

AGENDA PAPERS

COUNCIL MEETING

SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2018

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

AGENDA

SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2018

TO BE HELD AT TET MULTI SPORTS CCENTRE 65 PORTIA STREET, STRATFORD

COMMENCING AT 10:00AM

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL, HELD AT THE SANDFORD EVENT CENTRE, 150 TASMAN STREET, OPUNAKE ON 18th AUGUST 2018 COMMENCING AT 10:00AM.

The Chairman, Paul Blewman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

PRESENT

Councillors Paul Blewman, Alan Flynn, Romon Sargeson, Steve Hugo, Cory Potroz, David Potroz, Gerard Karalus and Craig McEwen.

IN ATTENDANCE

Manager Glenn Maclean, Senior Field Officer Allen Stancliff, Graeme MacKenzie and Murray Dobbin (12.15 – 1.30pm).

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors John Nancarrow, Chris Donald and Chris Bright. Apologies were also received from Secretary Jilli Steedman, Terry Russell and Blu Cumberworth.

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

3. WELCOME TO GUESTS

The Chairman welcomed Councillors, Fish and Game staff and visitors to the meeting.

4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The manager noted that Carolyn and him are opening an upmarket lodge with-in the region that could involve guests going fishing

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 9th JUNE 2018

MOVED D. POTROZ / SARGESON

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 9th JUNE 2018 IN WAITARA, BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD. CARRIED.

6. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

7. AGENDA MANAGEMENT & 5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

Completed items will be removed from the Action List.

The Senior Field Officer gave Councillors an update on progress with the Lake Mangamahoe casting platform and signage. An invite to the Taranaki/Whanganui Conservation Board Chair will be followed up on.

A site visit to view Alan Ancell's Toko wetland development will be organised to follow the Council's 3rd November 2018 meeting in Stratford.

The Manager tabled a document from the Office of the Auditor General that will require the Council to provide more meaningful Annual Reports in the medium term, which demonstrate the impact of its work, show relevance and the community benefits.

8. HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Manager outlined the liabilities of the CEO and also Council responsibilities in a governance role in respect of Health & Safety and that the Council needs to satisfy itself that Health & Safety is actually occurring as reported.

MOVED KARALUS / FLYNN
THAT THE MANAGERS HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT, BE RECEIVED
CARRIED

9. 2018/2019 ANNUAL OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN & BUDGET

The Chairman inquired about, and it was confirmed that a Health & Safety component is included in every section of the Annual Plan.

MOVED BLEWMAN / FLYNN

THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL ADOPT THE 2018/2019 ANNUAL OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN & BUDGET, SUBJECT TO CLARIFICATION THAT THE INCOME IN THE BUDGETED STATEMENT OF PROJECT EXPENDITURE TALLYS WITH THE INCOME IN THE BUDGETED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS AND THAT THE BUDGETED STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY IS CORRECTED.

CARRIED

10. AGREEMENT TO USE LAKE TOKAORA FOR TROUT FISHING

The manager spoke to this agenda item.

MOVED KARALUS / HUGO

THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL:

- I. RECORDS ITS APPRECIATION AND THANKS THE LESSEE FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO STOCK LAKE TOKAORA TO CREATE A LOCAL 'PUT AND TAKE' TROUT FISHERY;
- II. RATIFIES THE CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT 1 4, AS LISTED ABOVE. CARRIED

11. LICENCE SALES REPORT

Councillors noted the very positive licence sales in the region.

MOVED D POTROZ / C POTROZ

THAT THE FISH AND GAME LICENCE SALES TO 31st JULY 2018 REPORT, BE RECEIVED CARRIED

12. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman noted his discussions with the Manager about staff remuneration. MOVED BLEWMAN / HUGO
THAT THE CHAIRMAN'S VERBAL REPORT BE RECEIVED
CARRIED

13. NATIONAL COUNCILLORS REPORT

National Council appointee Alan Flynn reported on the following matters that were discussed at the National Council meeting held on 19th July 2018 in Wellington:

- Guides licence further discussions are occurring with DOC officials and there has been an extension in the time for submitting to Cabinet;
- Licence Working Party working on reviewing the ratios of part season licence costs to the whole season licence;
- Accounting all regions will be moved to an accrual-based system;
- Mallard Research project to use existing data to investigate brood habitat selection & use;
- Licence Regulation Booklets a new simpler format is required;
- Heavy metal research.

MOVED FLYNN / C. POTROZ

THAT NATIONAL COUNCIL APPOINTEE, ALAN FLYNN'S VERBAL REPORT BE RECEIVED CARRIED

Break for lunch 12:15 Reconvened 1:15

Murray Dobbin addressed the meeting on the following matters:

- Murray thanked the Council for the work they do for hunters and anglers;
- There were fewer birds than normal during the parry season and they had likely moved out because of the drought as they came back during the main season, which was bang on average;
- There are some good opportunities for wetland enhancement projects in the Opunake area;
- The Council could encourage retailers to stock more non-toxic sub-gauge shot;
- The Kaupokonui did not fish so well this season;
- A greater F&G presence at the Opunake Lake kids' trout fishing event would result in positive publicity for the Council.

Murray left the meeting at the end of his address.

14. BUDGET REPORT AND PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT TO 31 JULY 2018

The Manager reported on positive progress with the Whangaehu catchment working group. The Senior Field Officer reported on progress with the Lake Rotomanu water quality issue.

MOVED C. POTROZ / MCEWEN

THAT THE BUDGET REPORT AND PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT TO 31 JULY 2018, BE RECEIVED CARRIED

15. FINANCIAL REPORT

MOVED HUGO / D. POTROZ

THAT THE PROFIT AND LOSS AND BALANCE SHEET TO 30 JUNE 2018, BE RECEIVED CARRIED.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED D. POTROZ / HUGO

THAT INWARDS AND OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE SCHEDULES TO 3rd AUGUST 2018, AS SHOWN ON PAGES 84 & 85 OF THE AGENDA, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED

MOVED C. POTROZ / D. POTROZ

THAT THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE FOLLOWING PARTS OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THIS MEETING, NAMELY;

TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED MEETING HELD 9 JUNE 2018 TO DECIDE ON THE 2018 RECIPIENT OF THE BRUCE MCKENZIE MEMORIAL AWARD CARRIED

MOVED D. POTROZ / HUGO

THAT THE PUBLIC BE READMITTED CARRIED

17. GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor Hugo and the Manager informed the Council of the results from the water temperature data logger deployed at Lake Wiritoa, which showed that peak summer temperatures were too warm for trout.

The Manager outlined matters in relation to the Fish & Game election timetable and that nominations close on 30th August 2018.

Councillor David Potroz requested that the Secretary send information to the Inglewood Rod, Gun & Recreation Club detailing how licence holders can get on the electoral role.

18. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on 3 November 2018, in Stratford and will be the first meeting of the new Council.

19. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2:09pm.

APPROVED A	AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
CHAIRMAN .	
DATE _	

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish & Game Council

AGENDA MANAGEMENT

Council should do the following things;

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

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

Glenn Maclean Regional Manager 9 October 2018

ACTION LIST ARISING FROM COUNCIL DECISIONS

Subject	Responsible	Target Date	Item Update – Actions Required
Reinstatement of sign at Lake Mangamahoe/ erection of fishing platforms	Manager	June 2017	Platform design passed to engineer for review – followed up re. progress Map info collated and initial discussions with sign maker around the best forward wrt. existing signs
Invite to Conservation Board chair	Manager	February 2018	Awaiting appointment of new board
Add milestones in 5 year Strategic Plan	Manager	February 2019	
Definition of Valid Paradise Special Season Permit included in Game Gazette Notice	Manager	December 2018	
Takaora release	Manager	November 2018	Agreement passed back to lessee who was just checking final ok with the owner

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA PROGRAM

Meeting	Board	Operational	Statutory	Strategic/Policy
10 February	All Board	All Operational Items, to be	Confirm Game Season	Review 5 Year Strategic Plan
2018 Raetihi	ltems	received	Regulations.	
24 March 2018	All Board	All Operational Items, to be	Consider Draft 2018/2019	
Whanganui	ltems	received	Annual Operational Work Plan & Budget.	
9 June 2018	All Board	All Operational Items, to be	 Fish Season Regs. 	Nominations for Bruce McKenzie
Waitara	Items.	Received	 Licence fee 	Memorial Award
			recommendation	
18 August 2018	All Board	All Operational Items, to be	 Adopt 2018 / 2019 Annual 	 Receive nominations for Bruce
Opunake	Items.	Received	Plan	McKenzie Memorial Award
				 2018 Game Season Report
3 November	All Board	All Operational Items, to be	 End of Year Project Reports 	 2019 meeting dates
2018 Stratford	Items.	Received		 First meeting of new Council
8 December	All Board	All Operational Items, to be .	2019 Game Gazette Notice	•
New Plymouth	:	ופרפואפת		
Ordinary				
meeting and AGM				

