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**PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE**

**TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 AUGUST 2021**

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

*Taranaki Fish and Game Council Performance Report for The Year Ended 31 August 2021*

Minister of Conservation  
Parliament Buildings  
WELLINGTON

Dear Minister

I have the honour to submit, pursuant to Section 26X of the Conservation Act 1987 and Section 44A of the Public Finance Act 1989, the Performance Report and Financial Statements of the Taranaki Fish and Game Council for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Yours faithfully

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Chris Donald  
CHAIRMAN

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL  
2 December 2021

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## **PURPOSE OF TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**

The Council is a Public Entity, created by statute (The Conservation Act 1987) to manage, maintain and enhance the sports fish and game bird resources of its region, in the recreational interests of anglers and hunters. Taranaki Fish and Game derives its revenue from the sale of fish and game licences, interest, contracts for services, grants and miscellaneous sales.

## **OPERATION OF TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**

The Council currently consists of 12 Councillors who were elected in November 2018. Councillors are elected three-yearly by fish and game licence holders in the Council's region. The Council meets a minimum of six times each year, at sites around the region that enable licence holders to attend one or more council meetings should they desire.

Council resolved at its 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021 Zoom meeting to reduce the council size to 8 members, in line with recommendations made by a Ministerial Review.

The Council's office is in Whanganui, with a branch in New Plymouth. Council employs two staff, a Senior Field Officer in New Plymouth and a Secretary in Whanganui. During the reporting year Council contracted a Regional Manager / Field Officer to provide management and technical skills, this contract was not renewed and expired 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021.

## DIRECTORY COUNCILLORS

Name	Locality
Paul Blewman – Chairman	Hamilton
Chris Bright	Raetihi
Chris Donald	Waitara
Craig McEwen	Egmont Village
Alan Flynn	New Plymouth
Daniel Gordon	Whanganui
Steve Hugo	Whanganui
Gerard Karalus	Hawera
John Nancarrow	Inglewood
Cory Potroz	Inglewood
David Potroz	Waitara
Romon Sargeson	Waiouru

## STAFF AND CONTRACTORS

Glenn Maclean (resigned 31 August 2021)	Regional Manager / Field Officer, Whanganui
Allen Stancliff	Senior Field Officer, New Plymouth
Jilli Steedman	Secretary, Whanganui

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I am pleased to present the 30<sup>th</sup> Performance Report of Taranaki Fish & Game Council for the year ended 31 August 2021.

A Government-initiated review of the governance of Fish & Game NZ and the regional Fish & Game Councils got underway during the year, with Councillors and staff meeting with the review team and responding to the review report prepared for the Minister of Conservation, the Hon Kiritapu Allan. The Council is committed to change, including regional amalgamation and is working with the Implementation Team to deliver on the intent of the review. Owing to uncertainty regarding the makeup of the new combined region, several projects were deferred, including a review of the Taranaki Sports Fish and Game Management Plan.

Following last year's Covid-19 lockdown, Taranaki licence holders made the most of the available opportunities to fish and hunt, which resulted in a pleasing increase in licence sales and along with minor cuts in operational spending, this enabled the Council to maintain a sound financial position at year's end.

Our angler diary scheme results showed another small decline in catch rate across the region this season compared to recent years, although the average catch rate of 0.60 fish/hr was still very respectable when compared to other similar fisheries. An electronic satisfaction survey found that anglers rated the 2020/21 season slightly poorer than 2019/20 but still reasonable.

In support of fishing opportunities, Council released 1,592 yearling trout reared by our Hawera hatchery along with 420 two-year old trout from Ngongotaha. These fish were used to support children's' fishing days at Stratford and New Plymouth as well as sustaining highly valued fisheries in local lakes which have limited natural recruitment. A further 1,500 yearling trout were released into the lower Patea River in year four of a 5-year project to assess whether restocking can mitigate the effects of the Patea Dam and hydro-electric power scheme on the trout fishery.

Highlighting the inherently fragile nature of fisheries, a 70-year rainfall event on 17 July 2021 at Dawson Falls on Taranaki Maunga produced headwater erosion in the Hangatahua (Stony) and Waiaua River catchments with severe impacts on their trout and indigenous fish populations. While habitat in the Stony River is settling down well, recovery in the Waiaua River is likely to take some considerable time. On a more promising note, a survey showed rainbow and brown trout populations are rebounding strongly in the upper Retaruke River now that sedimentation from a headwater erosion event has reduced. The improved conditions will also favour the restoration of populations of migratory indigenous fish, such as eel and koaro.

Council successfully carried out the second year of its grey and mallard duck banding programme in the Whanganui area, with a total of 262 ducks banded. Band returns by hunters will increase our understanding of the characteristics of this local population and the significance of hunter harvest. National Hunter Survey results revealed that the 2021 game season was similar to the previous year in terms of hunting hours spent and success rates for mallard and grey duck, and slightly better for paradise shelduck. Effort expended and the success of pheasant hunters was consistent with the long-term average.

A successful 2021 special paradise summer hunting season was held in Game Management Area C (Taranaki), with 108 hunters taking up the opportunity. Staff also worked proactively with landowners to manage problem aggregations of gamebirds, distributing gas guns and issuing 66 permits to disturb gamebirds under delegated authority.

Fundamental to maintaining sportfish and gamebird populations is the maintenance and improvement of habitat. At a practical level the Council continues to actively assist landowners

with advice and funding assistance for wetland developments. Council also worked proactively and constructively with landowners, consent applicants, iwi, community groups, and local and regional government to advocate for sustainable and effective land and water use that protects habitat and species values. Council's view is that it is important to take a holistic approach in these cases which recognise the importance of contributing to wider community aspirations as well as achieving specific Fish & Game objectives.

An example of this was supporting Te Korowai o Ngaruahine Trust to remove a long disused weir on the lower Kaipokonui River in March 2021. This weir was a significant obstacle to the upstream migration of numerous indigenous fish species as well as trout.

This is also an example of how Council works closely with and in support of a number of Taranaki and Whanganui iwi as opportunities arise. A key involvement has been for the Council's Manager to take active role in Te Kopuka which will develop Te Heke Ngahuru – an innovative collaborative process to address and advance the environmental, social, cultural and economic health and wellbeing of Te Awa Tupua.

A long-time key to the success of Fish & Game has been the contribution of volunteers. Council is indebted to the efforts of our Hawera hatchery volunteers for rearing quality trout for release and similarly to our honorary rangers who forgo their own hunting and fishing opportunities for the greater good. Council acknowledges and records our thanks for the unstinting efforts of these two groups of volunteers.

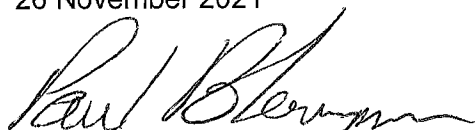
After seven years providing contract services to the Council our Manager, Glenn Maclean, moved on to a new venture at year's end. Glenn has that rare combination of technical skill and management expertise, along with the ability to relate well to licence holders, landholders and the general public. Glenn will be sorely missed by Councillors and staff, but we wish him well for the future.

I would also like to thank my own Council for their efforts, support and enthusiasm during the year. Four Councillors signalled their intention not to seek re-election at the end of another three-year term and I thank them for their years of voluntary service to the Council and licence holders. Mindful of the Fish & Game review recommendations, the Council resolved to reduce its size to eight elected members for the 2021 election and I also thank those Councillors who chose to stand for re-election to steer the Council through the review process. Likewise, Council acknowledges the continued commitment, skills and professionalism of its staff and appreciates their strong support.

As this report highlights, Council continues to progress and achieve a great deal in the interests of Taranaki hunters and anglers and the wider community.

Paul Blewman  
Chairman

26 November 2021

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## STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

1. The Council and management of Taranaki Fish and Game Council accept responsibility for the preparation of the annual Financial Statements and the judgements used in them.
2. The Council and management of Taranaki Fish and Game Council accept responsibility for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity and reliability of financial reporting.
3. In the opinion of the Council and management of Taranaki Fish and Game Council, the annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2021, fairly reflect the financial position and operations of Taranaki Fish and Game Council.

