

AGENDA PAPERS

COUNCIL MEETING

SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER 2021

Statutory managers of freshwater sports fish, game birds and their habitats

AGENDA

SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER 2021

TO BE HELD AT RUAPEHU FISH & GAME CLUB ROOMS SEDDON STREET, RAETIHI

COMMENCING AT 10:00AM

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL, HELD AT THE AUTOLODGE MOTOR INN, 393 DEVON STREET EAST, NEW PLYMOUTH ON THE 16^{TH} OCTOBER 2021 COMMENCING AT 10:00AM.

1. PRESENT

Councillors — Alan Flynn, Romon Sargeson, Daniel Gordon, Gerard Karalus, David Potroz, Cory Potroz, Craig McEwen, Chris Bright, John Nancarrow and Chris Donald.

IN ATTENDANCE

Acting Manager Allen Stancliff, Jacob Morison Field Officer and Secretary Jilli Steedman.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Chairman, Paul Blewman due to Covid19 travel restrictions. It was noted that an email had been received from Councillor Steve Hugo stating that he has resigned from Council and would not be attending any future meetings.

MOVED D POTROZ / C POTROZ THAT THE APOLOGIES RECEIVED BE SUSTAINED CARRIED

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Chris Donald assumed the chair.

3. WELCOME TO GUESTS

The Chairman welcomed Councillors and Fish and Game staff to the meeting. The Chairman also welcomed the new staff member, Jacob Morison to his first meeting.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Karalus noted a conflict of interest as he is on the Regional Structure Review Project Team, and he would be excluding himself from discussion on the late agenda item regarding the Regional Structure Review.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 14th AUGUST 2021

MOVED BRIGHT / D POTROZ

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 14TH AUGUST 2021 HELD IN STRATFORD, BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD. CARRIED.

6. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Nancarrow noted that he had incorrectly been recorded as seconding the Licence Sales Report. The secretary will amend the minutes.

7. AGENDA MANAGEMENT

Completed actions will be removed from the action list.

Council discussed the election, noting that the newly elected council will take office on 27th October 2021, and the requirement to have the first meeting of the new council before 27th November. Council decided to hold a zoom meeting on 3rd November 2021.

It was brought to Council's attention that the meeting and AGM scheduled for 11th December clashes with a kid's fishing day at Stratford. Councillors decided that the meeting date should be changed to Sunday 12th December 2021

8. RISK REGISTER

The Manager noted that the score of the risks identified remained unchanged.

Taranaki Fish & Game Council will not be applying for the COVID19 wage subsidy for the August lockdown.

MOVED SARGESON / GORDON

THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL RECEIVE THE AUGUST 2021 RISK REGISTER CARRIED

9. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Allen and Jacob will schedule a quad bike and 4WD training course.

MOVED KARALUS / D POTROZ

THAT THE MANAGERS HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT, BE RECEIVED CARRIED

10. DRAFT 2022 MEETING DATES

Conflicting dates were noted.

The March meeting date will be changed to 26th March due to the Inglewood Rod Gun & Recreation Club holding a clay bird shoot on 19th March.

Meeting locations were discussed and the Council's preference is;

Hawera

February 2022 Raetihi March 2022 Waitara

June 2022 Opunake August 2022 Stratford

December 2022 Whanganui

October 2022

MOVED NANCARROW / C POTROZ

THAT THE SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES AND VENUES BE REVIEWED FOR ADOPTION AT COUNCILS MEETING OF 12 DECEMBER 2021 CARRIED

11. 2020/21 LICENCE SALES REPORT

Councillor D Potroz noted that Fish & Game family licence holders only received 1 card licence, noting that the Taupo conservancy issues 2 for family licences.

MOVED D POTROZ / NANCARROW
THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME LICENCE SALES REPORT, BE RECEIVED
CARRIED

12. 2020/2021 GAMEBIRD DISPERSAL REPORT

Councillors noted the abundance of permits to disturb Pukeko and wondered if they could be included in the Special Summer Season for Area C.

Ways to educate landowners with gamebird problems, to contact Fish & Game for assistance was discussed.

Gas guns held in the New Plymouth office are aging and some are not reliable, new gas guns should be purchased for the New Plymouth office.

MOVED SARGESON / C POTROZ

THAT THE GAME BIRD DISPERSAL REPORT – 2020/2021, BE RECEIVED CARRIED

13. 2020/2021 HATCHERY AND TROUT LIBERATION REPORT

The Acting Manager spoke to his report.

Councillor Bright asked if there were likely to be trout releases into Sattlers Dam.

Councillor Flynn asked if we could have problems sourcing trout food. Allen Stancliff noted there was a good supply available.

Councillor Karalus noted that there was a new subdivision being planned on Turuturu Road in Hawera and was concerned if there could be adverse effects to the Tawhiti Stream and Hatchery.

Councillors discussed access to the Patea River noting that a gate has been locked by Trustpower due to health and safety concerns. Councillor McEwen noted that a recent heavy rain event has washed out part of the road to the Patea River. A flood peak of 350 cumecs was recorded at McColls Bridge during the event.

14. 2020/2021 COMPLIANCE REPORT

It was noted that Rangers struggled to meet the target for anglers, but that the compliance was very good.

MOVED FLYNN / SARGESON

THAT THE TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL ACCEPT THIS COMPLIANCE REPORT FOR 2020/2021 NOTING THAT;

- MANAGEMENT OF HONORARY RANGERS MET THE PLANNED RESULT IN THE OPERATIONAL PLAN.
- COMPLIANCE CHECKS OF HUNTERS MET THE TARGET OF 100.
- COMPLIANCE OF ANGLERS DID NOT REACH THE TARGET OF 100 LICENCE HOLDERS.
- COMPLIANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS WAS 95.1% FOR ANGLERS CHECKED AND 99.1% FOR HUNTERS CHECKED.

CARRIED

15. FISHERY MONITORING REPORT

Catch rates are down, particularly for Lakes. The Retaruke River was surveyed and good numbers of juvenile trout were found.

16. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman noted the apology received from Paul Blewman.

The Chairman also acknowledged the contribution made to Council by the outgoing Councillors, Chris Bright, who has served on the Council since 1990, Daniel Gordon and Cory Potroz.

He thanked Allen Stancliff for stepping up to be Councils acting Manager during the review process.

MOVED DONALD / D POTROZ

THAT THE CHAIRMAN'S VERBAL REPORT BE RECEIVED

CARRIED

17. NATIONAL COUNCILLORS REPORT

Gerard Karalus advised Councillors that he is a member of the Structural Review Project team, which includes David Hunt (independent Chair), Phil Teal (Wellington Fish & Game) and Dean Kelly (West Coast Fish & Game). He noted that Council's have been asked to establish a representative delegation to provide feedback before 28th October 2021.

MOVED KARALUS / BRIGHT
THAT THE NATIONAL COUNCILLORS VERBAL REPORT BE RECEIVED
CARRIED

Break for lunch 12:30 Reconvened 1:30

LATE AGENDA ITEM – FISH & GAME REGIONAL STRUCTURE REVIEW

A paper was tabled from David Hunt, independent chair of the Regional Structure review team. The correspondence received asked Council to consider establishing a representative delegation from our Council / Staff to provide timely feedback to the Project Team on behalf of Taranaki Fish & Game.

Discussion around the structural review consisted of comments regarding resource allocation which was thought to be integral to the review process, the necessity to keep the entire of the Whanganui River within one region and the importance of sustaining the Hawera Hatchery. The Project team would like Council's feedback by 28th October 2021.

MOVED DONALD / D POTROZ

THAT THE DELEGATION FROM TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL CONSIST OF ALL COUNCILLORS AND STAFF.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR KARALUS ABSTAINED.

18. WORK PLAN AND BUDGET PROGRESS REPORT TO 31ST AUGUST 2021

MOVED C POTROZ / NANCARROW

THAT THE WORK PLAN AND BUDGET PROGRESS REPORT TO $31^{\rm ST}$ AUGUST 2021, BE RECEIVED

CARRIED

19. FINANCIAL REPORT

MOVED SARGESON / C POTROZ

THAT THE PROFIT AND LOSS AND BALANCE SHEET TO 31ST AUGUST 2021, BE RECEIVED

20. CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED D POTROZ / GORDON

THAT INWARDS AND OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE SCHEDULES TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2021, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

21. GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillors discussed the use of diazinon spray and the prospect of having its use extended by another 10 years to 2038. National Council are putting together a submission to oppose the time frame being extended.

Councillor Karalus has a trophy from the Hawera Acclimatisation Society and thought it could be presented to a participant in the angler diary scheme who caught the largest trout in the South Taranaki District.

The fly fishing only status of Lake Mangamahoe was discussed noting that some anglers would like to see it opened to all types of fishing. However, it was noted that Lake Mangamahoe is already well utilised and that the lake may not handle the extra pressure. A report will be prepared for Council on this matter.

Councillor McEwen and Allen Stancliff attended a fish pass workshop run by DOC. It outlined the future of fish pass design. Also attending were construction company designers.

Councillor Bright voiced his concerns about rumours regarding piping the Makara Stream downstream of the Raetihi hydro intake.

22. NEXT MEETING

The first meeting of the newly elected Council will take place by zoom and held on 3rd November 2021.

The AGM and ordinary meeting will be held on 12 December 2021, in Raetihi.

23. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 3:00pm.

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MINUTES OF FIRST MEETING OF NEW TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL, ZOOM MEETING WEDNESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2021 COMMENCING AT 7:00PM

The Acting Manager assumed the chair and called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

1. PRESENT

Chairman Allen Stancliff, Councillors Paul Blewman, Chris Donald, Alan Flynn, David Potroz, Gerard Karalus, Romon Sargeson, Craig McEwen and John Nancarrow.

IN ATTENDANCE

Fish & Game Staff Jilli Steedman and Jacob Morison.

2. APOLOGIES

There were none.

3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987

The acting manager described the Fish & Game structure, National Council, regions, funding, budgeting and planning. He noted the importance of notifying Council of any conflicts of interest.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

The acting manager called for nominations for Chairman.

MOVED BLEWMAN / SARGESON

THAT COUNCILLOR CHRIS DONALD BE NOMINATED AS CHAIRMAN OF TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL CARRIED

There were no other nominations received.

Councillor Chris Donald was declared elected, and congratulated by the council

Declared elected by acclamation. Chris Donald expressed his thanks for Council's confidence.

The Chairman, Chris Donald assumed the chair and called for nominations for the appointment of the National Council appointee.

5. APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

MOVED POTROZ / BLEWMAN
THAT COUNCILLOR GERARD KARALUS BE NOMINATED AS NATIONAL
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
CARRIED

There no other nominations received.

COUNCILLOR KARALUS WAS DECLARED ELECTED, AND CONGRATULATED BY THE COUNCIL

6. 2021 DECEMBER MEETING – DATE CHANGE

The acting manager noted staff had important family events happening on 12th December and asked that the December meeting and AGM be brought forward to 4th December 2021.

MOVED BLEWMAN / FLYNN THAT THE DECEMBER 2021 ORDINARY MEETING AND AGM DATE BE CHANGED TO $4^{\rm TH}$ DECEMBER 2021. CARRIED

7. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman noted that in the event that he would have to tender his apologies for a meeting, that Council should consider appointing a vice chairman.

MOVED BLEWMAN / KARALUS
THAT COUNCILLOR ALAN FLYNN CHAIR ANY MEETING THAT CHRIS
DONALD WOULD BE UNABLE TO ATTEND
CARRIED

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor Flynn commended Allen, Jacob and the Inglewood Rod Gun and Recreation Club on a very well-run kids fishing day held on 30th October 2021 at Lake Rotomanu.

9. CLOSURE

There being no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 7:35 pm.

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The Chairman
Taranaki Fish & Game Council

AGENDA MANAGEMENT

Council should do the following things;

- Review progress with items on the Action List, these items derived from past Council meetings
- Review the Annual Program for Meeting Agendas, and decide if any items should be added/ moved or deleted from this
- Review the Current Agenda and decide on the order of items, the timing requirements for items, any items to be deferred, or any new business to be tabled.

No resolutions should be necessary here, unless to resolve debate on a future course of action. The Minutes will record all issues that Council agrees, and these will be reflected in future Action Lists, Annual Programs, and Agendas as may be appropriate.

