



PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE

Eastern Fish and Game Council

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
AUGUST 31, 2015

Presented to the House of Representatives pursuant to Section 26 X of the Conservation Act 1987.

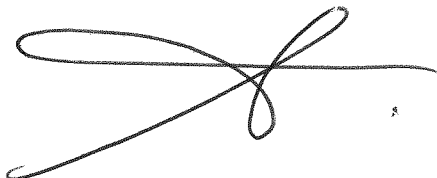
9 November 2015

Hon Maggie Barry
Minister of Conservation
Parliament Buildings
WELLINGTON


Dear Minister

I have the honour to submit, pursuant to Section 26 X of the Conservation Act 1987 and Section 44A of the Public Finance Act 1989, the Performance Report of the Eastern Fish and Game Council for the year ended 31 August 2015.

Yours sincerely

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Murray Ferris
Chairman
Eastern Fish and Game Council

	
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STRUCTURE

Council and Staff

CHAIRMAN

Murray Ferris

5 meetings attended

COUNCIL MEMBERS

	<u>Meeting Attendance</u>
Barry Roderick	6
Annaka Davis	3
Neal Hawes	6
Mike Little	6
Lindsay Lyons	6
Steve Scragg	3
Terry Sutton	6
Terry Wood	5
Laurence Allingham	4
Peter Storey	5
Steve Luscombe	6

(Six meetings of the 2014-2015 Fish and Game Council were held during the year)

STAFF

Andy Garrick

Regional Manager

Mark Sherburn

Fish & Game Officer

Matthew McDougall

Senior Fish & Game Officer

Matt Osborne

Fish & Game Officer

John Meikle

Fish & Game Officer

Lloyd Gledhill

Fish & Game Officer

Eben Herbert

Fish & Game Officer

Kate Thompson

Office Manager

Anthony van Dorp

Fish & Game Officer

Carmel Veitch

Accountant

Lynne Sands

Office Administrator

Patrick Logan

Hatchery Assistant

Nigel Simpson

Fish & Game Officer

Offices

The Council office is located at the Trout Hatchery, Paradise Valley Road, Ngongotaha, Rotorua.

Mission Statement

To maintain and enhance opportunities for sustainable sports fish angling and game bird hunting.

Statement of Objectives

The Conservation Act 1987, as amended by the Conservation Law Reform Act 1990, outlines the particular functions of Fish and Game Councils, which include:

- monitoring sports fish and game populations;
- monitoring the success and satisfaction of users;
- monitoring the condition and trend of ecosystems as habitats for sports fish and game;
- maintaining and improving access;
- maintaining and enhancing the habitat of sports fish and game;
- formulating and establishing regulations and policies which ensure the maintenance of sports fish and game populations and the recreational experience;
- securing compliance with sports fish and game regulations;
- promoting recreational angling and game bird hunting;
- representing the interests of anglers and hunters in the statutory planning process;
- keeping anglers and hunters informed.

The Council's operations are based upon a national statement of purposes and priorities, a Sports Fish and Game Management Plan which sets long term goals and policies, and an annual Operational Work Plan, which establishes the specific work programme and budget.

Format of the Annual Report

This report is structured to allow evaluation of all the projects planned at the commencement of the 2014-2015 work year. The work programme is based around eight outputs and one input. Within each of these functional areas the Statement of Service Performance provides summary details of the resources that were anticipated to be required, along with the actual results for the year. In addition, the performance standard for each project is listed along with a description of the result that was achieved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

For the year ended 31 August 2015

Another year draws to a close and we have had a great year. It has been rewarding in many ways. We had some exceptional fishing within the region and back country waters in particular, and although mallard numbers remained depressed in many areas, the beginnings of a recovery were apparent in some parts and we're hopeful this will continue.

Our challenges in recent years have been pretty much the same each year - increasing the numbers of licence holders, enhancing access, producing more ducks, protecting habitat, maintaining trophy fisheries, developing and enhancing wetlands, and of course managing financial resources and the seemingly bottomless pit of priorities to spend these on.

Eastern has been an example to other Councils and we passed our audit unconditionally. Our current Council is a great blend of passionate people that collectively have delivered great results under some pretty intense conditions. Thank you councillors for your contributions to the debates, it is of great comfort having your combined advice.

On a personal level the support I have received from the two other members of the remuneration committee has been most appreciated. I sleep better knowing I have you guys and your wisdom at my side.

The transition from our previous manager Rob Pitkethley last year to new appointee Andy Garrick was seamless and that was a testament also to the council's wisdom and judgement.

To our talented staff, where would we be without you? Eastern is held in high regard throughout the country and that is not an accident. They are well led by manager Andy Garrick and to a man and a woman they are at the absolute pinnacle in their specialised fields and continue to serve the whole fish and game organisation in many fields.

I must make comment also on the progress the NZ Council has made under the chairmanship of Eastern Region councillor and NZ Council appointee Lindsay Lyons. Lindsay has done a great job overcoming the politics and parochialism that often surfaces within groups such as this, and has helped create a Council that truly is working in the best interests of licence holders throughout the country.

Fish & Game is a democratic organisation unparalleled in any other organisation I am aware of. This comes at a cost, both financial and emotional. We have a mandate to enhance and improve opportunities for all game bird hunters and anglers, and the big picture has to be in the interest of game bird and fish licence holders in general. Not a small group that have a passionate but narrow view on an issue.

With the election results yet to be announced as I write this, I wish those standing again all the best, and the new candidates the same. 2016 is still a way off, but time flies and before we know it we will be embroiled in the day to day politics of this wonderful organisation called Fish & Game

again. Bring it on is all I can say, and if it is half as rewarding as it has been to date we will all be able to say well done this time next year. Having said that I can hear one or two mutterings out there. To those who may not have as quite a positive outlook about the organisation as I and others do, it's not always as simple as it seems, be patient, we all do our very best as councillors, we do it for free, and always in the best interest of licence holders.

Murray Ferris
Chairman

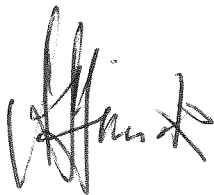
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015**

Monday, 9 November 2015

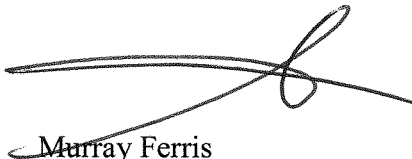
The Council and Management of the Eastern Fish and Game Council accepts responsibility for the accuracy of, and judgements used in the preparation of the following Performance Report, and the establishment and maintenance of systems of internal control designed to provide reasonable assurance of the integrity and reliability of financial reporting.

In our opinion, the information set out in the following statements and attached notes to these statements fairly reflects the financial activities and performance of the Eastern Fish and Game Council, for the period ended 31 August 2015 and its financial position as at that date.



**Andy Garrick
Regional Manager**

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**Murray Ferris
Chairman**

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STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

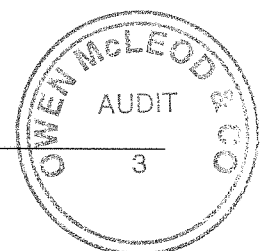
INTRODUCTION

As required under Section 26W(b) of the Conservation Law Reform Act 1990 and Section 45A of the Public Finance Amendment Act 2004 Fish and Game New Zealand, Eastern Region has prepared the following Statement of Service Performance for the 2014 - 2015 financial year.

The activities of Eastern Fish and Game Council are planned under eight output areas detailed in the annual Operating Work Plan. This Statement of Service Performance compares actual results against the stated Performance Measures from the plan. For the purposes of this statement, the overhead expenses detailed in the Statement of Financial performance (Administration, Employee Benefits, Depreciation, Leases, Bad Debts and other) have been allocated to each output area on the basis of the proportion of staff time directly expended in each area.

Summary Budget and Actual Expenditure for each output Area.

Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
Species Management	\$444,485	\$97,800	\$346,685	\$496,287	\$94,388	\$401,899
Habitat Protection	\$321,674	\$20,260	\$301,414	\$276,597	\$65,412	\$211,185
Angler & Hunter Participation	\$169,562	\$11,400	\$158,162	\$127,678	\$21,675	\$106,003
Public Interface	\$107,626	\$0	\$107,626	\$79,599	\$1,500	\$78,099
Compliance	\$80,025	\$7,500	\$72,525	\$111,986	\$6,691	\$105,295
Licensing	\$109,572	\$1,419,769	-\$1,310,197	\$114,802	\$1,417,987	-\$1,303,185
Council	\$47,666	\$0	\$47,666	\$50,572	\$0	\$50,572
Planning & Reporting	\$78,897	\$0	\$78,897	\$68,675	\$0	\$68,675
Total Outputs	\$1,359,507	\$1,556,729	-\$197,222	\$1,326,196	\$1,607,653	-\$281,457
Levies paid & Interest earned	\$233,908	\$10,390	\$223,518	\$233,908	\$9,689	\$224,219
	\$1,593,415	\$1,567,119	\$26,296	\$1,560,104	\$1,617,342	-\$57,238



SPECIES MANAGEMENT

Goal

To manage sustainable populations of sports fish and game bird species to provide for recreational harvest.

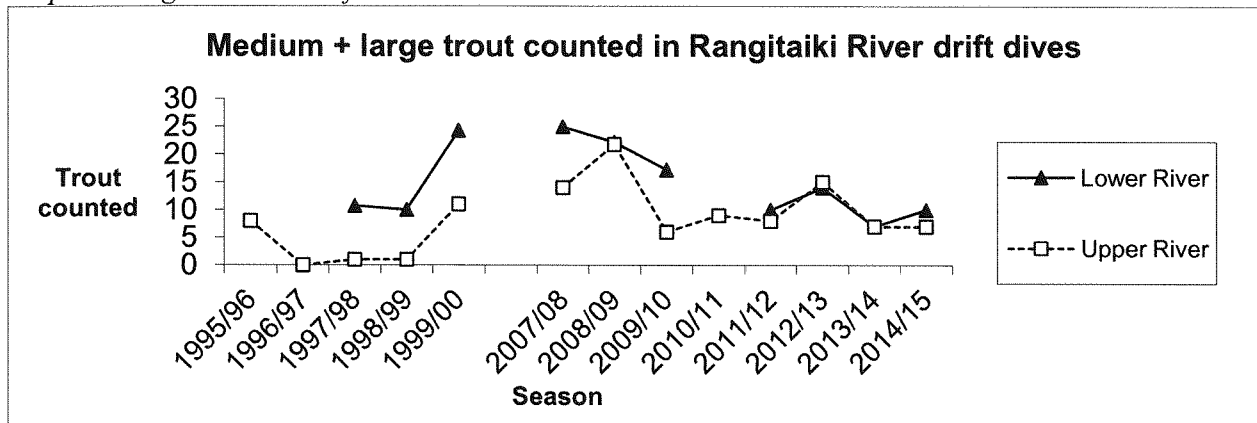
SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1110	Species Monitoring	\$123,501	\$0	\$123,501	\$154,545	\$2,250	\$152,295
1120	Harvest Assessment	\$60,013	\$0	\$60,013	\$67,019	\$0	\$67,019
1140	Hatchery Operations	\$252,453	\$97,800	\$154,653	\$265,916	\$92,138	\$173,778
1170	Regulations	\$4,515	\$0	\$4,515	\$6,987	\$0	\$6,987
1180	Control	\$4,002	\$0	\$4,002	\$1,820	\$0	\$1,820
Total		\$444,485	\$97,800	\$346,685	\$496,287	\$94,388	\$401,899

1110: Species Monitoring: Assess and monitor sports fish and game bird populations within the Eastern Region

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<p>1111 River fisheries investigations To investigate and monitor river fisheries.</p> <p>(i) Drift dive Rangitaiki, Ruakituri and Waioeka Rivers.</p> <p>(ii) Continue the regional didymo surveillance programme.</p>	<p>Report River fishery investigation results to Council by 31 July 2015.</p>	<p>(i) Drift dived Waimana, Waioeka and Rangitaiki Rivers February/March 2015. Reported to Council April 2015.</p> <p>(ii) Participated in Regional aquatic pest group. Undertook quarterly didymo surveys in Ngongotaha Stream.</p>

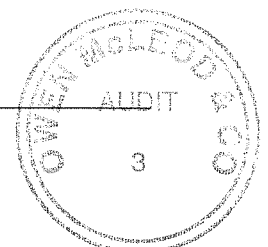
Graph 1: Rangitaiki River drift dive trout counts



