowles



Thanks will look now

10:54

Morning team:

UPDATE:

- orca stable, vets results looking ok and behavior good.
- international advice orca is younger than thought
- site management put in place to reduce and manage people in pool/near orca.
- progressing with TAG urgently to review scenarios.
- holding in pool until weather window.
- credible orca siting last night off kapiti.
- 4 media enquiries. Rnz this arvo. Am show [tomorrow](#).

11:33

Hopefully that meeting and the document I sent were helpful. Sounds like a good process to move forward. I am mostly out of reach now until 5. Just message anything you need and I will pick it up again as soon as I can



Text message





Kirstie Knowles



Thanks so much [redacted] Really hard to find time to update!!!

13:30

Not surprised! Sounds like you are all doing an amazing job!

13:31

Orca UPDATE:

- Orca remains stable in temporary pool.
- move to food blending on site.
- [redacted] compiled international advice and helpful at 11am Teams mtg with Jack.
- Agreement on media statement for euthanasia scenario.
- TAG members agreed and invited to am Teams 8am meeting to run through scenarios and try reach recommendations as per international style. Plan is i chair (tbc at start) and [redacted] & Ian to participate.
- TAG recs go to CIMS and decision maker.
- Ingrid still happy with DOC.
- Media updates gone out and done RNZ [today](#) and about to do News



Text message





Kirstie Knowles



- Media updates gone out and done RNZ [today](#) and about to do News talk Zb.

Wish us luck!!!!!!

18:12

Wooohooo! Sounds like a full on day but lots of progress. Amazing work Kirstie

18:14

Tuesday, 20 July

I'll call you back.

17:02

Tag! Sorry was on the phone to [redacted]

17:02

Thanks [redacted] [.lets](#) catch up properly [tomorrow](#). Is there a good time for you?

17:30

Sometime between 11 and 12?

17:52

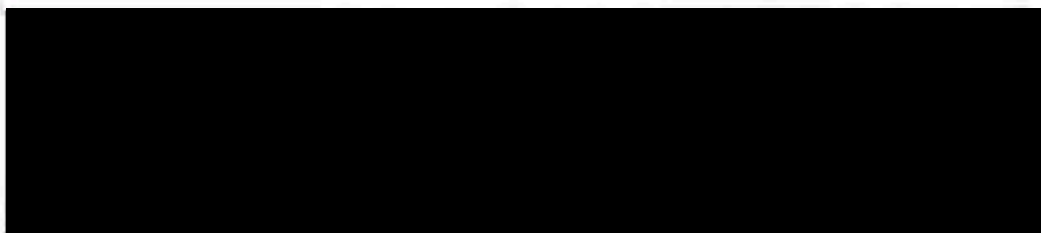


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Kirstie Knowles



Wednesday, 21 July

Hey [redacted]. Sorry didn't make the vet mtg. Can you please flick me a vet update for director 5pm meeting.

16:32

All stable, OK to release in next 24 hrs should opportunity arise assuming all goes well overnight. No major health concerns, no more Colic. Investigating NZ vet specialist help to look at eye and maybe abdominal ultrasound. Not due to major concerns but good to do if ongoing

16:34

Thanks [redacted]

18:00

Thursday, 22 July

[redacted] needed on site for [4:30](#) meeting. CN she try b there?

15:30

Just landed, will ask if she hasn't replied via email



Text message





Kirstie Knowles



Have asked

15:33

Thanks. If she can't the team on ground can set up Teams meet. Preference is in person though.

15:34

She doesn't think she can be on site but hopefully can be on teams

15:36

Roger

15:37

In the car but Google predicting 50 mins to get to you

15:59

Don't stress they know it'll be a while. Just take care on these wet roads!!

16:08

Saturday, 24 July

Hey [redacted] Thinking of you. Hope you're ok All pretty rough Thank

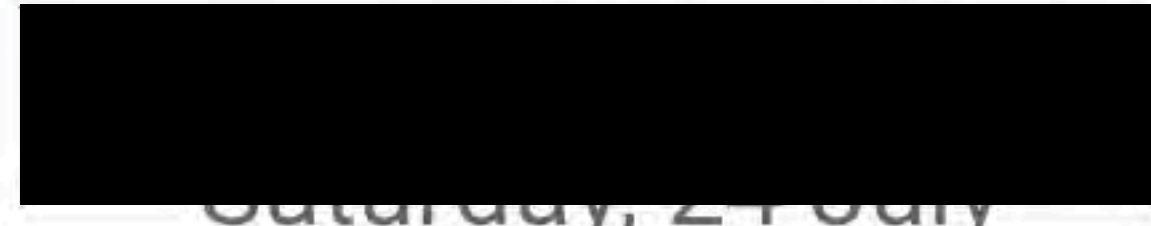


Text message





Kirstie Knowles



Saturday, 21 July

Hey [redacted] Thinking of you. Hope you're ok. All pretty rough. Thank you so so much for all your support and advice. Glad you could be here but sad too.