Allen Stancliff
Acting Regional Manager
22 November 2021

ACTION LIST ARISING FROM COUNCIL DECISIONS

| Subject | Responsible | Target Date | Item Update – Actions Required |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Extend paradise special | Manager | December | |
| season to include | | 2021 | |
| Taranaki Anniversary | | | |
| Day | | | |

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA PROGRAM

| Meeting | Board | Operational | Statutory | Strategic/Policy |
|---------------------|---------------------|--|---|--|
| 13 February | All Board | All Operational Items, to be | Confirm Game Season | Review 5 Year Strategic Plan |
| 2021 | ltems | received | Regulations. | |
| 27 March 2021 | All Board | All Operational Items, to be | Consider Draft 2021/2022 | |
| | Items | received | Annual Operational Work Plan & | |
| | | Manager's contract review | Budget. | |
| 12 June 2021 | All Board | All Operational Items, to be | Fish Season Regs. | Nominations for Bruce McKenzie |
| | Items. | Received | Licence fee | Memorial Award |
| | | | recommendation | |
| 14 August 2021 | All Board | All Operational Items, to be | Adopt 2021 / 2022 Annual | Receive nominations for Bruce |
| | Items. | Received | Plan | McKenzie Memorial Award |
| 16 October | All Board | All Operational Items, to be | End of Year Project Reports | |
| 2021 | Items. | Received | | |
| 3 November | | First meeting of new Council | Elect chairman | • |
| 2021 | | | Elect National Council Representative | |
| 11 December 2021 | All Board Items. | All Operational Items, to be Received | 2022 Game Gazette Notice | 2022 meeting dates |
| meeting and AGM | | , | | |
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2020/21 – 2024/25 Strategic Plan Approved 13 February 2021

| 2024/25 | the priorities | | | irt of each season | |
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| 2023/24 | jion consistent with | Design and erect angler information signage on the Waingongoro River | | shortly after the sta | 5 Magazine I Office policy |
| 2022/23 | akes around the reg | | | it to licence holders nt to licence holder | or each issue of F&(sistent with Nationa |
| 2021/22 | lace/ erect new signs on rivers and lakes around the region consistent with the priorities itified signs replaced per year | Regulation Information signs on Retenuise and Whanganul Rivers (Te Aranoa trail: | rmation sign and y fy any changes and igrade with other | Produce Taranaki fishing newsletter sent to licence holders shortly after the start of each season Produce Taranaki hunting newsletter sent to licence holders and RD box holders prior to each | season Produce 2-page magazine supplement for each issue of F&G Magazine Implement and utilise social media consistent with National Office policy |
| 2020/21 | Replace/ erect new signs or identified 2 -3 signs replaced per year | | Review Ruatiti information sign and update as necessary By Aug 2021 identify any changes and agree process to upgrade with other parties | Produce Taranaki fi Produce Taranaki h | season Produce 2-page ma Implement and util |
| Key Result (what are we actually doing and how this contributes to objective?) | Signage Provide anglers with | institution of sacess, regulations and techniques to make it easier to go fishing | | Licence holder contact | Contact licence holders (mail, email, social media and individually by phone |
| Work Area (why are we undertaking this objective?) | Participation | licence holders to increase their success and satisfaction so they remain in the | Recruit (and re- activate) new licence holders to | required for | effective management and to maintain |

| Develop and utilise licence holder email list to highlight information of specific value such as upcoming children's fishing days Information on 2021 fishing days emailed to licence holders | | Review information and effectiveness of web links annually or when issue identified Information is current and easily found | | | Implement preferred options | | Implement preferred option for chafford kids | fishing |
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| Develop and utilise licence holder email list to highlight info upcoming children's fishing days Information on 2021 fishing days emailed to licence holders | Work with National Office to upgrade website. | Review information and effectiveness of Information is current and easily found | Introduction to duck hunting opportunities in the Taranaki Region | Draft text prepared by Aug 2021 (is also dependant on the new website development) | Explore options for ongoing fishing opportunities for kids and families based on local ponds and threshold | experiences | Identify and explore future options for Stratford by Aug 2021 | |
| or face to face) to share information that encourages and assists users to make best use of the F&G resource | Angling and hunting web pages | How to and where to go information is readily | available, easily understood and up to date to assist & quide | licence holders and prospective participants | Children and family fishing days and opportunities | Provide opportunities for children and families to go fishing easily and on an ongoing basis, so they | potentially become lifelong anglers. To | fishing and the activities of Fish & Game among the general public |
| support for and recognition of the importance of fish & game resources and their use | | | | | | | | |

| | | | Review and refine mentoring programmes | |
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| restore Sairlers Dam release | Incorporate national branding and approaches as per R3 strategy in Children's Fishing Programme | Undertake review of fishing opportunities provided at Lake Mangamahoe | Explore and develop mentoring Review and refine is schemes for hunters including public instruction/ information days | Identify possible option(s) by Aug 2021 Implement most promising option identified by May 2022 |
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| | A Seasy Cocks to the cocks to t | Develop web based introductory package for hunters highlighting easy opportunities including access and methods to | Review and refine anglers package in response to feedback | Review and refine hunters package |
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| Angler & hunter aspirations In order to best manage the resource and opportunities in the best interests of anglers & hunters it is essential to understand the aspirations of Taranaki licence holders and what they seek from their fishing & hunting experience. | | Re-survey of aspirations of upland game hunters | Re-survey of aspirations of duck hunters | |
| access Fundamental to participation is that licence holders need to be able to readily access and utilise the available | Provide for increased angling access around Lake Mangamahoe through provision of third angling platform Agreements and funding in place by Aug 2021 | | | |
| fish & game populations. | Review and refine permit process and conditions for | | Review how new permit system is working | |

| Review access information and where appropriate identify contact details/ negotiate access Complete Waingongoro review Aug 2021 Review Kaupokonui River access by Aug 2022 Manage hunter Manage hunter Manage hunter Implement strategy to achieve appropriate hunter-behaviour Promoter subject from anti- Hunting groups Promoter table qualites To minimize the threat To make the table, and publicise quality trout and a minoritan port of the sport from anti- Hunting groups To minimize the threat To minimize the threat To make threat to be a percentage of the resource of the resource and publicise quality trout and a minoritan port of the sport from anti- Hunting acceptable To the general public To the general public Minimize barriers Provide support service and upskilling of licence agents to operate as effective licence outlets and minimizes the barriers to purchasing a licence, and minimizes the barriers to burchasing a licence, and minimizes the barriers to burchasing a licence, and | | gamebird hunting | | |
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| | | Review access information and where appropriate | e identify contact details/ negotiate acces | SS |
| | | Complete Waingongoro review Aug 2021 Review Kaupokonui River access by Aug 2022 | | |
| | | Implement strategy to achieve | Review | |
| | Manage hunter | appropriate hunter behaviour | effectiveness of | |
| | behaviour | Initial actions in place by May 2021 | strategy and | |
| | Maximise hunter | | implementation | |
| | enjoyment and | | | |
| | participation and also | | | |
| | general public support so | | | |
| | as to minimise the threat | | | - |
| | to the sport from anti- | | | |
| | hunting groups | | | |
| | Promote table qualities | ate and publicise quality trout and | vand | |
| | of the resource. | ch recipes | suitable | |
| | An important part of the | | oird recipes | |
| | sport is the taking of | aujuo | | |
| to their se of shot al, o makes ceptable ublic rrs work of ration arriers to | prime food for the table, | | | |
| | and which adds | | | |
| | additional value to their | | | |
| | sport. Making use of shot | | | |
| | game as a natural, | | | |
| | healthy food also makes | | | |
| | hunting more acceptable | | | |
| | to the general public | | | |
| | Minimise barriers | Provide support, service and upskilling of licence | agents to operate as effective licence out | tlets and |
| licence administration minimises the barriers to purchasing a licence, and | An effective network of | sources of valued information on opportunities a | nd techniques | |
| minimises the barriers to purchasing a licence, and | licence administration | | | |
| purchasing a licence, and | minimises the barriers to | | | |
| | purchasing a licence, and | | | |

| | view regulations annually with an objective to achieve simplicity and consistency across the gion and between regions as opportunities allow. Ensure information is easy to find and follow |
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| in turn can add significant value for the purchaser in terms of providing information and equipment. | Utilise simple, consistent and easy to understand regulations that are both effective and that minimise uncertainty and reluctance to have a go |

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| Work Area (why are we undertaking this objective?) | Key Result (what are we actually doing and how this contributes to | 2020/21 2021/22 2022/23 | 2023/24 2024/25 |
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| Sports fish | Obtain baseline information for key streams | Assess juvenile Investigate and review Warngongoro recruitment along fishery | Assess and report on the fishery in the Manganui River and tributaries |
| monitoring and management | To better understand key fisheries and identify threats and | Stream to help document the effects of the | |
| To obtain necessary | opportunities to the maintenance of | Tataraimaka weir on fish passage | |
| information and undertake effective | important angling resources | | |
| management actions to | Investigate value of stocking specific | Prepare and undertake annual stocking plan Achieve proposed stocking programme each year | Review stocking plan |
| sustainably manage sports fish populations across the region so as to foster angler | streams and lakes To ensure any stocking programme is effective in terms of an increased return to the angler, is | Undertake trial release of 2yr old trout Review results into Patea River and develop position on release of trout into lower Patea | |
| satisfaction such that they remain in the sport. | a sound use of what are limited resources | Undertake releases and monitoring of lower Patea River under contract to Trustpower Ltd Meet annual contract obligations | |
| | Investigate opportunities to restore fisheries | Review and Nationgaina/ Lake Rotomanu investigate Stony Nangaora เจ | |

| important fisheries have declined over time and there maybe opportunities to restore some of these to the benefit of local anglers Angler surveys & diaries These provide a mechanism to effectively monitor many of the regions fisheries which otherwise would be outside the resources available to F&G. This information is important | Undertake angler diary programme annually Each year promote the scheme and produce annual report of results Review diary System and | esuits | |
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| for assessing angler satisfaction, making management responses including regulation setting and also in promoting the importance of the fishery in resource consent and community processes | effectiveness 7 | | |
| Hatchery Stocking appropriate waterways with trout is an effective way to increase angling opportunity. In particular | Maintain effective hatchery operations utilising volunteer support | Review options Implement for the hatchery decisions to ensure that hatchery operation is efficient, effective | |

| and sustainable re meeting future stocking | requirements. Will be influenced | by the National Council stocking review (draft), R3 | needs and also community/ iwi aspirations. | | |
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| stocking man-made lakes and impoundments close to urban centres can be | highly valued by family and other groups | healthier lifestyle and enhancing support for fishing and F&G whilst | not impacting unreasonably on indiqenous fish species. It | is also an important tool to introduce budding analers to fishina and | protecting the licence base |
| stocking and imp to urbar | highly ve and oth | healthie enhanci | not impacting unreasonably c indiaenous fish | is also a to introc analers | protecti base |
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| Work Area (why are we undertaking this objective?) | Key Result (what are we actually doing and how this contributes to objective?) | 2020/21 2021/22 2022/23 | 2023/24 2024/25 | /25 |
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| Gamebird | Mallard Duck monitoring | Implement banding protocol for Whanganui area | Review | |
| monitoring and | Obtaining an accurate | Complete site selection and undertake full banding 2021 | programme for | |
| investigations | estimate of the duck | including recovery of bands | the region taking | |
| | population annually to | Complete report of banding results August 2023 | into account | - |
| To obtain | set season regulations | | banding results | _ |
| necessary | is fraught with | | and including | - |
| information and | difficulties and is | | regulation setting | - |
| undertake effective | resource intensive. | | requirements | |
| management | Furthermore the | | | |
| actions to | regulation setting | Complete annual aerial count of transects across the | Implement identified monitoring | ng . |
| sustainably | timetable means | Taranaki ringplain | programme | |
| manage gamebird | substantial population | | | |
| populations across | changes may occur | Count data is summarised in annual discussion paper re | | |
| the region to | between any | recommended Game Gazette conditions | | |
| maximise hunter | monitoring and | | | |
| satisfaction so they | regulation setting and | | | |
| remain in the | the new hunting | Participate in and meet data entry requirements for the National Hunter Survey | onal Hunter Survey | |
| sport. | season. However | | | |
| | potentially hunting | Target for number of interviews is achieved and data summarised in annual discussion paper re | rised in annual discussion paper i | re |
| | mortality may either be | recommended Game Gazette conditions | | |
| | negligible, | | | |
| | compensatory and/ or | | | |
| | naturally reduce when | | | |
| | populations are low | | | |
| | anyway. The alternative | | | |
| | approach if the | | | |

| s | ų. | Review hunting regulations for bult paradise shelduck and including he possible Area boundaries ed to |
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| population is robust & hunting mortality is relatively minor is to focus on maintaining consistent regulations which allow for a reasonable bag and season length at minimal risk to the population. This manages hunter expectations and allows them to invest with some certainty to the future while freeing up management resources Paradise shelduck monitoring | an important resource for Taranaki hunters. However in large numbers they can impact on farming operations. Numbers can be effectively | monitored by undertaking moult counts across the region and the information used to manage numbers |

| opportunities without unreasonably impacting on landowners Pukeko monitoring Large aggregations of pukeko create problems for landowners and create a hunting opportunity for licence holders. However over much of the region numbers are very low so it is essential to have sound monitoring information so as to set effective regulations which maximise opportunity while ensuring the sustainability of the regional populations. New opportunities There are potentially several ways the resource may be supplemented and hunting undertaken. So long as any new approach does not | Review cyteon for animarised in annual additions and itions are also and itions and itions and itions and itions are also and itions and itions are also and itions and itions are also and also and itions are also and also are also are also and also are also and also are also and also are also and also are also are also are also and also are also | ethodology and implement ethodology and implement Review criteria/ policy to rear and release upland game (awaiting outcome of current process around commercial game |
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| unreasonably impact on other hunters or indiagnous hindinesity | preserves) | (S) |

| | Quickly and efficiently respond to landowner concerns as required. Implement Special Season for | paradise shelduck as and where appropriate. | | | ,如果我们就是一个人,也不是一个人,也不是一个人,也不是一个人,也是一个人,也是一个人,也是一个人,也是一个人,也是一个人,也是一个人,也是一个人,也是一个人, 第一个人,也是一个人,也是一个人,也是 | | | |
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| then this is an opportunity that may be valued by a segment of licence holders. | | Wanage problem aggregations of | gamebirds to minimise | their impacts on | landowners and | protect/ create hunting | opportunities for | licence holders |

| Work Area | Key Result | | | | |
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| objective:/ | to objective?) | | | | |
| | Compliance | Review Conside | Consider other applians to undertake compilance if and | | ନିକ୍ନା ଧିନ୍ତେକ ହିକ୍ଟରାମିକ |
| | Make best use of | Compliance available | • | | |
| Compliance | available resources to | Strategy | | | |
| Protect resource | implement the | | | | |
| sustainability and | objectives of the | Undertake effective opening | Undertake effective opening day ranging across the region and at other key times or in response to | and at other key times | or in response to |
| user experience to | Compliance Policy so as | identified issues | | | |
| maintain licence | to best protect the | | | | |
| holder satisfaction | sports fish & game | Annual compliance report presented to Council | esented to Council | | |
| | resource and its use | | | | |
| | Honorary Rangers | Ranger training in implementing R3 | ting R3 | | Review use and |
| | Safe use of honorary | principles | | | effectiveness of |
| | rangers to provide | | | | honorary ranger |
| | effective and valued | All rangers receive introduction to R3 | on to R3 | | system |
| | compliance coverage | in 20/21 | | | |
| | across the Taranaki | Renew ranger warrants for existing | xisting | Ranger warrant | |
| | region | rangers | | renewals | |
| | | Panerwork submitted by Aug 2021 | 2021 | | |

