



TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL

AGENDA PAPERS

COUNCIL MEETING

**SATURDAY
11 JUNE 2022**

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

Taranaki Region

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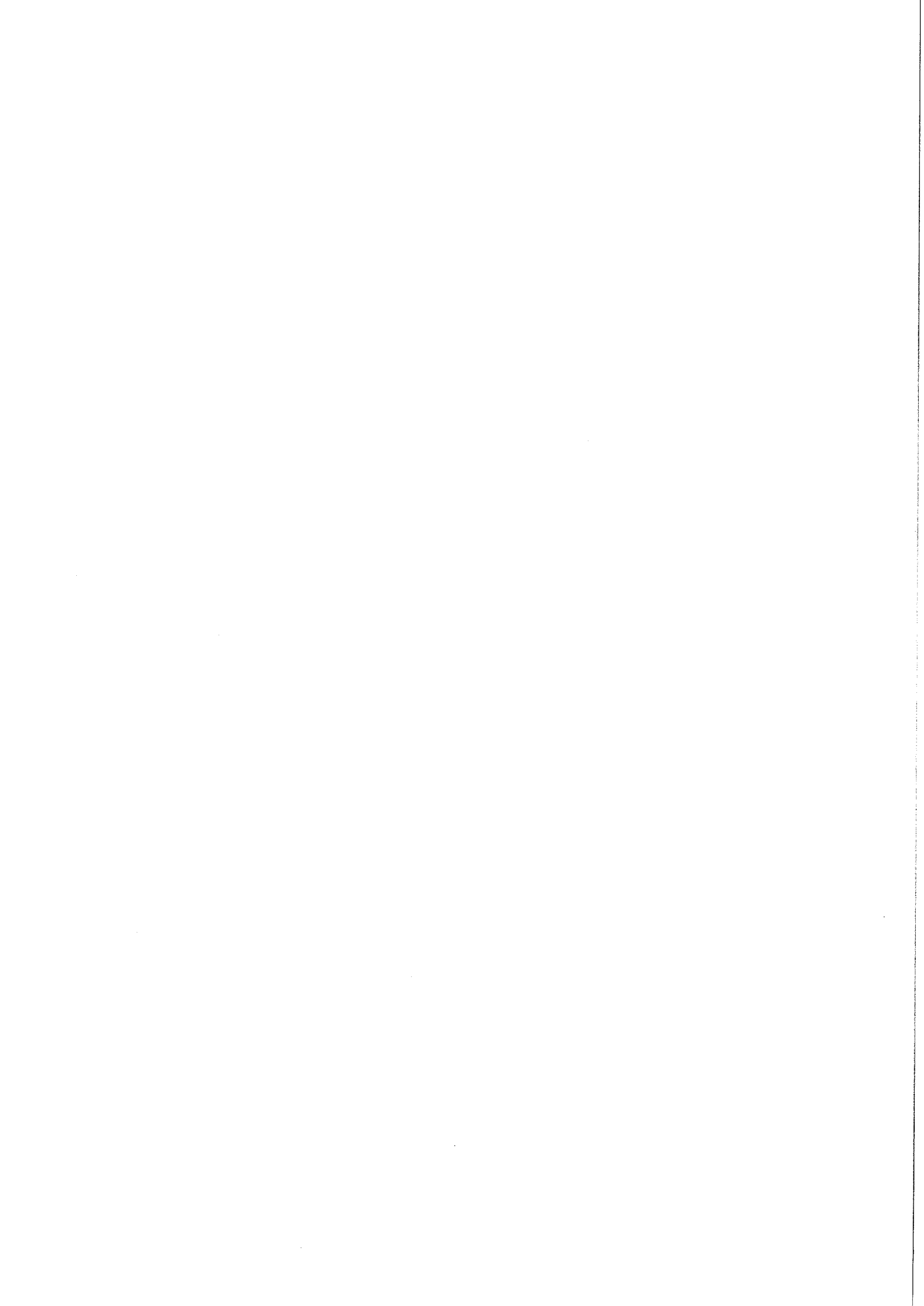
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SATURDAY 11 JUNE 2022

TO BE HELD AT
WAITARA DISTRICT SERVICES & CITIZENS CLUB
16 QUEEN STREET, WAITATA

COMMENCING AT 10:00AM

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TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ZOOM MEETING OF THE TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL, HELD ON 26TH MARCH 2022 COMMENCING AT 9:05AM.

1. PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Acting Manager Allen Stancliff, Field Officer Jacob Morison

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Craig McEwen and Secretary Jilli Steedman
MOVED POTROZ / FLYNN
THAT THE APOLOGIES RECEIVED BE SUSTAINED
CARRIED

3. The Chairman welcomed Councillors and staff to the meeting

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillors verbally notified that they had no conflicts of interest in any of the agenda items.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 12TH FEBRUARY 2022

MOVED BLEWMAN / KARALUS
THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 12th FEBRUARY 2022 VIA ZOOM, BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.
CARRIED.

6. MATTERS ARISING

The Acting Manager updated Councillors on the Stratford fishing club and fish passage issues at Lake Rotomanu. Councillor Nancarrow offered that Hynds Pipe Systems Ltd. would sponsor alterations to the Lake Rotomanu outlet structure to improve fish passage.

7. AGENDA MANAGEMENT

It was noted that a report on the 2022/23 Fish Season Regulations would be presented to Council's 11 June 2022 meeting.

8. REVIEW 5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

MOVED BLEWMAN / POTROZ
THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL ADOPT THE ATTACHED 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN.
CARRIED

9. RISK REGISTER

MOVED POTROZ / FLYNN

THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL RECEIVE THE MARCH 2022 RISK REGISTER.
CARRIED

10. HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

MOVED SARGESON / NANCARROW

THAT THE ACTING MANAGERS HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT, BE RECEIVED
CARRIED

11. DRAFT 2022/23 OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN AND BUDGET

MOVED KARALUS / SARGESON

THAT THE DRAFT 2022/23 ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET BE RECEIVED
AND THE ONE CONTESTABLE FUND APPLICATION BE APPROVED.
CARRIED

12. 2022/23 FISH RELEASE SCHEDULE

There was discussion about releases into the lower Patea River below Patea Dam.

MOVED POTROZ / NANCARROW

THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL RECEIVE THE PROPOSED FISH RELEASE
SCHEDULE
CARRIED

13. PRESSURE SENSITIVE FISHERIES

The Acting Manager introduced this report, commenting that a lot of work had gone into it by regional and national office F&G staff over several years. Councillor Karalus noted that the NZ Council had set up a working group to see what, if any, of the recommendations could be implemented prior to the start of the 2022/23 fish season.

MOVED POTROZ / FLYNN

THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL RECEIVE THE PRESSURE SENSITIVE FISHERIES
(PSF) DRAFT OPTIONS PAPER FOR CONSULTATION
CARRIED

14. LICENCE SALES REPORT

It was noted that Taranaki fish licence sales continue to track around 5% lower than last season.

MOVED POTROZ / NANCARROW

THAT THE TARANAKI FISH AND GAME LICENCE SALES REPORT, BE RECEIVED
CARRIED

15. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman noted that Covid-19 was really starting to hit home in the region, that he'd been keeping in touch with staff and that he is looking forward to the Chairs meeting in Wellington on 29th April 2022.

MOVED DONALD / BLEWMAN
THAT THE CHAIRMANS VERBAL REPORT, BE RECEIVED
CARRIED

16. NATIONAL COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Karalus noted that the F&G Structural Review was on track and there would be extensive consultation with Iwi and others on the final report. There was discussion on the Cawthron Fish Futures project.

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

17. WORK PLAN TO 11 MARCH 2022 AND BUDGET PROGRESS REPORT TO 28 FEBRUARY 2022

MOVED SARGESON / FLYNN
THAT THE BUDGET REPORT TO 28 FEBRUARY 2022 AND THE PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT TO 11 MARCH 2022, BE RECEIVED
CARRIED

18. PROFIT & LOSS AND BALANCE SHEET

MOVED NANCARROW / BLEWMAN
THAT THE PROFIT & LOSS AND BALANCE SHEET TO 28 FEBRUARY 2022, BE RECEIVED
CARRIED

19. CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED POTROZ / BLEWMAN
THAT INWARDS AND OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE SCHEDULES TO 15 MARCH 2022, BE RECEIVED
CARRIED

20. GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor Potroz noted that they'd had a good shoot in the Mt. Damper area during the summer season for paradise shelduck.

Councillor Karalus noted that F&G had not been considered an affected party to instream works for flood protection being carried out by Todd Corporation in Kapuni Stream. There was discussion about erosion in the lower Waiaua River potentially impacting on Opunake Lake.

Councillor Nancarrow talked about the Regional Structure Review and the implications for Taranaki.

Councillor Flynn noted the tightening of Police requirements for the transportation of firearms in vehicles.

Councillor Blewman inquired about raupo spraying at Hawkens wetland.

Chairman Donald noted that the Inglewood Rod, Gun & Recreation Club would be putting in a submission on proposals for new regulations for shooting clubs and ranges.

21. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.15am.

APPROVED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

CHAIRMAN _____

DATE _____

TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL

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
25 May 2022

TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL

ACTION LIST ARISING FROM COUNCIL DECISIONS

Subject	Responsible	Target Date	Item Update – Actions Required
NIL			

TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA PROGRAM

Meeting	Board	Operational	Statutory	Strategic/Policy
12 February 2022	All Board Items	All Operational Items, to be received	Confirm Game Season Regulations.	Review 5 Year Strategic Plan
26 March 2022	All Board Items	All Operational Items, to be received	Consider Draft 2022/2023 Annual Operational Work Plan & Budget.	
11 June 2022	All Board Items.	All Operational Items, to be Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fish Season Regs. • Licence fee recommendation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations for Bruce McKenzie Memorial Award
13 August 2022	All Board Items.	All Operational Items, to be Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt 2022 / 2023 Annual Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive nominations for Bruce McKenzie Memorial Award
15 October 2022	All Board Items.	All Operational Items, to be Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of Year Project Reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
10 December 2022 meeting and AGM	All Board Items.	All Operational Items, to be Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023 Game Gazette Notice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023 meeting dates

2021/22 – 2025/26 Strategic Plan

Approved

Work Area <i>(why are we undertaking this objective?)</i>	Key Result <i>(what are we actually doing and how this contributes to objective?)</i>	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
<p>Participation</p> <p>Add value to our licence holders to increase their success and satisfaction so they remain in the sport</p> <p>Recruit (and re-activate) new licence holders to protect revenue required for effective management and</p>	<p>Signage</p> <p>Provide anglers with helpful on-site information re access, regulations and techniques to make it easier to go fishing</p> <p>Licence holder contact</p> <p>Contact licence holders (mail, email, social</p>	<p>Replace/ erect new signs on rivers and lakes around the region consistent with the priorities identified</p> <p>2 -3 signs replaced per year</p> <p>Regulation information signs on Retaruke and Whanganui Rivers (Te Araroa trail users)</p> <p>Review Ruatiti information sign and update as necessary</p> <p>By Aug 2022 identify any changes and agree process to upgrade with other parties</p>		<p>Design and erect angler information signage on the Waingongoro River</p>		
		<p>Produce Taranaki fishing newsletter sent to licence holders shortly after the start of each season</p> <p>Produce Taranaki hunting newsletter sent to licence holders and RD box holders prior to each season</p> <p>Produce 1 or 2-page magazine supplement for each issue of F&G Magazine</p> <p>Implement and utilise social media consistent with National Office policy</p>				

<p><i>to maintain support for and recognition of the importance of fish & game resources and their use</i></p>	<p><i>media and individually by phone or face to face) to share information that encourages and assists users to make best use of the F&G resource</i></p>	<p>Develop and utilise licence holder email list to highlight information of specific value such as upcoming children's fishing days</p> <p><i>Information on 2022 fishing days emailed to licence holders</i></p>
<p>Angling and hunting web pages</p> <p><i>How to and where to go information is readily available, easily understood and up to date to assist & guide licence holders and prospective participants</i></p>	<p>Work with National Office to upgrade website.</p>	<p>Review information and effectiveness of web links annually or when issue identified</p> <p><i>Information is current and easily found</i></p>
<p>Children and family fishing days and opportunities</p> <p><i>Provide opportunities for children and families to go fishing easily and on an ongoing basis, so</i></p>	<p>Introduction to duck hunting opportunities in the Taranaki Region</p> <p><i>Draft text prepared by Aug 2022 (is also dependant on the new website development)</i></p> <p>Explore options for ongoing fishing opportunities for kids and families based on local ponds and threshold experiences</p>	<p>Implement preferred options</p>

<p><i>they potentially become lifelong anglers. To engender support for fishing and the activities of Fish & Game among the general public</i></p>	<p>Identify and explore future options for Stratford by Aug 2022</p>	<p>Implement preferred option for Stratford kids fishing programme</p>	
	<p>Explore option to restore Sattler's Dam release</p>		
	<p>Incorporate national branding and approaches as per R3 strategy in Children's Fishing Programme</p>		
	<p>Undertake review of fishing opportunities provided at Lake Mangamahoe</p>		
<p>Increase participation <i>Encourage past and prospective hunters and anglers into the sport through initiatives which make it easy to have a go and/ or provide support.</i></p>	<p>Explore and develop mentoring schemes for hunters including public instruction/ information days</p> <p><i>Identify possible option(s) by Aug 2022</i> <i>Implement most promising option identified by May 2023</i></p>	<p>Review and refine mentoring programmes</p>	

		<p>Review and refine anglers package in response to feedback</p> <p>Review and refine package</p>
	<p>Develop web based introductory package for anglers highlighting easy opportunities including access and methods to get started</p>	<p>Develop web based introductory package for hunters highlighting easy opportunities including access and methods to get started</p> <p>Re-survey of aspirations of upland game hunters</p>
<p>Angler & hunter aspirations <i>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.</i></p>	<p>Survey of aspirations of trout anglers</p>	<p>Continue to explore opportunities for increased angling access around Lake Mangamahoe through provision of third angling platform</p> <p>Improve angler/ hunter access</p>

<p><i>Fundamental to participation is that licence holders need to be able to readily access and utilise the available fish & game populations.</i></p>	<p><i>Agreements and funding in place by Aug 2023</i></p> <p>Review and refine permit process and conditions for gamebird hunting.</p> <p>Review access information and where appropriate identify contact details/ negotiate access</p> <p><i>Complete Waingongo review Aug 2022</i></p> <p><i>Review Kaipokonui River access by Aug 2023</i></p>	<p>Review how new permit system is working</p>
<p>Manage hunter behaviour <i>Maximise hunter enjoyment and participation and also general public support so as to minimise the threat to the sport from anti-hunting groups</i></p>	<p>Implement strategy to achieve appropriate hunter behaviour</p> <p><i>Initial actions in place by May 2023</i></p>	<p>Review effectiveness of strategy and implementation</p>
<p>Promote table qualities of the resource. <i>An important part of the sport is the taking of 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</i></p>	<p>Locate and publicise quality trout and perch recipes, including those in the Fish & Game cookbook</p>	<p>Review and collate suitable game bird recipes online</p>

		<p><i>acceptable to the general public</i></p> <p>Minimise barriers <i>An effective network of licence administration minimises the barriers to purchasing a licence, and in turn can add significant value for the purchaser in terms of providing information and equipment.</i></p> <p><i>Utilise simple, consistent and easy to understand regulations that are both effective and that minimise uncertainty and reluctance to have a go</i></p>
<p>Provide support, service and upskilling of licence agents to operate as effective licence outlets and sources of valued information on opportunities and techniques</p>		
<p>Review regulations annually with an objective to achieve simplicity and consistency across the region and between regions as opportunities allow. Ensure information is easy to find and follow</p>		

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<p>Sports fish monitoring and management</p> <p>To obtain necessary information and undertake effective management actions to sustainably manage sports fish populations across the region so as to foster angler success and satisfaction such that they remain in the sport.</p>	<p>Obtain baseline information for key streams</p> <p>To better understand key fisheries and identify threats and opportunities to the maintenance of important angling resources</p> <p>Investigate value of stocking specific streams and lakes</p> <p>To ensure any stocking programme is effective in terms of an increased return to the angler, is socially appropriate and a sound use of what are limited resources</p>	<p>Assess juvenile recruitment along the Timaru Stream to help document the effects of the Tataraimaka weir on fish passage.</p>	<p>Investigate and review the Waingongo River fishery</p>	<p>Assess and report on the fishery in the Manganui River and tributaries</p>	<p>Review stocking plan</p>	
		<p>Prepare and undertake annual stocking plan</p> <p>Achieve proposed stocking programme each year</p> <p>Undertake further trial releases of 2yr old trout into Patea River</p>	<p>Review results and develop position on release of trout into lower Patea River</p>	<p>Monitor success of 2017-2021 trout releases</p>		
		<p>Undertake trout release and monitoring of lower Patea River under contract to Trustpower Ltd</p> <p>Meet contract obligations</p>				

	<p>Investigate opportunities to restore fisheries Some previously important fisheries have declined over time and there may be opportunities to restore some of these to the benefit of local anglers</p>	<p>Review and investigate Stony River (yr 2 of 2) and Waiongana/Mangaoraka Stream (yr 1 of 2)</p>	<p>Review and investigate Waiongana/Mangaoraka Stream (yr 2 of 2)</p>	<p>Lake Rotomanu</p>	
<p>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 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</p>	<p>Undertake angler diary programme annually</p> <p>Each year promote the scheme and produce annual report of results</p>				
<p>Hatchery</p>		<p>Maintain effective hatchery operations utilising volunteer support</p>	<p>Review diary system and effectiveness</p>		<p>Review options for the hatchery</p> <p>Implement decisions</p>

<p><i>Stocking appropriate waterways with trout is an effective way to increase angling opportunity. In particular stocking man-made lakes and impoundments close to urban centres can be highly valued by family and other groups contributing to a healthier lifestyle and enhancing support for fishing and F&G whilst not impacting unreasonably on indigenous fish species. It is also an important tool to introduce budding anglers to fishing and protecting the licence base</i></p>	<p>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.</p>
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<p>Gamebird monitoring and investigations</p> <p>To obtain necessary information and undertake effective management actions to sustainably manage gamebird populations across the region to maximise hunter satisfaction so they remain in the sport.</p>	<p>Mallard Duck monitoring</p> <p>Obtaining an accurate estimate of the duck population annually to set season regulations is fraught with difficulties and is resource intensive. Furthermore the regulation setting timetable means substantial population changes may occur between any monitoring and regulation setting and the new hunting season. However potentially hunting mortality may either be negligible, compensatory and/or naturally reduce when populations</p>	<p>Implement banding protocol for Whanganui area</p> <p>Review site selection and undertake full banding 2022 – 2024 including recovery of bands</p> <p>Complete report of banding results August 2024</p>		<p>Implement identified monitoring programme</p>	<p>Review monitoring programme for the region taking into account banding results and including regulation setting requirements</p>	<p>Participate in and meet data entry requirements for the National Hunter Survey</p> <p>Target for number of interviews is achieved and data summarised in annual discussion paper re recommended Game Gazette conditions</p>

are low anyway. The alternative approach if the 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
 Paradise shelduck are an important resource for Taranaki hunters. However in large numbers they can impact on farming operations. Numbers can be effectively

Undertake paradise shelduck moult counts across the region in January each year

Produce an annual report detailing trends in numbers

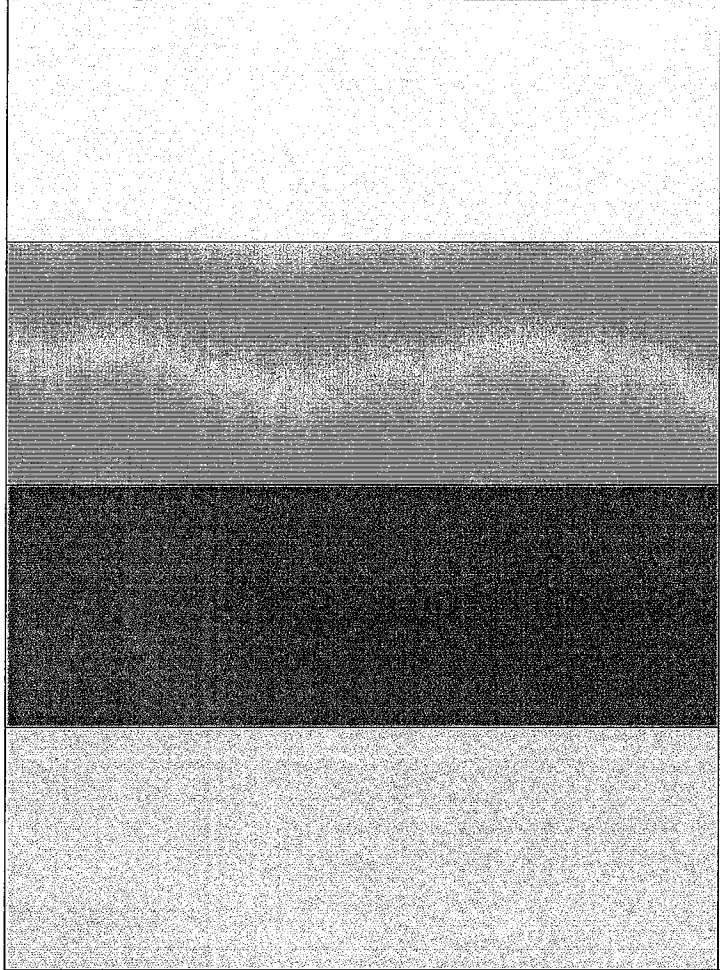
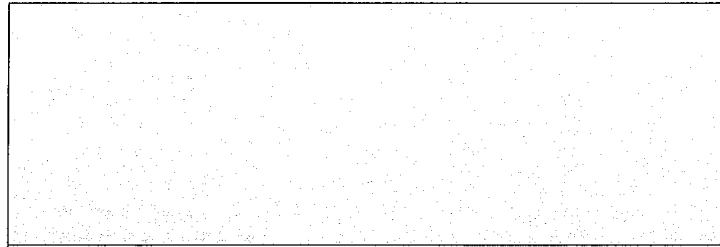
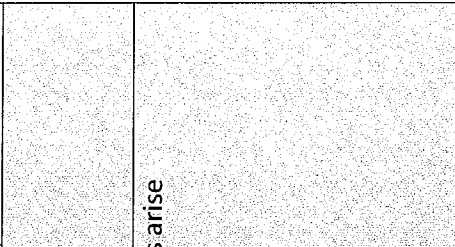
Implement recommendations from review of moult sites monitored and how the data is reported

	<p>monitored by undertaking moult counts across the region and the information used to manage numbers sufficient to provide valued hunting opportunities without unreasonably impacting on landowners</p>	<p>Review hunting regulations for paradise shelduck and including possible Area boundaries</p>		
<p>Pukeko monitoring <i>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</i></p>	<p>Review option for a summer season</p> <p>Undertake monitoring of Taranaki ring plain populations</p> <p><i>Count data is summarised in annual discussion paper re recommended Game Gazette conditions</i></p>			<p>Review monitoring methodology and implement recommendations</p>

<p><i>sustainability of the regional populations.</i></p> <p>New opportunities <i>There are potentially several ways the resource may be supplemented and hunting undertaken. So long as any new approach does not unreasonably impact on other hunters or indigenous biodiversity then this is an opportunity that may be valued by a segment of licence holders.</i></p>	<p>Review and develop position on release of upland game birds</p>	<p>Review criteria/policy to rear and release upland game (awaiting outcome of current process around commercial game preserves)</p>	
<p>Dispersal Manage problem aggregations of gamebirds to minimise their impacts on landowners and protect/ create hunting opportunities for licence holders</p>	<p>Quickly and efficiently respond to landowner concerns as required. Implement Special Season for paradise shelduck as and where appropriate.</p>		

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Compliance Protect resource sustainability and user experience to maintain licence holder satisfaction	Compliance Make best use of available resources to implement the objectives of the Compliance Policy so as to best protect the sports fish & game resource and its use	Review Compliance Strategy	Consider other options to undertake compliance if and when these become available	Undertake effective opening day ranging across the region and at other key times or in response to identified issues Annual compliance report presented to Council	Review use and effectiveness of honorary ranger system	
		Honorary Rangers Safe use of honorary rangers to provide effective and valued compliance coverage across the Taranaki region	Ranger training in implementing R3 principles All rangers receive introduction to R3 in 21/22 Recruit and train new Rangers as required.			

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<p>Iwi and public interaction Implementing the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi (partnership, protection and participation) requires Council work proactively and collaboratively with iwi regarding the management of natural resources and their use and protection. It is recognised that there may be a natural tension</p>	<p>Iwi Liaison Proactively foster close and productive working relationships with iwi at all levels and collectively share expertise and knowledge to achieve greater protection of freshwater and wetland habitats and species. To also enable robust and helpful discussion and decision making on issues affecting licence holders and iwi including use of shared resources, protection</p>	<p>Take opportunities to involve and work with iwi at all levels on shared matters affecting natural resources and their use, including welcoming iwi participation in Council. Represent F&G and provide valued input to Te Awa Tupua process Identify opportunities and actively work with individual iwi and hapu on local shared issues Identify possible options to increase iwi involvement in Council Take opportunities to work on joint habitat improvement and river restoration projects</p>			<p>Actively involve iwi at all levels in the development of the Sports Fish and Game Management Plan</p>	

<p>around the possible impact of sports fish in particular on indigenous taonga like inanga and tuna, however collectively we also share a concern and determination to look after and improve freshwater and wetlands so as to protect the wairua and for the benefit of all species.</p>	<p>of indigenous taonga and access</p>		
<p>There are many groups whose decisions and actions impact on the fish & game resource. By working closely and constructively with these groups more can be achieved to protect and enhance resource sustainability and user experience</p>	<p>Effective Liaison with Statutory Managers Develop and maintain strong working relationships and involvement with DOC and local and regional councils to effectively represent the interests of hunters and anglers in formal decision-making processes</p>	<p>Proactively work with Taranaki and Horizons Regional Council staff <i>Involve regional council staff in GBHT and H&H applications as appropriate</i></p> <p>Develop and maintain constructive relationships with DOC staff as opportunities arise</p>	

<p>In the face of an increasing urban population and support for indigenous biodiversity to ensure hunting & fishing is valued by the general public who recognise that these activities contribute to wider good such as a better environment and healthy lifestyle/ kai and in turn support protecting these resources and the opportunity to participate.</p>	<p>Community Involvement & Advocacy Actively seek to contribute to the wider community as part of undertaking F&G activities and highlight these broader benefits to engender wider support for F&G, angling and hunting.</p>	<p>Recognise and pursue opportunities to contribute to the wider community as part of undertaking core F&G activities</p> <p><i>Participate in Wild for Taranaki</i> <i>Contribute to and support the activities of Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust</i></p> <p>Take opportunities to work with community and industry groups on habitat improvement and river restoration projects and initiatives</p>
<p>Effective use of the Media Maintain positive profile which encourages prospective participants and fosters support and understanding among the general public</p>	<p>Implement revised strategy</p>	<p>Review media strategy</p> <p>Develop and refine facebook and associated Instagram pages</p> <p><i>Pages in place and actively updated by Aug 2022 (depending on any National Communication Policy and website re-organisation)</i></p> <p>Review and refine website (dependant on national decisions and directions)</p> <p>Review media strategy</p>

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<p>Habitat management</p> <p><i>Protecting / improving habitat for sports fish & game is a fundamental and effective means to sustaining the fish & game resource in the interests of licence holders</i></p>	<p>Taranaki Freshwater Plan</p> <p><i>Sports fish and game habitat will be better protected by effective provisions in this Plan. This will also limit the resources F&G expends on addressing individual consent applications freeing these resources up to be used elsewhere</i></p>	<p>Actively engage in the process to protect and enhance the interests of Taranaki hunters and anglers</p>	<p><i>Process deadlines to contribute and submit are met</i></p>			
	<p>Effectively engage in RMA consent processes.</p> <p><i>In the absence of greater direction in regional plans it is necessary to engage in individual consent applications to ensure protection of Fish and Game resources and access to these</i></p>	<p>Engage in relevant specific consent applications to protect F&G interests</p>	<p>Trustpower consents for the Mangorei and Motukawa hydro schemes (consents expired 1 June 2021)</p>	<p>Review strategic approach re engagement in individual consent processes</p> <p><i>Dependent on progress with</i></p>		

		Taranaki Freshwater Plan		
		Establish environmental award		
<p>Habitat enhancement Take opportunities by working co-operatively to share knowledge, promote, fund and encourage landowners and community groups to improve habitat for the benefit of sports fish, gamebird species and indigenous biodiversity and fishing and hunting opportunity</p>	<p>Work with other parties to remove the Tamaru Stream Weir</p> <p>Explore options to remove the "Riverlands Eltham" weir on the Waingongoro River</p> <p>Promote and explore any opportunities to improve water quality in Lake Rotomanu</p> <p>Promote and develop quality wetland and upland game habitats in association with private landowners and other agencies and including by promoting the GBHT and H&H funds</p>			
				<p><i>At least 3 applications to GBHT & H&H fund per year</i></p>
				<p>Keep up to date with current predator control techniques and operations and actively seek to promote effective programmes as opportunities arise</p>
				<p>Orautoha riparian protection works</p> <p><i>Complete annual work programmes as per funding application</i></p>

Work Area (why are we undertaking this objective?)	Key Result (what are we actually doing and how this contributes to objective?)	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
<p>Planning & Administration</p> <p>The Taranaki Sports Fish & Game Management Plan is a statutory requirement and formally reflects the aspirations of hunters and anglers. The Plan provides high level direction and guidance for management activities and also other</p>	<p>Review Management Plan</p> <p>The Plan is required to be reviewed in whole no later than 10 years after it was approved. Any review will include the opportunity for submissions by hunters and anglers and F&G will also consult with other parties, iwi and agencies as appropriate and consistent with Treaty of Waitangi</p>	<p>Seek 3-year extension to the Plan review to allow review to occur following regional amalgamations</p>			<p>Undertake plan review to incorporate any changes in F&G organisation from ministerial review and internal reviews. Actively involve iwi and community in this plan as well as hunters and anglers</p>	

<p>statutory plans in the interests of the resource and users</p>	<p>obligations to ensure the plan is comprehensive, effective and of value.</p>					
<p>Strong and effective governance to ensure that the activities of Council are appropriate, well run and reflect the aspirations of all licence holders</p> <p>Effective and concise</p>	<p>Strategic Planning Implement Management Plan through ongoing review and refinement of 5-year Strategic Plan to provide clear and agreed direction regarding future work programmes and resource allocation and requirements. This strategic plan to guide development of a timely, planned and effective Annual Operational Workplan that</p>	Review 5-Year Strategic Plan annually and as required				

<p><i>administration with accurate reporting to support sound financial management and efficient use of resources in the best interests of the licence holder and fish & game resource</i></p>	<p><i>reflects the aspirations of hunters and anglers</i></p> <p>Focus on governance Achieve appropriate diversity across the Council and provide Councillors with professional governance support to best represent the interests of all licence holders</p> <p>Simplify operational outputs and coding Provide effective and helpful reporting while minimising unnecessary detail and the time and resources this involves which</p>	<p>Identify possible options and strategies to increase the diversity of Council</p> <p>Review and update governance policy</p>	<p>Implement key options identified</p>	<p>Co-ordinate Council Election</p> <p>Undertake governance training</p> <p>Implement early outcomes of National Council financial review</p>
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<p><i>can be used elsewhere</i></p> <p>New Plymouth and Whanganui offices <i>Provide effective and healthy office space including storage which is also obvious and accessible to our users and the general public</i></p>				
<p>Administrative improvements <i>Make best use of new systems and technology to maximise administrative efficiencies and minimise costs so resources are available for use elsewhere</i></p>	<p>Incorporate any changes as part of Ministerial and Internal F&G reviews</p>			
<p>Support for Council <i>Provide valued support to</i></p>	<p>Recommend changes to 5-Year Strategic Plan, prepare draft Annual Operational Plan and draft Performance Report</p> <p>Prepare concise and complete agenda papers including with a recommended course of action</p>			

	<p><i>Council which facilitates effective Council governance and operation</i></p>	
<p>Health & Safety <i>Maintain effective systems to ensure a safe and healthy working environment and the safety of staff and visitors</i></p>		<p>Implement and review Health & Safety Policy, Manual and systems and processes as per identified timetable</p> <p><i>Annual audit and other identified requirements are reported to Council</i></p>

Review: February 2023 Council Meeting

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

RISK REGISTER MAY 2022

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.