2017/18 – 2021/22 Strategic Plan

Approved 10th February 2018

Work Area	Key Result	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2020/22
Advocacy	Signage	Identify sign locations and priorities and prescribe replacement schedule	Replace/ erect new sign the priorities identified	igns on rivers and la	Replace/ erect new signs on rivers and lakes around the region consistent with the priorities identified	n consistent with
		Lake Mangamahoe information signs				
	New or	Coastal lakes with to catch perch	Coastal lakes with emphasis on how to catch perch	Whange	Whanganui River	
	updated angling and hunting pamphlets and/or web pages	Update Waimarino information including Manganuioteao and Mangawhero rivers			Produce pamphlet with guidance re where to find detailed information	
		Update Waingongoro information	Update Taranaki Ringplain information	golain information		

		Introduction to	Introduction to duck hunting		
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		hunting in	opportuntes III trie Talanaki Kegion		
		Taranaki Region			
	Effective use	Develop new page	Develop new pages and regularly update		
	of the Media				
			Review media strategy		
		Develop facebook page			
	Children's	Trial to rear fish			
	fishing days	for Stratford fishing day			
	Increase participation		Explore options for discounted licences for beginning hunters	Sag	
		Develop mentorin including public in	Develop mentoring schemes for hunters and anglers including public instruction/ information days		40
			Develop long-term		
	Manage		strategy to Implement strategy		
	hunter				
	behaviour		appropriate hunter hehaviour		
				Review	
;	Compliance			Compliance	
Compliance	strategy			Strategy	
			Consider other options to undertake available	Consider other options to undertake compliance if and when these become available	G
	Honorary				
	Rangers			44	
	Taranaki	Actively engage in	ively engage in process as opportunities arise		
	Freshwater				
Resource	Plan				

Management	Our long-term				Review strategic approach (to include	roach (to include
Act	approach				priorities and time commitments)	mmitments)
	Simplify	Implement any ou	Implement any outcomes of National			
Administration	operational outputs and	Council Tinancial review	sview			
	coding					
	New		Implement			
	Plymouth		preferred option			
	Whanganui		Undate signage			
	office		and office interior			
	Administrative	Review				
	support	computing				
		requirements				
		including file storage/sharing				
		Manganuioteao				
	Obtain	River (yr 2)	Waiwhakaiho system	U		
Sports fish	baseline					100
monitoring	information					
and management	for key streams					
	Investigate value of	Waingongoro,	Review and refine			
	stocking	Kaupokonui	region			
	specific streams and lakes	stream and tributaries (yr 3)				
	Investigate	Timaru Stream		Stony River		
	opportunities to restore fisheries					

	Improve	Provide for increas	Provide for increased angling access around Lake	ound Lake		
	aligiei access	Mangamanoe mr	Bannance unrougn provision of two angling platforms Develop fishery in Hawera irrigation nond	angling platforms lawera irrigation		
	Use of angler	Review				
	surveys and diaries	opportunities to monitor specific				
		rivers in light of NAS results and				
		to include satisfaction				
	Review			Review and comple	Review and complete new Management	
	Management Plan			Plan (expired 8 August 2021)	ıst 2021)	
	Long-term	Review requirements and options.	nts and options.	Implement		
Hatchery	operation	Will be influenced	Will be influenced by stocking studies	decisions		
		above, children's fishing day review	ishing day review			4
		and also by tuture NP office	NP office			
		i edniremis				
		Exotic disease				
		response plan				
	Mallard Duck	Investigate movement of ducks	nent of ducks			
Gamebird	monitoring	between high and low country and	low country and			
monitoring		implications for any monitoring	ly monitoring			
and		programme				
investigations		Implement trial	Implement trial moi	Implement trial monitoring protocol for Whanganui	Vhanganui	STANSON CONTRACTOR CON
		monitoring				
		protocol for				in the second se
		Waimarino and				
		retine as				
		required (yr 2)				
	Pukeko				Power outlon of a	
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		th private nds	ively seek to					
summer season		tats in association withe GBHT and H&H fu	d operations and acti			icy to rear and e		
	Establish environmental award	nd upland game habi uding by promoting t	ontrol techniques an propriate		ne populations	Review criteria/ policy to rear and release upland game	Locate and publicise quality gamebird recipes especially for paradise duck	
	outcomes out of arch Project	Promote and develop quality wetland and upland game habitats in association with private landowners and other agencies and including by promoting the GBHT and H&H funds	Keep up to date with current predator control techniques and operations and actively seek to implement effective programmes as appropriate	Explore option for wider Nukumaru wildlife area	Predator trapping trial/s to enhance game populations	Resolve permits to rear, release and disturb		Survey of aspirations of waterfow! hunters
	Promote practical outcomes out of the Mallard Research Project	Promote and deversion landowners and o	Keep up to date w implement effecti	Explore option for wildlife area	Predator trapping	Resolve permits to disturb		Survey of aspirations of upland game bird hunters
monitoring	Habitat enhancement					New opportunities		Hunter aspirations

Review: February 2019 Council Meeting

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

HEALTH AND SAFETY - November 2018

Background

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

- 1. any new issues or hazards that have arisen and how these have been addressed
- 2. progress with any ongoing issues

1. New issues or hazards

None identified

- 3. outcomes of audits and reviews required in the Health and Safety manual
- 4. any near misses or injuries and including investigation outcomes and recommendations

<u>Update</u>

3. Ongoing issues	
Reliability of fire extinguishers	NP Office – office extinguisher being replaced by landlord. Fire alarm tested
Safe storage – New Plymouth Office	Mezzanine floor completed. Need to update NP Office Hazard Control Plan to reflect this. Allen to follow up on suitable shelving
CERT safety training required for 1 Taranaki F&G honorary ranger	Completed
Unstable hillsides above Parapara highway	Follow NZTA instructions, recognise the risk of falling rocks and avoid stopping under any cliffs

4. Audits , reviews and meetings	
HSE included as agenda item for staff meeting	Staff meeting held 10 October 2018
Annual review of Health and Safety Manual	Completed July 2018
Self-audit form	Completed July 2018
Annual review of Hazard Control Plans	Whanganui Office, Kids fishing days, Fish releases and Hazardous substances now due – in action
Staff check use of PPE gear by others in the field	
5. Near misses and injuries	
Car pulled out of NP Office road into Field Officer turning right	Recognise that this is a busy turn and take extra care

Glenn Maclean

Regional Manager

10 October 2018

The Chairman Taranaki Fish and Game Council

2017/2018 Fish and Game Licence Sales Reports 2018/2019 Opening weekend Fish Licence Sales

Please find attached the 2017/2018 Fish and Game licence Sales Reports With a comparison to the previous year's sales.

Also a report showing a comparison between 17/18 fishing licence sales to 2nd October and the 18/19 licence sales to the same date

Jilli Steedman SECRETARY 10 October 2018

RECOMMENDATION

That the 2017/2018 Fish and Game Licence Sales Reports and 2018/2019 Opening Weekend Fish Licence Sales Report, be received

Fish Licence Sales 2017/2018 (complete season)

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Channel	FWF	FWA	FWNA	FSLA	FLAA	FWF FWA FWNA FSLA FLAA FWIA FLBA	FLBA	FSBA	G	A FDN	IA FW	U FWN	J FWI	FDJ	FDNJ	FWC	FWNC	FDC	FDNC F	ish Total Fi	sh LEO Fish \$
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Public Online	26	56 178	40	10	16	12	7		20 5	90	78	25	,	0 7,			· c	· C) C	2 7	
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Total	125	125 477	61	61 55 26	26	27	4		51 17	170 1	10	75	, 	0 28	~			0	0	1.212	866 \$112.265

Fish Licence Sales 2017/2018 (complete season)

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Channel	FWF	FWA	FWF FWA FWNA FSLA FLAA	-SLA	FLAA FI	MIA F	FLBA FSE	3A	FDA	FDNA	FWJ	FWNJ	FWIJ	1 <u>0</u> 5	DNJ	NJ FWC FWN	FWC FWNC FDC FDNC	FDC	DNC Fis	Fish Total Fis	Fish LEQ Fish \$
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Mail Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	· C	
Public Online	28	146	31	∞	12	5	ო	24	63	63	14	⊣	0	10	0	0	C	· C	· c	438	
Retail Book	6	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	5	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	ğ 6	
Total	134	134 437	58	44	44 22	13	5	57	177	92	49	1	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	1,112	810 \$103,510
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Legend	Licence Type	18/19 Price	Price	
FWF	Family	 	169	
FWA	Adult Whole Season	Ş	130	
FWNA	Non-Resident Adult Whole Season	↔	169	
FSLA	Loyal Senior	·v›	111	
FLAA	Local Area	⋄	104	
FWIA	Adult Winter	ب	78	
FLBA	Long Break (9 days)	Ş	91	
FSBA	Short Break (3 days)	s	47	
FDA	Adult Day	Ş	21	
FDNA	Non-Resident Adult Day	. •	34	
FWJ	Junior Whole Season	❖	26	
FWNJ	Non-Resident Junior Whole Season	\$	34	
FWIJ	Junior Winter		N/A	
FDJ	Junior Day	⋄	5	
FDNJ	Non-Resident Junior Day	٠.	20	
FWC	Child Whole Season		Free	
FWNC	Non-Resident Child Whole Season	Ş	34	
FDC	Child Day		Free	
FDNC	Non-Resident Child Day	Ϋ́	20	