Chairman  
Chris Donald



2 December 2021

Acting Manager  
Allen Stancliff



2 December 2021



**Statement of Financial Performance  
For the Year Ended 31 August 2021**

	Notes	Actual 2021 \$	Unaudited Budget 2021 \$	Actual 2020 \$
<b>Revenue</b>				
Fish and Game licence sales	1	191,875	156,158	174,326
Grant and Donations	1	171,911	171,861	224,409
Interest		4,373	10,541	10,497
Manganuioteao River Riparian Project	1	9,348	-	10,000
Other Revenue	1	21,432	21,800	39,349
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>398,939</b>	<b>360,360</b>	<b>458,580</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Species Management	2	29,614	31,400	30,113
Habitat Protection & Management	2	11,657	11,000	2,412
Angler / Hunter Participation	2	10,215	10,050	7,046
Public Interface	2	3,448	3,900	5,345
Compliance	2	1,074	2,784	2,523
Licencing	2	9,032	7,971	8,202
Council	2	9,378	9,500	7,750
Planning / Reporting	2	6,343	7,300	6,301
Manganuioteao River Riparian Project	2	11,613	-	11,490
Taranaki Hunting & Habitat Scheme	2	-	-	20,997
<b>Overheads</b>				
Employee and Contractor related costs	2	254,606	249,739	241,231
Depreciation	4	17,529	19,259	19,276
Other Expenses	2	54,264	64,479	68,073
Income ex Reserves			(37,764)	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>418,776</b>	<b>379,618</b>	<b>430,758</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>(19,837)</b>	<b>(19,259)</b>	<b>27,822</b>

The accompanying statement of accounting policies and notes form an integral part of this performance report. This performance report should be read in conjunction with the attached Audit Report.

**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As at 31 August 2021**

	Notes	Actual 2021 \$	Unaudited Budget 2021 \$	Actual 2020 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Bank accounts and cash	3	112,449	110,000	116,587
Debtors and prepayments	3	2,770	29,000	43,640
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>115,219</b>	<b>139,000</b>	<b>160,227</b>
<b>Non-Currents Assets</b>				
Property, plant and equipment	4	79,114	92,360	91,783
Investments	3	400,715	388,808	396,404
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>479,829</b>	<b>481,168</b>	<b>488,187</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>595,048</b>	<b>620,168</b>	<b>648,414</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Creditors and accrued expenses	3	36,627	55,000	71,835
Employee costs payable	3	30,503	24,000	24,893
Income in Advance	3	9,154	-	13,084
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>76,284</b>	<b>79,000</b>	<b>109,812</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>76,284</b>	<b>79,000</b>	<b>109,812</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>518,764</b>	<b>541,168</b>	<b>538,602</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>	5	<b>518,764</b>	<b>541,168</b>	<b>538,602</b>

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**Statement of Cash Flows  
For the Year Ended 31 August 2021**

	Actual 2021 \$	Actual 2020 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>Cash was received from:</b>		
Licence Sales	215,998	151,179
Grants, donations and fundraising	171,911	224,409
Interest	4,373	16,477
Other Revenue	48,334	18,841
GST (net)	(3,889)	5,929
<b>Cash was applied to:</b>		
Payments to suppliers	182,664	145,830
Payments to employees and contractors	248,996	240,634
<b>Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	<b>5,068</b>	<b>30,371</b>
<b>CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING &amp; FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>Cash was received from:</b>		
Sale of property, plant and equipment		32,174
Sale of investments / deposits		-
<b>Cash was applied to:</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	4,861	45,861
Purchase of investments / deposits	4,311	16,439
<b>Net Cash Flows from Investing and Financing</b>	<b>(9,172)</b>	<b>(30,126)</b>
<b>Net Increase /(Decrease) in Cash</b>	<b>(4,104)</b>	<b>245</b>
Opening Cash	116,553	116,342
Closing Cash	112,449	116,587
<b>This is represented by:</b>		
Bank accounts and cash	112,449	116,587

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**Statement of Accounting Policies  
For the Year Ended 31 August 2021**

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**ACCOUNTING POLICIES APPLIED**

**Reporting Entity**

The Taranaki Fish and Game Council is a Public Entity under the Public Finance Act 1989. 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.

**Basis of Preparation**

Taranaki Fish and Game Council 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.

**SPECIFIC ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**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.

**Revenue Recognition**

Taranaki 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 relation to 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.

*Grant from NZFGC*

An annual grant was provided from the New Zealand Fish and Game Council, which is recognised as revenue when it is received.

*Interest*

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

#### *Other income*

Income from contracts to provide technical services, 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 and Hunter participation, Public interface, Compliance, Licencing, Council and Planning and 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 became entitled to wages, salaries.

Performance payments are recorded when the employee is notified.

Superannuation contributions are recorded as an expense as staff provide services.

#### **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.

#### **Property, plant and equipment**

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

Donated assets are recognised upon receipt of the asset if the asset has a useful life of 12 months or more, and the current value of the asset is readily obtainable and significant. Significant donated assets are recognised upon receipt at valuation. Significant donated assets for which current values are not readily obtainable are not recognised.

For an asset to be sold, the asset is impaired if the market price for the equivalent asset falls below its carrying amount.

For an asset to be used by the Council, the asset is impaired if the value to the Council in using the asset falls below the carrying amount of the assets.

Depreciation is both Straight Line and Diminishing Value. Rates used are:

Buildings	25 Years
Plant & Equipment	10 – 21.6% DV
Motor Vehicles	10 - 30% DV
Office Equipment	14.4% to 80.4% DV

### **Creditors and accrued expenses**

Creditors and accrued expenses are measured at the amount owed.

### **Game Bird Habitat Stamp Levy**

Levies of \$4,456 (GST excl) have been collected and are paid to New Zealand Fish and Game Council per the New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Stamp Regulations 1993.

### **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 and retirement gratuities is recognised when the entitlement becomes available to the employee.

### **Restricted & Discretionary Reserves**

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

#### *Non-Resident Licence Income*

The non-resident fisheries reserve is for the purposes of management of fisheries popular with non-resident anglers. The reserve was established with the introduction of the Non-Resident Licence Fee in 2014. A portion of this licence fee is transferred to this reserve based on the number of non-resident licence sales in the financial year.

#### *Hunting & Habitat Scheme*

The Hunting & Habitat Scheme fund is for the purpose of enhancing wetlands and upland game habitat within the Taranaki region of Fish and Game. The reserve was established in 2012 to ensure that proceeds from the sale of Tom Watt Farm would be used to enhance wetlands and upland game habitat.

#### *Fisheries Project*

The Fisheries Project fund is for the purpose of enhancing freshwater fisheries within the region.

#### *Asset Replacement Reserve*

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

#### *Manganuioteao River Riparian Project*

This is a collaborative project to complete riparian fencing on the Manganuioteao River. External funds are held by Fish and Game on behalf of Fish and Game and two other third parties.

### **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 held on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**Tier 2 PBE Accounting Standards applied**

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

**Changes to Accounting Policies**

There have been no changes to accounting policies, all policies have been applied on a consistent basis with previous years.

