

**WELLINGTON FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**

**MEETING AGENDA**

**TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2013**



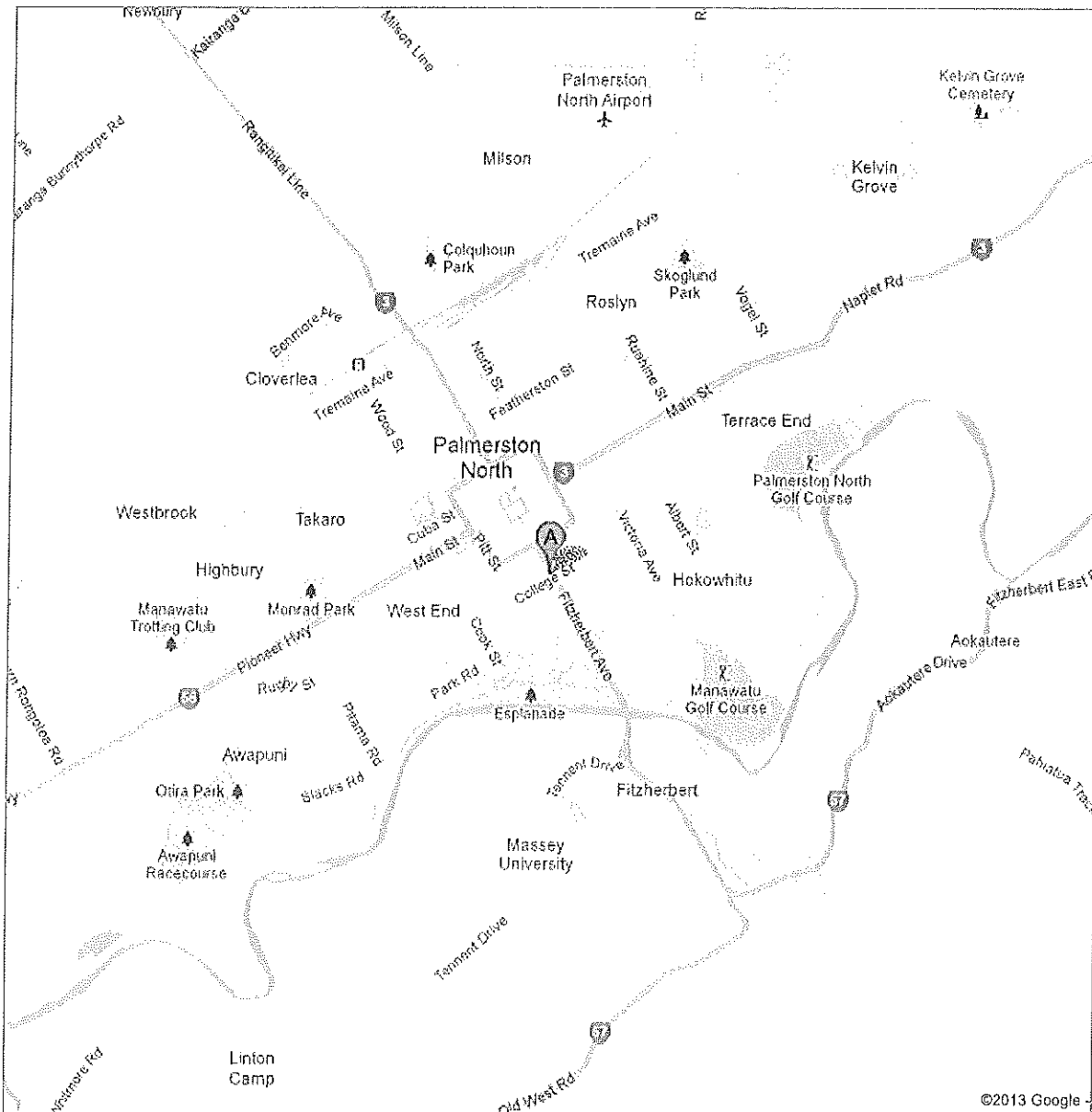
## AGENDA

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140 Fitzherbert Avenue, Palmerston North, at 3.00pm.**

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The Chairman  
Wellington Fish and Game Council

### AGENDA MANAGEMENT

Council should do the following things;

- **Review the Annual Program for Meeting Agendas**, and decide what items should be added to it.
- **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.
- **Review Next Two Meeting Agendas**, to see what's coming, and decide on anything that needs to be included or changed.

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.

### Meeting Dates & Venues Wellington Fish & Game Council 2013

DATE	DAY	VENUE
<i>19<sup>th</sup> February 2013</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Coachman Hotel, Pnith</i>

**WELLINGTON FISH & GAME COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL PROGRAM for MEETING AGENDAS.**

Meeting	Board	Operational	Statutory	Strategic and Policy
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2013	All Board Items.	All Operational Items, to be Received.	Game Season regulations	
	All Board Items.	All Operational Items, to be Received	Draft Annual Plan	
	All Board Items.	All Operational Items, to be Received	Draft Anglers Notice	
	All Board Items.	All Operational Items, to be Received	Adopt Annual Plan	
	All Board Items.	All Operational Items, to be Received		
	All Board Items.	All Operational Items, to be Received Annual Reports, to be Received	Annual General Meeting. Annual Report to Adopt and Present. Game season regulations	

**Board Items** are as follows.

- Present and in Attendance.
- Apologies.
- Minutes of Previous Meeting to be Approved.
- Matters Arising from the Minutes.
- Agenda Management, including review of Action List, review of Annual Program for Meeting Agendas, and review of current and next two meeting agendas.
- Chairman's Business.
- New Zealand Fish & Game Council Business.

**Operational Items** are as follows.

- Management Report, to be Received.
- Schedules of Financial Transactions, Bank Balances, and Correspondence, to be Received.
- Project Expenditure Report, to be Received.
- Licence Sales Reports, to be Received.

**Process to Get Items on Agenda** is as follows.

- Raise the matter in General Business at the end of the meeting, to get it resolved there and then, or
- Raise the matter under Agenda Management near the beginning of the meeting, to seek Council's agreement for a Councillor and/or management to prepare and present a paper on the subject for formal inclusion in a subsequent meeting agenda, or
- Present a paper as a Notice of Motion, following the procedure of 2.16 on page 24 of the Fish and Game Rules in Part 4 of the big blue Policy Manual.





4. Minutes 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012 – to be confirmed as true and correct



## **5. Matters Arising**

- Mallard research update – meeting held in mid December
- Electric Fishing Machine procured.
- Draft recommendations for Game Season Conditions forwarded to DOC via NZ Council
- DOC informed of marginal strip reduction near Mana of neutral interest to Fish & Game



Meeting of the  
**New Zealand Fish and Game Council**  
Tahuna Function Centre Nelson  
Friday 23 & Sunday 25 November 2012  
*Commencing at 11.00 am Friday*

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### 1. Present

Matthew Hall (Chairman), Chris Lynch, Dan Madsen, Lindsay Lyons, Aaron Wakeford, Alan Flynn, Andrew Morris, Robin Blackmore, Peter Robinson, Jean Willis, Dave Witherow and Peter Sutton.

### 2. In Attendance

Catherine Tudhope (D-G Conservation's representative), Bryce Johnson (Chief Executive), Jenny Norris (Finance & Administration Manager), Hamish Carnachan (Communications Manager) and Robert Sowman (Policy & Planning Manager).

Chris Clenshaw (Chairman Nelson/Marlborough Fish and Game Council) and Neil Deans (Manager Nelson/Marlborough) also attended for the initial part of the welcome.

## **INTRODUCTION**

### 3. Welcome

The Chairman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone and expressed his hope for a productive weekend. It will be the last meeting for some and the last for 2012. It is his pleasure to welcome Catherine Tudhope as the DG's representative, Aaron Wakeford as the new Hawke's Bay appointee and a special welcome to Chris Clenshaw the Nelson/Marlborough Chairman and his manager Neil Deans.

Chris Clenshaw then spoke, welcoming NZ Council participants to Nelson and outlined significant ventures taking place in the Nelson/Marlborough region, including the fish-out ponds, growing rapport with the local Federated Farmers, setting up the running of the Save New Zealand Rivers Trust web site.

Nelson/Marlborough Council has become more concerned about getting good access to Molesworth and noted that organised Canada goose shoots on Molesworth were not to the same level as those before that were organised by the Nelson/Marlborough Council.

The NZ Council Chairman then spoke about the meeting being his last as Chairman. He explained that this November meeting covers a normal meeting, a strategic planning meeting and is the last gathering of the current Council. He encouraged free and frank discussion. The principle of openness should be followed where ever possible. The Chairman provided a reminder to participants of the wording in legislation that set up the NZ Council. The responsibility to manage the resource rests with the Council (26F of Conservation Act). He then offered some reflective comments on his time as Chairman and that the working of this Council had contained good and not so good bits. It had required a considerable amount of his time and had had its stressful moments. These included the need for a complaints policy, greater clarity on employment related matters, tighter protocols for managing research, regional consultation processes, greater control over expenditure and agendas to fit the available time.

At a higher level, the Chairman believed the Council needed to lift and take greater ownership of its governance role.

A point of order raised by a councillor present concerned the appropriateness of Councillor Witherow being present at the meeting following independent action taken by him. The NZ Council Chairman assured the Council that he had been assured by Councillor Witherow that he would abide by governance policy of the Council. According to legal opinion Councillor Witherow is entitled to be present. Nevertheless, a resolution was put.

Resolved (Jean Willis/no seconder)

**That the Council express a vote of no confidence in the Chairman**

Motion lapsed due to lack of a seconder.

#### **4. Apologies**

No apologies were received.

#### **5 Agreed order of business**

It was agreed to follow the agenda as set out, except for the consideration of a letter from Cullen Law regarding recent actions of Councillor Witherow, which would be considered as the first item of business in open meeting.

#### **6 Identification of other Urgent Business**

Items raised for inclusion in the agenda:

- Letter from Cullen Law. Agreed the first item of business to be consideration of this letter
- Report from Remuneration Committee (this was accidentally omitted from the agenda but had been asked for by the Chairman to be included and would be considered before the Operational Report)
- Application for exceptional funding from West Coast Fish & Game Council (Item 3.6a)
- Council elections (Operational Report Project 1815)
- Auckland/Waikato current issues
- Taupo Fishery Review

#### **7 Cullen Law letter**

A letter from Cullen Law on behalf of the Chief Executive dated 22 November 2012, about the actions of Councillor Witherow and the duty of NZ Council as a good employer was discussed.

The NZ Council's subsequent legal advice from Buddle Findlay on the Cullen Law letter is that the Council should resolve to distance itself from the actions of Councillor Witherow, write to Otago Fish & Game Council setting out its concerns over the actions of their appointee, and continue to receive advice from Buddle Findlay on being a good employer.

Resolved (Chris Lynch/Allan Flynn)

- 1. That the Council did not direct, approve or authorise the questionnaire sent by Mr Witherow to regional Chairman**
- 2. That Mr Witherow has been directed by the NZ Council Chairman to cease any action on the questionnaire and the Council confirm this direction and agrees it will not receive, hear or accept any information at all on the matter. The Council accepts the Chairman's advice that Mr Witherow advises he will take no further action on the questionnaire**
- 3. That the Council shall write to the Otago Fish and Game Council expressing its concerns and requesting that they take these into account when appointing their new councillor to the NZ Council**
- 4. That the Council will continue to seek the advice of Mr Hamish Kynaston of Buddle Findlay to ensure that all times it acts as a Good Faith Employer**
- 5. That the Council agrees that the Chairman should write to our Chief Executive Mr Johnson advising him of the action taken by the Council and apologising for any distress caused.**

The Chief Executive sought that the letter be formally received with a clear resolution of the Council's confidence or otherwise of Mr Witherow as a councillor.

The Chairman explained he has taken the Cullen Law letter to the NZ Council legal adviser. The adoption of the above resolution effectively did this and is the recommendation of the lawyer to avoid litigation with the content of the letter to be written to the Otago Council being most important. A draft of this letter will be shared with NZ Councillors before it is sent.

Resolved (Matthew Hall/Lindsay Lyons)

**That the NZ Council reimburse the Chief Executive's costs from the NZ Council budget involving legal assistance from Cullen Law.**

## ***MEETING REVIEW***

### **8 Annual Agenda**

Agenda noted, including the listing of a Jan/Feb NZ Council meeting when this meeting is not scheduled for 2013, but no action required.

### **9 Conflicts of Interest Register**

The conflicts of interest register was made available at the start of the meeting to record any conflicts that might arise with items to be discussed at this meeting.

### **10 Confirmation of minutes from the previous meeting**

The meeting considered the minutes of the New Zealand Council meeting held in Wellington on 21 September 2012.

Councillor Witherow sought to have the minutes contain reference to the CE's reference to what he felt was behind plans to review the National Office.

Resolved (Dave Witherow/Chris Lynch)

**That the words "the CE expressed the view that he had no doubt that the review of the National Office was a plan driven by Councillor Witherow to get rid of him" be added to the minutes under item 17.2 (line 9).**

Robin Blackmore abstained from voting on the resolution as he was not present at the meeting.

Resolved (Dave Witherow/Dan Madsen)

**That the minutes also record "That the CE was considering running a personal grievance against the Council".**

Lindsay Lyons commented that it was he who had warned the Council of this risk, not the CE.

Motion was lost.

No other matters within the minutes were identified for further action. However, due to the inclusion of the above resolution to change the minutes, some councillors then questioned whether they now represented a true and correct record.

Resolved (Dan Madsen/Andrew Morris)

**That the minutes of the New Zealand Council meeting held on 21 September 2012 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

Lindsay Lyons, Peter Robinson, Peter Sutton and Jean Willis asked to be recorded against the resolution.

## **11 Matters arising from the September 2012 minutes**

Item 13.7 NZ Business Plan circulated to councillors as an update did not have the additions on performance review and governance policy that had been agreed at the last meeting. This was an error in selecting the wrong file for distribution. A revised Business Plan with these agreed additions has been completed and will now be circulated to the new council.

Under consideration of further correspondence on Official Information Act requests the NZ Council had resolved not to release the legal conflict of interest opinion and on this basis the information was withheld. The Chairman in writing to the correspondees, noted in his letter that the matter would be raised with the NZ Council for its consideration at the November meeting. This would be considered under item 2.6 in the agenda.

On the item to do with Mr Witherow's complaint, the Chairman explained he had sought legal advice on this item. The advice received is that the NZ Council retract its resolution to get an independent reviewer and the matter be referred to a committee within the NZ Council made up of the parties involved/conflicted. Further consideration on this item would be dealt with later in the meeting (first item Sunday morning).

Add item to November agenda for Remuneration Committee. To be considered before the Operational Report.

## **12 Review of accumulative Action List from previous meetings**

No comments received or matters arising from actions that are not to be covered elsewhere in the agenda.

Preparing a complaint procedure should be part of the action arising from 17.3 Cllr Witherow complaint.

Resolved (Peter Robinson/Robin Blackmore)

**That a complaints procedure be drafted to meet the requirements of 2.1.6.2 of the Governance Policy for consideration by the council.**

Independent review of CSI issues (July 2011 13.1). The Chairman has received from CSI issues it would like to see settled. It remains for the NZ Council to now proceed with its review.

Resolved (Dave Witherow/Chris Lynch)

**That the Chairman, in consultation with legal opinion, select a suitable person to commence the inquiry of CSI issues immediately.**

It was agreed that Robin Blackmore and Matthew Hall would discuss the bequeathing policy and how best to advance it from where it was left some time ago. This advice will be forwarded back to the Council.

## ***NZ COUNCIL BUSINESS***

### **13 Report from Remuneration Committee**

It was agreed to move into public excluded session to discuss this item, with the public and staff (with the exception of the CE) excluded from proceedings.



## RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

*Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.*

Time 2.45 pm

Resolved (Dan Madsen/Andrew Morris)

**That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:**  
**1. Report from the Remuneration Committee to the NZ Council.**

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED	REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER	GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF THIS RESOLUTION
Information provided in confidence	) Good reason to withhold exists ) under section 9 of the Official ) Information Act 1982	Section 48(1)(a)(ii)
Consideration of independent external advice		

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

ITEM	REASON UNDER THE OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT 1982	SECTION	PLAIN ENGLISH REASON	WHEN REPORT CAN BE RELEASED
1, 2 & 4.	Protect the privacy of natural persons.	Sec. 9(2)(a)	Information provided identifies a particular person or can easily be connected with a particular person.	Once the person to whom the information relates consents to its disclosure.
3.	Protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence ... where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied	Sec 9(2)(ba)(i)	Disclosing the information would jeopardise the relationship with the supplier because the supplier may no longer trust the Council to hold its information in confidence.	Not unless there is a public interest in disclosure of the specific information.
4.	Maintain legal professional Privilege	Sec. 9(2)(h)	To enable the Council to discuss legal advice.	Once the matter is completed and the legal advisor agrees to its release.

### Note

Section 48(4) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides as follows:

“(4) Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public, and the text of that resolution (or copies thereof):

- (a) Shall be available to any member of the public who is present; and
- (b) Shall form part of the minutes of the Council.”

Time: 3.10 pm

Resolved (Dan Madsen/Aaron Wakeford)

**That the open meeting of the New Zealand Fish and Game Council resumes.**

### **Remuneration Committee Membership**

Peter Sutton expressed a wish that, in light of him not having stood in the recent elections, he be replaced on the Remuneration Committee from the present time until the new council meets in March.

Resolved (Lindsay Lyons/Jean Willis)

**That Peter Robinson be appointed as a member of the Remuneration Committee.**

### **14 Operational Report**

The Operational Report was considered on a page by page basis.

Discussion occurred on items about the Customs Import Prohibition Order, Canterbury Conservation Orders, Horizons One Plan, relationship with Federated Farmers, youth programme and elections,

It was agreed that councillors should put forward ideas on elections and representation for consideration in a report reviewing the 2012 elections for the March meeting.

Resolved (Peter Sutton/Lindsay Lyons)

**That the Operational Report for November 2012 be received.**

### **15 NZ Council 2011/12 Bi-Monthly Financial Report**

The Financial Report was considered on a page by page basis.

Discussion occurred on the current level of legal fund expenditure and liabilities and the consequential effect of the funding requirements of current projects on future licence fees. With a further application for legal expenses to be considered by the meeting, a long term strategy for future legal expenditure was needed.

Resolved (Andrew Morris/Lindsay Lyons)

**That the Financial Report to 31 October 2012 be adopted.**

### **17 Specific Proposals for Capital Expenditure**

A need to replace the Small Business Server at the NZ Council office has been identified and a proposal for hardware purchase (\$5,773) and installation, to be funded from asset replacement reserves, was presented.