Game Licence Sales 2018 (complete season)

						Game Game	Game
hannel	GWA	GWJ	GWC	GDA	GDJ	GWA GWJ GWC GDA GDJ Total LEQ	LEQ Game \$
Agency Online	954	81	18	24	Н	1,078	the state of the s
Eyede Call Centre	1	0	0	0	0	⊣	
Mail Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Public Online	158	12	10	26	0	206	
Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Fotal	1,113	93	28	25		1,285	1 1,285 1,141 \$107,716

Game Licence Sales 2017 (complete season)

						Game	Game	
Channel	GWA	GWJ	GWA GWJ GWC GDA GDJ Total	GDA	GD	Total	LEQ	Game \$
Agency Online	850	61	26	25	4	996		
Eyede Call Centre	T	0	0	0	0	⊣		
Mail Order	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Public Online	133	12	10	21	က	179		
Retail Book	120	9	19	4	0	149		
Total	1,104	79	55	50	7	1,295	1,130	1,295 1,130 \$105,595

GWA Adult Whole Season
GWJ Junior Whole Season
GWC Child
GDA Adult Day
GDJ Junior Day

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

2017/2018 Game Bird Dispersal Report

This paper reports on operational activity conducted during the reporting period under project 1181. The objective of this project is to ensure the dispersal or control of congregations of game birds where they cause unacceptable damage.

A total of 64 permits to disturb were issued by Taranaki Fish & Game staff within the reporting period. (47 permits issued last year). Note that some of these permits cover more than 1 species. The area with the highest number of permits issued was Taranaki (52) then Whanganui (10) and Waimarino (2) 53 Permits were issued between the months of November and May (33 last year).

Income of \$560.00 for the hire of gas guns was received during the year,

MALLARD

There were 9 permits issued for the disturbance of Mallard ducks. 7 permits were for damage to crops sand 1 each for fouling a dairy feed pad and being a nuisance in a cow shed . (6 included Paradise shelduck and 1 included Pukeko) Much of the issue arose from a wet and successful breeding season and then sudden switch to much drier conditions. At this time the newly fledged ducklings switched to browsing young turnip crops in particular.

PUKEKO

34 permits were issued for the disturbance of pukeko. This compares to 24 permits issued 2016/2017.

Problem	No. permits issued	Disturbance method used
Damage to gardens	29	Trip traps – 23 .22 rifle – 6
Damage to crops & pasture And one for damage to a field research crop	5	Gas gun – 1 .22 rifle – 2 Shotgun – 2

PARADISE SHELDUCK

27 permits were issued for the disturbance of Paradise shelduck (5 including Mallard). This compares to 24 permits issued 2016/2017.

Problem	No. permits issued	Disturbance method used	
Damage to crops & pasture	26	Shotgun – 11 Gas gun(s) – 15	
Damage to golf course	1	Shotgun	

Recommendation

That the Game Bird Dispersal Report – 2017/2018, be received.

Jilli Steedman

SECRETARY

8 October 2018

Specioes	Pukeko	Pukeko	Pukeko	Pukeko	Pukeko	Pukeko	Pukeko	Pukeko	Pukeko	Mallard	Paradise Shelduck	Pukeko	Pukeko	Pukeko	Mallard	Paradise Shelduck & Mallards	Paradise Shelduck	Pukeko	Paradise Shelduck & Mallards	Paradise Shelduck & Mallards	Paradise Shelduck & Mallards	Pukeko	Parry, Mallard. Pukeko	Paradise Shelduck	Pukeko	Paradise Shelduck		Mallard	Paradise Shelduck				
Method	Trip trap	.22 rifle	Trip Trap	Trip Trap	Trip Trap	.22 rifle	.22 rifle	Trip trap	.22 rifle	Gas Gun	Gas Gun	Shot Gun	.22 rifle	Trip trap	Shot gun	Shotgun	Shot gun	Shot Gun	Gas Gun	Gas Gun	Shot gun	Trip trap	Gas Gun	Gas Gun	Trip trap	Gas Gun	Gas Gun	Gas Gun	Shot gun	Shot gun	Trip trap	Shot gun	Summer season
Problem	Damage to gardens	Damage to crops	Damage to crops	Damage to gardens	Damage to gardens	Damage to crops	Damage to crops	Damage to crops	Damage to gardens	Damage to gardens	Nuisance in a cow shed	Damage to crops	Damage to crops	Damage to crops	Damage to crops	Damage to crops	Damage to crops	Damage to gardens	Damage to crops	Damage to new grass and crops	Damage to gardens	Damage to crops	Damage to gardens	Fouling Dairy feed pad	Damage to new grass and crops								
Area	New Plymouth	Warea	Onaero	Whanganui	New Plymouth	Whanganui	Waitara	Whanganui	New Plymouth	New Plymouth	New Plymouth	Whanganui	Stratford	Whanganui	Whanganui	Ohakune	Stratford	New Plymouth	Stratford	Stratford	New Plymouth	Strafford	Hawera	Ohakune	Hawera	Okato	New Plymouth	Inglewood	Whanganui				
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2018.02.07	2018.02.07	2018.02.07	2018.02.11	2018.02.12	2018.02.14	2018.02.16	2018.02.27	2018.02.28	2018.03.02	2018.03.02	2018.03.05	2018.03.13	2018.03.13	2018.03.19	2018.03.20	2018.03.22	2018.03.22	2018.04.03	2018.04.04	2018.04.05	2018.04.05	2018.04.13	2018.04.24	2018.06.08	2018.06.08	2018.06.18	2018.06.18	2018.07.27	2018.08.13	2018.08.18

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2017/18 HATCHERY AND TROUT LIBERATIONS REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION

The Council's 2017/18 Annual Operational Plan has the objective of the maintenance of trout fisheries in the region's lakes and rivers by the operation of a cost effective hatchery and liberation program. The project planned results are:

- To rear up to 3,000 healthy trout (fingerling, yearling and two year old) consistent with identified needs at the Hawera hatchery.
- Trial rearing of 300 2-year old trout for the Stratford Fishing Day.
- Complete review of hatchery requirements and options to meet these and report to Council.

2. HATCHERY

There were 635 adipose-fin clipped rainbow trout yearlings from the 2016 year-class held in the Hawera hatchery at the beginning of the 2017/2018 financial year.

An estimated 3,000 rainbow trout fry from the 2017 year-class were also held in the Hawera hatchery at the beginning of the 2017/2018 financial year. These fish originated from 3,500 eyed rainbow ova received from the Eastern F&G Region's Ngongataha hatchery on 21st July 2017. Unfortunately, a faulty tap on one of the fry troughs resulted in approximately one third of these fry dying on 20th October 2017. Trout from the 2017 year-class were adipose fin-clipped on 27th April 2018, at which time the count was 1,479 fish.

A total of 3,500 eyed rainbow trout ova (2018 year class) were received from the Eastern F&G Region's Ngongataha hatchery on 19th July 2018. Approximately 3,000 fry were held in the hatchery at year-end (31st August 2018).

3. RELEASES OF FINGERLING OR YEARLING TROUT

During the 2017/18 financial year, a total of 2,562 fingerling or yearling trout from the 2016 and 2017 year classes were released into four lakes and two rivers in the region (Tables 1&2). As per the Sports Fish & Game Management Plan 2011, the Council only releases trout into waters where they already exist.

The total included 1,000 tagged brown trout yearlings and 500 tagged rainbow trout yearlings released into the lower Patea River downstream of Patea Dam as the first year of a 5-year release program funded by Trustpower Ltd. These fish were supplied direct from the Ngongotaha hatchery.

Releases of Hawera hatchery rainbows totalled 1,062 fish and there were an additional 1,052 rainbow trout yearlings from the 2017 year-class held-over in the hatchery at 31st August 2018. The releases included 290 rainbows held in the hatchery for 17 months and released into the upper Patea River on 8th December 2017 for the Stratford kids' fishing day. These fish were in excellent condition and weighed up to 1.5kg (Photos 1 & 2).

For the 2016 year class, the total number of rainbow trout raised through to release was 937 fish from the 3,000 ova received in July 2016. This gave a survival to release of 31.2%. The reason for the low survival was the loss of 1,070 fish on 23rd April 2017 when hatchery volunteers discovered that a water inlet valve to the largest raceway had been turned off and all trout in that raceway were dead. Without that loss, the survival to release would have been approximately 67%.