The risk level for H&S Covid-19 remains high, owing to the ongoing Covid-19 Omicron outbreak (200+ cases a day in Taranaki) and the increased likelihood that staff will get sick (so far none have). This could also impact negatively on the capacity of staff to undertake core roles effectively, at least temporarily. All staff are able to work from home in the event that Covid-19 becomes too widespread in the region, or they are a close contact of a case.

Given the inevitability of regional amalgamations, it makes sense not to proceed with development of a new F&G Management Plan and a 3-year extension to the Plan Review period is being sought from the Minister of Conservation. If this is not granted, then the Council's annual OWPs will need to be approved by the Minister of Conservation (S26Q(3)(e) of the Conservation Act).

The Ministerial Review of F&G clearly has implications in respect of operational matters including longer term resourcing and hunter and angler support. The impact should become clearer once the Regional Structure Review is complete and the Implementation Group have done their work.

RECOMMENDATION

That Taranaki Fish & Game Council receive the May 2022 Risk Register

Allen Stancliff

Acting Regional Manager

25 May 2022

RISK REGISTER & RISK TREATMENT ACTION PLAN - TARANAKI FISH & GAME - June 2022

Risk Type	Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Actions already in place	Person Responsible	Further Actions Required (if any)
1 Operational	Data loss from computer virus, data corruption	Possible - 3	Moderate - 3	New computers with up to date anti-virus protection. Have moved to cloud based software and document storage. Regular backup of cloud data is being sought nationally, as well as cyber-insurance in case systems become	Office administrator	
2 Operational	Lack of capacity to undertake core roles effectively	Possible - 3	Major - 4	New field officer based in New Plymouth appointed on 2-year fixed term contract. Skilled & experienced staff in place and available to work together where necessary. Staff can work from home if necessary because of Covid-19. Use of volunteer rangers and hatchery workers	Chairperson/ Council	Consider other options to complete work plan. Keep volunteers in the loop to retain their support
3 Operational	Review of Sports Fish & Game Management Plan is not completed by expiry date of current plan (Aug 2021)	Likely - 4	Moderate - 3	A 3-year extension to the Review is being sought from the Minister of Conservation. It is difficult to engage meaningfully with licence holders, iwi and other agencies when the future of Taranaki F&G is uncertain	Manager	Await final decision on regional amalgamation. OWP's will need approval by Minister of Conservation if no Mgt Plan in place
4 Health & Safety	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.
5 Health & Safety	Under Covid-19 staff are put in situations that could jeopardise their health or others around them	Likely - 4	Major - 4	Respond and adhere to conditions or directives imposed by Government-determined Traffic light settings that include work place conditions and safety, personal protective gear, etc. Follow recommended best practice.	Manager	Implement further work place and personal protective measures as identified and/ or required. Require staff to work from home.
6 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 out regular monitoring of key populations to identify changes.	Manager	
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 identify changes. Recognise that some events may be positive for some species	Manager	
8 Species Management	Decline of Taranaki ring-plain fishery due to reductions in water quality and quantity	Likely - 4	Major - 4	Take planning and individual consent opportunities under the RMA to promote maintenance of suitable water flows and water quality to sustain viable trout fisheries around the ring-plain	Manager/ Field Officer - Taranaki	Engage in the Taranaki Natural Resources Plan process. Continue to monitor ring-plain fisheries
9 Species Management	Culling/ poisoning of paradise shelduck populations	Possible - 3	Major - 4	Work closely and proactively with landowners and farmers to manage problem aggregations of paradise shelduck. Hold Special Season where appropriate. Monitor population trends.	Manager/Field Officer	
10 Species Management	Political - Status of indigenous biodiversity is promoted over that of sports fish by statutory agencies and legislation	Likely - 4	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 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 outcomes for all freshwater species.	Manager	Proactively engage with iwi and other groups as opportunities are identified.

	Risk Type	Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Actions already in place	Person Responsible	Further Actions Required (if any)
11	Financial	Ongoing decline in licence revenues	Highly - 4	Major - 4	Regular contact with licence holders/ updated web pages to provide information which assists their experience. Kids fishing days.	Manager	Implement the R3 programme (Recruitment, Retention & Reactivation) including review of Kids fishing days.
12	Financial	Decline in fish and game licence sales due to Covid-19 outbreak	Highly - 4	Major - 4	Cut any unnecessary spending - adopt a prudent approach	Manager/ Council	Work with F&G National Council and implement agreed actions to ensure financial viability
13	Financial	No grant available from National Council	Possible - 3	Severe - 5	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	Manager/ Council	Work with F&G National Council and other regions to best achieve statutory obligations
14	Council	Reputation - Lack of support from licence holders and other agencies arising from criticism and aspersions regarding F&G performance	Possible - 3	Major - 4	Maintain awareness of the need to operate in a transparent, efficient and effective way to best serve licence holders. Ensure actions and comments are professional and reflect well on F&G	Manager/ Council	Make constructive and effective input into the regional amalgamation process in the best interests of hunters and anglers both within the existing Taranaki Region and nationally
15	Council	Reputation - Perceived conflict of interest among decision makers (Councillors)	Possible - 3	Major - 4	Maintain awareness of the need to manage perceived conflicts of interest appropriately and transparently. Follow Standing Orders and including the use of a Conflict of Interest register	Chairperson/ Council	
16	Council	Future - Changes in F&G structure arising from national review/s	Highly - 4	Major - 4	Operate in an efficient and effective way to best serve local and national licence holders	Council	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.

TARANAKI Risk Matrix

Impact	Likelihood				
	1	2	3	4	5
5			Reduced Grant		
			Lack of capacity		
			Loss of reputation		
4			Conflict of Interest		
			F&S		
			Illegal culls		
3			Data Loss		
			Management Plan review delayed		
2					
1				Severe weather / climate	

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

HEALTH AND SAFETY – JUNE 2022

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

Update

1. New issues or hazards	
Cars illegally changing lanes at New Plymouth Mangorei Road lights potentially causing an accident.	Keep well left in the left lane. Be prepared to take evasive action, using horn and heavy braking.

3. Ongoing issues	
Covid-19 response	<p>With the whole of New Zealand at Orange traffic light status, visitors to both New Plymouth and Whanganui offices are encouraged to wear a mask and physically distance. Staff will work from home if Covid-19 transmission becomes too widespread or they are identified as a close contact. Higher spec N92/B2 masks have been purchased. Continue to maintain a watching brief and readiness to follow any government directives if the situation changes</p> <p>Staff are all triple vaccinated. One staff member has had their flu vaccination and the others are being encouraged to do so.</p>

4. Audits, reviews and meetings	
HSE included as agenda item for staff meeting	Staff meeting held 27 May 2022
3 yearly H&S Policy Review	Done June 2022
Staff check use of PPE gear by others in the field	Reviewed PPE during April fish releases.
First Aid refresher due August 2021	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 review	Hatchery, Fish Releases and Hazardous Substances HCP's have been reviewed in June 2022
5. Accidents	
NIL	
6. Near misses and injuries	
One	Car changed lanes at Mangorei lights without looking and nearly collided with F&G vehicle.

Allen Stancliff

Acting Regional Manager

27 May 2022

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

Health and Safety Policy Review

The Council currently has a comprehensive Health and Safety policy and manual which has been in place since August 2016 and was reviewed in August 2019. With changes in the timing of reviews of H&S Hazard Control Plans and Policies to spread them out at relevant times through the year, this Policy is now due for review.

As well as the Policy, the H&S Plan and Appendices have also been reviewed with minor changes made to reflect changes in staff and in the location of the Whanganui office.

There have been no changes to H&S legislation since the last review, although the Government announced impending changes to the health and safety regulations in September 2021 in relation to plant and structures (including working at height), with the final regulations expected to be in place by late 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

That Taranaki Fish & Game adopt;

1. The draft Health and Safety Policy on page 2 of the draft Health and Safety Plan June 2022
2. The draft Health and Safety Plan June 2022 so as to address Council responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.

Allen Stancliff

Acting Regional Manager

27 May 2022

HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN



TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

October 2016
Policy and plan reviewed June 2022



TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY

Council Commitment

The Taranaki Fish and Game Council is committed to providing and maintaining a safe and healthy workplace through consultation with staff and by complying with relevant health and safety legislation (Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and associated regulations), and various New Zealand standards and approved codes of practice. The Council seeks to constantly improve Health & safety standards and procedures.

Scope

This policy applies to all Fish and Game Council workers.

Policy

The Council will, as far as is reasonably practicable, comply with the provisions of legislation dealing with health and safety in the workplace, by:

- providing a safe physical and emotional work environment;
- ensuring a health and safety strategy/plan is in place and that engagement and consultation with staff on the strategy occurs;
- providing adequate facilities and any safety equipment deemed necessary, including ensuring access to and that property and equipment is safe to use and workers are not exposed to hazards;
- ensuring there is an effective method in place for identifying, assessing and controlling hazards. This includes the recording and investigating of injuries, and reporting serious harm incidents;
- having a commitment to a culture of continuous improvement.

A Councillor cannot be prosecuted under the HSA Act for failing to comply with his or her duties as each Councillor is a volunteer officer.

The Regional Manager, as an Officer, is also responsible for implementing this policy and therefore must:

- exercise due diligence in accordance with the provisions of the health and safety legislation;
- take all reasonable steps to protect workers, volunteers and visitors in the workplace from unsafe or unhealthy conditions or practices;
- ensure there are effective processes to deal with unacceptable behaviour, such as non-compliance;
- provide information and training opportunities to workers;
- keep Council fully informed;
- advise the Council Chair of any emergency situations as soon as possible.

The Regional Manager, as an officer may be personally liable if they fail to meet or comply with health and safety obligations.

All workers (employees, contractors, and volunteer workers) are expected to play a vital and responsible role in maintaining a safe and healthy workplace through:

- being involved in improving health and safety systems at work;
- following instructions, rules, procedures and safe ways of working;
- reporting any pain or discomfort as soon as possible;
- reporting all injuries, incidents and near misses;
- helping new staff members, trainees, volunteers and visitors to the workplace understand the risks and hazards and why they exist;
- reporting any health and safety concerns or issues through the reporting system;
- keeping the workplace tidy to minimise the risk of any trips and falls;
- wearing protective clothing and equipment as and when required to minimise exposure to workplace hazards;
- take reasonable care for the health and safety of themselves and of others in the workplace.

Workers may be personally liable if they fail to meet or comply with their health and safety obligations.

All others (e.g. visitors) in the workplace must:

- follow all instructions, rules and procedures while in the workplace;
- report all injuries, incidents and near misses to the Manager;
- wear protective clothing and equipment as an when required to minimise their exposure to hazards.

Signed: _____ (Regional Manager)

Signed: _____ (Chairman)

Date: _____



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SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

Taranaki Fish and Game Council is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy working environment for the safety and health of all our workers and other persons in our workplace.

It is EVERYONE'S business and every worker is expected to share in the commitment to avoid the risks and accidents which may cause personal injury, property damage or any other type of loss.

Most accidents occur while undertaking routine activities rather than high risk activities - everyone must always consider safety in all situations.

This plan is set out to provide you with information to ensure you know what procedures need to be followed in relation to health and safety for everyone in our workplace.

Please take the time to familiarise yourself with our Health and Safety plan. If you have any questions or suggestions on improvement, please let the Regional Manager know.

1.1 POLICY

The Health and Safety policy statement provides workers with a written point of reference about Taranaki Fish and Game Council commitment to Health and Safety. The policy is the first stage in the organisation's Health and Safety plan and includes the following:

- A description of Council and Management's commitment to Health and Safety and its place within the culture of Taranaki Fish and Game Council;
- Council and Management's legal responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and the Health and Safety at Work (General Risk and Workplace Management) Regulations 2016;
- The responsibilities of Regional Manager, workers and others in the workplace;
- Reference to training and information;
- Statutory requirements as minimum standards; and
- A culture of continuous improvement processes.

The Policy is set out on page 2. This policy is signed and a copy displayed for all workers to see.

1.2 HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK ACT 2015 (HSWA)

The guiding principle of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 (HSWA) is that workers and other persons should be given the highest level of protection against harm to their health, safety, and welfare from work risks as is reasonably practicable.

HSWA is the key work health and safety law. It sets out the health and safety duties that must be complied with.

Purpose of the HSWA

To provide for a balanced framework to secure the health and safety of workers and workplaces by:

- protecting workers and other persons against harm to their health and, safety and welfare by eliminating or minimising risks arising from work.
- providing for fair and effective workplace representation, consultation, co-operation, and resolution of issues
- encouraging unions and employer organisations to take a constructive role in promoting improvements in work health and safety practices and assisting PCBUs and workers to achieve a healthier and safer working environment
- promoting the provision of advice, information, education and training in relation to work health and safety
- securing compliance with the Act through effective and appropriate compliance and enforcement measures
- ensuring appropriate scrutiny and review of action taken by persons performing functions or exercising powers under the Act
- providing a framework for continuous improvement and progressively higher standards of health and safety.

Other Legislation/Regulations that needs to be adhered to:

The regulations and information from Worksafe are intended to support businesses to understand what they need to do to comply with the general duties of the Act:

Regulations applicable to Fish and Game:

1. Health and Safety at Work (Worker Engagement, Participation and Representation) Regulations 2016. Worker Engagement, Participation and Representation Regulations 2016;
2. Health and Safety at Work (General Risk and Workplace Management) Regulations 2016. General Risk and Workplace Management Regulations 2016;
3. Employment Relations Act 2000
4. Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Compensation Act 2001
5. Electricity Act 1992
6. Transport Accident Investigation Commission Act 1990
7. Smoke-free Environments Act 1990
8. Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 (HSNO)
9. Environmental Risk Management Authority www.ermanz.govt.nz
10. Factory and Commercial Premises (First Aid) Regulations 1985
11. Arms Act 1983
12. Maritime Transport Act 1994
13. And all common NZ law.

Approved Codes of Practice

The list below outlines the Approved Codes of Practice that are applicable for Fish and Game. They can be downloaded from: <http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe/information-guidance/approved-codes-of-practice-acops>

Hazardous Substances: Management of in the workplace.

Noise

Manual Handling

General Safety Guidelines

The following guidelines can be downloaded from:

<http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe/information-guidance/all-guidance-alphabetical->

listing

Robbery: Guidelines for the Safety of Staff from the Threat of Armed Robbery or Violent Offenders

Computers: Guidelines for using computers

Chainsaws: A Guide to safety with chainsaws

Machinery: Guidelines for the provision of facilities and general safety in machinery Vehicle or Vessel Operation

Personal Protective Equipment; Guidelines on use and provision

Quad bikes: Guidelines on use of quads and motorbikes

Shift-work: Advice for Employers and Employees

Shotguns: Guidelines on the safe use of shotguns for bird shooting and scaring (in orchards)

Stress: and Fatigue

Legal Documentation required under the Act

Under HSWA there are only two documents that are legally required

- an accident register and
- a list of all of the hazardous substances kept on your business premises.

However, Council is required to have a system which identifies and manages the risks created by the work we do. The system doesn't need to be complex, it just needs to clearly identify the risks, record the steps we have put in place to manage and communicate the risks.

If a notifiable event occurs, then we are required to keep a record of the event for five years. Notifiable events are those workplace incidents that result in a death, serious injury or serious illness.

Best practice is to maintain all hazard registers, document Health and Safety process's associated with field work (via tailgate forms) and all worker engagement and meetings.

Further Information on the HSWA

For further information see "The Introduction to the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 (March 2016) - By visiting:

<http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe/information-guidance/legal-framework/introduction-to-the-hsw-act-2015>

1.3 SUMMARY OF TERMS IN THE HSWA

Duty Holders

There are four types of duty holders that have work health and safety duties:

- Persons conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU)
- Officers
- Workers
- other person at the workplace (e.g. visitors)

Meaning of PCBU

The PCBU is a 'person conducting a business or undertaking'. Taranaki Fish & Game as an Entity is a PCBU.

Primary Duty of Care

The PCBU (Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking) must ensure, so far as reasonably

practical, the health and safety of workers, and that other people are not put at risk by its work. This is called the "Primary Duty of Care".

The Primary duty of care is a broad and overarching duty. It includes, but is not limited to, so far as reasonably practicable:

- providing and maintaining a work environment that is without risks to health and safety;
- providing and maintaining safe plant and structures;
- providing and maintaining safe systems of work;
- ensuring the safe use, handling and storage of plant, structures and substances;
- providing adequate facilities for the welfare at work for workers;
- providing any information, training, instruction, or supervision that is necessary to protect all persons from risks to their health and safety arising from work carried out as part of the conduct for the business or undertaking;
- monitoring the health of workers and the conditions at the workplace for the purposes of preventing injury or illness of workers arising from the conduct of the business or undertaking;
- provide healthy and safe worker accommodation.

PCBU has two duties:

- to **engage** with workers who carry out work for them on health and safety matters that may directly affect them;
- to have practices that give workers reasonable opportunities to participate effectively in improving health and safety in the business or undertaking on an ongoing basis. (**worker participation practices**)

Officer

An officer includes Councilors and the Regional Manager for Taranaki Fish and Game.

Officers need to exercise due diligence to make sure that the PCBU complies with its health and safety duties.

Persons that have 'Officer' in their job title such as Fish and Game Officer, are NOT deemed an Officer within the definition of HSWA 2015.

Workers

A Worker is an individual who carries out work in any capacity for Fish and Game.

A Worker includes an employee, a contractor or subcontractor, an employee of a contractor or subcontractor, an employee of a labour hire company who is working for Fish and Game, an apprentice or trainee, an outworker, a person on work experience or work trial, a volunteer worker, other persons per section 19 of the HSWA.

An Honorary Ranger or Hawera hatchery volunteer are both considered a Worker within the HSWA (see page 19).

Workers have their own health and safety duties.

Workers must "so far as reasonably practical":

- take reasonable care for their own health and safety;
- take reasonable care that what they do, or do not do, does not adversely affect the health and safety of other persons;

- co-operate with any reasonable workplace health and safety policy or procedure that has been notified to workers;
- comply, so far as reasonably able, with any reasonable instruction given by the PCBU, so the PCBU can comply with HSWA and regulations.

Other Persons at Workplaces

Other persons at workplaces include workplace visitors, public, school groups. Other persons need to:

- take reasonable care for their own health and safety
- take reasonable care that others are not harmed by something they do, or do not do
- comply, as far as they are reasonably able, with the PCBU's reasonable health and safety instructions that are given so that the PCBU can comply with HSWA or regulations

So far as is Reasonably Practicable

The primary duty of care requires the PCBU to ensure the health and safety 'so far as is reasonably practicable'. In this context, something is reasonably practicable if it is reasonably able to be done to ensure health and safety, having weighed up and considered all the relevant matters, including:

- How likely are any hazards or risks to occur?
- How severe could the harm that might result from the hazard or risk be?
- What a person knows or ought to reasonably know about the risk and ways of eliminating or minimising it?
- What measures exist to eliminate or minimise the risk?
- How available and suitable is the control measure?

Definition of a Hazard

HSWA clarifies that "hazard" includes behavior that has the potential to cause death, injury or illness (physical or mental).

Offences & Penalties

Prosecutions and penalties may be applied not only to a PCBU but also an Officer and an individual worker.

1.4 HEALTH AND SAFETY ANNUAL TIMETABLE

Staff meetings

Staff meetings are to be held two-monthly, and with all staff present (in person or by telephone conference or zoom).

Health and Safety will be a permanent agenda item at these meetings.

The staff meeting is an integral method for staff engagement and becomes the vehicle for staff to discuss, identify and review hazards as well as a place to formulate controls and implement actions for improvement.

At each meeting an area will be allocated to review in detail. (refer section 1.8 Hazard Identification and Control)

Health and Safety Policy Review

To be reviewed by Council every 3 years.

OWP and Budget

Fish and Game OWP and Budget will be reviewed annually. Direct costs, hours and training requirements need to be reviewed and provided for as they apply to Health and Safety. This review will take place between February and April each year.

Health and Safety Plan review (this document)

This Health and Safety Plan will be reviewed annually. This review will take place between July and August each year, and at other times when required.

Hazard Control Plan Review

A review of all hazards within each hazard control plan (HCP) will be undertaken annually. Refer H&S 1- Annual Hazard and Audit Timetable. In addition, any new hazards identified through a health and safety meeting, tail gate meeting or at any other time will be added to the hazard control plan at the time of identification along with appropriate controls to manage this hazard. Likewise, a new process or piece of machinery will go through the hazard identification process and either be added to the appropriate HCP or a new HCP created (refer H&S 15 for template).

Tailgate Reviews

A review of the site-specific hazards (via a Tailgate form – H&S16) relating for example, to a wetland project or planned ranging activity, will be completed before the trip or activity is undertaken. Any new hazards identified through the tailgate form will be added to the relevant hazard control plan.

Training

Training will be undertaken when needed or where legislation requires. The nature of the tasks to be undertaken will determine the training and the timing of training and refresher courses.

Any training that is identified to minimise a hazard will be included on the HCP as a control.

Audits

A regular timetable of Audits needs to be established. Refer H&S 1 - Annual Hazard and Audit Timetable and H&S 2 - Manager Audit Checklist.

1.5 AUDITS AND PLANNED INSPECTIONS

Audits will be undertaken by Workers and Managers as appropriate, noting that with only two field staff including the Manager that they are routinely involved in nearly all work activities anyway. These are timetabled as per Refer H&S 1- Annual Hazard and Audit Timetable.

1. Workplaces will be inspected on a rotating basis (over the course of a year the whole workplace will be covered).
2. An inspection checklist will include general housekeeping matters in addition to all hazards.
3. Any new hazards identified will be incorporated into the relevant HCP and all workers informed.
4. Any new machinery/plant/task will have a hazard assessment undertaken prior to commission.

The Manager may undertake random audits at any time - refer H&S 2 - Manager Audit Checklist.

Audit checklists should be used, signed off and filed when completed.

1.6 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Legal Documentation

There are two documents that we are legally required to have:

1. An accident register and
2. A list of all the hazardous substances kept on the premises.

Other Reports/Documentation

1. Minutes of Health and Safety meetings
2. Hazard Control Plans
3. Tailgate forms
4. Audits completed
5. Health and Safety Report for Council Meetings (bi-monthly). This is to include;
 - The status of the audit and review requirements in the Manual
 - Adherence to the Manual
 - Any new issues or hazards that have been identified and how these have been addressed
 - Progress with ongoing issues including resourcing
 - Any near misses or injuries

1.7 WORKER PARTICIPATION IN HEALTH AND SAFETY

Taranaki Fish and Game Council is committed to ensure all workers engage and participate in matters relating to Health and Safety.

In order for efficient use of resources a two tier approach to Health and Safety is being utilised (Regional level and National level).

Two Tier Approach to Health and Safety

Regional

- Two-monthly meetings to discuss issues relating to health and safety within the workplace. Minutes from these meetings must be taken and circulated to all workers.
- If hazards are identified outside meeting times and require action - these hazards need to be reported immediately to the Manager to ensure procedures are put in place to eliminate or minimise the Hazard and added to the Hazard Register.
- After an incident or near miss, the reporting procedures must be adhered to as per 1.11 Accidents/Incident/Reporting.

National

Staff and management from the North and South Islands are elected to be representatives on the **National Health and Safety Committee**.

The National Health and Safety Committee is part of the national framework to help improve the management of workplace Health and Safety nationally. The National Health and Safety Committee is a forum for collective discussion regarding Health and Safety to:

- comply with the legislation;
- implement a process of continuous improvement;
- Specifically support worker involvement.

See appendix H&S 3 - Roles of the National Health and Safety Committee.

1.8 INFORMATION, TRAINING AND SUPERVISION

Employer Responsibilities

Taranaki Fish and Game Council will take all practicable steps to ensure that every worker who does work, uses plant and equipment, or deals with a substance of any kind is adequately trained and understands the training given for the safe use of all plant and equipment, objects, substances, and protective clothing and equipment they may be required to use or handle, or otherwise is supervised by a person who is qualified to use the plant and equipment and/or substances to ensure the worker will not be harmed or cause harm to another worker.

Taranaki Fish and Game Council will take all practicable steps to ensure workers are given information in a manner that they can reasonably understand.

Worker Responsibilities

Workers have a duty to:

- Protect their own Health and Safety;
- Ensure that they do not act in any way that could bring harm to themselves or any other person;

- To use safe and healthy work practices at all times;
- To use the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) provided.

If a worker is unsure of whether a work practice is safe then the worker must not continue until they seek advice from their supervisor.

Worker Induction

Any new staff member, as part of their induction must be taken through the Health and safety plan and once they have been trained and aware of the hazards they are to sign the H&S 4 - Employee Health and Safety Agreement.

1.9 HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL

Taranaki Fish and Game Council strives to ensure, so far as reasonably practical, the health and safety of workers, and that other people are not put at risk at work. The organisation has in place a regime of regularly assessing risks in places of work (i.e. previously existing, new and potential risks) and regularly reviewing these to see whether these risks are significant and require further Health and Safety action. There is an on-going opportunity for workers, volunteers and employee representatives to be actively involved in identifying and managing risks in the workplace.

Where there is a significant hazard the Council will take all practical steps to **eliminate** the hazards. If elimination is not practical, we will take all reasonable steps to **minimise** the hazard.

The hazard will be minimised by:

- Good work practices being maintained;
- Workers are properly trained and/or supervised;
- Protective clothing and equipment is provided and used by all workers at all times necessary; and
- If required, and with consent of the worker, worker's health will be monitored in relation to the exposure to the hazard.

Fish and Game Identification Procedure

All workers will be given an opportunity to identify and manage risks/hazards.

1. At any time: To raise new risks at any time they identify such risks
2. Two-monthly staff meetings (or telephone conference/zoom call): A permanent agenda item on the monthly staff meeting is Health and Safety – Workers are able to use this to identify any new risks that have developed over the period and or risks that will be associated with the work that is planned for the coming month.
 - a. At every meeting, any hazard identified will be documented with assigned responsibilities and timeframes. Refer H&S 5 – Monthly Health and Safety Minutes. Minutes from this meeting will be distributed to all staff by email. Many hazards identified may already be included on the hazard register and the minutes become a reminder to all workers to be continually focusing on safety at work. The minutes also become a register of maintenance that is required around the workplace.
 - b. Update the Hazard register as required and make sure all workers are aware of the new Hazards and incorporate hazards into relevant tailgate forms/Field

Safety Plans.

- c. When a hazard register has been updated, print off the new hazard register and ensure all staff sign off as “read and understood”.
3. Tailgate meetings: Before workers start a new project or task in the field, a tailgate meeting will be held to discuss the risks associated with that project/field work and to refresh workers of the risks. The tailgate form is preprinted and any new hazards identified on site will be added to the tailgate form and signed off by all party members. When back in the office this should be filed.
4. Audits: There are a number of regular audits that workers/managers have at their disposal. These Audit checks need to be carried out as per the timetable. H&S 1 - Annual Hazard and Audit Timetable and signed off and filed
5. Review of the Hazard Control Plans: As part of the annual review of each hazard control plan all staff will be included in the review process.
6. New machinery/equipment is purchased: When **new or modified equipment, material, services or work processes are introduced into the workplace**, it is important that hazards present are identified and controlled appropriately, and added to the appropriate hazard control plan or a new plan developed. (e.g. new machinery that emits fumes or noise).

Procedure for the discovery of a New Hazard

Upon discovery of a new hazard at work:

- Anyone immediately affected by the hazard needs to be informed;
- The hazard is to be Eliminated or Minimised - in that order and before work continues
- The hazard and controls will be documented (may be on the Tailgate form)
- Workers are to be informed of any controls implemented;
- The hazard and controls will be recorded in the Hazard Control Plan
- The updated Hazard Register needs to be read and understood by all workers.

1.10 CONTROLLING HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

All hazardous materials/chemicals used, stored or handled in the workplace shall be correctly labelled, identifying:

- The hazardous substance
- Appropriate hazard symbols or risk phrases
- Precautions when handling
- Procedures for emergency treatment

Only properly labelled and approved containers will be used for storage and dispensing of hazardous materials. Every substance will have an accompanying, material safety data sheet (MSDs).

Documentation Required

Under the HSWA a list of all of the hazardous substances kept on your business premises must be maintained. Refer HzS 01 - Hazardous Substance Register.

Material safety data sheets shall be made available to end-users and displayed where hazardous substances are stored. A Hazard Substance Register - Refer to HzS 01 - Hazardous Substance Register will be maintained with the relevant MSDs at each relevant location and kept with all hazardous materials. Suppliers must provide copies of MSDs when supplying products.

Training

All workers using a hazardous substance must either be suitably trained or be supervised by a suitably trained person.

Storage and Spill Plan

For a detailed plan how to store and handle Fuel refer HzS02 - Fuel and Spill Management Plan.

1.11 ACCIDENTS/INCIDENT/REPORTING

It is important that all accidents and near misses are reported to enable Fish & Game to meet its legal responsibilities, to inform others and to identify further controls to minimise or prevent accidents from occurring in the future.

Fish and Game and the HSWA 2015 require:

- All accidents and near misses to be reported;
- An Accident Register is maintained
- Notifiable events must be reported to the Regional Manager immediately and as a result Worksafe must be notified.

A notifiable event is when the following results as a result of work:

- Death;
- Notifiable illness or injury; or
- Notifiable incident.

Refer H&S 6 - What is a Notifiable Event for details regarding notifiable events.