Resolved (Chris Lynch/Robin Blackmore)

**That the proposal to replace the Server be accepted.**

### **18 Annual Report**

The audited financial statements for the NZ Council were considered

Resolved (Chris Lynch/Lindsay Lyons)

**That the NZ Council seek assurance from the CE that holiday leave is managed consistent with staff contract provisions.**

Resolved (Peter Sutton/Dan Madsen)

**That the draft financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2012 be received and approved for signing by the Chairman.**

## *NATIONAL FISH & GAME ITEMS*

### **19 Unfinished business from last meeting**

#### **19.1 New tier of volunteers**

It was agreed that the concept of introducing a new tier of Fish & Game volunteers needs to be fully explained. The public awareness element is important – promoting Fish & Game. This could present opportunities for a wider Fish & Game membership. However, concern was also expressed about potential liability for conduct of members belonging to such a group.

Resolved (Peter Sutton/Jean Willis)

**That the NZ Council**

- 1. Agree to circulate to regions the proposal to establish a new tier of volunteers, inviting comment on the proposal and a suggested name for this group of volunteers, and if appropriate,**
- 2. Agree to build on the feedback and develop the concept to a stage where it can be introduced and recognised by being adopted as national policy.**

#### **19.2 Ownership of water**

The Council discussed the agenda paper on ownership of water and in particular water rentals. While it was agreed that water is a 'public' natural resource, it was agreed that Fish & Game needs to develop a clear statement on where it stands on water ownership.

#### **19.3 Use of organo-phosphate**

There have been incidences of paradise shelduck dying due to potential poisoning from organophosphate insecticides. These need to be made known to the EPA and support should be provided for action to reduce or remove the threat from organic phosphate from sports fish and game.

Resolved (Jean Willis/Andrew Morris)

**That the NZ Council lodges a submission of support to minimise organo-phosphate impacts on sports fish and game to EPA.**

#### **19.4 Honorary Rangers**

The paper from Councillor Madsen on honorary rangers and the criteria for their selection, was received. However, after a wide discussion it was accepted to let the matter lie.

Resolved (Dan Madsen/Dave Witherow)

**That suggestions raised in Dan Madsen's paper on honorary rangers be accepted and regions consulted on what is proposed.**

Motion lost.

Meeting closed Friday 23 November at 6.20 pm.

Meeting reconvened Sunday 25 November at 8.30 am.

The Chairman noted this was the last day of this Council and he called for good contributions and adherence to correct processes for discussion and the forming resolutions and speaking to the motion before the Council.

## **20 Status of legal opinion on Conflict of Interest**

A decision was needed on how to handle the legal opinion and how to proceed now the opinion had been leaked to parties external to the NZ Council. The DG representative offered to ask the DOC solicitor about the questions raised by the CE on the options open to the Council. The issue of how the legal opinion was leaked was a serious act and questions the confidentiality and trust of Council members. The credibility of every one person present is implicated by this release.

It was felt the leaked paper highlights the lack of censure of Council members. It also means it creates a lack of trust by others in sharing information with the Council in the future.

Resolved (Dave Witherow/Aaron Wakeford)

**That the NZ Council obtain the opinion from the Department of Conservation on the release of the legal opinion on Conflict of Interest.**

Depending on that opinion, it was agreed the Chairman is to adjust accordingly a letter of reply to those asking for the opinion. The Chairman is also to write to all Fish and Game Chairman explain the opinion has been incorrectly released and that the matter not be addressed.

Resolved (Matthew Hall/Andrew Morris)

**That the NZ Council Chairman write to all Fish and Game Chairs to explain that the opinion on conflict of interest had been incorrectly released and that as it was considered in a public excluded session it therefore cannot be discussed.**

## **21 Complaint from Mr Witherow**

The NZ Council's legal advice is that the complaint from Councillor Witherow be considered within the Council and that an independent advisor is not used.

Resolved (Chris Lynch/Aaron Wakeford)

**That the NZ Council deal with the Mr Witherow complaint itself and not through an independent advisor. The parties will be Mr Johnson, Mr Witherow, the Chairman, the employment lawyer Mr Kynaston and Mr Johnson's legal advisor. All costs will be met by the Council.**

## **22 Regional Uptake of Oath of Office**

The Eastern Fish and Game Council has asked that all councils include the Oath of Office in induction material for all new councils. This is a voluntary process but it is recognised as a sign of good faith.

Resolved (Lindsay Lyons/Robin Blackmore)

**That the NZ Council supports the Oath of Office being included in the induction material for all councils.**

Dan Madsen abstained from voting.

### **23 Fish & Game New Zealand Research Programme Update Report**

The NZ Council requested more information as an update report on a regular basis on the status of research projects. Each project should have a named F&G contact responsible for objectives, milestones and progress. It should also define whether the contract has been drafted and/or signed with agreed milestones included. Other suggestions made included that the Council receive a flow-chart on the mallard research project and for this to be updated for every NZ Council meeting.

Resolved (Robin Blackmore/Jean Willis)

**That the NZ Council requests the Fish & Game New Zealand Research Programme provide more information, particularly on progress to date and milestone reporting requirements against expenditure.**

It was agreed that the initial assessment and feasibility for research projects also needs more rigor, including obtaining a second opinion (referee) before committing to funding.

Resolved (Chris Lynch/Peter Robinson)

**That the CE undertake a review of the Research Strategy for the May Council meeting following input from the managers**

Neil Deans joined the meeting after morning tea at 10.30 am Sunday.

### **24 Update report of approved legal cases**

Discussion occurred on follow-up comments from opponents to the One Plan Environment Court decision. Fish & Game NZ remains committed to protecting and promoting the outcomes as a precedent for the rest of NZ.

Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan comments are being prepared and submitted jointly by North Canterbury, Central South Island Fish and Game Council and Nelson/Marlborough.

The Chairman congratulated the author on the Hurunui Waiau Regional Plan report and the coverage provided.

Resolved (Dave Witherow/Andrew Morris)

**That the Legal Update Report be received.**

**That funding be extended to \$363,000 (from \$110,000) on the Canterbury Land & Water Plan case approved in September 2012.**

**That funding be extended by a further \$60,000 on the Hurunui Waiau Regional Plan (previously Hurunui WCO).**

### **25 Legal Funding applications**

#### **Hawke's Bay: Hawke's Bay Land & Water Planning issues**

A detailed application was received on this proposal. It was recognised that the Hawke's Bay Regional Council was investing considerable resources into achieving its irrigation and regional policy/plan objectives and that at best Fish and Game may only be able to mitigate or influence adjustment to some of the regional council's actions through legal means.

A wide ranging discussion then resulted covering the concerns of the Council about the mounting legal costs needing to ensure Fish & Game NZ interests are protected. These collective costs nationally make it difficult to see how they can be sustained through continuing to have to put up licence fees to cover them.

It was accepted that the question arises in the Hawke's Bay situation as to how Fish and Game becomes involved, not should it be involved. Fish and Game cannot afford to delay becoming involved but it may want to review its cost commitments after some months following this initial involvement.

It was also recognised that there are a limited number of technical experts available in New Zealand to advise on these issues with many of them currently engaged through HB Regional Council.

Resolved (Peter Robinson/Andrew Morris)

**That the NZ Council conditionally approve Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council's request for funding for 2013 of up to \$220,000 with the proviso that National Office staff consult with Hawke's Bay to facilitate a review of these and future costs on the region's land and water planning issues.**

Dan Madsen & Chris Lynch asked that their name be recorded voting against this motion.

## **26 National Finance Report 1: 2012/13**

It is too early in the financial year to give an accurate trend. However indications are that overall expenditure is tracking in accordance with that budgeted for the year-to-date.

Resolved (Peter Sutton/Lindsay Lyons)

**That the National Finance Report to 31 October 2012 be received.**

## **27 Application from West Coast for exceptional expenditure**

This application for sealing the parking area at the West Coast Fish and Game Council office was accepted without discussion.

Resolved (Peter Sutton/Chris Lynch)

**That the application by West Coast for exceptional funding of \$8,000 from its general reserves within the 2012/13 financial year to resurface its car park be approved.**

## **28 National Licence YTD Sales**

Discussion occurred on the use of the Agency Online licence channel and the top selling agent online agents in the country. An updated list of these agents was provided.

## **29 National Licensing Agreement Renewal - Update**

The council accepted the report provided and decided it did not want to raise any additional questions or question the process being undertaken. Therefore it chose not to move into public excluded for further consideration but to accept the recommendation.

Resolved (Peter Sutton/Chris Lynch)

**That the NZ Council recommends:**

- 1. A draft licence agreement be prepared and shared with regional managers for information and further input**

2. **Initial draft negotiations commence with two organisations to determine the preferred supplier**
3. **Once an agreement has been reached with the preferred supplier, each council will be asked to sign and become party to the agreed national licence administration service.**

### **30 Lead shot exemption for sub-gauges – regional feedback**

With no clear majority of support for or against and incomplete information to argue in its favour, it was agreed it makes any change to the status quo questionable. The NZ Council accepted that 6 regions opposed the Southland proposal to uplift the lead shot exemptions and that 5 regions supported the proposal.

Resolved (Andrew Morris/Robin Blackmore)

#### **That the NZ Council**

1. **Ask regional managers to use the 2013 game hunter surveys to establish whether there has been any significant change in sub gauge shotgun use since 2009.**
2. **Meanwhile, retain the sub gauge exemption in the use of lead shot**
3. **Convey its concerns to Southland should it propose to go-it-alone and lift the exemption.**

### **31 Amendment to an earlier minute of the meeting**

On a point of order, it was agreed necessary to provide formal endorsement of the paper received in commercial confidence by the Council for consideration in a public excluded session for securing a renewal of the national licencing agreement. This required the meeting to briefly go into public excluded session to discuss the names of the organisations in question.

Resolved (Lindsay Lyons/Robin Blackmore)

**Agreed to wave standing orders**

## **RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

*Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.*

Time 1.40 pm

Resolved (Chris Lynch/Andrew Morris)

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#### Note

Section 48(4) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides as follows:

“(4) Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public, and the text of that resolution (or copies thereof):

- (a) Shall be available to any member of the public who is present; and
- (b) Shall form part of the minutes of the Council.”

Time: 1.45 pm

Resolved (Dan Madsen/Aaron Wakeford)

**That the open meeting of the New Zealand Fish and Game Council resumes.**

### 32 Access review terms of reference

It was accepted that the access review group needs to be as representative as possible within the focus on access for Fish and Game licence holders. It was also agreed the terms of reference should only be indicative and left for the group to confirm.

The need for two members from both Islands from Fish and Game was questioned and a proposal for just one from each Island was favoured. DOC and NZ Professional Fishing Guides Association should also be considered. A possible game bird hunter representative would also help provide a hunter perspective.

Resolved (Peter Sutton/Lindsay Lyons)

**That the NZ Council accept the Access Review Terms of Reference and operating budget of \$3,000.**



### 33 Elections

The situation that arose in the Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Council election where licence holders from another region registered their names on the electoral role was discussed. Further investigation is needed to see if a change of region occurring after the determination of regions going to election warrants amending.

### 34 Correspondence to the Chairman

#### 1. Short term sports fishing licence

Taranaki Chairman – Letter dated 8 September 2012

Research will be presented to managers and the NZ Council early in 2013. This research will be recommending new licence categories, including a short term (greater than a 24 hour) licence option.

#### 2. Appointment of honorary rangers

Auckland//Waikato Chairman - letter dated 9 October 2012

This item was already discussed at this meeting. It was agreed that the NZ Council respond to Auckland/Waikato informing the council of its discussion.

#### 3. NZ Fish & Game Council

Nelson/Marlborough Chairman – Letter dated 15 October 2012

The NZ Council has responded to this letter. However he records his apology if his reply to Nelson/Marlborough was taken as harsh criticism.

#### 4. Customs Import Prohibition (Trout)

Minister of Conservation - letter dated 25 October 2012

Letter received for information. No further action required.

#### 5. Reimbursement rate for vehicle running

Eastern Chairman – Letter dated 26 October 2012

Earlier consultation with regions indicated acceptance with the current rate set in accordance with national policy.

Resolved (Lindsay Lyons/Chris Lynch)

**That subject to Council receiving further information, consideration is to be given to the merit of revising national policy on vehicle running reimbursement rate.**

Robin Blackmore voted against the motion.

#### 6. Lead shot exemption in sub-gauge shotguns

4 letters – letters dated 3 September, 26 October, 30 October, 11 November 2012

The Chairman to reply on the basis of earlier decision on lead shot exemptions.

### 35 Urgent General Business

#### Chairman's report

No changes we received from councillors on the draft Chairman's Report that is to be added to the 2012/13 Annual Report

#### Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game audit

It was accepted that the NZ Council is not involved in the process and should not make any comment.

### **Taupo Fishery Review**

It was noted that Eastern Fish and Game is becoming increasingly involved in discussion with DOC, Taupo Fishery Advisory Committee and the Taupo Fishery Review team on option for the future management of the fishery.

In closing, the Chairman spoke about the fact that for a number of councillors this will be their last meeting. For some this amounts to many years of indirect and direct involvement with Fish and Game. He believed the Council should record its great appreciation of the passion and tireless efforts of these volunteers on behalf of Fish and Game.

Resolved (Matthew Hall/Lindsay Lyons)

**The NZ Council expresses its appreciation to those councillors retiring at this meeting.**

Three of those retiring from the NZ Council spoke:

Dan Madsen spoke on the advantages and disadvantages of no longer being a councillor. Dan is to become involved with the Auckland Regional Plan that becomes available in March so will continue with similar work.

Robin Blackmore spoke of his time on the Council and his admiration for what Fish & Game achieves for environmental protection. This has been helped by good reporting from staff. Robin will still be involved with the Nelson/Marlborough Fish and Game Council.

Peter Sutton spoke of his history with the organisation back to the days when his father was a senior staff member with the Southland Acclimatisation Society. Peter considered the last three years of the NZ Council had not been as productive as they could have been due to internal conflicts and that he remained hopeful it was now moving into a better era, both internally and with the additional communication advisors.

There being no urgent general business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions. He also thanked Catherine Tudhope and national office staff for their input before declaring the meeting closed at 2.55 pm Sunday 25 November 2012.

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2013





**7. Game Season Conditions –**

- **Black Swan recommendation to adopt for referral to the Minister**
- **Paradise Shelduck recommendation to adopt for referral to the Minister**

The recommendations for the black swan and paradise shelduck season conditions are:

**Black swan** – as per game setting regulation policy:

- 1) a “normal” season for Wellington East of 2 - 3 birds over the duration of the waterfowl season; and
- 2) a “liberal” season for Wellington West of 3+ birds for the duration of the waterfowl season.

*The season conditions for black swan be as per recommendation and policy being a two (2) bird limit for black swan for the duration of the waterfowl season (8 weeks) over the Wellington East area of Wellington Fish and Game region and a one(1) bird limit for black swan for the duration of the waterfowl season (8 weeks) over the Wellington West area of Wellington Fish & Game region.*

**Paradise shelduck –**

*A ten (10) bird limit per day be adopted for the waterfowl season (8 weeks)*

*A special season with a five(5) bird limit for a two-week period (3 weekends) in mid-February primarily to disperse the birds - with public waterways being excluded from the special summer season for 2014*

The season conditions for all other species adopted recommendations at the 4 December 2013 meetings have been forwarded to NZ Council staff to alert the Minister of any likely changes. Unless there are material changes to those recommendations can be confirmed as Wellington Council’s advice to the Minister.



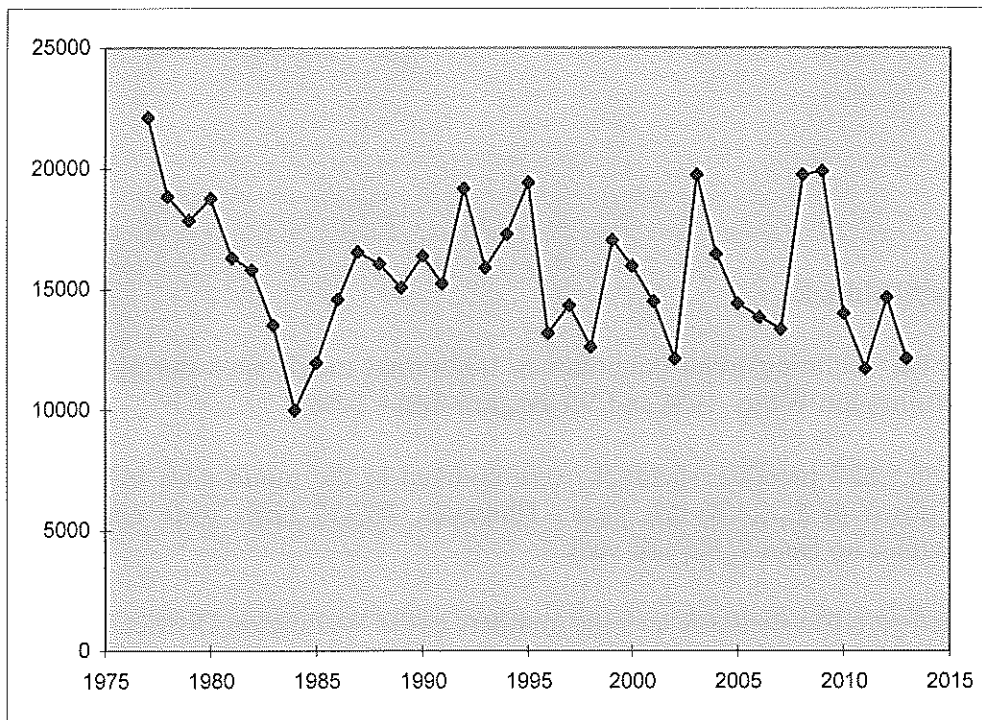
## Project 1114      Gamebird Population Assessment and Season Regulations

There are two gamebird recommendations for the forthcoming gamebird season that awaited 2013 counts. These have been completed.

### **Black Swan**

Numbers have decreased.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Wanganui	355	285	301	261	268	562
Nelson/Marlborough	14235	13113	7750	5924	7826	6805
Lake Wairarapa	4276	5272	4515	4076	4884	3889
Wellington West	867	1241	1445	1452	1687	898
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19733</b>	<b>19911</b>	<b>14011</b>	<b>11713</b>	<b>14665</b>	<b>12154</b>



As per Council policy adopted in the November 2011 Council meeting, utilising the Table below, suggest a “normal” season for Wellington East of 2 - 3 birds over the duration of the waterfowl season, and a “restrictive” season of 1 bird for the duration of the waterfowl season for Wellington West.