4. RELEASES OF TWO YEAR OLD RAINBOW TROUT

A total of 600 healthy two-year-old rainbows from the Eastern Fish & Game Region's Ngongataha and DOC Turangi hatcheries were also released into three lakes in the Taranaki Region during the 2017/2018 financial year (Table 3).

Well-attended kids' fishing promotions were held at Lake Rotomanu (New Plymouth) and Opunake Lake following the releases. A further 100 2-year rainbows were released into Sattler's Dam in mid-February 2018 (Table 3).

5. PLANNED RESULTS FOR HAWERA HATCHERY TROUT RELEASES

The first part of the planned result was to rear up to 3,000 healthy trout (fingerling, yearling and two year old) consistent with identified needs at the Hawera hatchery.

A total of 1,062 healthy fingerling and yearling rainbow trout raised at the Hawera hatchery were released during the 2017/18 financial year. An additional 1,052 fish were held in the Hawera hatchery at balance date, giving an overall production of 2,114 fish, which was 70.5% of the planned result. As stated above, the lower than expected result was due to a faulty tap resulting in the loss of one third of the fry on 20th October 2017. The upside was that with more space and food, the remaining rainbow trout grew exceptionally well.

When yearling and 2-year-old trout sourced from the Eastern Fish & Game Region are included, a total of 3,162 trout were released into Taranaki Region waters during the 2017/18 financial year.

The second part of the planned result was the trial rearing of 300 2-year old trout for the Stratford Fishing Day. This was very successful and demonstrated the benefits of rearing fewer but larger, better conditioned, trout. As discussed later (section 6.1 & 6.2) this also proved a very cost-effective approach.

The third part of the planned result involving review of hatchery requirements and options to meet these is not yet complete, as it relies on Council's decisions on recommendations made in the South Taranaki Rainbow Release Trial report (included in this agenda). The review will also be influenced by a National Stocking Policy currently being developed by National Council. Nevertheless, the gradual reduction in ova received at the Hawera hatchery down to the current 3,000 – 3,500 (Figure 1) reflects an ongoing refinement of the programme to concentrate on sites where releases are proving effective and providing an adequate return to the angler.

6. COST EFFECTIVENESS OF HATCHERY RELEASES

The Council's Annual Plan Objective includes a requirement that the operation of the hatchery and liberation program be cost effective.

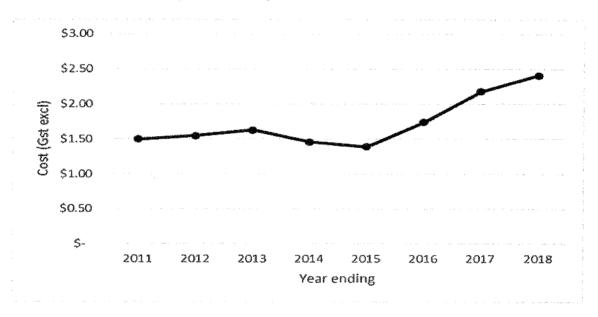
6.1 COST OF BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT YEARLINGS

Operating costs for the Hawera hatchery over the period 1 September 2017 - 31 August 2018 came to \$6,271.66. This included the cost of fish food (\$2,333.31), insurance (\$613.06), power (\$378.29), liberation expenses (\$478.89), volunteer & hatchery expenses (\$818.07) and resource consent monitoring fees (\$1,650.04), but excluded staff time.

With a total of 2,114 trout raised at the hatchery in the 2017/2018 financial year, (1,062 released and 1,052 held-over) this put the average cost of raising trout at the Hawera hatchery at \$2.97 per fish released (all figures GST exclusive). However, this year there was \$1,179.96 of income from a Taranaki Electricity Trust grant to cover the cost of raising trout for the Stratford kids' fishing event. This brought the cost per fish down to \$2.41.

This is higher than in previous years (Figure 2).

Figure 2 - Cost of trout produced vs year for 2010/11 to 2017/18



This reflects rising costs in all areas, the smaller number of fish raised in recent years and also rearing some fish to two years old (section 6.2 highlights that these two year old fish would have cost approximately \$10 each to buy, less the contribution from the Taranaki Electricity Trust in previous years)

The figure of \$2.41 per fish still compares favourably with the cost of purchasing rainbow trout yearlings directly from the Eastern F&G Region (\$2.65 each, plus transport @ \$2.54/km) and particularly given that the Hawera fish are much larger at release. Having trout available at Hawera retains the flexibility to release fish when receiving water conditions are suitable. Council should be mindful that the figure of \$2.41 relates to the cost of each fish released and not the cost per fish returned to the angler.

6.2 COST OF TWO YEAR OLD RAINBOW TROUT

In the 2017/2018 financial year, 500 2-year rainbows were purchased from the Eastern F&G Region at a GST exclusive cost of \$5,089.38, for kids' fishing promotions at Lake Rotomanu and Opunake Lake. These 500 trout therefore cost the Council \$10.18 each (net).

A total of 100 2-year rainbows were also obtained from the DOC Turangi National Trout Centre in mid-February 2018 and released into Sattlers Dam near Raetihi. These fish were donated by DOC and transferred using the Council's trailer mounted tank.

7. RECOMMENDATION

That the 2017/2018 Trout Liberation Report dated 20th September 2018, be received.

Allen Stancliff Senior Field Officer 20th September 2018

TABLE 1 - Releases of fingerling or yearling rainbow trout into Taranaki Region rivers and lakes during the 2017/2018 financial year. All fish raised at the Hawera hatchery were produced from Lake Tarawera-strain ova received from the Eastern Fish & Game Region.

Water	Release Date	Hatchery Origin	Fish Year Class	Number Released
Lake Rotomanu	20.09.17	F&G Hawera	2016	50
Lake Mangamahoe	20.09.17	F&G Hawera	2016	100
Lake Namunamu	19.10.17	F&G Hawera	2016	130
Stony River	14.11.17	F&G Hawera	2016	65
Patea River (lower)	02.11.17	F&G Ngongataha	2016	1,000*
Patea River (lower)	02.11.17	F&G Ngongataha	2016	500
Patea River (upper)	08.12.17	F&G Hawera	2016	290
Lake Mangamahoe	11.06.18	F&G Hawera	2017	100
Lake Ratapiko	11.06.18	F&G Hawera	2017	100
Lake Namunamu	27.07.18	F&G Hawera	2017	227
Total Released				2,562

^{* =} brown trout

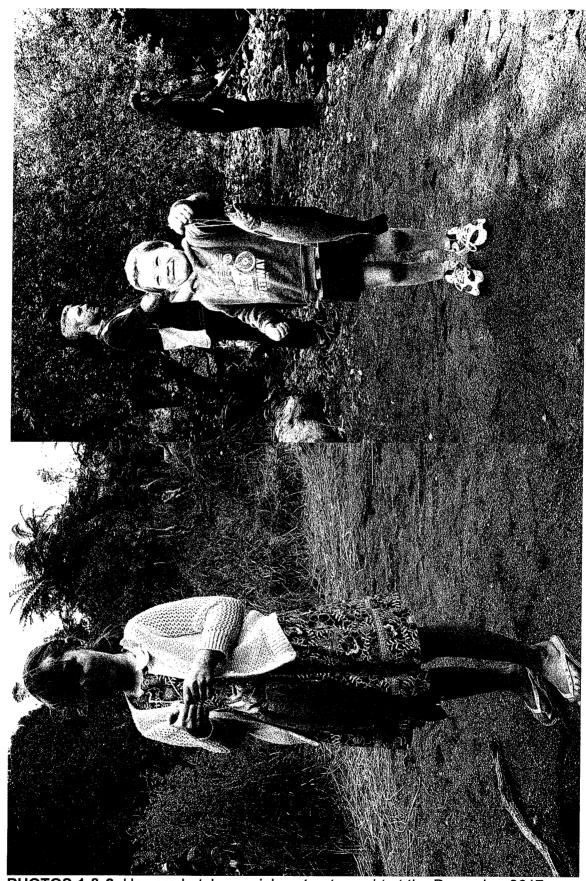
TABLE 2 - Total number of fingerling or yearling rainbow trout released into each water during the 2017/2018 financial year

Water	Number Released
Lake Namunamu	357
Lake Ratapiko	100
Lake Mangamahoe	200
Lake Rotomanu	50
Stony River	65
Patea River (upper)	290
Patea River (lower)	1,500*
Total Released	2,562

^{*} includes 1,000 brown trout

TABLE 3. Releases of 2-year-old hatchery rainbows in the Taranaki Region during the 2017/2018 financial year.