Accident, injury and incident investigation

Where appropriate and unless directly involved, key employees will investigate accidents as soon as possible in conjunction with the injured party, witnesses and other appropriate personnel. (Refer reporting/recording/investigation flow chart)

The Regional Manager or appointed investigator will complete an investigation within 24 hours of the incident occurring. If deemed necessary (Notifiable events only), external assistance with the investigation may be sought. (Refer H&S 7- Procedures for Notifiable Event)

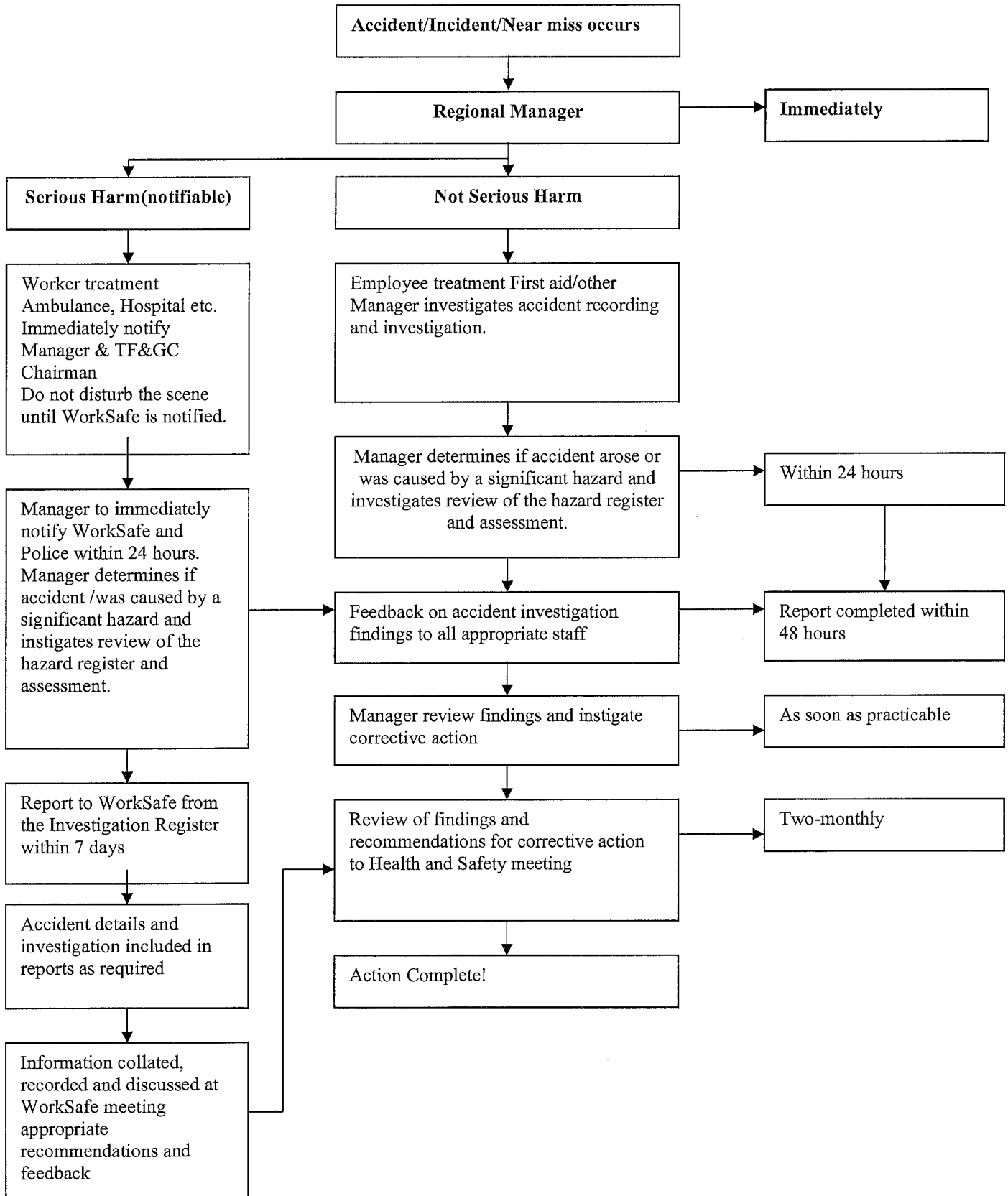
In the event that an investigation is required, the following points must be observed:

- Complete the Investigation as soon as possible. (Refer H&S 8 - Accident Investigation Procedures);
- Be non-judgmental and without blame as this will assist on gaining the correct facts;
- Aim to ensure there is no recurrence of injury;
- Ask questions of the injured party and other witnesses ensure that you understand exactly what happened;
- Ensure you record what people have said and the effect on equipment, productivity etc;
- Once a problem is identified, use the follow process to get all the facts and get to the root cause:
 1. Establish underlying causes.

2. What controls are in place?
3. Why didn't they work?
4. What is now needed for prevention?
5. Is there a need to inform, train/retrain workers?
6. Review hazard management plans.
7. Gather information from the worker maintaining confidentiality.
8. Feedback on accident investigation findings to all appropriate staff.

Where new hazards are identified as part of the investigation, they must be entered into the Hazard Control Plan. If the cause is from an existing hazard, review the controls within the Hazard Control Plan and update as required.

Accident Reporting/Recording/Investigating Flow Chart



Accident in the Field/Office

In the event of an emergency in the field, evacuation may be required. Dial 111 and if there is no coverage get a team member to travel to coverage, if practicable. In circumstances when there is coverage, make use of the In Reach™ device or activate the PLB.

Motor Vehicle Accident

Refer H&S 9 - Procedures in the Event of a Motor Vehicle Accident.

What Information do I have to give?

Refer H&S 10 - Information required in the Event of a Motor Vehicle Accident.

1.12 SAFETY TO OTHER PERSONS AT FISH AND GAME

"Other Persons" include people on tour of a Fish & Game site and visitors to Fish & Game for meetings or appointments.

On arrival:

- In the absence of a written hazard plan, a verbal briefing of known hazards, work place procedures and safety requirements is to be provided;
- All visitors (other than those who remain in the reception area of the Whanganui or New Plymouth Offices) will sign the on-site register acknowledging that they have been briefed on health and safety matters. Visitors will also sign the register on their departure from the site (H&S 11 - Visitor Register);
- Where a hazard plan exists, visitors will be expected to read it. They will also receive a verbal briefing

1.13 CONTRACTORS AND SUB CONTRACTORS (OTHER PCBU'S)

Taranaki Fish and Game Council are required to manage contractors, sub-contractors and visitors to ensure they are not harmed or cause harm to others while undertaking and performing their work. This reflects that Taranaki Fish and Game Council have a duty of care and must take reasonable steps to ensure the contractors and their workers are not harmed and do not harm anyone while carrying out their work.

Taranaki Fish and Game Council will engage contractors who are able to demonstrate a good Health & Safety record and evidence that they are complying with the HSW Act.

As Contractors are considered Workers, they also have responsibilities to adhere to the Health and Safety on site. The Regional Manager is responsible to ensure that a Health and Safety induction for contractors is undertaken at any site.

Approved Contractors

Taranaki Fish and Game Council will ensure contractors meet the following requirements:

- The necessary technical skills;
- A Health and Safety compliance programme in place that is compatible with Fish and Game;
- Can provide Fish and Game with Health and Safety policies and procedures.

Refer H&S 12 - External Contractors Health and Safety Agreement. This agreement should be sent out to all contractors working with Fish and Game Staff - both on site and in the field.

This letter can be sent out to regular contractors such as electricians and plumbers - once on file this does not need to be updated every time the contractor comes on site.

Consulting with other PCBU's (Contractors)

Taranaki Fish and Game Council will ensure that they consult with contractors to exchange important Health and Safety information about the following:

- Work activities;
- Health and safety risks; and
- Other important health and safety information.

Refer H&S 13 - Contractors Induction Checklist. Use this form when the Contractor comes on site.

1.14 VOLUNTEERS WORKERS

Certain volunteers are classified as volunteer workers.

Honorary Rangers and volunteers at the Hawera Hatchery are considered volunteer workers because:

- Fish & Game knows they are doing the work and have given consent for it to be done;
- the volunteer does the work on an ongoing and regular basis; and
- the work is an integral part of Fish & Game's business.

Fish & Game owe the same duties they owe to workers, to volunteer workers (except for worker engagement and participation duties). Volunteer workers may still raise health and safety concerns with Fish & Game.

Volunteer workers have the same duties as other workers, as described in Section 1.3 of this plan.

SECTION 2: TARANAKI REGION AND ACTIVITIES

2.1 OVERVIEW OF THE REGION

The Taranaki Fish and Game Council's region runs from Mokau in the north down to Turakina in the south, and includes the Taranaki ring plain across to the western and southern slopes of Mount Ruapehu. Away from the ring plain and coastal margin much of the region is remote, heavily forested with incised rivers and no cell phone coverage.

Key trout fishing resources are concentrated around the ring plain and also in the Waimarino (Ruapehu district), these regions also providing extensive gamebird hunting opportunities along with the coastal margin of Whanganui and inland to west of Taihape.

Taranaki Region is resourced with a Regional Manager and Field Officer based in New Plymouth and an administrative officer based in Whanganui, ~~and a Field Officer based in New Plymouth.~~ The region also operates a small hatchery at Hawera which is run by volunteers.

Because of the diverse and isolated nature of much of the Region considerable time is spent by Field Officers driving vehicles, and working in wetlands and rivers – often working alone.

Fortunately, within the region we do not generally deal with hardened offenders with respect to non-compliance, however this element is present within the wider community.

2.2 FIELD WORK

Field work is a major component of the work undertaken by Regional Fish and Game Councils. Given the challenges posed by working, often alone, then Health and Safety in the field is of paramount importance. All workers must take all reasonable steps to ensure that accidents in the field are minimised, and that all field parties have the equipment and training to cope adequately with any foreseeable situation.

There are many hazards associated with field work that are potentially dangerous. Before embarking on Field work workers are required to;

1. refer to the appropriate Hazard Control Plan/s relating to the work undertaken.
2. Refer to H&S 14 – Procedures for Field Work
3. Complete a tailgate form (H&S 16)
4. Complete an Intentions Form (H&S 17)

Don't take risks. If in doubt don't do it.

2.3 WORKING ALONE

In many situations it is unavoidable for field officers to work alone. Safety is paramount and the following is expected:

- The staff member informs the appropriate person (Office or Designated Person) of their intended itinerary, including location, and expected time of return using H&S 17 – Intentions Form (note Designated Person may be the Staff members partner when working outside normal office hours)
- On return and/or when in cell phone coverage, the staff member will inform the appropriate person (Office or Designated Person);
- An overdue time should be set, after which procedures to find the staff member will be undertaken - this will include notification to the Regional Manager or designated staff member who will take responsibility for what future action should occur, including potentially contacting the Police and the commencement of search and rescue
- The staff member must carry a cell phone and or the PLB/inReach™ when alone in the field
- A Tailgate form (H&S 16) must be completed before the field work is undertaken and the worker(s) must assess the conditions to ensure his or her safety at all times.

2.4 RANGING

Ranging is one of Fish and Games functions that has potential to cause harm for workers and volunteers. For this reason there is a Fish and Game Ranging Guide and Health and Safety Manual, and also a Ranging Hazard Control Plan specific to the Taranaki Region.

No person may range unless they are warranted and approved to do so and have had the appropriate training (CERT Ranger Safety and Fish and Game ranger training-including field procedures).

No person should put themselves in a situation where there is the recognised potential for harm - seek assistance as required - call for backup from Fish and Game or from the Police.

Where there is known potential for hazardous situations e.g. ranging in known problem areas, ranging in closed water locations and ranging in areas where offences against spawning fish are likely to occur, a risk analysis should be undertaken. Minimum measures should involve ranging with at least two staff members and where there is considered a high offender risk – further assistance such as police may be required.

2.5 MOTOR VEHICLES

Vehicle travel is a high risk activity. Particular care is to be taken when using vehicles:

- Vehicles are not to be driven when drivers are fatigued;
- ATV's/SxS's, TRUCKS AND TRACTORS are not be used without appropriate driver certification/training;
- 4WD vehicles are not to used off road without appropriate training and/or supervision;
- All vehicles will have a first aid kit and fire extinguisher - it is the responsibility of the person in charge to ensure during the annual audit that these are up to date;
- All road vehicles must comply with the NZ Land Transport Act.

- All vehicles to be maintained as per manufacturers recommendations and kept roadworthy
- A significant risk are other users of backcountry roads in the region – drivers should always drive cautiously and be prepared to stop on these roads.
- All Vehicles will have a Health and Safety folder outlining the policies and procedures.

In the event of an accident refer to H&S 9 – Procedures in the Event of a Motor Vehicle Accident and H&S 10 – Information Required in a Motor Vehicle Accident.

2.6 BOATING

Motorised Vessel:

Only approved and certified skippers may operate motorised vessels. Vessels must be in survey and Maritime NZ approved. All operations must be in accordance with the F & G NZ Maritime Transport Operator Plan (MTO) – which includes a Health and Safety manual and operating procedures.

In the situation of a notifiable event caused by a Boat – Maritime NZ is the regulator.

SECTION 3: OPERATIONAL PLANS AND PROCEDURES

3.1 EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Who	Location	Phone
EMERGENCY		111
Taranaki Fish and Game Council	16 Mahoney Street, Whanganui East, Whanganui	021 2700239
F&G New Plymouth Office	3/477A Devon Street East, New Plymouth	06 757 9676
Allen Stancliff (Sandy Stancliff 027 7255588)	Acting Regional Manager	027 263 9152 06 758 7461 (hm)
Jacob Morison Katrina Morison (mum) 027 2766132 Casey Kruishoop (partner) 027 8697516	Field Officer	021 1987129
Jilli Steedman (Jenna Steedman 021 1653030)	Administrative Officer	021 270 0239 06 343 1977 (hm)
Chris Donald	Chairman	021 4777518
Police		
- New Plymouth	95 Powderham Street, New Plymouth	06 759 5500
- Whanganui	1D Bell Street, Whanganui	06 349 0600
- Ohakune	10 Clyde Street, Ohakune	06 385 0100
Hospital		
- Taranaki Base	David Street, New Plymouth	06 753 6139
- Whanganui	100 Heads Road, Gonville	06 348 1234
- Taumarunui	Kururau Road, Taumarunui	07 896 0020
CERT Systems – Brad Dannefaerd	New Plymouth Office Landlord	027 4237869 0210521200
NZ Poisons Centre	24 hours a day 7 days a week	0800POISON (0800 764 766)
Worksafe	24 Hours	0800 030 040

3.2 DISPLAY OF SAFETY INFORMATION

Taranaki Fish and Game Council is to ensure all appropriate Health and Safety information is displayed. This includes:

- Organisation Health and Safety Policy (per page 2)
- Health and Safety Plan
- Health and Safety meeting minutes (these are emailed to each staff member following each meeting)

This also includes signage relating to:

- First aid kits
- Accident Register
- Emergency exits
- Emergency procedures/wardens
- Fire extinguishers (type and use)
- Chemical storage (if any)

3.3 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Fire, earthquakes, gas leaks, chemical spills, power failures, aggressive offenders or visitors are all risks that Fish and Game Workers may have to deal with in both the Office and the Field.

In the event of an emergency, the first priority is the protection and safety of all Workers and visitors in the workplace.

Buildings must comply with the Fire Service Act 1975 ("Act") and the Fire Safety and Evacuation of Buildings Regulations 2006.

All buildings must have up to date, approved and working smoke alarms installed.

The Whanganui and New Plymouth offices shall have an evacuation plan along with the Hawera Hatchery. This is a plan that describes how occupants will escape to a place of safety if there is a fire, earthquake or other threat. Refer H&S 18 - Evacuation Plan (under review)

Emergency Services dial 111.

Refer H&S 19 - Emergency Procedures.

3.4 FIRST AID

First Aid Kits

A First Aid Kit must be kept in each Office, and accessible to all workers at all times;

All vehicles shall carry a First Aid Kit (to be maintained by person assigned to that vehicle) and Audit checklist to be completed annually;

Field parties should carry a First Aid Kit, where practical;

All employees are required to attend first aid/CPR training.

3.5 COMMUNICATION DEVICES

All Workers are to have an appropriate communication device accessible to them to ensure reliable communication with the office, a responsible person or emergency services.

Cell Phones

All Field Staff are to carry their cell phone with them. If in an area with cell phone coverage this is to be used to communicate.

In the situation where cell phone coverage is limited or non-existent, one of the following devices should be used by the Field Staff.

Inreach™ Explorer

Taranaki Fish and Game Council has one registered Inreach™ Explorer satellite communicator (used by the Field Officer ~~Regional Manager~~). This enables two-way communications, with built-in navigation with waypoints and routing.

Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs)

Taranaki Fish and Game Council has four registered PLB with the National Rescue Coordination Centre (NRCC) (carried by NP Acting Manager ~~Senior Field Officer~~ and 3 active rangers). If activated, the NRCC will know that is Taranaki Fish and Game's PLB and will ring the office and/or registered person to find out who has the device.

If PLB accidentally activated - contact NRCC - 0508 472 269 (0800 4 RCCNZ)

When working in remote areas with no cell phone coverage the Inreach™ Explorer and or the PLB must be taken as a second source of communication. In the event of an emergency involving danger to life these devices must be activated.

3.6 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Within Health and Safety at Work (General Risk and Workplace Management) Regulations 2016, if Personal Protective Equipment is required to be used to minimise risks to health and safety then Fish and Game will provide the personal protective equipment - unless it has been provided by another PCBU.

Workers have specific responsibilities to:

1. Take all practicable steps to use protective equipment; and
2. Wear the protective equipment that is provided.

When issuing PPE Fish and Game must ensure that:

1. It is suitable for the nature of work;
2. It is of suitable size and fit;
3. It is maintained and repaired; and
4. Workers are adequately trained in wearing/using the PPE.

At all times PPE will meet industry standards/recognized codes of practice.

3.7 MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT

- All equipment owned and used by Fish and Game workers must be maintained in a safe and sound condition;
- Equipment should be inspected thoroughly before use. Any repairs, maintenance or servicing required should be undertaken immediately or scheduled to be completed before the equipment is used;
- Some equipment owned by Fish and Game can only be serviced by professionals specialising in those fields. Workers should not attempt to undertake maintenance and servicing of equipment without appropriate training;
- Vehicles are to be maintained as per Fish and Game vehicle policy;
- Any faulty, malfunctioning or obsolete equipment must be reported and acted upon.

3.8 OTHER RESOURCES

The following should be read in conjunction with the Health and Safety Plan:

1. Health and Safety plan – Appendices
2. Health and Safety Plan – Hazard and Substance Register

3.9 LAST WORDS

REMEMBER, THERE IS ONE GOLDEN RULE – **SAFETY FIRST**, SAFETY FOR YOURSELF, YOUR CO-WORKER AND THE PUBLIC MUST NEVER BE COMPROMISED. EVERYONE ON THE WORKSITE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE THAT SAFETY IS MAINTAINED.

Please take the time to familiarise yourself with our Health and Safety plan. If you have any questions or suggestions on improvement please let the Regional Manager know.

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

2022/23 DRAFT ANGLERS' NOTICE

For the 2022/23 angling season, changes to the Anglers' Notice are suggested for the Waiaua and Stony (Hangatahua) River trout fisheries.

Waiaua River trout fishery

Background

As Councillors will know, the Waiaua River mainstem was subject to a major flood and headwater erosion event on 17th July 2021 that decimated the trout fishery and resulted in the river running grey with sand and ash for several months.

An electric fishing survey in early February 2022 found that fish and macroinvertebrate habitat in the Waiaua mainstem had shown only limited recovery seven months after the event. However, healthy macroinvertebrate and native fish populations were found in two left bank tributaries (Waiaua Fork Stream & Waiaua East Stream) that were unaffected by the erosion event (Morison & Stancliff, 2022). These tributaries enter the Waiaua mainstem in the middle and upper reaches upstream and downstream of Wiremu Road.

Well-grown juvenile brown trout were also found in Waiaua East Stream during the survey. These 0+ juveniles will have originated from spawning that occurred there just prior to the 2021 flood event. They will likely be a source population for a gradual restoration of the brown trout fishery once conditions in the Waiaua mainstem improve. Given that many trout present in the Waiaua mainstem will have perished during the July 2021 flood, any such recovery is likely to take several years.

Prior to the flood, the Waiaua River also supported a valued fishery for rainbow trout, consisting of hatchery fish released into Opunake Lake that were able to move up the lake inlet race into the river, plus a few wild fish resulting from natural spawning. With the closure of the Opunake power scheme from 1 June 2018 while consents were renewed, trout haven't been able to get out of the lake into the Waiaua River upstream of the SH45 weir, water quality has deteriorated in the lake and no releases of hatchery rainbows have occurred there since October 2019. The loss of recruitment resulted in a gradual decline in the rainbow population in the Waiaua mainstem although fish were still present, as evidenced by dead adult rainbows turning up after the July 2021 flood.

The recent (15 March 2022) granting of new consents for the Opunake power scheme means that releases of hatchery rainbows into Opunake Lake could potentially resume from late 2022, with ensuing benefits for the Waiaua mainstem fishery. However, erosion of the true right bank of the lower Waiaua River adjacent to Opunake Lake has the potential to adversely affect the integrity of the lake and the lake level has been temporarily lowered while options for remediation are worked through. The timeframe for resumption of the Opunake power scheme is there uncertain.

Proposal

Local angler, Murray Dobbin, wrote to the Council in February 2022 requesting that a no-take regulation be applied to brown trout in the Waiaua River and Opunake Lake to aid in the restoration of the fishery. Murray considered that the no-take regulation need not apply to rainbow trout, as they will be released hatchery fish.

However, Councillor Karalus has requested that the daily bag limit for rainbow trout be reduced to 1 fish while the Waiaua fishery recovers, owing to the relatively small numbers of rainbows that will be present once releases resume and the significant cost of raising and releasing hatchery fish. This will mean that an angler must stop fishing in the Waiaua once they have killed a trout.

Staff support both proposals, with the addition that bait fishing should be banned from the Waiaua River and Opunake Lake while the zero bag limit for brown trout is in place, in order to reduce the potential for hooking mortality of trout that must be released.

It is therefore recommended that a zero bag limit for brown trout be applied to the Waiaua River and Opunake Lake, with a 1-fish limit for rainbow trout and fishing methods restricted to fly and spin fishing only.

Stony (Hangatahua) River

In a similar vein, the once revered Stony River brown trout population has been decimated by a series of headwater erosion events over the years and the fishery is currently reliant on releases of hatchery rainbows, plus an occasional wild rainbow originating from a remnant population present in the Ahukawakawa Stream above Bells Falls.

While brown trout have been virtually absent from the Stony for quite some time, a local angler reported seeing one this summer in one of the river's swimming holes and another angler sent in a photo of a brown trout he caught and released.

The current angling regulations for the Stony are a 2-fish limit, only one of which can be a brown trout, with fly and spin fishing only. Given the proposed changes to the Waiaua regulations, it is recommended that a zero bag limit also apply to Stony River brown trout to aid in the re-establishment of the population.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Taranaki Fish & Game Council retain the same Anglers' Notice conditions for the 2022/23 season as currently, other than:

1. That a zero bag limit be set for brown trout in the Waiaua River and Lake Opunake with a 1-fish limit for rainbow trout and methods restricted to fly and spin fishing only;
2. That a zero bag limit be set for brown trout in the Stony (Hangatahua) River.

Allen Stancliff
20 May 2022

Taranaki Fish and Game Region

The Taranaki region is defined here: *New Zealand Gazette*, 24 May 1990, No. 83, at page 1861

1. Definitions

For interpretation of terms, refer to the First Schedule of this Notice or the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983.

2. Additional Requirements

Note 1 1.1 First Schedule conditions apply

1.2 There are no restrictions on the hours of fishing

1.3 There is no minimum length for trout

1.4 There are no defined coarse fishing waters in the Taranaki Fish and Game Region

Note 2 In the Stony (Hangatahua) River, Waiaua River and Lake Opunake no ~~only~~ \pm brown trout may be taken as part of the total daily limit of ~~2 trout~~.

Note 3 No licence holder shall fish for sports fish from a boat in Lake Mangamahoe, including the Waiwhakaiho Inlet.

3.1 Open season, Permitted Methods, Daily Bag Limits - Region Defaults

Water	Multiple sections	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species		Refer Clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	
All lakes, rivers and streams not mentioned in clause 3.2 for this region		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FSB	2	1 No limit	Note 1

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3.2 Open Season, Permitted Methods, Daily Bag Limits

Water	Multiple sections	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species			Refer Clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	Perch	
Taranaki/ Whanganui							

Huatoki Stream	downstream of Brois Street Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2	1	Note 1
Kai Auahi (Kaiauai) Stream		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	2	1	Note 1
Kapuni Stream	upstream of State Highway 45 Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	2	1	Note 1
	downstream of State Highway 45 Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FS	2	1	Note 1
Kaupokonui Stream	downstream of State Highway 45 Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2	1	Note 1
Lake Kohata		1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB		No limit	Note 1
Lake Mangamahoe	excluding the Waiwhakaiho Inlet and Mangamahoe Stream	1 Oct - 30 Sep	F	2		Note 1, 3
	Waiwhakaiho Inlet upstream of the normal site of a landmark located just upstream of the confluence with Lake Mangamahoe	1 Oct - 30 Apr	F	2		Note 1, 3
	Mangamahoe Stream upstream of the walkway swing-bridge at the head of Lake Mangamahoe	1 Oct - 30 Apr	F	2		Note 1, 3
	Any tributary other than Waiwhakaiho Inlet and Mangamahoe Stream	1 Oct - 30 Sep	F	2		Note 1, 3
Lake Namunamu		1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2		Note 1
Lake Ngangana		1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2	No limit	Note 1
Lake Opunake		1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	12		Note 1, 2
Lake Ratapiko		1 Oct - 30 Apr and 1 June - 30 Sep	FSB	2	No limit	Note 1

Lake Rotokare		1 Oct – 30 Sep	FSB				No limit	Note 1
Lake Rotomanu		1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2			No limit	Note 1
Lake Rotorangi	downstream of Mangamingi Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2			No limit	Note 1
Lake Wairitua		1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB				No limit	Note 1
Manganui River	downstream of Bristol Road Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2	1			Note 1
Mangaoraka Stream	downstream of State Highway 3 Devon Road Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2	1			Note 1
Patea River	downstream of Patea Dam	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2	1		No limit	Note 1
Stony (Hangatahua) River		1 Oct - 30 Sep	FS	2	1			Note 1, 2
Waiaua River	upstream of State Highway 45 Bridge	1 Oct – 30 Apr	FSB	12	1			Note 1, 2
Waiaua River	downstream of State Highway 45 Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	12	1			Note 1, 2
Waingongo River	downstream of State Highway 45 Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2	1			Note 1
Waiongana Stream	downstream of State Highway 3 Devon Road Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2	1			Note 1
Waitara River	downstream of Manganui River confluence	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2	1		No limit	Note 1
Waiwhakaiho River	downstream of the normal site of a landmark that is at the end of Rimu Street extension walking track	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2	1			Note 1
Warea River	downstream of State Highway 45 Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2	1			Note 1
Whanganui River	downstream of Ohura River confluence excluding tributaries	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2	1		No limit	Note 1

Virginia Lake		Closed to fishing							
Waimarino									
Manganuioteao River	downstream of Ruatiti Road Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2	1			Note 1	
	mainstem from Ruatiti Road Bridge upstream to confluence with Makatote River	1 Oct - 30 Jun	FSB	2	1			Note 1	
Mangawhero River	downstream of Raetihi - Ohakune Road Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2				Note 1	
Refaruke River	downstream of Oio Road Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2	1			Note 1	
Sattlers Dam		1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2				Note 1	
Tokiahuru Stream	downstream of State Highway 49 Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2				Note 1	
Waitaiki Stream	downstream of State Highway 49 Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2				Note 1	

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

Fish & Game NZ Licence Fee Recommendation Consultation

The NZ Council seeks consultation from Fish and Game Councils on the following points:

- 1. The licence fees and categories as set out in the appended schedule; and specifically**
 - a. That the 2022/23 adult whole season sports fish licence fee is set at \$145 and that the adult whole season game licence is set at \$107 (inclusive of a \$5 fee for the Game Bird Habitat Stamp), with all proportional changes to remaining licence fees and categories including a \$5 fee being added to the sea run salmon licence endorsement (as a cost-recovery mechanism).**
 - b. That, additional to the above licence fee increase, the adult whole season non-resident licence fee is increased to \$250 and that the fee for the remaining non-resident licence categories are increased on the same ratio.**
 - c. That a new licence category is established called a Designated Waters Licence, available as a free season endorsement to resident anglers and as a day licence to non-resident anglers at a fee of \$50.**
- 2. NZC further seeks an indication from Fish and Game Councils as to whether they intend to recommend any waterways as a Designated Water for the 2022/23 season.**

Considerations

Licence fee

The recommended licence fees of \$145 & \$107 represent an increase of \$8 for the fish licence and \$7 (\$6 + \$1 GBHT) for the game licence in line with the CPI increase of 5.9%. This increase was supported by the F&G Managers at their 28th April meeting. These licence fees along with the recommended total budget of \$11,686,092 will require regions to use their reserves to cover a projected shortfall of \$132,008. This represents a 1.15% use of reserves. There is potential to have a lower licence fee increase, but this would need to be funded through the increased use of reserves.

Non-resident licence fee

The proposed increase to \$250 represents a 26% increase on the current fee of \$185 and would result in the price of an adult NR day licence increasing from \$35 to \$47 if the increase was in the same proportion. There is concern that a \$47 day licence could result in reduced numbers of overseas tourists taking charter boat fishing trips. Also, that the government is keen to minimise any impediments to the resumption of international tourism. One option, for this year, is to support a NR licence price increase of 5.9% (CPI), the same as for resident licence holders. This would take the NR whole season licence from \$185 to \$196 (an \$11 increase).

Designated Waters

The concept of a Designated Waters Licence looks sound, but with no limit on the number of designated waters licences that can be issued per catchment, on its own the per diem fee of \$50 is unlikely to curb NR angler use of sensitive fisheries. The Canadian experience found that price does not actually manage NR angler use. Also, it is doubtful that Fish & Game's new licencing system would be able to accommodate the Designated Waters Licence in time for the new season (licences go on sale from 1 August). Rather than implementing the licence in the 2022/23 season, it is recommended that it be advanced further as part of the Pressure Sensitive Fisheries Framework, which is well advanced and currently out for consultation (closes 1 July 2022).

Taranaki Designated Waters

Taranaki is not currently a sought-after destination for non-resident anglers and the region does not currently have issues with the amount of angling effort and the proportion of non-resident anglers fishing rivers such as the Manganuioteao. It is therefore recommended that Taranaki does not specify any designated waters, recognising that rivers such as the Manganuioteao could be moved into the proposed designated waters management regime in future should issues arise.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL SUPPORTS A 2022/23 ADULT WHOLE SEASON SPORTS FISHING LICENCE FEES OF \$145 AND A 2023 ADULT WHOLE SEASON GAME LICENCE FEE OF \$107 (INCLUSIVE OF A \$5 FEE FOR THE GAMEBIRD HABITAT STAMP) INCLUSIVE OF GST;
2. THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL SUPPORTS A FEE OF \$5 FOR EACH SEA RUN SALMON LICENCE ENDORSEMENT AS A COST RECOVERY MEASURE;
3. THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL
EITHER:
SUPPORTS AN INCREASE IN THE NON-RESIDENT FISH LICENCE FEE TO \$250, BUT DOES NOT SUPPORT THE STANDARD RATIO TO NON-RESIDENT DAY LICENCES
OR:
SUPPORTS AN INCREASE IN THE NON-RESIDENT FISH LICENCE FEE BY THE CPI ONLY (FROM \$185 TO \$196).
4. THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL DOES NOT SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DESIGNATED WATERS LICENCE FOR THE 2022/23 SEASON BUT DOES SUPPORT IT BEING ADVANCED AS PART OF THE PRESSURE SENSITIVE FISHERIES FRAMEWORK.