| Work Area (why are we undertaking this objective?) | Key Result (what are we actually doing and how this contributes to objective?) | 2020/21 2021/22 2022/23 2023/24 2024/ | 2024/25 |
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| Iwi and public | Iwi Liaison | E - | natural |
| interaction | Proactively foster close | resources and their use, including welcoming iwi participation in Council. | |
| Implementing the | and productive | | |
| principles of the | working relationships | Undertake governance role for Whangaehu Freshwater Improvement Fund 2019 – 2021 | |
| Treaty of Waitangi | with iwi at all levels | | |
| (partnership, | and collectively share | Represent F&G and provide valued input to Te Awa Tupua process | |
| protection and | expertise and | | |
| participation) | knowledge to achieve | Identify opportunities and actively work with individual iwi and hapu on local shared issues | <i>les</i> |
| requires Council | greater protection of | | |
| work proactively | freshwater and | Identify possible options to increase iwi involvement in Council | |
| and collaboratively | wetland habitats and | | |
| with iwi regarding | species. To also enable | Take opportunities to work on joint habitat improvement and river restoration projects | |
| the management of | robust and helpful | | |
| natural resources | discussion and decision | | |
| and their use and | making on issues | Actively involve iwi at all levels in the development of the | |
| protection. It is | affecting licence | Sports Fish and Game Management Plan | - |
| recognised that | holders and iwi | | |
| there may be a | including use of shared | | |
| natural tension | resources, protection | | |
| around the possible | of indigenous taonga | | |
| impact of sports fish | and access | | |



| In the face of an | | Recognise and pursue opportunities to contribute to the wider community as part of undertaking |
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| increasing urban | Community | core F&G activities |
| population and | Involvement & | |
| support for | Advocacy | Participate in Wild for Taranaki |
| indigenous | Actively seek to | Contribute to and support activities of Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust |
| biodiversity to | contribute to the wider | |
| ensure hunting & | community as part of | |
| fishing is valued by | undertaking F&G | Take opportunities to work with community and industry groups on habitat improvement and river |
| the general public | activities and highlight | restoration projects and initiatives |
| who recognise that | these broader benefits | |
| these activities | to engender wider | |
| contribute to wider | support for F&G, | |
| good such as a | angling and hunting. | |
| better environment | | |
| and healthy | | Review media Infinibilisments Review media |
| lifestyle/ kai and in | Effective use of the | strategy strategy strategy |
| turn support | Media | |
| protecting these | Maintain positive | |
| resources and the | profile which | |
| opportunity to | encourages | Develop and refine facebook and |
| participate. | prospective | associated Instagram pages |
| | participants and | |
| | fosters support and | Pages in place and actively updated by |
| | understanding among | Aug 2021 (depending on any National |
| | the general public | Communication Policy and website re- |
| | | organisation) |
| | | Review and refine website (dependant |
| | | on national decisions and directions) |



| Key Result | ult | | | | |
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| actually doing and | g and | 2020/21 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 |
| how this contributes to objective?) | tributes) | | | | |
| Taranaki Freshwater | water | Actively engage in the process to protect and enhance the interests of Taranaki | otect and enhance the ir | nterests of Taranaki | |
| Plan | | hunters and anglers | | | - |
| Sports fish and game | l game | | | | |
| habitat will be better | better | | | | |
| protected by effective | ffective | Process deadlines to contribute and submit are met | submit are met | | |
| provisions in this Plan. | his Plan. | | | | |
| This will also limit the | mit the | | | | |
| resources F&G | | | | | |
| expends on addressing | dressing | | | | |
| individual consent | ent | | | | |
| applications freeing | eeing | | | | - |
| these resources up to | os ap to | | | | |
| be used elsewhere | here | | | | |
| Effectively engage in | gage in | Engage in relevant specific consent applications to protect F&G interests | applications to protect F | &G interests | |
| RMA consent | | Trustpower consents for the Mangorei and Motukawa | rei and Motukawa | | |
| processes. | | hydro schemes (consents expire 1 June 2021) | une 2021) | | |
| In the absence of | of | | | | Review strategic |
| greater direction in | on in | | | | approach re |
| regional plans it is | it is | | | | engagement in |
| necessary to engage in | ngage in | | | | individual |
| individual consent | sent | | | | consent |
| applications to ensure | ensure c | | | | processes |
| protection of Fish and | ish and | | | | |
| Game resources and | es and | | | | Dependent on |
| access to these | 01 | | | | progress with |
| | | | | | Taranaki |
| | | | | | Freshwater Plan |

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| Work Area | (what are we | | | |
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| undertaking this | how this | | r,/? | C7/4707 |
| objective?) | contributes to | | | |
| | objective?) | | | |
| | | Undertake plan review to incorporate any changes in F&G | | |
| | Review Management | organisation from current ministerial review and internal | | |
| | Plan | reviews. Actively involve iwi and community in this plan as | | |
| Planning & | The Plan is required to | well as hunters and anglers | | |
| Administration | be reviewed in whole | | | |
| | no later than 10 years | | | |
| | after it was approved. | | | |
| The Taranaki Sports | Any review will include | | | |
| Fish & Game | the opportunity for | | | |
| Management Plan is | submissions by | | | |
| a statutory | hunters and anglers | | | |
| requirement and | and F&G will also | | | |
| formally reflects the | consult with other | | | |
| aspirations of | parties, iwi and | | | |
| hunters and anglers. | agencies as | | | |
| The Plan provides | appropriate and | | | |
| high level direction | consistent with Treaty | | | |
| and guidance for | of Waitangi | | | |
| management | obligations to ensure | | | |
| activities and also | the plan is | | | |
| other statutory plans | comprehensive, | | | |
| in the interests of the | effective and of value. | | | |
| resource and users | Strategic planning | Review 5-Year Strategic Plan annually and as required | | |
| | Implement | | | |
| | Management Plan | | | |
| | through ongoing | | | |

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| | of 5-year Strategic | |
| | Plan to provide clear | |
| | and agreed direction | |
| | regardina future work | |
| | programmes and | |
| Strong and effective | resource allocation | |
| governance to | and requirements. | |
| ensure that the | This strategic plan to | |
| activities of Council | guide development of | |
| are appropriate, well | a timely, planned and | |
| run and reflect the | effective Annual | |
| aspirations of all | Operational Workplan | |
| licence holders | that reflects the | |
| | aspirations of hunters | |
| | and anglers | |
| | Focus on governance | Identify possible ান্যাগুভিন্নভানায় key ৩parons identified |
| | Achieve appropriate | options and |
| | diversity across the | strategies to |
| | Council and provide | increase the |
| Effective and concise | Councillors with | diversity of |
| administration with | professional | Council |
| accurate reporting to | governance support | Review and Co-ordinate Co-ordinate |
| support sound | to best represent the | update Council Election Louncil Election |
| financial | interests of all licence | governance policy |
| management and | holders | Undertake |
| efficient use of | | Sovemence Bovernance |
| resources in the best | | |
| interests of the | Simplify operational | |
| licence holder and | outputs and coding | |
| fish & game resource | Provide effective and | Implement any |
| | helpful reporting while | outcomes of |
| | minimising | National Council |

| View | | Indepression of the Ministerial and internal Facilities (Internal Facilities) | Recommend changes to 5-Year Strategic Plan, prepare draft Annual Operational Plan and draft Performance Report Prepare concise and complete agenda papers including with a recommended course of action |
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| financial review | d a/ | 3 | |
| unnecessary detail and the time and resources this involves which can be used elsewhere | New Plymouth and Whanganui offices Whanganui offices Provide effective and healthy office space including storage which is also obvious and accessible to our users and the general public | Administrative improvements Make best use of new systems and technology to maximise administrative efficiencies and minimise costs so resources are available for use elsewhere | Support for Council Provide valued support to Council which facilitates effective Council governance and operation |
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| Implement and review Health & Safety Policy, Manual and systems and processes as per identified | ¥ | D oi | Annual audit and other identified requirements are reported to Council | nent | staff | |
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| Health & Safety | Maintain effective | systems to ensure a | safe and healthy | working environment | and the safety of staff | and visitors |

Review: February 2022 Council Meeting

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

RISK REGISTER DECEMBER 2021

The attached register identifies and records potential significant risks to the effective operation of Taranaki Fish & Game Council. This register is updated for each meeting.

There is no change to the overall risks identified and their rating. However the recently released Ministerial Review clearly has a number of implications with respect to operational matters including longer term resourcing, hunter and angler support and for development of a new Management Plan. However the exact impact will be unknown until all the recommendations are finalised.

RECOMMENDATION

That Taranaki Fish & Game Council receive the December 2021 Risk Register

Allen Stancliff

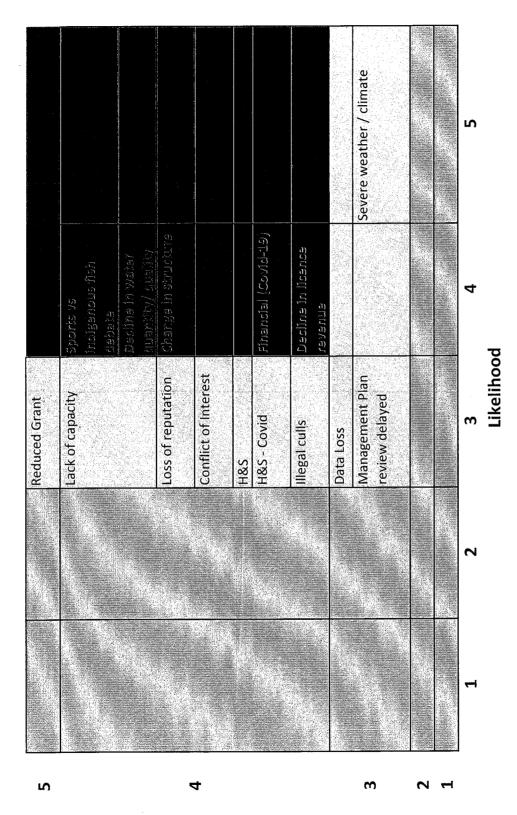
Acting Regional Manager

22 November 2021

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| | RiskType | Risk Description | Likelihood | Likelingood impact | Actions already in place, | Person sponsible | Further Actions Required (If any) |
|----------|--------------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| 4 | Uperational | Data loss Trom computer virus, data corruption | Possible - 3 | Possible - 3 Moderate - 3 | New computers with up to date anti-virus protection. Have moved to Office cloud based software and document storage. | Office administrator | |
| 2 | Operational | Lack of capacity to undertake core roles effectively | Possible - 3 | Major - 4 | Skilled & experienced staff in place and available to work together where Chanecessary. Use of volunteer rangers and hatchery workers | Chairperson/ Council | Appoint skilled new field officer based in New Plymouth on fixed term contract. Consider other options to complete work plan. Keep volunteers in the loop to retain their support |
| er . | Operational | Review of Sports Fish & Game Management Plan is not completed by expiry date of current plan (Aug 2021) | Possible - 3 | Moderate - 3 | Review scheduled however it is difficult to engage meaningfully with licence holders, iwi and other agencies when the future of Taranaki F&G is uncertain | Manager | With the uncertainty of what the new region will look like then await final decision. Likely will need to amalgamate in some way with Wellington F&G |
| ⇒ | नेस्थारक द्व डिडॉस्टर् | Health and Safety related event resulting in significant harm or injury to staff, contractors or volunteers | Possible - 3 | Major - 4 | Ensure staff and volunteers comply with Health and Safety Policy and processes. Ensure H&S manual is current and regular reviews, staff meetings and auditing occurs as scheduled. Report on H&S as regular agenda item. | Manager | Ongoing identification of new hazards. |
| าล | Health & Safety | Under Covid-19 staff are put in situations that could potentially jeopardise their health or others around them | Possible - 3 | Major - 4 | adhere to conditions or directives imposed at Government- Alert Levels that include work place conditions and safety, tective gear, etc. Follow recommended best practice. | Manager | Implement further work place and personal protective measures as identified and/or required by Government. |
| 9 | Species Management | Fish - severe weather or geomorphological events impacting on fish population at a local or regional scale | Almost certain - 5 | Moderate - 3 | Unable to mitigate. Recognise that wild populations will rebound and carry Manager out regular monitoring of key populations to identify changes. | anager | |
| 7 | Species Management | Game and Fish - climate induced events i.e., drought impacting on gamebird population | Almost certain - 5 | Moderate - 3 | Unable to mitigate. Carry out regular monitoring of key populations to Maidentify changes. Recognise that some events maybe positive for some species | Manager | |
| ∞ | Species Management | Decline of Taranaki ring-plain fishery due to reductions in water quality and quantity | क्त के कि | V ajor - ⊴ | Take planning and individual consent opportunities under the RMA to promote maintenance of suitable water flows and water quality to sustain Offiviable trout fisheries around the ring-plain | Manager/ Field Officer - Taranaki | Engage in the Taranki Freshwater Plan process. Continue to monitor ring-plain fisheries |
| 6 | Species Management | Culling/ poisoning of paradise shelduck populations | Possible - 3 Major - 4 | Major - 4 | Work closely and proactively with landowners and farmers to manage Ma problem aggregations of paradise shelduck. Hold Special Season where appropriate. Monitor population trends. | Manager/Field Officer | |
| 01. | Species Management | Political - Status of indigenous biodiversity is promoted over that of sports fish by statutory agencies and legislation | के - A∣बभा⊓ | Major - 4 | Promote freshwater fishing as a valid recreational pursuit with significant financial, recreational & health benefits and as kai for resident and non-resident anglers. Portray F&G in positive light as an environmental organisation. Promote strong angler ethics amongst anglers. Clarify interaction of native fish and sports fish based on science. Maintain close working relationships with iwi and other agencies to achieve the best for all freshwater species. | Manager | Proactively engage with Iwi and other groups as opportunities are identified. |
| . – | Taranaki Risk Register November 2022 | lovember 2022 | | | Risk Register_TF&G | | Page 1 |

| Further Actions Required (Itany) | Implement the R3 programme (Recruitment, Retention & Reactivation) including review of Kids fishing days. | Manager/ Council Work with F&G National Council and implement agreed actions to ensure financial viability | Manager/ Council Work with F&G National Council and other regions to best achieve statutory obligations | Manager/ Council Make constructive and effective input into discussions on new F&G regions and operation in the best interests of hunters and anglers both within the existing Taranaki Region and also nationally | | Engage in the process with the best interests of the F&G resource and licence holders both locally and nationally at the forefront of our responses. Support fellow councillors and staff through this process. |
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| Person Responsible | Manager | Manager/ Council | Manager/ Council | Manager/ Council | Council | Council |
| Actions diready in place | Regular contact with licence holders/ updated web pages to provide information which assists their experience. Kids fishing days. | Cut any unnecessary spending - adopt a prudent approach | Manage region effectively, in a financially prudent manner and on budget to achieve core functions and licence holder satisfaction. Maintain short-term capacity to address short fall through reserves | Maintain awareness of the need to operate in a transparent, efficient and effective way to best serve licence holders. Ensure our actions and comments are professional and reflect well on F&G | Maintain awareness of the need to manage perceived conflict of interests appropriately and transparently. Follow Standing Orders and including the use of a Conflict of Interest register | Operate in an efficient and effective way to best serve local and national licence holders |
| Impact | Major - 4 | Major - 4 | Possible - 3 Severe - 5 | Major - 4 | Major - 4 | Major - 4 |
| Likelihood | Likely - 4 | Likely - 4 | Possible - 3 | Possible - 3 Major - 4 | Possible - 3 Major - 4 | 4 - √lekil |
| Risk Description | Ongoing decline in licence revenues | Decline in fish and game licence sales due to virus outbreak | No grant available from National Council | Reputation - Lack of support from licence holders and other agencies arising from criticism and aspersions regarding F&G berformance | Reputation - Perceived conflict of interest among decision makers (councillors) | Future - Changes in F&G structure arising from national review/s |
| Risk Type | 11 Emancials | 12 Einancials | Hnancial | 14 Council | Council Council | 16 Council |