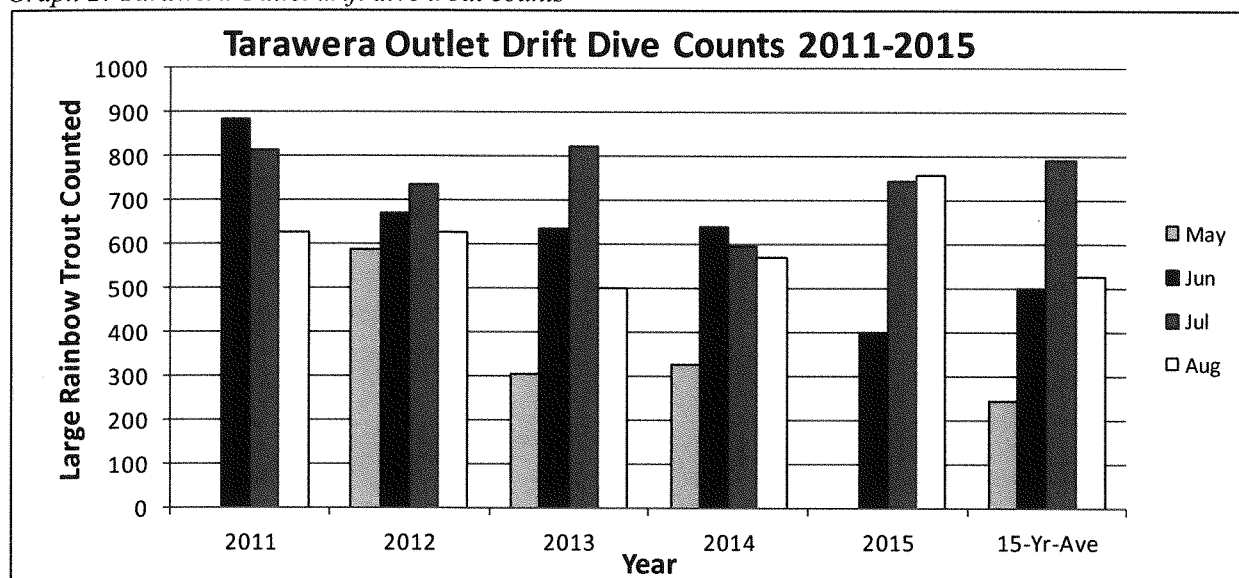
<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p>1112 Datawatch To monitor the Rotorua lakes fisheries using the “Datawatch” tagging programme to assess trout growth.</p>	<p>Tag and release 8,000 fish. Report on tag returns by lake to each meeting of Council.</p>	<p>(i) 7,500 tagged fish released into Rotorua lakes and 500 to Lake Waikaremoana. (ii) 698 tags returned by anglers and 20 free licences distributed to lucky draw winners. (iii) Datawatch summaries reported bi-monthly to Council.</p>
<p>1113 Lake Waikaremoana Manage operation of Lake Waikaremoana water quality buoy and monitor progress of data collection.</p>	<p>Report activities to each meeting of Council.</p>	<p>Since the water quality monitoring buoy was installed in 2009 regular maintenance has been undertaken. Progress with data collection by the University of Waikato is also monitored. Reported to Council bi-monthly.</p>
<p>1114 Lake Tarawera spawning Monitor Lake Tarawera spawning tributaries including the Tarawera Outlet, Te Wairoa and Wairua Streams, and where required develop options to enhance natural recruitment.</p>	<p>Report results to each meeting of Council.</p>	<p>Three Tarawera Outlet drift dives completed, and Te Wairoa trapping data reported to Council bi-monthly. Wairua fishing diaries reported to Council August 2015.</p>

Table 1: Wairua Stream mouth angling data records

Angling Data	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11
Total Hours recorded	64	67	20	49	36
Avg Catch rate (fish/hr)	0.21	0.35	0.34	0.08	0.12
Avg Length (mm)	507	491	550	558	530
Avg Weight (kg)	1.52	1.46	2.45	2.23	1.85
Avg Condition Factor	41.58	43.31	53.20	48.54	49.05



Graph 2: Tarawera Outlet drift dive trout counts



Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
1115 Lakes fisheries research Contribute to research on lakes fisheries and impacts of water quality restoration works. Continue Ngongotaha Stream brown trout monitoring.	Report activities and Ngongotaha Trap results to each meeting of Council.	(i) Ohau Channel fishery surveys completed. (ii) Ngongotaha trap run monitored. Reported to Council bi-monthly.

Table 2: Ngongotaha Stream trap run annual summary

Month	Trap Nights	Tot RT Caught	Tot BT Caught	%BT	Avg RT Length	Avg RT Weight	Avg BT Length	Avg BT Weight
Sep 14	10	35	2	5%	504	1.59	510	1.65
Oct 14	10	20	6	23%	482	1.36	585	2.89
Nov 14	10	16	29	64%	486	1.44	593	3.09
Dec 14	10	22	725	97%	534	1.79	592	3.12
Jan 15	10	17	101	86%	492	1.50	577	2.66
Feb 15	10	18	39	68%	493	1.50	577	2.64
Mar 15	10	6	36	86%	495	1.48	587	2.79
Apr 15	10	15	49	77%	522	1.64	569	2.34
May 15	10	21	171	89%	521	1.84	590	2.95
Jun 15	10	35	75	68%	509	1.68	580	2.72
Jul 15	10	52	40	43%	506	1.62	581	2.62
Aug 15	10	25	5	17%	501	1.49	555	2.34
Year	120	282	1278	82%	504	1.58	575	2.65

RT = Rainbow Trout, BT = Brown Trout, Length in mm, Weight in kg



Table 3: Ohau Channel creel survey results, pre and post diversion wall

Season	Pre Wall		Post Wall						
	2005-06	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Ave. angler catch rate	0.42	0.40	0.30	0.61	0.27	0.20	0.23	0.38	0.32
Ave. brown weight (kg)	4.32	4.71	4.63	4.12	3.91	3.94	2.68	3.75	2.93
Ave. rainbow weight (kg)	2.25	2.30	2.22	2.11	1.56	1.58	1.51	1.69	1.55
% of Anglers satisfied	98%	66%	16%	88%	19%	19%	3%	69%	33%

Catch rate = fish/hr

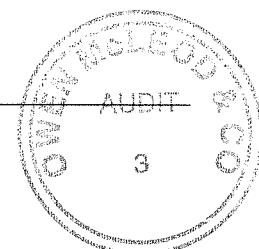
Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
1116 Game bird trend counts To monitor game bird populations by comparing trends of black swan, and paradise shelduck counts.	Report interim results to Council by 6 February 2015 and provide full report detailing the population status of these species in the region by 31 July 2015.	Counts completed, interim results reported 18 February 2015. Full report provided to Council 16 June 2015.

Table 4: Aerial trend count estimate of annual change (long term population trend) and last two years count totals for sub regional management areas

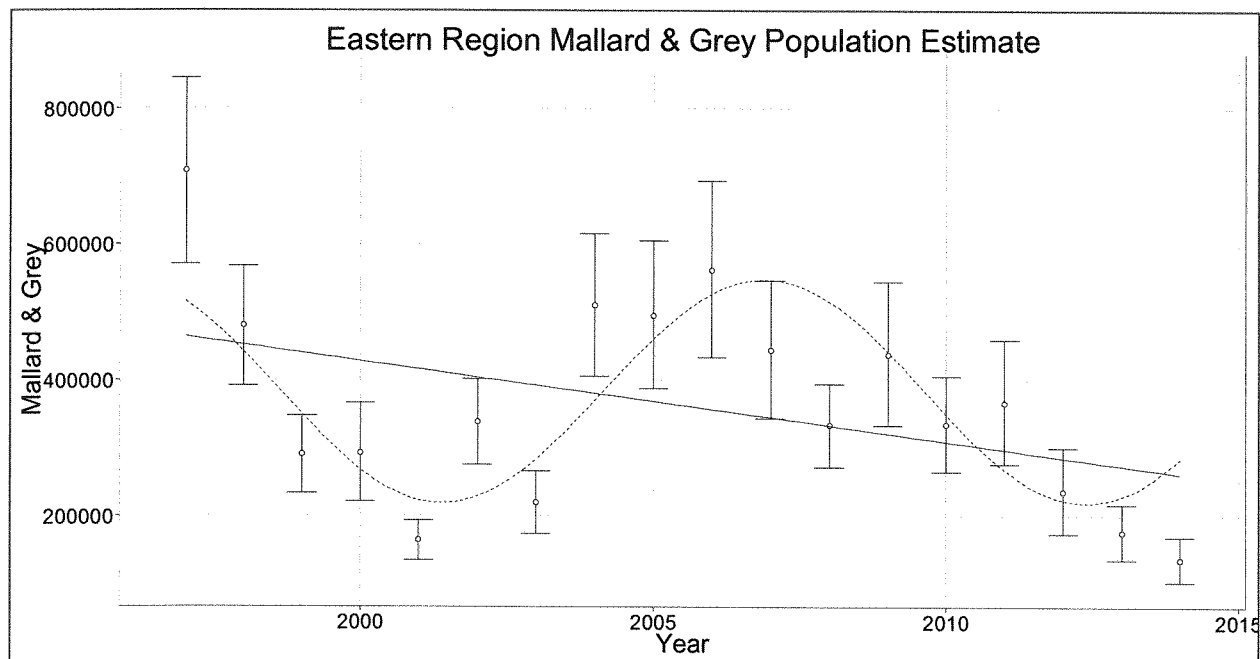
Area	Paradise Shelduck			Black Swan		
	13 year trend	2014 count	2015 count	13 year trend	2014 count	2015 count
A1	-0.05	4818	4443	-0.02	9788	9562
A2	-0.05	1817	2367	-0.04	2378	1724
B1	-0.03	5015	5532	0.04	190	141
B2	-0.06	1998	1619	0.01	298	731

Trend of 0.00 = no change, trend < 0.00 is decline, trend > 0.00 is increase. Trend < ± 0.1 insignificant.

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
1118 Waterfowl monitoring programme To monitor mallard, and grey duck populations across the region by conducting a banding programme to investigate survival. Compare with an aerial monitoring programme and complementary measures of productivity. Co-ordinate and participate in national Shoveler monitoring programme and assist in national mallard research programme.	Report interim results to Council by 6 February 2015 and provide full report detailing the population status of these species in the region for the 2013/14 year by 31 October 2014.	Banding completed in February 2015. Results used to set game season regulations during October and November Council meetings. Banding report provided to Council 19 April 2015.



Graph 3: Eastern Greylard population estimate at the beginning of the waterfowl season in the Eastern Region (mean \pm 95% CI) (1997–2014). The solid line is the fitted linear regression, and dotted line the 11 Year Sine Model. There is no evidence of a consistent linear change in population over study period. The Sine model (dotted line) received 100 times more support than the fitted linear regression model.



Note: Some previous population estimates have been adjusted following late return of bands from earlier seasons.

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
1119 Upland game & forest management Continue upland game population monitoring programme in forests and investigate populations in coastal reserve areas and identify improvement options.	Report activities to each meeting of Council.	Pheasant call counts were undertaken in Kaingaroa Forest in November 2014. Results reported to Council at the November 2014 meeting.

1120: Harvest Assessment: Assess angler and hunter activity and related harvest

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
1121 Lakes Fisheries Creel Surveys Conduct annual angler creel monitoring surveys (winter/summer) assessing angler catch and satisfaction from key Rotorua lakes.	Report 2014 Winter creel survey to Council by 28 February 2015 and the 2014-15 Summer creel survey to Council by 31 August 2015.	(i) 341 anglers surveyed during Winter 2014. Report presented to Council February 2015. (ii) 1,370 anglers surveyed during the 2014-15 Summer surveys. Report presented to Council August 2015.