Allen Stancliff
Acting Manager



Fish and Game New Zealand Licence Fee Recommendation Consultation

1. Proposal

The New Zealand Fish and Game Council (NZC) is seeking consultation from Fish and Game Councils on the 2022/23 licence fee recommendations.

NZC met with regional managers on 29th April to consider the 2022/23 budgets and licence fees. Following that meeting, NZC agreed to recommend an increase of \$8 to the sports fish adult whole season licence and an increase of \$6 to the game adult whole season licence (plus an increase of \$1 for the Game Bird Habitat Stamp). In recommending these fees, NZC also recommended that all other licence categories increase on the agreed proportions (apart from the adult whole season non resident licence, which is recommended to increase to \$250). A full list of recommended licence fees and categories is detailed in the schedule at the end of this letter.

2. Background

Legislation provides for the following:

Section 26Q of the Conservation Act 1987 sets out the functions of Fish and Game Councils. Subsection (1)(d)(a) requires councils:

to assess the costs attributable to the management of sports fish and game;

Section 26Q(1)(d)(ii) requires Fish and Game councils:

to develop and recommend to the New Zealand Fish and Game Council appropriate licence fees to recover costs and game bird habitat stamp fees;

Section 26C(1)(e) requires NZC:

to recommend to the Minister of Conservation an appropriate fee for fishing and hunting licences, after considering the views and recommendations of Fish and Game Councils.

Section 26C(1)(ia) also requires NZC:

to recommend to the Minister, after considering the views and recommendations (if any) of Fish and Game Councils and the New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust Board, an appropriate fee in respect of any game bird habitat stamp and the form of such stamps (the form of the stamp to be approved as part of the 2011 Game Notice).

Operationally, national policy of NZC specifies that all expenditure needs to be approved as part of the budget round, including capital expenditure and expenditure from reserves for all councils.

3. Reserves

In the May 2020 NZC meeting, in response to Covid, the Council set the minimum level of reserves to 20% of total budget for all councils. This level of general reserve is considered adequate to provide security against fluctuations in income and to ensure adequate operational cash flow.

The budget policy specifies that all expenditure from general and dedicated reserves needs to be approved by NZC as part of the budget round, or by making an application for Exceptional Funding. There are consequences across all sectors of the organisation when any council's reserves are reduced in a manner inconsistent with this policy.

4. Budget process

The method of increasing funding levels for individual councils is through a contestable funding application at the April budget setting meeting. Applications can be for either a one-off funding allocation for a specific project, or for ongoing additional funding. The latter in effect raises the total baseline funding level for that council.

The funding required to cover base funds and approved contestable funding is assessed against the expected licence sales for the year ahead (established from the last two years of actual sales), to determine the new licence fees.

This process is summarised in the following budget cycle:

Feb	NZC set Regional base funds for the 2022/23 year at 9,810,978. All council budgets reviewed against audited actual expenditure. Budgets over or under 10% variance are reported against, reviewed and discussed at a meeting of regional managers. The variance reports for the 2020/21 year were prepared and discussed.
March	Preparation of business and operational work plans for new financial year (NFY) Draft budgets developed by NZ and regional F&G councils
April	Councils apply for 'new' contestable funding with applications circulated beforehand, reviewed against criteria, considered and prioritised at the meeting of regional managers, which recommends the allocation of contestable funds, research and legal fund allocations and new licence fees for NFY
	NZC make recommendation on licence fees, having considered base funding levels and contestable fund applications, and send to regional councils for consideration.
May/June	Regional councils consider NZC licence fee recommendation. Due back to NZC 14 th June
	NZC consider regional response and finalise licence fee recommendations for approval by the Minister of Conservation.

The recommended licence fee is effectively set by dividing the sum of the proposed budgets of the 13 Councils by the number of the adult whole season licence equivalents that F&G NZ expects to sell during the year (LEQ targets).¹

¹ A licence equivalent (LEQ) sets the adult whole season licence as the standard unit of measure with a value of one (1) and other categories of licence are amalgamated as adult whole season equivalents in accordance with their proportionate value of the adult whole season licence. For example, the value of a junior whole season licence is 20% of an adult whole season licence.

5. 2022/23 Licence LEQ forecast

The following table represents the approved forecast for the Licence sales for Fish and Game for the 2022/23 season. Total LEQ Fish 70,627 and Game 32,553.

The forecast which was recommended by the Licence working party, has taken into consideration the return of Overseas anglers (post Covid).

	2019-2020		2020-2021		2022-2023		2022-2023	
	LEQ'S (Actual)		LEQ'S (Actual)		LEQ'S (Extrapolated)		LEQ'S (LWP Recommend)	
	Fish	Game	Fish	Game	Fish	Game	Fish	Game
Northland	315	1,610	262	1,626	236	1,626	218	1,626
Auckland-Waikato	3,754	6,256	3,790	6,515	3,790	6,515	2,966	6,515
Eastern	9,035	2,750	9,206	3,041	9,206	3,041	8,565	3,041
Hawkes Bay	2,477	1,637	2,572	1,849	2,572	1,849	2,532	1,849
Taranaki	792	994	897	1,110	897	1,110	855	1,110
Wellington	3,030	3,134	3,251	3,406	3,251	3,406	3,312	3,406
Nelson-Marlborough	4,105	816	3,484	923	3,173	923	3,753	923
North Canterbury	11,346	2,314	11,475	2,507	11,475	2,507	10,816	2,507
West Coast	1,768	380	1,881	391	1,881	391	1,805	391
Central South Island	11,476	2,092	11,699	2,172	11,699	2,172	11,648	2,172
Otago	14,467	3,867	14,537	4,179	14,537	4,179	15,541	4,179
Southland	8,088	4,628	7,742	4,834	7,569	4,834	8,617	4,834
Total	70,652	30,478	70,796	32,553	70,285	32,553	70,627	32,553

Note that these figures did not take into account the decision by the NZC to increase the non-resident licence to \$250 as no research has been undertaken to determine the impact of this change on licence sales.

6. Interest Income Forecast

It was agreed to take Interest Income out of the Councils individual budgets, as Interest Income fluctuates due to Interest rates and reserves held by a Council. An ongoing Contestable fund application of \$133,227 across all Councils was approved for loss of Interest Income.

Interest Income will be treated in the same way as Licence income. The following table outlines the Interest Income for each Council. A total of \$106,034 is forecast for the 2022/23 year.

Therefore 5 junior whole season licences equal 1 LEQ.

INTEREST INCOME BUDGET 2022 23		
Council	Y ECash Reserves	Budget interest 2022/23 1.5%
Northland	316,992	4,314
Auckland/Waikato	464,710	6,324
Eastern	698,451	9,505
Hawkes Bay	617,065	8,397
Taranaki	108,564	1,477
Wellington	655,658	8,923
Nelson-Marlb	218,652	2,976
Nth Canterbury	425,908	5,796
West Coast	293,170	3,990
Central SI	816,924	11,117
Otago	1,125,874	15,322
Southland	862,321	11,735
NZ/National	1,187,318	16,158
Total	7,791,606	106,034

The following components featured in the 2022/23 budget discussions:

7. Contestable funding applications

A total of 83 contestable funding applications were received (up from 62 last year), seeking additional funding of \$1,748,254 (last year \$1,219,639). This excludes the \$50,000 from the Northland Restricted Reserve, which did not need approval via the National Budget Round.

Budgets for all councils making application for increased funding were received and circulated for review prior to the April Managers meeting.

8. Contestable funding Managers recommendations

Managers considered all contestable funding applications and assigned each a priority rating. This was then explained at a joint meeting with NZC. The outcome recommended that applications totaling \$1,481,814 (\$142,430 from reserves) be funded, including provision for national RMA/legal funding.

Of this, \$708,604 (\$142,430 from reserves) was recommended for funding on a one-off basis, meaning this funding would be freed-up and become available in next year's budget round.

9. Research fund allocation

To avoid inflating the budget in any one year an allocation is made annually to the Research Fund. The annual Research Budget has been split between General Research (\$100k) and the National Anglers Survey (\$30k).

There were 3 applications to the Research fund considered by the Managers

- a. Licence Scoping Study \$3,500
- b. Angus & Associates proposal \$65,000 and
- c. Women Anglers in Aotearoa – understanding women's participation and perspectives in freshwater fishing \$20,000

NZC agreed to fund (a). However, they have requested that the Research Strategy Subcommittee work with Angus & Associates to refine (b) before being brought back to the

executive committee for approval. As proposal (c) was a late paper it has not been considered by NZC, however they have delegated authority to the executive committee to approve this proposal.

There was also an application within the Contestable Funding round for \$25,000 per annum (ongoing) towards the co-funded PhD research with Cawthron institute on ecology, conservation and management of trout and trout fisheries in New Zealand. However, in light of the current state of the research budget NZC have agreed to fund this out of the research fund on an ongoing basis (but as a separate line item, akin to the National Anglers Survey).

10. Staff Development Fund

A staff scholarship of \$10,000 is available annually for Fish and Game staff to apply for support from the organisation for national and international study, work experience or participation in events or conferences.

There were no formal applications to this fund for the 2022/23 year. However, the Contestable funding application from the RMA team for \$10,000 for professional development was approved from the Staff Development Fund.

11. RMA/Legal fund allocation

The RMA/legal fund receives budget allocations on a reimbursement basis. It covers payment of costs through a national fund rather than separate funding allocations in individual council's budgets where approved legal projects occur.

It was agreed that contestable funding of \$350,000 be allocated to the national legal pool fund for this 2022/23 year, a decrease of \$150,000 from last year

The NZC approved \$50,000 to Nelson/Marlborough for the Marlborough Environment Plan (MeP) appeals mediation process, permitted activity status for Maimai.

The application from North Canterbury for \$103,000 (\$73k for legal expenses and \$30k for expert hydrology and ecology advice) was not considered as additional information was requested. NZC have, however, delegated the decision to the executive committee on this application.

12. Review Implementations Costs

NZC recommend that \$500,000 be approved the costs associated with the implementing of the Review. These costs include employing a change manager, drafting of policy, governance training and consultation with the licence holders, iwi and the wider public.

Please see the attached letter from the NZC Chair.

13. 2022/23 NZC Contestable Funding Approval and 2022/23 Budgets

The NZC approved contestable funding applications at a total value of \$1,877,814. Of this \$789,211 were ongoing from the Licence fee, \$886,174 one off from the licence fee and \$202,430 one off from reserves. CPI on salaries of 5.9% was approved to all Councils who applied.

The attached table 5 sets out the full list of approved contestable funding applications.

The proposed budget for the 13 Fish and Game councils for 2022/23 (including funding from reserves) is \$11,686,092. Individual budgets are shown in the table below alongside the previous financial year (both shown as GST exclusive)

National Budget	Approved 2021/22	Approved 2022/23
Northland	550,915	534,860
Auckland\Waikato	810,240	855,684
Eastern	1,141,059	1,151,697
Hawkes Bay	376,208	380,624
Taranaki	376,464	370,769
Wellington	696,199	734,853
Nelson-Marlb	466,818	522,548
Nth Canterbury	834,773	914,882
West Coast	346,448	351,136
Central SI	735,030	791,033
Otago	1,039,442	1,129,840
Southland	713,199	700,801
NZC only	1,102,607	1,130,765
National inc Research	1,598,536	2,116,600
TOTAL	10,787,938	11,686,092

14. NZ Game Bird Habitat Stamp

The NZC approved an increase of \$1 to the Game Bird Habitat Stamp for the 2022/23 year in December 2021, upon the advice of the Game Bird Habitat Trust. This takes the GBHT stamp levy to \$5.

15. Licence Fee Recommendations from Managers

The Managers recommended that the Licence fee increase by CPI to \$145 for Fish and \$107 for Game.

The Managers also recommended a sea run salmon licence endorsement of \$5 and a Back Country licence endorsement of \$5 per Region. However, NZC did not endorse the increase to the backcountry licence endorsement but they did support the sea run salmon licence endorsement.

16. NZC Licence fee recommendation

NZC recommend that the 2022/2023 licence fee be based on a sports fish adult whole season fee of \$145 and the game adult whole season licence \$107 (inclusive of the Game Bird Habitat Stamp) (GST inclusive) and for all other licence categories to increase proportionally. This represents an increase consistent with CPI.

Additionally, NZC recommended for the Non-Resident Licence adult whole season licence to be increased to \$250 (GST Inclusive), and for all other non-resident licence categories to be increased on the same proportions.

² National issues include the cost of shared services benefiting the organisation nationwide, such as the special editions of the F&G magazine, the F&G NZ website, licence administration system, administration of elections, ranger health & safety training, etc; Commission is paid to licence sale agents (mostly retailers). Current policy sets commission at 4.5% per licence sold. Commission funding is aligned to both the licence sales estimate taken into the budget system and the subsequently adopted licence fee.

Recommended licence fees are set out in the schedule at the end of this letter.

	Total Licence Comms/Fee		Net licence Income
	Income	Expense	
Northland	171,650	7,724	163,926
Auckland/Waikato	951,819	42,832	908,987
Eastern	1,349,624	60,733	1,288,891
Hawkes Bay	483,273	21,747	461,526
Taranaki	206,246	9,281	196,965
Wellington	719,734	32,388	687,346
Nelson-Marlborough	555,095	24,979	530,116
North Canterbury	1,586,056	71,373	1,514,683
West Coast	262,269	11,802	250,467
Central South Island	1,661,249	74,756	1,586,493
Otago	2,330,177	104,858	2,225,319
Southland	1,515,246	68,186	1,447,060
NZC only	-	-	-
TOTAL	11,792,438	530,660	11,261,778

17. Modification to licence categories and ratios with whole season fees

The NZ Council agreed that the sports fish categories and ratios be broadly maintained the same as previous years.

There are, however, three exceptions to this:

1. Addition of fee for sea run salmon licence endorsement.

To recoup on the administrative costs of running the sea run salmon season bag limit system it is proposed that a fee of \$5 will be charged for the sea run salmon licence endorsement. This fee will only be applicable to regions that are operating a season bag limit scheme – currently, North Canterbury and CSI.

2. Addition of designated waters licence category with fee.

NZC are have agreed to a new licence category called a 'Designated Waters Licence'. This licence category would operate as a per diem fee of \$50 for non-resident anglers and as a free season endorsement for resident anglers.

Regional Fish and Game Councils would recommend the waterways for which a Designated Waters Licence would be required as part of their Anglers Notice and Backcountry Fisheries recommendations. The Designated Waters Licence would initially operate independent of the backcountry licence scheme (although there may/will be overlap), however there is intention for this to be incorporated into one scheme in the future.

However, if no or minimal regions indicate that they intend to recommend a waterway as a designated water for the 2022/23 season then NZC have agreed that this licence category will be withdrawn from the submission to the Minister and work on this will be deferred until the following year when it is incorporated into a comprehensive pressure

sensitive fisheries management system.

The attached advice sets out this proposed licence category in more detail.

3. Increase the whole season non-resident licence fee to \$250.

NZC are proposing that the non-resident whole season licence fee is increased from \$185 to \$250. If approved, the non-resident whole season licence would be 1.72x the resident fee. The non-resident junior and child whole season licences, and non-resident day licences (adult, junior and child) would increase by the same proportion. These specific fees are set out in the schedule below.

For both the Designated Waters Licence and the increase to the whole season non-resident licence (i.e. above the current .35x non-resident levy that is held in reserve) there are three primary options as to where the additional licence monies could be held:

- a) Nationally, to fund pressure sensitive fisheries management; or
- b) Regionally, in the region the licence is purchased in and;
 - a. either held in the same reserve as the non resident levy; or
 - b. held as general licence income subject to the levy/grant system.

This question will need to be resolved prior to 2022/23 licences going on sale.

18. Use of Reserves & Impact on Reserves

The recommendation for licence fee of \$145 and \$107, along with the recommendation of a total budget of \$11,686,092 requires Regions to use their reserves to cover the shortfall of \$132,008. This represents a 1.15% use of reserves.

Additionally, 5 Councils are required to use their reserves to cover one off projects for the year (\$202,430).

No Council's reserves are forecast to fall below 20% in the 2022/23 year.

19. Conclusion

The NZ Council seeks consultation from Fish and Game Councils on the following points:

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 - a. That the 2022/23 adult whole season sports fish licence fee is set at \$145 and that the adult whole season game licence is set at \$107 (inclusive of a \$5 fee for the Game Bird Habitat Stamp), with all proportional changes to remaining licence fees and categories including a \$5 fee being added to the sea run salmon licence endorsement (as a cost-recovery mechanism).**
 - b. That, additional to the above licence fee increase, the adult whole season non-resident licence fee is increased to \$250 and that the fee for the remaining non-resident licence categories are increased on the same ratio.**
 - c. That a new licence category is established called a Designated Waters Licence, available as a free season endorsement to resident anglers and as a day licence to non-resident anglers at a fee of \$50.**
- 2. NZC further seeks an indication from Fish and Game Councils as to whether**

they intend to recommend any waterways as a Designated Water for the 2022/23 season.

To enable the New Zealand Council to consider feedback and make recommendations to the Minister of Conservation at its June 16th 2022 meeting, responses to these changes are requested by **14th June 2022**.

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Brian Anderton
Acting Chief Executive

Schedule of F&G NZ's proposed Licences & Fees for 2022/23 (inclusive of GST)

Sports Fish Licence		2021/22	2022/23	
Category of licence	Class of applicant	Current fee \$	Proposed fee\$	Fee difference
Whole season (1 Oct – 30 Sep)	Adult	137	145	\$8.00
	Junior	27	29	\$2.00
	Child	free	free	Nil
Family		178	188	\$10.00
Non-resident Whole season	Adult	185	250	\$65.00
	Junior	35	47	\$12.00
	Child	35	47	\$12.00
Winter (1 Apr – 30 Sep)	Adult	82	87	\$5.00
Loyal senior	Adult	116	123	\$7.00
Local area	Adult	110	116	\$6.00
Short-break	Adult	49	52	\$3.00
Long-break	Adult	96	101	\$6.00
Day	Adult	22	23	\$1.00
	Junior	5	5	Nil
Non-resident Day	Adult	35	47	\$12.00
	Junior	21	28	\$7.00
	Child	21	28	\$7.00
Back country		free	free	Nil
Controlled-period		free	free	Nil
Sea Run Salmon		free	\$5	\$5.00
Designated Waters	Day	N/A	\$50	N/A

Game Bird Licence*		2022	2023	
Category of licence	Class of applicant	Current fee \$	Proposed fee\$	Fee difference
Whole season (primarily 1st Sat in May to 31 Aug)	Adult	100	107	\$7.00
	Junior	23	25	\$2.00
	Child	4	5	41.00
Day (available from 2nd Monday of season)	Adult	23	25	\$2.00
	Junior	8	9	\$1.00

All licence category fees are set as a percentage of the fish or game adult whole season fee and rounded to the nearest \$, hence in some instances the fee difference remains nil.

*Game bird hunting licence fee includes the \$5.00 NZ Game Bird Habitat Stamp – an increase of \$1 per licence sold.

Notes:

A junior means a person aged 12 years or over, but under 18 years at the start of the season.

A child means a person aged under 12 years at the start of the season.

Back country and controlled-period licence means an endorsement on an adult or junior whole season or family fish licence with special conditions for fishing specified waters.

Whole Season for sports fish extends from 1 October through to 30 September the following year.

Whole Season for game birds can extend from the first Saturday in May to beyond the traditional closing dates for upland game hunting at the end of August due to special season conditions between February to April the following year for some species, eg. Paradise shelduck and Pukeko.

A Game Bird Habitat Stamp fee of \$5.00 (incl GST) is payable on all categories of game hunting licence and is included in the fees shown in the game hunting licence table above.

Summary of Licence Fee and National Budgets from NZC recommendations April 22 for 2022 2023

Licence Forecast 2022 2023		Fish Licence Fee			Game Licence Fee			GBHT						
		145	126.09	102	88.70	5.00	107.00							
Licence Forecast 2022 2023		145 Fish				107 Game				Total Licence Income	Comms/Fee Expense	Net licence Income	Interest Income	Net Income
Projected LEQ's		Fish Licence Income			Game Licence Income									
	Fish	Game	Fish	Less COS (4.5%)	Net Fish	Game	Less COS (4.5%)	Net Game						
Northland	218	1,626	27,431	1,234	26,196	144,219	6,490	137,729	171,650	7,724	163,926	4,314	168,240	
Auckland/Waikato	2,966	6,515	373,967	16,829	357,138	577,852	26,003	551,849	951,819	42,832	908,987	6,324	915,311	
Eastern	8,565	3,041	1,079,901	48,596	1,031,305	269,723	12,138	257,586	1,349,624	60,733	1,288,891	9,505	1,298,396	
Hawkes Bay	2,532	1,849	319,275	14,367	304,908	163,998	7,380	156,618	483,273	21,747	461,526	8,397	469,923	
Taranaki	855	1,110	107,794	4,851	102,943	98,452	4,430	94,022	206,246	9,281	196,965	1,477	198,442	
Wellington	3,312	3,406	417,637	18,794	398,843	302,097	13,594	288,503	719,734	32,388	687,346	8,923	696,269	
Nelson-Marlborough	3,753	923	473,229	21,295	451,934	81,866	3,684	78,182	555,095	24,979	530,116	2,976	533,092	
North Canterbury	10,816	2,507	1,363,696	61,366	1,302,329	222,360	10,006	212,354	1,586,056	71,373	1,514,683	5,796	1,520,479	
West Coast	1,805	391	227,589	10,242	217,348	34,680	1,561	33,119	262,269	11,802	250,467	3,990	254,457	
Central South Island	11,648	2,172	1,468,602	66,087	1,402,515	192,647	8,669	183,978	1,661,249	74,756	1,586,493	11,117	1,597,610	
Otago	15,541	4,179	1,959,517	88,178	1,871,339	370,659	16,680	353,979	2,330,177	104,858	2,225,319	15,322	2,240,641	
Southland	8,617	4,834	1,086,491	48,892	1,037,599	428,755	19,294	409,461	1,515,246	68,186	1,447,060	11,735	1,458,795	
NZC only	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,158	16,158	
TOTAL	70,627	32,553	8,905,128	400,731	8,504,398	2,887,310	129,929	2,757,381	11,792,438	530,660	11,261,778	106,034	11,367,812	

Table 2: National Budget 2022 2023 - Draft

National Budget	Net licence & Interest Income 2022 2023	Base Funds 2022 2023	Surplus/Shortfall	Approved CF from 2021/22 Licence Fee - Ongoing	Approved CF from 2021/22 Licence Fee - One OFF	Approved Surplus / Shortfall 2022/23	Approved Budget from licence fee 2022/23	Approved CF from 2022/23 Reserves	Approved Budget 2022 23 (Incl All C/F)	Less One Off Contestable Funding from Licence Fee	Less One Off Contestable Funding from Reserves	Less Ongoing Contestable Funding from Reserves	Base Fund for 2023/24
Northland	168,240	427,748	(259,508)	35,112	0	(294,620)	462,860	72,000	534,860	-	72,000	0	462,860
Auckland/Waikato	915,311	783,020	132,291	72,664	0	59,627	855,684	0	855,684	-	0	0	855,684
Eastern	1,298,396	1,083,357	215,039	68,340	0	146,699	1,151,697	0	1,151,697	-	0	0	1,151,697
Hawkes Bay	469,923	368,127	101,796	12,497	0	89,299	380,624	0	380,624	-	0	0	380,624
Taranaki	198,442	361,464	(163,022)	9,305	0	(172,327)	370,769	0	370,769	-	0	0	370,769
Wellington	696,269	689,199	7,070	45,654	0	(38,583)	734,853	0	734,853	-	0	0	734,853
Nelson-Marlb	533,092	457,273	75,819	51,302	12,974	11,543	521,548	1,000	522,548	12,974	1,000	0	508,575
Nth Canterbury	1,520,479	783,400	737,079	91,482	0	645,597	874,882	40,000	914,882	-	40,000	0	874,882
West Coast	254,457	346,448	(91,991)	4,688	0	(96,679)	351,136	0	351,136	-	0	0	351,136
Central SI	1,597,610	700,450	897,160	76,083	3,500	817,577	780,033	11,000	791,033	3,500	11,000	0	776,533
Otago	2,240,641	987,483	1,253,158	63,927	0	1,189,231	1,051,410	78,430	1,129,840	-	78,430	0	1,051,410
Southland	1,458,795	653,952	804,843	46,849	0	757,994	700,801	0	700,801	-	0	0	700,801
NZC only	16,158	1,102,607	(1,086,449)	16,158	12,000	(1,114,607)	1,130,765	0	1,130,765	12,000	0	0	1,118,765
National inc Research	-	1,066,450	(1,066,450)	195,150	855,000	(2,116,600)	2,116,600	0	2,116,600	855,000	0	0	1,261,600
TOTAL	11,367,812	9,810,978	1,556,834	789,211	883,474	(115,850)	11,483,662	202,430	11,686,092	883,474	202,430	-	10,600,189

Region	Forecast		Approved		1.15%		Forecast Surplus/ (Deficit)
	Total Licence Income	Approved base Funds 22/23	CF from 2022/23 Reserves	Less use of Reserves %	Levy/ (Grant)		
Northland	\$168,240	\$462,860	\$72,000	5,321	(\$289,300)		(\$77,321)
Auckland/Waikato	\$915,311	\$855,684	\$0	9,836	\$69,463		(\$9,836)
Eastern	\$1,298,396	\$1,151,697	\$0	13,239	\$159,938		(\$13,239)
Hawkes Bay	\$469,923	\$380,624	\$0	4,375	\$93,674		(\$4,375)
Taranaki	\$198,442	\$370,769	\$0	4,262	(\$168,065)		(\$4,262)
Wellington	\$696,269	\$734,853	\$0	8,447	(\$30,136)		(\$8,447)
Nelson-Marlb	\$533,092	\$521,548	\$1,000	5,995	\$17,539		(\$6,995)
Nth Canterbury	\$1,520,479	\$874,882	\$40,000	10,057	\$655,654		(\$50,057)
West Coast	\$254,457	\$351,136	\$0	4,036	(\$92,643)		(\$4,036)
Central SI	\$1,597,610	\$780,033	\$11,000	8,967	\$826,544		(\$19,967)
Otago	\$2,240,641	\$1,051,410	\$78,430	12,086	\$1,201,317		(\$90,516)
Southland	\$1,458,795	\$700,801	\$0	8,056	\$766,050		(\$8,056)
NZC	\$0	\$1,130,765	\$0	12,998	(\$1,117,767)		(\$12,998)
National inc RMA & Rese	\$0	\$2,116,600	\$0	24,331	(\$2,092,269)		(\$24,331)
TOTAL	\$11,351,654	\$11,483,662	\$202,430	\$132,008	\$0		(\$334,438)
		(\$132,008)		-1.15%			\$334,438

Council	Forecast Reserves		Reserves		Top up	
	31/8/22 per MM April 2022	Forecast Reserve 31/8/23	required 20% of Budget	required to achieve 20% Reserves	Adjusted Reserves to no less than 20% 31/8/23	Reserves % of Base Fund
Northland	\$261,394	\$184,073	106,972	0	\$184,073	34%
Auckland/Waikato	\$351,129	\$341,292	171,137	0	\$341,292	40%
Eastern	\$568,695	\$555,456	230,339	0	\$555,456	48%
Hawkes Bay	\$592,834	\$588,459	76,125	0	\$588,459	155%
Taranaki	\$96,796	\$92,534	74,154	0	\$92,534	25%
Wellington	\$643,014	\$634,567	146,971	0	\$634,567	86%
Nelson-Marlb	\$206,186	\$199,190	104,510	0	\$199,190	38%
Nth Canterbury	\$311,419	\$261,362	182,976	0	\$261,362	29%
West Coast	\$273,100	\$269,063	70,227	0	\$269,063	77%
Central SI	\$766,437	\$746,470	158,207	0	\$746,470	94%
Otago	\$1,117,793	\$1,027,277	225,968	0	\$1,027,277	91%
Southland	\$849,690	\$841,634	140,160	0	\$841,634	120%
NZC & National inc Rese	\$1,117,533	\$1,080,204	649,473	0	\$1,080,204	33%
TOTAL	\$7,156,021	\$6,821,583	\$2,337,218	\$0	\$6,821,583	0%
		\$334,438				



Dear Chairs,

As part of the budget setting process NZ Council has resolved that \$500,000 is allocated to the implementation of the Review, with the employment of a professional change manager for a year a primary consideration.

Our recommendation is that it be part of the licence fee budget; other budget provisions such as contestable funds may need to be taken from reserves.

A detailed budget will be prepared for this \$0.5M once the merger picture is determined.

Thanks

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Ray
Chair
NZ Council

Designated Waters Licence Category

Advice requested by New Zealand Fish and Game Council

Kōrero taunaki - Summary of considerations

Purpose

This advice sets out the process and prospective price points for a designated waters licence category

Financial considerations

Nil Budgetary provision / Unbudgeted

Risk

Low Medium High Extreme

Ngā taunaki - Staff Recommendations

NZC Staff recommend the following motion:

That the New Zealand Fish and Game Council:

1. **Receive** the advice; and
2. **Consult** on a \$50/day licence for non-resident anglers and a free season endorsement for resident anglers; and
3. **Agree** that if no region indicates that they intend to recommend a waterway as a designated water for the 2022/23 season this proposal is deferred until the following year when it is incorporated into a comprehensive pressure sensitive management system.

Whakarāpopoto - Executive Summary

- 1 At their April meeting NZC agreed to establish a new licence category called a Designated Waters Licence, which regions could choose to apply to waterways they believe would benefit from it via the Anglers Notice and Sports Fish Licences, Fees and Forms Notice (SFLFFN).
- 2 The licence would be available as a season licence at no cost for resident anglers and as a daily licence at a cost for non-resident anglers, with the intention being to redistribute non-resident angling effort away from sensitive fisheries.
- 3 This advice sets out the process that would need to be followed and the risks/implications of this licence category.

Kōrerorero - Discussion

- 4 A designated waters licence category would function essentially as the backcountry licence category functions now. NZC would establish the category via their licence fees and categories submission to the Minister. Once established, regions could choose whether to apply this category to specified waterways via the Anglers Notice and SFLFFN.
- 5 *Process:*
 - 5.1 The process for establishing a new designated waters licence category is as follows.
 - 5.1.1 NZC at their April meeting recommended the establishment a new designated waters licence category, which is only available as a day licence to NRs and as a free whole season category to residents.
 - 5.1.2 Regions provide feedback and indicate whether they would be seeking to recommend whether a designated waters licence should be applied to any waterways.
 - 5.1.2.1 If no or minimal regions indicate they intend to recommend designated waters this year then it is recommended that this category is not advanced to the Minister because of the inability to recover on the infrastructure cost.
 - 5.1.3 NZC at their June meeting can then recommend to the Minister that there is a new designated waters licence category.
 - 5.1.4 NZC staff will prepare the submission on licence fees and categories, and provide justification for the new licence category.
 - 5.1.5 Minister of Conservation approves.