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TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

HEALTH AND SAFETY - December 2021

Background

As part of its commitment to Health and Safety and providing a safe workplace the Council requires a report at each meeting detailing the implementation and adherence to the Health and Safety policy and manual including;

- 1. any new issues or hazards that have arisen and how these have been addressed
- 2. progress with any ongoing issues
- 3. outcomes of audits and reviews required in the Health and Safety manual
- 4. any near misses or injuries and including investigation outcomes and recommendations

<u>Update</u>

| | bridges and narrow sections of road. |
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| Taranaki road works | to be taken driving over single lane |
| | Check changes in bypass routes. Care |
| 1. New issues or hazards | |

| 3. Ongoing issues | |
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| Covid-19 response | Maintaining a watching brief and readiness to follow any government directives if the situation changes Staff are all now double vaccinated. |
| 4. Audits, reviews and meetings | |
| HSE included as agenda item for staff meeting | Staff meeting held 22 November 2021 |
| Residual current devices and power points for New Plymouth | All New Plymouth staff have residual current devices for their workstations. New power points put in close to Jacob Morison's workstation. |

| Electric Fishing Machine re-certification | EFM checked by electrician and recertified 22/10/2021. |
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| Annual review of Hazard Control Plans | Kids fishing days, Whanganui and New Plymouth office HCP's have all been reviewed and are up-to-date. |
| 3 yearly H&S Policy Review | Due June 2022 |
| Staff check use of PPE gear by others in the field | Checked during lower Patea River fish releases 3 rd November 2021 |
| First Aid refresher due August 2021 | Field officer, Jacob Morison has completed a comprehensive 2-day first aid course. Acting Manager/Field officer, Allen Stancliff will complete a first aid refresher course when a suitable date becomes available |
| Safety training course for 4wd and SXS | Liaising with Land Based Training, awaiting dates to be confirmed |
| Hazard Control Plans due for renewal | Field - General HCP is due for renewal February 2022. |
| 5. Near misses and injuries | |
| Nil | |

Allen Stancliff

Acting Regional Manager

22 November 2021

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

DRAFT 2022/23 GAME SEASON GAZETTE NOTICE

Background

Since 2016 Council has had a policy of retaining consistent game regulations from year to year unless new information supports a need to make significant changes to protect the resource.

This reflects that detailed analysis of long-term harvest data from the Eastern Region indicates that large changes in bag or season length would be required to make any meaningful difference to the duck harvest.

There is also increasing evidence that maximising bag limits does not necessarily maximise hunter satisfaction. To maximise harvest also requires precise and accurate monitoring. However, with such patchily distributed and highly mobile species like ducks, it is both exceptionally difficult and very resource intensive to achieve robust estimates. This is further complicated by the timing of the gazettal process which requires that Council agree next season's recommendations in December before we can measure this spring's production.

On top of this, total harvest is directly related to the total effort and analysis by Eastern Fish and Game found annual changes in effort were best explained by changes in the duck population size. In other words, in years of low duck numbers hunters spend less time in the field, and the total harvest is inherently smaller irrespective of any regulation changes.

Collectively, all of these factors suggest that rather than trying to maximise bag limits every year Council is better to set consistent season conditions which they can be confident do not impact on resource sustainability while providing sufficient opportunity and setting realistic expectations which ultimately result in greater overall hunter satisfaction.

This consistency from year to year also provides hunters with confidence to invest in equipment and/ or habitat development and predator control programmes.

Therefore, this paper is presented from the perspective of whether there is any good reason to depart from the status quo for each gamebird species.

Current population status

Grey and mallard duck (greylard)

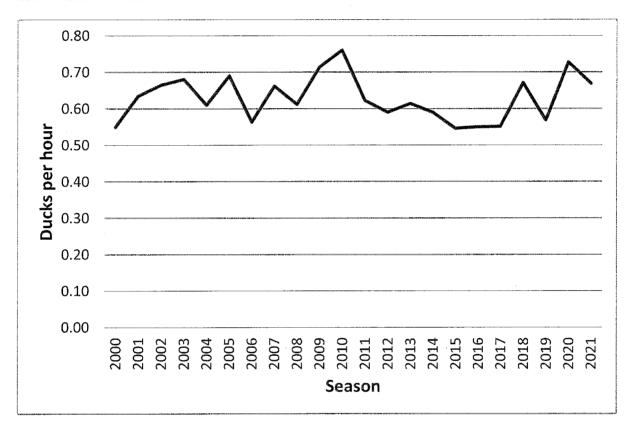
Given the degree of interbreeding and hybridisation these species are treated as a single population for this discussion.

From 2016 - 2019 we have undertaken annual counts around the Taranaki ring-plain in early April using a helicopter. However, the counts in April 2020 and 2021 were cancelled owing to the covid-19 lockdown in 2020 and covid-related budged cuts in 2021.

While this isn't ideal, our strategy of maintaining the status quo unless there is a good reason to change allows us to consider other indicators as well.

The hunting results for last season (2021) indicate that while hunter success rate (greylards shot per hour) was higher than average (Figure 1) the total greylard harvest was lower than average, owing to lower hunting effort (Figure 2).

Figure 1. Average hunter harvest rate of greylards (ducks per hour) from the National Hunter Survey 2000 to 2021 seasons



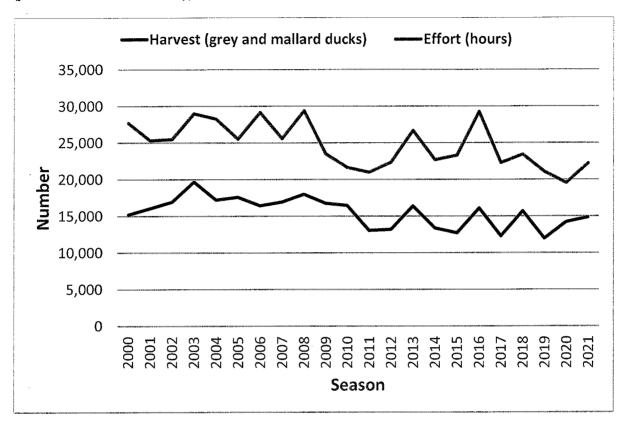
The relatively high harvest rate likely reflects a strong population at this time, however the lower harvest consistent with recent seasons, suggests hunters are unlikely to have had a significant impact.

In terms of breeding, this season has been at least average, with regular rainfall keeping water in ephemeral wetlands that are prime breeding areas.

However, mallard research also indicates that a major driver of production is simply the number of hens that get to breed, and in particular older experienced birds which have a higher success rate. One advantage of the apparently lower harvest over recent seasons is that there should be more hens to breed, further increasing production this spring and summer.

In the absence of any obvious reason to be concerned about greylard population size, it is recommended that Council continues with the status quo of a 10-bird limit and two-month season.

Figure 2. Total hunting effort (hours) and harvest of greylards for the Taranaki Region 2000 to 2021 (from National Hunter Survey)



Shoveler duck

Monitoring of known aggregations of shoveler occur in August each year. At this time the birds congregate to select mates before dispersing to secluded breeding sites. Monitoring occurs across NZ to reflect the view that the population is a single national population that moves around the country.

Across the Taranaki region we counted 390 shoveler duck in August 2021, which is 8% above our long-term average and up on last year's count of 301 shoveler. Nationally, the population trend remains stable over the 22 years of the national shoveler survey.

As figure 3 indicates the harvest in 2021 (estimated 46 birds) remains very minor despite extending the season length in 2019 to the standard 2 months consistent with other waterfowl species.

This level of harvest is consistent with recent seasons and suggests shoveler are not generally targeted by Taranaki hunters. Given the low level of harvest and stable national population, it is recommended that the status quo of a 2-bird daily bag limit and 2-month season be retained.

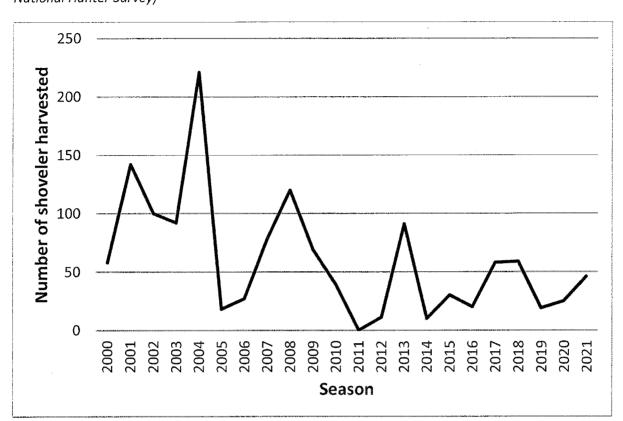


Figure 3. Estimated shoveler duck harvest across the Taranaki Region 2000 to 2021 seasons (from National Hunter Survey)

Paradise Shelduck

The moult count in January 2021 in the Waimarino region (5,874 paradise shelduck) represents 367 birds per pond which is generally higher than in recent years (Figure 4). The mean counts around the Taranaki ring-plain also showed an increase (360 per pond and 14,390 in total), however the Whanganui estimates remain at low levels (295 per pond and 2,947 birds in total).

These counts suggest that the population is generally stable across the region but at the "low end" of its historical range of abundance in the Waimarino and Whanganui.

By comparison the estimated total harvest of 8,829 paradise in 2021 (Figure 5) was higher than in 2020 (7,082 birds) but still below the long-term average of 10,148 birds. The 2021 result reflects both an increase in estimated effort and success rate over 2020.

Unlike mallard and grey duck, it appears anecdotally that paradise shelduck breeding does not do so well in years which are very wet. Therefore, the typical spring period we've had this year should favour breeding success, however we won't get an estimate of recruitment until we do our moult counts in January 2022.

Figure 4. Average number of paradise shelduck per pond counted across ponds in the Waimarino, Whanganui and Taranaki areas 1992 to 2021 moult counts

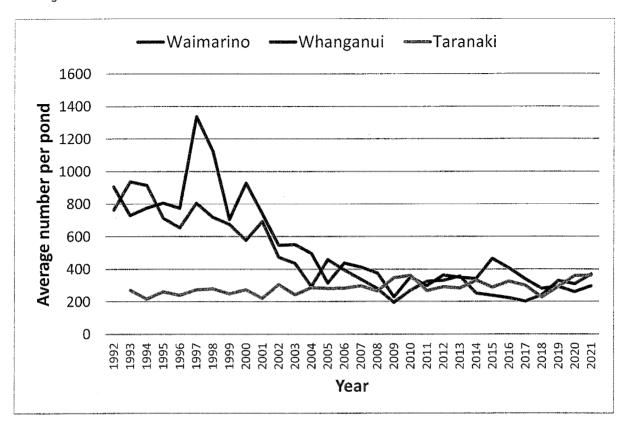
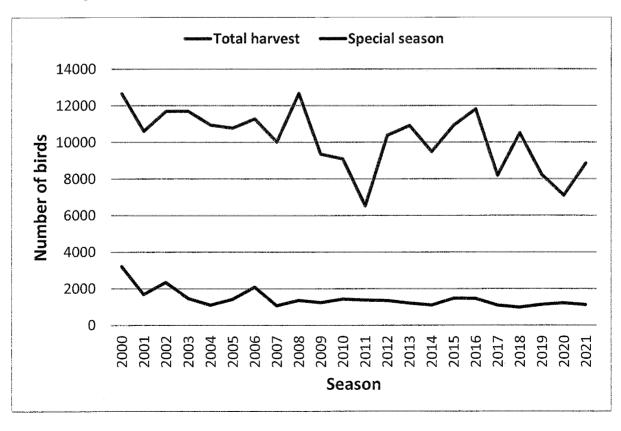


Figure 5 Estimated special season harvest and total annual paradise shelduck harvest across the Taranaki Region 2000 to 2021



In terms of the special summer season in Area C, this plays an important role in dispersing flocks of post-moult paradise shelduck that can cause a nuisance to farmers by grazing and fouling areas of new grass, recovering hay paddocks and fodder crops like chicory. It also provides an additional hunting opportunity for licence holders and land occupiers. As Figure 5 highlights the harvest from this season is reasonably consistent at around 1000 birds per year and a relatively small part of the total annual harvest.