Assume you'll be on your way home if not home already. Safe journey and no doubt we'll be in touch next week.

Kia kaha.

Kirstie

11:16

Thanks so much Kirstie. Mostly very relieved. I am actually going to stay up and take some TOIL etc and my manager has asked me to catch up with [redacted] while here so thinking I will be here until middle of next week. Would love to come in and debrief with the team in person if you were thinking of that at all. And just to actually meet you all!

11:44

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Look forward to meeting the 3d you!

14:02



Text message





Ian Angus



Tuesday, 20 July

Hi Ian [redacted] here [redacted]

16:20

Hi. Ill send an update from site later tonight. Spoken to [redacted]. Agreed stick with ballistics for euthanasia as our contingency, sedate at site before through Huha. [redacted] will share protocol with you on sedation. Can you review. Plan is to share with Huha and into CIMS later so our contingency planning is tighter.

16:44

Hello! Oh that sounds excellent.

17:02

Wednesday, 21 July

Orca remains stable. Pumping sea water into temp pen again. Better night. Weather not looking great from tonight so move to sea pen unlikely. [redacted] on site assisting with sighting work. Kirsty Prior taking over as IC. Have asked [redacted] to make discrete enquirv with Kind Salmon around



Text message





Ian Angus



enquiry with King Salmon around feasibility of salmon pen in sounds. She has contacts. Do call a stop if bad call. Just contingency. Step away as spokesperson [today](#). Little tense on site given talk outside site on euthanasia. Ballistics remain the call. Iwi concerned but accepting. Plan [today](#) same as previous day, maintain orca at site, seek sightings, scenario plan. And just thanks team. Your support has been brilliant.

09:55

Suggestion in media if we find natal pod we tag an individual. Appreciate logistical/operational/ethical issues, but can you bullet me via email quick thoughts. Need het my head around that quickly in case get door stopped.

12:30

I'll call you back.

12:32

Striking tag question with iwi now. Will report back

12:38



Text message





Ian Angus



Will report back

12:38



12:40

I am just not at my desk. Can talk through options but no time to type options 😊

12:40

As well as planning to be on call, can you plan for the gear you need to tag. Need be clear what needed and who might be best collating the gear.

14:58

Yep, need to check what IFAW sent but shouldn't be much and [redacted] has already said I can go raid the vet hospital for a few other bits and pieces they will have on hand.

15:14

Cool. Will leave with you.

15:35



Text message





Ian Angus



15:35

Ingrid and vets apologize. They are eating. Catch up [tomorrow](#) on site protocols please. I will follow up [tomorrow](#) irriw to make hapoen

17:21

Oh no worries!

17:24

Thursday, 22 July

From site: Morning Ian, another quiet night here with no issues. Toa energetic last night but vollie team have been instructed (by Whale Rescue) to be calm and quiet with him and he's slept apparently. Fresh sea water has been circulating all night. Nothing further. Hope you got some good rest. Cheers, [redacted]

06:36

Reading scenario paper. Just question why we have kept that one US expert view at start. Just not clear why there as a stand out. Better to include range. Also scored against categories, collective



Text message





Ian Angus



out. Better to include range. Also scored against categories, collective assessment by you three? Jack and Reg on scene.

12:55

You on site

15:30

Not yet, just landed

15:30

Hi team orca. A very busy day. Vets agreed pool impacting on orca so orca now back in sea pen. Huha vets will monitor overnight. Scenario meet postponed and Im not yet clear on new timing.

now on site. Kris taking over from me [Sat](#). Still no clarity on spokesperson. Media very focused on euthanasia. Thanks for all support [today](#).

20:11

Thanks Ian, lovely to finally meet you in person. Hope you can get a good sleep. See you [tomorrow](#).

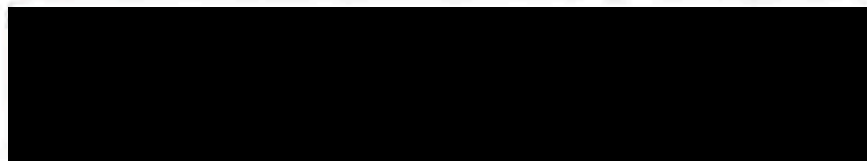


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Ian Angus



Friday, 23 July

Hi Aquatic Orca team. Orca in sea pen. Quiet night. Health assessment this morning. Weather forecast good. So on site work mostly BAU under Cims. Off site, search effort for Pod to be picked up [today](#). Scenario meet to be scheduled in for [today](#). [Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]. Ian, [Redacted] and [Redacted] on site. Kris and [Redacted] stepping in over weekend, with [Redacted] remaining.

08:20

Sad news about toa hey.