**Notes to the Performance Report  
For the Year Ended 31 August 2021**

<b>Note 1: ANALYSIS OF REVENUE</b>	<b>Actual 2021 \$</b>	<b>Unaudited Budget 2021 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2020 \$</b>
<b>Licence Sales</b>			
Fish licence	100,723	76,891	89,986
Non-Resident Levy	478	-	3,111
Game licence	90,674	79,267	81,229
<b>Total</b>	<b>191,875</b>	<b>156,158</b>	<b>174,326</b>
<b>Grants and donations</b>			
National Fish and Game Grant	171,861	171,861	224,259
Donations / koha from the public	50	-	150
<b>Total</b>	<b>171,911</b>	<b>171,861</b>	<b>224,409</b>
<b>MRP Income</b>	<b>9,348</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>			
Administrative Contracts	3,550	7,000	5,295
Gain on sale/disposal of assets	-	-	18,008
Fines / Prosecutions	700	-	851
Summer Season	452	500	478
Trout Liberations	13,926	13,700	13,956
Other revenue	1,964	-	-
Control	840	600	760
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,432</b>	<b>21,800</b>	<b>39,349</b>
<b>Note 2: ANALYSIS OF EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Species Management</b>			
1110 Population Monitoring	2,775	2,500	1,126
1120 Harvest Assessment	-	1,000	-
1140 Hatchery	8,909	8,000	10,407
1160 Releases	15,946	18,100	17,171
1180 Control	1,985	1,800	1,409
	<b>29,614</b>	<b>31,400</b>	<b>30,113</b>
<b>Habitat Protection &amp; Management</b>			
1210 Resource Management	-	5,000	-
1230 Assisted Habitat	11,657	6,000	2,412
	<b>11,657</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>2,412</b>



	Actual 2021 \$	Unaudited Budget 2021 \$	Actual 2020 \$
<b>Angler &amp; Hunter Participation</b>			
1310 Access	609	1,400	1,655
1330 Newsletters & Magazine	9,306	7,600	5,091
1340 Other Publications	-	750	-
1360 Club Relations	300	300	300
	<b>10,215</b>	<b>10,050</b>	<b>7,046</b>
<b>Public Interface</b>			
1420 Liaison	-	100	-
1430 Advocacy	3,083	3,800	4,943
1440 Public Promotions	365	-	402
	<b>3,448</b>	<b>3,900</b>	<b>5,345</b>
<b>Compliance</b>			
1510 Ranging	-	500	-
1520 Ranger Training	1,018	500	1,323
1530 Compliance	57	1,784	1,200
	<b>1,074</b>	<b>2,784</b>	<b>2,523</b>
<b>Licencing</b>			
1620 Agent Servicing	990	943	956
1620 Commission	8,042	7,028	7,246
	<b>9,032</b>	<b>7,971</b>	<b>8,202</b>
<b>Council</b>			
1720 Council Meetings	9,378	9,500	7,750
	<b>9,378</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>7,750</b>
<b>Planning &amp; Reporting</b>			
1820 Management Planning	-	1,000	-
1830 Annual / Other Reporting	6,316	6,200	6,256
1840 National Liaison	28	100	44
	<b>6,343</b>	<b>7,300</b>	<b>6,301</b>
<b>Manganuioteao River Riparian Project</b>	<b>11,613</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,490</b>
<b>Taranaki Hunting &amp; Habitat Scheme</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,997</b>
<b>Employee and Contractor related costs</b>			
Salaries and Management Contract	252,920	243,300	240,223
Fringe Benefit Tax	1,004	970	1,008
ACC Levies	628	600	-
Staff training and other expenses	54	4,869	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>254,606</b>	<b>249,739</b>	<b>241,231</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>			
Office premises	24,960	35,319	34,981
Office equipment	3,712	1,500	1,249
Communications	8,085	8,200	8,678
General	3,455	2,560	2,788
Field Equipment	665	700	3,475
Vehicles	13,386	16,200	14,242
Loss on disposal of asset	-	-	2,659
<b>Total other expenses</b>	<b>54,264</b>	<b>64,479</b>	<b>68,073</b>

**Note 3: ANALYSIS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

	Actual 2021 \$	Actual 2020 \$
<b>Bank accounts and cash</b>		
Current account balance	105,154	109,977
Manganuioteao River Riparian Project	7,295	6,610
<b>Total</b>	<b>112,449</b>	<b>116,587</b>
<b>Debtors and other receivables</b>		
Accounts receivable and accrued income	2,572	43,144
Prepayments	198	496
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,770</b>	<b>43,640</b>
<b>Investments</b>		
Term Deposits	400,715	396,404
<b>Total</b>	<b>400,715</b>	<b>396,404</b>
<b>Creditors and accrued expenses</b>		
Trade and other payables	17,752	49,873
Accrued Expenses	6,604	5,802
GST Due	12,271	16,160
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,626</b>	<b>71,835</b>
<b>Income in Advance</b>	<b>9,154</b>	<b>13,084</b>
<b>Employee costs payable</b>		
Accrued salaries and wages	5,818	5,462
Annual leave	19,552	16,009
PAYE owing	5,133	3,422
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,503</b>	<b>24,893</b>

**Note 4: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT  
2021**

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Opening Carrying Amount</b>	<b>Purchases</b>	<b>Sales / Disposals</b>	<b>Current Year Depreciation and Impairment</b>	<b>Closing Carrying Amount</b>
Buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Plant & Equipment	9,810	-	-	986	8,824
Vehicles	77,047	-	-	13,781	63,267
Office Equipment	4,926	4,861	-	2,764	7,023
<b>Total</b>	<b>91,783</b>	<b>4,861</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,529</b>	<b>79,114</b>

**2020**

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Opening Carrying Amount</b>	<b>Purchases</b>	<b>Sales / Disposals</b>	<b>Current Year Depreciation and Impairment</b>	<b>Closing Carrying Amount</b>
Buildings	3,228	-	2,659	569	-
Plant & Equipment	10,906	-	-	1,096	9,810
Vehicles	62,072	45,861	14,166	16,721	77,047
Office Equipment	5,816	-	-	890	4,926
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,022</b>	<b>45,861</b>	<b>16,825</b>	<b>19,276</b>	<b>91,783</b>

**Note 5: ACCUMULATED FUNDS**

	<b>2021 Actual</b>	<b>2020 Actual</b>
<b>Accumulated Surpluses</b>		
Balance as at 1 September	158,445	110,060
Surplus / (Deficit)	(19,837)	27,822
Transfer to Reserves	(15,526)	(62,785)
Transfer from Reserves	26,613	83,348
<b>Total Accumulated Surpluses 31 August</b>	<b>149,695</b>	<b>158,445</b>
<b>Dedicated Reserves</b>		
<b>Asset Replacement Reserve</b>		
Balance as at 1 September	4,540	5,727
Transfer from Accumulated Surpluses	-	44,674
Transfer to Accumulated Surpluses	-	(45,861)
<b>Balance as at 31 August</b>	<b>4,540</b>	<b>4,540</b>
<b>Non-Resident Levy</b>		
Balance as at 1 September	7,316	9,205
Transfer from Accumulated Surpluses	478	3,111
Transfer to Accumulated Surpluses	-	(5,000)
<b>Balance at 31 August</b>	<b>7,794</b>	<b>7,316</b>
<b>Fisheries Project</b>		
Balance as at 1 September	16,236	16,236
Transfer from Accumulated Surpluses	350	-
Transfer to Accumulated Surpluses	(10,000)	-
<b>Balance at 31 August</b>	<b>6,586</b>	<b>16,236</b>
<b>Total Dedicated Reserves</b>	<b>18,920</b>	<b>28,092</b>

<b>Restricted Reserves</b>		
<b>Taranaki Hunting &amp; Habitat Scheme</b>		
Balance as at 1 September	347,171	368,168
Transfer From Accumulated Surpluses	350	-
Transfer to Accumulated Surpluses	-	(20,997)
<b>Balance at 31 August</b>	<b>347,521</b>	<b>347,171</b>
<b>Manganuioteao River Riparian Project</b>		
Balance as at 1 September	4,894	1,384
Transfer from Accumulated Surpluses	14,348	15,000
Transfer to Accumulated Surpluses	(16,613)	(11,490)
<b>Balance at 31 August</b>	<b>2,629</b>	<b>4,894</b>
<b>Total Restricted Reserves</b>	<b>350,150</b>	<b>352,065</b>
<b>Total Accumulated Funds as at 31 August</b>	<b>518,764</b>	<b>538,602</b>

## Note 6: COMMITMENTS & CONTINGENCIES

### Commitments

There were no commitments at balance date. (Last year \$1,200)

### Contingencies

There are no contingencies as balance date. (Last year – nil)

## Note 7: OTHER

### Non-Cancellable Operating Lease Commitments

Operating leases means payments for the Taranaki Fish and Game Council premise in New Plymouth.