Manipulating this harvest is further complicated by the need to set these special season regulations more than a year in advance. For this reason, it is recommended retain the current special season conditions. With populations in Areas A and B at their lower end, any additional harvest from a Special Season is not supported in those areas and any impacts from aggregations of birds are better managed by working directly with the impacted landowner.

In respect of the Special Season in Area C, the Council has resolved to extend the season to include Taranaki Anniversary Day (Action List arising from Council decisions). The Special Season is usually held on the last weekend in February and first weekend in March (e.g. in 2022 the dates are 26/27 February and 5/6 March). In 2023, Taranaki Anniversary Day falls on Monday 13th March, so the Special Season dates will need to be moved back a week to 4th & 5th March and 11th – 13th March 2023. Moving the season back a week will mean fewer "tail-end" birds on moult sites, possibly a few more complaints from farmers prior to the season, and disturbance of mallards just that little bit closer to the main game season. However, the overall impact may not be significant.

On the basis that paradise populations generally appear stable along with a moderate existing harvest, it is recommended that the status quo remain, with an extension to the Special Season to include Taranaki Anniversary Day. That is:

- 10 bird daily limit for Areas A, B & C for a two-month season;
- 2-weekend special season in Area C for 2023 covering the first two weekends in March 2023 and including Taranaki Anniversary Day.

Black Swan

In 2016 the daily limit was increased from 1 to 2 birds. Most Taranaki hunters choose not to harvest swan and this increase allowed those few who do to take an extra one for the table. The harvest since 2000 has fluctuated between an estimated 27 and 280 birds, with 208 harvested in 2021 (Figure 6). The increase in daily bag limit does not appear to have had any influence on the level of harvest, which overall remains small.

Counts of black swan taken as part of the paradise moult counts over January 2021 were above the long-term average across the Taranaki (531 vs an average of 309 swan) and Whanganui regions (449 vs 337 swan) and a little below average in the Waimarino (30 vs an average of 34 swan).

However black swan are relatively mobile and it is thought that a single population extends over central New Zealand, if not further afield. January trend counts in the Wellington, Nelson/Marlborough (including Farewell Spit) and Taranaki Regions (Figure 7) remain stable and on the basis that the Taranaki harvest estimate is very small in comparison (reflecting hunter demand) it is recommended that the status quo (2 bird daily limit over a 2-month season) remain.

Figure 6 Estimated swan harvest across the Taranaki Fish & Game Region 2000 to 2021

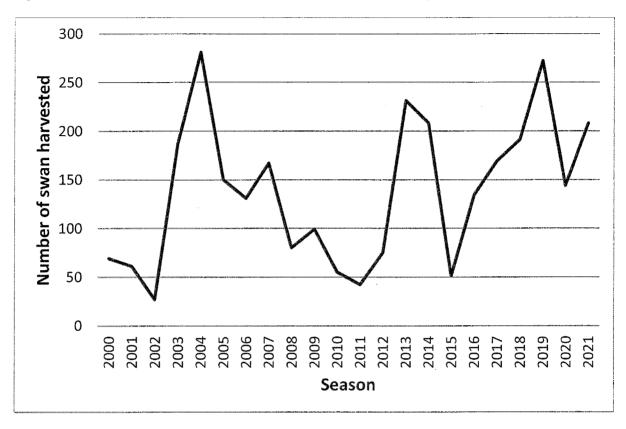
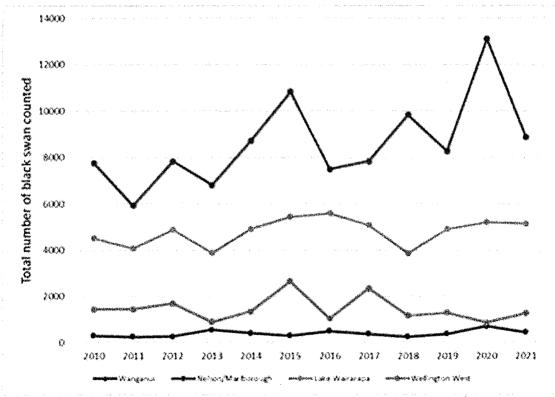


Figure 7 January trend counts for the Taranaki, Wellington & Nelson/Marlborough Regions 2010 to 2021



Pukeko

Early April counts of pukeko have been made along a series of randomly selected transects around the Taranaki ringplain since 2005, although no counts were undertaken in 2020 owing to the covid-19 lockdown. Total counts have varied between 91 and 336 birds, with an average of 126. The April 2021 count was 198 pukeko. The 17-year trend analysis indicates that the population remains stable, although patchy in its distribution with greater numbers in the wetter north and central Taranaki areas. During the 2020/21 year, 31 permits were issued to disturb pukeko damaging gardens or crops (15 rural & 16 urban), indicating that they can be a problem for rural and city-folk alike.

Harvest during the 2021 game season rebounded from the lows recorded in 2019 and 2020 (Figure 8) and at an estimated 1,036 pukeko, the 2021 harvest was close to the long-term average of 1,083 birds.

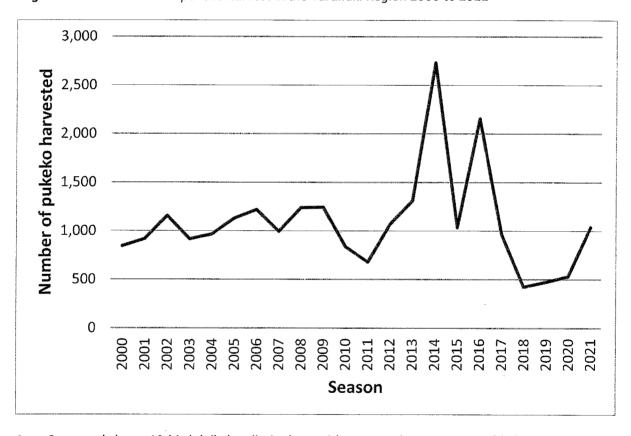


Figure 8 Estimated annual pukeko harvest in the Taranaki Region 2000 to 2021

Area C currently has a 10-bird daily bag limit along with a 4 month season to enable hunters to target localised aggregations of birds scattered over the ring-plain, to address their impacts on agriculture and gardens as well as to create additional hunting opportunity after the main duck season has ended. Our past monitoring suggests that other populations might struggle under this level of harvest if it is mis-directed, but in the case of the Taranaki populations it appears that the harvest may be self-limiting. In other words, as the larger populations are controlled, hunters may be less inclined to target pukeko. For this reason, it is recommended that Council continue with a 10-bird limit in Taranaki, and also a 5-bird limit in Areas A and B where the populations are generally much smaller.

Pheasant

The harvest of pheasant over the 2021 season was estimated at 542 birds (Figure 9), which was above the long-term average of 399 birds. The harvest rate of 0.22 pheasants/hour (one bird every 4.5 hours) was similar to the long-term average of 0.21 pheasant/hour (Figure 10).

Figure 9 Estimated annual pheasant harvest and total hunting effort in the Taranaki Region 2000 to 2021

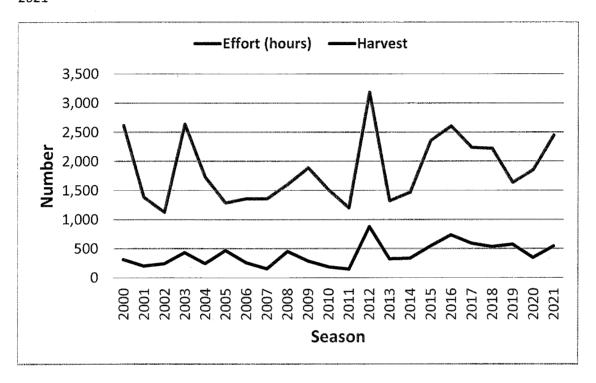
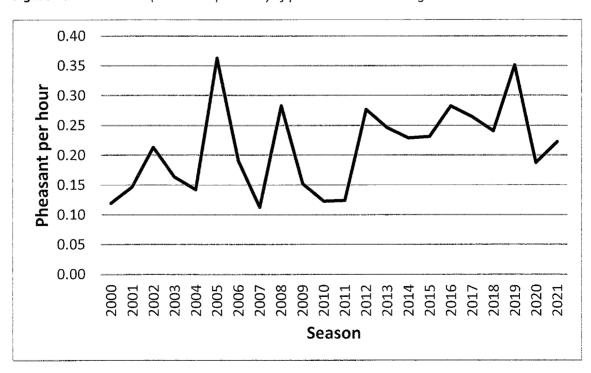


Figure 10 Harvest rate (birds shot per hour) of pheasant Taranaki Region 2000 to 2021



While we do not have an estimate of the current size of the pheasant population, they have been very visible around much of the region in recent years. This may well reflect that large-scale predator control programmes and the planting of manuka are potentially having a positive impact. While it is apparent many populations still go largely un-hunted, the current level of effort and harvest suggests there is no need to further restrict the harvest, nor does there appear any justification to liberalise the regulations. Results of the gamebird hunter survey reported to Council in December 2018 indicate very strong support for the status quo of a 2-bird daily limit and four-month season. It is therefore recommended that these conditions be retained.

California Quail

California quail are very restricted in distribution with few substantial coveys remaining, though there has been quite a bit of comment about where they are now being seen, similar to the apparent increase in pheasant numbers. With such low numbers, hunters generally perceive hunting them as difficult and/or inappropriate. Harvest totals are small (an estimated 95 birds in 2021) and variable which in part is an artefact of the hunter survey design and that just a few hunters shoot quail. For example, in some years no quail are reported harvested depending on just who is surveyed.

Such levels of harvest indicate that the daily bag limit of 5 is for the most part irrelevant, however it does allow hunters to make use of the opportunity provided by large coveys where these still exist. As such, it is recommended that the status quo remain.

Application for upland game property with special conditions

Robert Browning has contacted the Council to apply for a designated upland game property with special conditions for the syndicate shoot that would run on a property on 336 Kauarapaoa Rd, RD14, Wanganui. Robert has asked that his series of emails to Council staff be put forward as his application. These are (in order of receipt):

From: Robert Browning < robbrowning@hotmail.co.nz>

Date: 30 August 2021 at 6:57:17 PM NZST

To: Jilli Steedman <taranaki@fishandgame.org.nz>

Subject: Syndicate Pheasant shoot

To the Taranaki Wanganui fish and game council. I am writing to you to seek permission to run a syndicate pheasant shoot in the Wanganui area the syndicate will be made up of to ten members of like minded shooters who would buy and release and feed up to 400 pheasants in that one area .Also predator control will be done as well in that area. This is a non profit organisation. It will be run in the same time frame as fish&game pheasant season in 2022 .We will shoot six days over that season ,we would like to shoot up to 40 birds a day if things go to plan .So I am asking for a persevere license to shoot that number and hens as well. The shoot will be located 15km from the Wanganui Aramoho city boundary. The grounds has plenty of cover habitat also the topographic of the grounds lends it self to mix of driven shooting and walk up shooting. We need to know ASAP as we need to put in a couple of cover crops in by mid November. For any other information please don't hesitate to contact me Kind Regards Robert Browning 388 Somme parade Wanganui. Ph 063436108



From: Robert Browning < robbrowning@hotmail.co.nz>

Sent: Monday, 30 August 2021 7:28 pm

To: Jilli Steedman <taranaki@fishandgame.org.nz>

Subject: Fwd: Syndicate Pheasant shoot

The shoot will be on a Maori land bock up the Kauarapaoa Rd around 5 km up from the town side

Sent from my iPhone

From: Robert Browning <robbrowning@hotmail.co.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, 31 August 2021 8:31 am

To: Jilli Steedman <taranaki@fishandgame.org.nz>

Subject: Rules of the syndicate shoot member members FYI

All syndicate members may need to help with work bees when required,if possible members to provide traps drums for feeders ,radios ect,to help keep the cost down where we can . be used for shooting will be double barrel brake open guns . Guns to be sliped when not shooting Guns can have choice of whole season or half gun season. Looking to have 6 shoots days per season. Guns need to have a gun dog where possible .Dogs will be tied up while shooting. Unless you're a walking gun .Guns will beat one shoot one. Hence having a dog. Syndicate members can give there gun away for a day to a guest to shoot in there place but must inform the shoot captain before shoot day. The Shoot captain runs the shoot. Members can bring a friend or family to help with the shoot day .No member is allowed to go on to the property with out the shoot captain permission. Looking to pay the land owners a rental for the season. The member that looks after the birds and traps /predator control ,feeders.shoots for free. Syndicate members are required to bring a plate and refreshments for the other helpers. The shoot has a woolshed with shoot room ready to go with a bar tables and bbg to use on shoot days. Half guns will get three days shooting every second shoot. Looking at having 8 to 10 guns or if we could two teams of 8. ? More members the more birds we can releases. The day will consist of 6 drives and later in the season more walk ups to shoot birds outside the drives areas. Shooting in weekends

From: Robert Browning < robbrowning@hotmail.co.nz>

Sent: **Wednesday, 1 September 2021** 7:17 pm To: Allen Stancliff <astancliff@fishandgame.org.nz>

Subject: Re: Syndicate Pheasant shoot

First we will buy in poults from Jeff Nibblet in the Hawkes Bay and he charges \$15 per poult. The charge for the syndicate members will be \$2000 each . This is to buy the birds , crops ,build a release pen, feed and feeders , traps. There is also likely to be some fencing around the cover crops which we will have to fund. This all cost money so the money from each member goes in to cover the costs.

There are a few wild birds on the property as the habitat is very good.

The rural numbers is 336 Kauarapaoa Rd, RD14, Wanganui.

We are only giving the trust a koha for the use for farm as a good will gesture and also for the use of the woodshed and shearers quarters .

Hope that answers your questions.

Please email me if you have any further questions.

I will get on to DOC regarding the permit.

