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From: Rebecca Dean
Sent: 02 March 2012 13:48
To: Stewart McLelland; Brian Floyd
Subject: Plocrapol

Hi

Have you had a chance to see if we are legally bound by the SPA to try for 14 x 100s at Plocrapol??

My instinct is, that if we are not, we should not do it, not yet anyway.

We get the 14 x 70s on site, we get (hopefully next week) the permission for the barge and the extension to the mooring area to hold the 14 x70s...and we leave it there, for now. Let the locals get used to it, then maybe increase from 70s to 100s in 2-3 years time.

We are going for new Ploc, round the corner, as well as trying for another site to the north (Loch Claigh) and still looking for more. In addition we are trying for the 3 sites in Uists. Lets spend the energy getting those, fighting those battles, and filling the Councils time with those, rather than also including a modification to existing Plocrapol and the angst, time, delay, hoo-haa, that will cause.

Yes, there is a biomass strategy target, and I am well aware of it and we will max out what we can, where we can.

But Plocrapol is a guaranteed vipers nest, with the huge delays that will create, and the demands on Council (and TSSC) time, could be better spent on other sites that may be less oppositional (couldn't get much worse than Ploc...well, there is always Arran of course...or Toa, but)

The Strategy and Spreadsheets need and expect something but there are no definites we will get any of them. We might as well try avoid, for now at least, the ones we are certain will be lengthy, tiring, negative PR battles.

Thoughts?

From: Stewart McLelland
Sent: 02 March 2012 14:50
To: Rebecca Dean; Brian Floyd

Subject: re: Plocrapol

Rebecca,

I agree with your thinking. What we need to do is have a session just on the Hebrides to discuss strategy then tactics. It may be that we actually give up the existing Plocrapol site. This would need to be linked to an overall plan.

My thinking was that we look at other locations and make sure we have the tonnage potential, then move the existing plocrapol site but on our terms. This way we ensure we get the good publicity and demonstrate the advantages of working together.

If we can gain our tonnage from new sites then I would potentially give up the existing Plocrapol site.

Arran is difficult as we need an alternative to the 2013 S1. Again I am happy to do this but not sure if we can.

On Toa can you chase the mooring information then we can decide what we do with this.

I absolutely agree we look where there is less chance of time consuming opposition. When Brian is back from holiday we should get some time on our strategy for Hebrides etc.

Regards

Stewart