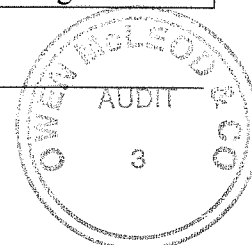


Table 5: Winter Creel Survey summary results

Lake	% Anglers satisfied			Avg Fish Length (mm)			Avg Fish Weight (kg)		
	2014	2013	2012	2014	2013	2012	2014	2013	2012
Tarawera	87%	86%	92%	571	548	591	2.33	2.38	2.58
Rotoiti	97%	91%	95%	575	587	603	2.66	2.91	3.07
Okataina	93%	96%	97%	604	616	594	2.43	2.96	2.64

Table 6: Summer Creel Survey summary results

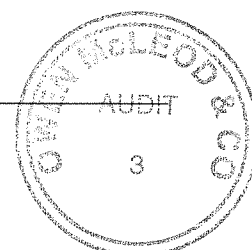
Lake	% Anglers satisfied			Avg Fish Length (mm)			Avg Fish Weight (kg)		
	14-15	13-14	12-13	14-15	13-14	12-13	14-15	13-14	12-13
Tarawera	97%	96%	96%	503	499	532	1.42	1.42	1.63
Rotoiti	98%	97%	94%	518	523	522	1.80	1.80	1.79
Okataina	95%	95%	100%	539	515	529	1.83	1.70	1.79
Rotorua	97%	97%	93%	439	455	443	0.99	1.23	0.98

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
1122 Opening Day Angler Survey Monitor opening day catch from Rotorua lakes fisheries to assess characteristics of the catch.	Present report to Council by 30 April 2015.	Survey completed with 850 anglers surveyed. Report presented to Council April 2015.

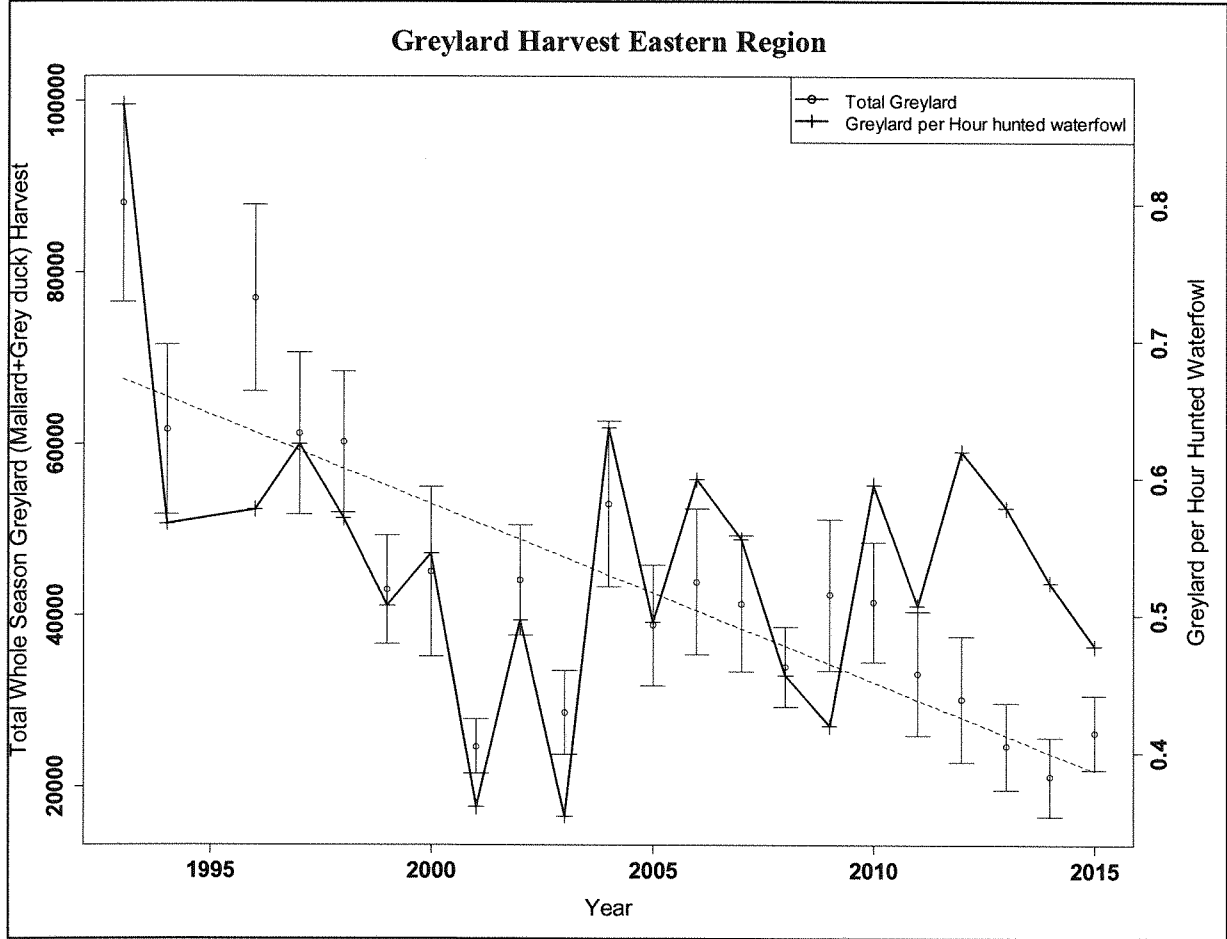
Table 7: Opening Day Survey, trout caught summary details

Lake	Avg 2yr old length (mm)			Avg 2yr old weight (kg)			Avg 2yr old condition factor		
	14-15	13-14	12-13	14-15	13-14	12-13	14-15	13-14	12-13
Tarawera	483	487	523	1.32	1.40	1.68	42.53	43.84	42.22
Rotoiti	492	499	506	1.50	1.51	1.53	45.11	43.98	42.65
Okataina	512	499	528	1.60	1.54	1.88	43.57	44.60	46.52

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
1123 Game Bird Hunter Survey Assess the harvest of game birds by hunters and hunter effort during the 2015 season.	Present 2014 game bird hunter survey results to Council by 30 November 2014. Complete game bird hunter surveys for 2015 season by 31 August 2015. [NB should have been 30 September 2015].	2014 Game bird hunter survey results presented to October 2014 meeting of Council. 2015 Game bird hunter surveys being completed in September 2015.



Graph 4: Estimated harvest of Greylard (Mallard + Grey ducks) in the Eastern Region (mean ±CI) 1993–2015 (dashed line = regression line) and greylard per hour hunting waterfowl (solid line).



1140: Hatchery: To produce sufficient trout to meet the requirements of Eastern Region, Fish and Game New Zealand, as well as other Fish and Game Regions

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<p>1141 Hatchery Operations To provide quality trout fisheries by operating a hatchery programme and releasing fish where required according to a structured liberation programme.</p>	<p>To produce 105,000 fish, and liberate or distribute to meet regional orders. Report liberations to each meeting of Council.</p>	<p>91,405 fish were produced and liberated or distributed for the period. Liberations reported to Council bi-monthly.</p>

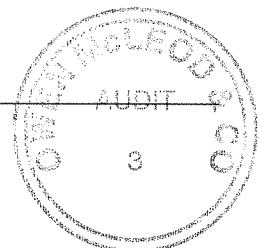


Table 8: Trout liberations in the Eastern Region

Water	Date released	Mark	Tag	Species	QTY	Modal length
Kents	19/11/2014	Rp		Rainbow	200	180
McLaren	29/10/2014	Rp		Brown	200	200
McLaren	29/10/2014	Rp		Rainbow	500	180
Ngahewa	31/10/2014	Rp		Rainbow	200	180
Ngapouri	31/10/2014	Rp		Rainbow	500	180
Okareka	4/06/2015	LpAd		Rainbow	2500	180
Okareka	9/10/2014	Rp		Rainbow	2000	180
Okareka	9/10/2014	Rp	G14	Rainbow	500	180
Okaro	31/10/2014	Rp		Rainbow	500	180
Okataina	6/05/2015	LpAd	O15	Rainbow	500	
Okataina	21/04/2015	LpAd		Rainbow	250	160
Okataina	12/03/2015	LpAd		Rainbow	250	160
Okataina	11/12/2014	Rp		Rainbow	500	190
Okataina	24/11/2014	Rp		Rainbow	500	190
Okataina	21/10/2014	Rp		Rainbow	1000	170
Okataina	18/09/2014	Rp	E14	Rainbow	500	170
Rerewhakaaitu	9/06/2015	LpAd		Rainbow	3500	
Rerewhakaaitu	14/09/2014	Rp		Rainbow	3000	170
Rerewhakaaitu	14/09/2014	Rp	I14	Rainbow	500	160
Rotoehu	27/05/2015	LpAd		Rainbow	2000	
Rotoehu	22/09/2014	Rp		Rainbow	2000	170
Rotoehu	22/09/2014	Rp	C14	Rainbow	500	170
Rotoiti	30/06/2015	LpAd		Rainbow	900	
Rotoiti	6/05/2015	LpAd		Rainbow	5000	
Rotoiti	6/05/2015	LpAd	15R	Rainbow	500	
Rotoiti	20/04/2015	LpAd		Rainbow	5000	
Rotoiti	13/03/2015	LpAd		Rainbow	4000	160
Rotoiti	17/02/2015	Ad	N15	Rainbow	500	
Rotoiti	11/12/2014	Rp		Rainbow	3000	
Rotoiti	12/11/2014	Rp		Rainbow	3500	
Rotoiti	30/10/2014	Rp	AM	Rainbow	500	170
Rotoiti	21/10/2014	Rp		Rainbow	3000	170
Rotoiti	17/09/2014	Rp	B14	Rainbow	500	170
Rotoiti	17/09/2014	Rp		Rainbow	3000	170
Rotoma	25/05/2015	LpAd		Rainbow	2000	
Rotoma	25/05/2015	LpAd		Rainbow	2000	
Rotoma	25/09/2014	Rp		Tiger	580	190
Rotoma	25/09/2014	Rp		Rainbow	2000	180
Rotoma	25/09/2014	Rp	D14	Rainbow	500	180
Rotorua	10/09/2014	Rp	A14	Rainbow	1000	170

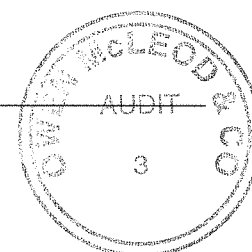


Table 8 Continued: Trout liberations in the Eastern Region

Water	Date released	Mark	Tag	Species	QTY	Modal length
Tarawera	5/05/2015	LpAd	15T	Rainbow	500	
Tarawera	5/05/2015	LpAd		Rainbow	1000	
Tarawera	16/04/2015	LpAd		Rainbow	1000	160
Tarawera	12/03/2015	LpAd		Rainbow	1000	
Tarawera	16/02/2015	Ad		Rainbow	500	
Tarawera	16/02/2015	Ad	X15	Rainbow	500	
Tarawera	12/12/2014	Rp		Rainbow	2500	190
Tarawera	11/11/2014	Rp		Rainbow	2500	190
Tarawera	22/10/2014	Rp		Rainbow	3500	180
Tarawera	9/09/2014	Rp	H14	Rainbow	500	180
Tarawera	9/09/2014	Rp		Rainbow	1500	180
Tuai	19/12/2014	Rp		Rainbow	500	190
Tuai	9/12/2014	Rp		Brown	200	100
Tuai	9/12/2014	Rp		Brown	100	
Waikaremoana	23/04/2015	LpAd	WA15	Rainbow	500	180

Marking or fin clipping Rp = Right pelvic clip, Lp = Left pelvic clip, Ad = Adipose fin clip.

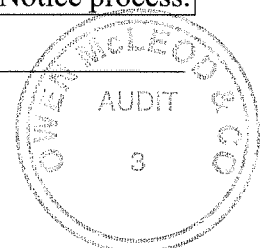
Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
1142 Te Wairoa Trap To obtain suitable brood stock to sustain the hatchery programme. Operate Te Wairoa trap and collect sufficient ova.	Report the results of the trapping programme to each meeting of Council in the trapping season.	The Te Wairoa trap was operated and 386,992 ova were collected from 82 crosses. Reported to Council bi-monthly during the trapping season.

Table 9: Te Wairoa trap summary

Fish details	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11
Total fish trapped	1040	902	757	900	608
Average Length (mm)	541	547	567	585	576
Average Weight (kg)	1.95	2.05	2.23	2.51	2.52
Wild % in run	32.5	33.5	28.6	19.6	18.9

1170: Regulations: Develop regulations to ensure that harvest of sports fish and game birds is within sustainable limits

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
1171 Regulations To maintain the sports fish and game bird resource through the development of an annual anglers notice and game season conditions, and to manage Registered Upland Game Property requirements.	Recommend to the NZ Council the 2015 game season conditions by 6 February 2015 and the 2015-2016 Anglers Notice by 30 June 2015.	(i) Recommended Game Season Conditions approved by Council and sent to NZ Council 30 January 2015. (ii) One submission received for 2015-16 Anglers Notice and held over until 2016-17 Anglers Notice process.