Region	Very Restrictive	Restrictive	Normal	Liberal
Wellington A (East)	<2000	2000-3000	3000 – 5,000	> 5,000
Wellington B (West)	<500	500-1000	1000-1500	>1500
	1 bird Queens Birthday to conclusion of waterfowl season	1 bird Duration of Waterfowl Season (normal = 8 weeks)	2-3 birds Duration of Waterfowl Season (normal = 8 weeks)	3+ birds Duration of Waterfowl Season (normal = 8 weeks)
Central NZ	7,000 – 10,000	10,000 – 13,000	13,000 – 16,000	> 16,000

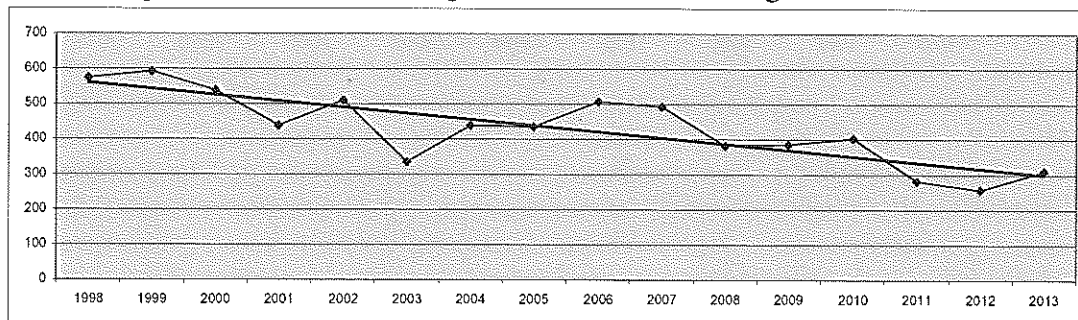
**Recommendation** A 2 bird limit for black swan over the entire Wellington East and a 1 bird limit for Wellington West Fish and Game area for the 2013 gamebird season.

### Paradise Shelduck.

Overall, the declining trend continues at traditional moult sites during the past 16 years (Wellington West - 14% and Wellington East - 10%).

A total of 5,889 paradise shelduck were counted at the moult sites in the Western areas – down from 6,424 last year. However, 10,317 birds were counted in the Eastern areas, up from 7,245 last year.

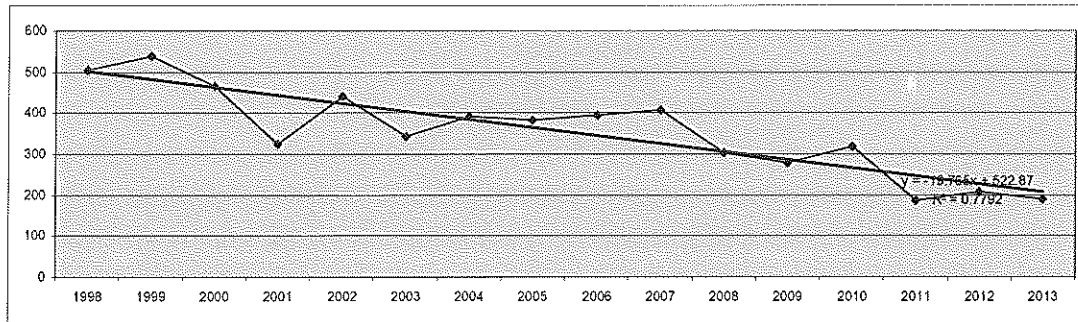
Combined paradise shelduck average numbers in the Wellington District.



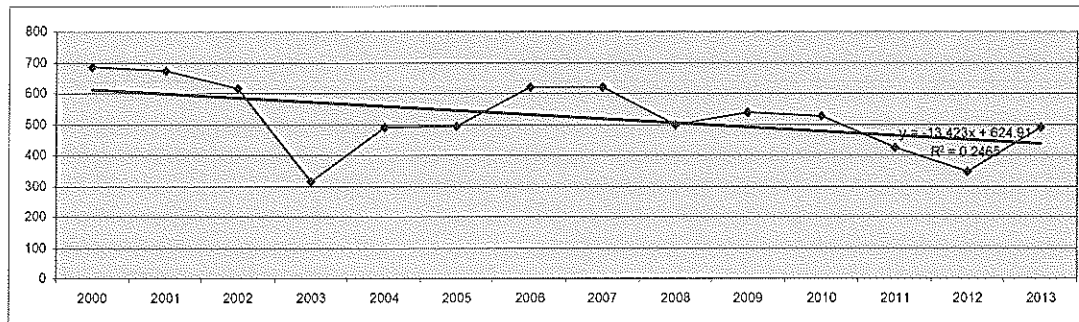


Dividing the areas gives the following graphs.

Wellington West Average Numbers of Paradise Shelduck



Wellington East Average Numbers of Paradise Shelduck



Despite numbers increasing this year, the overall trend is still negative.

### Recommendation

A ten bird limit be adopted for the gamebird season with a five-bird limit for a two-week period (3 weekends) in mid-February (except on Public Land) primarily to disperse the birds.

Steve Pilkington  
12 Feb 2013



<b>8. 2013 Meeting Timetable/Venues</b>
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Confirmation the following meeting schedule for 2013

- 19 February 2013
- 9 April 2013
- 18 June 2013
- 21 August 2013
- 15 October 2103
- 10 December 2013

## WELLINGTON FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman  
Wellington Fish and Game Council

### MEETING DATES & VENUES 2013

#### Recommendation:

Tuesday 19th February 2013	Palmerston North
Tuesday 9th April 2013	Wellington
Tuesday 18th June 2013	Masterton
Wednesday 21st August 2013	Palmerston North
Tuesday 15th October 2013	Wellington
Tuesday 10th December 2013 AGM	Masterton

# Calendar for year 2013 (New Zealand)

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<b>Holidays and Observances:</b>	
1 Jan New Year's Day	25 Apr Anzac Day
2 Jan Day after New Years Day	3 Jun Queen's Birthday
6 Feb Waitangi Day	28 Oct Labour Day
29 Mar Good Friday	25 Dec Christmas Day
1 Apr Easter Monday	26 Dec Boxing Day

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## FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2013

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Northland												
Ak/Waikato												
Eastern												
Hawkes Bay												
Taranaki												
Wellington												
Nel/Marlb												
Nth Cant.												
West Coast												
CSI												
Otago												
Stihland												
<b>MANAGERS</b>		25-26		29-30					2-3			
NZC			23-24		24	t/c 19	19-21		20		22-24	
P.A.												
RMA												
Licence W/P												
GBHTB							t/c 17	16				
		8th - final date for receipt of 2011/12 Variance Reports										
		15th - final date for receipt of draft 2013/14 Budgets, OWPs and CF applications										
		17th - final date for receipt of regional responses to 2013/14 licence fees										

## **9. Council Governance Overview (Presentation)**

A brief overview synopsis that covers the principles of governance, and responsibilities outlined in relevant legislation for public entities including:

- Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987;
- Secret Commissions Act 1910
- Sections 99, 105, and 105A Crimes Act 1961;
- Local Authorities (Members Interest) Act 1968.

A brief overview of the current Fish & Game budgeting and planning processes will also be outlined





## **10. Strategic Outputs Review (Discussion)**

Activities undertaken by Wellington Fish & Game staff will be prioritised according to the strategic direction defined by the Council. This may include essential activities required by legislation, but others which set objectives for completion in Annual and Management Plan processes.

An overview of the functional output groups will be presented and discussion on projects undertaken to achieve outputs.

It is intended that a discussion be undertaken by Council on high level strategy relating to focus or desired outcomes within the constraints of current or potential resources.



**11. Potential Annual Plan Projects (Discussion)**

The draft budget with “bulk-funded” allocation is due in mid April. Any contestable funding applications must also be made at this time. In order for there to be consideration and endorsement of any projects for potential contestable funding then a discussion paper is required for material applications.

A discussion on potential projects is anticipated.



**12. Lake Wairarapa Update**

A brief update on planning, and physical projects.

A request has been received by Greater Wellington Regional Council for the removal of exotic fish from Barton's Lagoon.



## By email

11 December 2012

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Dear Phil,

### Control of exotic fish species in Barton's Lagoon

The Wairarapa Moana Wetlands collaborative have received FreshStart for Freshwater Funding to reverse the continuing degradation of wetland habitat around the edge of Lake Wairarapa and Lake Onoke by reducing inputs of contaminants, better understanding and managing hydrology, and restoring wetland areas. The actions that we intend to complete at six edge wetland sites include pest plant and animal control, altering/creating wetlands and plantings. On the adjacent farmland, we are looking at opportunities to work with farmers on farm plans that may include riparian planting and wetland establishment.

Recent research in the lake has shown that the aquatic ecosystem has transitioned from being dominated by diadromous native fish to one dominated by resident exotic fish species. Perch is the most numerous exotic species. Native fish species, such as common bullies are known to be prey for perch. Exotic fish species are also present in the wetlands surrounding the lake. Barton's Lagoon in Lake Domain Reserve appears to provide good native fish habitat. Some large old longfin eels and koura are present, while perch numbers are low.

We wish to complete an exotic fish removal trial at Barton's Lagoon to assess the effort required to keep the exotic species at low enough levels to allow native fish species to dominate the lagoon. While some trials of predatory fish removal have been undertaken in artificial ponds in Otago, the Wairarapa Moana Wetlands collaborative would like to complete investigations that relate to the Wairarapa complex to learn more about the local system. We request permission from Fish and Game to remove exotic fish species including perch and trout at various intervals over three years from Barton's Lagoon as part of this trial.

Yours sincerely

**Philippa Crisp**

Team Leader, Environmental Science, GW (on behalf of the Wairarapa Moana collaborative).

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### **13. Licencing Working Party Update**

**A brief overview of the process to renew a licence management provider.**





**14. One Plan Update**

**A brief overview of the progression of appeals by Federated Farmers NZ and Hort NZ at the High Court.**



## 15. Management Report

### Items of Note:

#### 1112 Rangitikei Trout Fishery Management

- contact with Ministry of Defence regarding access
- video of river taken from Springvale to Otamateanui confluence

#### 1113 River Control Fishery Assessment - Flood Management Plans are being developed for the Schemes in the Wairarapa Valley.

#### 1211 RMA PROJECTS

Staff have been assisting other regional F&G regions on

- Ruataniwha Project (Hawke's Bay) – providing technical appraisal and leading project – hearings will be held through an EPA process.
- Hawke's Bay RPS – providing technical planning overview and co-ordinating submission
- ECan Plan – providing technical critique and co-ordinating external assistance – Commissioners appointed with hearings being held in January under the ECan Act.

ONE PLAN – High Court Appeal update

Wairarapa Water Use Project will gather momentum early this year

Met with senior staff from Greater Wellington RC to discuss their regional plan process.

Submission on Kapiti DC consent application for water take from Waikanae River and Borefield. Regional Council has put consent process on hold for further information.

1341 Communications : Weekly electronic newsletters are increasing in popularity.

#### Recommendation:

Council receive the Management Report –Mid November to End January

# MANAGEMENT REPORT

## For the Period 20 November 2012 – 31 January 2013

### SPECIES MANAGEMENT

#### 1111 Sportsfish Population Monitoring

Preparation for 2012/13 sportsfish programme undertaken.

Drift dived Waikanae River in December. Water clarity and diving conditions have been good. Undertook drift dives in a further 13 rivers (25 sections) totalling approx 24km. Akatarawa, Kopuaranga, Mangaterere (2), Oroua (2), Pakuratahi (2), Pohangina (3), Ruamahunga (2), Taukerenikau (2), Tokomaru (2), Waingawa, Wainuiomata (3), Waihoni (2), Waipoua (2)

#### 1112 Rangitikei Trout Fishery Management

NZ Council has contacted NZ Defence HQ to assist with progress and defining any issues. While some further points of clarification have been requested to NZ Defence Ministry, it appears promising that a more relaxed access policy will be put in place.

Took a flight up to record (video) the river reaches regarding access up the river from landing sites and camping sites. This was deferred from previous year. This information will be interpreted for data collection purposes only as there are no plans for implementation of any "system" of allocation.

Compliance operation undertaken to check licences (total 6 checked – all complied). One guide and client had been issued a trespass notice by one of the leasees of the private iwi land. Pulse of interest in Upper Rangitikei River Backcountry Licences in the days following.

Undertook electric fishing survey in late December to sample for fingerlings for Otolith microchemistry study.

#### 1113 River Control Fishery Assessment

Fish & Game staff attended meetings to discuss with Greater Wellington Regional Council staff issues relating to gravel aggregation in the lower reaches of the Waikanae River.

Flood Management Plans are being developed for the Waiohine River Scheme and other Schemes in the Wairarapa Valley. The Regional Council staff are keen to have F&G input but acknowledge the time resources required to participate in workshops and meetings.

#### 1114 Gamebird Population Assessment

Trend counts undertaken to paradise shelduck, and black swan in region. Conducted helicopter flight on Lake Wairarapa and fixed wing flights of Manawatu, Horowhenua, Wairarapa and the Central hill country counting paradise shelduck and swan. Results will be presented at February Council meeting with recommendations for season conditions – in brief paradise shelduck numbers show a slight increase – black swan numbers down slightly across Central NZ.

#### 1121 National Game Harvest Survey

Nothing to report. Considering cost effective options for conducting surveys this year.

#### 1161 Trout Liberations

Liaised with Eastern region F&G regarding fish orders for 2012/13 and additional opportunities from Turangi.

#### 1171 Season Regulations

Regulation booklet draft comment made.

Game season conditions recommendation draft sent to NZ Council staff for review by DOC.

#### 1172 Keep and Release Approvals (Game Preserves)

The application for Upland Game Property with Special Conditions renewal at Hunterville being processed.

## 1181 Bird Dispersal

Several permits to disturb issued – no significant issues brought to our attention.

## HABITAT PROTECTION / MAINTENANCE

### 1211 Resource Management General

Staff have been assisting other regional F&G regions on

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### ONE PLAN - Update of Current Position:

Two parties (Federated Farmers and Hort NZ) have appealed to the High Court, the decision of the Environment Court regarding the One Plan.

Hort NZ and Federated Farmers have been presenting their specific points of law that they are appealing. Case scope and case management memorandum are currently being prepared and submitted to the High Court by respective counsel.

This has led to an ambiguous set of discussion memorandums where a Landcare Research report was being cited as key information that the Environment Court should have heard as material evidence. This has been confirmed by Landcare Research and Horizons as not being materially relevant to the case. Hort NZ has noted that MPI are currently commissioning an economic impact report on the One Plan Decisions and infer that the Environment Court should reconvene to hear this evidence. In essence this is merely delaying the implementation of the One Plan.

### Wairarapa Water Use Project

Little information has been distributed to the stakeholders group regarding the narrowing down of sites (presumably to protect landholder privacy). It has become apparent that some landholders have been approached as the issue is being discussed wider in the community with specifics being noted. Once they have sought feedback from landholders it was anticipated a meeting would be held with the Stakeholders Groups in March.

- Section 96 Submission in opposition – Taratahi & Carrington Water Race Schemes – conditions have now been defined to our satisfaction so our involvement will be concluded once consent is processed and granted.
- Section 95 approval sought for global consent for NZTA to do works on bridges and culverts in Wellington State Highway network – draft conditions reviewed and NZTA is modifying their application to include dry abrasive blasting.
- Kahuterawa Stream flood control stream maintenance Horizons Regional Council - resource consent application received and response drafted
- Resource consent application by NZ Defence Force to discharge stormwater to Manawatu River and Kahuterawa Stream Section 95 approval given
- Application by KCDC to increase the existing take from the Waikanae River and recharge the river from the Waikanae borefield for public water supply, and to undertake associated works. Fish & Game will put in a submission to retain legal status – there is still uncertainty on the level of periphyton growth increase that will be occurring with different water source. Submission sent 19/12/12. GWRC have put a delay in processing consent seeking further information.
- Application by Masterton District Council to discharge filter backwash supernatant to Waingawa River from Kaituna Water Treatment Plant More info to be sent from Opus.
- Resource Consent Application renewal sought by PNCC to discharge treated and discoloured water to the Manawatu River Section 95 approval given 26/11/12

- Application by NZTA to remediate erosion damage by implementing a scour protection programme near the Ohau River Bridge. Section 95 E approval given as condition relating to time of work included. Ohau River bridge on SH1 is exhibiting erosion signs on the southern side, and NZTA wish to install riprap protection on this side, which will require temporary dewatering and sediment release.
- Application by Engel Dairy Farm Ltd to increase consented water take, and surrender a consent for an equivalent water take amount. Section 95 approval given.
- Application by Masterton District Council to extend commissioning dates of the Homebush Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade. Letter received from Sustainable Wairarapa outlining concerns on the delay and lack of access to information on the project. Section 95 approval for extension of commissioning dates given
- Application by Horizons to excavate and deposit gravel within the bed of the Manawatu River to reduce river bed erosion. S95 consent given.
- Application by PNCC to extend deadline for development of a fish trap and transfer programme to be included in the Turitea Reserve Management plan Section 95 approval given for change to condition 20.
- Application by GW for a short term global consent for Flood Protection Works in the Waingawa River Approval given 18/12/12
- Application by NZTA to discharge CMA to roads as required to prevent frost and ice forming Section 95 approval given
- Application by Matahiwi Farms Ltd to dam two tributaries of the Wakamoekau Creek, harvest winter flows for summer irrigation. Submission in opposition lodged on 27/11/12. Pre-hearing meeting 28/02/13.
- Application by Flood Protection (GW) Whakawiriwiri Stream drainage project submission made.
- Application by PNCC to change conditions 16 and 18, and add 15a and 16a Turitea water take Revised conditions received, section 95 approval given.
- Proposed Kapiti Coast District Plan Copy of the Proposed District Plan requested. Submissions due 1 March 2013
- Levin Sewage Treatment Plant application to discharge on hold until Shannon consent finalised. Hearing decision made but appeals have already been lodged by other parties.
- Section 96 submission in opposition to the Shannon Wastewater Treatment Plant consent application. Decision recently released but both applicant and submitters in opposition have lodged appeals. It is unlikely that Fish & Game will join the appeal as a section 274 interested party.
- Martinborough Waste Water Treatment Plan discharge consent draft AEE received and comments made
- Section 96 submission in opposition to the Feilding Wastewater Treatment Plant consent application. Continuing
- Staff met with consultant for a global consent on Wainuiomata River for 8 landowners to do minor works. It has been sent back to the applicants for a more detailed approach with base level information seen as inadequate for the application to proceed as initially outlined.
- Met with senior staff from Greater Wellington RC to discuss their regional plan process. The 'new' regional plan will be developed then catchment plans added following an approach of zone/catchment management – which allows the community stakeholders (normally bereft of technical understanding and overtly advocates of commercial interests) to determine water values and limits.

- They have also continued with a number of stakeholders meetings organised by Greater Wellington RC to discuss aspects of the Regional Plan review.
- Pahiatua Fonterra – new Dryer Processing Plant – pre-application consultation, additional farm purchased for land disposal. Leaching standards need to be met.