Kind regards Rob Browning From: Robert Browning < robbrowning@hotmail.co.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, **21 September 2021** 10:44 am To: Jilli Steedman <taranaki@fishandgame.org.nz>

Subject: Syndicate pheasant shoot

Hi Jilli could this be passed on to the counsel. To the taranaki fish&game counsellors. To the counsel I Would like to apply for a designated upland game property with special conditions for the syndicate shoot that we would like to run on the property on 336 Kauarapaoa Rd, RD14, Wanganui . All other information has be passed onto the counsel members. The permit to release the pheasants with the department of conservation is under way and has not been opposed by them.

Thanks
Rob Browning

Sent from my iPhone

Commentary

Jack Kos, Senior Policy Advisor for the NZFGC, had the following comments on the proposal. "Basically, it sounds like their operation would function as an Upland Game Property with Special Conditions. These are non-commercial game preserves (i.e. joe public cannot purchase a day's hunting for a fee) typically run on a syndicate model.

In terms of the regulations, Taranaki could recommend in their Game Notice conditions for this area to be designated an upland game property with special conditions, at which point you can apply different bag limits as well as different season lengths and the ability to shoot hens etc. That would be a council decision and subject to approval from the Minister through the Game Notice process (unlikely to be refused, but always a possibility). I'm not quite sure what he's referring to as a persevere licence – all shooters on the property would still need to be fully licenced game bird hunters as unlike commercial game preserves the birds are still game managed by F&G on non-commercial preserves.

I see you've flagged the offering of a fee to the property owner. This is a particularly interesting question and not one I can answer definitively. S23(2) of the Wildlife Act precludes anyone from selling or letting any right to hunt game. This is then clarified with regard to the lease of land for a fee at s23(3), where it states: Where any person for rent or other valuable consideration grants a lease or licence of any duration of land on which or on water adjoining which game is usually prevalent, he shall be deemed for the purposes of subsection (2) to have let the right to hunt or kill game on that land...

On the face of it this would make letting land for the hunting of game illegal, but I've underlined an important point in this situation – that to trigger this clause there must be game usually prevalent. In this case there is not game usually prevalent, but rather game will be added to it by the syndicate leasing the land. I do not think what is proposed would constitute a breach of the Wildlife Act, but I can't state this with certainty.

Yes, you're correct that they will need to apply to DOC for permits to release the birds. Technically pheasants can be held in captivity as poultry if your primary purpose is raising them for consumption, which I don't think requires a permit, but as soon as they're released they become game and you do require a permit for this. I highly recommend they get started on the DOC permitting process asap".

During the 2021 game season, there were five upland game properties with special conditions operating in the Auckland/Waikato Region and one in the Eastern Region.

Comments on the proposal from A/W staff:

If it is a group of friends sharing benefits, not for profit and not sold casually to just anyone who passes by, then it should be fine. I don't think these things are money making ventures, not from the feedback I have heard. Shooting hen pheasants has raised concerns in the past, but of course they are almost all released anyway. If they cannot be shot in season, there is no reason to rear and feed them and they could potentially be euthanised as soon as their sex/gender is apparent. That wouldn't be such a good look for F&G. In several of our cases, some of the land is leased. It isn't an issue as far as we are aware, perhaps for the reasons that Jack has mentioned, (i.e. that the game was added later). Our Council was hesitant at first, but we can see farms where everything, including all the scrub, all the wet patches and etc, is turned into a farm that looks like a golf course to get the greatest efficiency. Graders, bulldozers and other earth moving machinery working for weeks. Some very good shooting land is being lost this way. The shooting syndicates seem to be the very people who are going in the reverse direction. And, of course, anything that strays offsite is available in the district for other hunters.

Summary of the proposal

- Seeks authority for a non-commercial preserve run on a syndicate model;
- Will operate during the gazetted season for pheasant (1st Saturday in May to last Sunday in August;
- Seeks to harvest over the gazetted limit of 2 birds per hunter per day, including hen pheasants;
- The property at 336 Kauarapaoa Rd, RD14, Wanganui already has some wild pheasant on it
 and the granting of a lease or licence by the property owner to the syndicate may constitute
 a beach of s23(3) of the Wildlife Act 1953. However, the application states that there will only
 be koha as a goodwill gesture and for the use of the woolshed and shearers quarters;
- All shooters on the property would need to be fully licenced game bird hunters;
- An application to DOC has been made for a permit to release pheasants, but the outcome of that process is not yet known.

At its meeting of 30th March 2019, the Council considered a paper on upland game properties with special conditions and resolved to "support non-commercial upland game properties operated by families, private syndicates or friends to provide an immediate and guaranteed hunting opportunity" (relevant minutes copied below).

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL, HELD AT THE OFFICES OF TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL, 124 RIDGWAY STREET, WHANGANUI ON 30TH MARCH 2019 COMMENCING AT 10:00AM.

12. UPLAND GAME PROPERTIES WITH SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The Chairman noted the discussions with visitors to the Raetihi meeting held on 9th February 2019

MOVED SARGESON / HUGO

THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL;

- <u>SUPPORTS</u> NON-COMMERCIAL UPLAND GAME PROPERTIES OPERATED BY FAMILIES, PRIVATE SYNDICATES OR FRIENDS TO PROVIDE AN IMMEDIATE AND GUARANTEED HUNTING OPPORTUNITY
- DOES <u>NOT SUPPORT</u> THE HUNTING OF MALLARDS OR OTHER GAMEBIRDS (FOR A FEE OR NOT) ON A PROPERTY WHICH HAS UPLAND GAME HUNTING FOR A FEE.
- <u>SUPPORTS</u> THE HUNTING OF MALLARDS OR OTHER GAMEBIRDS WITHOUT A FEE ON AN UPLAND GAME PROPERTY WITH SPECIAL CONDITIONS WHICH ALLOWS UPLAND GAME HUNTING WITHOUT A FEE.

CARRIED

MOVED BLEWMAN / SARGESON
THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL;

SUPPORTS THE OPERATION OF UPLAND GAME PROPERTIES WITH SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR THE PRINCIPLE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A GUARANTEED HUNTING OPPORTUNITY FOR A FEE MOTION LOST

MOVED BLEWMAN / HUGO

THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL;

• SUPPORTS LEGISLATION BEING CHANGED TO ALLOW FOR THE SALE OF HUNTING RIGHTS ON UPLAND GAME PROPERTIES WITH SPECIAL CONDITIONS BUT MAINTAIN THE PROHIBITION ON THE SALE OF HUNTING RIGHTS IN ALL OTHER SITUATIONS

MOTION LOST

Conclusion

If Council resolves to approve this application, then the Game Gazette Notice listing could be based on regulations in place for such properties in the Auckland/Waikato Fish & Game Region:

| Pheasant, both sexes | 7 May to 28 August | No limit | Upland | game |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|--------|
| | 2022 | | properties | with |
| | | | special condition | ons in |
| | | | clause 6 for | this |
| | | | Region. | |

- 6. Upland Game Properties with Special Conditions
- 6.1 This clause applies to the following specified property only: (Name of property with owner, size and legal description)
- 6.2 Where hunting takes place in any specified property defined in this notice, no person shall have in that person's possession outside that specified property any game taken from that specified property, unless affixed to the game is a label with the name of the specified property where that game was taken or killed written legibly on it, and the additional words on the label, "for personal consumption, not for sale or profit" written legibly on it.
- 6.3 A person must not clip the wings of a bird released on any specified property after the bird is 8 weeks old.
- 6.4 A person must not clip the beak of any bird released on any specified property at any time.
- 6.5 A person must not hunt a pheasant before it is 18 weeks old
- 6.6 A person must not hunt waterfowl on a specified property on the same day that a pheasant hunt takes place on that property.
- 6.7 The unlimited daily bag limit for the specified property shall only apply when at least 400 pheasants have been released on to that specified property within 5 months of the opening day of the season, otherwise the daily bag limit shall be 2 birds.
- 6.8 A property owner listed in subclause (1) or a lessee of that property owner must keep a register of:
 - (a) the names and addresses of hunters and all other persons who take game from that property:
 - (b) the number and type of birds taken by those persons;
 - (c) the description of that person's role in the hunting and killing of game birds on that day.

There would need to be confirmation of the legal description of the property for the Gazette Notice and that a permit to release pheasant has been granted by the Department of Conservation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That Taranaki Fish & Game Council approve the bag limits and season conditions laid out in the following draft 2022/23 Game Gazette Notice, subject to changes made by prior resolution, for recommendation to the NZ Fish & Game Council.
- 2. That Taranaki Fish & Game Council consider approving the application for an upland game property with special conditions.

Allen Stancliff 24 November 2021

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME REGION1

1 Game That May be Hunted or Killed—Duration of 2022/2023 Season

| Species | Season Duration | Daily Bag Limit | Hunting area |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | (dates inclusive) | | |
| Grey/mallard duck | 7 May to 3 July 2022 | 10 | All areas |
| NZ shoveler duck | 7 May to 3 July 2022 | 2 | All areas |
| Paradise shelduck | 7 May to 3 July 2022 | 10 | All areas |
| | 4 and 5 March 2023 | 10 | Area C |
| | 11 to 13 March 2023 | 10 | Area C |
| Black swan | 7 May to 3 July 2022 | 2 | All areas |
| Pukeko | 7 May to 28 August 2022 | 5 | Area A&B |
| | 7 May to 28 August 2022 | 10 | Area C |
| California quail | 7 May to 28 August 2022 | 5 | All areas |
| Cock pheasant | 7 May to 28 August 2022 | 2 | All areas |

2 Definition of Areas

- **2.1** Area A: That area within the following boundary commencing at Waiaruhe Road; then by that road, Owhakura Road, Whangaehu Valley Road and Fields Track to Kakatahi; then by straight lines to Pipiriki and Tawhata; then by Tawhata Road to the boundary; then by the generally eastern boundary of the region to Waiaruhe Road.
- **2.2** Area B: That area within the following boundary commencing at Waiaruhe Road; then by that road, Owhakura Road, Whangaehu Valley Road and Fields Track to Kakatahi; then by straight lines to Pipiriki and Makakaho Junction down the eastern bank of the Waitotara River to the sea; then by the sea coast and generally eastern boundary of the region to Waiaruhe Road.
- **2.3** Area C: The balance of the region contained by the westerly boundaries of Area A and B and the sea coast between the Mokau River and Waitotara River mouths.

3 Shooting Hours

6.30am to 6.15pm.

4 Decoy Limit

No limit.

5 Special Conditions

5.1 Special Paradise Shelduck Season

Area C only: For the Special Paradise Shelduck Season on 4 March, 5 March, 11 March, 12 March and 13 March 2023, the hours of hunting are extended 6.30am to 8.00pm. In

¹Reference to Description: Gazette, No. 83, of 27 May 1990, at page 1861

addition, all hunters, including land occupiers, must hold a 2023 Taranaki Special Paradise Shelduck Season Hunting Permit that has been issued by the Taranaki Fish and Game Council (or authorised agent) to that named person.

- **5.2** No person shall hunt, as specified, within 200m of any urban sewage oxidation pond.
- **5.3** No person may wilfully leave on the hunting ground any game bird(s) shot or parts of any game birds shot.
- **5.4** Any licensed game bird hunter who has a Department of Conservation permit to take or kill wildlife for the purpose of hawking may hunt with an Australasian Harrier (*Circus approximans*) to take gamebirds. This is subject to the season length and bag limit for each gamebird species in clause 1 of this notice for this region and subject to any conditions imposed by the Director-General of Conservation under such a permit.

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council needs to decide when and where to hold its 2022 meetings.

Section 26 ZD (1) of the Conservation Act 1987 provides as follows;

"Meetings of any Fish and Game council shall be held on at least six occasions in the period commencing on the first day of February and ending on the 31st day of December in each year, at such times and places as the Council or the chairperson from time to time appoints."

Taranaki Fish and Game Council has scheduled 6 ordinary meetings per year, starting at 10am on a Saturday. These dates are now set to meet National Council deadlines for regulation and fee setting process. However, it is necessary that they also avoid public or school holidays, which in 2022 are:

| Public Holiday | Date |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Wellington Anniversary | 24 January 2022 |
| Waitangi Day | 7 February 2022 |
| Taranaki Anniversary | 14 March 2022 |
| Good Friday | 15 April 2022 |
| Easter Monday | 18 April 2022 |
| Anzac Day | 25 April 2022 |
| Queen's Birthday | 6 June 2022 |
| Labour Day | 24 October 2022 |

| School Holidays |
|------------------------------------|
| 20 December 2021 – 30 January 2022 |
| 14 April – 1 May 2022 |
| 9 – 24 July 2022 |
| 1 - 16 October 2022 |
| 19 December 2022 – 29 January 2023 |

Council should discuss their preference for the location of meetings and the AGM. A recommended schedule of meeting dates is as follows, noting the requirement for the new council to meet within 10 days of the returning officer declaring the election results.

MEETING DATES AND VENUES FOR 2022

| Proposed Taranaki Fish & Game Council Meeting Dates | | | New Zealand Fish & Game Council meeting dates (draft) |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------|---|
| Date | Agenda | Location | Date |
| 12 February 2022 | 5 year plan review | Raetihi | 18 & 20 February 2022 |
| 26 March 2022 | Agree draft budget | Waitara | 29 & 30 April 2022 |
| 11 June 2022 | Licence fee Anglers notice | Opunake | 16 June 2022 |
| 13 August 2022 | Adopt Ann Plan | Stratford | 23 & 25 August 2022 |
| 15 October 2022 | End of year Reports | Hawera | 25 & 26 November 2022 |
| 10 December 2022 | AGM & Game Gazette recommendation | Whanganui | |

RECOMMENDATION That the schedule of meeting dates and venues be adopted.

Jilli Steedman SECRETARY 22 November 2021

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

Taranaki Fish Licence Sales Report

Please find attached fish licence sales for the 2021/2022 season with comparison to the previous year.

