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Development of a Threat Management Plan for New Zealand Sea Lions

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Overview

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Background

- Ministerial directive
- Demographic work
- Joint briefing – proposed process for developing a Threat Management Plan (TMP) for New Zealand sea lions
- Ministers agree in principle on process
- Pup-mortality workshop

Threat Management Plan (TMP)

VISION:

'Promote the recovery and ensure the long-term viability of New Zealand sea lions'

Threat Management Plan (TMP)

SCOPE:

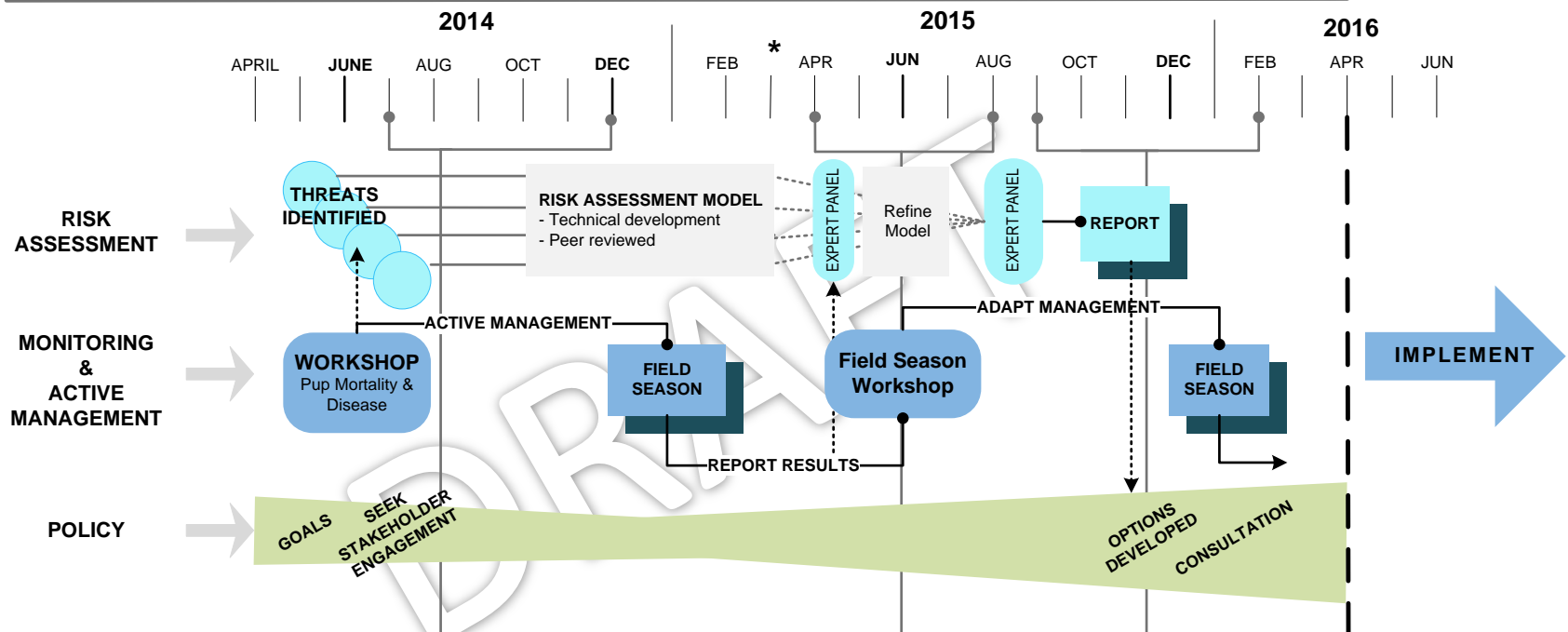
- Support the vision
- Have five year targets
- Will assess all threats on the population
- Prioritised threats for managing and mitigating threats
- Will include all sub-populations and breeding sites

Incorporates/addresses legislative responsibilities under the following:

- Fisheries Act 1996
- Marine Mammals Protection Act 1978
- Resource Management Act 1991
- Marine Mammals Protection Regulations 1992
- Conservation Act 1987
- Conservation General Policy 2005
- New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy

Timeframe

DEVELOPMENT PROCESS FOR THE THREAT MANAGEMENT PLAN (TMP)



ENGAGEMENT and FEEDBACK OPPORTUNITIES

JUNE – DECEMBER

Stakeholders will have opportunities to engage in the development and review of research which will inform the TMP, as well as provide feedback on the TMP goals and high level objectives.

Engagement throughout the TMP will occur through the following groups:

- **Technical Working Groups (CSP/AEWG)**
- **National Environmental Engagement Forum (EEF)**

APRIL - JULY

Stakeholders will have opportunities to engage in the review of the demographic work and risk assessment outputs

* Interim pup count will be available in March

AUGUST

Experts will be invited to participate in the expert panel risk assessment

JUNE

Stakeholders will have opportunities to review results from the 2014 Auckland Island field season.

SEPTEMBER - FEBRUARY

Stakeholder will have opportunities to review results from the expert panel qualitative risk assessment

Public consultation will occur on proposed options for TMP

Interim Research Priorities

- Living Document
- Sets out CSP and Non-CSP work
- Monitoring and Research
- Items which haven't been able to be completed this season will be planned for next field season
- Initial priority was to contract work which can feed into TMP risk assessment

Threat Management Plan (TMP)

PROPOSED MANGEMENT GOALS:

- Population – *Improve the population status of New Zealand sea lions*
- Research & Monitoring – *Robust research and monitoring is in place to inform the TMP and measure progress*
- Engagement – *Communities and stakeholders value New Zealand sea lions*

What's Next

- Develop objectives under each goal and five year targets
- Agree on the population parameters that will be used to monitor the HSL population towards the 'Population Management Goal'
- Risk Assessment & Field Seasons

Feedback

- There will be many opportunities for feedback throughout the TMP development
- Feedback on management goals is open for 2 weeks
- Feedback on initial list of threats is open for 2 weeks
- Please send any feedback to:
 - marine@doc.govt.nz
 - MPI inbox to be organised