Water	Date	Hatchery Origin	Number Released
Lake Rotomanu	27.10.17	F&G Ngongataha	250
Opunake Lake	27.10.17	F&G Ngongataha	250
Sattlers Dam	16.02.18	DOC Turangi	100
Total Released			600



PHOTOS 1 & 2. Hawera hatchery rainbow trout caught at the December 2017 Stratford kids' fishing day.

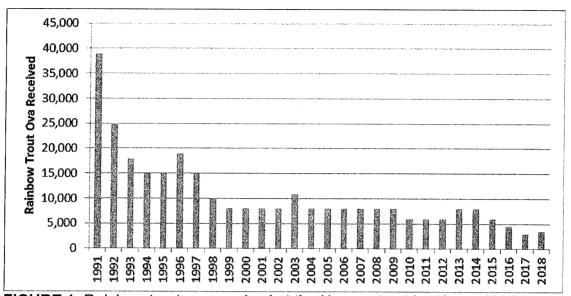


FIGURE 1. Rainbow trout ova received at the Hawera trout hatchery, 1991 – 2018.

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Taranaki Fish and Game Council

2017/18 Compliance Report

The annual plan requires production of a compliance report detailing compliance activities including ranger management and results over the year.

Ranger management and training

The Taranaki Region operated 13 honorary rangers and 2 warranted staff over the 2017/18 year. This is consistent with an ideal of 12 rangers as identified in the Compliance Strategy adopted in October 2016.

Over the year training courses were held in September 2017 and April 2018, both at New Plymouth. On each occasion 10 rangers attended along with two staff. Three rangers were also due to complete their 3-yearly CERT refresher course of which two achieved this during the year and the remaining ranger will complete his refresher in September 2018.

Honorary warrants are issued for 3 years and are required to be renewed on 1st October 2018. All of our rangers have indicated they wish to be considered for a new warrant and applications for each have been completed pending sign-off from the CEO of the NZ Fish & Game Council. As part of this renewal rangers are required to be vetted, and to sign a new Code of Conduct Agreement and Fit & Proper Persons Declaration to possess firearms. Staff are also required to apply for new warrants which are now limited to the duration of their employment.

Staff also maintained regular contact with rangers through the reporting period providing advice and general support.

Compliance activities

Collectively the following numbers of hunters and anglers were checked with no offences detected (table 1).

Table 1 Number of hunters and anglers checked and offences detected over the 2017/18 season

	Number of checks	% of total licences sold (using provisional 2017/18 figures)	Number of offences detected	User compliance rate (%)
Anglers	100	8.3% of 1,207	0	100%
Hunters	104	8.1% of 1,285	0	100%

^{*} includes 2 hunters checked over the Special Paradise Duck season

The number of anglers and hunters checked just reached the target of 100 of each identified in the Compliance Strategy and was significantly up on the 69 anglers and 62 hunters checked the previous season. However the weather was perhaps more conducive to angling this season and our opening day gamebird ranging did focus on a higher use area than in 2017. Nevertheless no offences were detected despite the greater number of checks which is particularly pleasing.

The Opening Day gamebird ranging also marked the first time that our ranger teams have been accompanied by a member of the NZ Police in uniform. This joint operation involving checking compliance with the Wildlife Act provisions and also that firearm users were licenced and practicing safe use proved very successful and is something we hope to continue with in the future.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Taranaki Fish & Game Council accept this compliance report for 2017/18 noting that;

- recruitment, management and training of honorary rangers met the planned result in the
 Operational Plan
- compliance checks of hunters and anglers reached the target of 100 licence holders in each case.
- compliance with the regulations was 100%

Glenn Maclean

Regional Manager

11 October 2018

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

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Taranaki Fish and Game Council

SOUTH TARANAKI RAINBOW TROUT RELEASE TRIAL

1. INTRODUCTION

At the beginning of the 2015/2016 trout fishing season, the Council began a 3-year expert angler diary scheme to investigate the value of continuing to release hatchery reared rainbow trout to supplement river fisheries which already support wild populations of both brown and rainbow trout.

The fisheries included in the trial were the Waingongoro River, Kapuni Stream, Kaupokonui Stream and Waiaua River. The Waiaua River is not stocked directly, but receives both yearling and 2-year-old hatchery rainbows indirectly via releases into the adjacent Opunake Lake.

The trial involved expert anglers who fish these rivers recording the number of wild and hatchery rainbow trout and any brown trout they caught on each trip, along with the time they spent fishing and the methods they used. The anglers also provided length and weight measurements for many of the trout caught although, given that most fish were released, these were often an estimate.

Most hatchery rainbow trout fingerlings and yearlings released into these rivers were marked by removing the adipose fin. The fin never regrows so all that remains is at most a slight bump. Un-clipped hatchery fingerling and yearling rainbows and the 2-year-old rainbows released into Opunake Lake for kids' fishing events could also be recognised by their damaged or disfigured dorsal fin, which occurs as a consequence of life in the hatchery.

In conjunction with the expert angler diary scheme, several different stocking approaches were adopted during the study. In the Waingongoro River, all releases of hatchery rainbows were stopped, with the last release occurring on 4th December 2014 (Table 1). In the Kaupokonui Stream and Opunake Lake–Waiaua River system, releases were maintained at their usual levels. In Kapuni Stream, which has only a small rainbow trout population, the number of rainbows released was increased substantially in order to test whether such releases made a significant contribution to the angling resource. However owing to an unexpected loss of rainbow trout from the Hawera hatchery, there were no releases into the Kapuni and Kaupokonui streams in 2017 (Table 1).

TABLE 1. Releases of hatchery rainbow trout. 2011 – 2017.

River	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Waingongoro	2,017	1,424	800	1,317	0	0	0
Kapuni	227	353	755	631	1,062	1,000	0
Kaupokonui	427	601	989	600	613	759	0
Waiaua*	250	250	200	301	258	201	100
Waiaua 2yolds*	0	200	200	200	300	0	250

^{*} Waiaua releases were via Opunake Lake

2. RESULTS

The diarists recorded a total of 925 hours of angling effort during the three years of the trial over the four rivers, with nearly half of the effort (47%) being expended on the Waingongoro (Table 2). The results show that in the Waingongoro River and Kapuni and Kaupokonui streams, the vast majority of rainbow trout caught are wild and therefore the result of natural spawning. The figures were 97.2% wild for the Waingongoro, 88.6% for the Kapuni, and 95% for the Kaupokonui. In contrast, it was almost the exact opposite for the Waiaua River, with only 7.9% of rainbow trout being recorded as wild and 89.5% being confirmed as of hatchery origin (Table 2).

TABLE 2. Expert angler diary scheme results for the 2015/2016 - 2017/2018 seasons.

River	Hours	Number	Number	Number of	Number	Catch
	fished	of wild	of wild of		of brown	rate
		rainbows	hatchery	of	trout	(trout/hr.)
		caught	rainbows	unknown	caught	
			caught	origin		
Waingongoro	435	313	1	8	71	0.90
Kapuni	125	39	5	0	8	0.42
Kaupokonui	157	38	2	0	39	0.50
Waiaua	208	9	102	3	35	0.72

Overall catch rates, including brown trout (Table 1) were highest for the Waingongoro at 0.90 fish/hour (Table 1), followed by the Waiaua (0.72 fish/hour), Kaupokonui (0.50) and the Kapuni (0.42 fish/hour). Fly fishing was the predominant method used, with a minor amount of spin fishing and very little bait fishing.

The percentage of the diarists' total catch that was rainbow trout was 79.6% for the Waingongoro, 84.6% for the Kapuni, 50.6% for the Kaupokonui and 76.5% for the Waiaua River, which shows that rainbow trout dominated the catch in all but the Kaupokonui.

3. DISCUSSION

These results indicate that there is poor survival of hatchery rainbows released into the Waingongoro, Kapuni and Kaupokonui, as few are returned to the angler. Many of the hatchery fingerlings and yearlings probably migrate downstream in these short, steep catchments and are lost to the sea. A wild, self-sustaining population of rainbow trout has established in each of these waters as a result of a long-running programme of the hatchery releases dating back to at least 1980 in the Waingongoro, 1985 in the Kapuni and 1991 in the Kaupokonui. However, once a wild population is well established, there looks to be no benefit in continuing with hatchery releases.

The wild rainbow population appears to be particularly strong in the Waingongoro River, where some diarists reported seeing schools of juvenile rainbows in late summer/autumn.

The contrasting result for the Waiaua River, where the catch is dominated by hatchery rainbows, is likely due to the presence of Opunake Lake in the catchment and the inclusion of 2-year-old rainbow trout in the releases combined with only a very limited presence of wild rainbow trout in the fishery. The release of yearling and 2-year-old rainbow trout into Opunake Lake gives trout time to acclimatise before moving upstream to access the river via the lake inlet race. Experience in other ringplain rivers, such as the Stony River, has shown that 2-year rainbows are better able to withstand the effects of floods, owing to their larger size, and they are also old enough to have lost the urge to migrate downstream. It is likely that the majority of hatchery rainbows caught in the Waiaua River were released into Opunake Lake as 2-year-olds. However, when asked to differentiate between the two age classes during the 2017/2018 fishing season, diarists reported catching four adipose fin clipped rainbows, which indicates that some hatchery rainbows released as yearlings do survive and grow to maturity in the Waiaua River catchment.