		Recommendation approved by Council and sent to NZ Council 16 June 2015.
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1180: Game Bird Control: Minimise significant damage caused by game birds to private land

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
1181 Game Bird Control To reduce damage to crops from unwanted aggregations of game birds through assisting landowners and utilising the efforts of game bird hunters wherever practical. Minimise avian botulism outbreaks through dispersal or collection.	Maintain permit database and report on the number of permits issued annually within the Annual Report.	29 permits issued to 23 land owners. All requests dealt with in a timely manner.

Table 10: Permits issued to disturb game birds by species (23 landowners)

Species	Permits Issued
Mallard duck	2
Black Swan	1
Paradise Shelduck	5
Pukeko	20
Ring necked pheasant	1
Total	29



SPORTS FISH AND GAME BIRD HABITAT PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Goal

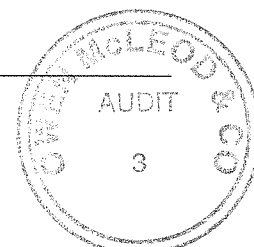
To manage, maintain, and enhance sports fish and game bird habitat to maximise recreational opportunities for anglers and hunters.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1210	RMA	\$68,046	\$0	\$68,046	\$52,081	\$0	\$52,081
1220	Works & Management	\$79,994	\$5,500	\$74,494	\$120,259	\$6,147	\$114,112
1230	Assisted Habitat	\$171,257	\$14,760	\$156,497	\$104,257	\$59,265	\$44,992
1240	Assessment	\$2,376	\$0	\$2,376	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total		\$321,674	\$20,260	\$301,414	\$276,597	\$65,412	\$211,185

1210: Resource Management Act: To effectively represent Fish & Game interests and the aspirations of anglers and hunters in resource management processes and strategies

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<p>1211 RMA Planning and Consents Planning processes/consents and interactions with Regional and District Councils.</p> <p>(i) Contribute to the improvement of water quality in the Rotorua lakes via collaborative processes, research and fishery and angler monitoring.</p> <p>(ii) Minimise effect to fisheries from impacts that may arise from activities intending to improve water quality of the Rotorua lakes.</p> <p>(iii) Utilise river investigation projects to advocate for improved water quality in Rangitaiki River.</p> <p>(iv) Maintain water quality register to monitor efficacy of Regional Councils.</p> <p>(v) Review and support/oppose plans and consents that impact significantly upon</p>	<p>Report activities to each meeting of Council.</p>	<p>(i) Attended regular meetings of the Regional Water Advisory Panel. Continued research and monitoring connected with Ohau Channel Diversion.</p> <p>(ii) Involved with consents for floating wetlands for nutrient absorption.</p> <p>(iii) Attended Rangitaiki River Forum meeting.</p> <p>(iv) Register maintained.</p> <p>(v) Involved in statutory and collaborative planning processes with District/ Regional Councils as per Table 11.</p> <p>(vi) Submitted on consents as per Table 12.</p> <p>(vii) All activities reported to Council bi-</p>



sports fish/game bird habitat values, or angler and hunter access.		monthly.
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Table 11: Planning processes submitted to, hearings, appeals and/or mediations in which we have been involved

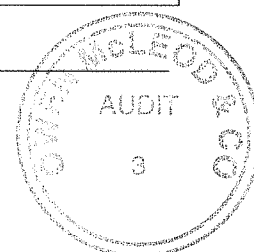
Authority	Process
Environment Bay of Plenty Regional Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaimai Catchments Forum • Regional Water Advisory Panel
Rotorua District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed District Plan
Whakatane District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed District Plan
Gisborne District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freshwater Advisory Group • Draft Freshwater Plan

Table 12: Summary of Consent Applications received

Consent activity	Number of applications
Total number of consents received	22
No action required	0
No concerns letter	7
Section 95E3a approval	13
Conditions imposed	2
Section 96 supported	0
Review ongoing	0

1220: Works and Management: Wildlife Management Reserves

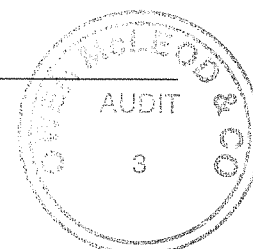
Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<p>1221 Reserves Management</p> <p>(i) Manage water levels and habitat in wildlife management reserves, advocate and maintain optimum conditions for waterfowl.</p> <p>(ii) Intensively manage stand holder habitat maintenance requirements on revolving basis.</p> <p>(iii) Continue managed wetland maintenance programme including water reticulation systems in Kaituna and Awaiti and add Ohaaki wetland in annual</p>	<p>Report activities to each meeting of Council.</p>	<p>(i) A project to enhance water levels within Awakaponga Wildlife Management Reserve was completed with funding obtained from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Innovation Fund</p> <p>(ii) Stands managed and ballot holder meeting completed.</p> <p>(iii) Annual mowing and spraying programme completed, including Ohaaki. Water reticulation for Awaiti</p>



<p>maintenance. Continue regular habitat and water inspections in managed wetlands.</p> <p>(iv) Continue productivity investigations to identify methods for increasing juvenile productivity from Reserves and other habitats.</p>		<p>and Kaituna WMR's completed. Regular habitat and water inspections in all managed wetlands undertaken.</p> <p>(iv) Worked closely with PhD student studying productivity. Initiated study of productivity in drains.</p> <p>(v) Reported to Council bi-monthly.</p>
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1230: Assisted Habitat: Assist habitat enhancement by individuals and organisations and manage significant projects

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p>1231 Maintain and Enhance Game Bird Habitat</p> <p>(i) Make submissions to regional or district council plans to address rules that are currently a barrier to habitat enhancement.</p> <p>(ii) Encourage hunters and landowners to develop wetland habitat on non public land. Make available information package and services including land owner site visits and consent advice. Use rural media to encourage wetland enhancement on non public land.</p>	<p><i>(i) Report activities to each meeting of Council.</i></p> <p><i>(ii) Provide advice to 20 landowners and contribute to the enhancement or creation of 20 ha of habitat. Report activities to each meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>(i) Submissions made to Planning Processes as per Table 11.</p> <p>(ii) Landowner information/advice provided to 10 landowners for 25.45 ha of habitat creation or enhancement.</p> <p>(iii) Reported to Council bi-monthly.</p>
<p>1232 Habitat Creation Projects</p> <p>(ii) Communicate pond enhancement opportunities to rural communities and monitor East Coast pond enhancement trials.</p> <p>(iii) Make one application to external funding providers for a habitat creation project in the Eastern Region.</p> <p>(iv) Assist in wetland habitat</p>	<p><i>(i) Report enhancement activities to each meeting of Council.</i></p> <p><i>(ii) Make one application for external funding for enhancement project.</i></p> <p><i>(iii) Report WCEET activities before 31 August 2015.</i></p> <p><i>(iv) Report activities to each meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>(i) Quarterly monitoring of planting and bird numbers undertaken of 5 trial stock ponds on one property, and other East Coast ponds assisted.</p> <p>(ii) Application to WCEET for one wetland enhancement project in Reporoa - Ruatawiri</p>



<p>creation and enhancement in the Waikato River catchment through WCEET trustee and project manager participation.</p> <p>(v) Manage Waikaremoana Sports Fish Fund allocations for habitat work in the Wairoa River catchment.</p>		<p>Wetland.</p> <p>(iii) WCEET Trustee and project management carried out during the year.</p> <p>(iv) All enhancement activities reported to Council bi-monthly.</p>
<p>1233 Drain Management Advocate for waterfowl sensitive drain management practices and enhance drain habitats. Continue encouraging drain management agencies to extend waterfowl sensitive drain management practices and investigate productivity improvements.</p>	<p><i>Review and increase enhancement programme to another 3km of existing drains.</i></p>	<p>(i) Liaised with BOP Regional Council drain management staff. Planting not undertaken this year.</p> <p>(ii) Brood counts undertaken in October 2014. Results reported to Council at the November 2014 meeting.</p>

1240: Assess and Monitor: Assess and monitor regional trends in significant habitat areas

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p>1241 Monitor Waterfowl Habitats Maintain inventory of wetlands, assess their vulnerability and identify wetland deficient areas through participation with Wetland Forum groups and Regional Council databases. Continue raising profile of significant wetlands for enhancement such as Lake Aniwhenua (Aniwhenua).</p>	<p><i>Report activities to each meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>Participated in Wetland Forums, with significance of wetlands regularly raised.</p>



ANGLER AND HUNTER PARTICIPATION AND SERVICES

Goal

To encourage angler and hunter participation while maintaining the quality of the recreational experience.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1310	Access	\$51,565	\$0	\$51,565	\$40,532	\$5,164	\$35,368
1330	Newsletters	\$44,725	\$0	\$44,725	\$28,634	\$0	\$28,634
1340	Other Publications	\$6,466	\$0	\$6,466	\$5,932	\$0	\$5,932
1350	Training	\$51,336	\$11,000	\$40,336	\$47,264	\$16,237	\$31,027
1360	Club Relations	\$11,881	\$0	\$11,881	\$2,995	\$0	\$2,995
1370	Huts	\$3,590	\$400	\$3,190	\$2,321	\$274	\$2,047
Total		\$169,562	\$11,400	\$158,162	\$127,678	\$21,675	\$106,003

1310: Angler and Hunter Access: To maintain and enhance access to the sports fish and game bird resources of the Eastern Region

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<p>1311 Maintain & Enhance Access Physical and legal access to angling and hunting opportunities.</p> <p>(i) Maintain angling tracks – Ngongotaha and Waiteti Streams, Tarawera, Waioeaka and Rangitaiki Rivers. Investigate Waikaremoana fisheries access track opportunities.</p> <p>(ii) Allocate and manage balloted hunting stands in Fish & Game managed Wildlife Management Reserves/wetlands.</p> <p>(iii) Maintain signs and enhance access through signage at key fishing and hunting access points. Maintain signage inventory databases.</p> <p>(iv) Advocate for improved access through forestry such</p>	<p>(i) Maintain access tracks to 69 km of Rangitaiki River & tributaries and 6 km of Ngongotaha and Waiteti Streams.</p> <p>(ii) Allocate balloted hunting stands.</p> <p>(iii) Maintain signage database.</p> <p>(iv) Make submissions to WAC and Treaty settlements where appropriate.</p> <p>Report activities to each meeting of Council.</p>	<p>(i) Access tracks maintained as required.</p> <p>(ii) Ballot draw completed, hunters advised of shooting stands for the 2015 season.</p> <p>(iii) Access signage maintained and database updated.</p> <p>(iv) Access issue register maintained. Liaison with Walking Access Commission ongoing including submissions to OIO in relation to proposed sales of land to overseas interests.</p> <p>(v) Liaison ongoing with landowners and Forest Managers.</p> <p>(vi) Investigations and initial work carried out</p>



<p>as Kaingaroa, and resolution of identified captured access areas. Make submissions to the Walking Access Commission and ensure that provision for Public access is made in relevant Treaty of Waitangi settlements.</p>		<p>into angler access enhancement work in the Waikaretaheke River area. Work begun on producing access brochure on the greater Wairoa River system including the Waiau River and Putere Lakes. (vii)Reported to Council bi-monthly.</p>
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1330: Newsletters, Licence holder communications: To effectively inform anglers and hunters of matters relating to Fish & Game and opportunities for increased participation.