- 5.1.6 Regional Fish and Game Councils would, through their Anglers Notice/Backcountry fishery process, recommend which waters they would seek to apply a designated waters licence to.
 - 5.1.7 NZC staff work with Department on preparing drafting instructions for the SFLFFN.
 - 5.1.8 The SFLFFN is published reflecting this.
 - 5.1.9 NZC staff action the IT infrastructure requirements to issue these licences.
- 5.2 As part of the licence fee submission to the Minister recommending this new licence category, a strong policy case will be required to justify the distinction between the approaches to resident and non-resident anglers. The Crown, acting via the Minister of Conservation, is legally able to discriminate via citizenship but there is a high bar to do so.

6 *Licence price:*

- 6.1 There are two primary bases for setting a fee in this instance:
 - 6.1.1 Cost-recovery:
 - 6.1.1.1 If licence prices are set on a cost recovery basis, we would be seeking to recoup the cost of administering this system.
 - 6.1.1.2 What this fee would need to be would depend on the number of waterways this system would be applied to. However, if we were undertaking a total overhaul of pressure sensitive fisheries management and had full regional buy in then a fairly nominal fee of \$5/day would cover the administrative/infrastructure costs.
 - 6.1.2 Disincentivising non-resident anglers:
 - 6.1.2.1 The intention of this licence fee setting process would be to redistribute non-resident anglers away from designated waters by using price as a mechanism.
 - 6.1.2.2 On this basis, we are better to consider international comparisons as opposed to any analysis of our existing data set.
 - 6.1.2.3 The only area currently operating a comparable system is British Columbia, where a two tier system is operated at costs of \$20 or \$40/day depending on the prestige of the waterway.

- 6.1.2.4 Because this licence category will initially only be applied to NZ's premier fisheries it is recommended that we focus on the higher fee and do not contemplate a tiered approach.
 - 6.1.2.5 As such a fee of approximately \$50/day is recommended.
 - 6.1.2.6 However, it needs to be acknowledged that international analysis of the Canadian system has demonstrated that price does not actually manage non-resident angler use but does generate increased revenue. Other steps are required to actually limit non-resident use in a more absolute sense.
- 6.2 It is recommended that there is no fee for resident anglers as this would create substantially more risk and the intention of this mechanism is to increase opportunity for resident anglers.
- 7 Licence income:
- 7.1 As part of this proposal NZC would also need to determine where the money from designated waters licence income would be attributed to.
 - 7.2 Currently licence sale income lies in the region the licence is purchased in, and this would be the default unless there is consensus for it to be held centrally.

Whai whakaaro ki ngā whakataunga - Considerations for decision-making

Financial Implications

- 8 The IT infrastructure cost to establish this licence category in our licence sales system would be somewhere in the vicinity of \$30-50k. However, if this was incorporated into wider amendments to our backcountry/designated waters licence sales system then there may be some economies of scale to be achieved.
- 9 This would need to be funded from reserves, but would be recovered via licence sales.

Legislative Implications

- 10 Ministerial approval is required to introduce a new licence category in the Sports Fish Licences, Fees and Forms Notice 2022. That process is set out above.

Section 4 Treaty Responsibilities

- 11 No direct s4 responsibilities identified.

Policy Implications

- 12 This would in effect set policy via a new licence category and would broadly align with Fish and Game's direction on managing pressure sensitive fisheries.

Risks and mitigations

- 13 Risks occur in two primary areas:

- 13.1 Financial risks:

- 13.1.1 There is the potential, albeit very low, that there is a negative reaction from non-resident anglers to this system and resultantly we see a reduction in non-resident licence sales. However, this is very unlikely as non-resident anglers have been shown through our market research to be the least price sensitive category of licence holders.

- 13.1.2 There is also the potential that we do not recoup on the cost of the infrastructure costs, however this is also extremely unlikely.

- 13.2 Ministerial rejection

- 13.2.1 There is a potential that the Minister does not approve a designated waters licence category given the Government's indications on reluctance to jeopardise the recovery of the tourism industry. However, as we currently have a functional licence sales system this does not represent a significant risk in the short term.

- 13.2.2 The greater risk as a result of the Minister rejecting the proposal is that it may substantially jeopardise the potential for Fish and Game to advance a comprehensive pressure sensitive management system in the future. This is particularly the case as a designated waters licence is a recommended component of the PSF management system that is currently being consulted on.

Consultation

- 14 Regions will be consulted via the licence fee consultation process.

Increase to NR Licence Fee & Designated Waters Licence Category

Supplementary Policy Advice

19 May 2022

Prepared by: Jack Kós, Senior Policy Advisor, NZ Fish and Game Council

Introduction

1. Following NZC decisions on:
 - a. Proposed increases to non-resident licence fees; and
 - b. A prospective new licence category called a Designated Waters licence.NZC staff are now in a position to give further policy advice to enable decisions to be made. Fish and Game will continue to undertake further policy analysis, which will be incorporated into the full licence fee submission in mid-June 2022.

Increase to the Non-Resident Licence Fee

2. New Zealand Fish and Game Council is currently consulting with regional Fish and Game Councils on a non-resident adult whole season licence fee of \$250.
3. In short, the increase is being recommended for two policy reasons:
 - a. To achieve parity with comparable non-resident licence fees internationally; and
 - b. To offset increases to the resident licence fee in the long term.
4. Non-resident licences were first issued for the 2014/15 sports fishing season at a cost of \$160, or 1.3x the resident licence fee. This ratio continued until the 2021/22 season, when it was increased to 1.35x (\$185). This represents the most recent ratio and fee approved by the Minister and is the starting point for considering the prospective increase.
5. New Zealand Fish & Game's internal licence fee setting process requires that the New Zealand Fish and Game Council (NZC) recommends a fee for consultation to regional Fish and Game Councils (this the stage we are at currently). Regional Fish and Game Councils then consider this recommendation and provide feedback to NZC. NZC then, having regard to the views of regional Fish and Game Councils, recommends the licence fees and categories to the Minister. It is necessary to note that the proposed fee of \$250 is not a final recommendation to the Minister.
6. It is intended that this increase is applied to the whole season non-resident licence and that the same proportionate increase is applied to non-resident adult day and junior/child licences. The specific fee for day licences will be reached following internal consultation. Currently the figure being consulted on is \$47/day, but early indications of regional feedback suggest that the final recommended fee may be reduced after consultation.

Policy basis for increasing non-resident licence fee

7. NZC are basing their recommended increase to the non-resident whole season licence price on two primary policy arguments:
- a. Achieving parity with international fisheries:
 - i. New Zealand's sports fishery is an internationally world class freshwater fishery. In particular, the ability to sight fish for large trout in scenic settings is a unique feature on a world scale that sees significant numbers of anglers travel here from around the world. It cannot be stressed enough how highly valued this feature of our fishery is, or the regard to which New Zealand's trout fishery is held, with international anglers.
 - ii. Accordingly, in making licence fee comparisons with international fisheries it is important to compare it with comparably premium fisheries (note, internationally these fisheries are often for salmon or sea run trout as opposed to resident trout as in New Zealand) as opposed to simply freshwater fisheries generally.
 1. For this reason, comparisons with Australian fisheries are not relevant, as except for Tasmania their fisheries are not of a similar standard (and even Tasmania does not see the same degree of international angling tourism).
 - iii. It is further important to note that New Zealand's sports fishery is comparably accessible for anglers, as it is common for significant portions of premium international fisheries to be locked up in private ownership. As a result, a New Zealand whole season licence fee enables anglers to fish a very wide range of world class rivers, lakes and canals.
 1. For this reason, comparisons with United Kingdom, Argentina and many other fisheries are not relevant given the very high proportion of privately owned fisheries in those countries, meaning that a licence fee is not the primary cost of fishing a locality.
 - iv. The below sets out the fees and ratios for resident and non-resident anglers across a range of premium fisheries around the world and includes all fees necessary to fish. Focus has been put on fisheries that receive significant angling tourism.

Country/State	Resident	Non-Resident	Non-resident Proportion
New Zealand (excl. Taupō)	\$137	\$185	1.35x resident
<i>Proposed NZ (excl. Taupō) fee</i>	\$145	\$250	<i>1.72x resident</i>
Taupō, New Zealand	\$99	\$129	1.3x resident

British Columbia, Canada (sea run rainbow trout)	\$36 licence, \$25 steelhead stamp, \$15 classified waters licence = CA\$76 (NZ\$86)	\$80 licence, \$60 steelhead stamp, \$40/day Class 2 classified waters ticket or \$20/day Class 2 classified water ticket = CA\$140 (NZ\$157 + per diem fee of \$24.5-49.5)	2.3x resident + per diem fee
Washington, USA (salmon/sea run rainbow trout)	\$36 licence, \$8.75 Columbia Basin endorsement = US\$44.75 (NZ\$68)	\$84.5 licence, \$8.75 Columbia Basin endorsement = US\$93.25 (NZ\$141.5)	2.1x resident
Oregon, USA (salmon/sea run rainbow trout)	\$41 licence, \$40.5 salmon/steelhead tag, \$9.75 Columbia Basin endorsement = US\$91.25 (NZ\$138.5)	\$103.5 licence, \$60.5 salmon/steelhead tag, \$9.75 Columbia Basin endorsement = US\$173.75 (NZ\$264)	1.9x resident
Alaska, USA (salmon/sea run rainbow trout)	\$29 licence, \$10 salmon stamp = US\$39 (NZ\$59)	\$145 licence, \$100 salmon stamp = US\$245 (NZ\$372)	6.3x resident
Quebec, Canada (salmon)	\$22.79 licence, \$50.99 salmon tag = CA\$73.79 (NZ\$83)	\$81.54 licence, \$163.30 salmon tag = CA\$244.93 (NZ\$276)	3.3x resident

- v. The above table demonstrates that New Zealand's non-resident licence fee is currently at the lower end of licence fees for comparable fisheries internationally both in terms of total fee and as a proportion of the resident fee.
- vi. Because all of the above localities' fisheries are managed by Government departments, whereas New Zealand's sports fishery management is unique in that no portion of the costs of managing are Government funded, ratios are a less useful metric than overall licence cost.
- vii. Based on the above analysis a whole season non-resident licence fee of \$250 would better align New Zealand's licence fees with comparable fisheries internationally. Significantly, it would not put us ahead of other highly prized tourism fisheries internationally though arguably given the open access and extent of our fisheries this would be justified.
- b. Off-setting resident licence fees
- i. Fish & Game New Zealand is committed to ensuring that New Zealand's sports fishery remains accessible in terms of licence fees. Accordingly, one of the primary reasons for proposing an increase to the non-resident licence fee is to offset future resident licence fee increases.

- ii. Market research has demonstrated that resident anglers are a comparatively price sensitive category, in particular family licence holders, as compared to non-resident anglers. Continuing to raise resident licence fees on a long-term basis may see a diminishment in domestic licence sales and a reduction in overall anglers. We do not believe this point has been reached yet but are consciously looking for mechanisms to offset resident licence fee increases in the future.
- iii. Because of the uncertainty around forecasting the number of non-resident anglers that will visit New Zealand for the 2022/23 season, relying on a non-resident licence increase and not increasing resident licence sales for this season would represent a significant risk to Fish & Game and was not considered feasible from a budgeting perspective. Hence, NZC are consulting internally on a CPI only increase for resident licence categories.
- iv. However, NZC are consulting on an increased non-resident licence fee so that once we can accurately forecast non-resident licence sales again the increase in non-resident licence fees will enable resident fee increases to be offset.
- v. Pre-Covid, Fish & Game sold approximately 7,000 adult whole season non-resident licences. Based on these figures and assuming an eventual return to these levels of angling tourism, increasing the adult whole season non-resident licence fee to \$250 would see a net increase in Fish and Game licence sales income of approximately \$385,000. Increasing non-resident day licences would see a further increase of between \$50,000 to 100,000 depending on the final fee recommended. This would therefore mean that Fish & Game was able to absorb a further \$435,000 to 485,000 of increased costs prior to increasing the resident licence fees and that on an ongoing basis non-resident angling tourists were contributing a higher proportion of the overall costs of managing New Zealand's sports fishery.

Designated Waters Licence Category

- 8. This licence category would function akin to a backcountry licence and would be a licence by endorsement eligible to all whole season licence holders (i.e. the same eligibility requirements as backcountry and sea run salmon licence endorsements). As with backcountry fisheries, regional Fish and Game Councils would recommend fisheries that it would apply to as part of the Sports Fish Licences Fees and Forms Notice and Anglers Notice process. Overall, Designated Waters fisheries would constitute a tiny fraction of New Zealand's total freshwater fishery meaning that the vast majority of waters would be available to all anglers without any additional licencing requirements. Licence holders wishing to fish a Designated Water would:
 - a. If they are a resident angler, acquire a whole season designated waters licence endorsement at zero fee; or
 - b. If they are a non-resident angler, acquire a daily designated waters licence endorsement at a fee of \$50 for each day they intend to fish a designated fishery.

9. At this stage this proposal remains in the early stages of consultation with regional Fish and Game Councils and the New Zealand Council will not recommend this licence category to the Minister unless there is strong support for it amongst regional Fish and Game Councils. However, as the New Zealand Fish and Game Council are formally consulting with regional Fish and Game Councils on this it is necessary to brief the Minister accordingly. It should be stressed, however, that this proposal is more likely to be recommended for the 2023/24 season when a comprehensive pressure management system is recommended to the Minister for policy approval.
10. If this licence category is recommended to the Minister, but the Minister does not believe it is viable to impose two restrictions on non-resident anglers in the same season, Fish and Game's preference is for the non-resident licence fee to be increased for the 2022/23 season and for the Designated Waters concept to be advanced at a subsequent stage.

Policy justification for Designated Waters Licence Category

11. All policy justifications behind the Designated Waters licence category are centred on the management of unsustainable angling pressure in specific localities and addressing the displacement of resident anglers from these places. In short, Fish and Game is looking to achieve parity between resident and non-resident use of sensitive fisheries, which requires a reduction in the proportion of non-resident angler use of these fisheries.
12. There are three specific policy arguments to this proposal:
- a. Differential pricing as a disincentive to non-resident anglers.
 - i. The primary reason for recommending a daily fee for non-resident anglers to fish specific fisheries is to disincentivise non-resident angler from fishing the waters classified as Designated Waters. Currently non-resident angling effort is disproportionately concentrated on certain fisheries that have an international reputation (up to 83% of total angling effort), and Fish and Game seek to disperse this angling effort across a wider range of the fishery to avoid such concentrations.
 - ii. Pricing is an internationally standard mechanism to address unsustainable tourism and achieve the dispersal of highly concentrated tourism pressure. It is highlighted in the UNESCO World Heritage Sustainable Tourism online toolkit as an effective mechanism for dispersing pressure.
 - iii. Both this and the subsequent justification are analogous to the differential pricing trial that DOC undertook on select great walk huts that received disproportionately high non-resident usage. As a result of the differential pricing, resident use of these huts increased significantly as a proportion of total use (40% to 54%) and in terms of actual numbers (an increase of 18%). This is what Fish & Game is seeking to achieve for its pressure sensitive fisheries.
 - b. Differential pricing as an incentive to resident anglers.
 - i. Resident anglers have been displaced from sensitive fisheries by both physical displacement and perception displacement. Perception

displacement occurs where there is a perception that a fishery is subject to sufficient angling pressure that it is not worth the angler attempting to fish this location. In particular, the perception amongst a large number of resident anglers is that certain fisheries receive unsustainably non-resident pressure.

- ii. By imposing a fee for non-resident anglers and offering a zero-fee licence to resident anglers Fish and Game are sending a pricing signal to resident anglers that they are taking positive steps to address angler displacement and create opportunities for resident anglers to fish places they feel they have been displaced from.
- c. Data on non-resident angler use of sensitive fisheries
- i. Currently Fish and Game acquires data on use of sensitive fisheries through external research such as the National Angling Survey undertaken every seven years or internal surveying of backcountry licence holders. Both methods are expensive, time consuming and subject to human error.
 - ii. Because Designated Waters licences would be necessary for specific fisheries and for specific time periods this licence category would generate extremely valuable and accurate data on non-resident angler use of sensitive fisheries automatically through the licence sales portal.
 - iii. Resultantly, we will know the exact number of non-resident angling days on Designated Waters, how this angling pressure is spread across the angling season and how angling pressure on different Designated Waters compare.
 - iv. This data can then be fed back into the pressure sensitive management system and will provide grounds for future management action where appropriate.

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

2022/2023 Draft Annual Operational Work Plan and Budget

Please find attached an updated 2022/2023 Annual Operational Work Plan and Budget, which reflects the Managers / NZC recommendation of \$145.00 for Fish licence and \$107.00 for Game licence.

This plan will be presented for adoption to Council at our August meeting subject to approval of licence fees from the Minister.

Recommendation

That the updated draft 2022/2023 Annual Operational Work Plan and Budget, be received.

Jilli Steedman
SECRETARY
30th May 2022

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN

FOR THE YEAR

1 SEPTEMBER 2022 TO 31 AUGUST 2023

Presented 26th March 2022

Adopted

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1 INTRODUCTION

Section 26 Q(1)(e)(ii) of the Conservation Act 1987 requires an Annual Operational Plan be prepared by each Fish and Game Council. This Plan is the Council's contract with its stakeholders and defines the results to be achieved and costs to be incurred for the financial year.

This Annual Operational Plan is shaped by Taranaki Fish & Game Council's 5 Year Strategic Plan which is reviewed annually, and also by the Taranaki Sports Fish and Game Management Plan 2011

2 PURPOSE OF TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL

The Council is a public entity, created by statute (The Conservation Act 1987) to manage, maintain and enhance the sports fish and game bird resources of its region, in the recreational interests of anglers and hunters.

The Council works to achieve this by striving to manage gamebird and sports fish populations in a sustainable way that also maximises user success and satisfaction. Fundamental to this is protecting and enhancing the habitat of these species so they can thrive, as well as setting regulations that protect species sustainability while allowing for use.

It is also essential Council provides hunters and anglers with the information, tools and opportunities to readily participate in and successfully utilise these resources.

To best identify and meet the needs of hunters and anglers it is essential that Council reflects the diversity of licence holders and this is a key objective of Council over the next several years.

Council and its licence holders are also part of a much larger community and need to play their part in terms of health, recreation, conservation and Treaty of Waitangi responsibilities and including ensuring wider support for hunting and fishing. This is an area of increasing focus for Council.

3 OPERATION OF TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL

The Council currently consists of 8 Councillors who were elected in November 2021. Councillors are elected three-yearly by fish and game licence holders in the Council's region and the next elections will be held in November 2024. The Council meets at least six times per year to direct the Council's management and to make its policy decisions.

The Council's Regional Office is based in New Plymouth. The Council has three members of staff – an Acting Regional Manager, Secretary and Field Officer.

4 DIRECTORY

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5. STATEMENT OF OPERATIONAL SERVICE PERFORMANCE

Output Class	Objective	Planned Result	Performance Measures
Species Management	<p>Obtain accurate and pertinent information to guide and enable effective management decisions to maximise user success and satisfaction while ensuring the sustainability of sports fish and gamebird populations across the region.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assess juvenile trout recruitment in Waiongana/ Mangaoraka Stream to identify threats to and opportunities for the maintenance and enhancement of the fishery (yr 2 of 2). 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. 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 4 of 5). 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 	<p>Reports produced on the status of the region's trout fisheries and including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angler catch rates across the region; • Waiongana/ Mangaoraka Stream; • Waingongoro River (interim report). <p>Number of ducks banded and bands returned by hunters</p> <p>Population status and harvest detailed for each gamebird species and used to</p>

	<p>Supplement trout fishing opportunities with appropriate stocking that is valued, cost effective in terms of the return to the angler and which retains community support.</p>	<p>population impacts, set effective regulations and inform management directions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Participate in National Hunter Survey to derive a robust estimate of annual game bird harvest and hunter success. 7. 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 8. Review and develop a position on the release of upland game birds 9. Provide advice and support practical and effective predator control opportunities that assist game bird populations. 10. Undertake annual trout stocking programme which concentrates on creating and maintaining valued lake fisheries. 11. Undertake trial release of 2-year-old rainbow trout into the lower Patea River to assess the potential for a long-term programme (yr 4) 12. Undertake monitoring of angler returns from the 	<p>guide the setting of game bird hunting regulations</p> <p>Estimate of gamebird harvest for 2023 game season derived for each species.</p> <p>Appropriate and effective regulations in place for fishing and hunting seasons</p> <p>Completion of annual stocking programme including trial release into the lower Patea River</p>
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	<p>Provide effective compliance to protect resource sustainability (including revenue base) and user experience to maintain licence holder satisfaction.</p> <p>Proactively manage problem aggregations of gamebirds in the interests of both hunters and property owners and managers.</p>	<p>2017-2021 releases of tagged brown and rainbow trout into the lower Patea River.</p> <p>13. Operate Hawera hatchery in an effective, cost efficient and sustainable manner utilising volunteer support to meet the identified stocking objectives.</p> <p>14. Maintain a skilled honorary ranger team of at least 12 rangers consistent with requirements and objectives of the Compliance Policy and Strategy and also R3 principles.</p> <p>15. Undertake safe and effective compliance coverage across the Taranaki Region, including at least 100 licence checks of anglers and also of hunters.</p> <p>16. Process detected offences in a fair and timely way consistent with national prosecution guidelines.</p> <p>17. Manage problem aggregations of gamebirds through implementation of a special Paradise Shelduck season in Area C and proactively responding to and assisting landholders.</p>	<p>Hawera hatchery operation is effective and within budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of fish produced • Cost per fish • Volunteer satisfaction <p>Rangers trained, safe and effective</p> <p>Number of compliance checks, level of compliance exceeds 95% and outcomes reported of any non-compliance detected</p> <p>Implementation of special season including number of permits issued and harvest, along with number of permits to disturb issued.</p>
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Output Class	Objective	Planned Result	Performance Measures
<p>Habitat protection and management</p>	<p>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.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 2. Promote, encourage and support landowners to create, enhance and protect wetlands by providing sound technical advice and assistance to make successful applications to the GBHT and Hunting & 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. 4. Establish an environmental award to acknowledge and highlight outstanding contributions to the protection of sportfish or gamebird habitat 5. Seek effective environmental outcomes as part of the consenting of the Mangorei and Motukawa hydro schemes 	<p>Number of GBHT and H&H applications, also number of wetlands completed over the year.</p> <p>Level of involvement in statutory and community processes advocating for freshwater and game bird habitat. Progress with;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taranaki Natural Resources Plan • Mangorei and Motukawa consents • Lake Rotomanu water quality • Environmental award

	<p>Work collaboratively and proactively with landowners, other groups and iwi recognising the synergistic benefits and wider outcomes that can be achieved by this approach.</p> <p>Development of an effective Natural Resources Plan that protects freshwater and wetland habitats and which will also minimise Council costs in consent processes and free up resources for other management responses.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Promote and explore opportunities to improve water quality in Lake Rotomanu (yr 3 of 3) 7. Engage proactively and collaboratively with iwi & community groups to identify and protect/ enhance shared resource values including contributing to water related matters through the Taranaki Maunga Settlement process. 8. Represent Fish & Game and provide valued input to the Te Awa Tupua process 9. Explore options with other parties to remove weirs in Timaru Stream at SH45 and in the Waingongoro River at Eltham. 10. Provide technical and administrative support and assistance to the joint Orautoha Stream Riparian Project to protect water quality in this catchment and the many values it supports. 11. Engage in and actively advocate for provisions which protect and/ or enhance sports fish & game bird habitat in the Taranaki Natural Resources Plan development process. 	<p>Valued contribution to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Te Kōpuka nā Te awa Tupua • Whangaehu Freshwater Improvement Fund • Other iwi initiatives including removal of Timaru Weir <p>Co-ordination & production of annual report to WRET detailing progress towards funding objectives</p> <p>Are actively involved in the plan development process in the interests of hunters and anglers</p>
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Output Class	Objective	Planned Result	Performance Measures
Participation	<p data-bbox="395 595 624 871">Add value to licence holders by increasing their opportunity, success and satisfaction and so retain them in the sport.</p> <p data-bbox="395 1099 608 1413">Encourage past and prospective hunters and anglers into the sport through initiatives which make it easy to have a go and/or provide support.</p>	<ol data-bbox="699 237 1070 2020" style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 2. Work with National Office to upgrade website and prepare information for an 'Introduction to duck hunting in the Taranaki Region'. 3. Develop and refine facebook and Instagram pages in line with any National Policy to regularly inform licence holders using these forums. 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 1-page regional supplement (plus features) 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 	<p data-bbox="1098 309 1321 405">Review, refine and produce new web pages, including;</p> <ul data-bbox="1145 416 1382 696" style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to duck hunting in the Taranaki region • Waingongoro River access • Kaupokonui River access <p data-bbox="1098 1211 1374 1379">Contact with licence holders through implementation of social media pages and email list</p> <p data-bbox="1098 1603 1350 1738">Production of quality online and magazine supplements and newsletters</p>

		<p>licence holders when requested.</p> <p>9. Replace/ erect 2 -3 new signs which provide anglers with helpful on-site information re access and regulations consistent with identified priorities.</p> <p>10. Continue to explore opportunities to install 3rd angling platform on Lake Mangamahoe (yr 3 of 3).</p> <p>11. Provide organised fishing opportunities consistent with R3 objectives and branding and in association with volunteer groups for kids and families.</p> <p>12. Explore options for ongoing opportunities for kids and families based on trout releases into local waters and threshold experiences (yr 3 of 3)</p> <p>13. Explore future options for Stratford fishing day and identify preferred option (yr 2 of 2)</p> <p>14. Review, negotiate, publicise and issue access permits to publicly available hunting areas and actively seek and develop new opportunities.</p> <p>15. Identify and explore mentoring schemes to support new hunters and implement most promising option (yr 3 of 3)</p>	<p>Provision of signage to guide and inform anglers including signage on the Te Araroa trail</p> <p>Decision on provision of 3rd Lake Mangamahoe platform</p> <p>Identification, development and delivery of family fishing opportunities consistent with R3 objectives</p> <p>Provision of game bird hunting access and permits</p> <p>Identification of possible mentoring options for new hunters</p>
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		<p>16. Develop web based introductory package for anglers highlighting access opportunities and methods to get started</p> <p>17. Proactively take opportunities to make effective representation in statutory and other community processes to maintain or enhance hunting or angling access and opportunity.</p> <p>18. Complete review of Kaupokonui River access information and implement identified opportunities to assist angler access.</p> <p>19. Assess satisfaction and success of Taranaki Region anglers using catch rates from a voluntary diary scheme and online satisfaction survey.</p> <p>20. Locate and publicise quality trout and perch recipes that enable anglers to make good use of these species</p> <p>21. Implement actions to influence hunter behaviour as identified in hunter behaviour strategy to maximise enjoyment and participation and also public support for gamebird hunting.</p> <p>22. Provision of ready and valued support and assistance to licence agents such that they are kept up to date, resourced and operate as effective agents.</p>	<p>Web based package is available, and new anglers are aware of it and can easily access the information</p> <p>Kaupokonui River access information updated on website and options to assist further access identified</p> <p>Report on level of angler satisfaction with the region's trout fisheries</p> <p>Provision of high-quality trout and perch recipes</p> <p>Programme to improve hunter behaviour is in place</p>
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Output Class	Objective	Planned Result	Performance Measures
Iwi & public interaction	<p>Work proactively and collaboratively with iwi at all levels consistent with Treaty of Waitangi obligations and responsibilities regarding the protection and use of natural resources</p> <p>Strong relationships and involvement with DOC and local and regional councils to effectively represent the interests of hunters and anglers in formal decision-making processes</p> <p>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 opportunity to participate.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proactively engage, work and collectively share with iwi and hapu within the region on matters affecting wetland and freshwater resources or their use. 2. Liaise with Department of Conservation and Conservation Boards and proactively engage and work with Regional and District councils and community & industry groups. 3. Recognise and pursue opportunities to contribute to the wider community including 'Wild for Taranaki' and 'Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust' 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 	<p>Engagement and involvement with iwi and hapu in statutory processes and also at a local level</p> <p>Engagement with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOC • Regional Councils • Wild for Taranaki • Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust • Federated Farmers

		<p>means of collecting natural organic foods and engaging in a physical healthy lifestyle.</p> <p>6. Maintain a positive and constructive profile in the media which encourages prospective participants and fosters support and understanding among the general public.</p> <p>7. Implement revised media strategy and including incorporating any National Policy</p>	<p>Media profile including media releases and responses and including implementation of revised media strategy</p>
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Output Class	Objective	Planned Result	Performance Measures
<p>Council Administration</p>	<p>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.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not less than six meetings of Council are held and meetings are conducted consistent with provisions of the Standing Orders. 2. Identification and implementation of options and strategies to increase the diversity of Council and iwi involvement 3. The 5-Year Strategic Plan is reviewed and agreed by Council by March 2023. 4. Formulation and adoption of an Annual Operational Plan and Budget for 2023/24 consistent with the 5-Year Strategic Plan. 5. Presentation by Council of its audited annual report for 2021/22 not later than 31 December 2022. Report to be consistent with tier 2 Service Performance standards and requirements 6. Effective regional policies are developed, adopted and reviewed as required and are consistent with any National Policy requirements. 7. Progress reporting of licence sales, work progress and financial position is timely and accurate and supports sound financial and operational management and oversight. 	<p>Effective Council governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of meetings • Options to increase Council diversity and iwi involvement are pursued • Review of 5-year plan and development of 2023-24 annual plan • Number of new policies and policies reviewed • Sound financial management • % completion annual plan • Audited annual report • Governance training for Council