Jilli Steedman SECRETARY 22 November 2021

RECOMMENDATION

That the Taranaki Fish and Game Licence Sales report, be received

Taranaki Fish & Game Council Budget Report to 31 October 2021 Project Progress to 19 November 2021

| | Purkeat | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| | external | (31/10/21) | Comments on significant variations | Hours | |
| | costs | | | | |
| Population Monitoring | 9,100 | | | 470 | 16.5 |
| Harvest Assessment | 200 | | | . 20 | .5 |
| Hatchery | 10;000 | 4,245 | | | 4 |
| Liberations | 15,500 | 514 | | 110 | 16.25 |
| Season Regulations | | | | 30 | 2.5 |
| Gamebird Dispersal | 1,800 | 265 | | 120 | 14.5 |
| RMA | 5,000 | | | . 200 | 40.5 |
| Habitat Management & Enhancement | 20,000 | 2,197 | | 200 | 6 |
| Hunter / Angler Access | 3,150 | | | 100 | 10 |
| Satisfaction Survey | | | | TO | 3.5 |
| Magazine / Newsletter / Ezine | 8,000 | | | 140 | 7.5 |
| Hunter / Angler support | 1,500 | | | | |
| Clubs | 300 | 300 | | 10 | 5.75 |
| Statutory Liaison | | | | 30 | 3 |
| Iwi Liaison | 100 | | | 40 | 5.5 |
| General Advocacy | 1,100 | | | 250 | 22.75 |
| Hunting & Angling Promotions | 3,300 | 562 | | 70 | 45.25 |
| Public Awareness | | | | 30 | |
| Ranger Management | 1,000 | | | 112 | 21.5 |
| Compliance | 2,100 | 20 | | 170 | 9 |
| Licencing & Commission | 9.447 | 2,109 | | 80 | 12.5 |
| Council Meetings & Administration | 000'6 | 5,391 | | 290 | 54.5 |
| Management, Strategic & Policy | 1,000 | | | 40 | 6 F |
| Business Planning | | | | 40 | |
| OSH & Other Reporting | 6,300 | 549 | | 55 | 2.5 |
| National Liaison | 100 | | | 160 | 18.25 |
| Total Expenditure | 108,267 | 16,513 | | 3492 | 343.75 |
| | | | | | |

| Project Income | Budget Income | YTD Income |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| Fish Population Assessment | 200 | |
| Harvest Assessment – Summer Season | 005 | 40 |
| Liberations | 13,900 | |
| Gamebird Dispersal | 750 | |
| Taranaki Hunting & Habitat Scheme | 15,000 | |
| Compliance | 1,000 | |
| Total Income | 31,350 | 40 |
| | | |
| Net Expenditure | 76,917 | 16,473 |

| Budget | 1910 Salaries & Management Contract 253,062 | 2,170 | 22,000 | 1,250 | 1960 Communications / Consumables | 2,560 | 700 | 15,060 | 303,902 |
|----------|---|-------|--------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|-----|--------|---------|
| a | 22,346 | 567 | 37786 | 1,408 | 1295 | 1.824 | | 4,456 | 35,722 |
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| Ob ma | ejective: Stain accurate and pertinent information to guide and enable Eximise user success and satisfaction while ensuring the sus pulations across the region | |
| | Obtain and report baseline information for the | |
| | Waiongana/ Mangaoraka Stream to identify threats to and opportunities for the maintenance and enhancement of these fisheries. | |
| 2. | Investigate Waingongoro fishery to determine current status and identify threats and opportunities (yr 1 of 2) | |
| 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. | A Fishery Monitoring Report was prepared for Council's 16 October 2021 meeting. Angler diaries sent to 32 anglers for the start of the 2021/22 fishing season. |
| 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 3). | 500 additional bands ordered. |
| 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 inform management directions. | Report on the August 2021 National Shoveler Survey received 3/09/2021. |
| 6. | Implement outcomes of review of paradise duck moult count monitoring and how the data is reported and implement. | |
| 7. | Participate in National Hunter Survey to derive a robust estimate of annual game bird harvest and hunter success. | Hunter survey results for the 2021 season received 8/09/2021. |
| 8. | Recommend effective regulations that are timely, easily understood and which maximise licence holder opportunity while ensuring resource sustainability and public support. As part of this complete review and implement recommendations for Paradise shelduck hunting conditions including area boundaries | |
| 9. | Review option for summer pukeko season | |
| | Provide advice and support practical and effective predator control opportunities that assist game bird | Wild for Taranaki seminar (zoom) on feral cats attended on 18/11/2021. |

populations.

Objective: 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.

11. Undertake annual trout stocking programme which concentrates on creating and maintaining valued lake fisheries.

Hawera hatchery rainbow trout were released into Lakes Mangamahoe (100) & Rotomanu (50) on 9/09/2021. 500 2-year rainbows from the Eastern F&G Region were released into Lake Rotomanu on 21/10/2021 (a covid-19 travel exemption was obtained). Hawera hatchery rainbows were released into the Stony River (100) & Lake Mangamahoe on 2/11/2021. Hawera rainbows were also released into the upper Patea River at Stratford on 11/11/2021 and into the Stony River on 19/11/2021. It was confirmed with DOC Turangi (18/10/2021) that rainbow trout will be available for Sattler's Dam in autumn 2022.

- 12. Undertake trial release of 2-year-old trout into the lower Patea River to assess the potential for a long-term programme.
- 77 Hawera hatchery rainbow trout released on 3/11/2021 (yr3).
- 13. Undertake trout releases and monitoring of lower Patea River under contract to TrustPower Ltd.

1,000 tagged yearling brown trout & 500 tagged yearling rainbow trout released on 3/11/2021.

14. Operate Hawera hatchery in an effective, cost efficient and sustainable manner utilising volunteer support to meet the identified stocking objectives.

A Hatchery & trout liberations report was prepared for Council's 16 October 2021 meeting

Objective: Provide effective compliance to protect resource sustainability (including revenue base) and user experience to maintain licence holder satisfaction.

15. 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.

Renewed Ranger warrants were distributed to Rangers prior to the new fish season opening. A CERT 1-day refresher was organised for 2 Rangers. Ranger vetting was done for two trainee Rangers and Council's new Field Officer completed on-line modules of the CERT Training. A fish season Ranger training day was postponed owing to uncertainty re: covid-19. A Trademe Wildlife Act breach (California quail for sale) was followed up (1/11/2021).

16. Undertake safe and effective compliance coverage across the Taranaki Region, including at least 100 licence checks of anglers and also of hunters.

An annual Compliance Report was prepared for Council's 16 October 2021 meeting. Compliance checks were carried out for the 2021 fish season.

17. Process detected offences in a fair and timely way consistent with national prosecution guidelines.

Objective: Proactively manage problem aggregations of gamebirds in the interests of both hunters and property owners and managers.

18. Manage problem aggregations of gamebirds through implementation of a special Paradise Shelduck season in Area C and proactively responding to and assisting landholders.

15 permits to disturb gamebirds were issued during the reporting period. These include 5 permits for Paradise Shelduck (1 including Mallard duck), 1 for Mallard duck and 9 for Pukeko (6 urban and 3 rural)

HABITAT PROTECTION & MANAGEMENT

2021/2022 Annual Plan - Planned Result

Progress to date

Objective: Protect/improve habitat for sports fish & game as a fundamental and effective means to sustain the fish & game resource in the interests of licence holders and with biodiversity benefits for the wider community.

- 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/management to benefit both fish & game and wider indigenous biodiversity resources.
- 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 & Habitat Funds including billion tree programme.
- 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.

Of seven 2021 applications to the GBHT, 5 were successful, being allocated grants totalling \$17,000 (21/10/2021). A site visit was made to discuss a landowner bequest (14/09/2021).

Supplementary information for the renewal of consents for the Rangataua WWTP was received from Horizons RC (30/09/2021).

Approval was given to Horizons RC (Nigal Jordan) for removal of logjams in Mangateitei Stream & Mangawhero River (16/09/2021).

Approval was given for Fonterra Kapuni to clean their river intake on Kaupokonui Stream (approval given 22/09/2021, clean done 8/10/2021).

Comments were provided to Trustpower on the Patea hydro downstream aquatic monitoring & fish trap and transfer reports (28/09/2021) and the final Patea hydro dissolved oxygen report (29/10/2021).

F&G withdrew its request to be heard in relation to limited-notified consent applications for Horizon Trust's Whenuku Road quarry adjacent to the Waingongoro River (13/10/2021).

Comments were provided to Horizons RC (WSP) on consent applications for the Lower Whanganui Flood Protection Scheme (30/09/2021).

A SDC Stratford WWTP Annual stakeholders' meeting (zoom) was attended (14/10/2021).

There was liaison with Horizons RC (Amber Filleul; 20/10/2021) regarding a report of "piping" in relation to the Raetihi HEPS, which turned out to be removal of weeds from the intake canals to improve the accuracy of flow monitorina. A re-worked set of consent conditions for the Opunake power scheme was received for comment and a joint response with Taranaki Iwi provided on 17/11/2021. A report of an illegal silt discharge from a quarry to Mangaoraka Stream was followed up with the TRC (9/11/2021). A revised design for a vertical slot fish pass for the Normanby weir on the Waingongoro River was received from Greenfern Industries (11/11/2021). 4. Establish an environmental award to acknowledge and highlight outstanding contributions to the protection of sportsfish or gamebird habitat. 5. Seek effective environmental outcomes as part of the A zoom presentation of Trustpower's reconsenting of the Mangorei and Motukawa hydro Motukawa draft AEE was attended schemes (2/09/2021).Work collaboratively and proactively with Objective: landowners, other groups and iwi recognising the synergistic benefits and wider outcomes that can be achieved by this approach. 6. Promote and explore opportunities to improve water quality in Lake Rotomanu (yr2 of 3) 7. Engage proactively and collaboratively with iwi & There was liaison with Te Arawhiti (Office for community groups to identify and protect/enhance Maori Crown relations) regarding Ngāruahine shared resource values including contributing to water letters of introduction (1/09/2021). related matters through the Taranaki Maunga Settlement DOC/TRC Fish Passage workshop was process. attended (29/09/2021). Staff attended (zoom) a WfT quarterly catchup on feral cats (18/11/2021). 8. Represent Fish & Game and provide valued input to the One Te kopuka zoom meeting was attended Te Awa Tupua process. (8/10/2021) 9. Explore options other parties to remove Timaru Stream Confirmed with TRC that the weir is scheduled weir. for removal in autumn 2022.

10. Provide technical and administrative support and assistance to joint Orautoha Stream Riparian Project to protect water quality in this catchment and the many values it supports.

Objective: Development of an effective Freshwater Plan that protects freshwater and wetland haitat and which will also minimise Council costs in consent processes and free up resources for other management responses.

11. Engage in and actively advocate for provisions which protect and/or enhance sports fish and game bird habitat in the Taranaki Freshwater Plan Review process.

PARTICIPATION

2021/2022 Annual Plan - Planned Result

Progress to date

Objective: Add value to licence holders by increasing their opportunity, success and satisfaction and so retain them in the sport.

1. Maintain and improve the Taranaki pages on the Fish & Game website so how to and where to go information is readily available, easily understood and up to date.

Pages reviewed and some changes to links made to improve access.

- 2. Work with National Office to upgrade website and prepare information re an 'Introduction to duck hunting in the Taranaki Region' (year 3 of 3
- 3. Develop and refine facebook and Instagram pages in line with any National Policy to regularly inform licence holders using these forums.

Objective: Encourage past and prospective hunters and anglers into the sport through initiatives which make it easy to have a go and/or provide support.

- 4. Develop and utilise licence holder email list to keep hunters and anglers up to date.
- 5. Complete Reel Life and Both Barrels supplements consistent with national R3 recommendations.
- 6. Provide a quality 2-page regional supplement in each edition of Fish & Game Magazine.
- 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.
- 8. Proactively provide timely and useful information to licence holders when requested.
- 9. Replace / erect 2-3 new signs which provide anglers with helpful on-site information re access and regulations consistent with identified priorities.

Articles for Reel Life ezine were prepared on 3/09/2021, 23/09/2021 & 20/10/2021.

Draft of the 2021 Regional Fishing Newsletter sent to Graphic Press on 18/11/2021.

Information provided to licence holders as requested.

- 10. Produce information signs on the Retaruke and Whanganui Rivers to inform walkers on the Te Araroa trail.
- 11. Install a 3^{rd} angling platform on Lake Mangamahoe (yr 2 of 2).
- 12. Provide organised fishing opportunities consistent with R3 objectives and branding and in association with volunteer groups for kids and families.
- 13. Explore options for ongoing opportunities for kids and families based on trout releases into local waters and threshold experiences (yr 3 of 3)
- 14. Explore future options for Stratford fishing day and identify preferred option.
- 15. Review, negotiate, publicise and issue access permits to publicly available hunting areas and actively seek and develop new opportunities.
- 16. Identify and explore mentoring schemes to support new hunters and implement most promising option (yr 2 of 2).
- 17. Develop web based introductory package for anglers highlighting access opportunities and methods to get started
- 18. Proactively take opportunities to make effective representation in statutory and other community processes to maintain or enhance hunting or angling access and opportunity.
- 19. Complete review of Kaupokonui River access information and implement identified opportunities to assist angler access.
- 20. Assess satisfaction and success of Taranaki Region anglers using catch rates from a voluntary diary scheme and online satisfaction survey.
- 21. Locate and publicise quality trout and perch recipes that enable anglers to make good use of these species.

A letter from NPDC giving approval to install a third casting platform at Lake Mangamahoe with certain conditions was received on 5/10/2021. Permission to build a casting platform at the preferred "roundabout" site was declined and will be reconsidered in 3 years-time. Trustpower gave approval for a site near the northern end of the lake on 28/09/2021.

A successful family trout fishing day was held at Lake Rotomanu on 30/10/2021, attended by 95 families.

The Stratford fishing day, scheduled for 11 December 2021, was cancelled owing to uncertainty regarding covid-19, but several trout releases were made so that families could still come and fish while maintaining social distancing.

Angler diaries were sent to 32 anglers at the start of the 2021 fishing season.

- 22. Implement actions to influence hunter behaviour as identified in hunter behaviour strategy to maximise enjoyment and participation and also public support for gamebird hunting.
- 23. 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.

IWI & PUBLIC INTERFACTION

2021/2022 Annual Plan - Planned Result

Progress to date

Objective: 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.