### **1213 Trout Habitat (Didymo, Pest Fish etc)**

Staff attended a Didymo training day in Rotorua – latest info dissemination

### **1222 Lake Wairarapa Habitat**

Attended meeting to focus on water management on JK Donald wetland. Options discussed on weir design and central drain management.

John Cheyne (HB F&G) has been engaged to undertake an overview of Simmonds Lagoon,

### **1231 Wetland Habitat**

Liaised with site managers that had received funding from Gamebird Habitat stamp.

Landcare Trust confirmed interest and funding to undertake habitat work around Lake Ouanu as part of the Manawatu River Accord Clean Up funds.

## **LICENCE HOLDER PARTICIIPATION**

### **1123 Angler Opinions & Participation**

Nothing to report.

### **1124 Hunter Opinions & Participation**

Nothing to report.

### **1311 Angler Access**

Replaced a small number of angler access signs. Additional work is continuing on access signage and further access pamphlet – potentially Hutt River.

Took photos and GPS co-ordinates for the Walking Access Mapping System layer.

Forwarded on issues regarding public access on lease land from District Council near Mangaweka.

### **1312 Lake Wairarapa Hunter Access**

Started documenting structures including maimais as they are coming under increasing scrutiny.

### **1313 Hunter Access**

Seeking improved access for hunters in Manawatu western forests, but competing activities (eg orienteering, mountain bikes) are putting even more additional pressure on hunter access.

Seeking further information on Pencarrow lake management which may have implications for hunter access.

### **1331 Magazine & Newsletter**

- Newsletter– prepared and distributed in December

### **1341 Information to Clients**

- Completed Reel Life articles on a monthly basis.
- Weekly Newsletter sent out on Thursdays– new supplier required when existing supplier curtailed service.
- Discussed website and content with NZ Council's Communication Manager.

### **1351 Hunter Training**

Liaised with other regional F&G staff as they also continue an adhoc approach to junior hunter recruitment.

Attended Public Awareness meeting which discussed recruitment of novice, young anglers.

### **1361 Club Liaison**

Worked with clubs regarding tagging programme.

## **LICENCE DISTRIBUTION / SALES**

### **1611 Licencing**

There were three agents that had an overdue payments (1 month plus) totaling \$ 27585 at the end of January. One agent is of high concern in payment (as initially outlined at August 2012 meeting) but has been put on a repayment plan, agency suspended, and licence books retrieved – balance is currently \$1851.40.

## **COMMUNITY ADVOCACY / LIAISON**

### **1411 Advocacy and Liaison**

Have had numerous meetings with regional councils, and other groups regarding a range of issues such as access, funding,

### **1441 Public Awareness**

- Radio advertisement centred on Christmas holiday activities organised in conjunction with NZ Council Communications Manager

### **1442 Public Promotions Centennial Lagoon**

Liaised with Manawatu Anglers to make the event another outstanding success. Interest still needs to be retained for post-event retention.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

### **1511 Compliance**

Compliance checking has been vigilant by rangers. A number of offences have been detected with seven being offered reparation (5 paid). Two alleged offenders were caught spear fishing in the southern Wairarapa and await Court proceedings. A number of other reports of this practice have since emerged.

### **1521 Ranger Management**

- Two Ranger Newsletters sent out indicating types of issues rangers are facing and to be aware and encouraging vigilant checking

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE / CLUB SERVICING**

### **1711 Council General**

Completed requirements for Council meeting.

## **PLANNING , REPORTING,**

### **1811 Management Plan & Policy**

Nothing to report.

### **1821 Annual Plan & Budget**

Undertook more detailed and fine tuning of project planning to assist in detailed planning for staff and will also allow specific information of expenditure to Council.

### **1831 Annual Report & Audit**

Followed up items to be completed for Annual Report and aspects for Auditor.

## **NATIONAL ISSUES**

### **1841 National Liaison**

Reported back financial information to NZ F&G Council.

Attended NZF&G Managers' Meeting

### **1842 National Projects (Guides Licence etc)**

Licensing System – involved in the licence system review as part of the Licence Working Party. Workload on this is very high due to confirmation contract. Negotiations have commenced following drafting of agreement.



**REGULATORY**

Nothing to report



<b>16. Expenditure Report/Financial Transactions</b>
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**Items that are at material variance:**

- **Office Equipment – primarily photocopying expenses are running at higher than budgeted levels**
- **Hunter and Angling Project – in planning phase**
- **Employed a student for December-January to assist in resource management issues**
- **Invoice sent to HB F&GC for staff time dealing with the Ruataniwha and RPS projects**
- **Lake Wairarapa project time spent on projects deferred**
- **Information to Clients – sent newsletter out later to coincide with better weather conditions**
- **Planning and reporting – less time required**
- **National Liaison – more time required for projects than anticipated**

## WELLINGTON FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman  
Wellington Fish and Game Council

### EXPENDITURE REPORT/FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

#### Recommendations

1. Expenditure Report for 31 December 2012
2. That Financial Transactions for November and December 2012 be approved.

**Sue Wray & Jilli Steedman**  
**8 February 2013**

# Wellington Fish & Game Project Expenditure Report

Project Expenditure Report to 31 December 2012

Code	Project	EXTERNAL COSTS		HOURS		INTERNAL COST		NETABLE INCOME		NET COST	
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
		\$	\$			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Operational Output in Detail</b>											
1111	Sports Fish Population Monitoring										
1112	Rangitikei Trout Fishery	2,500	42	890	33.00	64,780	1,775	-	-	67,280	1,818
1113	River Control Fishery	11,500	13,599	122	147.00	8,880	7,909	16,000	-	4,380	21,508
1114	Gamebird Population Assessment	-	-	76	-	5,532	-	4,000	-	1,532	-
1122	National Hunter Survey	12,500	-	482	68.00	35,083	3,659	-	-	47,583	3,659
1123	Regional Angler Survey	2,300	-	50	27.00	3,639	1,453	-	-	5,939	1,453
1124	Regional Hunter Survey	500	-	66	6.00	4,804	323	-	-	5,304	323
1161	Trout Liberations	500	-	40	7.00	2,911	377	-	-	3,411	377
1171	Season Regulations	11,500	412	20	73.00	1,456	3,928	2,000	-	10,956	4,339
1172	Keep & Release Approval	-	-	76	16.00	5,532	861	-	-	5,532	861
1181	Gamebird Dispersal	-	-	8	15.00	582	807	-	-	582	807
1182	Canada Goose	1,000	-	80	33.00	5,823	1,775	-	-	6,823	1,636
	<b>TOTAL - SPECIES MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>42,300</b>	<b>14,053</b>	<b>1,910</b>	<b>425.00</b>	<b>139,022</b>	<b>22,866</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>159,322</b>	<b>36,780</b>
1210	RESOURCE MAN. ACT										
1211	Resource Management Act	-	-								
1212	Habitat Advocacy	1,200	1,559	1,440	760.50	104,813	40,917	-	-	106,013	42,476
1213	Trout Habitat Inventory	-	-	228	19.00	16,595	1,022	-	-	16,595	1,022
1222	Lake Wairarapa Habitat	-	-								
1223	JK Donald Drain Clean	6,000	1,681	330	12.00	24,020	646	-	-	30,020	2,327
1224	JK Donald Access Stickers	2,000	-								
1231	Wetland Enhancement	-	-								
1232	Habitat Management Opportunities	500	-	202	49.00	14,703	2,636	-	-	15,203	2,636
1233	Trout Reservoir Feasibility & Management	2,000	-								
1234	Trout Liberations - Reservoir Feasibility - Hutt City/Wa	2,200	-								
1241	External Contracts	550	-								
	<b>TOTAL - HABITAT PROTECTION &amp; MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>14,450</b>	<b>3,240</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>840.50</b>	<b>180,131</b>	<b>45,221</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>174,581</b>	<b>48,461</b>
1311	Angler Access	3,790	225	170	134.00	12,374	7,210	-	-	16,164	7,434
1312	Lake Wairarapa Hunter Access	2,000	-	120	5.00	8,734	269	1,000	-	9,734	269
1313	Hunter Access Permits	5,500	219	190	34.00	13,829	1,829	3,000	-	16,329	2,048
1331	Magazine & Newsletter	13,500	1,933	148	107.00	10,772	5,757	-	-	24,272	7,690
1341	Information to clients	1,000	1,133	236	84.00	17,178	4,519	-	-	18,178	5,653
1342	Lapsed Participants Newsletter	1,500	-	10	-	728	-	-	-	2,228	-
1351	Hunter Training, Lake Omana	505	-	8	2.00	582	108	400	-	687	108
1352	Hunter Training Lake Omana Platforms	-	-								
1353	BOW course	-	-								
1354	Junior Fish Training	500	-	508	-	36,976	-	-	-	37,476	-
1355	Junior Hunter Training	-	-								
1361	Club Liaison	-	-	80	-	5,823	-	-	-	5,823	-
1371	Kilmore Lodge	-	-								
	<b>TOTAL - ANGLER &amp; HUNTER PARTICIPATION</b>	<b>28,295</b>	<b>3,509</b>	<b>1,470</b>	<b>422.00</b>	<b>106,996</b>	<b>22,705</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>130,891</b>	<b>25,919</b>
1411	Advocacy & Liaison	-	-	52	106.00	3,785	5,703	-	-	3,785	5,703
1412	Iwi Liaison	500	-	40	4.00	2,911	215	-	-	3,411	215
1441	Public Awareness	1,000	22	160	95.00	11,646	5,111	-	-	12,646	5,133
1442	Public Promotions Centennial Lagoon	3,000	-	20	185.00	1,456	10,492	-	7,448	4,456	3,044
1443	Promotions	1,000	591							1,000	591
	<b>TOTAL - PUBLIC INTERFACE</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>19,798</b>	<b>21,521</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,448</b>	<b>25,298</b>	<b>14,686</b>
1511	Ranger Management	1,000	366	126	22.00	9,171	1,184	-	-	10,171	1,549
1521	Ranger Training	1,000	128							1,000	128
1531	Compliance	5,000	65	120	38.00	8,734	2,045	5,000	1,025	8,734	1,085
	<b>TOTAL - COMPLIANCE</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>60.00</b>	<b>17,906</b>	<b>3,228</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>19,906</b>	<b>2,763</b>

Code	Project	EXTERNAL COSTS		HOURS		INTERNAL COST		NETABLE INCOME		NET COST	
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
1611	Licensing	\$ 7,200	\$ 3,314	40	-	\$ 2,911	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,111	\$ 3,314
1621	Licence Agents Eyede Fees	\$ -	\$ -	84	-	\$ 6,114	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,114	\$ -
	<b>TOTAL - LICENSING</b>	\$ 7,200	\$ 3,314	124	0.00	\$ 9,026	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,226	\$ 3,314
1711	Council Election	\$ -	\$ -	8.00	-	\$ -	\$ 430	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 430
1721	Council Meetings	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,854	316	119.00	\$ 23,001	\$ 6,403	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,001	\$ 9,256
	<b>TOTAL - COUNCILS</b>	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,854	316	127.00	\$ 23,001	\$ 6,833	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,001	\$ 9,687
1811	Management Planning	\$ -	\$ -	96	-	\$ 6,988	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,988	\$ -
1821	Annual Planning	\$ -	\$ -	50	7.00	\$ 3,639	\$ 377	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,639	\$ 377
1831	Annual & Other Reporting	\$ 8,500	\$ 6,622	90	52.00	\$ 6,551	\$ 2,798	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,051	\$ 11,420
	Duck Stamp	\$ -	\$ -	70	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1841	National Liaison	\$ -	\$ -	120	32.00	\$ 8,734	\$ 1,722	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,734	\$ 1,722
1842	National Projects	\$ -	\$ -	170	109.00	\$ 5,095	\$ 5,865	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,095	\$ 5,865
	<b>TOTAL - PLANNING/REPORTING</b>	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,622	426	200.00	\$ 31,007	\$ 10,761	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,507	\$ 19,383
	<b>OVERHEADS</b>	\$ 119,245	\$ 36,763	6,964	2,474.50	\$ 506,886	\$ 133,135	\$ 31,400	\$ 8,907	\$ 594,731	\$ 160,991
1910	Salaries	\$ 359,345	\$ 88,127					\$ -	\$ -	\$ 359,345	\$ 88,127
1920	Staff Expenses	\$ 15,700	\$ 1,210					\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,700	\$ 1,210
1930	Staff Houses	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1940	Office Premises	\$ 43,050	\$ 11,860					\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43,050	\$ 11,860
1950	Office Equipment	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,802					\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,802
1960	Communications/Consumables	\$ 17,479	\$ 4,779					\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,479	\$ 4,779
1970	General	\$ 10,650	\$ 7,069					\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,650	\$ 7,069
1980	General Equipment	\$ 2,500	\$ -					\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ -
1990	Vehicles	\$ 53,162	\$ 13,289					\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,162	\$ 13,289
	Administration	\$ 506,886	\$ 133,135					\$ -	\$ -	\$ 506,886	\$ 133,135
	Total Overhead Net Cost	\$ 506,886	\$ 133,135					\$ -	\$ -	\$ 506,886	\$ 133,135
	Total Outputs Staff Hours									\$ 6,964	\$ 2,475
	Internal Cost Per Hour									\$ 72.79	\$ 53.80

Region: WELLINGTON

Code	Output	EXTERNAL COSTS		HOURS		INTERNAL COST		NETABLE INCOME		NET COST	
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
1	Species Management	\$ 42,300	\$ 14,053	1,910	425	\$ 139,022	\$ 22,866	\$ 22,000	\$ 139	\$ 159,322	\$ 36,780
2	Habitat Protection & Management	\$ 14,450	\$ 3,240	2,200	841	\$ 160,131	\$ 45,221	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 174,581	\$ 48,461
3	Angler & Hunter Participation	\$ 28,295	\$ 3,509	1,470	422	\$ 106,996	\$ 22,705	\$ 4,400	\$ 296	\$ 130,891	\$ 25,919
4	Public Interface	\$ 5,500	\$ 612	272	400	\$ 19,798	\$ 21,521	\$ -	\$ 7,448	\$ 25,298	\$ 14,686
5	Compliance	\$ 7,000	\$ 559	246	60	\$ 17,906	\$ 3,228	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,025	\$ 19,906	\$ 2,763
6	Licensing	\$ 7,200	\$ 3,314	124	0	\$ 9,026	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,226	\$ 3,314
7	Councils	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,854	316	127	\$ 23,001	\$ 6,833	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,001	\$ 9,687
8	Planning, Reporting	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,622	426	200	\$ 31,007	\$ 10,761	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,507	\$ 19,383
9	Administration	\$ -	\$ -								
	Total Overhead Staff Hours										
	<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	\$ 119,245	\$ 36,763	6,964	2,475	\$ 506,886	\$ 133,135	\$ 31,400	\$ 8,907	\$ 594,731	\$ 160,991
	Adjustments:										
	Less Interest									\$ (12,662)	\$ (1,075)
	Plus ARF/Depreciation										
	Plus Loss/Less Profit on sale										
	Plus Levy/Less Grant									\$ 3,058	\$ 765
	Less Licence revenue									\$ (585,128)	\$ (99,888)
	Net of Commission expense									\$ (1)	\$ 60,793

	Budget	Actual
Licence Income 2010/11	\$ -	\$ 239
2011/12 Fish Licence Income	\$ -	\$ 14,425
2012/13 Fish Licence Income	\$ 317,317	\$ 85,224
2013 Game Licence Income	\$ 267,811	\$ -
Net of Commission expense	\$ 585,128	\$ 99,888

	Nett Period		Previous Year Period
	Current Period Budget	Current Period Actual	
<b>Species Management</b>			
1111 Sports Fish Population Assessment	10,972	903	2,516
1112 Rangitikei Trout Fishery	1,894	21,077	224
1113 River Control Fishery	1,081	-	-
1114 Gamebird Population Assessment	728	484	2,293
1122 National Hunter Survey	-	-	-
1123 Regional Angler Survey	2,620	-	-
1124 Regional Hunter Survey	-	-	-
1161 Trout Liberations	873	124	1,510
1171 Season Regulations	1,456	861	2,293
1172 Keep & Release Approvals	-	54	-
1181 Gamebird Dispersal	1,113	1,313	1,118
<b>Habitat Protection</b>			
1211 Resource Management Act	17,086	23,614	45,665
1212 Habitat Advocacy	2,911	1,022	671
1222 Lake Waitarapa Habitat	6,114	1,843	2,731
1223 JK Donald Drain Clean	-	-	-
1224 JK Donald Access	-	-	-
1231 Wetland Enhancement	2,267	1,506	336
1232 Habitat Management Opportunities	333	-	-
1233 Trout Reservoir Feasibility & Mgt	-	-	-
<b>Participation</b>			
1311 Angler Access	2,670	2,786	1,624
1312 Lake Waitarapa Hunter Access	1,289	-	2,600
1313 Hunter Access Permits	1,684	1,349	-
1314 Contestable Funding Access	-	-	-
1331 Magazine & Newsletters	218	4,306	951
1341 Information to Licenceholders	3,078	3,877	1,773
1342 Lapsed participants * Newsletter	-	-	-
1351 Hunter Training, Lake Omanu	-	108	56
1354 Junior Fish Training	6,270	-	-
1361 Club Liaison	728	377	671
1371 Kilmore Lodge	-	174	26
<b>Public Interface</b>			
1411 Advocacy & Liaison	291	3,497	3,858
1412 Iwi Liaison	666	-	56
1441 Public Awareness	1,477	1,421	299
1442 Public Promotions Centennial Lagoon	4,456	1,314	7,639
1443 Promotions	167	25	-
<b>Compliance</b>			
1511 Ranger Management	1,040	-	24
1521 Ranger Training	-	11	124
1531 Compliance	1,383	173	1,007
<b>Licensing</b>			
1611 Licensing	3,600	-	-
1621 Licence Agents	873	-	-
<b>Council</b>			
1721 Council	5,222	4,060	3,937
<b>Planning / Reporting</b>			
1811 Management Planning	1,820	-	-
1821 Annual Plan	-	269	336
1831 Annual & Other Reporting	11,411	9,645	5,850
1841 National Liaison	1,165	807	1,342
1842 National Projects	1,165	3,712	447
	100,488	87,734	91,924