Total Operating Commitment (exclusive GST)

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Less than one year	\$ 20,800	\$ 22,633
Between one and two years	\$ 20,800	\$ 20,800
Between three and five years	\$ 62,400	\$ 62,400
Beyond five years	<u>\$ 67,600</u>	<u>\$ 26,000</u>
	<u>\$ 171,600</u>	<u>\$ 131,833</u>

The Whanganui office lease was not renewed effective 31 October 2020, resolved by Council at the 8<sup>th</sup> August 2020 meeting.

## Note 8: 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:*

Related Party	Description of the Transaction	2021	2020	2021	2020
		\$ Value	\$ Value	\$ Amount Outstanding	\$ Amount Outstanding
New Zealand Fish and Game Council	Grant received	171,861	224,259	-	-
Ruapehu Fish & Game Club	Annual grant paid	300	300	-	-

## Note 9: 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.

## Note 10: COVID-19

Covid-19 has had a financial impact on Taranaki Fish and Game Council. Taranaki Fish & Game Council reduced their budget for the 2020-2021 financial year as the projection of licence income was reduced, due to boarder closures.

Within the budgeting process Taranaki Fish & Game Council agreed to use reserves to cover any shortfalls forecast in the 2020-21 year.

Licence sales have exceeded forecasts in the 2020-21 year and the financial position is healthier than budgeted. Any surplus will be utilised in the 2021-2022 year as forecasts for this year require Taranaki Fish & Game Council to use reserves.

The NZFGC has established a policy to support all Fish & Game Council to ensure liquidity and to ensure that all Fish & Game Councils remain a going concern.

## Note 11: MINISTERIAL REVIEW

In February 2021 the Minister of Conservation, presented the review for Governance of Fish and Game New Zealand and the Regional Fish & Game Councils. This report sets out 36 recommendations to be implemented for the future of Fish & Game.

A review implementation team has been set up which includes Ray Grubb, the NZFGC Chair, Brian Anderton and DoC representatives.

Many of the recommendations require legislative change. One of the recommendations is the amalgamation of Councils (e.g. reducing the number of Councils from 12 to 6). This area is currently being investigated by a project team. The team is tasked to recommend the make-up of any combined Councils. The report is due for consultation in early 2022.

## Note 12: ALLOCATION OF OVERHEADS TO OUTPUT AREAS FOR 2021

In the Statement of 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 2021

Output Area	Actual Direct	Actual Hours	Allocation of Overheads	Total Costs per Output
Species Management	29,614	824	100,052	129,666
Habitat Management	11,657	459	55,767	67,424
Angler & hunter participation	10,215	147	17,799	28,014
Public interface	3,448	464	56,344	59,792
Compliance	1,074	228	27,731	28,806
Licencing	9,032	33	3,979	13,011
Council	9,378	276	33,472	42,851
Planning & reporting	6,343	257	31,255	37,599
<b>Totals</b>	<b>80,763</b>	<b>2,687</b>	<b>326,399</b>	<b>407,163</b>

### Actual Overheads

Employee and contractor costs	254,606
Depreciation	17,529
Other Expenses	54,264
<b>Total Overheads to Allocate</b>	<b>326,399</b>

### UNAUDITED BUDGET 2021

Output Area	Budget Direct	Budget Hours	Allocation of Overheads	Total Costs per Output
Species Management	31,400	865	85,292	116,692
Habitat Management	11,000	900	88,743	99,743
Angler & hunter participation	10,050	260	25,637	35,687
Public interface	3,900	420	41,413	45,313
Compliance	2,784	282	27,806	30,590
Licencing	7,971	80	7,888	15,859
Council	9,500	280	27,609	37,109
Planning & reporting	7,300	295	29,088	36,388
<b>Totals</b>	<b>83,905</b>	<b>3,382</b>	<b>333,477</b>	<b>417,382</b>

### Budget Overheads

Employee and contractor costs	249,739
Depreciation	19,259
Other Expenses	64,479
<b>Total Overheads to Allocate</b>	<b>333,477</b>

**Statement of Performance  
For the Year Ended 31 August 2021**

**Introduction**

This section of the Annual Report sets out what was planned to be achieved in each of the projects undertaken, as stated in the Council's Annual Plan, and against this, reports what was actually achieved.

<b>Output Class</b>		<b>Species Management</b>	
Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result	
<p>Obtain accurate and pertinent information to guide and enable effective management decisions to maximise user success and satisfaction while ensuring the sustainability of sports fish and gamebird populations across the region</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Obtain and report baseline information for the Retaruke (yr 2 of 2) and Stony Rivers (yr 1 of 2) to identify threats to and opportunities for the maintenance and enhancement of these fisheries.</li> <li>2. Assess juvenile recruitment along the Timaru Stream to assist discussion over possible weir removal.</li> <li>3. Monitor and report information on the status of the region's trout fisheries sufficient to measure overall angler success (through a diary scheme), set effective regulations and inform management directions.</li> <li>4. Implement an effective grey and mallard duck banding programme in the Whanganui area as the first step to obtain an estimate of the population size and level of hunting harvest which will guide future monitoring requirements and regulation setting (yr 2).</li> <li>5. Monitor and report information on the status of the region's mallard and grey duck, paradise shelduck, shoveler, swan and pukeko populations sufficient to assess harvest, identify and manage any population impacts, set effective regulations and information management directions.</li> </ol>	<p>Completed Retaruke River Survey and prepared internal report. Draft Stony / Hangatahua River report completed ready for iwi input.</p> <p>High flows meant assessment deferred until 2021/22.</p> <p>The average catch rate calculated from angler diary returns for rivers (0.60 fish/hr) in the 2020/21 season was the lowest recorded over the four seasons monitored so far but was still very respectable when compared to average catch rates in other comparable fisheries. Diarists recorded fewer hours on lake fisheries and the average catch rate was also lower. An electronic satisfaction survey found that anglers rated the 2020/21 season slightly poorer than 2019/20 but still reasonable.</p> <p>Banding was carried out at three Whanganui sites with a total of 262 ducks banded.</p> <p>A report was prepared on the current status of gamebird populations as part of the draft game gazette recommendations. Trend counts for paradise shelduck were consistent with recent years, indicating that the Taranaki ringplain population remains strong, while numbers remain at the low end in the Whanganui and</p>	