	<p>Operate consistent with National Policy and make valued contributions to the management of the resource and F&G nationally in the interests of all licence holders.</p> <p>Make best use of new systems, processes and technology to maximise administrative efficiencies and minimise costs so resources are available for use elsewhere.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Effective administration such that the Council is within annual budget (\pm 5%), operates consistent with best practice and at least 90% of its annual plan is completed. 9. Effective staff management including performance reviews completed and new objectives agreed for staff, and regular staff meetings such that staff are aware of what is generally occurring and have ready opportunity for input into decisions and management direction. 10. Implement any outcomes and directions from Fish & Game Ministerial Review and /or National Council reviews 11. Effective communication and liaison with NZ Fish & Game Council and other Fish & Game regions including valued input and comment on Fish & Game issues and attendance at Fish & Game Managers meetings. 12. Contribute to National Office by providing valued advice, assistance and feedback on national issues and processes as requested. 13. Refine financial administration, reporting and analysis working with NZF&G Council and staff 	<p>National review directions and requirements are effectively implemented</p> <p>Contribution to wider F&G organisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managers meetings • Input to National policy • Advice to National office and other regions
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	<p>Demonstrate a commitment to Health & Safety and ensuring the welfare of staff and others through effective policy, systems, resourcing and oversight.</p>	<p>14. All processes and activities are undertaken consistent with Council Health & Safety Policy and Manual.</p> <p>15. 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.</p> <p>16. 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.</p>	<p>Effective and robust Health & Safety system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular agenda reports • Policy, Manual and HCP's up to date • Audits and reviews completed as required • Number of near misses
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TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
BUDGETED STATEMENT OF PROJECT EXPENDITURE,
OVERHEADS AND TIME ALLOCATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	SPECIES MANAGEMENT	External costs	Hours	Internal Costs	Income	Nett Cost
	Population Monitoring					
1111	Fish Population Assessment	200	150	12,382	200	12,382
1112	Game Bird Population Assessment	1,900	320	26,415		28,315
1113	Population Monitoring Flights	8,000				8,000
		10,100	470	38,797	200	48,697
	Harvest Assessment					
1121	National Hunter Survey		20	1,651		1,651
1123	Special Game Bird Season		30	2,476	500	1,976
		-	50	4,127	500	3,627
	Hatchery Operations					
1141	Hatchery	8,500	85	7,016		15,516
		8,500	85	7,016		15,516
	Releases					
1161	Kids Fishing Days	6,000	110	9,080		15,080
		6,000	110	9,080		15,080
	Regulations					
1171	Season Regulations		30	2,476		2,476
			30	2,476		2,476
	Control					
1181	Game Bird Dispersal	2,500	120	9,906	750	11,656
		2,500	120	9,906	750	11,656
	HABITAT PROTECTION / MANAGEMENT					
	Resource Management Act					
1211	RMA Consents		500	41,273		41,273
			500	41,273		41,273
	Assisted Habitat					
1231	Sports Fish Habitat Management & Enhancement		100	8,255		8,255
1232	Gamebird Habitat Management & Enhancement		150	12,382		12,382
1233	Taranaki Hunting & Habitat Projects	15,000	150	12,382	15,000	12,382
1234	Manganuioteao River Riparian Project	5,000				5,000
		20,000	400	33,019	15,000	38,019

		External costs	Hours	Internal Costs	Income	Nett Cost
	Assessing & Monitoring					
1241	Sports Fish Habitat Monitoring		20	1,651		1,651
1242	Gamebird Habitat Monitoring		80	6,604		6,604
			100	8,255		8,255
	PARTICIPATION					
	Access					
1311	Angler Access		80	6,604		6,604
1312	Hunter Access		15	1,238		1,238
1313	Access Permit – Upland Game	400	5	413		813
1315	Signage	600				600
		1,000	100	8,255		9,255
	Satisfaction Survey					
1321	Licence Holder Satisfaction Surveys		10	825		825
			10	825		825
	Newsletter & Magazine					
1331	Fish & Game Magazine		40	3,302		3,302
1333	Regional Newsletter	9,500	60	4,953		14,453
1335	Web pages / Ezine		40	3,302		3,302
		9,500	140	11,557		21,057
	Training					
1351	Angler Support	1,000				1,000
1352	Hunter Support	1,000				1,000
		2,000				2,000
	Club Relations					
1362	Club Visits / Club Donations	300	10	825		1,125
		300	10	825		1,125
	PUBLIC INTERFACE					
	Liaison					
1411	Liaison		30	2,476		2,476
1412	Iwi Liaison	100	40	3,302		3,402
		100	70	5,778		5,878
	Communication					
1421	Information to clients		70	5,778		5,778
			70	5,778		5,778
	Advocacy					
1431	Advocacy	1,100	250	20,637		21,737
		1,100	250	20,637		21,737
	Public Awareness					
1441	Hunting & Angling Promotions	3,300	30	2,476		5,776
			30	2,564		5,776

		External costs	Hours	Internal Costs	Income	Nett Cost
	COMPLIANCE					
	Ranging					
1511	Ranger Management	500	72	5,943		6,443
1521	Ranger Training	500	40	3,302		3,802
		1,000	112	9,245		10,245
	Compliance					
1531	Compliance	1,200	150	12,382	1,000	12,582
1535	Diversion	900	20	1,651		2,551
		2,100	170	14,033	1,000	15,133
	LICENCING					
	Agent Servicing					
1621	Licence Agent Servicing	1,000	50	4,127		5,127
1622	Commission	9,281				9,281
		10,281	50	4,127		14,408
	COUNCIL					
	Council Meetings					
1721	Council Meetings	9,500	280	23,113		32,613
		9,500	280	23,113		32,613
	PLANNING / REPORTING					
	Management / Strategic Planning					
1811	Management Planning	1,000	20	1,651		2,651
1812	Staff Management		20	1,651		1,651
		1,000	40	3,302		4,302
	Annual OWP / Budget / Fee Setting					
1821	Business & Operational Planning		40	3,302		3,302
			40	3,302		3,302
	Reporting Audit					
1831	OSH	500	55	4,540		5,040
1833	Auditor	5,840				5,840
		6,340	55	4,540		10,880
	National Liaison					
1841	Managers / National Office Liaison	100	160	13,207		13,307
		100	160	13,207		13,307
	TOTAL OUTPUT COSTS	94,721	3452	284,951	17,450	362,222

OVERHEADS

1911	Staff Salaries	226,172
1915	Kiwi Saver Contributions	6,785
1921	ACC Levy	700
1922	Fringe Benefit Tax	1,000
1923	Staff Training	2,000
1925	Staff Expenses	200
1941	Office Rent	22,200
1951	Office Equipment Purchases <\$2,000	500
1961	Telephone / fax	4,500
1962	Postage	1,200
1964	Stationery	2,000
1965	Photocopying	50
1972	Subscriptions	700
1974	Bank Charges	200
1975	Petty Cash	350
1976	Insurance General	1,500
1981	Field Equipment/PPE Purchases (<\$2,000)	2,500
1982	Field Equipment PPE / Clothing replacement	894
1983	Field Equipment/PPE Maintenance	400
1991	Whanganui Vehicle	7,200
1992	New Plymouth Vehicle	7,200
1996	Trailer Side X side	200
1997	Polaris	300
1999	Trailer Hatchery	200
	TOTAL OVERHEAD COSTS	288,951
1917	Wellington Fish & Game Admin	-4,000
		284,951
	STAFF HOURS (OUTPUT)	3452
	INTERNAL COST PER HOUR	82.55

7. **TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**
BUDGETED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BUDGETED SUM</u>
<u>Income</u>	
Game Licences (Extrapolated LEQ of 1,110) @ \$107 (\$102) less GBHT Stamp \$5 per licence	98,452
Sports Fish Licences (Extrapolated LEQ of 855) @ \$145	107,794
<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>206,246</u>
<u>Other Income</u>	
Species Management	1,450
Habitat Protection & Management	15,000
Compliance	1,000
Admin Contract	4,000
Interest	1,477
NZ Fish and Game Grant	168,065
<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>190,992</u>
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>397,238</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Species Management	27,100
Habitat Protection & Management	20,000
Angler / Hunter Participation	12,800
Public Interface	4,500
Compliance	3,100
Licencing	10,281
Councils	9,500
Planning / Reporting	7,440
<u>Total Project Expenditure</u>	<u>94,721</u>
<u>Other Expenditure</u>	
Employee related costs	236,857
Other Operating Expenses	52,094
ARF	10,000
Loss of Interest	7,828
<u>Total Other Expenditure</u>	<u>306,779</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>401,500</u>
Depreciation	21,289
Surplus (Deficit)	(25,551)

8. **TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**
BUDGETED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BUDGETED</u> <u>SUM</u>
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	110,000
Debtors and Other Receivables	29,000
Total Current Assets	<hr/> 139,000
NON CURRENT ASSETS	
Fish Project Reserve	6,586
Manganuioteao River Riparian Project	2,629
Habitat & Hunting Scheme	347,521
Non-resident licence fund	7,794
Asset Replacement Reserve	4,540
Property Plant & Equipment	70,505
Investments	5,000
Total Non-Current Assets	<hr/> 444,575
TOTAL ASSETS	<hr/> 583,575 <hr/>
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Creditors and Other Payables	55,000
Employee Entitlements	24,000
Total Current Liabilities	<hr/> 79,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<hr/> 79,000
NET ASSETS	<hr/> 504,575 <hr/>

9. **TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**
BUDGETED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Cash was received from:

Licence Sales	206,246
Grants, donations and fundraising	168,065
Interest	1,477
Other revenue	21,450
Total Cash received	397,238

Cash was applied to

Payments to suppliers	146,815
Payments to employees	236,857
GST (net)	-
Total Cash applied	383,672

Nett Cash Flows from Operating Activities	13,566
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CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING & FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Cash was received from:

Sale of property, plant and equipment	-
Sale of investments / deposits	-

Cash was applied to:

Purchase of property, plant & equipment	-
Purchase of investments / deposits	-

Net Cash Flows from Investing and Financing	-
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Net Increase / (decrease) in cash	13,566
Opening Cash	112,449
Closing Cash	126,015

10. **TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**
BUDGETED STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	<u>BUDGETED SUM</u>
Equity at Start of Year	530,126
Surplus & Revaluations	
Net Surplus (deficit)	(25,551)
Total income and expense	<u>(25,551)</u>
Equity at End of Year	<u><u>504,575</u></u>

11. TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE 2022/2023

	Cost Price	Opening Book Value 1/09/2022	Additions Disposals	Gain/Loss on Disposal	Capital Profit	Month	Rate	\$	Accum Depreciation 31/8/2023	Book Value 31/8/2023
Trout Hatchery Hawera	16,451								16,451	
New Vehicle (purch 2021/22)	50,000	45,000				12	24% DV	10,800	15,800	34,200
2019 Ford Ranger 4WD MMJ387	45,861	27,884				12	24% DV	6,692	24,669	21,192
Polaris S X S Motorbike	15,648	3,287				12	30% DV	986	13,347	2,301
Trailer Polaris	3,955	2,487				12	10% DV	249	1,717	2,238
Heat Pump NP Office	1,348	805				12	14.4% DV	116	659	689
Euro Tilt Cabinets	1,054	32				12	14.4% DV	5	1,027	27
Office Furniture Wanganui	2,794	71				12	24% DV	17	2,740	54
Criterion WB141 Bookcase (Rimu)	985	7				12	18% DV	1	979	6
Ergopius Corner Workstation New Plymouth	533	27				12	14.4% DV	4	510	23
HP Pro Desk 600 Computer & Software WGI	2,276	14				12	50% DV	7	2,269	7
Computer Whanganui Office (2020)	2,520	735				12	50% DV	367	2,153	368
Computer New Plymouth Office (2020)	2,340	683				12	50% DV	342	1,999	342
Computer New Plymouth Office (2021)	2,410	1,205				12	50% DV	603	1,808	603
Sharp MX-2314 photocopier	5,995	3,219				12	14.4% DV	464	3,240	2,755
Field Equipment	1,771	55				12	10% DV	5	1,722	50
Nephelometer	3,690	15				12	21.6% DV	3	3,678	12
Hatchery Deep Freeze	1,528	6				12	21.6% DV	1	1,523	5
Diving Gear & Wetsuit	884	8				12	21.6% DV	2	878	6
Electric Fishing Machine	13,186	6,254				12	10% DV	625	7,557	5,629
	175,229	91,794						21,289	104,724	70,505

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TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

2022 SPECIAL PARADISE SEASON REPORT

A 2-weekend (4-day) hunting season for paradise shelduck was held in Game Management Area C (Taranaki) on 26th – 27th February and 5th – 6th March 2022, with hunting hours from 6.30am to 8pm each day. To participate in the season, hunters were required to have a 2021 game licence (unless hunting on the land they occupied), obtain a \$5 permit (free for land occupiers) and fill in and return a diary. The daily bag limit was 10 paradise shelduck per hunter per day.

The special season was held to:

1. Disperse flocks of post-moult paradise shelduck which this year were causing a significant nuisance to farmers by grazing and fouling areas of new sown grass, recovering hay paddocks and fodder crops such as chicory; and
2. Provide an additional hunting opportunity for licence holders and land occupiers.

RESULTS

Permits were issued to 161 hunters, of which 105 went hunting, 46 didn't go out and 10 could not be contacted for their results (Table 1). Of the 54 land occupiers issued with permits, 16 went hunting, 33 didn't go out and five could not be contacted for their results.

Out-of-region hunters comprised 16.2% of hunters (Table 2), which was similar to 2021 and 2020 (Figure 1). Auckland/Waikato and Eastern licence holders made up most of the out-of-region participants (16 of 17 hunters). As usual, most hunters (88 in total) came from within the Taranaki region and 7.5% of Taranaki's 1,176 2021 game licence holders (1081 AWS + 95 JWS) participated in the 2022 special season.

The 105 active hunters participating in the season expended a total of 820 hours of effort for a harvest of 1,153 paradise shelduck, which corresponded to a success rate of 1.41 birds per hour (Table 3). Both the harvest and the success rate were about average (Tables 3 & 4, Fig. 2). While the special season harvest of paradise has remained remarkably stable in recent years, the total annual harvest over the wider region is trending downwards (Fig.3).

Of the 225 days spent hunting in 2022, 163 (72%) occurred on the first weekend and 62 (28%) on the second weekend. The average number of days per hunter (2.14) was the highest since the season was extended to two weekends in 2015 (Table 4).

In 2023, the special season will be extended to three weekends including Taranaki Anniversary Day, giving a total of seven days available for hunting.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE REPORT ON THE 2022 SPECIAL PARADISE SEASON, DATED 10th MAY 2022, BE RECEIVED.

Jilli Steedman
Allen Stancliff
10th May 2022

TABLE 1. Breakdown of Special Season Permits Issued, 2006-2022

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Nil Hunting	59	56	52	57	54	45	47	46	43	63	56	43	41	37	44	43	46
Not able to be contacted	0	5	5	7	10	5	3	6	2	3	0	2	2	3	3	4	10
Active Hunters – Area A																	
Active Hunters – Area B	35	21	26	36	19	16	12	14	8	9	18						
Active Hunters – Area C	126	97	109	122	111	102	130	116	114	132	113	99	94	104	109	108	105
Total Active Hunters	161	118	135	158	130	118	142	130	122	141	131	99	94	104	109	108	105
Total Permits Issued	220	179	192	222	194	168	192	182	167	207	187	144	137	144	156	155	161

TABLE 2. Origin of Participants in the Taranaki 2022 Special Season.

F&G Region	Area C	% from each Region
Auckland/Waikato	12	11.4
Eastern	4	3.8
Hawkes Bay	1	1.0
Taranaki	88	83.8
Total	105	

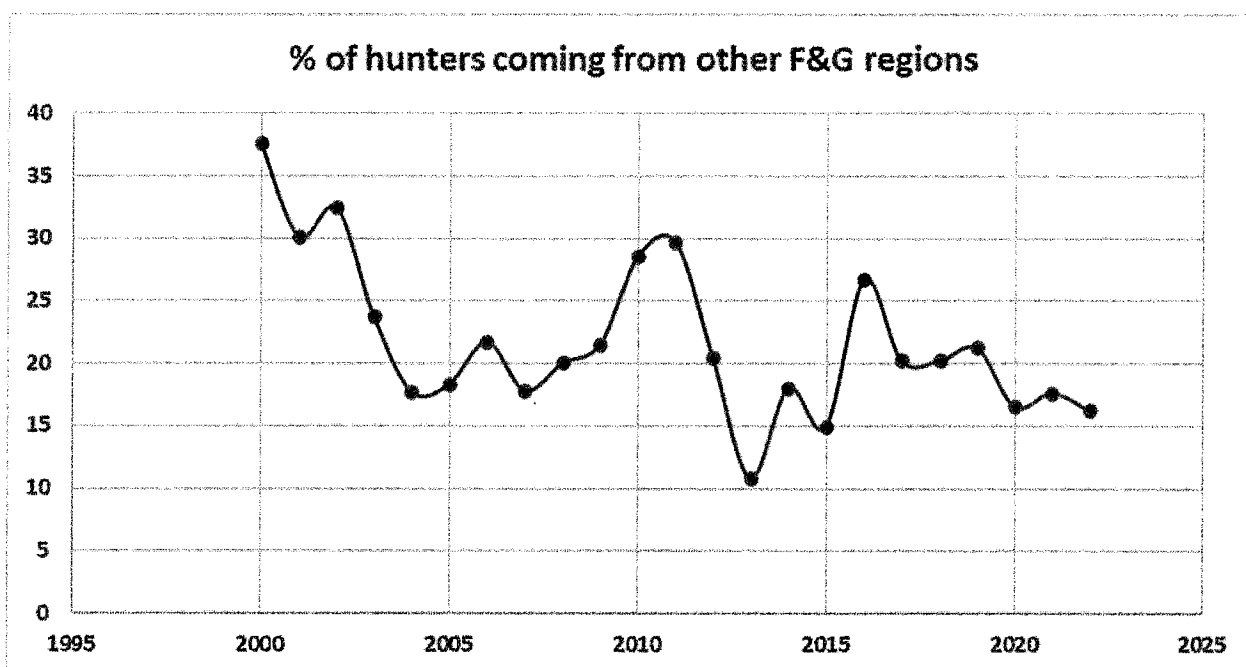


FIGURE 1. Proportion of Taranaki special season hunters coming from other Fish & Game Regions. No special season has been held in the Waimarino (Area A) since 2002 and in Whanganui (Area B) since 2016.

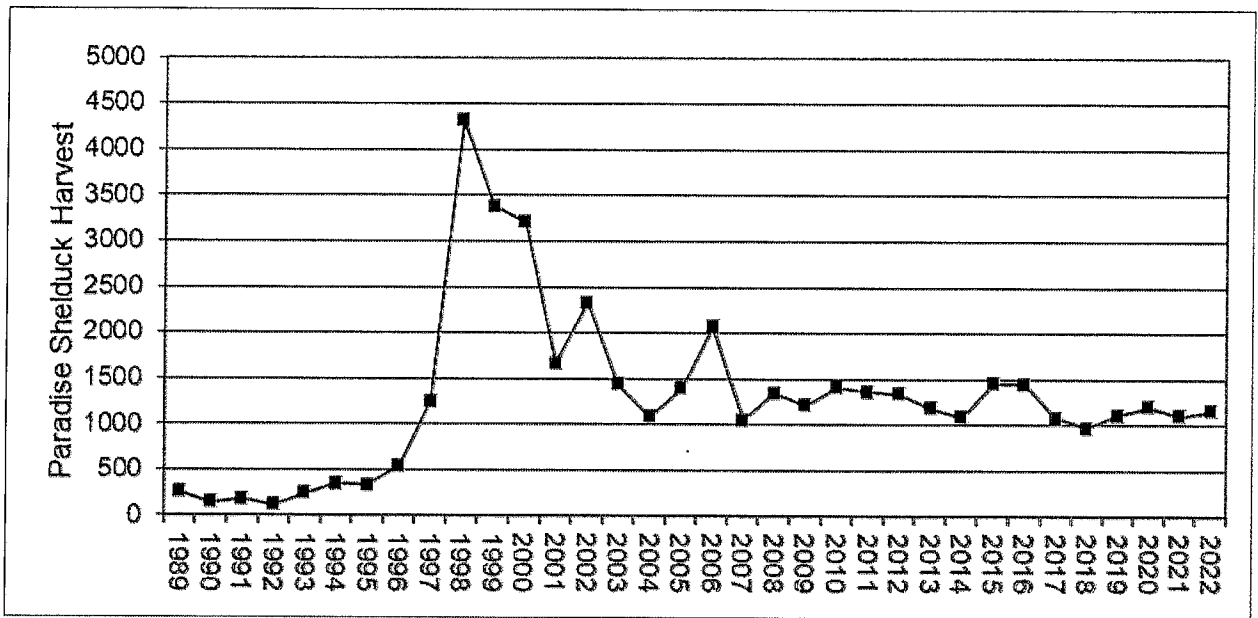


FIGURE 2. Taranaki region special season harvest of paradise shelduck. No special season has been held in the Waimarino since 2002 and in Whanganui since 2016.

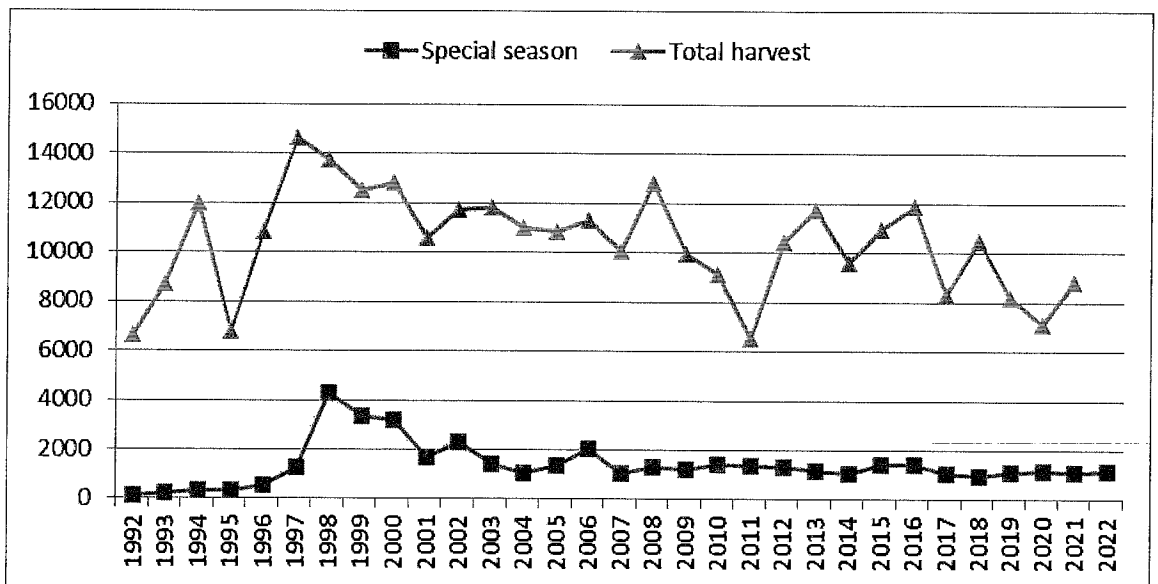


FIGURE 3. Taranaki special season and total annual harvest estimates for paradise shelduck. The total harvest estimate for 2015 does not include the harvest in Taranaki by hunters from other regions during the 2015 main season.

TABLE 3. Comparison of special paradise season harvest statistics. The season was extended to include Area C in 1998. There has not been a season in Area A since 2002 and in Area B since 2016.

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
No. Hunters	156	188	110	130	131	161	118	135	158	130	118	142	130	122	141	131	99	94	104	109	108	105
Paradise Shot	1,671	2,328	1,451	1,085	1,397	2,065	1,049	1,342	1,212	1,408	1,356	1,334	1,186	1,086	1,451	1,446	1,076	968	1,107	1,195	1,098	1,153
Not retrieved	56	55	50	29	49	58	70	41	26	35	52	37	65	71	33	33	56	49	35	36	36	33
Banded	2	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Geese Shot	83	89	37	55	76	72	57	87	53	48	22	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hunting hours	1,291	1,472	968	958	1,125	1,479	949	--	1,068	997.5	932.5	1,026	849.3	845.8	1,040	960.8	716	728	750	868	897	820
Paradise/hour	1.29	1.58	1.50	1.13	1.24	1.40	1.11	1.67*	1.13	1.41	1.45	1.30	1.40	1.28	1.40	1.50	1.50	1.33	1.48	1.38	1.22	1.41
Paradise/hunter	10.7	12.4	13.2	8.3	10.7	12.8	8.9	9.9	7.7	10.8	11.5	9.4	9.1	8.9	10.3	11.0	10.9	10.3	10.6	11.0	10.2	11.0
Ave effort (hrs)	8.3	7.8	8.8	7.4	8.6	9.2	8.0	5.9*	6.8	7.7	7.9	7.2	6.5	6.9	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.7	7.2	8.0	8.3	7.8
Total Days	--	372	261	232	258	340	200	224	251	207	202	220	207	195	258	255	182	174	189	190	199	225
Days / hunter	--	1.98	2.37	1.78	1.97	2.11	1.69	1.66	1.59	1.59	1.71	1.55	1.59	1.60	1.83	1.95	1.84	1.85	1.81	1.74	1.84	2.14

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TABLE 4. Harvest Statistics for Game Management Area C (Taranaki). The season was extended from one weekend to two in 2015.

Harvest Statistic	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
No. Hunters	104	110	126	97	109	122	111	102	130	116	114	132	113	99	94	104	109	108	105
Paradise Shot	857	1,186	1,625	906	1,066	1,008	1,265	1,233	1,205	1,077	1,026	1,365	1,310	1,076	968	1,107	1,195	1,098	1,153
Paradise not retrieved	26	47	43	57	38	20	30	51	34	60	71	33	30	56	49	35	36	36	33
Canada Geese Shot	54	76	64	50	87	53	48	21	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Geese not retrieved	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hours	785	971.5	1,168	823.5	443.5	837	884	827	938	793.3	799.3	995	866.5	716	728	750	868	897	820
Av. No. paradise / hour	1.09	1.22	1.39	1.10	1.55*	1.20	1.43	1.49	1.28	1.36	1.28	1.37	1.51	1.50	1.33	1.48	1.38	1.22	1.41
Av. No paradise/hunter	8.2	10.8	12.9	9.3	9.8	8.3	11.4	12.1	9.3	9.3	9.0	10.3	11.6	10.9	10.3	10.6	11.0	10.2	11.0
Av. Effort in hours	7.55	8.83	9.3	8.5	6.1*	6.9	8.0	8.1	6.7	6.8	7.0	7.5	7.7	7.2	7.7	7.2	8.0	8.3	7.8
Total Days	193	225	274	172	187	187	180	176	200	186	183	246	230	182	174	189	190	199	225
Days 1st weekend												156	122	125	105	138	146	127	163
Days 2nd weekend												90	108	57	69	51	44	72	62
Av. No. days per user	1.86	2.05	2.17	1.77	1.72	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.86	2.04	1.84	1.85	1.81	1.74	1.84	2.14

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

Taranaki Fish Licence Sales Report

Please find attached fish and game licence sales to 31 May 2022 for the 2021/2022 season with comparison to the previous year.

Jilli Steedman
SECRETARY
31 May 2022

RECOMMENDATION

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

National Fish Licence Sales YTD to 31 May 2022

	Channel	FWF	FWA	FWNA	FSLA	FLAA	FWIA	FLBA	FSBA	FDA	FDNA	FWJ	FWNJ	FDJ	FDNJ	FWC	FWNC	FDNC	Total Fish	Fish LEQ	Fish Var	Fish \$	Inc/Dec					
Northland	Agency Online	16	60	3	5	1	5	0	3	16	1	8	1	2	0	0	0	0	121	243		\$28,126						
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0				
	Public Online	31	73	5	2	2	11	1	14	50	7	12	0	2	0	0	0	0	0					210				
	Eyede Call Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	0			
	Total	47	133	8	7	3	16	1	17	66	8	20	1	4	0	0	0	0	0					331				
2020-2021	Agency Online	9	36	0	4	3	6	1	4	4	2	5	0	2	0	0	2	0	78	198	-18.5%	\$23,604	-\$4,522					
Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
Public Online	26	65	5	4	8	13	0	11	58	2	6	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	216									
Eyede Call Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0				
Total	35	101	5	8	11	19	1	15	62	4	11	0	20	0	0	2	0	0	294									
Auckland/Waikato	Agency Online	249	685	28	107	36	41	6	89	215	7	76	0	22	0	0	0	0	1,561	3,676		\$425,101						
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0				
	Public Online	480	1,185	56	146	97	125	10	187	807	45	146	3	91	0	0	8	0	0					3,386				
	Eyede Call Centre	9	4	0	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					20				
	Total	738	1874	84	257	134	167	16	276	1023	52	222	3	113	0	0	8	0	0					4,967				
2020-2021	Agency Online	157	455	4	91	22	46	5	43	120	2	61	1	6	0	0	1	0	1,014	3,055	-16.9%	\$363,909	-\$61,192					
Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
Public Online	428	1,110	37	155	99	139	5	119	695	59	160	5	74	1	0	2	0	0	3,088									
Eyede Call Centre	3	4	1	5	2	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23									
Total	588	1569	42	251	123	189	10	164	817	61	221	6	80	1	0	3	0	0	4,125									
Eastern	Agency Online	1,219	1,051	24	273	983	164	23	364	1,202	15	205	2	129	3	0	0	0	5,657	8,880		\$1,026,990						
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0				
	Public Online	1,401	1,224	36	233	675	236	31	733	2,221	95	214	2	229	4	0	0	2	0					7,336				
	Eyede Call Centre	13	9	0	17	6	5	2	5	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0					65				
	Total	2633	2284	60	523	1664	405	56	1102	3430	110	419	4	359	7	0	0	2	0					13,058				
2020-2021	Agency Online	1,107	976	13	269	894	126	12	241	937	23	176	0	105	2	0	0	0	4,881	8,325	-6.2%	\$991,770	-\$35,220					
Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
Public Online	1,418	1,151	36	260	619	245	23	600	2,203	102	216	5	170	8	0	2	4	0	7,062									
Eyede Call Centre	12	10	0	7	5	6	1	4	16	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	64									
Total	2537	2137	49	536	1518	377	36	845	3156	125	392	5	278	10	0	2	4	0	12,007									
Hawke's Bay	Agency Online	213	652	17	153	121	50	4	51	201	10	117	1	52	0	0	1	0	1,643	2,502		\$289,415						
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0				
	Public Online	223	576	18	74	107	57	6	120	401	28	103	3	57	0	0	1	0	0					1,774				
	Eyede Call Centre	4	2	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					14				
	Total	440	1230	35	233	229	107	10	171	602	38	221	4	109	0	0	2	0	0					3,431				
2020-2021	Agency Online	204	551	9	157	122	53	1	36	166	6	96	2	59	0	0	0	0	1,462	2,392	-4.4%	\$284,985	-\$4,429					
Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
Public Online	215	601	19	90	105	60	8	102	386	18	125	3	52	1	0	0	0	0	1,785									
Eyede Call Centre	4	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11									
Total	423	1154	28	252	227	113	9	138	552	24	221	5	111	1	0	0	0	0	3,258									
Taranaki	Agency Online	60	252	4	45	19	11	1	20	36	1	50	0	6	0	0	0	0	505	886		\$102,496						
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0				
	Public Online	89	243	7	26	28	17	1	28	106	3	35	1	17	0	0	0	0	0					601				
	Eyede Call Centre	5	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					11				
	Total	154	499	11	72	47	28	2	48	143	4	85	1	23	0	0	0	0	0					1,117				
2020-2021	Agency Online	49	248	2	51	12	11	0	15	25	1	42	0	8	0	0	0	0	464	838	-5.5%	\$99,782	-\$2,713					
Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
Public Online	85	234	5	28	27	16	2	35	102	8	39	1	30	0	0	0	0	0	612									
Eyede Call Centre	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1									
Total	135	482	7	79	39	27	2	50	127	9	81	1	38	0	0	0	0	0	1,077									
Wellington	Agency Online	192	855	7	134	128	48	3	37	122	3	116	0	54	0	0	1	0	1,700	3,199		\$369,923						
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0				
	Public Online	295	976	22	122	143	61	5	51	382	8	156	2	58	0	0	1	0	0					2,282				
	Eyede Call Centre	5	13	0	8	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					29				
	Total	492	1844	29	264	271	109	8	89	505	11	273	2	112	0	0	2	0	0					4,011				
2020-2021	Agency Online	196	883	2	139	112	46	6	23	124	1	139	0	56	0	0	2	0	1,729	3,193	-0.2%	\$380,349	\$10,426					
Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
Public Online	303	978	18	144	128	54	1	58	326	10	134	0	38	0	0	1	0	0	2,193									
Eyede Call Centre	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8									
Total	500	1864	20	284	240	100	7	81	452	11	274	0	94	0	0	3	0	0	3,930									
Nelson/Marl	Agency Online	489	1,071	25	209	85	73	10	74	256																		