20:53

Sad but glad....

20:57

Can you notify wlg zoo vets?

21:36

I have

21:42



Text message





Ian Angus



How are you doing?

21:42

I'm good. Obviously disappointed, but working with wildlife offers highs and lows.

21:51

It sure does... And with wildlife the end often comes quickly.

21:55

Sunday, 25 July

Haha finally fobbed off some media onto me 😜 Hope you are doing well [today](#) and have managed to get some sleep. Take care of yourself!

20:41

Thanks. Been lolling around to be honest feeling worn out.

20:43

I am not surprised! Hope you can get a good break and some time to recover. The mental and physical toll of the last 2 weeks must have been immense.



Text message





Friday, 16 July

Hi [redacted] here
Just wanted to update you that [redacted] won't be on call this weekend, and Kirstie will be subbing in for ian this weekend

17:42

You should have received a text from Kirstie but let me know if you haven't and I can give you her contact details

17:43

Hi [redacted]! All good 😁 I shall avoid hassling [redacted]! I have had a chat to Kirstie already, standing by to help if needed.

17:43

Could you please give me the Huha vets contacts details, I need to pass them on to ian

17:45

Oh brilliant, thanks [redacted]!!!

17:45





I also need someone to update the zoo vets, are you able to do that, or liaise with Kirstie over that?

17:46

I don't actually have that number - have asked the Zoo vets for it! I can update the Zoo team to direct questions to Kirstie if needed

17:48

Excellent, thank you so much! And sorry for the piecemeal texts, I'm trying to finish this off and deal with my kid hahaha

17:49

Haha no worries at all! Txts work great 😁

17:50

Thanks!!
[redacted] left me with a few things to do
- update you
- update zoo vets
- update Huha vets that ian is the emergency contact overnight





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But it sounds like you're all over it!
Thanks!!

17:52

Ah easy! Just HUHA to go then!

17:54

Thank you!!!

17:55

Once we've got that we're good to go 😁

18:10

number is - I think we should just use her as the HUHA contact rather than trying to work out which of their vets is on roster

21:37

Ok perfect, thanks !

21:38



Colin's texts

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I just don't see how it is necessary for 4 people to be in the freezing water at all times. It's a joke. Sorry to bother you while you're at home but it is very concerning.

6:37 pm

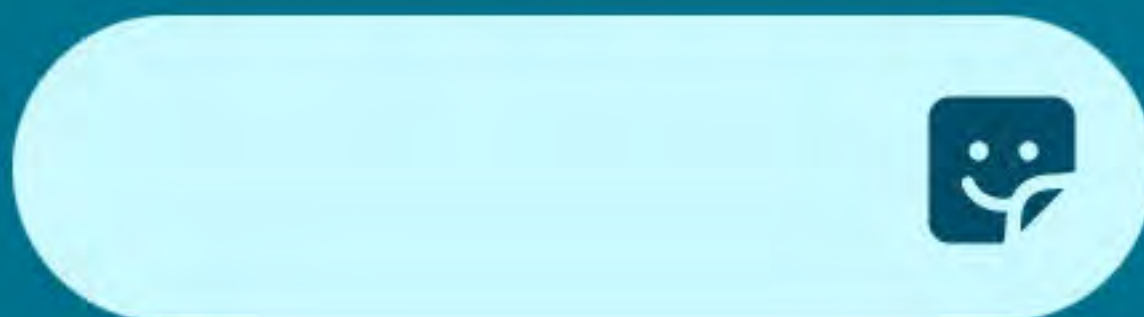


Hi [redacted]. It comes down to span of control. Will need to find out how much responsibility doc has for volunteers working for another organization. Will check this out. Cheers [redacted]

6:52 pm

Tuesday, 13 July 2021

Good morning [redacted]
Just wanted you to





Me

6:36 pm, 12 Jul



Hey [redacted] its [redacted]. I see whale rescue put a call out for people with wetsuits to join a roster for overnight care of the orca. That really concerns me, I don't think anyone should be in the water overnight. Possibly not much you can do but would be good to know what DOC's message was in the end about people in the water.



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Text to Kirsty P re water

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[Redacted]

11:24 pm, 22 Jul

Hi Kirsty, [Redacted] here, Plimmerton Fire Brigade, we met tonight. FYI we received a report ex Facebook tonight from Porirua City Council reporting another sewage leak between Porirua and Paremata. Couldn't get clarity via phone of magnitude to make a risk assessment to swimmers and Toa so I went down and found the project engineer on-site. Report is that leak is quite minor, much smaller than the other day, and is now stopped. They estimate no health risk at our location, and no significant risk of the situation deteriorating, though recommend liaison with Wellington Water comms in the morning to establish an alert protocol. We did initiate an elevated hand and gear washing protocol for swimmers at the first report, which I guess is worth keeping up for a day or two.



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