	Nett Year to Date			Current YTD Actual
	Current Year Budget	Current YTD Budget	Previous YTD Actual	
	67,280	21,745	4,869	1,818
	4,380	335	631	21,507
	1,532	414	280	-
	47,583	728	7,381	3,658
	5,939	-	1,454	1,453
	5,304	4,804	168	323
	3,411	-	-	377
	10,956	1,127	1,957	4,339
	5,532	1,747	2,404	861
	582	582	-	807
	6,823	2,226	1,510	1,636
	106,013	34,173	86,880	42,474
	16,595	5,823	1,007	1,022
	30,020	15,431	5,695	2,327
	2,000	-	-	-
	15,203	4,679	895	2,636
	2,000	667	-	-
	550	-	-	-
	16,164	5,340	2,910	7,434
	9,734	2,578	2,880	269
	16,329	1,184	1,524	2,048
	24,272	8,402	13,432	7,689
	18,178	6,157	5,799	5,652
	2,228	1,114	-	-
	687	400	224	108
	37,476	12,468	-	-
	5,823	1,747	2,572	3,013
	-	-	-	296
	-	-	52	-
	3,785	3,203	10,736	5,703
	3,411	1,040	56	215
	12,646	5,720	4,268	5,133
	4,456	4,456	9,764	3,043
	1,000	333	-	590
	10,171	4,409	4,162	1,549
	1,000	-	124	128
	8,734	3,422	3,187	1,084
	10,111	4,765	2,567	3,313
	6,114	2,038	112	-
	29,001	10,443	7,124	9,686
	6,988	2,402	-	-
	3,639	146	391	377
	15,051	15,051	6,130	11,420
	8,734	2,329	1,566	1,722
	5,095	2,184	1,951	5,864
	594,730	192,818	201,358	160,983

	Sept/Oct 2012	Nov/Dec 2012	Jan/Feb 2013	Mar/Apr 2013	May/June 2013	Jul/Aug 2013
	915	803	-	-	-	-
	430	21,077	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3,174	484	-	-	-	-
	1,453	-	-	-	-	-
	323	-	-	-	-	-
	377	-	-	-	-	-
	4,215	124	-	-	-	-
	-	861	-	-	-	-
	753	54	-	-	-	-
	323	1,313	-	-	-	-
	18,860	23,614	-	-	-	-
	-	1,022	-	-	-	-
	484	1,843	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1,130	1,506	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4,848	2,786	-	-	-	-
	269	-	-	-	-	-
	699	1,349	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3,388	4,306	-	-	-	-
	1,775	3,877	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	108	-	-	-	-
	2,636	377	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	122	174	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2,206	3,497	-	-	-	-
	215	-	-	-	-	-
	3,712	1,421	-	-	-	-
	4,358	1,314	-	-	-	-
	565	25	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1,549	-	-	-	-	-
	117	11	-	-	-	-
	912	173	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3,313	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	5,626	4,060	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	108	269	-	-	-	-
	1,775	9,645	-	-	-	-
	915	807	-	-	-	-
	2,152	3,712	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	73,248	87,734	-	-	-	-

Current Period  
November / December 2012

<b>Species Management</b>	<b>External Costs</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Internal Costs</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Nett Costs</b>
1111 Sports Fish Population Assessment	42	16	861	-	903
1112 Rangitikei Trout Fishery	13,599	139	7,478	-	21,077
1113 River Control Fishery	-	0	-	-	-
1114 Gamebird Population Assessment	-	9	484	-	484
1122 National Hunter Survey	-	0	-	-	-
1123 Regional Angler Survey	-	0	-	-	-
1124 Regional Hunter Survey	-	0	-	-	-
1161 Trout Liberations	124	0	-	-	124
1171 Season Regulations	-	16	861	-	861
1172 Keep & Release Approvals	-	1	54	-	54
1181 Gamebird Dispersal	-	27	1,453	- 139	1,313
<b>Habitat Protection</b>					
1211 Resource Management Act	1,018	420	22,596	-	23,614
1212 Habitat Advocacy	-	19	1,022	-	1,022
1222 Lake Wairarapa Habitat	1,681	3	161	-	1,843
1223 JK Donald Drain Clean	-	0	-	-	-
1224 JK Donald Access	-	0	-	-	-
1231 Wetland Enhancement	-	28	1,506	-	1,506
1232 Habitat Management Opportunities	-	0	-	-	-
1233 Trout Reservoir Feasibility & Mgt	-	0	-	-	-
<b>Participation</b>					
1311 Angler Access	150	49	2,636	-	2,786
1312 Lake Wairarapa Hunter Access	-	0	-	-	-
1313 Hunter Access Permits	219	21	1,130	-	1,349
1314 Contestable Funding Access	-	0	-	-	-
1331 Magazine & Newsletters	433	72	3,874	-	4,306
1341 Information to Licenceholders	1,133	51	2,744	-	3,877
1342 Lapsed participants * Newsletter	-	0	-	-	-
1351 Hunter Training, Lake Omanu	-	2	108	-	108
1354 Junior Fish Training	-	0	-	-	-
1361 Club Liaison	-	7	377	-	377
1371 Kilmore Lodge	-	0	-	- 174	- 174
<b>Public Interface</b>					
1411 Advocacy & Liaison	-	65	3,497	-	3,497
1412 Iwi Liaison	-	0	-	-	-
1441 Public Awareness	22	26	1,399	-	1,421
1442 Public Promotions Centennial Lagoon	-	114	6,133	- 7,448	- 1,314
1443 Promotions	25	0	-	-	25
<b>Compliance</b>					
1511 Ranger Management	-	0	-	-	-
1521 Ranger Training	11	0	-	-	11
1531 Compliance	-	21	1,130	- 957	173
<b>Licensing</b>					
1611 Licensing	-	0	-	-	-
1621 Licence Agents	-	0	-	-	-
<b>Council</b>					
1721 Council	1,747	43	2,313	-	4,060
<b>Planning / Reporting</b>					
1811 Management Planning	-	0	-	-	-
1821 Annual Plan	-	5	269	-	269
1831 Annual & Other Reporting	8,622	19	1,022	-	9,645
1841 National Liaison	-	15	807	-	807
1842 National Projects	-	69	3,712	-	3,712
	28,826	1257	67,627	- 8,718	87,734



Year to Date  
November / December 2012

	YTD External Costs	YTD Hours	YTD Internal Costs	YTD Income	YTD Nett Costs
<b>Species Management</b>					
1111 Sports Fish Population Assessment	42	33	1,775	-	1,818
1112 Rangitikei Trout Fishery	13,599	147	7,909	-	21,507
1113 River Control Fishery	-	0	-	-	-
1114 Gamebird Population Assessment	-	68	3,658	-	3,658
1122 National Hunter Survey	-	27	1,453	-	1,453
1123 Regional Angler Survey	-	6	323	-	323
1124 Regional Hunter Survey	-	7	377	-	377
1161 Trout Liberations	412	73	3,927	-	4,339
1171 Season Regulations	-	16	861	-	861
1172 Keep & Release Approvals	-	15	807	-	807
1181 Gamebird Dispersal	-	33	1,775	- 139	1,636
<b>Habitat Protection</b>					
1211 Resource Management Act	1,559	760.5	40,915	-	42,474
1212 Habitat Advocacy	-	19	1,022	-	1,022
1222 Lake Wairarapa Habitat	1,681	12	646	-	2,327
1223 JK Donald Drain Clean	-	0	-	-	-
1224 JK Donald Access	-	0	-	-	-
1231 Wetland Enhancement	-	49	2,636	-	2,636
1232 Habitat Management Opportunities	-	0	-	-	-
1233 Trout Reservoir Feasibility & Mgt	-	0	-	-	-
<b>Participation</b>					
1311 Angler Access	225	134	7,209	-	7,434
1312 Lake Wairarapa Hunter Access	-	5	269	-	269
1313 Hunter Access Permits	219	34	1,829	-	2,048
1314 Contestable Funding Access	-	0	-	-	-
1331 Magazine & Newsletters	1,933	107	5,757	-	7,689
1341 Information to Licenceholders	1,133	84	4,519	-	5,652
1342 Lapsed participants * Newsletter	-	0	-	-	-
1351 Hunter Training, Lake Omanu	-	2	108	-	108
1354 Junior Fish Training	-	0	-	-	-
1361 Club Liaison	-	56	3,013	-	3,013
1371 Kilmore Lodge	-	0	-	- 296	- 296
<b>Public Interface</b>					
1411 Advocacy & Liaison	-	106	5,703	-	5,703
1412 Iwi Liaison	-	4	215	-	215
1441 Public Awareness	22	95	5,111	-	5,133
1442 Public Promotions Centennial Lagoon	-	195	10,491	- 7,448	3,043
1443 Promotions	590	0	-	-	590
<b>Compliance</b>					
1511 Ranger Management	366	22	1,184	-	1,549
1521 Ranger Training	128	0	-	-	128
1531 Compliance	65	38	2,044	- 1,025	1,084
<b>Licensing</b>					
1611 Licensing	3,313	0	-	-	3,313
1621 Licence Agents	-	0	-	-	-
<b>Council</b>					
1721 Council	2,854	127	6,833	-	9,686
<b>Planning / Reporting</b>					
1811 Management Planning	-	0	-	-	-
1821 Annual Plan	-	7	377	-	377
1831 Annual & Other Reporting	8,622	52	2,798	-	11,420
1841 National Liaison	-	32	1,722	-	1,722
1842 National Projects	-	109	5,864	-	5,864
	36,762	2474.5	133,128	- 8,908	160,983

## FISH & GAME NZ - WELLINGTON REGION

Statement of Income & Expenditure for Period ended 31/12/2012

	Nov - Dec ACTUAL	Nov - Dec BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	VARIANCE (%)	ANNUAL BUDGET
<b>INCOME</b>						
<b>Licence Sales (LEQ's sold not income received)</b>						
Game Licence Sales	0	0	0	0		\$ 267,811
LEQ	0	0	0	0		
Fish Licence Sales	\$ 100,419	53,927	\$ 203,043	190,331	7	\$ 317,317
LEQ	1048	544	2119	1920	10	
<b>Other</b>						
Interest	-\$ 443	- 2,110	-\$ 1,075	-\$ 4,221	-75	-\$ 12,662
Other (less Levy)	-\$ 765	- 765	-\$ 765	-\$ 765	0	-\$ 3,058
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 99,212</b>	<b>\$ 51,052</b>	<b>\$ 201,203</b>	<b>\$ 185,346</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>\$ 569,408</b>

### PROJECT EXPENDITURE

#### Species Management

Sports Fish Monitoring	21,980	13,947	23,327	21,823	7	73,192
Gamebird Population Monitori	484	2,728	3,658	2,728	34	48,583
Angler & Hunter Surveys		2,620	2,153	4,804	-55	14,655
Trout Liberations	124	873	4,339	2,873	51	9,956
Season Regulations	861	1,456	861	1,747	-51	5,532
Keep & Release Approvals	54	-	807	582	39	582
Gamebird Dispersal	1,313	1,113	1,636	2,226	-26	6,823

#### Habitat Protection

Resource Managment	24,636	19,998	43,502	39,996	9	122,608
Lake Wairarapa Habitat & Acc	1,843	6,114	2,327	15,431	-85	32,020
Wetland Enhancement	1,506	2,600	2,636	5,346	-51	17,203
Trout Reservoirs		367	-	733	-100	2,750

#### Participation

Angler Access	2,786	2,670	7,434	5,340	39	16,164
Hunter Access	1,349	2,972	2,317	3,762	-38	26,064
Information to Clients	8,183	3,297	13,341	15,673	-15	44,678
Hunter & Angler Training	108	4,270	108	6,067	-98	38,162
Club Liaison	377	728	3,013	1,747	72	5,823
Kilmore Lodge	- 174	-	296	-		-

#### Public Interface

Liaison & Advocacy	3,497	957	5,918	4,243	39	7,196
Public Awareness	1,421	1,477	5,133	5,720	-10	12,646
Public Promotions	- 1,289	4,622	3,624	4,789	-24	5,456

#### Compliance

Ranger Management	184	1,040	1,677	4,409	-62	11,171
Compliance		1,383	1,087	3,422	-68	8,734

#### Licencing

Licencing and Agents		4,473	3,313	6,803	-51	16,226
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#### Council

Council	4,060	5,222	9,686	10,443	-7	29,001
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#### Planning & Reporting

Planning & Reporting	9,914	13,231	11,797	17,598	-33	25,678
National Liaison	4,519	2,329	7,586	4,513	68	13,829

<b>Project Total</b>	<b>87,736</b>	<b>100,488</b>	<b>160,984</b>	<b>192,818</b>	<b>-417</b>	<b>594,729</b>
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### OVERHEADS

Salaries	70,447	60,432	106,395	118,864	-10	359,345
Staff Expenses	875	1,501	1,210	6,599	-82	15,700
Office Premises	6,182	6,909	11,860	14,216	-17	43,050
Office Equipment	5,350	833	6,802	1,665	309	5,000
Communications/consumable	3,869	2,914	4,779	5,825	-18	17,479
General	3,997	582	7,069	9,314	-24	13,150
Vehicles	6,903	8,861	13,289	17,722	-25	53,162
	<b>97,623</b>	<b>82,032</b>	<b>151,404</b>	<b>174,205</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>506,886</b>



<b>1222 : Lake Wairarapa Habitat</b> Nov:2012/13	<b>This Period: 471.43</b> 20/11/2012	7715304 South Wairarapa District Council	GST 70.72 G	Debit 471.43	Credit 0
<b>Dec:2012/13</b>	<b>This Period: 1,210.00</b> 19/12/2012	8997866 Greater Wellington (Otakura Water	GST 181.5 G	Debit 1,210.00	Credit 0
<b>1311 : Angler Access</b> Nov:2012/13	<b>This Period: 149.50</b> 20/11/2012	7715304 Signcraftsmen Limited	GST 22.43 G	Debit 149.5	Credit 0
<b>1313 : Hunter Access Permits</b> Nov:2012/13	<b>This Period: (86.96)</b> 12/11/2012 D/C 23/11/2012	Evede (Retail Settlement) 4 Wairarapa Hunting & Fishing	GST 1.04 G 12 G	Debit 0 0	Credit 5.96 80
<b>Dec:2012/13</b>	<b>This Period: (17.39)</b> 23/12/2012 D/Dbt	Evede (INV 015934)	GST -2.61 G	Debit -17.39	Credit 0
<b>1331 : Magazine &amp; Newsletters</b> Dec:2012/13	<b>This Period: 432.61</b> 20/12/2012	2754859 Brown Trout	GST 64.89 G	Debit 432.61	Credit 0
<b>1341 : Information to Clients</b> Nov:2012/13	<b>This Period: 188.11</b> 20/11/2012	7715304 INBox (E-Newsletters Sept/Oct)	GST 28.22 G	Debit 188.11	Credit 0
<b>Dec:2012/13</b>	<b>This Period: 945.00</b> 20/12/2012	2754859 Hothouse (E-Newsletter)	GST 141.75 G	Debit 945	Credit 0
			<b>\$ 131.04</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 86.96</b>
			<b>\$ 22.43</b>	<b>\$ 149.50</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
			<b>\$ 70.72</b>	<b>\$ 471.43</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
			<b>\$ 181.50</b>	<b>\$ 1,210.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
			<b>\$ 64.89</b>	<b>\$ 432.61</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
			<b>\$ 28.22</b>	<b>\$ 188.11</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
			<b>\$ 141.75</b>	<b>\$ 945.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

<b>1372 : Kilmore Lodqe Fees</b> Nov:2012/13	<b>This Period: (156.52)</b>								
	21/11/2012	2 John Chevne (Kilmore Lodqe Fees)	GST 23.48 G	Debit 0	Credit 156.52				
<b>Dec:2012/13</b>	<b>This Period: (17.39)</b>		<b>\$ 23.48</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 156.52</b>				
	20/12/2012	12 Ian Sinclair (Kilmore Lodqae)	GST 2.61 G	Debit 0	Credit 17.39				
<b>1441 : Public Awareness</b> Dec:2012/13	<b>This Period: (4.35)</b>		<b>\$ 2.61</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 17.39</b>				
	20/12/2012	16 Office Sales (Getting Started In Fishing)	GST 0.65 G	Debit 0	Credit 4.35				
<b>1442 : Public Promotions Centennial</b> Nov:2012/13	<b>This Period: (7,512.60)</b>		<b>-\$ 0.65</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4.35</b>				
	21/11/2012	9 Manawatu Freshwater Andlers (1000	GST 847.5 G	Debit 0	Credit 5,650.00				
	21/11/2012	9 Manawatu Freshwater Andlers (690KM	262.89 G	0	1,752.60				
	21/11/2012	9 Manawatu Freshwater Andlers (\$110 of	16.5 G	0	110				
<b>Dec:2012/13</b>	<b>This Period: 64.93</b>		<b>-\$ 1,126.89</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,512.60</b>				
	6/12/2012	5628459 Steve Pilkinson (Expenses)	GST 6.82 G	Debit 45.46	Credit 0				
	20/12/2012	2754859 Phil Teal (Expenses)	2.92 G	19.47	0				
<b>1443 : Promotions</b> Dec:2012/13	<b>This Period: 25.22</b>		<b>\$ 9.74</b>	<b>\$ 64.93</b>	<b>\$ -</b>				
	20/12/2012	2754859 Phil Teal (Expenses)	GST 3.78 G	Debit 25.22	Credit 0				
<b>1521 : Ranger Training</b> Nov:2012/13	<b>This Period: 11.39</b>		<b>\$ 3.78</b>	<b>\$ 25.22</b>	<b>\$ -</b>				
	20/11/2012	7715304 Steve Pilkinson (Expenses)	GST 1.71 G	Debit 11.39	Credit 0				
<b>1532 : Fines Received</b> Dec:2012/13	<b>This Period: (18.00)</b>		<b>\$ 1.71</b>	<b>\$ 11.39</b>	<b>\$ -</b>				
	21/12/2012	Simon Bede (Fishing Licence Fine)	GST 0 E	Debit 0	Credit 18				
			<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 18.00</b>				



<b>1923 : Staff Training</b> Dec:2012/13	<b>This Period: 33.04</b> 20/12/2012	2754859 Steve Piikinatn (Expenses)	GST 4.96 G	Debit 33.04	Credit 0
			<b>\$ 4.96</b>	<b>\$ 33.04</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>1925 : Staff Expenses</b> Dec:2012/13	<b>This Period: 147.09</b> 20/12/2012	2754859 Dive HO (Wetsuit Top)	GST 22.06 G	Debit 147.09	Credit 0
			<b>\$ 22.06</b>	<b>\$ 147.09</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>1941 : Office Rent</b> Nov:2012/13	<b>This Period: 2,816.66</b> 1/11/2012 D/Dbt 1/11/2012 D/Dbt	Carson Family Trust (Palmerston North Marinoto (Wellington Office Rent)	GST 312.5 G 110 G	Debit 2,083.33 733.33	Credit 0 0
			<b>\$ 422.50</b>	<b>\$ 2,816.66</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Dec:2012/13</b>	<b>This Period: 2,816.66</b> 1/12/2012 D/Dbt 1/12/2012 D/Dbt	Carson Family Trust (Palmerston North Marinoto (Wellington Office Rent)	GST 312.5 G 110 G	Debit 2,083.33 733.33	Credit 0 0
			<b>\$ 422.50</b>	<b>\$ 2,816.66</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>1942 : Office Rates</b> Nov:2012/13	<b>This Period: 590.15</b> 20/11/2012	7715304 Carson Family Trust (Rates)	GST 88.52 G	Debit 590.15	Credit 0
			<b>\$ 88.52</b>	<b>\$ 590.15</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>1951 : Office Equip Purchases</b> Nov:2012/13	<b>This Period: 350.00</b> 1/11/2012	4828955 Orion (Upgrade Moneyworks to	GST 52.5 G	Debit 350	Credit 0
			<b>\$ 52.50</b>	<b>\$ 350.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>