3.1 COMMENT ON INDIVIDUAL WATERS

3.1.1 WAINGONGORO RIVER

Rising on the south-eastern slopes of Mount Taranaki, the Waingongoro River is the largest catchment contained exclusively within the ringplain (219 km²). It is unusual on the ringplain in that it has a highly sinuous channel shape in its middle and lower reaches which effectively creates a longer river and provides a higher than usual ratio of deep pools and runs to faster water. At 74km in length, it is the longest ringplain river and it also has the highest median flow of any ringplain waterway (5,150 l/s at the mouth).

The Waingongoro River was originally a brown trout only fishery. After years of unsuccessful releases of rainbow trout ova, fry and fingerlings, the former Hawera Acclimatisation Society began releasing rainbow yearlings into the river between the "Riverland's weir" at Eltham and the sea from the late 1970's (Figure 1).

The fish apparently survived well and over time the fishery was transformed from one based entirely on brown trout, to one where up to 70% of the angler catch was rainbow trout. Releases continued on the basis of advice that the fishery would gradually revert towards brown trout only if stocking ceased.

In a liberation assessment conducted during the 1999-2000 season, of 99 rainbow trout caught by expert anglers, 52 (52.5%) were of hatchery origin. However, in recent years, anglers have been saying that they catch few hatchery rainbows and this has been confirmed in the current study, where nearly all the rainbow trout caught (97.2%) were wild. With such a strong wild rainbow population present, accounting for 79.6% of the total catch, there is little point in continuing to release hatchery fish and this study's results certainly back the Council's decision to cease stocking from 2015. Indeed such stocking may have a detrimental impact on the wild fishery (see A Review of Contemporary Salmonid Stocking Practices in NZ, Report No 3207, Cawthron Institute).

Diarists reported a small amount of angling effort (28 hours) on the Mangatoki Stream tributary of the Waingongoro, catching 19 wild rainbows and four brown trout, which was a similar result (83% rainbow) to the mainstem fishery.

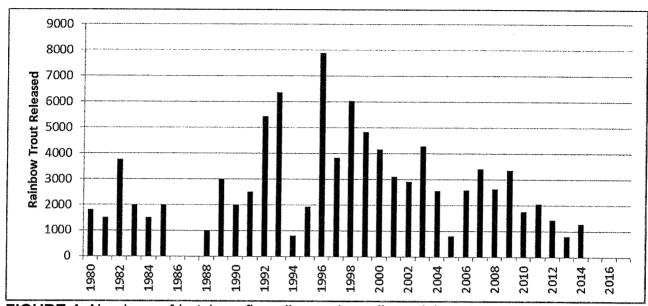


FIGURE 1. Numbers of hatchery fingerling and yearling rainbow trout released into the Waingongoro River, 1980 – 2017. No hatchery rainbows have been released since 2014.

Rainbow trout caught by the diarists averaged 47cm (n=146) and many fish exceeded 50cm and 1.5kg and were usually in good condition (Plate 1).

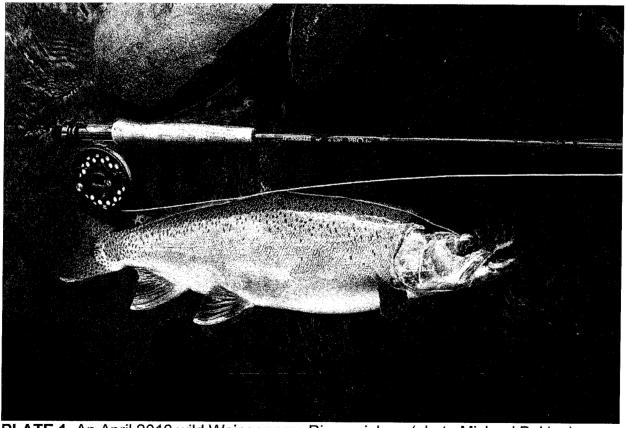


PLATE 1. An April 2016 wild Waingongoro River rainbow (photo Michael Bakker).

3.1.2 KAPUNI STREAM

The Kapuni is a small, straight-channelled stream (catchment area 44 km²) with few tributaries entering from developed farmland outside Egmont National Park. Its water quality is one of the best on the ringplain, but in its middle reaches 41% of its mean annual low flow (219 l/s from 538 l/s) is abstracted for industrial and municipal water supply and downstream water temperatures can reach 25 °C or more in summer.

In the early 1990's, the Kapuni supported a valued small-stream brown trout fishery, with only a very occasional rainbow. However, a series of rain-induced headwater erosion events have since resulted in a decline in the number of brown trout present.

The Kapuni received only sporadic releases of hatchery rainbow trout up until 2011, when there was a 6-year period of annual releases culminating in the release of 1,000 fish in 2015 and 2016 (Figure 2). Despite these releases, 89% of the 44 rainbow trout caught by diarists in the current study were wild (Table 1). It is likely that many of the hatchery rainbows migrated downstream after release and were lost at sea.

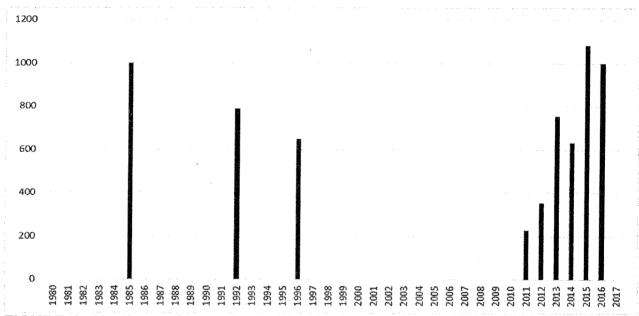


FIGURE 2. Numbers of hatchery fingerling and yearling rainbow trout released into Kapuni Stream, 1980 – 2017.

While the Kapuni trout fishery is currently at a fairly low ebb, with only eight brown trout caught by the diarists and a catch rate (0.42 fish/hour) that was the lowest of the four rivers in the trial (Table 1), the recent releases of hatchery rainbows don't appear to have contributed to the fishery. The diary results indicate that a population of wild rainbow trout has become established in the Kapuni, with fish reaching 1.5kg or more (Plate 2).



PLATE 2. A March 2017 wild Kapuni Stream rainbow (photo Michael Kemp).

3.1.3 KAUPOKONUI STREAM

Rising on the south-western slopes of Mount Taranaki, the Kaupokonui Stream and its tributaries, including the Mangawhero Stream sub-catchment, have a catchment area of 147km². A flat-topped weir located in the Kaupokonui just upstream of SH45 and upstream of the Mangawhero River confluence is a barrier to the upstream passage of trout, which means that trout in the river main-stem below SH45 must move upstream into the Mangawhero sub-catchment to spawn.

Like the Waingongoro River, the Kaupokonui was originally a brown trout fishery, but releases of hatchery rainbows from 1991 (Figure 3) have resulted in the establishment of a population of wild rainbow trout. Of the 79 trout caught by diarists in this study, 40 (50.6%) were rainbow trout and of these 38 (95%) were wild. As for the Waingongoro and Kapuni, these results suggest that once a wild rainbow trout population is well established there may be little benefit in continuing with hatchery releases.

An electric fishing survey of nine sites in the catchment in early December 2016 (Stancliff & Maclean, 2017) found only brown trout fry, so the source areas of rainbow trout recruitment in the catchment remain to be determined.

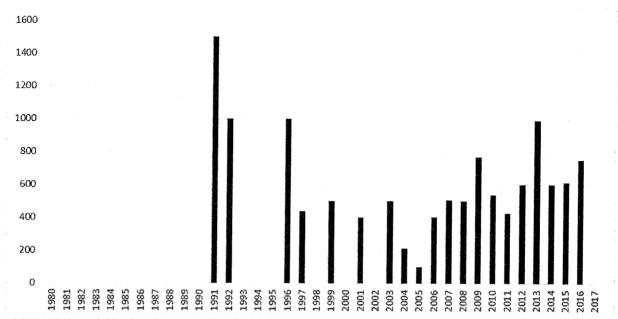


FIGURE 3. Numbers of hatchery fingerling and yearling rainbow trout released into Kaupokonui Stream, 1980 – 2017.

Given the 50:50 split of brown and rainbow trout in the angler catch, the likelihood that brown trout will reassert their dominance in the fishery is probably higher in the Kaupokonui, than in the Waingongoro or Kapuni. Kaupokonui rainbow trout are often in very good condition and grow to at least 1.5kg (Plate 3).