<p>Supplement trout fishing opportunities with appropriate stocking that is valued, cost effective in terms of the return to the angler and which retains community support.</p>	<p>6. Undertake a review of current paradise duck moult count monitoring and how the data is reported and implement recommendations.</p> <p>7. Participate in National Hunter Survey to derive an estimate of annual game bird harvest success.</p> <p>8. Recommend effective regulations that are timely, easily understood and which maximise licence holder opportunity while ensuring resource sustainability and public support.</p> <p>9. Provide advice and support practical and effective predator control opportunities that assist game bird populations.</p> <p>10. Undertake annual trout stocking programme which concentrates on creating and maintaining valued lake fisheries.</p>	<p>Waimarino areas. Black swan trend count data was also consistent with recent years. Staff participated in the 2021 National Shoveler Survey in early August, counting 390 shoveler which was above the long-term average. Trend counts were carried out for Pukeko on the Taranaki ringplain in April 2021, with the 17-year trend indicating that the population remains stable. Mallard monitoring scheduled for early April 2021 was cancelled owing to covid-19 budget cuts.</p> <p>A review was undertaken and recommendations agreed.</p> <p>National Hunter Survey results revealed that the 2021 game season was very similar to the previous year in terms of hunting hours spent and success rates for mallard and grey duck and slightly better for paradise shelduck. Effort expended and the success of pheasant hunters was consistent with the long-term average.</p> <p>The 2021 Game gazette recommendations were approved by Council at its 5 December 2020 meeting and passed to National Office.</p> <p>An agreement was made with the Lake Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust that the fishing season for perch could be extended to all year from 1 October 2021.</p> <p>The 2021/22 Anglers Notice was approved by Council at its meeting held on 12 June 2021 and passed to National Office.</p> <p>Information and advice was provided to gamebird hunters and landowners as opportunities arose.</p> <p>A total of 3,092 yearling and 420 2-year-old rainbow and brown trout were released into 5 lakes and 2 rivers in the region during the year (Appendix 1). In particular these releases sustained valued fisheries in Lake Mangamahoe and also the Stony River.</p>
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<p>Provide effective compliance to protect resource sustainability (including revenue base) and user experience to maintain licence holder satisfaction.</p>	<p>11. Undertake trial release of 2-year old trout into the lower Patea River to assess the potential for a long term programme.</p> <p>12. Undertake trout releases and monitoring of lower Patea River under contract to Trustpower Ltd.</p> <p>13. Implement hatchery review decision such that the operation of the Hawera hatchery is effective, cost efficient and sustainable to meet the identified stocking objectives.</p> <p>14. Review and renew ranger warrants and maintain a skilled honorary ranger team of at least 12 rangers consistent with requirements and objectives of the Compliance Policy and Strategy and also R3 principles.</p> <p>15. Review Compliance Strategy and implement any recommendations</p> <p>16. Undertake safe and effective compliance coverage across the Taranaki Region, including at least 100 licence checks of anglers and also of hunters.</p>	<p>A second release of 20-month adipose fin-clipped rainbow trout from the Council's Hawera hatchery was made into the lower Patea River on 23 March 2021 (Appendix 1).</p> <p>A Trustpower-funded release of 1,000 tagged brown and 500 tagged rainbow trout yearlings from Ngongotaha was made into the lower Patea River on 29 October 2020. A report on the release was provided to Trustpower on 19 November 2020.</p> <p>The annual hatchery report highlights that the hatchery is effective and cost efficient at providing rainbow trout which sustain several highly valued fisheries. In light of the review of Fish &amp; Game and also review of the Regional Sports Fishery and Gamebird Management Plan, the hatchery review has been deferred until the outcomes and aspirations of these are known.</p> <p>The Taranaki Region operated 9 honorary rangers and 2 warranted staff over the 2020/2021 year. Ranger training was conducted in Whanganui in September 2020 and in New Plymouth in April 2021. Ranger warrant renewals were completed and forwarded to National Office.</p> <p>The review was deferred, awaiting outcomes of the review of Fish &amp; Game and combined objectives for the likely amalgamated region.</p> <p>Compliance checks were carried out during the 2020/21 fishing season and the 2021 game season. Two Police officers accompanied 3 teams of Rangers on Opening Weekend of the Gamebird season. An annual compliance report was prepared, which detailed that the number of hunters checked exceeded the target of 100, while the number of anglers checked fell short of the target. The user compliance rate was 99.1% for hunters and 95.1% for anglers, which exceeded the target of 95%</p>
<p>Proactively manage problem aggregations of gamebirds in the interests of both hunters and property owners and managers.</p>		

	<p>17. Process detected offences in a fair and timely way consistent with national prosecution guidelines.</p> <p>18. Manage problem aggregations of gamebirds through implementation of a special Paradise Shelduck season in Area C and proactively responding to and assisting landholders.</p>	<p>compliance.</p> <p>A landowner received a \$1,030 penalty in September 2020 for shooting paradise ducks during a closed season. Three fishing and hunting without a licence offences were resolved by way of formal warning (1) and diversion offers (2).</p> <p>A successful 2021 special paradise hunting season was held in Area C, with 108 hunters taking up the opportunity. Staff also worked proactively with landowners to manage problem aggregations of gamebirds, distributing gas guns and issuing 66 permits to disturb gamebirds under delegated authority.</p>
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<b>Output Class Habitat Protection and Management</b>		
<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<p>Protect / improve habitat for sports fish &amp; game as a fundamental and effective means to sustain the fish &amp; game resource in the interests of licence holders and with biodiversity benefits for the wider community.</p>	<p>1. Provide valued advice and support to licence holders, landowners and the wider community regarding the importance of and how to protect and enhance habitat and also undertake predator control to benefit both fish &amp; game and wider indigenous biodiversity resources.</p>	<p>Organised predator traps and provided advice for a Waimarino wetland and provided advice to licence holders and landowners on request.</p>
	<p>2. Promote, encourage and support landowners to create, enhance and protect wetlands by providing sound technical advice and assistance to make successful applications to the GBHT and Hunting &amp; Habitat Funds.</p>	<p>Staff provided advice and acted as referees for 7 applications to the 2021 Game Bird Habitat Trust (GBHT) funding round. Owing to Covid-19, consideration of applications by the GBHT was deferred until after year end. A Huiroa wetland which previously received GBHT funding was visited in a 5-year review and is in excellent condition and providing quality wetland and upland gamebird habitat. Following a successful application by the GBHT to the government's 1-billion trees fund, the planting of native trees in buffer zones around wetlands was promoted to landowners who've previously received GBHT funding.</p>
	<p>3. Proactively take opportunities to make effective representation in statutory and other community processes to best achieve sports fish and game bird habitat protection and enhancement.</p>	<p>During 2020/21, the Council continued to be actively involved in Resource Management Act planning and consent processes, particularly in Taranaki. Staff worked closely and constructively with applicants and developers, local and regional authorities to reach solutions which met their objectives while also protecting trout and wetland habitat and fish passage without the need for formal hearing processes.</p>
	<p>4. Seek effective environmental outcomes as part of the re consenting of the Mangorei and Motukawa hydro schemes.</p>	<p>There was liaison with Trustpower regarding a draft AEE for the Mangorei HEPS and initial discussions got underway regarding re consenting of the Motukawa hydro scheme.</p>
	<p>5. Promote and explore opportunities to improve water quality in Lake Rotomanu (yr 2 of 3).</p>	<p>The New Plymouth District Council declined to allocate funding in its 2021-2031 LTP towards investigating reconfiguration of the lake inlet to improve water flow through the lake. NPDC instead added a backflow preventer to prevent lake water flowing back out</p>



<p>Work collaboratively and proactively with landowners, other groups and Iwi recognising the synergistic benefits and wider outcomes that can be achieved by this approach.</p>	<p>6. Engage proactively and collaboratively with iwi / community groups to identify and protect / enhance shared resource values including contributing to water related matters through the Taranaki Maunga Settlement process.</p> <p>7. Represent Fish &amp; Game and provide valued input to the Te Awa Tupua process.</p> <p>8. Undertake governance role for Whangaehu Freshwater Improvement Fund.</p> <p>9. Work closely with Nga Ruahine and other parties to remove Glenn Road weir.</p> <p>10. Explore options to remove Timaru Stream weir.</p> <p>11. Provide technical and administrative support and assistance to joint Orautoha Stream Riparian Project to protect water quality in this catchment and the</p>	<p>the inlet into the Waiwhakaiho River.</p> <p>There was liaison with Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust; Te Korowai o Ngaruahine Trust; Te Kahui o Taranaki iwi; Nga Rauru iwi on resource management issues and consents where there is a common interest. Council received notice on 13 October 2020 of a temporary pause in the Taranaki Maunga negotiations.</p> <p>The Manager attended four Te Kopuka hui and one zoom meeting during the year to help develop Te Heke Ngahuru (strategy to address and advance the environmental, social, cultural and economic health of Te Awa Tupua). Updates were provided to the Taranaki and Auckland/Waikato Fish &amp; Game Councils. Comment was provided to a PhD student studying Te Awa Tupua legislation and implementation. A paper was prepared to ratify a new Fish &amp; Game representative.</p> <p>The Manager attended four Whangaehu Freshwater Improvement Fund Governance meetings to oversee distribution of the fund for projects that benefit the Whangaehu River. The 3-year project is now complete having successfully exceeded all the FIF targets for riparian fencing, riparian planting and community engagement.</p> <p>The demolition of the Glenn Road weir on Kaupokonui Stream was successfully completed in March 2021. The concrete footing re-emerged during flood induced riverbed movement in July 2021 and will be broken up in summer 2022.</p> <p>The weir's owner has agreed to its removal and a neighbouring landowner has verbally agreed to allow machine access for weir removal from January 2022.</p> <p>Identified works to protect water quality in Orautoha Stream were co-ordinated with Horizons RC and successfully completed. An annual report was prepared and submitted</p>
<p>Development of an effective Freshwater Plan that protects freshwater and</p>	<p>quality in this catchment and the</p>	<p>report was prepared and submitted</p>