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p>1331 Inform Anglers & Hunters Prepare and circulate monthly newsletters (E-zine) to clubs and respond to angler and hunter enquiries. Identify options for increasing participation through specific activities.</p>	<p><i>Prepare and circulate 12 monthly electronic newsletters.</i></p>	<p>Nine 'Reel Life' and three 'Both Barrels' newsletters were produced and distributed. The Reel Life e-zine did not have regional input for the months of June, July and August. Angler and hunter enquiries responded to as they occurred.</p>
<p>1332 Fish & Game Magazine Prepare and mail two issues of Fish and Game New Zealand to 2014-2015 whole season fish licence holders and 2014 whole season game licence holders. Prepare and distribute pre-season newsletters.</p>	<p><i>Mail fish issue August 2015 (approx. 9,000), game issue April 2015 (approx. 3,500). Distribute pre fish and game season newsletters.</i></p>	<p>Two pages completed for both the Fish & Game fishing magazine supplement (9,000) and the hunting magazine supplement (3,700). A 12 page hunting, and 16 page fishing newsletter also completed and distributed to licence holders and licence agents.</p>
<p>1333 Fishing Reports Prepare and circulate monthly fishing reports during 2014-2015 season. Increase use of social media to inform anglers and hunters of current fishing and hunting conditions.</p>	<p><i>Prepare and circulate 12 monthly fishing reports.</i></p>	<p>Nine fishing reports completed and distributed with the 'Reel Life' e-zine. 255 messages were 'Tweeted' on a variety of topics. Reported to Council bi-monthly.</p>



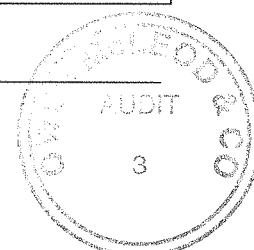
<p>1334 Maintain Internet Site Maintain and regularly update Fish & Game information on Eastern Region website.</p>	<p><i>Report activities to each meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>Over 20 site updates were completed during the year. Reported to Council bi-monthly.</p>
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1340: Informational Publications: To assist anglers and hunters to access the hunting and fishing opportunities of the Eastern Region

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p>1341 Information Pamphlets Review and if necessary reprint pamphlets, address information deficiencies and use website and other forms of communication to make access information more readily available. Maintain stocks of information pamphlets in licence agents and other outlets throughout the region.</p>	<p><i>Report on stocks of information pamphlets and activities to each meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>An updated version of the Rangitaiki, Horomanga and Whirinaki River brochure was produced and printed, and made available on-line. Investigations and initial work begun on a Wairoa River system/East Coast brochure. Reported to Council bi-monthly.</p>

1350: Angler and Hunter Training: To encourage new participants to take up angling and hunting

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p>1351 Childrens Fishing Programme Operate children's fishing programme in conjunction with Rotorua Anglers Association and identify options to increase participation.</p>	<p><i>Provide 2,000 two-year-old fish. Report activities and participation to each meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>Approximately 2,000 rising 2 year old rainbow trout were added to the children's pond during summer. Reported to Council bi-monthly.</p>
<p>1352 Angler/Hunter Training (i) Provide angler and hunter training information and make available novice hunter/angler starter packs. (ii) Conduct angling training seminars. (iii) Continue novice hunter training programme.</p>	<p><i>Provide three angler information seminars. Participate in HUNTS programme for hunter training.</i></p>	<p>Two fishing tuition events were held for anglers at Tarawera and in Gisborne; and participated in two HUNTS courses and conducted four novice duck hunter hunts at Waewaetutuki wetland.</p>
<p>1353 Angler/Hunter Enquiries Respond to enquiries for information from anglers and hunters.</p>	<p><i>Provide information and respond to enquiries promptly.</i></p>	<p>Angler/hunter enquiries responded to in a timely manner.</p>



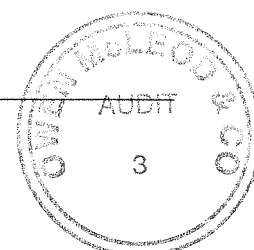
<p>1354 Fishing Competitions Review applications to hold fishing competitions and grant permits where appropriate.</p>	<p><i>Respond to applications within five working days and report on permits granted to each meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>41 Fishing Competition permits granted within five days of receipt of application. Reported to Council bi-monthly.</p>
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1360: Club Relations: To maintain communications with Fish & Game related clubs

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p>1361 Fish & Game Club relations Maintain club register and provide news updates to clubs on a monthly basis, attend club meetings as appropriate.</p>	<p><i>Attend at least 20 club meetings by 31 August 2015. Provide report to each meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>21 Club meetings or events attended by staff. Reported to Council bi-monthly.</p>

1370: Fish and Game Huts

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p>1371 Fish and Game Huts Maintain Fish & Game huts at Waikaremoana, and Wairua.</p>	<p><i>Report maintenance activities to each meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>Huts maintained as required. Reported to council bi-monthly.</p>



PUBLIC INTERFACE

Goal

To maximise public awareness of the values associated with the sports fish and game bird resource, and support for the management role of Fish and Game New Zealand.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

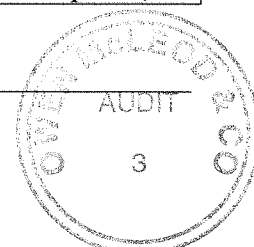
Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1410	Liaison	\$8,080	\$0	\$8,080	\$8,749	\$0	\$8,749
1420	Communication	\$25,752	\$0	\$25,752	\$10,954	\$0	\$10,954
1440	Public Promotions	\$25,069	\$0	\$25,069	\$15,386	\$1,500	\$13,886
1450	Visitors/Education	\$48,726	\$0	\$48,726	\$44,510	\$0	\$44,510
	Total	\$107,626	\$0	\$107,626	\$79,599	\$1,500	\$78,099

1410: Liaison: To avoid conflicts and maintain effective advocacy and liaison with statutory resource management agencies

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<p>1411 Statutory Liaison and Political Awareness Maintain a structured liaison and advocacy programme with key agencies and individuals. Make submissions to Regional Council's Senior Manager Team (SMT) and DOC regional directors on significant regional matters. Engage in governor-governor meetings where appropriate. Ensure political awareness of Fish & Game activities and support for improved habitat performance.</p>	<p>(i) Regional manager to meet with Regional Councils SMT and DOC directors twice yearly. Staff attendance at Conservation Board meetings at least annually. (ii) Regional manager/Councillors to visit all electorate MPs during the year. Report activities to each meeting of Council.</p>	<p>(i) Met with senior Bay of Plenty Regional Council and DOC managers including Regional Directors. (ii) Attended one Bay of Plenty Conservation Board meeting and two other functions convened by the Tongariro-Taupo Conservation Board. No electorate MPs visited. (iii) Reported to Council bi-monthly.</p>

1420: Communication: Develop and maintain effective communication with the wider public and the media, stakeholders and strategic allies

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<p>1421 Public Communications To advocate the interests of anglers and hunters through maintaining effective communication with non</p>	<p>(i) Contribute to national public awareness network. (ii) Manage website for effective licence holder</p>	<p>(i) One National public awareness network meeting attended. (ii) Website managed and updated as required,</p>



<p>statutory groups or individuals such as farmers, Iwi and the general public.</p> <p>(i) Implement regional public awareness programme and identify and progress marketing opportunities.</p> <p>(ii) Maintain a strong presence in general public media.</p> <p>(iii) Engage and communicate with rural community and land owners. Encourage mutual attendance at Federated Farmers and Fish & Game meetings. Participate in rural initiatives such as Ballance Environmental Awards and Farm Open Days.</p> <p>(iv) Engage with Iwi. Initiate more formal relationships with key Iwi groups across the region and participate in Treaty Settlement processes that affect anglers and hunters.</p>	<p><i>communication and public awareness. Prepare and distribute 40 media press releases before 31 August 2015.</i></p> <p><i>(iii) Attend one Federated Farmers meeting and participate with rural environment awards/open days.</i></p> <p><i>(iv) Submit on Treaty Settlements affecting angler/ hunter access. Report activities to each meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>and contributed weekly to RotoruaNZ website blog.</p> <p>(iii) 55 media releases were prepared and distributed during the year.</p> <p>(iv) Staff attended one Fonterra meeting but were not invited to participate directly with the Ballance Farm Environment Awards as there were insufficient entries this year.</p> <p>(v) Met with members of Te Urewera Board, Te Uru Taumatua, and the Waikaremoana Tribal Authority, and Te Arawa.</p> <p>(vi) Reported to Council bi-monthly.</p>
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1440: Promotions: To actively promote the work of Fish & Game with the wider public and the media

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p>1441 Public Promotions Develop and increase Fish & Game New Zealand presence via promotional events such as Boat Shows and public “open day”.</p>	<p><i>(i) Support national public awareness events.</i> <i>(ii) Conduct Fish & Game Open Day at Ngongotaha site.</i></p>	<p>(i) Attended Hutchwilco NZ Boat Show in May 2015</p> <p>(ii) Fish & Game open day not offered this year.</p>

1460: Visitors /Education: To educate the wider public on the role of Fish & Game New Zealand

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p>1461 Education To educate people in sports fish and game bird management, conservation and angling and hunting. Maintain grounds and facilities and increase use of the</p>	<p><i>Conduct 12 presentations to schools or outside organisations by 31 August 2015. Report activities to each meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>Presentations were given to 12 schools/outside organisations. Reported to Council bi-monthly.</p>



Ngongotaha hatchery and grounds to promote Fish & Game to schools and the wider public.		
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COMPLIANCE

Goal

To protect the sports fish and game bird resource and its user management through enforcement and education of legislative requirements.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

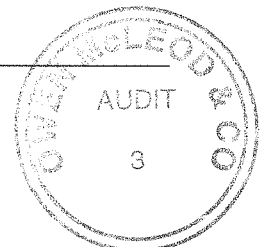
Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1510	Ranging	\$60,440	\$0	\$60,440	\$73,074	\$0	\$73,074
1520	Ranger Training	\$5,515	\$0	\$5,515	\$7,528	\$0	\$7,528
1530	Compliance	\$14,070	\$7,500	\$6,570	\$31,385	\$6,691	\$24,694
Total		\$80,025	\$7,500	\$72,525	\$111,986	\$6,691	\$105,295

1510: Ranging: Maintain compliance with angling and hunting regulations through enforcement activities

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
1511 Compliance Maintain a high level of participant contact through enforcement and monitor compliance with licensing and season conditions.	Organise ranging activity to achieve 3,500 angler and hunter contacts. The compliance of 95% of anglers and hunters contacted with legal requirements and season regulations. Provide report to each meeting of Council.	3,726 angler/hunter contacts. Compliance rate overall approximately 98%. 79 persons dealt with for 123 separate offences (Table 13). Warrantless powers of entry and or search (Sec 39 Wildlife Act 1953 and Sec 40 Conservation Act 1987) exercised on 26 occasions while carrying out game bird hunter ranging or while investigating alleged offences. Reported to council bi-monthly.

1520: Ranger Training: To ensure effective ranging across the region with suitably trained and resourced personnel

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
1521 Manage Regional Honorary Rangers Manage the regional network of Honorary Fish & Game Rangers and ensure that a sufficient level	Complete one organised training exercise for honorary rangers and report to Council by 31 August 2015.	11 Honorary Rangers maintained. Two non warranted volunteers also engaged with F&G. One regional training day



<p>of training and support is provided.</p>		<p>conducted. Resourced the North Island Compliance co-ordinator role, and worked on national reparation policy and ranger training as well as other matters. One two-day initial ranger safety training weekend organised which was held in Hawkes Bay, and a 1 day ranger safety refresher course organised and held at Rotorua. Reported to council bi-monthly.</p>
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1530: Compliance/Prosecutions: To follow a consistent policy driven approach to dealing with non-compliance to regulations

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p>1531 Prosecution of offenders Follow Council Prosecution and Reparation Policies to prosecute individuals found unlicensed or in non-compliance with season regulations without just cause.</p>	<p>Report details of prosecutions to each meeting of Council.</p>	<p>Offence resolution as per Table 14. 79 offenders dealt with for 123 offences. Reported to council bi-monthly.</p>

Table 13: Offence table 2014-2015 year

Offence name	Number of offences
Fish without licence	57
Fish closed waters	21
Fish with illegal tackle	13
Give false details	8
Disturb spawning gravels	6
Common Assault	1
Possess net – vicinity of spawning grounds	2
Fish with more than 1 rod	4
Fails to hold rod	1
Obstruction	2
Lead shot	4
Hunt without licence	1
Shoot protected species	1
Fails to answer court bail	2
Total	123

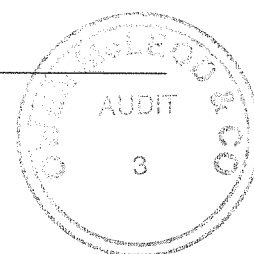
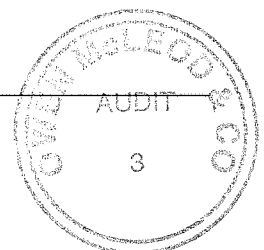


Table 14: Resolution of offences 2014-2015 year

Resolution Type	Number of offenders
Prosecution	25
Reparation	30
Youth warning	7
Adult warning	15
Other/insufficient evidence	2
Total	79