<b>1962 : Postage</b> <b>Dec:2012/13</b>	<b>This Period: 149.13</b>								
	20/12/2012	2754859 Phil Teal (Expenses)	GST	Debit	Credit				
	20/12/2012	2754859 New Zealand Post Ltd	4.11 G	27.39	0				
			18.26 G	121.74	0				
			<b>\$ 22.37</b>	<b>\$ 149.13</b>	<b>\$ -</b>				
<b>1963 : Courier</b> <b>Nov:2012/13</b>	<b>This Period: 58.68</b>								
	20/11/2012	7715304 New Zealand Couriers Ltd	GST	Debit	Credit				
			8.8 G	58.68	0				
<b>1964 : Stationery</b> <b>Nov:2012/13</b>	<b>This Period: 786.08</b>								
	20/11/2012	7715304 OfficeMax	GST	Debit	Credit				
	22/11/2012	3735276 Sue Wray (Expenses)	45.23 G	301.55	0				
	22/11/2012	3735276 Phil Teal (Expenses)	8.07 G	53.83	0				
			64.61 G	430.7	0				
<b>Dec:2012/13</b>	<b>This Period: 338.16</b>		<b>\$ 117.91</b>	<b>\$ 786.08</b>	<b>\$ -</b>				
	20/12/2012	2754859 Phil Teal (Expenses)	GST	Debit	Credit				
	20/12/2012	2754859 Phil Teal (Expenses)	5.08 G	33.89	0				
	20/12/2012	2754859 Phil Teal (Expenses)	1.69 G	11.29	0				
	20/12/2012	2754859 Phil Teal (Expenses)	18.25 G	121.65	0				
	20/12/2012	2754859 OfficeMax	25.7 G	171.33	0				
<b>1974 : Bank Charges</b> <b>Nov:2012/13</b>	<b>This Period: 26.32</b>								
	12/11/2012 D/Dbt	Eftpos New Zealand Ltd	GST	Debit	Credit				
	20/11/2012	3735278 ANZ (Bank Fee Direct Online Software	0 E	23.32	0				
	20/11/2012	6024019 ANZ (Bank Fee Direct Online	0 E	2	0				
			0 E	1	0				
<b>Dec:2012/13</b>	<b>This Period: 77.95</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 26.32</b>	<b>\$ -</b>				
	12/12/2012 D/Dbt	Eftpos New Zealand Ltd	GST	Debit	Credit				
	18/12/2012 Dec Stateme	ANZ (Outward Payment Fee (Electric	0 E	20	0				
	18/12/2012 Dec Stateme	ANZ (Overseas BC (Electric Fishing	0 E	18	0				
	20/12/2012 Dec Stateme	ANZ (ANZ Direct Software Fee)	0 E	30.45	0				
	20/12/2012 Dec Stateme	ANZ (ANZ Direct Transaction Fee)	0 E	2	0				
			0 E	7.5	0				
			<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 77.95</b>	<b>\$ -</b>				

<b>1975 : Office Consumables</b> Nov:2012/13	<b>This Period: 43.48</b> 8/11/2012	5194 Petty Cash	GST 6.52 G	Debit 43.48	Credit 0
<b>1979 : Evede Fees</b> Nov:2012/13	<b>This Period: 774.10</b> 12/11/2012 D/C 12/11/2012 D/C	Evede (Internet Settlement) Evede (Internet Settlement)	GST -14.76 G 0 E	Debit 0 0	Credit -98.37 -675.73
<b>Dec:2012/13</b>	<b>This Period: 421.42</b> 10/12/2012 Dec Stateme 10/12/2012 Dec Stateme	Evede (Internet Settlement) Evede (Internet Settlement)	GST -8.08 G 0 E	Debit 0 0	Credit -53.88 -367.54
<b>1993 : Vehicle Running DOA202</b> Nov:2012/13	<b>This Period: 593.99</b> 7/11/2012 12/11/2012 D/Dbt	5192 NZ Transport Agency (Registration) BP Oil New Zealand Ltd	GST 20.18 G 68.92 G	Debit 134.53 459.46	Credit 0 0
<b>Dec:2012/13</b>	<b>This Period: 837.67</b> 6/12/2012 D/Dbt 10/12/2012 D/Dbt 18/12/2012 28/12/2012 D/Dbt	NZ Transport Agency (RUC) BP Oil New Zealand Ltd 5198 Wellington City Council (Parking) NZ Transport Agency (RUC Card Fee)	GST 63.38 G 59.21 G 0 E 1.27 G	Debit 422.52 394.71 12 8.44	Credit 0 0 0 0
<b>1993A : Vehicle Running GPN455</b> Nov:2012/13	<b>This Period: 666.46</b> 22/11/2012	3735276 Crombie Lockwood	GST 99.97 G	Debit 666.46	Credit 0
			<b>\$ 6.52</b>	<b>\$ 43.48</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
			<b>\$ 14.76</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 774.10</b>
			<b>\$ 8.08</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 421.42</b>
			<b>\$ 89.10</b>	<b>\$ 593.99</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
			<b>\$ 123.86</b>	<b>\$ 837.67</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
			<b>\$ 99.97</b>	<b>\$ 666.46</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

<b>1994 : Vehicle Running FMF666</b> Nov:2012/13	<b>This Period: 839.21</b> 12/11/2012 D/Dbt 20/11/2012	BP Oil New Zealand Ltd 7715304 Palmfield Motors (Service)	GST 85.61 G 40.27 G	Debit 570.76 268.45	Credit 0 0
<b>Dec:2012/13</b>	<b>This Period: 716.93</b> 10/12/2012 D/Dbt 20/12/2012	BP Oil New Zealand Ltd 2754859 Steve Pilkington (Expenses)	GST 79.3 G 28.24 G	Debit 528.67 188.26	Credit 0 0
<b>1996 : Vehicle Running JS</b> Nov:2012/13	<b>This Period: 390.00</b> 20/11/2012 20/11/2012 7715304- 20/11/2012	7715304 Jilli Steedman (Travel Expenses) Jilli Steedman (NO GST) 7715304 Jilli Steedman (Travel Expenses)	GST 50.87 G -50.87 G 0 E	Debit 339.13 -339.13 390	Credit 0 0 0
<b>Dec:2012/13</b>	<b>This Period: 292.50</b> 20/12/2012	2754859 J Steedman (Travel Expenses)	GST 0 E	Debit 292.5	Credit 0
<b>1999 : Vehicle Running FHA920</b> Nov:2012/13	<b>This Period: 355.28</b> 12/11/2012 D/Dbt	BP Oil New Zealand Ltd	GST 53.29 G	Debit 355.28	Credit 0
<b>Dec:2012/13</b>	<b>This Period: 391.68</b> 10/12/2012 D/Dbt 18/12/2012	BP Oil New Zealand Ltd 5198 Wellington City Council (Parkinq)	GST 49.75 G 0 E	Debit 331.68 60	Credit 0 0
<b>1999A : Vehicle Running FYG593</b> Nov:2012/13	<b>This Period: 707.81</b> 12/11/2012 D/Dbt	BP Oil New Zealand Ltd	GST 106.17 G	Debit 707.81	Credit 0
<b>Dec:2012/13</b>	<b>This Period: 748.91</b> 10/12/2012 D/Dbt	BP Oil New Zealand Ltd	GST 112.34 G	Debit 748.91	Credit 0
			<b>\$ 125.88</b>	<b>\$ 839.21</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
			<b>\$ 107.54</b>	<b>\$ 716.93</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
			<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 390.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
			<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 292.50</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
			<b>\$ 53.29</b>	<b>\$ 355.28</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
			<b>\$ 49.75</b>	<b>\$ 391.68</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
			<b>\$ 106.17</b>	<b>\$ 707.81</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
			<b>\$ 112.34</b>	<b>\$ 748.91</b>	<b>\$ -</b>







<b>17. Fishing Licence Report</b>
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Fish Licence Sales: running at 73% of budget, (last year as at 31/1/12 59%)

Numbers could be affected by agents promptness at return of books

Northern Manawatu:

Rangitikei Rod & Rifles suspended as agent – no sales

Taihape Sports – (55%) may be due to timing of return of books

Feilding:

Turners Sportsworld – (46%) may be due to timing of return of books

Palmerston North:

Manawatu H&F – (74%)

Hamills PN – not returned

Others tardy in returning books, followed up

Levin:

Sportsworld Levin - not returned books, followed up

Kapiti Coast:

Otaki H&F – (37%) may be due to timing of return of books

Wellington:

Hutt Valley H&F – (92%)

Hamills Wellington – (61%)

Northern Wairarapa:

Dannevirke H&F – sales base establishing

Masterton:

King & Henry (83 %)

Wairarapa H&F (81%)

Southern Wairarapa

Tardy at returning books

Direct Sales

Internet (103%)

**WELLINGTON FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**

The Chairman  
Wellington Fish and Game Council

**FISH LICENCE SALES TO 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2013**

**1. Purpose**

The purpose of this paper is to advise Council of this seasons fishing licence sales figures as of the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2013; no decision other than to receive the paper is required

Sue Wray  
Office Manager

**7<sup>TH</sup> February 2013**



SCHEDULE B										
FISH LICENCE SALES AS AT 7th February 2013										
Agents Using Agency-Online										
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<b>NORTHERN MANAWATU - Taihape, Marton, Hunterville</b>		LEQ	253.1	276.3	290.2	227.7	258.4	169.8	80.6	47
Rangitikei Rods & Rifles	Marton		42.9	42.0	43.0	42.4	30.7	19.0	0.0	0
Farmlands Marton	Marton		0.0	4.2	4.3	1.0	3.0	8.1	10.0	123
Taihape Sports	Taihape		192.6	170.1	185.7	153.7	179.3	128.1	70.6	55
Tarata Fishaway	Taihape		17.8	14.8	16.3	9.3	11.4	4.2	0.0	0
Taylor's 1998 Limited	Hunterville		9.3	11.9	16.4	10.1	19.3	7.9	0.0	0
The Hub Café	Mangaweka		23.3	22.3	23.6	11.2	14.7	2.6	0.0	0
<b>FEILDING</b>		LEQ	152.8	156.5	133.5	142.4	129.7	143.4	62.6	44
DJ's Sports Power	Feilding		9.4	8.9	5.7	8.1	4.8	6.4	0.0	0
Turners Sportsworld	Feilding		143.5	147.6	127.8	134.3	124.9	137.0	62.6	46
<b>PALMERSTON NORTH</b>		LEQ	762.7	960.4	947.1	913.1	881.0	795.8	492.9	62
Manawatu Hunting and Fishing	Palmerston North		572.6	759.4	732.8	763.6	735.9	635.1	469.1	74
Hamills Palmerston North	Palmerston North		130.1	137.8	154.8	105.3	110.2	99.3	0.0	0
Wellington Fish and Game Council	Palmerston North		14.8	20.9	31.0	32.3	33.5	54.8	23.8	43
Rebel Sport	Palmerston North		44.9	41.0	28.5	11.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Smith City Southern Ltd	Palmerston North		0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Adventure Services	Palmerston North						0.0	0.0	0.0	
Reelhunters Bait & Tackle	Palmerston North					1.4	6.6	0.0	0.0	0
<b>LEVIN</b>		LEQ	63.8	42.7	42.9	32.9	22.5	29.1	0.0	0
Farmlands Levin	Levin		0.0	1.0	0.0	2.6	1.0	1.0	0.0	0
Sportsworld Levin	Levin		63.8	41.7	42.9	30.3	21.5	28.1	0.0	0
<b>KAPITI COAST</b>		LEQ	67.9	160.2	145.7	147.3	128.2	107.5	36.6	34
Otaki Hunting & Fishing	Otaki		25.9	139.6	121.6	129.8	110.1	107.5	36.6	34
Stirling Sports Kapiti	Paraparaumu		42.0	20.6	24.1	17.5	18.1	0.0	0.0	
<b>WELLINGTON</b>		LEQ	545.5	477.8	587.4	686.3	627.4	590.4	452.4	77
Hutt Valley Hunting and Fishing NZ	Lower Hutt		418.3	335.4	426.2	428.4	376.5	345.4	317.8	92
The Sports Den	Lower Hutt		35.7	58.1	29.1	20.7	13.5	7.7	0.0	0
Maidstone Sports Limited	Upper Hutt		69.4	67.0	45.5	42.1	36.1	27.7	18.4	66
Upper Hutt Gun Shop	Upper Hutt		17.8	13.2	13.1	5.4	9.6	10.6	0.0	0
New Zealand Fish & Game Council	Wellington		4.3	4.1	5.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Hamills	Wellington				67.7	189.6	191.7	189.4	116.1	61
Mainly Hunting	Wellington				1.8	11.6	0.0	9.6	0.0	0
<b>NORTHERN WAIRARAPA - Dannevirke, Eketahuna, Pahiatua, Woodville</b>		LEQ	104.6	104.7	88.7	70.0	83.3	81.6	50.9	62
Farmlands Dannevirke	Dannevirke		58.4	65.3	54.6	41.2	49.8	13.7	0.0	0
Sportsworld Dannevirke	Dannevirke					2.4	23.4	0.0	0.0	
Eketahuna Information Centre	Eketahuna		1.0	6.6	2.0	1.9	4.6	4.0	6.9	172
Farmlands Pahiatua	Pahiatua		33.2	23.6	15.0	13.6	15.6	19.9	7.6	38
Terarua i-Site	Woodville		12.0	9.2	5.6	6.5	10.9	6.6	5.0	76
Teiford Timber & Hardware	Woodville				11.5	6.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Dannevirke Hunting & Fishing	Dannevirke						0.0	14.0	31.4	224
<b>MASTERTON</b>		LEQ	341.7	384.3	283.3	309.1	297.6	260.1	212.3	82
King and Henry Limited	Masterton		81.0	49.3	30.9	46.6	48.2	78.5	64.6	83
Wairarapa Hunting and Fishing	Masterton		260.7	335.1	252.4	262.6	249.4	181.5	147.5	81
<b>SOUTHERN WAIRARAPA</b>		LEQ	39.9	48.1	38.6	36.6	27.8	21.1	0.0	0
Adamsons Service Station	Featherston		10.7	12.4	9.3	15.4	8.7	6.0	0.0	0
Farmlands Greytown	Greytown		6.2	14.5	6.9	5.2	2.8	6.6	0.0	0
Pain and Kershaw Mitre 10 Limited	Martinborough		22.9	21.2	22.4	16.0	18.3	8.5	0.0	0
Outdoor Supplies	Carterton						0.2	0.0	0.0	
<b>FOXTON</b>		LEQ				0.8	1.9	0.0	0.0	
Pioneer Outfitters	Foxton					0.8	1.9	0.0	0.0	
<b>DIRECT</b>		LEQ	552.9	604.3	730.3	764.1	783.6	899.9	933.3	104
Internet Sales			426.4	476.8	601.6	684.3	738.3	894.3	924.7	103
Mail Order			115.1	123.0	120.7	73.2	43.4	0.0	0.0	
Phone Order			11.4	4.5	8.0	6.5	1.9	5.6	8.6	154

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## 18. Correspondence/Media

- Reappointment of Dr Nick Smith as Minister of Conservation
- Advising resignation of Tim Allen as Councillor
- Access to Waiterere Forest
- Wellington section Magazine Supplement
- Importance of Ruataniwha Project as national precedent

**From:** Martin Taylor [fgchairwell@gmail.com]  
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**Subject:** Message From Wellington F&G

Dear F&G Regional Chairs

Recently Wellington Fish and Game Councilor Tim Allen corresponded with you regarding our decision to distribute the Chen and Palmer opinion to councilors. That correspondence included some references to our manager Phil Teal. Wellington Fish and Game council have unreservedly apologised to Phil and believe he has always acted with the upmost intergrity. Tim Allen has also unreservedly apologised to Phil, myself and the council and has resigned as a councilor. Wellington Fish and Game look forward to 2013 being focused on promoting and protecting the interests of our licence holders at both a regional and national level.

Regards

Martin Taylor  
Chair  
Wellington Fish and Game

**Phil Teal**

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**From:** Phil Teal  
**Sent:** Monday, 14 January 2013 9:41 a.m.  
**To:** Sue Wray; Steve Pilkington  
**Subject:** for your information - WAITERERE FOREST ACCESS  
File Note:

<b>ACCESS TO WAITERERE FOREST</b>
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Andy Flemming from Rayonier - access to the Waitarere Forest (06 974 1282).

Talked to him about access to the blocks – as he and their business analyst had been contacted by orienteering club regarding holding events in the forest. It was Rayoniers' initial consideration to restrict hunting activities to July and August only to avoid any risk.

I indicated that it was a very important site for access to hunting and traditional site, and that there should be able to be some accommodation of all activities. The current situation of limiting access to weekends only was also up for review as a possible trade off, but I indicated that May and June were still an important time for hunters.

He was intending to talk internally this week and get back by Friday 18 Jan to see what their position would be.

He wanted to know what additional resources or actions Fish & Game were prepared to undertake to ensure permitted hunters complied with the rules.

He understood the urgency to get the draft permit book completed in January

Phil Teal  
14/1/13



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<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO1301/S00077/eds-welcomes-reappointment-of-dr-nick-smith-to-cabinet.htm>

## EDS welcomes reappointment of Dr Nick Smith to Cabinet

Tuesday, 22 January 2013, 12:49 pm  
Press Release: Environmental Defence Society

**Media Release: EDS welcomes reappointment of Dr Nick Smith to Cabinet**

The Environmental Defence Society has welcomed the reappointment by Prime Minister John Key of Dr Nick Smith to cabinet.

“Dr Smith is one of the most knowledgeable National Party members when it comes to environmental and sustainability issues. His reappointment to Cabinet will ensure we have another voice for these issues when decisions are made,” said EDS Chairman Gary Taylor.

“We understand why the Prime Minister has chosen to keep Amy Adams in the Environment portfolio. She is doing a good job so far.

“But giving Dr Smith Conservation and Housing makes sense. Both of these portfolios require a sound understanding of environmental sustainability.