<p>wetland habitat which will minimise Council costs in consent process and free up resources for other management responses.</p>	<p>many values it supports.</p> <p>12. Engage in and actively advocate for provisions which protect and / or enhance sports fish &amp; game bird habitat in the Taranaki Freshwater Plan Review process.</p>	<p>to the Whanganui River Enhancement Trust along with an invoice for the agreed funding.</p> <p>A Taranaki Regional Council focus group meeting was attended. Notification of the proposed Taranaki Natural Resources Plan has been delayed until 2023 pending outcomes from the current Freshwater Reform process.</p>
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Output Class		Participation
Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>Add value to licence holders by increasing their opportunity, success and satisfaction and so retain them in the sport.</p> <p>Encourage past and prospective hunters and anglers into the sport through initiatives which make it easy to have a go and / or provide support.</p>	<p>1. Maintain and improve the Taranaki pages on the Fish &amp; Game website so how to and where to go information is readily available, easily understood and up to date.</p> <p>2. Work with National Office to upgrade website and prepare information re an 'Introduction to duck hunting in the Taranaki Region' (year 2 of 2). Review angling information for Taranaki ringplain.</p> <p>3. Develop and refine facebook and Instagram pages in line with any National Policy to regularly inform licence holders using these forums.</p> <p>4. Develop and utilise licence holder email lists to keep hunters and anglers up to date.</p> <p>5. Complete Reel Life and Both Barrels supplements consistent with national R3 recommendations.</p> <p>6. Provide a quality 2-page regional supplement in each edition of Fish &amp; Game Magazine.</p> <p>7. Publication of valued Hunting and Fishing Newsletters sent to regional licence holders and hunting landowners. Hunting newsletter also distributed to all rural box holders in the region.</p>	<p>Information on the Taranaki web pages was actively kept up to date providing a current and accurate resource for licence holders.</p> <p>Preparation of an introductory guide to duck hunting in the Taranaki Region was deferred awaiting development of the new Fish &amp; Game website and a more co-ordinated approach to providing information and also the outcome of the Fish &amp; Game review of regional structure. Angling information was reviewed and updated where required.</p> <p>On hold awaiting national decisions on use of these media, including co-ordination with the new Fish &amp; Game website and national initiatives.</p> <p>This was done nationally with anglers and hunters kept up to date with covid-19 and pre-season information.</p> <p>Eight articles were prepared for Reel Life ezine and four for Both Barrels for distribution to all Taranaki licence holders who subscribe. These articles were written to keep users up to date with the current hunting and fishing conditions and to highlight potential opportunities.</p> <p>A 2-page supplement was prepared for the 2021 hunting special issue and a 1-page supplement for the 2021 fishing special issue along with a contribution to the combined events and 'park and cast' pages to provide an overview of the current resource and highlight opportunities for the coming season.</p> <p>A 12-page 2020/21 regional angling newsletter and a 12-page 2020 hunting newsletter were prepared and posted to regional licence holders. The hunting newsletter was also distributed to all rural box holders within the region.</p>



	<p>8. Proactively provide timely and useful information to licence holders when requested.</p> <p>9. Replace / erect 2 – 3 new signs which provide anglers with helpful on-site information re access and regulations consistent with identified priorities.</p> <p>10. Produce information signs on the Retaruke and Whanganui Rivers to inform walkers on the Te Araroa trail.</p> <p>11. Begin process to install a 3<sup>rd</sup> angling platform on Lake Mangamahoe (yr1 of 2)</p> <p>12. Undertake review of fishing opportunities provided at Lake Mangamahoe.</p> <p>13. Provide organised fishing opportunities consistent with R3 objectives and branding and in association with volunteer groups for kids and families.</p> <p>14. Explore options for ongoing opportunities for kids and families based on trout releases into local waters and threshold experiences (yr2 of 3)</p> <p>15. Review, negotiate, publicise and issue access permits to publicly available hunting areas and actively seek and develop new opportunities.</p> <p>16. Identify and explore mentoring schemes to support new hunters and implement most promising option (yr2 of 2).</p>	<p>Staff actively provided information to licence holders regarding fishing and hunting opportunities in the region as requested. Information was also provided to gamebird hunters on the 2021 special season for paradise shelduck. Angling access information was provided to the National Office for the “Park &amp; Cast” promotion.</p> <p>A second angler information sign was erected at the new Lake Mangamahoe casting platform. Angler access to the Patea HEPS tailrace has been withdrawn by Trustpower for health and safety reasons.</p> <p>On hold awaiting finalisation of new bag limit and method regulations for the Retaruke River.</p> <p>Approval for a 3<sup>rd</sup> casting platform at the Lake Mangamahoe roundabout has been declined by New Plymouth District Council. Discussions for approval to install a 3<sup>rd</sup> casting platform at the northern end of Lake Mangamahoe are ongoing.</p> <p>Review got underway and will be completed in 2021/22.</p> <p>A successful family trout fishing promotion attended by 97 children was held at Lake Rotomanu in conjunction with the Inglewood Rod, Gun &amp; Recreation Club on 31 October 2020. A further kids’ trout fishing event attended by 60 children was held in the upper Patea River at Stratford in conjunction with the Stratford Fishing Club.</p> <p>The 2020 fishing promotion at Lake Rotomanu demonstrated that events where parents and caregivers are equipped with the information and skills to bring their kids back fishing after the initial event can be a successful way to get families in freshwater fishing.</p> <p>Hunting access to Tauwhare Forest, managed by Summit Forests, was agreed and a permit was produced along with updated permits for hunting access to Harakeke Forest and Nukumarua Recreation reserve. Representatives of Erua Forest have approved fishing access to the Waimarino Stream.</p> <p>On hold awaiting the outcome of the Fish &amp; Game review and directions of the likely new wider region.</p>
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	<p>17. Proactively take opportunities to make effective representation in statutory and other community processes to maintain or enhance hunting or angling access and opportunity.</p> <p>18. Complete review of Waingongoro River access information and implementation identified opportunities to assist angler access.</p> <p>19. Assess satisfaction and success of Taranaki Region anglers using catch rates from a voluntary diary scheme and online satisfaction survey.</p> <p>20. Implement initial actions to influence hunter behaviour as identified in hunter behaviour strategy to maximise enjoyment and participation and also public support for gamebird hunting.</p> <p>21. Locate and publicise quality gamebird recipes especially for pukeko and paradise duck that enable hunters to make good use of these species (year 2 of 2).</p> <p>22. Provision of ready and valued support and assistance to licence agents such that they are kept up to date, resourced and operate as effective agents.</p>	<p>Few opportunities arose during the year.</p> <p>The review got underway during the year and is ongoing.</p> <p>An angler diary scheme spreadsheet was emailed to 44 anglers to record their effort during the 2020/21 fishing season with results included in the 2020/21 Fishery Monitoring Report. An on-line satisfaction survey was sent to anglers with valid email addresses and the survey results analysed and reported to Council at its August 2021 meeting.</p> <p>A review identified that the use of national role models was the most effective tool. The concept of using high profile influencers nationally was raised with Fish &amp; Game's National Office.</p> <p>A co-ordinated approach to develop quality recipes was discussed with the Fish &amp; Game National Office which subsequently commissioned a cookbook for release in 2022.</p> <p>All licence agents were visited twice during the year. Permits and support were provided to licence agents in Area C for the 2021 Paradise Special Season.</p>
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<b>Output Class Iwi &amp; public interaction</b>		
<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<p>Work proactively and collaboratively with iwi at all levels consistent with Treaty of Waitangi obligations and responsibilities regarding the protection and use of natural resources.</p> <p>Strong relationships and involvement with DOC and local regional councils to effectively represent the interest of hunters and anglers in formal decision-making process.</p> <p>Engender support for hunting and fishing and the activities of Fish &amp; Game by the general public and others who recognise that these activities contribute to a better environment and healthy lifestyle and in turn who support protecting these resources and the opportunity to participate.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Proactively engage and work and collectively share with iwi and hapu within the region on matters of affecting wetland and freshwater resources or their use.</li> <li>2. Liaise with Department of Conservation and Conservation Boards and proactively engage and work with Regional and district Councils.</li> <li>3. Recognise and pursue opportunities to contribute to the wider community including 'Wild for Taranaki' and Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust'.</li> <li>4. Take opportunities to promote the value of protecting freshwater, wetland and upland game habitats and the wider benefits from this.</li> <li>5. Represent the interests of hunters and anglers and promote the validity of fishing and gamebird hunting including as a means of collecting natural organic foods and engaging in a physical healthy lifestyle.</li> <li>6. Maintain a positive and constructive profile in the media which encourages and fosters support and understanding among the general public.</li> </ol>	<p>Taranaki Fish &amp; Game Council worked closely with iwi groups as opportunities arose. This reflects that we have many shared concerns and also skills and knowledge to contribute, and collectively achieve strong environmental outcomes that will benefit both indigenous and introduced species and the wider community.</p> <p>The Manager attended four Horizon's Regional Council "Jobs for Nature" governance group meetings and provided comment on Makotuku Stream Freshwater Fish signage. There was liaison with Department of Conservation New Plymouth regarding consent conditions for the Opunake power scheme and permits for gamebird hunting in four Conservation Areas.</p> <p>A "Wild for Taranaki AGM" and quarterly meeting was attended. Council's vote was lodged for 2 positions on the Wild for Taranaki board. The Taranaki Regional Council's Annual Environmental Award presentation was attended. There was liaison with the Rotokare Scenic Trust regarding an application to fish for eels in Lake Rotokare. The release of 52 captive reared Pateke (brown teal) at Lake Rotokare was attended in May 2021.</p> <p>A presentation was given to Whanganui Rotary Club on the challenges ahead for protecting freshwater. There was liaison with Taranaki Regional Council's summer Check-Clean-Dry advocate ahead of their presence at the Stratford Kid's trout fishing day.</p> <p>Promotional press releases and advertising were provided to local newspapers for the beginning of the fishing and gamebird hunting seasons, the special paradise shelduck hunting season and kids' trout fishing events. These resulted in a number of positive articles, both in hard copy newspapers and on-line. Fish and Game staff along with 30 anglers attended a flyfishing evening hosted by Kyle Adams of the Manic Tackle Project at Taranaki Hunting &amp; Fishing.</p> <p>Fish season publicity was provided to 7 newspapers, the Fish &amp; Game website and for a National Office press release. Game season publicity was provided to 6 newspapers, the Fish &amp; Game website and for a National Office press release. The 2021 Special Paradise Hunting Season was publicised in 3 Taranaki newspapers. There was also publicity for the Lake Mangamahoe casting platform, Hawera Trout Hatchery, Rotomanu Family Trout Fishing Day, Stratford Kid's Fishing Day, the results of the Inglewood Rod Gun &amp;</p>