1. Proactively engage, work and collectively share with iwi and hapu within the region on matters affecting wetland and freshwater resources or their use.

There was liaison with Taranaki Iwi regarding Opunake Power consents (29/10/2021).

Objective: Strong relationships and involvement with DOC and local and regional councils to effectively represent the interests of hunters and anglers in formal decision-making process.

2. Liaise with Department of Conservation and Conservation Boards and proactively engage and work with Regional and District councils and community & industry groups.

There was liaison with DOC regarding reconsenting of the Opunake HEPS and Trustpower's Motukawa HEPS.

Objective: Engender support for hunting and fishing and the activities of Fish & 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 opportunities to participate

3. Recognise and pursue opportunities to contribute to the wider community including "Wild for Taranaki" and "Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust".

The Wild for Taranaki (WfT) AGM (zoom) was attended with 3 new Trustees elected (28/10/2021).

- 4. Take opportunities to promote the value of protecting freshwater, wetland and upland game habitats and the wider benefits from this.
- 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.

There was liaison with the Koitiata Wetland Restoration Project about shotgun wads on Turakina Beach and the availability of fully biodegradable shotgun wads for steel shot (22/09/2021).

6. Maintain a positive and constructive profile in the media which encourages prospective participants and fosters support and understanding among the general public.

A 2021 fishing season advertorial was organised with the Whanganui Chronicle (17/09/2021) and an article sent to the Ruapehu Bulletin (17/09/2021). Fish season publicity was also sent to 4 Taranaki newspapers (23/09/2021), although material was only printed in the Stratford Press. Fish season opening information was sent to the Daily News and Stratford Press (4/10/2021). A press release was made (7/10/2021) to promote the Lake Rotomanu family fishing

Day and also posted on the Fish & Game website. The Family fishing Day was advertised in the North Taranaki Midweek along with an article (20/10/2021) and information provided to 2 radio stations for their community notice boards. An article on the Stratford kids' trout fishing releases appeared in the Stratford Press (17/11/2021)

7. Implement revised media strategy and including incorporating any National Policy.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

2021/2022 Annual Plan - Planned Result

Progress to date

Objective: Sound and effective 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 & game resource.

1. Not less than six meetings of Council are held and meetings are conducted consistent with provisions of the Standing Orders.

A Council meeting was held on 16/10/2021. The first meeting of the new Council was held on 3/11/2021 via zoom.

- 2. Identification and implementation of options and strategies to increase the diversity of Council and iwi involvement.
- 3. Provide support and training for new Council post 2021 elections.

An updated Councillor Guide was sent to Councillors on 20/10/2021.

- 4. The 5-Year Strategy Plan is reviewed and agreed by Council by March 2022.
- 5. Formulation and adoption of an Annual Operational Plan and Budget for 2022/23 consistent with the 5-Year Strategic Plan.
- 6. Presentation by Council of its audited annual report for 2020/2021 not later than 31 December 2021. Report to be consistent with tier 2 Service Performance standards and requirements.

The 2020/21 Annual Report was worked on.

- 7. Effective regional policies are developed, adopted and reviewed as required and are consistent with any National Policy requirements.
- 8. Progress reporting of licence sales, work progress and financial position is timely and accurate and supports sound financial and operations management and oversight.
- 9. Effective administration such that the Council is within annual budget (± 5%), operates consistent with best practice and at least 90% of its annual plan is completed.

Reported to each ordinary Council meeting.

10. 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 decisions and management direction.

Desk and computer equipment sorted for new Field Officer, Jacob Morison, who started work with the Council on 4/10/2021.

Objective: Development of new Taranaki Sports Fish & 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.

11. 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.

Objective: Operate consistent with national Policy and make valued contributions to the management of the resource and Fish & Game nationally in the interests of all licence holders.

12. Implement any outcomes and directions from Fish & Game review and / or National Council reviews.

Councillor comments were collated & provided to the Fish & Game Regional Structure Review Team on 26/10/2021. Council met with the Review Team via zoom on 15/11/2021.

13. Effective communication and liaison with NZ Fish and Game Council and other Fish & Game Regions including valued input and comment on fish & game issues and attendance at Fish & Game Managers meetings.

Managers' zoom meetings were attended on 10/09/2021, 8/10/2021 & 22/10/2021.

A Cawthron presentation (zoom) on trout research and the Fish Futures MBIE Endeavour Programme was attended (10/11/2021).

Input was provided to a NZF&GC submission on an EPA reassessment request for Diazinon and other organophosphates (19/10/2021).

Objective: Make best use of new systems, process and technology to maximise administrative efficiencies and minimise costs do resources are available for use elsewhere.

14. Contribute to National Office by providing valued advice, assistance and feedback on national issues and processes as requested.

There was liaison regarding a joint supplementary submission on wetlands with Dairy NZ, Covid-19 wage subsidy (Taranaki did not apply) Walking Access Commission H&S advice for landowners (14/10/2021).

15. Refine financial administration, reporting and analysis working with NZ Fish & Game Council and staff.

Objective: Demonstrate a commitment to Health & Safety and ensuring the welfare of staff and others through effective policy, systems, resourcing and oversight.

- 16. All processes and activities are undertaken consistent with Council Health & Safety Policy and Manual.
- 17. Staff are actively involved in implementing HSAW policy and ensuring a safe work place, including by undertaking two monthly staff meetings where HSAW is a specific agenda item.
- 18. Compliance with HSAW requirements and policy including scheduled reviews and audits along with any issues identified or near misses routinely reported to each meeting of Council.

Recommendation

That the Budget Report to 31 October 2021 and Project Progress Report to 19 November 2021 be received.

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

Financial Reports to 31st October 2021

Please find attached the following reports;

- 1. Profit & Loss to 31 October 2021
- 2. Balance Sheet to 31 October 2021
- 3. BNZ Statement of Accounts 31 October 2021

RECOMMENDATION

That Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet to 31 October 2021, be received.

Jilli Steedman SECRETARY 22 November 2021

Profit and Loss

Taranaki Fish and Game Council For the 2 months ended 31 October 2021

| | SEP-OCT 2021 |
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| Trading Income | |
| Contracts | 1,468.80 |
| Fish Licence Sales 2021-2022 AOL | 29,146.09 |
| Fish Licence Sales 2021-2022 POL | 26,638.40 |
| Gas Gun Rental | 40.00 |
| Grants Received | 47,235.30 |
| Non-Resident Licence Revenue | 39.85 |
| Total Trading Income | 104,568.44 |
| Gross Profit | 104,568.44 |
| Operating Expenses | |
| ACC Levy | 102.91 |
| Bank Charges | 37.50 |
| Clubs | 300.00 |
| Commission on Sales | 1,457.31 |
| Compliance | 49.90 |
| Council Catering | 3,912.17 |
| Council Travel | 1,253.73 |
| Council Venue hire | 225.00 |
| Equipment Maintenance | 270.96 |
| Eyede Charges - Inc GST | 74.60 |
| Eyede Charges No GST | 576.70 |
| Field Equipment Maintenance | 72.50 |
| Fish Food Costs | 1,568.13 |
| Gamebird Dispersal | 595.28 |
| Hatchery | 2,563.68 |
| Hatchery Power | 113.36 |
| Hunting & Angling Promotions | 562.28 |
| Insurance - General | 1,618.84 |
| Kids Fishing Days | 514.29 |
| Office General (was Petty cash) | 48.08 |
| Office Premises Rent | 3,786.46 |
| Other Reporting / OSH | 549.45 |
| Polaris side x side | 174.17 |
| Postage | 425.12 |
| Purchases (Under 2,000) | 1,137.50 |
| Salaries | 22,316.44 |
| Staff Expenses | 463.76 |
| Stationery | 58.60 |
| Subscriptions | 116.47 |
| Taranaki Hunting & Habitat Project | 2,197.17 |

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| Telephone/fax | 811.18 |
| Trailer - Hatchery | 247.10 |
| Trailer - Side X Side | 211.46 |
| Vehicle Fuel & RUC | 520.43 |
| Vehicle Insurance | 2,482.46 |
| Vehicle Maintenance | 650.74 |
| Vehicle Registration (1995) | 169.63 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 52,235.36 |
| et Profit | 52,333.08 |

Balance Sheet

Taranaki Fish and Game Council As at 31 October 2021

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| Assets | |
| Bank | |
| BNZ Current Account | 46,001.9 |
| BNZ Term 3031 | 400,715.37 |
| MRP | 7,294.53 |
| Total Bank | 454,011.87 |
| Current Assets | |
| Accounts Receivable | 101,803.25 |
| Prepayments and Accrued Income | 109.79 |
| Total Current Assets | 101,913.04 |
| Fixed Assets | |
| Accum Dep Vehicles | (43,015.64) |
| Accum Dep Buildings | (16,451.00) |
| Accum Dep Office Equipment | (22,513.72) |
| Accum Dep Plant & Equipment | (16,189.81) |
| Buildings | 16,451.00 |
| Office Equipment | 31,946.63 |
| Plant & Equipment | 25,014.26 |
| Vehicles | 106,281.59 |
| Total Fixed Assets | 81,523.31 |
| Total Assets | 637,448.22 |
| Liabilities | |
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| Accounts Payable | 20,345.79 |
| Accruals and Prepaid Licences | 5,770.00 |
| BNZ Credit Card - Allen | 752.83 |
| BNZ Credit Card - Glenn M | 6.84 |
| Employee Entitlements | 25,370.46 |
| GST | 9,171.43 |
| Income in advance | 8,422.00 |
| PAYE Clearing | (3,487.04) |
| Rounding | 0.01 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 66,352.32 |
| Total Liabilities | 66,352.32 |
| Net Assets | 571,095.90 |
| Equity | |
| Accumulated Funds | 141,709.19 |
| Asset Replacement Funding | 4,540.00 |

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| Back Country Fisheries Reserve | 7,793.67 |
| Current Year Earnings | 52,333.08 |
| Fisheries Project | 6,586.30 |
| Hunting & Habitat Scheme | 347,520.74 |
| Manganuioteao River Riparian Project | 2,628.29 |
| Net Surplus/(Deficit) | 7,984.63 |
| Total Equity | 571,095.90 |





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Statement of Accounts as at 01 November 2021

Your Accounts at a Glance



| Account | Account Number | Maturity Date | Balance |
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| Non Profit Org A/C | 02-0792-0332133-000 | | 46,001.97 |
| MRP | 02-0792-0332133-001 | | 7,294.53 |

Your Other Accounts at a Glance



| Account | Account Number | Maturity Date | Balance |
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| Term Deposit | 36332133-03031 | 18 Feb 2022 | 400,715.37 |

Our investment statements and current disclosure statement may be obtained free of charge from any Bank of New Zealand store, or viewed at www.bnz.co.nz.

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

Correspondence Schedules

Please find attached Inwards and Outwards correspondence schedules to 22 November 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

That Inwards and Outwards correspondence schedules to, 23 November 2021, be received.

Jilli Steedman SECRETARY 23 November 2021

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| 18.10.21 | Dec-21 | Riverwise Consulting | Allen | Draft consent conditions for Opunake Power #2 |
| | | Robert Sowman | | |
| 21.10.21 | Dec-21 | GBHTB | Allen | 2021 GBHTB Howatson Farm |
| | | Robert Sowman | | |
| 21.10.21 | Dec-21 | GBHTB | Allen | 2021 GBHTB Rakautaua Wetland |
| | | Robert Sowman | | |
| 21.10.21 | Dec-21 | GBHTB | Allen | 2021 GBHTB Pond Gully |
| | | Robert Sowman | | |
| 21.10.21 | Dec-21 | GBHTB | Allen | 2021 GBHTB Ohakune-Raetihi Road |
| - | | Robert Sowman | | |
| 21.10.21 | Dec-21 | GBHTB | Allen | 2021 GBHTB Mount Rowan Wetland |
| | | Robert Sowman | | |
| 21.10.21 | Dec-21 | GBHTB | Allen | 2021 GBHTB Ledhaven Wetlands |
| F. | | Robert Sowman | | |
| 21.10.21 | Dec-21 | GBHTB | Allen | 2021 GBHTB Burkitt Lagoon |
| 1.11.21 | Dec-21 | Colin McLellan TRC | Allen | Consents manager at TRC |
| 11.11.21 | Dec-21 | Dan Casey – gfi | Allen | Normanby fish pass update |
| | | Danielle Gibas – Wild | | |
| 16.11.21 | Dec-21 | for Taranaki | Allen | Quarterly catchup |
| 17.11.21 | Dec-21 | Beck Reed - NZFGC | Allen | Update on NSC activity |
| 17.11.21 | Dec-21 | James Kitto – TRC | Allen | Recreational water quality monitoring results 15.11.21 |
| | | Steve Dougherty – | | |
| 22.11.21 | Dec-21 | NZFGC | Allen | Summer Campaign update |
| 23.11.21 | Dec-21 | Rosemary Miller DOC | Allen | Whanganui River Literature Review |

Outwards Correspondence

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| Date | Meeting To | То | Councillor | Subject |
| 20.10.21 Dec-21 | Dec-21 | Richie Cosgrove | Allen | Reel Life |
| | | Ruth Goldsmith – | | |
| 19.10.21 Dec-21 | Dec-21 | Ryder Environmental | Allen | Freshwater fish survey – Waipipi Stream |
| | | David Hunt - Chair, | | |
| | | Structural Review | | Taranaki input into review of future regional structure of Fish and |
| 28.10.21 Dec-21 | Dec-21 | Project team | Allen | Game Councils |
| | | Hugh Dixon-Paver – | | |
| 29.10.21 Dec-21 | Dec-21 | Trustpower | Allen | Patea HEPS Dissolved oxygen monitoring: Final report |
| 15.11.21 Dec-21 | Dec-21 | Richie Cosfrove | Allen | Reel Life Dec 21 |
| | | Maria Hokopaura – | | |
| 17.11.21 Dec-21 | Dec-21 | Taranaki iwi | Allen | Response to Draft consent conditions for Opunake Power Lts #2 |