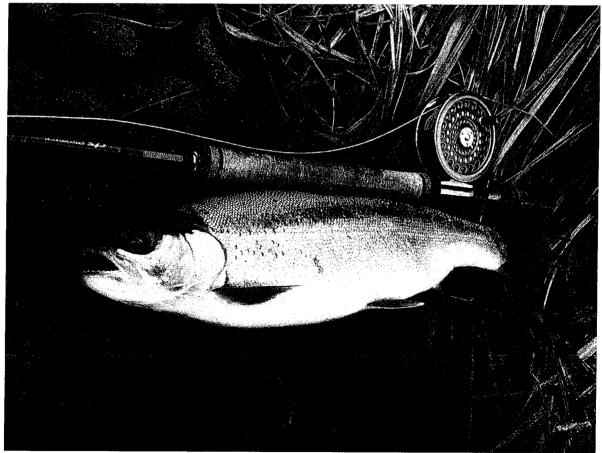


PLATE 3. An April 2017 wild Kaupokonui Stream rainbow (photo Michael Bakker).

3.1.4 WAIAUA RIVER

Rising on the upper south-western slopes of Mount Taranaki and entering the Tasman Sea at Opunake, the Waiaua River has a catchment area of 45km². The river main-stem is subject to periodic influxes of sand, partially weathered volcanic ash, and aggregate from headwater erosion originating from diversion of the Oaonui Stream headwaters into the catchment during a severe weather event in 1998.

In its lower reaches at SH45, a concrete weir diverts water into Opunake Lake for hydroelectric power supply. While there is a fish pass operating between the lower river and the lake inlet race, trout that get washed down into the 2km of river below the weir tend to stay there and face low flows (180 - 250 l/s) and high water temperatures in summer. Trout can also get stranded in the lake inlet race when it is periodically de-watered to flush accumulated sand into the lower river.

Hatchery rainbow trout yearlings and 2-year-old rainbows have been released into Opunake Lake on a fairly regular basis since 1987 (Figure 4). The releases of 2-year rainbows have been for kids' fishing events where the trout are corralled in a holding net. Usually around half of the fish are caught during the event and the remaining 100 – 150 fish are released into the lake. From there, they are able to make their way into the river via the lake inlet race.

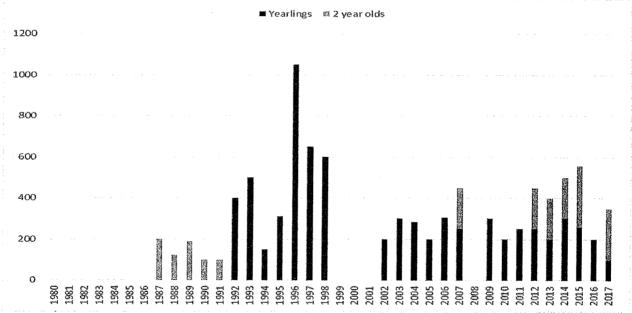


FIGURE 4. Numbers of hatchery yearling and 2-year-old rainbow trout released into Opunake Lake in the Waiaua River catchment, 1980 – 2017.

As discussed above, the presence of the lake and the release of 2-year-old rainbows are the likely reasons for the significant number of confirmed hatchery rainbows in the total catch (68.5% including brown trout). The fact that only 7.9% of rainbows were confirmed as wild (Plate 4), indicates that there is currently only a very small amount of natural recruitment occurring. If releases were to cease, it is likely that the fishery would revert to one dominated by brown trout.

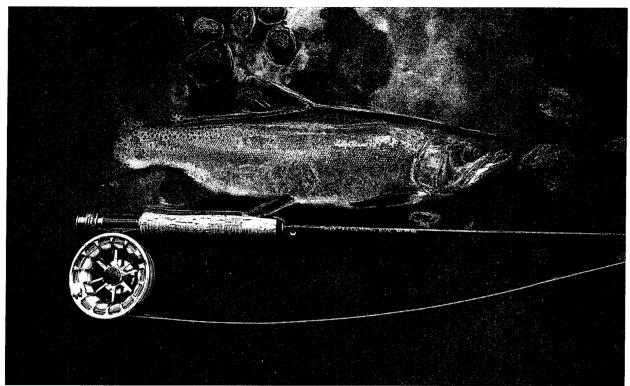


PLATE 4. A November 2015 wild Waiaua River rainbow (photo Gerard Karalus).

Note:

New Zealand Fish & Game Council is currently developing national policy to guide stocking practices based on the recent Cawthron review. Until this policy is finalised it is not known whether it may influence future stocking practices in the Taranaki Region.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. THAT THE COUNCIL CEASE ALL LIBERATIONS OF HATCHERY TROUT INTO THE WAINGONGORO RIVER, KAPUNI STREAM AND KAUPOKONUI STREAM;
- 2. THAT RELEASES OF HATCHERY YEARLING AND TWO YEAR OLD RAINBOW TROUT CONTINUE INTO OPUNAKE LAKE IN THE WAIAUA RIVER CATCHMENT;
- 3. THAT THE PROPORTION OF RAINBOW TROUT IN THE CATCH CONTINUE TO BE MONITORED VIA THE ANGLER DIARY SCHEME;
- 4. THAT THE REPORT ON THE SOUTH TARANAKI RAINBOW TROUT RELEASE TRIAL BE RECEIVED.

Allen Stancliff & Glenn Maclean

12 September 2018

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

2017/18 Fishery Monitoring Report

This season we re-introduced a voluntary angler diary scheme across the Taranaki Fish & Game Region. In the way of these things some anglers have embraced this more than others, however 23 anglers returned data for the season. This reflected a record of 216 angling trips of greater than 15 minutes duration.

For the following analysis of this data the average catch rate was calculated by first determining the catch rate for each individual angler trip (number of fish caught / divided by how long the angler spent fishing) and then averaging all these catch rates for the particular river or lake. This is as opposed to simply using the total catch recorded divided by the total hours of effort. The advantage of the former approach is that each trip receives equal weighting and the average catch rate calculated in this way is therefore a more appropriate measure of what an angler experienced on average. In this way the catch rate can also be used as one measure of angler satisfaction.

However with this approach it is necessary to limit the analysis to trips longer than 15 minutes, otherwise unrealistic individual catch rates may be obtained which in turn skew the overall average calculated. The catch rates (cpue) listed below represent the catch of trout larger than 30cm in length per hour of fishing effort. For example a cpue of 0.5 equals half a trout per hour or one trout for every two hours fishing.

Not surprisingly table 1 highlights that most effort was recorded on the rivers in the region.

Table 1: Hours of angling effort and average catch rate (trout > 30cm/hr) by water type for Taranaki F&G Region as recorded by the 2017/18 angler diary scheme

	Trips recorded	Total hours	% of total effort	Average trip length (hrs)	Average catch rate
Lakes	29	47.4	8.7	1.6	0.90
Rivers	187	495.5	91.3	2.6	0.89

In all 91.3% of the total angling effort recorded was on the rivers, with anglers fishing on average for 2.6 hours at a time. By contrast nearly all the lake fishing effort was recorded on Lake Mangamahoe where anglers typically fished for 1.6 hours per trip. Interestingly though the average catch rate was identical at 0.9 trout larger than 30cm per hour. It should be noted that diary respondents tend to be more enthusiastic and often expert anglers, nevertheless these average catch rates are very respectable. For example average catch rates at Taupo have typically fluctuated between 0.2 and 0.35 fish per hour with expert anglers achieving closer to 1 fish per hour.

Without giving away everyone's favourite small river we can also summarise the data for some of the larger more popular fisheries (table 2).

Table 2: Number of trips recorded and average catch rate (trout per hour) of large (> 30cm) rainbow, brown and all trout combined by water for 2017/18 TF&G angler diary scheme

Water	Trips recorded	CPUE large rainbow trout	CPUE large brown trout	CPUE large trout
Kaupokonui Stream	8	0.06	0.33	0.40
Patea River	39	0.27	0.55	0.85
Stony River	12	0.91	0	0.91
Waiaua River	19	0.28	0.17	0.45
Waingongoro River	46	0.77	0.38	1.15
Waiwhakaiho River	8	0	1.05	1.05
Manganuioteao River	10	1.15	0.10	1.25
Lake Mangamahoe	24	0.52	0.33	0.85
Lake Ratapiko	4	0.75	0.63	1.38

Table 2 highlights some interesting aspects. Of note is the poor fishing recorded in the Kaupokonui Stream, particularly for rainbow trout (although it is a small sample). Only 1 small and 1 large rainbow trout (both wild) were caught over 30.5 hours of angling. This would appear consistent with our electric fishing survey results from December 2016 which recorded no juvenile rainbow trout across nine sites fished in the catchment. The absence of any hatchery rainbows is also revealing given that the last release of fingerlings occurred as recently as 2016. The catch rate (calculated as total fish/ total hours in this case) works out at 0.07 rainbow trout (of any size) per hour compared to 0.14 in 2015/16 and 0.51 trout in 2016/17. These results suggest that the wild rainbow fishery in the Kaupokonui Stream is highly variable from one year to the next and sometimes very limited. However that only 2 hatchery reared rainbow trout were caught across the last 3 years (154.75 hours of effort recorded between the stocking trial and angler diary scheme) also indicates that stocking rainbow trout does not overcome any wild trout bottleneck.