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	7. Review media strategy including incorporating any National Policy.	Recreation Club opening weekend fish season weigh-in and fishing in COVID19 levels 4 and 3.  On hold awaiting the outcome of the Fish & Game review.
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<b>Output Class Council Administration</b>		
<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<p>Sound and affective governance which facilitates a co-operative and supportive relationship between Council, staff and licence holders that enables effective management of resources in the best interests of the licence holder and the fish &amp; game resource</p>	<p>1. Not less than six meetings of Council are held and meetings are conducted consistent with provisions of the Standing Orders.</p>	<p>Seven Council meetings were held during the year, including one extraordinary meeting (Appendix 3).</p>
	<p>2. Identification of options and strategies to increase the diversity of Council and iwi involvement.</p>	<p>An extraordinary zoom meeting was held on 29 July 2021 to discuss reducing council membership to 8 elected members consistent with the Review recommendations. Council reaffirmed this decision at its meeting on 14 August 2021</p>
	<p>3. The 5-Year Strategic Plan is reviewed and agreed by Council by March 2021.</p>	<p>The plan was reviewed by Council at its 13 February 2021 meeting.</p>
	<p>4. Formulation and adoption of an annual Operational Plan and Budget for 2021/22 consistent with the 5-Year Strategic Plan.</p>	<p>The draft plan and budget were received at the Council's 27 March 2021 and was approved at Council's 14 August 2021 meeting.</p>
	<p>5. Presentation by Council of its audited annual report for 2019/20 not later than 31 December 2020. Report to be consistent with tier 2 Service Performance standards and requirements.</p>	<p>Council's audited Annual Report for 2019/20 was adopted and presented at a public annual general meeting in Whanganui on 5 December 2020.</p>
	<p>6. Effective regional policies are developed, adopted and reviewed as required and are consistent with any National Policy requirements.</p>	<p>Council adopted new Equal Employment Opportunity and Bullying &amp; Harassment policies at their October 2020 meeting.</p>
	<p>7. Progress reporting of licence sales, work progress and financial position is timely and accurate and operational management and oversight.</p>	<p>A progress report on licence sales was included as an item in each Council meeting agenda.</p>
	<p>8. Effective administration such that the Council is within annual budget (<math>\pm</math> 5%), operates consistent with best practice and at least 90% of its annual plan is completed.</p>	<p>The Council closed its Whanganui Office and the Secretary commenced working from home. The Council's file system was moved to Microsoft Sharepoint and new computers were purchased as part of this migration. Budget vs expenditure was closely monitored, and the Council maintained a tight rein on non-essential expenditure in the light of covid-19 implications on revenue.</p>

<p>Development of new Taranaki Sports Fish &amp; Game Management Plan which accurately reflects the aspirations of anglers and hunters and provides effective and valued high level direction and guidance for management activities and to other statutory plans.</p>	<p>9. Effective staff management including performance reviews completed and new objectives agreed for staff, and regular staff meetings such that staff are aware of what is generally occurring and have ready opportunity for input into decision and management direction.</p> <p>10. Undertake comprehensive process to review the Taranaki sports fish and Game Management Plan 2011. The review to include opportunity for submissions by anglers and hunters and also consultation with other parties, iwi and agencies to ensure the plan is comprehensive, appropriate and of value.</p>	<p>Staff performance reviews completed and new performance measures for 20/21 year agreed. XERO certification was completed by the secretary. Regular staff catch-ups were held throughout the year alongside programmed H&amp;S meetings. The Council's Manager resigned at year-end. A job description was prepared for a fixed term field officer position in New Plymouth, with on-line interviews held just prior to year-end.</p> <p>The review was put on hold pending the outcome of the Fish &amp; Game structure review.</p>
<p>Operate consistent with National Policy and make valued contributions to the management of the resource and F&amp;G nationally in the interests of all licence holders.</p>	<p>11. Effective communication and liaison with NZ Fish and Game Council and other F&amp;G regions including valued input and comment on F&amp;G issues and attendances at F&amp;G Manager's meetings.</p> <p>12. Contribute to National Office by providing valued advice, assistance and feedback on national issues and processes as requested.</p>	<p>Council provided comment to Fish &amp; Game's National Council on a Commercial Origin Salmon Release paper, Customs Import Prohibition (trout) Order, draft reserves policy principles, draft licence data MOU and gamebird guide latent licence provisions. The Manager attended the April 2021 Managers Meeting and 14 Managers zoom meetings. Council provided National Council and the Implementation Committee with a response to the Ministerial Review recommendations.</p> <p>The Manager took frequent opportunities to provide regular input to National Office on a range of national issues</p>
<p>Make best use of new systems, processes and technology to maximise administrative efficiencies and minimise costs so resources are available for use elsewhere.</p>	<p>13. All processes and activities are undertaken consistent with Council Health &amp; Safety Policy and Manual.</p> <p>14. Staff are actively involved in implementing HSAW policy and ensuring a safe workplace, including by undertaking two monthly staff meetings where HSAW is a specific agenda</p>	<p>A Health &amp; Safety report is included as an item in each Council agenda identifying any new issues and progress with addressing existing issues. An annual self-audit of processes was completed in August 2021 which identified that the Health &amp; Safety Policy and Manual was being implemented as required.</p> <p>A Health &amp; Safety at Work meeting was held prior to each 2-monthly Council meeting. Over the year there were no near misses reported.</p>