LICENSING

Goal

To optimise the sale of angling and hunting licences as valued products.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1610	Licence Production	\$22,900	\$1,419,769	-\$1,396,869	\$35,145	\$1,417,987	-\$1,382,842
1620	Agent Servicing	\$15,684	\$0	\$15,684	\$12,918	\$0	\$12,918
1630	Agent Payments	\$70,988	\$0	\$70,988	\$66,739	\$0	\$66,739
	Total	\$109,572	\$1,419,769	-\$1,310,197	\$114,802	\$1,417,987	-\$1,303,185

1610: Licensing: Maintain and monitor a readily available and efficient licensing system

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<p>1611 Licence production and distribution To issue fishing and hunting licences and the appropriate regulations in a timely manner and market new fishing licence categories to existing and potential licence holders.</p>	<p><i>To have available fish licences and regulation guides for the 2014-2015 season by 1 September, 2014; to have available game licences and regulation guides for the 2015 season by 31 March, 2015.</i></p>	<p>(i) Fish licences and regulation guides were available for purchase on 21 August 2014. (ii) Game licences and regulation guides were available for purchase on 19 March 2015.</p>
<p>1612 National licence management To support the operation of the national licence management provider. Evaluate licence sales information during the year and identify targeted marketing opportunities.</p>	<p><i>Provide detailed reports of licence sales performance to each meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>Licence sales reported to Council bi-monthly and monitored throughout the year.</p>
<p>1613 Licence availability To enable licences to be purchased conveniently by anglers and hunters through retailers and providing online services.</p>	<p><i>Provide report of licence sales by channel to each meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>Liaised with external provider to ensure licence availability. Maintained 56 licence retailers within the region. Participated in National Licence working party. Reported to Council bi-monthly.</p>

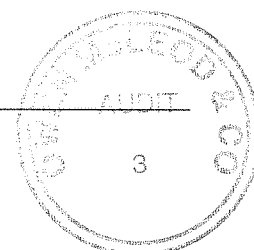


Table 15: Licence sales performance

	FISH					GAME				
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
AWS	4,525	4,516	4,270	4,186	4,036	3,487	3,300	3,136	3,044	3,001
JWS	468	454	426	362	408	368	383	360	351	357
Family	3,483	3,431	3,411	3,375	3,211	-	-	-	-	-
NAWS					387					
NJWS					8					
AWTR	1,132	1,084	954	1,012	1,002	-	-	-	-	-
JWTR	115	115	89	79	82	-	-	-	-	-
A24HR	7,976	8,213	8,538	7,799	7,693	152	190	177	181	207
J24HR	620	530	547	493	406	6	7	10	13	6
Total	18,319	18,343	18,235	17,306	17,233	4,013	3,880	3,683	3,589	3,551
LEQ	11,471	11,401	11,041	10,768	10,884	3,593	3,414	3,246	3,152	3,115

AWS -Adult Whole Season, JWS -Junior Whole Season, AWTR , -Adult Winter, JWTR -Junior Winter, A24HR -Adult 24 hour, J24HR -Junior 24 hour
 NAWS - Non Resident Adult Whole Season, NJWS - Non Resident Junior Whole Season

1620: Agent Servicing: Management and support of Fish & Game licensing through licence agents

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
1621 Licence Agent support Communicate and work with licence agents to support the licence management provided by Eyede, providing agent training as required.	Complete at least three visits to all significant licence resellers by 31 August 2015.	Regular visits and checks on significant licence agents were undertaken by 31 August 2015. Three book collections completed and regular contact by administration staff throughout the year.



COUNCIL

Goals

To provide for the democratic governance of the fish and game system by fish and game licence holders.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1710	Council Elections	\$1,188	\$0	\$1,188	\$352	\$0	\$352
1720	Council Meetings	\$46,477	\$0	\$46,477	\$50,220	\$0	\$50,220
	Total	\$47,666	\$0	\$47,666	\$50,572	\$0	\$50,572

1710: Fish and game Council Election: Prepare for the 2015 Fish and Game Election

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
1711 Council Election Provide regional support to <i>electionz.com</i> for preparing for the October 2015 election.	Assist external provider in preparing for election and report activities to Council by 31 August 2015.	Assistance was provided to <i>electionz.com</i> as required in preparation for election. Election schedule reported to Council 19 August 2015.

1720: Council Meetings: Effective governance and efficient Council support

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
1721 Council The effective direction of the management of the Council's business. Keep Council informed of relevant national and regional matters. Prepare information reports and agenda for Council meetings and any minutes resulting from these meetings. Develop Council governance evaluation process.	Hold at least 6 meetings of the Eastern Fish & Game Council by 31 August 2015. Distribute agendas 10 days prior and draft minutes within 3 weeks of meeting.	Six regular Council meetings completed before 31 August 2015. All agendas distributed within required time, and draft minutes distributed as soon as practicable after meeting.



PLANNING AND REPORTING

Goal

To meet Fish & Game's statutory reporting requirements.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

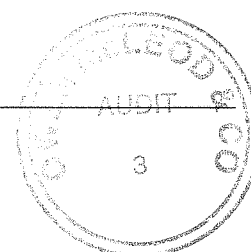
Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1810	Management Planning	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1820	Annual Planning	\$10,694	\$0	\$10,694	\$9,101	\$0	\$9,101
1830	Reporting	\$39,912	\$0	\$39,912	\$35,482	\$0	\$35,482
1840	National Liaison	\$28,291	\$0	\$28,291	\$24,093	\$0	\$24,093
	Total	\$78,897	\$0	\$78,897	\$68,675	\$0	\$68,675

1820: Annual Planning

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
1821 OWP preparation To prepare an operational work plan for the 2015-2016 year.	<i>The adoption of a proposed operational work plan for 2015-2016 by the Council by 31 August 2015.</i>	2015-2016 Operational Work Plan adopted by Council at meeting of Council 19 August 2015.

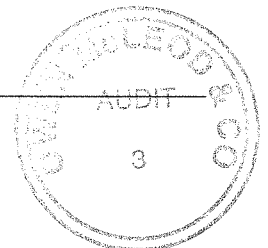
1830: Reporting and Audit

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
1831 Annual Report and Statement of Service Performance To complete an Annual Report and Statement of Service Performance for the 2013-2014 year.	<i>Conduct quarterly staff meeting reviews of performance against OWP targets. The adoption of the audited 2013-2014 annual report by Council, and presentation to a public annual general meeting not later than 30 November 2014, as well as to the Minister of Conservation.</i>	Financial statements for 2013-2014 year prepared, and audited in October 2014. Unqualified audit opinion issued 5 November 2014. Annual Report presented to Parliament and annual meeting 26 November 2014. SOSP completed and included in audited statement of accounts. Three quarterly reviews of performance against OWP targets completed.



1840: National Liaison

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p>1841 New Zealand Fish & Game liaison The maintenance of effective liaison with New Zealand Fish & Game to meet all statutory requirements. Contribute to the efficient management of Fish & Game nationally through participation with working parties, networks and national research and monitoring.</p>	<p><i>Attend all meetings of the Regional Fish & Game Council managers and participate where required with working parties established by the New Zealand Council.</i></p>	<p>All Managers meetings attended. Staff undertook or contributed to national roles including North Island compliance co-ordination, RMA and PA Groups, licence working party, finance review committee, research committee, and national game bird monitoring.</p>



Eastern Fish and Game Council
FINANCIAL INFORMATION
For the year ended
31 August 2015

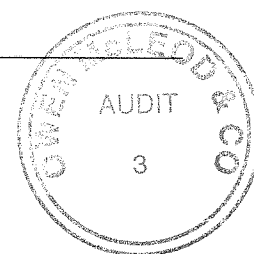
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EASTERN FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

	Note	Actual 2015 \$	Budget 2015 \$	Actual 2014 \$
REVENUE				
Fish and Game licence sales	1	1,417,987	1,419,769	1,380,414
Grants and donations	1	38,854	-	98,314
Interest	1	30,008	25,150	29,672
Other revenue	1	188,417	160,847	189,043
Total Revenue		1,675,266	1,605,766	1,697,443
EXPENSES				
Outputs				
Species management	2	88,738	91,830	103,103
Habitat protection & management	2	66,804	87,600	45,720
Angler & Hunter participation	2	20,051	19,850	21,565
Public interface	2	10,431	8,056	4,468
Compliance	2	6,356	4,100	3,460
Licensing	2	67,535	71,788	65,248
Council	2	9,236	10,000	10,208
Planning & reporting	2	8,961	9,150	8,840
Overheads				
Employee related costs	2	891,774	886,816	881,583
Depreciation	4	79,161	77,569	74,986
Other expenses	2	135,073	131,395	139,556
Total Expenses		1,384,120	1,398,154	1,358,737
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)		291,146	207,612	338,706
Less Other Expenses				
Levies to NZFGC		233,908	233,908	355,388
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		57,238	(26,296)	(16,682)

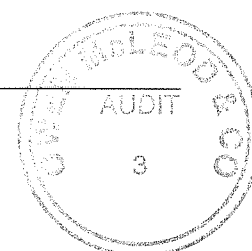
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EASTERN FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2015

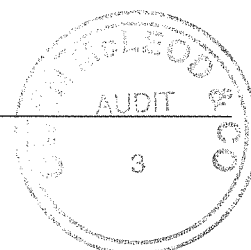
	Note	Actual 2015 \$	Budget 2015 \$	Actual 2014 \$
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Bank accounts and cash	3	142,079	94,145	162,699
Debtors and prepayments	3	141,841	180,000	178,698
Investments	3	521,179	450,000	434,475
Inventory	3	140,360	140,360	140,360
Total Current Assets		945,459	864,505	916,232
Non-Current Assets				
Property, plant and equipment	4	897,883	903,370	879,243
Investments	3	-	-	-
Forestry Asset	3	77,000	77,000	77,000
Total Non-Current Assets		974,883	980,370	956,243
TOTAL ASSETS		1,920,342	1,844,875	1,872,475
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Creditors and accrued expenses	3	159,333	110,000	192,810
Employee costs payable	3	115,073	86,000	90,967
Total Current Liabilities		274,406	196,000	283,777
TOTAL LIABILITES		274,406	196,000	283,777
NET ASSETS		1,645,936	1,648,875	1,588,698
EQUITY		1,645,936	1,648,875	1,588,698

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the Financial Statements



EASTERN FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

	Actual 2015 \$	Budget 2015 \$	Actual 2014 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was received from:			
Licence Sales	1,434,217	1,419,369	1,398,055
Grants, donations and fundraising	54,997	-	4,671
Interest	18,305	25,150	26,355
Other revenue	210,894	159,562	143,613
Cash was applied to:			
Payments to suppliers	695,028	694,481	772,651
Payments to employees	867,668	861,316	871,623
GST (net)	(2,204)	-	(4,522)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	157,922	48,284	(67,058)
CASHFLOW FROM INVESTING & FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was received from:			
Sale of property, plant and equipment	56,899	51,500	134,390
Sale of investments/deposits	-	150,000	221,036
Cash was applied to:			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	148,736	152,813	247,239
Purchase of investments/deposits	86,705	165,525	-
Net Cash Flows from Investing and Financing	(178,542)	(116,838)	108,187
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash	(20,620)	(68,554)	41,129
Opening Cash	162,699	162,699	121,570
Closing Cash	142,079	94,145	162,699
This is represented by:			
Bank accounts and cash	142,079	94,145	162,699



EASTERN FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
Statement of Accounting Policies

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

ACCOUNTING POLICIES APPLIED

Reporting Entity

The Eastern Fish and Game Council is a Public Entity under the Public Finance Act 1989 (Schedule 4). The Council was established on 4 May 1991 with the passing of the Conservation Law Reform Act 1990.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Section 153-6 of the Crown Entities Act 2004.

Basis of Preparation

Eastern Fish and Game has elected to apply PBE SFR-A (PS) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting - Accrual (Public Sector) on the basis that it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses of equal to or less than \$2,000,000. All transactions in the Performance Report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. The Performance Report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The Council is registered for GST. All amounts are recorded exclusive of GST, except for Debtors and Creditors which are stated inclusive of GST..

SPECIFIC ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Revenue Recognition

Eastern Fish and Game Council derives revenue through the sale of fish and game licences, interest, sale of fish product, contracts, rentals, grants and miscellaneous sales.

Licence Revenue

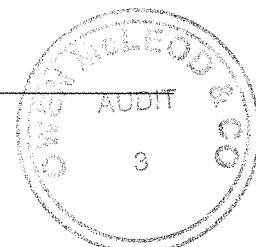
Licence revenue is recognised in the period the licence fee is earned, for example, a fish licence sold in August of the current year which relates to the next fishing season is treated as income in advance.