	Channel	FWF	FWA	FWNA	FSLA	FLAA	FWIA	FLBA	FSBA	FDA	FDNA	FWJ	FWNJ	FDJ	FDNJ	FWC	FWNC	FDNC	Total Fish	Fish LEQ	Fish Var	Fish \$	Inc/Dec	
North Canterbury	Agency Online	1,924	3,270	30	763	96	116	15	237	600	12	316	3	81	0	0	3	0	7,466					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	Public Online	1,235	2,040	47	302	126	88	13	231	1,342	78	291	4	160	0	0	4	0	5,961					
	Eyede Call Centre	7	14	0	4	2	0	0	2	4	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	38				
	Total	3166	5324	77	1069	224	204	28	470	1946	90	611	7	242	0	0	7	0	13,465	11,376		\$1,315,615		
	2020-2021	Agency Online	1,764	3,039	11	790	58	102	14	220	377	17	298	1	30	3	0	2	1	6,727				
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	1,159	2,019	23	339	113	137	12	223	1,405	53	342	5	193	0	0	1	2	6,026					
	Eyede Call Centre	11	10	0	7	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	35					
2021-2022	Total	2934	5068	34	1136	171	239	26	443	1785	70	642	6	225	3	0	3	3	12,788	10,768	-5.3%	\$1,282,770	-\$32,845	
West Coast	Agency Online	187	335	1	48	84	30	5	42	153	4	62	0	30	0	0	0	1	982					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	321	388	15	53	92	23	7	142	310	20	69	0	32	0	0	0	0	1,472					
	Eyede Call Centre	3	2	0	3	1	0	0	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16				
	Total	511	725	16	104	177	53	12	186	467	24	132	0	62	0	0	0	1	2,470	1,850		\$213,903		
	2020-2021	Agency Online	134	282	1	51	75	22	4	47	128	3	53	0	12	0	0	0	0	812				
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	302	398	6	75	83	24	5	98	329	15	83	1	67	0	0	1	0	1,487					
	Eyede Call Centre	2	1	0	3	3	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	14					
2021-2022	Total	438	681	7	129	161	48	9	146	457	18	137	1	80	0	0	1	0	2,313	1,689	-8.7%	\$201,262	-\$12,640	
Central South Is	Agency Online	2,126	2,165	17	689	673	158	29	524	1,989	32	461	0	241	0	0	0	0	9,104					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	1,364	1,511	44	234	303	114	25	576	2,478	116	298	3	261	2	0	1	2	7,332					
	Eyede Call Centre	8	8	0	6	1	1	0	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41				
	Total	3498	3684	61	929	977	273	54	1106	4478	148	759	3	502	2	0	1	2	16,477	11,370		\$1,314,948		
	2020-2021	Agency Online	1,925	2,033	6	696	566	145	16	487	1,601	14	458	0	216	0	0	0	1	8,164				
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	1,400	1,688	45	244	318	156	27	666	2,603	130	352	4	269	5	0	3	2	7,912					
	Eyede Call Centre	11	8	0	3	3	1	0	3	9	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	41					
2021-2022	Total	3336	3729	51	943	887	302	43	1156	4213	144	811	4	487	5	0	3	3	16,117	11,129	-2.1%	\$1,325,816	\$10,868	
Otago	Agency Online	2,497	3,497	27	711	177	111	14	236	837	34	413	0	114	3	0	0	0	8,671					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	1,959	2,499	87	282	412	139	28	382	2,164	146	419	4	223	3	0	1	1	8,749					
	Eyede Call Centre	8	13	0	9	0	0	0	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37				
	Total	4464	6009	114	1002	589	250	42	619	3006	181	832	4	337	6	0	1	1	17,457	14,342		\$1,658,678		
	2020-2021	Agency Online	2,412	3,493	9	749	171	110	9	199	694	30	407	0	69	0	0	0	2	8,354				
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	2,115	2,564	78	306	417	173	25	393	2,400	106	464	6	249	1	0	1	1	9,299					
	Eyede Call Centre	11	10	0	5	1	2	1	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40					
2021-2022	Total	4538	6067	87	1060	589	285	35	601	3095	136	871	6	318	1	0	1	3	17,693	14,536	1.4%	\$1,731,672	\$72,994	
Southland	Agency Online	1,724	2,238	20	471	182	43	7	158	419	6	427	1	58	0	0	0	0	5,754					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	755	878	75	88	124	32	8	159	790	63	213	2	61	0	0	0	0	3,249					
	Eyede Call Centre	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7				
	Total	2483	3117	96	560	306	75	15	317	1209	69	640	3	119	0	0	0	0	9,010	7,671		\$887,178		
	2020-2021	Agency Online	1,730	2,297	10	479	132	37	5	152	337	17	432	1	29	0	0	0	0	5,658				
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	811	1,047	63	101	156	47	16	215	835	53	269	5	71	0	0	0	0	3,689					
	Eyede Call Centre	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	11					
2021-2022	Total	2543	3348	73	581	288	84	21	367	1174	70	701	6	102	0	0	0	0	9,358	7,989	4.1%	\$951,706	\$64,528	
TOTAL	Direct	8,511	12,251	450	1,725	2,210	958	140	2,714	11,539	626	2,052	26	1,244	9	-	17	6	44,478	31,052		\$3,591,268		
	Retail	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0		\$0		
	AOL	10,896	16,131	203	3,608	2,585	850	117	1,835	6,046	131	2,383	8	822	6	-	5	1	45,627	38,384		\$4,439,167		
	Total	19,407	28,382	653	5,333	4,795	1,808	257	4,549	17,585	757	4,435	34	2,066	15	-	22	7	90,105	69,436		\$8,030,435		
	2020-2021	Direct	8,649	12,569	359	1,901	2,188	1,140	131	2,615	11,852	571	2,316	38	1,314	19	-	11	9	45,682	31,757		\$3,783,252	
		Retail	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0		\$0	
	AOL	10,162	15,216	75	3,681	2,267	766	75	1,513	4,682	119	2,287	5	619	5	-	7	4	41,483	35,731		\$4,256,606		
2021-2022	Total	18,811	27,785	434	5,582	4,455	1,906	206	4,128	16,534	690	4,603	43	1,933	24	-	18	13	87,165	67,488		\$8,039,857		

National Game Licence Sales YTD to 31 May 2022

North Is Regions	Channel	GWA	GWJ	GWC	GDA	GDJ	Total	Game LEQ	Game Val	Game \$	Inc/Dec	
Northland	Agency Online	1,329	142	77	3	0	1,551					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	248	17	9	5	0	279					
	Call Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	2020-2021	Total	1,577	159	86	8	0	1,830	1,611		\$131,662	
2020-2021	Agency Online	1,299	124	55	4	0	1,482					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	232	33	7	5	0	277					
	Call Centre	2	0	0	0	0	2					
	2021-2022	Total	1533	157	62	9	0	1,761	1,596	-2.8%	\$130,715	-\$947
Auckland Waikato	Agency Online	4,943	394	199	25	1	5,562					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	1,397	140	60	84	1	1,682					
	Call Centre	2	0	0	0	0	2					
	2020-2021	Total	6342	534	259	109	2	7,246	6,472		\$529,020	
2020-2021	Agency Online	4,824	401	164	27	0	5,416					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	1,325	120	52	57	0	1,554					
	Call Centre	4	0	0	0	0	4					
	2021-2022	Total	6163	521	216	84	0	6,978	6,273	-2.1%	\$523,637	-\$5,383
Eastern	Agency Online	2,473	228	107	21	0	2,829					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	457	63	19	34	2	575					
	Call Centre	1	0	0	0	0	1					
	2020-2021	Total	2931	291	126	55	2	3,405	3,021		\$245,301	
2020-2021	Agency Online	2,477	243	108	15	1	2,844					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	450	48	13	42	0	553					
	Call Centre	1	0	0	0	0	1					
	2021-2022	Total	2928	291	121	57	1	3,383	2,987	-0.1%	\$250,173	+\$4,872
Hawke's Bay	Agency Online	1,380	119	44	7	0	1,550					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	403	49	18	32	3	505					
	Call Centre	2	0	0	0	0	2					
	2020-2021	Total	1795	168	62	39	3	2,057	1,827		\$149,335	
2020-2021	Agency Online	1,400	122	40	6	0	1,568					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	447	59	27	21	1	555					
	Call Centre	3	0	0	0	0	3					
	2021-2022	Total	1830	161	67	27	1	2,126	1,891	3.3%	\$157,875	+\$8,540
Taranaki	Agency Online	895	73	26	12	1	997					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	192	22	20	11	1	246					
	Call Centre	1	0	0	0	0	1					
	2020-2021	Total	1078	95	46	23	2	1,244	1,102		\$90,071	
2020-2021	Agency Online	897	64	30	3	0	994					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	188	16	9	8	0	221					
	Call Centre	1	0	0	0	0	1					
	2021-2022	Total	1087	80	39	11	0	1,217	1,125	0.1%	\$92,244	+\$2,173
Wellington	Agency Online	2,690	257	104	8	0	3,059					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	614	59	30	37	0	740					
	Call Centre	1	0	0	0	0	1					
	2020-2021	Total	3305	316	134	45	0	3,800	3,378		\$276,112	
2020-2021	Agency Online	2,680	237	90	16	1	3,024					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	634	76	44	25	0	779					
	Call Centre	2	1	0	0	0	3					
	2021-2022	Total	3316	314	134	41	1	3,806	3,386	0.2%	\$282,683	+\$6,570
South Is Regions	Channel	GWA	GWJ	GWC	GDA	GDJ	Total	Game LEQ	Game Val	Game \$	Inc/Dec	
	Nelson/Marl	Agency Online	725	71	21	5	0	822				
		Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0				
		Public Online	165	14	7	3	0	189				
		Call Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0				
2020-2021		Total	890	85	28	8	0	1,011	909		\$74,284	
2020-2021	Agency Online	726	52	18	3	0	799					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	140	19	1	5	0	165					
	Call Centre	0	0	0	1	0	1					
	2021-2022	Total	866	71	19	9	0	965	882	-3.0%	\$73,614	-\$670

North Canterbury	Agency Online	2,041	149	82	8	0	2,280					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	384	31	12	28	0	455					
	Call Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Total	2425	180	94	36	0	2,735	2,469			\$201,786	
2020-2021	Agency Online	1,978	147	59	8	0	2,192					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	371	30	23	9	0	433					
	Call Centre	1	0	0	0	0	1					
	Total	2350	177	82	17	0	2,626	2,388	-3.3%		\$199,379	-\$2,407
West Coast	Agency Online	180	18	2	0	0	200					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	195	13	10	9	2	229					
	Call Centre	1	0	0	0	0	1					
	Total	376	31	12	9	2	430	384			\$31,402	
2020-2021	Agency Online	150	18	3	1	0	172					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	194	15	15	4	0	228					
	Call Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Total	344	33	18	5	0	400	352	-8.5%		\$29,344	-\$2,057
2021-2022	Agency Online	1,687	130	40	9	1	1,867					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	433	32	13	9	0	487					
	Call Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Total	2120	162	53	18	1	2,354	2,156			\$176,264	
Central South Is	Agency Online	1,765	128	61	5	0	1,959					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	408	45	17	13	0	483					
	Call Centre	0	1	0	0	0	1					
	Total	2173	174	78	18	0	2,443	2,211	2.5%		\$184,570	\$8,306
2020-2021	Agency Online	3,377	262	81	5	0	3,725					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	695	86	34	19	2	836					
	Call Centre	3	1	0	0	0	4					
	Total	4075	349	115	24	2	4,565	4,150			\$339,257	
2021-2022	Agency Online	3,178	240	68	9	0	3,495					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	801	81	24	10	0	916					
	Call Centre	5	0	0	0	0	5					
	Total	3984	321	92	19	0	4,416	4,051	-2.4%		\$338,195	-\$1,062
Otago	Agency Online	4,086	377	140	3	0	4,606					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	641	85	38	8	0	772					
	Call Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Total	4727	462	178	11	0	5,378	4,823			\$394,196	
2020-2021	Agency Online	3,834	372	132	1	0	4,339					
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0					
	Public Online	780	102	42	5	0	929					
	Call Centre	1	0	0	0	0	1					
	Total	4615	474	174	6	0	5,269	4,710	-2.3%		\$393,183	-\$1,013
2021-2022	Direct	5,835	612	270	279	11	7,007	6,016			\$491,707	
	Retail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			\$0	
	AOL	25,796	2,220	923	106	3	29,048	26,266			\$2,146,983	
	Total	31,631	2,832	1,193	385	14	36,055	32,282			\$2,638,690	
	Direct	5,991	646	274	205	1	7,117	6,159			\$514,182	
2020-2021	Retail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			\$0	
	AOL	25,208	2,148	828	98	2	28,284	25,653			\$2,141,436	
	Total	31,199	2,794	1,102	303	3	35,401	31,812			\$2,655,617	
	National Variance against 2021 YTD								-470	-1.5%	\$16,927	\$16,927
	2021-22 Summary YTD Actual vs Total Budget											
2021-22 Annual Budget								30,500	100.0%	\$2,546,087		
2021-22 YTD Actual								31,812	104.3%	\$2,655,617		
Remaining to meet budget								1,312	4.3%	\$109,530		

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Taranaki Fish & Game Facebook Page

A requirement of Iwi and Public interaction project in the councils 2021/2022 annual plan is that “3 *Develop and refine Facebook and Instagram pages in line with any National Policy to regularly inform licence holders using these forums.*” This report brings together all available information on how other Fish & Game councils (national and regional) inform their licence holders using the social media forum ‘Facebook’.

In a world where technology and the internet are used everywhere, it is common for organizations and companies to use social media accounts to reach out to customers or the public and let them know what is going on within their organization. From a Taranaki Fish and Game perspective we have a lot of amazing rivers, lakes and streams that are in view of the mountain making for very nice pictures. A lot of field work that we do can be displayed to the public and licence holders to show them what we are doing with their money from licence sales.

Below is a list of other Fish and Game regions that use Facebook and the reach/following that they have:

NZ Fish and Game:

Has a Facebook page

- 21,048 people follow the page
- Post every couple of days, very active as it is the national F&G page

- Also posts a lot of information that is found on the website same as their Instagram page. They share a lot of stuff from other environmental agencies e.g. forest and bird
- They sometimes get negative comments on posts but the majority are positive or people sharing their experiences.

Northland region:

Has a Facebook page

- 324 Followers
- Post on page mostly bi-monthly but more often coming into duck shooting and spring fishing seasons
- Post pictures of fish and ducks, also videos of fish passes. Post pictures from fishing events they held. Also post videos of ducks/ducklings and fish migrating including native fish
- Share links to events such as planting days and also articles from the Northland regional council

Auckland/Waikato region:

Has a Facebook page

- 158 followers, page only created in April 2021
- Post a couple of times a month, usually when it is important information e.g. Algal blooms in summer, before duck shooting etc
- Share some posts from the National F&G page e.g. cookbook
- Use video from drone over wetlands they have help fund and post those
- Share videos sent in by licence holders that may be of use to others
- They share their newsletter links to the page

Eastern region:

Has a Facebook page

- 1,400 followers
- Post very regularly around summertime and before the gamebird season
- Show videos and pictures from their hatchery with good descriptions and information on the posts
- Share pictures of people's catch that they send in, also share non-F&G videos from YouTube of fishing tips and other posts that are related
- Also share events in their area related to fishing etc and F&G videos from YouTube
- Seem to always get a good response on their posts from their followers
- They reply to some of the positive comments or questions

Hawkes Bay Region:

Has a Facebook page

- 1,188 followers
- Post a few times a month but more regularly towards gamebird opening weekend
- Share YouTube videos from F&G as well as other fishing tip videos

Wellington region:

No regional Facebook page but they may come under the Fish and Game NZ page

Nelson/Marlborough region:

Has a Facebook page

- 2,394 followers
- Post regularly every month especially before gamebird opening weekend
- Give information on fishing and walking access and when they are opened or closed
- Show pictures from competitions they run, fish they tag, events that are on around their region that may impact anglers.
- Also reply to people who ask them questions in the comments

North Canterbury region:

Has a Facebook page

- 1,326 followers
- Post up to 8 times a month, more regularly before gamebird opening weekend and their salmon runs
- Give out licence information and attach articles and things from the F&G website e.g. fishing videos
- Write captions to most posts giving out information
- Share posts from local councils and DHBs that are important to anglers
- Also share posts from NZ Fish and Game

West Coast region:

Has a Facebook page

- 1812 followers

- Post a handful of times a month but more regularly before gamebird opening weekend and other important dates
 - Post photos and talk about what they are doing in their region.
 - Share videos from F&G website as well as reel life and both barrels
 - Post pictures of fish anglers send into them
 - Post information that is important for angler and hunters e.g. boat ramp repairs
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Central South Island region:

Has no Facebook page.

Otago region:

Has a Facebook page

- 2,883 followers
- Post very regularly and all sorts of things e.g. pictures of wildlife, fishing tip videos, fish monitoring field work, hunting tips etc.
- Share other media's articles from licence holders, council and police if they are in relation to Otago F&G e.g. ranging, wetland construction, summer temperatures
- Post things from the F&G website regarding fishing licences and gamebird seasons
- Share a lot of ODT articles that are in relation to F&G

Southland region:

Has a Facebook page

- 3,504 followers

- Post very regularly just like Otago and very similar to Otago in what they post

How to run a Facebook page for Taranaki Fish and Game

- Most F&G Facebook pages get a very good following (most over 1000)
- A bit more work than an Instagram page as would have to write some captions for posts, but it would get information out to a broader demographic of people as older generations use Facebook more than Instagram. Would most likely not post as much as regions like Otago but be more like Hawkes bay and West Coast that may only do a couple a month or when there are things to post about (e.g. upcoming fish or game seasons, fishing days etc).
- Promote fishing days
- Gives another way for people to get in contact with Taranaki Fish and Game through Facebook Messenger chat
- Will have to have captions for posts to give information and can even use Facebook posts as mini Reel life articles or include a Reel life article into a post. Can also advertise our newsletters
- Give summaries of fieldwork and population monitoring trends on another platform other than just the newsletter
- Can advertise Gamebird Habitat Trust and Habitat and Hunting fund on another platform other than just in newsletters
- Post F&G videos of how to catch perch as well as fishing tip videos made by F&G
- Can share posts for other people such as Taranaki Hunting and Fishing, Forest and Bird, Inglewood Rod and Gun club etc.
- Can publicise when and where council meetings are held
- Can be used to spread awareness and support through another platform
- Can post about reminders such as licences, returning bands etc.

Negatives

One drawback from social media is that people can comment on your content and sometimes people comment negatively. Facebook is used by people of all ages from young to old, but the older users are more commonly the people who express their concerns, thoughts or positive and negative views through Facebook comments.

Fish and Game profiles seem to have very little negative comments and more so questions on their posts, however they do occur. Most of the negative comments are on the National Fish and Game Facebook page rather than the regional pages so I believe there would be minimal amounts of negative comments, if any on a Taranaki Fish and Game page. At the time of writing this the majority of negative comments were on the National page about the amalgamations, but these comments were also very minimal and are greatly outweighed by positive comments.

This can also be managed appropriately through monitoring the page every couple of days and hide comments or report people who repeatedly express negative views (consultation with Richie Cosgrove, former national Fish and Game communications officer, informed me that this is how other Fish and Game Facebook pages deal with the problem).

Conclusion

From the view of public interaction, I believe that creating a Taranaki Fish and Game Facebook page would be beneficial for us as it creates another platform to inform licence holders and keep them up to date with events, season dates and the field work we are involved in around our region. I believe that the benefits of a Taranaki Fish and Game Facebook page would greatly outweigh the slight chance of receiving negativity on the page.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL SET UP ITS OWN FACEBOOK ACCOUNT

Jacob Morison 5th April 2022

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

Taranaki Fish & Game Instagram Page

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In a world where technology and the internet is used everywhere, it's common for organizations and companies to use social media accounts to reach out to customers or the public and let them know what is going on within their organization. From a Taranaki Fish and Game perspective we have a lot of amazing rivers, lakes and streams that are in view of the mountain. This stunning backdrop makes for amazing pictures that people will feel is specific of the region knowing that we didn't use a picture taken somewhere else in the country but right on their back doorstep. A lot of field work that we do can be displayed to licence holders and the public to show them what we are doing with the money we receive from licence sales.

Below is a list of other Fish and Game regions that use Instagram and the reach/following that they have:

New Zealand Fish and Game:

Has Instagram page

- 4,624 followers, 6,746 following back
- Post either monthly or weekly but most posts contain information of events that are usually on the F&G website front page e.g. photo competitions, take a mate hunting info etc.
- Have some pictures of anglers with their catch or hunters with their bag
- Also has posts of different regions mixed in-between but most regional posts are of North Canterbury or CSI

Link: <https://www.instagram.com/fishandgamenz/>

Northland:

No Instagram page

Auckland/Waikato:

No Instagram page

Eastern:

Has an Instagram page;

- 140 followers, 38 following back
- Post pictures of duck banding, their aquarium, tackle tips, fish released from nets, hatchery, ranging
- Also put-up pictures of fishing spots (Lake Tarawera) and water conditions
- Have good captions also to go along with photos
- Some photos seem to be sent in from anglers and posted
- Post pictures and videos very regularly

Link: <https://www.instagram.com/easternfishandgame/>

Hawkes Bay:

No Instagram page

Wellington:

No Instagram page

Nelson/Marlborough:

No Instagram page

North Canterbury:

Has an Instagram page;

- 155 followers, 55 following back
- Post pictures of people fishing, some fish, scenic pictures. Haven't posted much
- Don't post very regularly

Link <https://www.instagram.com/northcanterburyfishgame/>

West Coast:

No Instagram page

Central South Island:

No Instagram page

Otago:

Has Instagram page

- 218 followers, 3 following back
- Only 2 posts in 3 years, very inactive

Southland:

No Instagram page

What we could do with a Taranaki Instagram page:

Positives

- Easy to maintain and post content
- Show licence holders what we do with licence holders funds i.e. banding, releases, electro fishing, parrie counts etc. through photos and video uploads
- Try and get a following of anglers that themselves have a decent following to share or like the pictures or content.
- Picture based app so it is easy for people to interact and view the posts
- Can have awareness posts e.g. gun safety before duck shooting, warm rivers and where to fish over summer periods etc.
- Post angler pictures with their permission of fish caught or just of them fishing
- Have scenic pictures of rivers or ponds (depending on duck or fishing season) with the mountain in the background
- Post information for kids fishing days and post pictures of fish caught by the kids and pictures of the days
- Pictures from our Hawera hatchery
- Try to get the younger Instagram users keen on gamebird hunting or fishing
- Pictures of wetland habitat being created and start to finish results in posts (landowner permission)
- Wouldn't have to post a lot of content just interesting projects we have been doing or good pictures
- Try not to have posts too similar and change the types of posts dependent on the time of year (e.g. fish in summer, ducks closer to gamebird season)
- Another way to engage with our angling and hunting community
- Instagram and Facebook pages are connected so they can be used to share the same posts at the same time making it a lot easier to do both

Negatives

As with all social media platforms there is the chance of negative comments on posts. Instagram has a lot more younger users compared to Facebook and usually do not express their views as much online in the form of commenting, but it does happen on the rare occasion. At the time of writing I had observed no negative comments on any Fish and Game Instagram posts either nationally or regionally.

This can be managed appropriately by deleting comment or if serious block people from pages that are repeatedly writing negative comments. Would monitor the page every couple

of days to manage the comment section, wouldn't take too much time to do. Negative comments can be removed or ignored.

Another issue with Instagram is the number of "spam" or 'bot' accounts that comment on posts. These profiles are usually fake and comment such things as "Check your inbox for hidden messages" or sometimes asking viewers to look at their 18+ profile. These comments are pretty uncommon but can happen. These types of comments are present on the national Fish and Game Instagram page but not on regional pages. This problem can be easily eliminated by blocking those types of profiles and deleting their comments. I believe that the benefits of a Taranaki Fish and Game Instagram page would greatly outweigh the very slight chance of receiving any negativity on the page.

This can also be managed appropriately through monitoring the page every couple of days and hide comments or block spam accounts.

Conclusion

From the view of public interaction, I believe that creating a Taranaki Fish and Game Instagram page would be beneficial for us as it creates another platform to inform licence holders and keep them up to date with events, season dates and the field work we are involved in around our region.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL SET UP ITS OWN INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT

Jacob Morison 5th April 2022

Taranaki Fish & Game Council
 Budget Report to 30 April 2022
 And

Project Progress to 22 May 2022

OUTPUT	Budget external costs	YTD external costs (30/4/2022)	Comments on significant variations	Budget Hours	YTD hours
Population Monitoring	5,100	11,596		170	449.5
Harvest Assessment	500			50	4.25
Hatchery	10,000	7,304		85	22
Liberations	15,500	17,605		110	122.75
Season Regulations				30	32.25
Gamebird Dispersal	1,800	706		120	122
RMA	5,000			500	138
Habitat Management & Enhancement	20,000	15,034		500	116.75
Hunter / Angler Access	3,150	910		100	35.75
Satisfaction Survey				10	4.75
Magazine / Newsletter / Ezine	8,000	9,006		140	145.25
Hunter / Angler support	1,500				
Clubs	500	300		10	5.75
Statutory Liaison				30	15.25
Iwi Liaison	1,000			40	40.75
General Advocacy	1,100			250	52.25
Hunting & Angling Promotions	3,800	2,127		70	81.25
Public Awareness				30	
Ranger Management	1,000	1,131		112	95.25
Compliance	2,100	50		170	33.25
Licensing & Commission	9,417	10,123		80	23.75
Council Meetings & Administration	9,000	6,887		290	138
Management, Strategic & Policy	3,000			40	85.75
Business Planning				40	10.75
OSH & Other Reporting	6,000	658		55	30.5
National Liaison	100	250		160	102.25
Total Expenditure	108,267	79,634		3,492	1,908

Project Income	Budget Income	YTD Income
Fish Population Assessment	200	171
Harvest Assessment – Summer Season	500	461
Liberations	13,900	12,200
Gamebird Dispersal	750	920
Taranaki Hunting & Habitat Scheme	15,000	
Compliance	1,000	
Total Income	30,350	27,652
Net Expenditure	30,917	64,573

Overheads	Budget	YTD
1910 Salaries & Management Contract	257,052	221,600
1920 Staff Expenses	2,170	1,945
1940 Office Premises	20,000	10,895
1950 Office Equipment	1,250	2,709
1960 Communications / Consumables	7,100	5,389
1970 General	2,560	2,301
1980 General Equipment	700	759
1990 Vehicles	15,060	11,548
Total Overheads	305,992	263,536

Other Income & Expenses	Budget	YTD
Interest	438	1,592
Wellington Fish & Game Admin	5,500	3,152
Donations & Other Income		
Total Other Income & Expenses	5,938	5,144

Nett Project, Overhead and Other Expenditure/Income	Budget	YTD
	374,881	220,557 (59%)

MOVEMENTS IN RESERVES

From	To	Reason	Amount	Date Paid
Hunting & Habitat Scheme	184,000	Pukekohe (Maitai)	2,197	Nov-22
Sealung & Habitat Scheme	B Naim	Mt Rowan	2,000	Mar 22
Hunting & Habitat Scheme	Clevedon	Coxburn/Waiata	2,998	Apr-22
Hunting & Habitat Scheme	Elliott	Otoroka Wetland	6,750	Jun-22

SPECIES MANAGEMENT

2021/2022 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
<p>Objective: Obtain accurate and pertinent information to guide and enable effective management decisions to maximise user success and satisfaction while ensuring the sustainability of sports fish and gamebird populations across the region</p>	
<p>1. Obtain and report baseline information for the Waiongana/ Mangaoraka Stream to identify threats to and opportunities for the maintenance and enhancement of these fisheries.</p>	<p><i>Reporting of baseline information on the Waiongana/Mangaoraka Stream catchment is well underway.</i></p>
<p>2. Investigate Waingongoro fishery to determine current status and identify threats and opportunities (yr 1 of 2)</p>	<p><i>Survey postponed until December 2022 owing to high river levels in December 2021. Electric fishing survey of 5 sites in Timaru Stream conducted on 1/02/2022 to document effect of SH45 weir on fish populations. E/f survey of 5 sites in Waiaua River conducted on 2/02/2022 to assess recovery from July 2021 flood & erosion event. Draft reports prepared and circulated 24/03/2022 (Waiaua) & 1/04/2022 (Timaru). The outlet stream to Sattler’s Dam was electric fished on 10/04/2022 with 2 juvenile rainbows caught. Results from all TFG surveys since 2015 submitted to the NZ Freshwater Fisheries database.</i></p>
<p>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.</p>	<p><i>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. 2021/22 National Angler Survey results were checked for anomalies following completion of each 2-monthly survey.</i></p>
<p>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).</p>	<p><i>Thanks to the landholder, Daniel Gordon and with help from Eastern & Wellington F&G staff and volunteers, banding was undertaken at 3 sites near Whanganui on 10/02/2022 with 554 ducks banded and 33 previously banded ducks recaptured. Banding data was entered into the DOC Falcon website. A zoom meeting was attended (8/03/2022) with North Island F&G banders to discuss data analysis and band orders. Information letters were sent to hunters returning Taranaki duck bands during the 2022 game season.</i></p>
<p>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</p>	<p><i>Report on the August 2021 National Shoveler Survey received 3/09/2021. January 2022 trend counts completed for paradise shelduck and black swan and a report prepared for Council’s 12/02/2022 meeting. Aerial trend</i></p>

<p>impacts, set effective regulations and inform management directions.</p> <p>6. Implement outcomes of review of paradise duck moult count monitoring and how the data is reported and implement.</p> <p>7. Participate in National Hunter Survey to derive a robust estimate of annual game bird harvest and hunter success.</p> <p>8. Recommend effective regulations that are timely, easily understood and which maximise licence holder opportunity while ensuring resource sustainability and public support. As part of this complete review and implement recommendations for Paradise shelduck hunting conditions including area boundaries</p> <p>9. Review option for summer pukeko season</p> <p>10. Provide advice and support practical and effective predator control opportunities that assist game bird populations.</p>	<p><i>counts for dabbling duck on the Taranaki ringplain were undertaken on 14/04/2022. Drive-by trend counts for pukeko on the ringplain were conducted on the 9th, 19th & 21st April 2022.</i></p> <p><i>A 2022 Paradise shelduck trend count report was prepared for February 12th 2022 Council meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Hunter survey results for the 2021 season received 8/09/2021 and included in 2022/23 Game Gazette Notice Report. Telephone interviews for the 2022 game season are underway.</i></p> <p><i>2022/23 Game Gazette Notice Report prepared for Council's 4th December 2021 meeting. Recommendations sent to National Office on 6/12/2021 and entered into national Gazette document on 14/12/2021. Gazette Notice approved by the Minister on 2/03/2022.</i></p> <p><i>A 2022/23 draft Anglers Notice report was prepared for Council's 11 June 2022 meeting. Permits were issued to NPDC (BTW) 29/11/2021 for fish salvage at the Mangamahoe Stream low head dam; and WSP (Alex Reid) 7/12/2021 for electric fishing in an Ohura Road tributary of Waiau Stream prior to culvert replacement.</i></p> <p><i>Wild for Taranaki seminar (zoom) on feral cats attended on 18/11/2021.</i></p>
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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.