“We look forward to working with Dr Smith in his Conservation portfolio and in particular making progress with much needed Oceans reform and restoring the Department of Conservation’s budget to a realistic level.

“With Housing, Dr Smith is likely to better understand the drivers for housing affordability than his predecessor. Closer alignment between the Auckland Council and Government will be helpful in meeting the challenges of growth in New Zealand’s largest city.

“We are also very pleased to see Nikki Kaye appointed to Cabinet. Nikki Kaye is an active member of the National Party’s Bluegreens,” Mr Taylor concluded.

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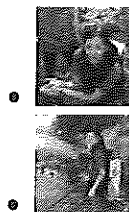
## DOC rangers call for more love

By *Andrew Ashton*  
Created 13/01/13

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Doc coastal Otago freshwater ranger Lan Pham shows off some of the aquatic life in Oamaru Creek.



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Department of Conservation rangers say more "galaxiid love" is needed to help halt the decline of New Zealand's freshwater fish.

Coastal Otago freshwater rangers were in Oamaru on Thursday to conduct a talk at the North Otago Museum, as part of efforts to raise awareness about endangered freshwater species in Otago. Ranger Lan Pham said 80% of New Zealand's 28 species of galaxiids were endangered in some way.

Ms Pham said although the five species that made up the whitebait catch were

well-known, there was very little public awareness of the remaining species.

"The depressing part about it is that not only do we not know a lot about our freshwater species, but we are losing them at an alarming rate.

"There are some rare and endangered galaxiids right here in Otago."

She said the lowland longjaw, which was only found on the Kauru and Kakanui Rivers, was a case in point.

"It's really the kakapo of the water. The population can be down to just 250 individuals, at its lowest point."

The main reasons for the decline of native freshwater life were predation, loss of habitat, land use changes and barriers to migration.

That was why Doc was "spreading galaxiid love" through advocacy.

The talk ended with a demonstration of an electric fishing surveying technique in the Oamaru Creek.

North Otago Museum curator Chloe Searle welcomed the presentation, which was attended by about 20 people, as a great chance to learn more about native aquatic life.

Ms Searle also said the talk had fitted in nicely with the museum's current efforts to encourage more interest in the local creek.

"The talk connects with the museum's current Creek Creatures exhibition, a family friendly display about the wildlife in and around Oamaru Creek," Ms Searle said.

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## Toxic algae find in Manawatu rivers

MATHEW GROCOTT Last updated 08:00 12/01/2013

A toxin that can irritate skin and potentially kill dogs has been identified in three Manawatu rivers.

Caused by blue/green algae, cyanobacteria has been found in the Oroua River near Feilding, at Horseshoe Bend near Tokomaru and in the Mangatainoka River at State Highway 2.

Horizons water quality spokesman Barry Gilliland said it was not yet known whether this particular strain of cyanobacteria was toxic but preliminary testing was under way.

"The slimy, black algae can bloom very quickly in warmer weather and will appear as a shiny black mat on the rocks," Gilliland said.

Warning signs would be erected at the two spots and swimmers were advised to check for the algae before swimming in other areas.

"If you are concerned your dog may have eaten the algae it is recommended you contact your veterinarian immediately," he said.

Blue/green algae is present in small quantities in most of the region's rivers year round. In favourable conditions, such as during periods of warm water temperature and low flow, it can become a health risk at some sites.

On Thursday, MidCentral District Health Board health protection officer Peter Wood warned conditions were right for the algae to grow.

Horizons yesterday confirmed the algae at the three locations and was monitoring other swimming spots.

Wood said the algae often had a strong, musty smell.

"Swimming and contact with the water is not advisable when these mats are visible and covering more than half the river bed. Boiling water does not remove toxins produced by the cyanobacteria and drinking of the water should be avoided at all times."

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# The New Zealand Herald

## Toxic algae forces lake closure

12:03 PM Friday Jan 11, 2013

High concentrations of toxic blue-green algae have forced Masterton District Council to ban all recreational pursuits on Henley Lake.

Parks and facilities manager Grant Hathaway yesterday issued a health warning, saying water in the lake was unsafe due to the algae, which is also known as cyanobacteria, and the lake would be closed until the warning was removed.

Blue-green algae produces toxins that are harmful to both humans and animals if the water is ingested or comes into contact with skin.

Symptoms of illness include skin rashes, nausea, upset stomach, and tingling or numbness around the mouth and the tips of fingers.

Dogs are especially at risk and outbreaks of algae have been blamed for several dog deaths throughout the country.

People walking dogs around Henley Lake have been asked to make sure their animals are kept away from the water and the lake's edge.

The district council monitors the algae weekly at Henley Lake during summer.

Toxic algae blooms have affected Henley Lake in past years and also the Waipoua River.

It forced the cancellation of a dragon boat regatta in 2008.

Blue-green algae are microscopic organisms that are naturally present in many waterways, including relatively "clean" water.

A warning has also been issued for toxic algae in the Waipoua River in Masterton this week.

- WAIRARAPA TIMES-AGE



Masterton District Council has issued a warning about algae at Henley Lake. Photo / Amie Hickland



## Anglers caught without licences

MATTHEW LITTLEWOOD Last updated 05:00 14/01/2013

Note to fishermen: Remember your licence.

People fishing in the high country lakes this summer did not always seem to have their licence on them - but rangers said nearly all were able to rectify it within a week.

Central South Island Fish & Game ranger Mark Webb said it had been another busy season over the Christmas and New Year period at the high country lakes, but of the 170 anglers interviewed, 25 were issued notices for failing to produce their licence and one for fishing without a licence.

People found guilty for fishing without a licence could face fines of up to \$700.

"It's one of those frustrating little things, as all but one or maybe two of them were able to produce an up-to-date licence within the week," Mr Webb said.

"The compliance rate was lower than previous seasons. It wasn't as good as it could have been.

"But on a positive note, people were really friendly and were more than happy to talk to us. It's always a good time as it's a relaxed atmosphere."

Mr Webb said the recent rain had meant activity had died down over the last week or so, but the canals had still been producing some pretty big fish.

"I haven't heard of any real whoppers, but there were a lot of 10 to 15 pounders, certainly that's becoming more common than it once was," he said.

Otago Fish & Game's operations manager Ian Hadland said 14 anglers could face prosecution after spot-checks in the Otago lakes and fishing spots over the summer.

The shutdown of the Tekapo canals meant Fish & Game would work with the Cawthron Institute and Genesis to shift some of native fish into more flowing waters.

"It's going to be a pretty big job, we will need to helicopter a good half-dozen monsoon buckets to retrieve the fish. There will be a fair few flapping around."



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## Season Prospects 2013



**D**UCK HUNTERS JUST ABOUT always want more rain, as this can be a key environmental driver that determines habitat quality and quantity, which has a strong influence on duck populations.

Wellington Region largely missed the extremes that struck other parts of the country, with relatively mild conditions; this should contribute to a good start to the season. Spring conditions this year were fairly wet (but not too wet), which is favourable to re-

cruitment through successful nesting and good duckling survival.

Another aspect contributing to a positive outlook is there were no extreme flood events that can occasionally cause widespread loss of nests. Late spring and summer have been drier than normal in some areas, but overall the weather has been benign. With normal rainfall conditions predicted through to the start of the season, the prospects for opening weekend are looking good.



### Contributing To Mallard Research

### Manawatu Chicks In High Demand



**A**N INITIATIVE BY LOCAL MANAWATU HUNTERS CONTINUES to be popular in supplementing the local pheasant population. Over the last four years, nearly 2000 small chicks have been distributed to around 50 keen local hunters, who raise them to adult stage and then release them into existing or new territories. The residual egg production from the local Rathmoy Game Preserve is made available to local hunters as small chicks. Releasing relatively small numbers of birds into the wild is unlikely to cause any potential complications, such as dilution of the gene pool and/or a potential predator switching to pheasant. The interest in the programme has resulted in landholders thinking about additional habitat improvements at some sites, an increased knowledge of pheasant rearing, and, of course, more birds released to the wild. At least you will know that there may be a few extra birds in the local forests and river floodway to give your dog (and yourself) something to chase during the season. If you are interested in finding out more, contact Wellington Fish & Game 06 359 0409, or [wellington@fishandgame.org.nz](mailto:wellington@fishandgame.org.nz).

**W**ELLINGTON FISH & GAME CONTINUES to look at the toolbox for monitoring changes in mallard populations, with the techniques available having specific strengths and weaknesses. Fish & Game is keen to have a standardised technique across the country to allow comparisons between regional boundaries and potentially climatic zones being used as a management unit (e.g. northern NI, eastern NI, western NI). Wellington Fish & Game will continue with its reliable sampling method of aerial transect counts to assess population change, but will also upscale a banding programme as

part of the research programme. Hunters, who recover a band, should report it as soon as possible to the local Fish & Game office (06 359 0409). Remember, this is being done for your long term benefit. Contributions will also be made on other aspects of the mallard research programme relating to productivity, habitat changes over time, and alternative approaches that deal with uncertainty. There is also a desire to develop collaborations with research providers, such as universities, as many already have similar potential research topics, but may lack specificity or application to game bird population management.

### Habitat Work

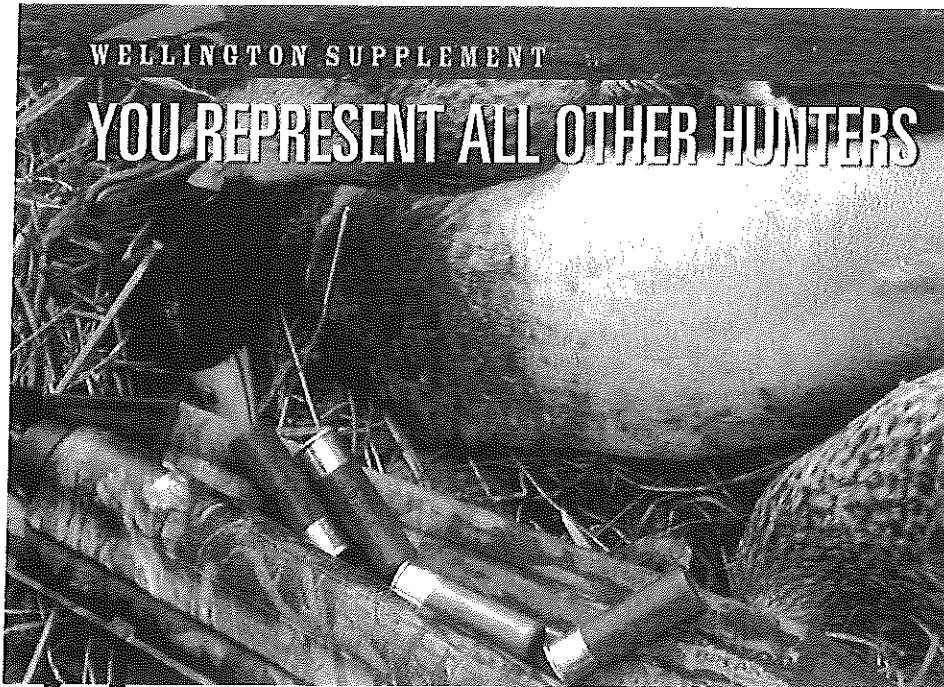
**T**HERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF HUNTERS AND LANDOWNERS ACTIVELY UNDERTAKING habitat wetland work right across the Wellington Region again this year. There is considerable potential for projects in the region, with valleys and gullies with seepage areas, excavating sites around dune wetlands, or sectioning off a low, frequently flooded paddock. Even for relatively modest projects, it's worth it, as it can create a temporary habitat at different times of the year. Larger projects might be worthy of applications to the Gamebird Habitat Trust, which distributes monies from the duck stamp programme. All you need is a bit of enthusiasm and impetus for action. Contact Fish & Game for further advice.

### Predator Control

**T**HE "ONLY GOOD FERRET IS A DEAD FERRET". GROUPS OF HUNTERS IN THE MANAWATU ARE getting together to initiate predator control programmes on their patch, including some in forestry blocks. There are some key logistics to consider, such as availability of traps, what the traps are targeting, timing of efforts, and the frequency of checking the traps. Spreading the effort among six to seven hunters is a great way to go. If you are keen in setting up a group to trap predators, or becoming involved with another group in your area, please register with Wellington Fish & Game (06 3590409).



# YOU REPRESENT ALL OTHER HUNTERS



**It's** BEEN SAID MANY TIMES BEFORE: "the actions of a few affect us all". There are accounts given to us where a hunter has left a gate open, or been seen jumping a fence they shouldn't. While this often doesn't seem like a big deal in itself, to the person it affects it can leave a lasting impression of what "all hunters" are like. When issues such as access across land come up, the landholder can

recount an incident as though it was yesterday, even though in fact it may have occurred five or more years ago. Take time out to check the code of ethics for hunters in the 'regs' booklet – they are very simple and commonsense. They serve as a quick reminder about how we should act and give a clear steer on the behaviour a hunter would expect of all other hunters. Key points – respect, courtesy, safety.

## RESPECT

**Access:** Respect private property – ask for permission on private land.  
**Hunting:** Respect your quarry; retrieve all game with reasonable steps to locate and retrieve (e.g. gun-dog); be a competent shooter.  
**Respect the Regulations:** Carry a licence and comply with conditions of hunting.

## COURTESY

**Access:** Courtesy – leave gates as you find them, keep your dog under control.  
**Hunting:** Courtesy – always hunt in a sporting manner; encourage the same attitude in your hunting companions; remove all litter from hunting area.

## SAFETY

**Firearm Safety:** act on this at all times, ensure it is second nature

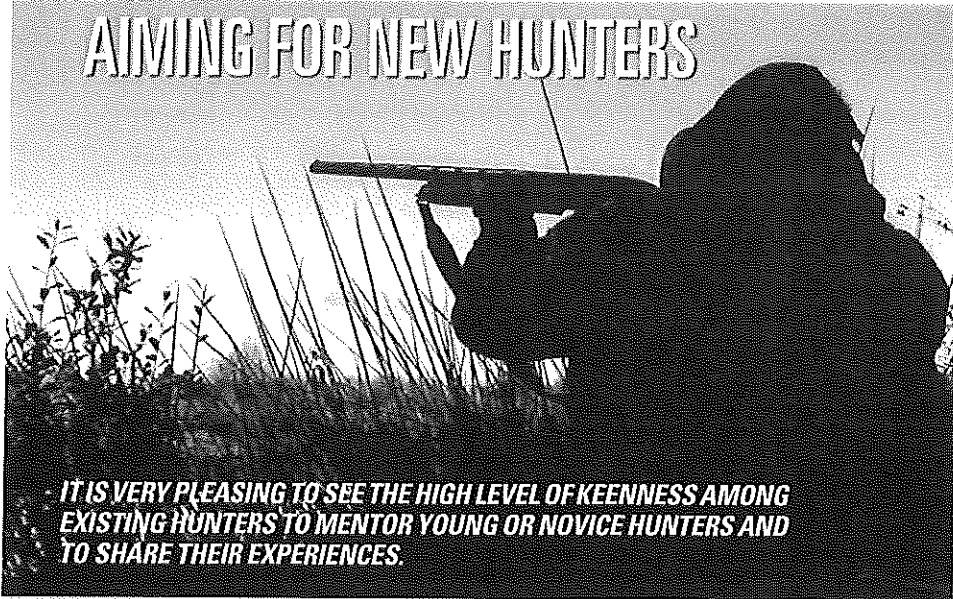
- Treat every firearm as loaded
- Always point firearms in a safe direction
- Load a firearm only when ready to use
- Identify your target beyond all doubt
- Check your firing zone
- Store firearms and ammunition safely
- Avoid alcohol or drugs when handling firearms.

**Access Safety:** don't park vehicles on raceways that cause a hazard.

**Hunting Safety:** wear appropriate high visibility gear when upland game hunting.

**ABOVE ALL BE SAFE AND SENSIBLE** 🐾

# AIMING FOR NEW HUNTERS



**IT IS VERY PLEASING TO SEE THE HIGH LEVEL OF KEENNESS AMONG EXISTING HUNTERS TO MENTOR YOUNG OR NOVICE HUNTERS AND TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES.**

## Passing on the knowledge is very rewarding

RECRUITMENT CONTINUES TO RELY ON THE VOLUNTEER effort of existing hunters to take the responsibility of getting young or new hunters involved. In the past, this may have traditionally focused on family experiences, but now the mentors, who share their know-how and enthusiasm, come from a much wider base. The hunting instinct of young hunters hasn't abated, but they need to be given opportunity to get them going. The advice remains: be a mentor to a new hunter; help recruit and retain hunters.

## Helping New Hunters

THERE ARE A STACK OF INITIATIVES THAT ARE BEING undertaken or considered by Fish & Game to assist in getting new hunters into the pursuit and retaining them. These can be from the more subtle focus of the parrie

seasons, supporting junior clay target shoots, and junior pheasant hunts through to more tangible support of clubs, such as the Foxton Waterfowlers Club's superb novice training arrangement at Lake Omanu.

## Increased Fish & Game Focus

WELLINGTON FISH & GAME IS LOOKING AT TAKING A more proactive approach to being more coordinated with schools and clubs and has allocated resources to look at how this can be done better. It's not just about giving young hunters the opportunity, but it's like any recruitment strategy:

**1) The GET THEM Phase:** Having activities that involve giving young hunters a taste of hunting that might spark interest. It is acknowledged that it is often hard to measure the extent or reasons for subsequent uptake and retention.

**2) The TEACH THEM Phase:** Followup and upskilling -- once interest has been sparked, there needs to be the next level of developing skills and ethics; possibly by matching up with mentors, but also potentially followed by focused tuition. New hunters are always keen to experience success and improve hunting skills.


**3) The KEEP THEM phase:** This might evolve over time to create resources for novice hunters of varying ages for hunters of similar experience to have the tools, skills, and peer support to continue hunting. Even if participants are initially only short to mid-term, there is always the possibility that they re-engage these pursuits at a later date. If you know of any initiatives in schools and clubs that might benefit from assistance and coordination from Wellington Fish & Game's involvement, please make contact with the office (06 359 0409). 🐾

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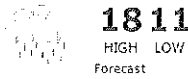
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## Councils tackle quality their own ways

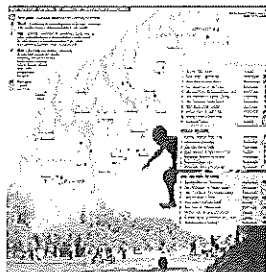
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By Rebecca Fox and Sally Rae on Sat, 9 Feb 2013

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**New Zealand's regional councils have been asked by the Government to set limits to improve water quality. Rebecca Fox looks at the different ways South Island councils are interpreting those directions while Sally Rae talks to farmers about the impact on their businesses.**



### Environment Southland

Environment Southland is aiming for 10% improvement in its water quality in 10 years to deal with the cumulative effects on the region's water.