<p>Demonstrate a commitment to Health &amp; Safety and ensuring the welfare of staff and others through effective policy, systems, resourcing and oversight.</p>	<p>item. 15. Compliance with HSAW requirements and policy including scheduled reviews and audits along with any issues identified of near misses routinely reported to each meeting of Council.</p>	<p>A report on Health &amp; Safety at Work is included as an item in each Council agenda.</p>
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**Appendix 1 Taranaki Fish and Game Council  
Trout Liberations, 2020/2021**

Releases of fingerling or yearling brown and rainbow trout into Taranaki Region rivers and lakes during the 2020/2021 financial year. All fish raised at the Hawera hatchery were produced from Lake Tarawera-strain ova received from the Eastern Fish and Game Region

Total number

<b>Water</b>	<b>Number Released</b>
Lake Ratapiko	50
Lake Mangamahoe	261
Lake Rotomanu	100
Lake Namunamu	260
Lake Ngangana	200
Stony River	211
Patea River (upper)	300
Patea River (lower)	*1,710
<b>Total Released</b>	<b>3,092</b>

\* = includes 1,000 brown trout

Releases of 2-year old hatchery rainbows in the Taranaki Region during the 2020/2021 financial year:

<b>Water</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Hatchery Origin</b>	<b>Number Released</b>
Lake Rotomanu	22.10.20	F&G Ngongataha	420
		<b>Total Released</b>	<b>420</b>

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Appendix 2

Licence Sales

<b>FISHING LICENCES</b>	<b>11/12</b>	<b>12/13</b>	<b>13/14</b>	<b>14/15</b>	<b>15/16</b>	<b>16/17</b>	<b>17/18</b>	<b>18/19</b>	<b>19/20</b>	<b>20/21</b>
Family	125	137	145	144	129	134	125	127	108	154
Adult Season	537	597	573	556	472	437	477	390	424	499
Junior Season	55	73	57	72	56	49	75	66	69	86
Loyal Senior					46	44	55	66	63	72
Local Area					28	22	25	37	32	47
Winter Adult	54	40	61	54	26	13	27	50	33	36
Winter Junior	12	8	5	7						
Long Break					6	5	4	8	4	2
Short Break					64	57	51	49	56	55
Adult Day	259	324	326	312	277	269	170	220	178	163
Junior Day	17	27	15	27	38	23	28	25	13	29
Non-Resident Adult				22	49	58	61	73	48	11
Non-Resident Junior							1	3	2	1
Non-Resident Child									4	
Non-Resident Adult Day							110	78	72	4
Non-Resident Junior Day					4	1	2	4	1	
Non-Resident Child Day									1	
LEQ Total	797	880.5	873	877	870	810	866	831	791	897
<b>Actual Total</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>1,206</b>	<b>1,182</b>	<b>1,194</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>1,112</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>1,199</b>	<b>1,108</b>	<b>1,159</b>

<b>HUNTING LICENCES</b>	<b>11/12</b>	<b>12/13</b>	<b>13/14</b>	<b>14/15</b>	<b>15/16</b>	<b>16/17</b>	<b>17/18</b>	<b>18/19</b>	<b>19/20</b>	<b>20/21</b>
Adult	1162	1110	1106	1128	1099	1,104	1,113	1,034	970	1,081
Junior	125	120	109	108	100	79	93	85	81	95
Child	41	33	53	41	47	53	28	28	42	47
Adult Day	26	38	38	41	44	44	50	45	28	43
Junior Day	2	4	5		1	3	1		1	2
LEQ Total	1,195	1,145	1,136	1,158	1,132	1,129	1,141	1,192	992	1,109
<b>Actual Total</b>	<b>1,356</b>	<b>1,305</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>1,318</b>	<b>1,291</b>	<b>1,283</b>	<b>1,285</b>	<b>1,062</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>1,268</b>

**Appendix 3**

**Attendance at Council Meetings 2020/2021**

Taranaki Fish and Game Council meetings were held as follows.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Councillors Present</b>
3 October 2020	Whanganui	9
5 December 2020	Whanganui	11
13 February 2021	Raetihi	7
27 March 2021	Waitara	9
12 June 2021	Hawera	11
29 July 2021 (extraordinary meeting)	Zoom	6
14 August 2021	Stratford	10

One extraordinary meeting was held on 29 July 2021, to confirm an amendment to Council membership for upcoming election.

Councillors attended meetings as follows

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Number of Meetings Attended.</b>
P Blewman	6
A Flynn	7
G Karalus	7
R Sargeson	6
C Donald	6
C McEwen	5
D Potroz	5
C Bright	5
S Hugo	2
C Potroz	4
J Nancarrow	3
D Gordon	7



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**TO THE READERS OF TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

The Auditor-General is the auditor of Taranaki fish and game council (the Fish and Game Council). The Auditor-General has appointed me, Vivien Cotton, using the staff and resources of Cotton Kelly Smit Limited (CKS Audit), to carry out the audit of the financial statements and statement of performance of the Fish and Game Council on his behalf.

**Opinion on the financial statements and the statement of performance**

We have audited:

- the financial statements of the Fish and Game Council on pages 6 to 19, that comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 August 2021, 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 performance of the Fish and Game Council on pages 20 to 37.

In our opinion:

- the financial statements of the Fish and Game Council: on pages 6 to 19:
  - present fairly, in all material respects:
    - its financial position as at 31 August 2021; and
    - its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
  - comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand in accordance with the Public Benefit Entity Simple Formant Reporting – Accrual (Public Sector) framework; and
- the statement of performance of the Fish and Game Council on pages 20 to 37:
  - presents fairly, in all material respects, the Fish and Game Council's performance for the year ended 31 August 2021, including for each class of reportable outputs:
    - its standards of performance achieved as compared with the forecasts included in the annual operational plan for the financial year; and
    - its actual revenue and expenses as compared with the forecasts included in the annual operational plan for the financial year; and
  - complies with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

Our audit was completed on 3 December 2021. This is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

The basis for our opinion is explained below. In addition, we outline the responsibilities of the Council and our responsibilities relating to the financial statements and the statement of performance, we comment on other information, and we explain our independence.

**Basis for our opinion**

We carried out our audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Professional and Ethical Standards and the International Standards on Auditing (New

Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Responsibilities of the auditor section of our report.

We have fulfilled our responsibilities in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards.

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

### **Responsibilities of the Council for the financial statements and the statement of performance**

The Council is responsible on behalf of the Fish and Game Council for preparing financial statements and a statement of performance that are fairly presented and comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

The Council is responsible for such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable it to prepare financial statements and a statement of performance that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements and the statement of performance, the Council is responsible on behalf of the Fish and Game Council for assessing the Fish and Game Council's ability to continue as a going concern. The Council is also responsible for disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting, unless there is an intention to merge or to terminate the activities of the Fish and Game Council, or there is no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

### **Responsibilities of the auditor for the audit of the financial statements and the statement of performance**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and the statement of performance, as a whole, are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit carried out in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements are differences or omissions of amounts or disclosures, and can arise from fraud or error. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of readers taken on the basis of these financial statements and the statement of performance.

For the budget information reported in the financial statements and the statement of performance, our procedures were limited to checking that the information agreed to the Fish and Game Council's annual operational plan.

We did not evaluate the security and controls over the electronic publication of the financial statements and the statement of performance.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. Also:

- We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and the statement of performance, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- We obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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.

- We evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Council.
- We evaluate the appropriateness of the reported performance information within the Fish and Game Council's framework for reporting performance.
- We conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Council and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fish and Game Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements and the statement of performance or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fishing and Game Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- We evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements and the statement of performance, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements and the statement of performance represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Council regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Our responsibilities arise from the Public Audit Act 2001.

#### **Other Information**

The Council is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included on pages 1 to 5, but does not include the financial statements and the statement of performance, and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements and the statement of performance does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of audit opinion or assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements and the statement of performance, our responsibility is to read the other information. In doing so, we consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements and the statement of performance or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on our work, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Independence**

We are independent of the Fish and Game Council in accordance with the independence requirements of the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the independence requirements of the Professional and Ethical Standard 1: International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

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



Vivien Cotton  
CKS Audit  
On behalf of the Auditor-General  
Palmerston North, New Zealand