<p>11. Undertake annual trout stocking programme which concentrates on creating and maintaining valued lake fisheries.</p>	<p><i>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 (50) on 2/11/2021. Hawera rainbows were also released into the upper Patea River at Stratford (100) on 11/11/2021 and into the Stony River (100) on 19/11/2021. Additional releases of Hawera rainbows were made into the upper Patea River at Stratford on 24/11/2021 (65 fish) and 3/12/2021 (52), bringing the total released there to 217. It was confirmed with DOC Turangi (18/10/2021) that rainbow trout will be available for Sattler's Dam in autumn 2022 & a release of 96 Turangi rainbow trout was made on 11/04/2022. Trout and ova orders from Eastern F&G for 2022/23 were confirmed (9/03/2022). 250 Hawera hatchery rainbows (1st of the 2021 year class) were released into Lake Namunamu on 10/04/2022. The remaining 1,560 fish were adipose fin-clipped on 17/05/2022.</i></p>
<p>12. Undertake trial release of 2-year-old trout into the lower Patea River to assess the potential for a long-term programme.</p>	<p><i>77 Hawera hatchery rainbow trout released on 3/11/2021 (yr3).</i></p>
<p>13. Undertake trout releases and monitoring of lower Patea River under contract to TrustPower Ltd.</p>	<p><i>1,000 tagged yearling brown trout & 500 tagged yearling rainbow trout released on 3/11/2021 (yr 5 of 5).</i></p>
<p>14. Operate Hawera hatchery in an effective, cost efficient and sustainable manner utilising volunteer support to meet the identified stocking objectives.</p>	<p><i>A Hatchery & trout liberations report was prepared for Council's 16 October 2021 meeting. Two hatchery volunteers have retired from the roster and one new volunteer recruited, leaving 9 on the roster.</i></p>

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 2021/22 fish season opening. Ranger vetting was done for two trainee Rangers, who completed on-line modules of the CERT Training and attended a CERT 1-day refresher course in Rotorua on 5/03/2022. Warrants were issued to these two Rangers (1 staff, 1 honorary) prior to the 2022 game season. An application from a person wanting to be a Taranaki honorary Ranger was received on 12/05/2022.

A fish season Ranger training day was postponed owing to uncertainty re: covid-19. A 2022 game season training day was held on 30/04/2022, attended by 5 Rangers & 2 staff. Updated requirements for the safe transport of firearms were provided to Rangers (8/04/2022) & 4 trigger-locks purchased. A Trademe Wildlife Act breach (California quail for sale) was followed up (1/11/2021). A notification about the sale of a trout in Whanganui was followed up (23/11/2021).

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 and the 2022 special paradise season. A report of illegal shooting of paradise ducks on a property just south of Taumarunui was passed on to A/W F&G (21/02/2022). Compliance checks were carried out on the 1st two weekends of the 2022 game season. A report of duck shooters scaring members of the public in the lower Whanganui River near Upokongaro Bridge was followed up (9/05/2022). A report of illegal gill netting in the lower Waiwhakaiho R. over summer was received (5/05/2022).

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

Rangers found a junior angler fishing without a licence in Stratford and 3 offences were detected in the Manganuioteao River in January 2022. Two of the Manganuioteao offences have been resolved via formal warnings (and a 3rd in the process of being so).

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.	<i>66 permits to disturb gamebirds were issued during the reporting period. These include 35 permits for Paradise Shelduck (4 including Mallard duck and 1 including Black Swan), 6 for Mallard duck and 25 for Pukeko (1 including pheasant; 13 urban and 12 rural). A report on the 2022 special paradise shelduck season was prepared for Council's 11 June 2022 meeting.</i>

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.	<i>Site visits were made to three properties in December 2021 to look at proposed wetland projects and a fourth landowner contacted staff with a wetland project which has been submitted as a H&H Application. A site visit was made to a proposed Mana Road wetland project on 19/05/2022.</i>
2. Promote, encourage and support landowners to create, enhance and protect wetlands by providing sound technical advice and assistance to make successful applications to the GBHT and Hunting & Habitat Funds including billion tree programme.	<i>Of seven 2021 applications to the GBHT, 5 were successful, being allocated grants totalling \$17,000 (21/10/2021). Site visits were made to discuss a landowner bequest (14/09/2021 & 12/05/2022). Site visits were made and final referee's reports prepared for the Howatson & Mt. Rowan wetland GBHT projects (2/12/2021 & 17/12/2021). A 2021/22 H&H Scheme application report was prepared for Council's 12th February 2022 meeting and Council approved 7 grants totalling \$25,123. Two of these grants (Oxbow & Ototoka) have been approved for payment, with a site visit made to the Ototoka wetland on 13/05/2022. Raupo spraying in the F&G managed Hawken Waitotara wetland was completed on 5/04/2022.</i>
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.	<i>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). Further work to remove logjams in the Mangawhero River and cut and remove</i>

willows from Makotuku Stream near Raetihi was carried out during low flows in May 2022. 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), which has since become the "3rd interim DO report". F&G withdrew its request to be heard in relation to limited-notified consent applications for Horizon Trust's Whenuka 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) and to WDC (Te Puwaha) regarding proposed work on the Whanganui R. south mole (23/03/2022).

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 monitoring.

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 further draft was received, and comments provided to the TRC on 18/02/2022. Council's request to be heard was withdrawn on 7/03/2022.

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).

A pre-hearing meeting for the STDC Kapuni water supply take was attended (1/12/2021). Comments on a revised set of conditions were provided on 3/02/2022 and comments made on a further revision on 11&18/05/2022.

A site meeting was attended (26/11/2021) to discuss STDC consents to waterblast and paint

<p>4. Establish an environmental award to acknowledge and highlight outstanding contributions to the protection of sportsfish or gamebird habitat.</p> <p>5. Seek effective environmental outcomes as part of the re-consenting of the Mangorei and Motukawa hydro schemes.</p>	<p><i>Waimate West water supply pipelines where they cross various south Taranaki streams. Information was sought (26/11/2021) regarding a limited-notified application to take water from the lower Waitara River for pastoral irrigation. No submission was made. There was discussion with Oaonui Water Supply (BTW Greg Larkin; 24/11/2021) about options to reduce the impact of sand sluicing on downstream flows.</i></p> <p><i>Following engagement with Iwi, DOC & F&G, NPDC has lodged an application (7/12/2021) to remove the Mangorei Stream Scout Road weir in the summer of 2023.</i></p> <p><i>F&G was notified (23/12/2021) that STDC had lodged consent applications for the Waverley WWTP discharge, with the agreed upgrades. A zoom meeting was attended (26/04/2022) to discuss the process for re-consenting STDC's Patea wastewater discharge.</i></p> <p><i>Comments were provided to a consultant (L.E.I.) regarding the re-consenting of irrigation takes from Tangahoe River (Fonic Farms; 14/02/2022) and the Waitotara River & Waiau Stream (Pukeone/Kereone Farms; 17/02/2022).</i></p> <p><i>There was liaison with the TRC regarding the Otahi Stream weir (16/02/2022); lower Waiwhakaiho River instream works (3/03/2022) & Kapuni Stream instream works (11/03/2022) and lower Waiaua River erosion/possible threat to Opunake Lake (17/03/2022). There was liaison with NPDC (Rowan Williams; 9/02/2022) regarding the values of the "radio mast" wetland adjacent to Waipu Lagoons.</i></p> <p><i>The was liaison with Ernslaw 1 regarding a road culvert replacement in Karioi Forest (20/04/2022).</i></p> <p><i>A zoom presentation of Trustpower's Motukawa draft AEE was attended (2/09/2021).</i></p>
<p>Objective: Work collaboratively and proactively with landowners, other groups and iwi recognising the synergistic benefits and wider outcomes that can be achieved by this approach.</p>	
<p>6. Promote and explore opportunities to improve water quality in Lake Rotomanu (yr2 of 3)</p>	<p><i>Contacted TRC to request that F&G be considered an affected party to NPDC's</i></p>

<p>7. Engage proactively and collaboratively with iwi & community groups to identify and protect/enhance shared resource values including contributing to water related matters through the Taranaki Maunga Settlement process.</p> <p>8. Represent Fish & Game and provide valued input to the Te Awa Tupua process.</p> <p>9. Explore options other parties to remove Timaru Stream weir.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><i>application to renew consent to take 140 l/s from the Waiwhakaiho River into Lake Rotomanu, with a particular interest in the location of the river intake. Met with NPDC (Kelvin Day; 1/12/2021) to query why the replacement outlet for Lake Rotomanu is being constructed with no provision for upstream fish passage. Followed up with an email (6/12/2021) and notified TRC. Followed up with NPDC again on 25/03/2022 and TRC Consent Manager (30/03/2022) and gained commitment from NPDC Parks (31/03/2022) that fish passage issues would be addressed once the new lake outlet was in place.</i></p> <p><i>There was liaison with Te Arawhiti (Office for Maori Crown relations) regarding Ngāruahine letters of introduction (1/09/2021 & 22/04/2022). There was liaison with Ngati Tawhirikura hapu of Te Atiawa regarding a rahui following a drowning in the lower Waiwhakaiho River and the lifting of the rahui was attended on 21/11/2021.</i></p> <p><i>The Council Chairman, Councillor Blewman, Jack Kos from F&G's National Office and the Acting Manager received an update from Te Arawhiti on the Taranaki Maunga settlement process (17/02/2022).</i></p> <p><i>A DOC/TRC Fish Passage workshop was attended (29/09/2021). Staff attended (zoom) a WfT quarterly catchup on feral cats (18/11/2021).</i></p> <p><i>Te Kopuka zoom meetings were attended on 8/10/2021, 24/11/2021, 25/03/2022 & 13/04/2022. Feedback was provided on the proposed objectives for Te Heke Ngahuru (8/12/2021). A review of fisheries and aquatic biodiversity information for the Whanganui River catchment was received (23/11/2021) and comments made (30/11/2021).</i></p> <p><i>Confirmed with TRC that the weir was scheduled for removal in autumn 2022, but this may now be autumn 2023 as there are issues with access.</i></p> <p><i>Jobs for Nature (Horizons RC) zoom meetings attended 25/01/2022 & 26/04/2022.</i></p>
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Objective: Development of an effective Freshwater Plan that protects freshwater and wetland habitat 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.

An invitation (8/03/2022) to participate in the TRC's Primary Industries Freshwater Special Interest Group was accepted and a workshop attended on 4/04/2022 to discuss community freshwater values. Following an email to the TRC (26/04/2022) about the revised Freshwater Management Units (FMU's) a zoom meeting was held with the TRC Planning & Science Managers 9/05/2022) to discuss FMU's, water allocation & stream modification, with a commitment to meet approx. every 6 weeks.

An invitation to participate in an update of the Horizons RC's One-Plan was accepted but nothing was heard until it was found that public consultation on long-term visions for freshwater closed on 24/05/2022. Taranaki then joined with Wellington F&G to email a link to licence holders to enable them to send a submission to Horizons about what they value most when it comes to freshwater.

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.	
<p>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.</p> <p>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)</p> <p>3. Develop and refine Facebook and Instagram pages in line with any National Policy to regularly inform licence holders using these forums.</p>	<p><i>Pages reviewed and changes made to information and links to improve access.</i></p> <p><i>Preparation of web-based "introduction to duck hunting" information well underway.</i></p> <p><i>Proposals for Taranaki Instagram and Facebook pages prepared for Council's 11 June 2022 meeting.</i></p>

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.

Compiled an email list of families participating in the Lake Rotomanu family fishing day. Emailed whole season licence holders re: Horizons Oranga Wai consultation.

5. Complete Reel Life and Both Barrels supplements consistent with national R3 recommendations.

Articles for Reel Life ezine were prepared on 3/09/2021, 23/09/2021, 20/10/2021, 22/11/2021, 10/12/2021, 18/01/2022, 21/02/2022 & 18/03/2022. Both Barrels ezine articles were prepared on 20/04/2022 & 18/05/2022.

6. Provide a quality 2-page regional supplement in each edition of Fish & Game Magazine.

Articles for a 1-page supplement and season prospects combined feature in the 2022 Game Special Issue were sent to Real Creative Media on 18/01/2022 and proofed on 8/02/2022 & 16/02/2022.

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.

Draft of the 2021 12-page Regional Fishing Newsletter sent to Graphic Press on 18/11/2021, proofed 25/11/2021, uploaded to F&G website on 10/12/2021 and received by anglers from 11/12/2021.

Draft of 8-page 2022 Regional Hunting Newsletter sent to Graphic Press on 18/03/2022, proofed on 24/03/22 and posted to AWS licence holders and 6,610 rural box holders in mid-April 2022.

8. Proactively provide timely and useful information to licence holders when requested.

Information provided to licence holders as requested. 2022 game regulation guide information reviewed and updated.

9. Replace / erect 2-3 new signs which provide anglers with helpful on-site information re access and regulations consistent with identified priorities.

Taranaki Regional Boundary sign at Mokau replaced on 21/01/2022.

10. Produce information signs on the Retaruke and Whanganui Rivers to inform walkers on the Te Araroa trail.

11. Install a 3rd angling platform on Lake Mangamahoe (yr 2 of 2).

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 NPDC will reconsider in 3 years-time. Trustpower gave

<p>12. Provide organised fishing opportunities consistent with R3 objectives and branding and in association with volunteer groups for kids and families.</p> <p>13. Explore options for ongoing opportunities for kids and families based on trout releases into local waters and threshold experiences (yr 3 of 3)</p> <p>14. Explore future options for Stratford fishing day and identify preferred option.</p> <p>15. Review, negotiate, publicise and issue access permits to publicly available hunting areas and actively seek and develop new opportunities.</p> <p>16. Identify and explore mentoring schemes to support new hunters and implement most promising option (yr 2 of 2).</p> <p>17. Develop web based introductory package for anglers highlighting access opportunities and methods to get started.</p> <p>18. Proactively take opportunities to make effective representation in statutory and other community processes to maintain or enhance hunting or angling access and opportunity.</p> <p>19. Complete review of Kaupokonui River access information and implement identified opportunities to assist angler access.</p> <p>20. Assess satisfaction and success of Taranaki Region anglers using catch rates from a voluntary diary scheme and online satisfaction survey.</p> <p>21. Locate and publicise quality trout and perch recipes that enable anglers to make good use of these species.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><i>approval for a site near the northern end of the lake on 28/09/2021.</i></p> <p><i>A successful family trout fishing day was held at Lake Rotomanu on 30/10/2021, attended by 95 families.</i></p> <p><i>The Stratford fishing day, scheduled for 11 December 2021, was cancelled owing to uncertainty regarding covid-19, but three trout releases were made so that families could still come and fish while maintaining social distancing.</i></p> <p><i>Forest owners & leaseholders contacted to confirm access arrangements for the 2022 game season. Liaison with DOC regarding hunter access permits for 4 Conservation Areas.</i></p> <p><i>Preparation of web-based "Introduction to sports fishing information" well underway.</i></p> <p><i>Liaised with WDC regarding hunter access to two Nukumarū Recreation Reserve grazing leases.</i></p> <p><i>Access information collated and ground-truthed.</i></p> <p><i>Angler diaries were sent to 32 anglers at the start of the 2021/22 fishing season. Satisfaction survey sent to AWS licence holders on 16/05/2022.</i></p> <p><i>F&G cookbook promoted.</i></p> <p><i>Licence Agents visited in September 2021 to deliver 21/22 Fishing Regulation Guides. Licence Agents visited in March 2022 to</i></p>
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	<i>deliver 2022 Gamebird Hunting Regulation guides. Area C licence agents were provided with Summer Season permits for the Feb / March special season</i>
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IWI & PUBLIC INTERACTION

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.	<p><i>There was liaison with Taranaki Iwi regarding Opunake Power consents (29/10/2021 & 8/02/2022).</i></p> <p><i>There was liaison with Ngaruahine (Te Rere o Kapuni) regarding the suitability of a proposed replacement intake for the lodge power station at Dawson Falls. A site visit was made (22/12/2021) and a letter of support provided on 20/01/2022.</i></p> <p><i>There was liaison with Te Atiawa regarding intake screening on a Waitara River irrigation intake (1/12/2021), Lake Rotomanu water outlet (6/12/2021 & 28/03/2022) and intake consenting (7/12/2021).</i></p> <p><i>A report on fish passage issues in the Tangahoe River catchment prepared for the Fonterra Kaitiaki Group was received (30/11/2021) and zoom meetings attended 8/04/2022 & 20/05/2022.</i></p> <p><i>F&G comments on applications to take water for irrigation from the Tangahoe & Waitotara River & Waiau Stream were forwarded to Nga Rauru Iwi. There was liaison with Nga Rauru regarding the invasive weed hornwort in Lake Herengawe.</i></p>
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.	<i>There was liaison with DOC regarding consenting of the Opunake HEPS and Trustpower's Motukawa HEPS.</i>
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".	<i>The Wild for Taranaki (WfT) AGM (zoom) was attended with 3 new Trustees elected (28/10/2021). A WfT quarterly catchup was attended (3/03/2022).</i>

<p>4. Take opportunities to promote the value of protecting freshwater, wetland and upland game habitats and the wider benefits from this.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>6. Maintain a positive and constructive profile in the media which encourages prospective participants and fosters support and understanding among the general public.</p> <p>7. Implement revised media strategy and including incorporating any National Policy.</p>	<p><i>There was liaison with the Koitiata Wetland Restoration Project about plastic shotgun wads on Turakina Beach and the availability of fully biodegradable shotgun wads for steel shot (22/09/2021).</i></p> <p><i>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). An advert and article on whom to contact re paradise shelduck issues was included in the Taranaki Farming Lifestyles publication (13/12/2021). An advert and article on fishing was included in the Ruapehu Bulletin's Summertime publication. A press release was made for the 2022 special paradise hunting season (11/02/2022), which resulted in articles in the Stratford Press (print & on-line) and the Daily News. Special Season details were also posted on the F&G website. 2022 game season adverts & articles were provided to the Stratford Press and Whanganui Chronicle and information on opening weekend success was provided to the Ruapehu Bulletin.</i></p>
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COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

2021/2022 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
<p>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.</p>	
<p>1. Not less than six meetings of Council are held and meetings are conducted consistent with provisions of the Standing Orders.</p> <p>2. Identification and implementation of options and strategies to increase the diversity of Council and iwi involvement.</p> <p>3. Provide support and training for new Council post 2021 elections.</p> <p>4. The 5-Year Strategy Plan is reviewed and agreed by Council by March 2022.</p> <p>5. Formulation and adoption of an Annual Operational Plan and Budget for 2022/23 consistent with the 5-Year Strategic Plan.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>7. Effective regional policies are developed, adopted and reviewed as required and are consistent with any National Policy requirements.</p> <p>8. Progress reporting of licence sales, work progress and financial position is timely and accurate and supports sound financial and operations management and oversight.</p> <p>9. Effective administration such that the Council is within annual budget ($\pm 5\%$), operates consistent with best practice and at least 90% of its annual plan is completed.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><i>A Council meeting was held on 16/10/2021. The first meeting of the new Council was held on 3/11/2021 via zoom. Council meetings were held in Raetihi on 4/12/2021 and via zoom on 12/02/2022 & 26/03/2022. Informal meetings were also held via zoom on 15/03/2022 & 11/05/2022</i></p> <p><i>An updated Councillor Guide was sent to Councillors on 20/10/2021.</i></p> <p><i>Draft Plan review prepared for Council's 12th February 2022 meeting and adopted at Council's 26/03/2022 meeting.</i></p> <p><i>2022/23 draft budget and OWP prepared for Council's 26 March 2022 meeting.</i></p> <p><i>The 2020/21 Annual Report was prepared and presented at Council's 4th December 2021 AGM.</i></p> <p><i>Reported to each ordinary Council meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Variance report provided to National Office on 8/04/2022.</i></p> <p><i>Desk and computer equipment sorted for new Field Officer, Jacob Morison, who started work with the Council on 4/10/2021. Staff meeting with Chairman held on 17/1/2022. Taranaki staff job sizing information provided to National Office</i></p>

	<i>(10/01/2022). Staff meetings held via zoom on 7/03/2022, 7/03/2022, 11/03/2022 (in person) & 12/04/2022.</i>
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.	<i>3-year extension to Plan review is being sought from the Minister of Conservation and review has been put on hold pending the outcome of the Ministerial Review, including regional amalgamations.</i>
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.	<i>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. Council's comments on the Structure Review Progress report were provided on 26/01/2022 & the draft report on 17/03/2022. Council's vote was lodged for 2 Directors on the QEII National Trust (10/03/2022).</i>
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.	<i>Managers' zoom meetings were attended on 10/09/2021, 8/10/2021, 22/10/2021, 3/12/2021, 16/12/2021, 25/01/2022 (Omicron response), 9/02/2022, 25/02/2022, 11/03/2022, 25/03/2022, 8/04/2022, 6/5/2022 & 20/05/2022. A face-to-face Managers' meeting was attended in Wellington on 28&29 April 2022. The Secretary attended 4 days of meetings in Wellington to record the minutes. A Cawthron presentation (zoom) on trout research and the Fish Futures MBIE Endeavour Programme was attended (10/11/2021) with a follow-up meeting on 17/01/2022. Input was provided to a NZF&GC submission on an EPA reassessment request for Diazinon and other organophosphates (19/10/2021). The EPA (18/05/2022) declined to extend the timeframe for phase-out, keeping it at 2028.</i>

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.	<i>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), Pressure Sensitive Fisheries (10/01/2022), Southland F&G RMA Funding Application & inclusion of trout in National Fishing competitions (26/01/2022), DOC Stewardship Land (7/03/2022). There was also National Liaison regarding: Wildlife Act Review (16/03/2022); Arms Act regulations (24/03/2022); Cyber-Insurance; Backcountry fish licence fee (6/04/2022); Trout farming (6/04/2022); Effects of NES-FW regs of maimais; Southland Land & Water Plan (12/04/2022).</i>
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.	<i>Reported to each Council meeting</i>
17. Staff are actively involved in implementing HSAW policy and ensuring a safe workplace, including by undertaking two monthly staff meetings where HSAW is a specific agenda item.	<i>Reported to each Council meeting</i>
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.	<i>Reported to each Council meeting</i>

Recommendation

That the Budget Report to 30 April 2022 and Project Progress Report to 22 May 2022 be received.

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

Financial Reports to 30th April 2022

Please find attached the following reports;

1. Profit & Loss to 30 April 2022
2. Balance Sheet to 30 April 2022
3. BNZ Statement of Accounts 2 May 2022

RECOMMENDATION

That Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet to 30 April 2022, be received.

Jilli Steedman
SECRETARY
26 May 2022

Profit and Loss For Council

Taranaki Fish and Game Council For the 6 months ended 30 April 2022

	SEP 2021-APR 2022	2022 OVERALL BUDGET	VARIANCE	VARIANCE %
Revenue				
Licence Income				
Fish Licence Income	97,803	104,072	(6,269) ↓	-6% ↓
Game Licence Income	45,557	82,958	(37,401) ↓	-45% ↓
Less Commission and Fees	(5,852)	(8,417)	2,565 ↑	30% ↑
Total Licence Income	137,509	178,613	(41,104)	-23%
Grants	94,471	188,941	(94,470) ↓	-50% ↓
Interest Received	1,992	438	1,554 ↑	355% ↑
Other Income	16,833	36,850	(20,017) ↓	-54% ↓
Gross Profit	250,804	404,842	(154,038)	-38%
Operating Expenses				
SPECIES MANAGEMENT				
Population Monitoring	11,596	9,100	2,496 ↑	27% ↑
Harvest Assessment	-	500	(500) ↓	-100% ↓
Hatchery Operations	7,311	10,000	(2,689) ↓	-27% ↓
Releases	17,605	15,500	2,105 ↑	14% ↑
Control	706	1,800	(1,094) ↓	-61% ↓
Total SPECIES MANAGEMENT	37,219	36,900	319	1%
HABITAT PROTECTION / MANAGEMENT				
Resource Management Act	-	5,000	(5,000) ↓	-100% ↓
Assisted Habitat	15,034	20,000	(4,966) ↓	-25% ↓
Total HABITAT PROTECTION / MANAGEMENT	15,034	25,000	(9,966)	-40%
PARTICIPATION				
Access	310	3,150	(2,840) ↓	-90% ↓
Newsletters Magazine Web pages	9,046	8,000	1,046 ↑	13% ↑
Training	-	1,500	(1,500) ↓	-100% ↓
Clubs	300	300	- -	- -
Total PARTICIPATION	9,656	12,950	(3,294)	-25%
PUBLIC INTERFACE				
Liaison	-	100	(100) ↓	-100% ↓
Advocacy	2,427	4,400	(1,973) ↓	-45% ↓
Total PUBLIC INTERFACE	2,427	4,500	(2,073)	-46%

	SEP 2021-APR 2022	2022 OVERALL BUDGET	VARIANCE	VARIANCE %
COMPLIANCE				
Ranging	-	500	(500) ↓	-100% ↓
Ranger Training	1,331	500	831 ↑	166% ↑
Compliance	50	2,100	(2,050) ↓	-98% ↓
Total COMPLIANCE	1,381	3,100	(1,719)	-55%
LICENCING				
Licence Agents	271	1,000	(729) ↓	-73% ↓
Total LICENCING	271	1,000	(729)	-73%
COUNCIL				
Council Meeting Expenses	6,887	9,000	(2,113) ↓	-23% ↓
Total COUNCIL	6,887	9,000	(2,113)	-23%
PLANNING & REPORTING				
Management / Strategic Planning	-	1,000	(1,000) ↓	-100% ↓
Reporting Audit	658	6,300	(5,642) ↓	-90% ↓
National Liaison	250	100	150 ↑	150% ↑
Total PLANNING & REPORTING	907	7,400	(6,493)	-88%
OVERHEADS				
Salaries	121,636	253,062	(131,426) ↓	-52% ↓
Staff Expenses	1,945	2,170	(225) ↓	-10% ↓
Office Premises	14,895	22,000	(7,105) ↓	-32% ↓
Office Equipment	2,709	1,250	1,459 ↑	117% ↑
Communications / Consumables	5,389	7,100	(1,711) ↓	-24% ↓
General	2,301	2,560	(259) ↓	-10% ↓
General Equipment	754	700	54 ↑	8% ↑
Vehicles	11,548	15,060	(3,512) ↓	-23% ↓
Total OVERHEADS	161,178	303,902	(142,724)	-47%
Depreciation	7,408	10,000	(2,592) ↓	-26% ↓
Total Operating Expenses	242,368	413,752	(171,384)	-41%
New Surplus/(Deficit)	8,436	(8,910)	17,346	195%

Balance Sheet

Taranaki Fish and Game Council
As at 30 April 2022

30 APR 2022

Assets

Bank

BNZ Current Account	37,015.83
BNZ Term 3031	402,691.50
MRP	7,296.35
Total Bank	447,003.68

Current Assets

Accounts Receivable	55,016.57
Prepayments and Accrued Income	109.79
Total Current Assets	55,126.36

Fixed Assets

Accum Dep Vehicles	(48,459.58)
Accum Dep Buildings	(16,451.00)
Accum Dep Office Equipment	(24,034.65)
Accum Dep Plant & Equipment	(16,632.71)
Buildings	16,451.00
Office Equipment	31,946.63
Plant & Equipment	25,014.26
Vehicles	106,281.59
Total Fixed Assets	74,115.54

Total Assets	576,245.58
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Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	30,248.89
Accruals and Prepaid Licences	(70.00)
BNZ Credit Card - Allen	284.81
Duck Stamp Levy Clearing	2,233.05
Employee Entitlements	25,370.46
GST	2,557.20
Income in advance	8,422.00
PAYE Clearing	(19,999.98)
Rounding	0.01
Total Current Liabilities	49,046.44

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Net Assets	527,199.14
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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	8,436.32
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	527,199.14

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Statement of Accounts as at 02 May 2022

Your Accounts at a Glance

Account	Account Number	Maturity Date	Balance
Non Profit Org A/C	02-0792-0332133-000		37,015.83
MRP	02-0792-0332133-001		7,296.35

Your Other Accounts at a Glance

Account	Account Number	Maturity Date	Balance
Term Deposit	36332133-03031	17 Aug 2022	402,691.50

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TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

Correspondence Schedules

Please find attached Inwards and Outwards correspondence schedules to 31 May 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

That Inwards and Outwards correspondence schedules to, 31 May 2022, be received.

Jilli Steedman
SECRETARY
31 May 2022

Inwards Correspondence

Date	Meeting	From	Staff Councillor	Subject
16.3.22	Jun-22	Darlene Ladbrook – TRC	Allen Jacob	Issuing of consents Opunake Power Ltd
23.3.22	Jun-22	Whanganui District Council	Allen	Te Puwaha Dredging Reclamation info sheet
23.3.22	Jun-22	Heather Clark – TRC	Allen	Resource Consent Applications
23.3.22	Jun-22	Helen Trotter – Otago F&G	Allen Jacob	National Angler Survey 2 nd period results
24.3.22	Jun-22	Vikki Kuyil STDC	Allen	Patea Wastewater working party
25.3.22	Jun-22	Kelvin Day NPDC	Allen	Lake Rotomanu Valve Replacement project
6.4.22	Jun-22	Ray Grubb NZC chair	Staff Clrs	Review Structure Review Project Team – Final Report
26.4.22	Jun-22	Kelly Langton TRC	Allen	Freshwater Management Unit Review
6.5.22	Jun-22	Mark Walmsley – Harrison Grierson	Allen	Patea Wastewater Treatment Plant – working group minutes
10.5.22	Jun-22	Allan Chesswas – Renaissance Consulting	Allen	Kapuni Water Supply – conditions 8 & 14 extraordinary users and Te Mana o tew ai
11.5.22	Jun-22	Hon Andrew Little	Allen	Deed of Settlement between the Crown and Ngaruahine – Letter of Introduction
11.5.22	Jun-22	Maria Buzzella NPDC	Allen	Mangorei Weir Consent Application
18.5.22	Jun-22	Rebecca Reid NZFGC	Staff Crs	Reassessment of Diazinon, fenamiphos and methamidophos

Outwards Correspondence

Date	Meeting	To	Staff Councillor	Subject
17.3.22	Jun-22	David Hunt	Staff Clrs	Council comments on draft structure report
30.3.22	Jun-22	Jocelyne Allen TRC	Allen	Lake Rotomanu fish passage