Environment Southland chairwoman Ali Timms said science had shown the region had "seriously declining water quality". The council had published four separate reports, which together made up the State of the Environment Report, Water 2010, which showed a general decline in water quality standards in lowland rivers and streams across the region, and worsening trends in some areas.

The Ministry for the Environment ranked Southland the worst of all regions for surface water nitrate-nitrite-nitrogen concentrations and sixth worst for dissolved reactive phosphorous. In 2011, the Office of the Auditor-general said Environment Southland was not doing enough to address declining water quality in the region, particularly the issues attributed to the effects of intensive farming. The council will also be expecting full compliance with all conditions on resource consents and permitted activities.

It was consulting stakeholder groups over five areas - hill-country development, nutrient levels, riparian management, winter grazing and run-off.

"It'll take a long time to fix and it may well get worse before it gets better."

The region featured several slow-moving rivers servicing rich farmland but the bottom end of those catchments were not looking good.

As the region had experienced a huge increase in dairy conversions in the past 20 years - five years ago 100 conversions a year was normal - it needed to deal with the effects of intensive land use, Ms Timms said.

This year plan change 13 became effective requiring a consent for all new dairy conversions.

"It's about holding the line [on water quality]."

In the meantime, all existing dairy farms would progressively be required to meet tougher discharge rules as their resource consents came up for renewal, she said.

"It's a line in the same so there is no further decline."

The impact of the changes would be different depending on where the planned conversion was and the area's soil types.

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

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"Some may not need to do much more than they would have now ...other areas they might need to do a lot more."

There were about 20 new conversions going through the process last year.

"There has been a lot of uncertainty and fear about it but what happens on land affects the water."

People would need to do "risk management" assessments before they decided to convert, she said.

"If its cheap land there might be a reason for it; you might have to do more to mitigate any effects."

Ms Timms described the council's draft long-term plan as a strategic response to the major issue of declining water quality. The most significant change is the council's decision to identify work specifically relating to the consequences of the expansion in dairy farming in Southland, and pay for those costs through the dairy differential rate on dairy farms, instead of spreading the cost among all ratepayers. That means the dairy differential rate will increase by \$374,000 to \$767,000 in the first year and rise again to a total of \$1.467 million in 2013-14.

But it was not just about rural land users and their impacts, it was about the cumulative impact of everyone in Southland.

Rules backed up by good policy were needed, as without it best practice had no teeth, she said.

Winter grazing was an example of a practice that leaked nitrogen but with frozen, wet grounds for two or three months of the year, there was nowhere for it to go.

"We're asking people to make changes ..."

In the future, those changes could include farmers having to meet set nutrient levels.

Reaction to the changes had been interesting, with some seeing it as a reaction to the "greenies", but the rural sector, aware of the impacts of intensification, was more positive about it.

There was also the need for urban dischargers, such as district councils, to make more of an effort to meet discharge levels.

"Everybody has to tidy up their act; it has to be one rule for all."

#### Environment Canterbury

One of Canterbury's greatest challenges when dealing with water issues is having plenty of it, but in the "wrong places at the wrong time", Environment Canterbury's Peter Constantine says.

It had been a rocky road for the council dealing with water quality and quantity issues, leading to the development of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy, he said at a resource management conference last year. The strategy outlined 223 targets, including ecosystem health, irrigation and environmental limits.

From that collaborative process came the Land and Water Plan notified this year, which had about 90 policies.

Council consultant Ian Brown said at the conference the council was facing significant issues, with about 400,000ha irrigated but the potential for 800,000ha to be.

"We have no illusion of the difficulty of this challenge and new water is a significant component of meeting environmental standards."

There would be a lot of "crunchy issues" and there would need to be changes to farming systems.

Mr Constantine said regionally it prioritised drinking and stock water, set a goal for farmers of good practice and showed "limits mean limits".

"It's complex... a difficult situation and very fluid."

That meant, until 2017, existing activities were permitted. After 2017, all activities will have to meet good practice guidelines set out in a look-up table.

It required a paradigm shift which he believed was happening, as some farmers who had flatly said it could not be done were now agreeing something needed to be done, he said.

At a catchment level, communities had the opportunity to determine the outcomes they wanted through zone committees, which would recommend to the council the limits to be set.

Some of the challenges the region faced were due to the Government, which on one hand was looking at Canterbury to provide a huge amount of economic growth, while on the other was demanding limits be set for water quality and quantity.

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The proposals were not just targeted at rural discharges but urban, too. The Christchurch council reportedly asking for urban rivers to be removed from the plan, he said.

"If we remove those we lose everything we've just managed to gain with the rural sector, although the cost to the urban community will be more long-term."

It meant farmers needed to start monitoring water on their properties. The council would leave them to manage the situation but they would have to meet limits.

#### Otago Regional Council

The Otago Regional Council was changing only a portion of its regional water plan, as the "guts of it" was working shown by the region's mostly "pristine" water, council land resources manager Susie McKeague said.

"It's important to us that it stays like that."

Discussion with the region's communities showed everyone valued their rivers, streams and lakes and all wanted them to be swimmable, clear and in good health.

Last March the council notified its plan change after two years of discussion with the community.

The decision was that all water leaving the farm should be clear, odour-free and clear of grease or scum.

"The challenge is where those standards apply and when," she said at the resource management conference.

It proposed targets for surface water quality which were being considered by a hearing panel.

The region of most concern was South Otago and its degraded rivers, which were not meeting ecological or nitrogen standards.

"Interestingly, ammonia was improving, showing some improvement in effluent management."

One of those rivers was the Pomahaka, which the council studied for two years and had AgResearch analyse its findings. It showed just where the problem lay - intensive farming.

The council had chosen not to go with consents, as while how to improve water quality was known, it did not know how to stop "triple N" problems yet, so writing a rule for such a consent condition would be difficult, she said.

It had proposed a prohibited activity rule, which gave farmers the opportunity to manage effluent well "or be for the high jump".

Under the plan, the standard was 30kg of nitrogen per year or in sensitive aquifer areas, 10kg.

Some areas, such as Wakatipu and Wanaka, had drinkable groundwater which meant they "could not have intensive farming in those regions".

Farmers were being given five to seven years to make the changes, she said.

If they could not meet the standards there was an option to apply for consent, aimed at small pockets trying to achieve the limits.

"We do not want 3000 consents to farm."

It was not an out clause for those who just did not want to meet the standards, she said.

The council would not be measuring water coming off farms or designing farm plans, but it would work alongside farmers and link in industry professionals to help them meet the standards.

"If it comes to our attention it's probably gross [pollution]. Farmers need to be doing it themselves."

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#### Otago Regional Council

Otago: 32,000sq km

- 409 dairy farms in Otago.
- 2% seriously non-compliant.

#### Plan change 6A (water quality)

Dairy farms permitted activity - no consent needed for conversion.

- Proposing effects-based system to tackle water quality.
- Nitrogen loading not to exceed 150kg per ha per year, to be reduced to 30kg.

Sensitive zone 10kg per ha per year.

- Does not involve urban dischargers.
- Notified in March.
- Waiting for hearing decision.



### Environment Canterbury

Canterbury 42,239sq km

- 977 dairy farms.
- 30% non-compliance.

#### Land and Water Regional Plan

Based on Canterbury Water Management Strategy.

- Tackling quality and quantity together.
- Collaborative approach.
- Catchment-based.
- Zone committees to come up with limits.
- In holding position until 2017.
- Post-2017, all activities to be based on good practice.
- Notified in August.
- First stage of plan hearing held, starts again this month.

### Environment Southland

Southland: 34,000sq km

- About 1686 dairy farms in Southland.
- 15% significant non-compliance.

#### Water and Land 2020

Consent for all new dairy conversions and consent for wintering stock:

Requires farm management plan.

Dairy farmers to pay for work related to the industry.

Charges dairy farms a "differential" rate which is to double.

- Maximum nitrogen loading 150kg ha per year.
- To involve urban dischargers as well.
- Still a work in progress.

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### Ali Timms?

Submitted by sv3nn0 on Sat, 09/02/2013 - 9:35pm.

Is that the same lady that rang up a talk show pretending to be a poor single mother (or similar) in order to have a go at the mayor of Invercargill?

Good article though. Will be interesting to see how the urban centres deal with the plans...

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## Oram: Damming conclusions on irrigation

ROD ORAM    Last updated 05:00 10/02/2013

As Hawke's Bay teeters on the brink of yet another drought, an equally hot and damaging storm is brewing over water storage and irrigation in the region.

To its proponents, the Ruataniwha Plains project west of Waipukurau would deliver big water storage and thus a sizeable increase in agriculture and better management of waterways, particularly the Tukituki River.

It would be the biggest scheme in the country, irrigating 25,000 hectares and influencing farming on a further 17,000ha. It would cost some \$250 million to build, with the Hawke's Bay Regional Council and central government stumping up much of the equity; and farmers would need to invest in the dam plus an additional \$300m or so on their properties to make use of the water.

To its opponents, Ruataniwha is a debacle in the making. They challenge the economic benefits identified by council-commissioned studies. They believe regional ratepayers risk being saddled with a heavy financial burden and adverse environmental impacts.

They argue a range of much smaller investments on farm and in the catchment would deliver many of the economic and environmental benefits in less risky and more resilient ways.

The battle is coming to a head this year. In May the regional council will ask the Government to declare the project one of national significance. This means the Environmental Protection Authority, not the regional council, will evaluate and decide on the resource consents.

This is essential because the regional council has disqualified itself as the regulator. In its enthusiasm as the project's promoter it has given environmentalists and other opponents short shrift.

But the Government is hardly a neutral arbitrator either. Its big goals for irrigation are one of its planks for infrastructure, which in turn is one of the six drivers of its Business Growth Agenda.

Some 600,000ha are irrigated now around the country, mostly in Canterbury. It believes a further 340,000ha can be added in big regional projects plus 80,000ha in small community ones.

The Government is seeding studies for many of them, with Ruataniwha receiving \$3.3m so far. It then plans to invest \$400m from SOE sales in equity in big projects that get resource consent.

It expects significant progress on these projects over the next two years, it said last November in its infrastructure report under the Business Growth Agenda.

Two huge challenges arise, however. First, the Government is massively overhauling the three areas of policy critical to irrigation: water, local government and resource management.

Conflicts abound already in its positions, even before it reveals the substance of its reforms. For example, the plan by the regional council to invest heavily in Ruataniwha runs contrary to the narrow-focus, low-debt councils the government says it wants.

With all these policy areas in play, it will be impossible for the Environmental Protection Authority to make a well-informed and timely decision on resource consents for Ruataniwha and other irrigation projects. Other delays are possible too. If, for example, the courts stall SOE sales, the government would have to find irrigation funding elsewhere.

Thankfully, progress is being made elsewhere on economically and environmentally sound irrigation projects. But these are small extensions to existing ones, conversions from open canals to pipes to eliminate water losses, and upgrades to precision irrigation by farmers.

There is also some excellent innovation. For example, Aquaduct New Zealand has developed world-leading plastics technology to extrude pipes up to 1.6m in diameter on-site. This enables it to make pipes up to 200m long, rather than transporting short sections from factories. This way, it has supplied 80km of pipes for the upgrade of the Valetta scheme in Canterbury.

The economics of irrigation are the second big challenge. The Government makes its case on the basis of the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research's 2010 analysis of 14 projects with the potential to be built by 2025. The estimated cost would be \$2.7 billion off-farm and \$8.7b on-farm. The institute reckoned 41 per cent of the newly irrigated land would go into dairying, 11 per cent dairy support, 27 per cent arable, 16 per cent mixed livestock and 4 per cent horticulture.

These 14 projects would deliver \$4b of agricultural exports in 2026, a modest 17 per cent increase in the national total based on 2010 prices. But the internal rate of return on all 14 projects was only 6.4 per cent, which would be less than the cost of capital. But even that was inflated by average returns of 11.5 per cent for Canterbury projects, thereby undermining the viability of projects elsewhere in the country.

For evidence of Ruataniwha's economic value, Hawke's Bay Regional Council offers a series of studies it commissioned. But they contain some significant contradictions and risks.

The "Prosperity Study", for example, correctly identifies low-wage, low-value and volatile commodity agriculture as one of the region's economic weaknesses. The main remedy it recommended was more of the same from the Ruataniwha scheme plus the vague hope the region's farmers can somehow move themselves up the value chain.

A study of on-farm economics is more robust, concluding farms in the scheme would lift their return on on-farm assets from 4.2 per cent to 6.6 per cent. But it notes that the project is "extremely sensitive to farm commodity prices and costs" and, to a lesser extent, to water prices. Moreover, this modelling is based on the farmers being in the top 20 per cent of the nation in terms of productivity.

A funding study by BNZ says the regional council could procure the \$250m dam and water distribution infrastructure by offering private sector investors a 35-year concession. Local and central government would still need to invest in it to make it viable but they would exit once the scheme reached maturity after 10-15 years.

BNZ says the regional council would regain total ownership once the concession expired. But if the scheme were such a good idea for farmer-investors, why would they accept such a short-lived ownership stake?

The environmental issues are no less challenging. The Tukituki River is a mess thanks to over-allocation of existing water and poor effluent control by council and farmers. Both will need to dramatically improve their practices if they are to heavily intensify dairying yet still deliver their promised improvement in water quality.

With all these economic and environmental issues at stake, Ruataniwha could become just as crucial and defining a conflict as Lake Manapouri was between 1959 and 1972.

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## PRESS RELEASE

[For first week of February]

Hunters keen to help farmers

Game bird hunters are being given opportunity to help farmers disperse paradise shelduck from paddocks and crops.

A special two-week hunting season which started last Saturday is being held in the Wellington region, which includes the Manawatu/Wairarapa areas.

Wellington Fish & Game regional manager Phil Teal says the special season has been introduced to assist landowners who have groups of birds that are starting to feed on new grass and crops.

“By harvesting some birds outside the normal game season it creates enough of a disturbance to disperse them into smaller flocks.”

Paradise shelduck are known for moulting in groups on open water sites in January and once the birds can fly again in February they tend to aggregate in groups.

Mr Teal says the recent dry weather conditions could put pressure on some crop managers and this is a good way to help alleviate potential problems caused by large numbers of birds.

“Putting this special season in place demonstrates another way in which Fish & Game and hunters are working in good faith with land owners and local rural communities.”

The special hunting season is open to all 2012 licenced game bird hunters from February 9 to 24, with a five bird per day limit.

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For more information contact Phil Teal on 021859120.

Media Release.

## **Fish & Game Rangers Urge Anglers to be Legal**

As the summer river fishing conditions continue to favour the angler, Fish & Game are urging anglers to make sure they are all 'legal' and comply with the regulations

Wellington Fish & Game senior officer Steve Pilkington says that "Great summer weather had resulted in a lot of anglers hitting the water." He said that "most rivers in the Wellington region are running clear and fishing well."

Pilkington reports that while compliance levels have been good he was disappointed that "we've still caught quite a few without licences." He said "Fish and Game rangers have been very active over January and they have found more than normal number of anglers without a licence."

A fishing licence is required to fish for trout and is available at most sporting goods stores or online. The penalty for fishing without a licence is a fine of up to \$5000.

Pilkington also says that "we've also had a few reports of people with spears swimming in our rivers". Fish & Game have followed these reports up which have resulted in two alleged offenders being caught in a lower Wairarapa river spear fishing for trout. "Spear fishing is highly illegal, and deplete fish stocks very quickly" he said.

Pilkington said that any reports of suspicious activity would be followed up quickly by Fish & Game.

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## press release – Fishing season in Manawatu going well

Anglers' reports from the Manawatu and Rangitikei areas had been very positive over recent weeks, with good conditions and good numbers of trout caught.

Wellington Fish & Game senior officer Steve Pilkington says recent rain has slowed angling activity over the last week but reports from the Manawatu and Rangitikei areas had been very positive prior to the weather turning.

“While water temperatures are getting relatively high, consistent and clear river flows have produced some great fishing opportunities.”

The upper Manawatu River has been fishing better going by the latest angling competition held there last weekend, Mr Pilkington adds.

“Good numbers of rainbow and brown trout were caught and released. There were accounts that several fish exceeding 6lb got away, but that’s anglers for you.”

Mr Pilkington also wanted to remind anglers to have their fishing licence on them when they are on the water.

“It has been a busy season for rangers over the Christmas and early January period. A number of anglers were caught without a fishing licence and they could face prosecution. We’ve caught a few more anglers without licences this year than some other years.”

The penalty for fishing without a licence is a fine of up to \$5000

A fishing licence is required to fish for trout and is available at most sporting goods stores or online.

Rangers will be out in force this holiday weekend and over the next few weeks to ensure compliance.

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## **press release – Fishing Season in Wairarapa going well**

Anglers' reports from the Wairarapa rivers have been very positive over recent weeks, with good fishing conditions and numbers of trout caught.

Wellington Fish & Game Senior Fish & Game Officer Steve Pilkington said the recent rain had meant activity had died down over the last week or so, but anglers' reports from the Wairarapa area had been very positive over recent weeks. He said "While water temperatures were getting relatively high, consistent river flows and clear water had produced some great fishing opportunities with many fish being landed".

Mr Pilkington said he was encouraged by the numbers seen on recent drift dive surveys on the Ruamahanga River as part of an annual monitoring programme. "Results confirmed what was being observed by the anglers".

Pilkington also wanted to remind anglers to have their fishing licence on them when they are fishing. He said that "it had been a busy season for rangers over the Christmas and early January period". He said that there were a number of anglers caught without a fishing licence and they could face prosecution. Pilkington said "we've caught a few more anglers without licences this year than some other years."

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## Rangers on lookout for unlicensed anglers

Last updated 12:00 17/01/2013

Fish & Game is warning anglers hoping to fish this weekend to have their licences at the ready after a number of unlicensed people were caught by rangers at Manawatu and Rangitikei rivers this month.

The rangers will be out in force throughout the region at Wellington Anniversary weekend and in the next few weeks to ensure only licensed people are fishing.

Wellington Fish & Game senior officer Steve Pilkington said anglers should always have their fishing licence on them while on the water or they risk being stung with a \$5000 fine.

"It has been a busy season for rangers over the Christmas and early January period.

"A number of anglers were caught without a fishing licence and they could face prosecution. We've caught a few more anglers without licences this year than some other years."

He said recent rain slowed angling activity in the last week, but reports from the Manawatu and Rangitikei areas had been very positive prior to the poor weather.

"While water temperatures are getting relatively high, consistent and clear river flows have produced some great fishing opportunities."

The upper Manawatu River had yielded good results in the angling competition last weekend, Mr Pilkington said..

"Good numbers of rainbow and brown trout were caught and released.

"There were accounts that several fish exceeding 6lb got away, but that's anglers for you."

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