Grants Received

Grants are recognised as revenue when they become receivable unless there is an obligation in substance to return the funds if conditions of the grant are not met. If there is such an obligation, the grants are initially recorded as grants received in advance and recognised as revenue when the conditions of the grant is satisfied.

Interest

Interest revenue is recorded as it is earned during the year.



Other Income

Income from contracts, rentals and miscellaneous sales are recorded as revenue in the period they are earned.

Outputs

The Council has allocated expenditure based on the 8 output codes - Species management, Habitat protection & management, Angler & Hunter participation, Public interface, Compliance, Licensing, Council, and Planning & reporting. These are expensed when the related service has been received.

Employee related costs

Wages, salaries, and annual leave are recorded as an expense as staff provide services and become entitled to wages, salaries. Performance payments are recorded when the employee is notified. Superannuation contributions are recorded as an expense as staff provide services.

Levies to NZFGC

A levy is paid each year to the New Zealand Fish and Game Council for the administration of the New Zealand Fish and Game Council, or redistribution to other Council and for advocacy and research.

Bank accounts and cash

Bank Accounts and cash comprise cash on hand, cheque or savings accounts, and deposits held at call with banks.

Debtors and prepayments

Debtors are initially recorded at the amount owed. When it is likely the amount owed (or some portion) will not be collected, a provision for impairment is recognised and the loss is recorded as a bad debt expense.

Investments

Investments comprise investments in term deposits with banks. Deposits with banks are initially recorded at the amount paid. If it appears that the carrying amount of the investment will not be recovered, it will be written down to the expected recoverable amount.

Forestry Assets

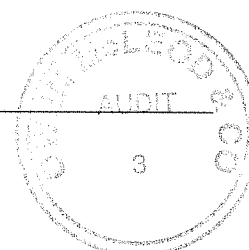
Forestry holdings are valued at fair value less estimated point of sale costs. Forestry assets were valued by registered valuer Reid & Reynolds Ltd trading as Telfer Young as at 31 August 2014.

Inventory

Inventories held for distribution consist of yearlings and 2+ year old trout held at year end for release into the local lakes and rivers or sale to other Fish and Game Councils. Trout are valued at the lower of cost and their selling price.

Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment is recorded at cost, less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.



Significant donated assets are recognised upon receipt at valuation. Significant donated assets for which current values are not readily obtainable are not recognised.

Depreciation is charged on all property, plant and equipment other than land, so as to spread the cost of the asset over its useful life. Depreciation for each of the major categories of assets is calculated on the basis noted below:

All Assets Purchased prior to 1 September 2010 are calculated as:

	<u>Life</u>	<u>Depreciation Method</u>
Buildings	40 years	Straight Line
Plant & Equipment	2-10 years	Diminishing Value
Motor Vehicles	3-5 years	Diminishing Value
Office Fittings, Furniture & Equipment	2-10 years	Diminishing Value

All Assets Purchased after 1 September 2010 are calculated as:

	<u>Life</u>	<u>Depreciation Method</u>
Buildings	40 years	Straight Line
Plant & Equipment	2-20 years	Straight Line
Motor Vehicles	10 years	Straight Line
Office Fittings, Furniture & Equipment	2-20 years	Straight Line

Creditors and accrued expenses

Creditors and accrued expenses are measured at the amount owed.

Game Bird Habitat Stamp levy

Levies are collected and paid to New Zealand Fish and Game Council per the New Zealand Game Bird habitat Stamp Regulations 1993. The levy is \$2 for every game licence sold within the financial year.

Employee costs payable

A liability for employee costs payable is recognised when an employee has earned an entitlement. These include salaries and wages accrued up to balance date and annual leave earned but not yet taken at balance date. A liability and expense for long service leave and retirement gratuities is recognised when the entitlement becomes available to the employee.

Restricted and dedicated reserves

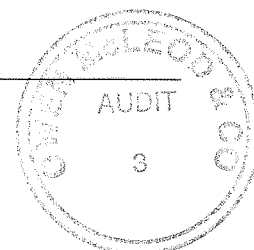
Restricted and dedicated reserves are those reserves subject to specific conditions accepted as binding by the Council and which may not be revised by the Council without specified purposes or when certain conditions are met.

Asset Replacement Reserve

The asset replacement reserve is a reserve set up to enable Council to replace property, plant and equipment.

Waikaremoana Sport Fish Habitat Enhancement Fund

The Waikaremoana Sport Fish Habitat Enhancement Trust was created in 1999. In 2000 the trust was wound up and the funds transferred to the Eastern Fish and Game Council under agreement



that the Fish and Game Council undertakes to apply the settlement received for the sole purpose of promoting purposes and objectives as set out within the deed of transfer dated 27 June 2000. These funds are held on term investment with interest capitalising and annual expenses associated with the objectives of the trust withdrawn on maturity of the investment.

Back Country Fisheries Reserve

The back country fisheries reserve is for the purpose of management of "back country fisheries". The reserve was established with the introduction of the Non Resident Licence in 2014. A portion of the non resident licence fee is transferred to this reserve based on the number of non resident licence sales made within the financial year.

Income tax

The Council is a Public Benefit Entity and is exempt from the payment of Income tax in terms of the Income Tax Act 2007.

Budget figures

The Budget figures are derived from the Council budget that was approved at the Council meeting in November 2014.

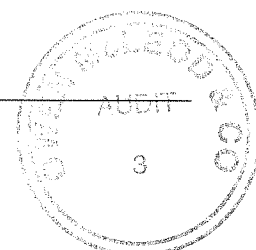
Tier 2 PBE Accounting Standards applied

The Council has not applied any Tier 2 Accounting Standards in preparing its financial statements.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

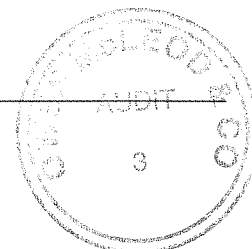
This is the first set of financial statements prepared using the new PBE-SFR-A(PS) standard, and comparative information for the year ended 31 August 2014 has been restated to comply with the new standard. The significant adjustments arising on transition to the new standard are provided in note 11.

Eastern Fish and Game Council has elected to report Outputs as direct costs. In previous years the overheads have been allocated across the output areas based on the hours worked within each output.

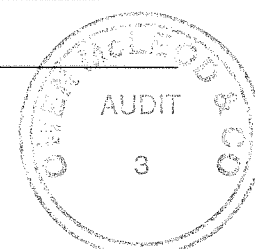


EASTERN FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE PERFORMANCE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

Note 1 : ANALYSIS OF REVENUE	Actual 2015 \$	Budget 2015 \$	Actual 2014 \$
Licence sales			
Fish licence	1,176,861	1,174,864	1,138,952
Game licence	241,126	244,905	241,462
Total	1,417,987	1,419,769	1,380,414
Grants and donations			
Grant from Waikato Catchment Ecological Enhancemx	7,763	-	20,299
Grant for public toilet construction	-	-	77,699
Donations received	91	-	316
New Zealand Fish & Game Council	1,500	-	-
Environment Bay of Plenty - Innovation Fund	29,500	-	-
Total	38,854	-	98,314
Interest			
Waikaremoana interest	20,319	14,760	17,394
Other Interest	9,689	10,390	12,278
Total	30,008	25,150	29,672
Other revenue			
Sale of fish & product	91,986	97,800	96,822
Habitat grazing	6,147	5,500	6,147
Fishing competitions	4,285	4,500	4,352
Children's training	4,972	5,000	4,854
Reparation	6,391	1,500	4,174
Fines/Prosecutions	6,691	7,500	5,328
Contracts - Fish & Game	29,185	21,214	21,214
Rentals - staff houses	20,521	16,300	15,756
Other Income categories	11,848	1,150	16,056
Gain on sale/disposal of assets	6,391	383	-
Gain on valuation of Forestry asset	-	-	14,340
Total	188,417	160,847	189,043



Note 2 : ANALYSIS OF EXPENSES	Actual 2015 \$	Budget 2015 \$	Actual 2014 \$
Species management			
Population monitoring	19,556	25,000	20,767
Harvest assessment	1,844	2,980	2,117
Hatchery operations	67,338	63,650	80,219
Control	-	200	-
Total	88,738	91,830	103,103
Habitat protection & management			
Resource management	-	200	-
Works & management	10,401	15,000	14,191
Assisted habitat	50,949	9,400	26,272
Waikaremoana fund	5,454	63,000	5,257
Total	66,804	87,600	45,720
Angler & Hunter participation			
Access	3,658	3,800	3,336
Newsletters	13,309	13,000	14,211
Other publications	1,000	1,000	2,000
Training	585	600	513
Huts	1,499	1,450	1,505
Total	20,051	19,850	21,565
Public interface			
Communication	150	800	470
Public promotions	6,285	3,800	3,083
Visitor facilities	3,996	3,456	915
Total	10,431	8,056	4,468
Compliance			
Ranging	2,145	2,100	1,420
Ranger training	423	1,000	344
Compliance	3,788	1,000	1,696
Total	6,356	4,100	3,460
Licensing			
Licence production & distribution	796	800	777
Commission	66,739	70,988	64,471
Total	67,535	71,788	65,248

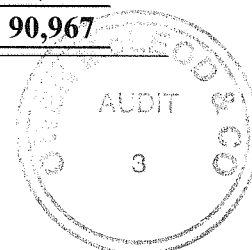


Note 2 : ANALYSIS OF EXPENSES continued...	Actual 2015 \$	Budget 2015 \$	Actual 2014 \$
Council			
Council meetings	9,236	10,000	10,208
Total	9,236	10,000	10,208
Planning & reporting			
Management/Strategic Planning	-	-	7
Reporting	807	1,000	652
Audit fee	7,900	7,900	7,900
National liaison	254	250	281
Total	8,961	9,150	8,840
Employee related costs			
Salaries and wages	841,833	836,656	832,904
KiwiSaver contributions	22,940	24,660	22,141
Fringe benefit tax	12,925	10,500	10,728
ACC levies	4,457	7,400	5,034
Staff training and other expenses	9,619	7,600	10,776
Total	891,774	886,816	881,583
Other expenses			
Houses, huts & rentals	11,550	6,415	7,348
Office premises	24,727	19,210	18,310
Office equipment	4,275	3,900	3,815
Communications	21,448	22,500	21,503
General	7,868	8,970	10,106
Field equipment	16,025	17,000	15,990
Vehicles	48,753	53,400	52,203
Loss on sale/disposal of assets	427	-	10,281
Total	135,073	131,395	139,556



Note 3 : ANALYSIS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITES

	Actual 2015 \$	Actual 2014 \$
Bank accounts and cash		
Current account balance	6,652	11,712
Savings account balance	135,227	150,787
Petty cash	200	200
Total	142,079	162,699
Debtors and other receivables		
Accounts receivable	95,524	155,388
GST receivable	2,009	4,212
Prepayments & accrued income	44,308	19,098
Total	141,841	178,698
Inventory		
Trout - Yearlings @ \$2.90	121,800	121,800
Trout - 2+ year olds @ \$5.80	18,560	18,560
Total	140,360	140,360
Investments		
<i>Current portion</i>		
Term Deposits	521,179	434,475
<i>Non- Current portion</i>		
Term Deposits	-	-
Total	521,179	434,475
Forestry Asset		
2.65 ha Douglas Fir - Aged 35 years, Paradise Valley Road	77,000	77,000
Total	77,000	77,000
Creditors and accrued expenses		
Trade and other payables	43,595	84,764
Gamebird Habitat Stamp levy	7,424	7,488
Accrued expenses	5,309	5,607
Income in advance	103,005	94,951
Total	159,333	192,810
Employee costs payable		
Accrued salaries and wages	22,742	14,838
Annual leave and time in lieu	73,970	52,135
PAYE owing	18,361	23,994
Total	115,073	90,967



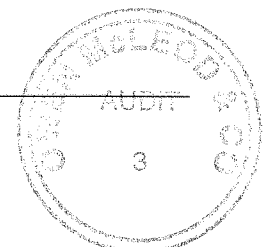
Note 4 : PROPERTY PLANT & EQUIPMENT

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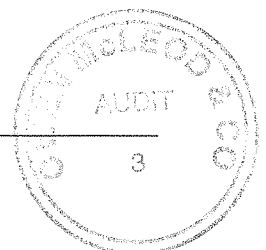
Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Sales/ Disposals	Current Year Depreciation and Impairment	Closing Carrying Amount
Land	93,500	-	-	-	93,500
Buildings	500,381	-	-	25,653	474,728
Plant & Equipment	39,721	29,315	427	7,442	61,167
Vehicles	232,351	115,345	50,508	38,543	258,645
Office Equipment	13,290	4,076	-	7,523	9,843
Total	879,243	148,736	50,935	79,161	897,883

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Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Sales/ Disposals	Current Year Depreciation and Impairment	Closing Carrying Amount
Land	93,500	-	-	-	93,500
Buildings	450,559	77,178	3,135	24,221	500,381
Plant & Equipment	24,357	21,421	160	5,897	39,721
Vehicles	266,869	145,032	141,376	38,174	232,351
Office Equipment	16,376	3,608	-	6,694	13,290
Total	851,661	247,239	144,671	74,986	879,243



Note 5: EQUITY	Actual 2015 \$	Actual 2014 \$
Accumulated Funds		
Balance as at 1 September	1,056,792	1,078,507
Surplus/(Deficit)	57,238	(16,682)
Waikaremoana fund Reserve Transfer	(15,155)	(15,554)
Asset Replacement Reserve Transfer	18,136	10,521
Back Country Fisheries Reserve Transfer	(11,951)	-
Balance at 31 August	1,105,060	1,056,792
Waikaremoana Sportfish Habitat Enhancement Fund Reserve		
Balance as at 1 September	434,347	418,793
Interest received	20,319	17,394
Contract income received		3,417
Waikaremoana fund expenses	(5,164)	(5,257)
Net Surplus/Transfer	15,155	15,554
Balance at 31 August	449,502	434,347
Asset Replacement Reserve		
Balance as at 1 September	97,559	108,080
Transfer (to)/from Accumulated Funds	(18,136)	(10,521)
Balance at 31 August	79,423	97,559
Non Resident Levy - Back Country Fisheries Reserve		
Balance as at 1 September	-	-
Transfer (to)/from Accumulated Funds	11,951	-
Balance at 31 August	11,951	-
Total Equity as at 31 August	1,645,936	1,588,698



Note 6: COMMITMENTS & CONTINGENCIES

Commitment to:	Explanation and Timing	Actual	Actual
		2015	2014
		\$	\$
Telecom Rentals	Phone system lease (8 months remaining)	1,361	3,403
Smartpay NZ	Eftpos lease (27 months remaining)	883	93
		<u>2,244</u>	<u>3,496</u>

Contingent Liabilities and Guarantees

There are no contingent liabilities or guarantees as at balance date (Last Year - nil)

Note 7: OTHER

Goods or Services Provided to the Entity in Kind

Description	Amount
Honorary Ranging Activities	No charge
Councillors meetings	No charge

Note 8: RIGHT TO OCCUPY

The accommodation building at Waikaremoana is used under a Licence to Occupy for a period of 10 years (with a R.O.R.) at no cost from the Department of Conservation. The total land area is approximately 400 m². No use of building cost has been accrued due to the immaterial value of the rental.

Likewise, the fish trap located at Te Wairoa and a hut (Wairua hut), Lake Tarawera are used under a Right to Occupy. There is no formal agreement for these two plots of land owned by the Department of Conservation. The land area for each is approximately 15m² and 200m² respectively – no cost has been accrued for the use of the property, in the accounts, due to the immateriality of the rental.

Eastern Fish and Game Council has access to 8 Wildlife Management Reserves within the Rotorua/BOP Department of Conservation Conservancy. ERFGC do not own this land but are required to maintain it for the use by the public and licence holders. Likewise, the Hardcastle and Rawhiti wetlands are managed by ERFGC for the public benefit and for the benefit of licence holders.

ERFGC has conservation covenants for angler access to Ohau Channel, Te Wairoa stream, and Wairua stream mouths, Lake Tarawera and other easements under the Land Act 1948 along the Waikato River.



Note 9: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

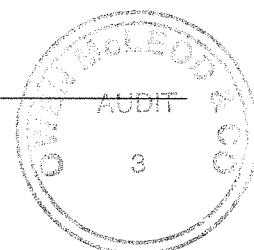
Related-party disclosures have not been made for transactions with related parties that are within a normal supplier of client/recipient relationship on terms and conditions no more or less favourable than those that it is reasonable to expect the Council would have adopted in dealing with the party at arm's length in the same circumstances.

Related-party transactions significant to the Council that require disclosure:

		2015 \$	2014 \$	2015 \$	2014 \$
Related Party	Description of the Transaction	Value	Value	Amount Outstanding	Amount Outstanding
New Zealand Fish & Game Council - received from	Financial Review services, contribution to Auckland Boat Show costs	6,177	-	4,541	-
New Zealand Fish & Game Council - paid to	Levies, licence books, regulations, magazine supplements, Game Bird Habitat Stamp levy	244,243	365,319	9,356	9,507
Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council - received from	Agreement for administrative support and operational services by Eastern Council to Hawke's Bay Council	23,008	21,234	11,770	6,099
Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council - paid to	Agreement for operational services by Hawke's Bay Council to Eastern Council	-	8,000	-	2,294

Eastern Fish and Game Council provides fish to the following fish and game Councils at cost;

- Auckland Waikato Fish and Game Council
- Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council
- Northland Fish and Game Council
- Taranaki Fish and Game Council
- Wellington Fish and Game Council



Note 10: EVENTS AFTER BALANCE DATE

There were no events that have occurred after the balance date that would have a material impact on the Performance Report. (Last Year Nil)

Note 11: SIGNIFICANT ADJUSTMENTS ARISING ON TRANSITION TO NEW PBE SFR-A STANDARD

The main adjustments to the 31 August 2014 comparative statement of the financial performance and statement of financial position arising on the transition to the new PBE SFR-A standard are explained below:

Statement of financial performance

A reallocation of income into new categories in keeping with the new standards. Separate disclosure of grants and donations. In total no change in total revenue.

Expenses within the report are now shown as direct costs - in the 2014 Accounts the outputs were reported with an overhead allocation based on the number of hours worked within each output.

Other revenue has increased by \$14,340 due to the reallocation of gain on revaluation of forestry asset which was previously netted off overhead expenditure.

Other expenses have increased by \$14,340 due to the reallocation of gain on revaluation of forestry asset which was previously netted off overhead expenditure.

Overheads - Employee related cost, Depreciation and Other Expenses have been reported in the face of the report.

Statement of financial position

Bank accounts and cash - Term deposits of less than 3 months have been reclassified to investments.

Debtors and prepayments - Prepayments and accrued income of \$40,633 have been reclassified and aggregated with Debtors.

Investments - Term investments with maturities of less than 3 months have been reclassified to investments.

Creditors and accrued expenses - PAYE has been reclassified to Employee costs payable \$18,361.

Creditors and accrued expenses have been increased by \$86,473 to reflect the September portion of the Fish Licence Fees for the 2013/14 Season. Opening Equity has been similarly adjusted.



Note 12: ALLOCATION OF OVERHEADS TO OUTPUT AREAS FOR 2015

In the Statement of service performance, overheads are allocated across the 8 Output areas based on the hours worked within those Outputs over the year. Below is the calculation for distributing the overheads across the output area.

ACTUAL 2015 Output Area	Actual Direct \$	Actual Hours	Allocation of Overheads	Total Costs per Output
Species management	88,738	6,941	407,549	496,287
Habitat protection & management	66,804	3,573	209,793	276,597
Angler & hunter participation	20,051	1,833	107,627	127,678
Public interface	10,431	1,178	69,168	79,599
Compliance	6,356	1,799	105,630	111,986
Licensing	67,535	805	47,267	114,802
Council	9,236	704	41,336	50,572
Planning & reporting	8,961	1,017	59,714	68,675
Totals	278,112	17,850	1,048,084	1,326,196

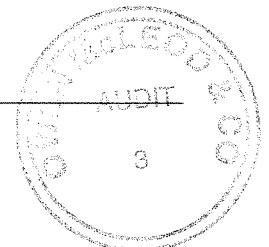
Actual Overheads

Employee related costs	891,774
Depreciation	79,161
Other expenses	135,073
less Administrative Income	- 57,924
Total Overheads to Allocate	1,048,084

BUDGET 2015 Output Area	Budget Direct \$	Budget Hours	Allocation of Overheads	Total Costs per Output
Species management	91830	5,936	352,655	444,485
Habitat protection & management	87600	3,940	234,074	321,674
Angler & Hunter participation	19850	2,520	149,712	169,562
Public interface	8056	1,676	99,570	107,626
Compliance	4100	1,278	75,925	80,025
Licensing	71788	636	37,784	109,572
Council	10000	634	37,666	47,666
Planning & reporting	9150	1,174	69,747	78,897
Totals	302374	17,794	1,057,133	1,359,507

Budget Overheads

Employee related costs	886,816
Depreciation	77,569
Other Expenses	131,395
less Administrative Income	- 38,647
Total Overheads to Allocate	1,057,133



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**TO THE READERS OF
EASTERN FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015**

The Auditor-General is the auditor of Eastern Fish and Game Council (the Fish and Game Council). The Auditor-General has appointed me, R K Owen, using the staff and resources of Owen McLeod & Co to carry out the audit of the financial statements and statement of service performance of the Fish and Game Council on her behalf.

Opinion on the financial statements and the statement of service performance

We have audited:

- the financial statements of the Fish and Game Council on pages 39 to 55 that comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 August 2015, the statement of financial performance and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date and the notes to the financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the statement of service performance of the Fish and Game Council on pages 6 to 35.

In our opinion:

- the financial statements of the Fish and Game Council on pages 39 to 55:
 - present fairly, in all material respects
 - its financial position as at 31 August 2015; and
 - its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
 - comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand and have been prepared in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Public Sector).
- the statement of service performance of the Fish and Game Council on pages 6 to 37:
 - presents fairly, in all material respects, the Fish and Game Council's service performance for the year ended on 31 August 2015, including for each class of reportable outputs:
 - its standards of performance achieved compared with the forecasts included in the Operational Work Plan; and
 - its actual revenue and output expenses compared with the forecasts included in the Operational Work Plan for the financial year; and
 - complies with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

Our audit was completed on 12 November 2015. This is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

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The basis of our opinion is explained below. In addition, we outline the responsibilities of the Council and our responsibilities, and we explain our independence.

Basis of opinion

We carried out our audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and carry out our audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and statement of service performance are free from material misstatement.

Material misstatements are differences or omissions of amounts and disclosures that, in our judgement, are likely to influence readers' overall understanding of the financial statements and statement of service performance. If we had found material misstatements that were not corrected, we would have referred to them in our opinion.

An audit involves carrying out procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and statement of service performance. The procedures selected depend on our judgement, including our assessment of risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and statement of service performance, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the preparation of the Fish and Game Council's financial statements and statement of service performance in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fish and Game Council's internal control.

An audit also involves evaluating:

- the appropriateness of accounting policies used and whether they have been consistently applied;
- the reasonableness of the significant accounting estimates and judgements made by the Council;
- the adequacy of all disclosures in the financial statements and statement of service performance; and
- the overall presentation of the financial statements and statement of service performance.

We did not examine every transaction, nor do we guarantee complete accuracy of the financial statements and statement of service performance. Also we did not evaluate the security and controls over the electronic publication of the financial statements and statement of service performance.

We believe we have obtained sufficient and appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of the Council

The Council is responsible for preparing financial statements and a statement of service performance for the Fish and Game Council that:

- comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand;
- present fairly the Fish and Game Council's financial position and financial performance; and
- present fairly the Fish and Game Council's service performance and outcomes.

The Council's responsibilities arise from the Public Finance Act 1989, the Crown Entities Act 2004, and the Conservation Act 1987.

The Council is responsible for such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements and a statement of service performance that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. The Council is also responsible for the publication of the financial statements and statement of service performance, whether in printed or electronic form.

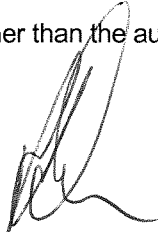
Responsibilities of the Auditor

We are responsible for expressing an independent opinion on the financial statements and statement of service performance and reporting that opinion to you based on our audit. Our responsibility arises from section 15 of the Public Audit Act 2001.

Independence

When carrying out the audit, we followed the independence requirements of the Auditor-General, which incorporate the independence requirements of External Reporting Board.

Other than the audit, we have no relationship with or interests in the Eastern Fish and Game Council.



RK Owen
Owen McLeod & Co
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Hamilton, New Zealand