Overall catch rates of rainbow trout in the Patea River were not overly high either. Interestingly only 40% of the rainbow trout caught were wild or 3 small and 5 large wild rainbow trout in 85 hours of effort.

In the case of the Stony River 4 of the 25 large rainbow trout caught were classed as wild along with 16 of hatchery origin and 5 of unknown origin. With an average catch rate of 0.91 large rainbow trout per hour these results indicate that while this river remans unstable then the annual release of 2 year-old rainbows does sustain a successful and valued fishery.

Also of interest is that the catch of large trout from Lake Mangamahoe was dominated by rainbows (22 rainbow compared to 13 brown trout). All of these rainbows were of hatchery origin. By contrast the brown trout population is totally wild, sustained by spawning in Mangamahoe Stream and recruitment from the upper Waiwhakaiho River. A survey of Mangamahoe Stream on 25 July 2018, likely well after the peak of spawning, recorded a moderate amount of spawning activity but only 5 brown trout. This activity follows a large flood in the catchment a year earlier (28 August 2017) which had extensively damaged the habitat.

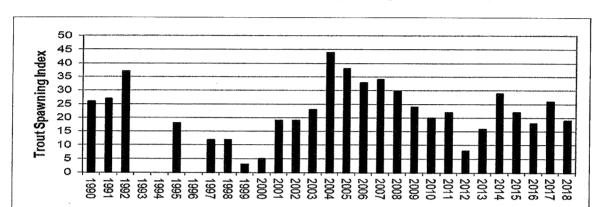


Figure 1: Trout spawning indices based on redd counts for Mangamahoe Stream, 1990 - 2018

In table 3 the recorded angling effort in the diaries is broken down by the method used.

Table 3: Angling method used as a % of total effort and average CPUE by water type from 2017/18 TF&G angler diaries

Water type	Method	% of total effort	Average CPUE (large trout/ hr)
Lakes	Bait fishing	8.4	0
	Flyfishing	81.3	0.85
	Spinning/ softbaits	10.3	1.38
Rivers	Bait fishing	6.6%	1.58
	Flyfishing	83.9%	0.90
	Spinning/ softbaits	9.5%	0.40

In the case of the lakes the breakdown is a bit mis-leading as the data is dominated by records from Lake Mangamahoe where flyfishing only is permitted. Similarly as noted angling diaries tend to be completed by keener anglers who are more likely to fly fish. Nevertheless among these anglers, flyfishing is very much the preferred method across the Taranaki Region.

The diary data also highlights that the Manganuioteao River appears to be finally bouncing back following the disastrous October 2013 flood. While the data is limited to a single expert angler it reveals a very healthy catch rate of greater than one large rainbow trout per hour last season. In addition 19 rainbow trout larger than 400mm in length averaged 538mm and 2.175kg with 2 fish of 700mm or longer. Three brown trout also measured averaged 513mm and 1.6kg.

In December 2017 we also undertook a three-day electric fishing survey to update baseline data on the juvenile rainbow and brown trout populations in the Manganuioteao River and tributaries as compared to the 1979 -81 study by Cudby & Strickland (1986). The results were detailed in a report "Juvenile Trout Survey of the Manganuioteao River, December 2017", the summary from which is presented below.

A single population of rainbow trout spawns throughout the Manganuioteao River and tributaries. By contrast a brown trout population in the Waimarino Stream is likely to be a discrete population separate from that lower down.

Both species also spawn in the Orautaha Stream, however spawning appears to occur earlier than in the rest of the river.

The main-stem above the Orautaha confluence provides generally rugged but high quality habitat with good water quality and desirable invertebrates. However below this confluence the river is impacted by sediment which limits the interstitial spaces and appears to adversely affect invertebrate density.

This sediment seems to be derived from the Orautaha Stream, which is characterised by high specific conductivity values and sedimentation, even in the upper reaches. The Papa Stream tributary has been observed to contribute significant sediment loads during freshes and bank erosion from stock access, the discharge from Raetihi Hydro Scheme and runoff from felled forestry blocks in the catchment are also potential contributors. While the exact causes are currently unknown, the sedimentation undoubtedly has an impact on the quality of the habitat.

Related to this we are currently working with Horizons Regional Council and Whanganui River Enhancement Trust to complete riparian fencing on the mainstem of the upper Manganuioteao River. This will be completed this coming summer and it is then intended to develop a multi-year funding proposal to address the sedimentation issues identified in the Orautaha Stream.

Summary

The initial angling diary scheme has proved a success providing a significant amount of data with which to assess and compare different fisheries across the region. Hopefully these initial results will also encourage other anglers to contribute. Certainly having more anglers involved and continuing with this scheme over time will only add to the quality and value of this data.

Next year we will also implement an electronic survey sent to all current fishing licence holders for whom we hold an email address. This will be sent at the end of the season and used in support of

the diary scheme as an additional method to assess and monitor angler satisfaction with the regional resource.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Taranaki Fish & Game Council accept this fishery monitoring report for 2017/18 and records its appreciation for the valued efforts of the diary contributors

Glenn Maclean & Allen Stancliff

25 September 2018

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

2018 Hunting & Habitat Applications

The Council operates a Hunting & Habitat Scheme (H&H) to fund projects which provide gamebird habitat and/ or hunting opportunities in the Taranaki region. A set of criteria against which to assess applications was adopted by Council on the 6th December 2014 and revised May 2016 (attached).

In the normal course of events an application to the Gamebird Habitat Trust is required first and the H&H fund may then be used to top up the amount received, with a maximum funding limit as laid out in the criteria.

This year we supported 4 applications to the Trust from around the Taranaki Region. These applications to the Trust totalled \$68,646 (total cost to build \$88,736) of which they were awarded \$7,000 (GST incl). On the face of it this is not great success however this year we faced considerable competition from some excellent applications from elsewhere around NZ, including from a couple of regions which previously have not expressed much interest.

With respect to the H&H Fund staff have assessed the applications as follows:

- Takahuri will create significant shallow water wetland habitat and also upland game habitat. Public access will provide an excellent advocacy opportunity and is also the potential for the property to be used to train young hunters. Meets the 50% threshold.
- Cote Brook is easily achievable and meets the 25% threshold for wetland habitat creation.
- Gooch has worthy objectives in terms of environmental protection rather than creating wetland habitat. Works will need resource consent and presents some significant engineering challenges. As it stands this application does not meet the criteria.
- Annadale Waters will create significant shallow water wetland habitat and meets the 25% threshold. Is potentially an opportunity for significant cost savings here as well which may make it more feasible for the landowner.

The financial implications of this assessment are detailed in table 1.

Table 1 Projects seeking Hunting & Habitat funding (all costs GST incl) (note that a complete copy of each application will be available at the meeting)

Application	Wetland habitat created (ha) (water area)	Total cost (as per GBHT application)	From GBHT	Recommended from H&H Fund	GBHT + H&H funding as % of total cost
Takahuri	50* (1.5 – 2)	\$20,963.50	\$5000	\$5,482	50%
Cote Brook	0.75 (.15)	\$9,900	\$2,000	\$475	25%
Gooch	1.3 (0.6)	\$27,717			
Annadale Waters	1.0 (0.5)	\$30,155		\$7,538	25%

^{*} includes upland game habitat area

This represents a total funding sought this year of \$13,495 (\$11,735 GST excl). Currently the H&H Scheme is at \$373,182.74 (GST excl) with previously approved works of \$12,772.18 still to be claimed. Therefore the fund is effectively at \$360,410.56 and approving these applications for 2018 would reduce the H&H fund to \$348,675.56.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the following applications for funding (GST incl) from the Hunting & Habitat Scheme;

- 1. Takahuri \$5,482
- 2. Cote Brook \$475
- 3. Annadale Waters \$7,538

Glenn Maclean

Regional Manager

September 2018

Taranaki Fish & Game Council Budget Report and Project Progress Report to 31 August 2018

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Population Monitoring	7,800	8,121		470	476.75
Harvest Assessment	3,050	2,880		50	39.5
Hatchery	8,000	7,693		85	46.75
Liberations	5,500	15,896	This includes the Patea releases expenses offset by 10k additional income shown on the next page		175.75
Season Regulations	and the second s	The second control of		30	45.5
Gamebird Dispersal	1,500	1,852	Includes a new gas gun	120	142.5
RMA	100			200	292
Habitat Management & Enhancement	15,600	14,226		400	286
Hunter / Angler Access	3,200	1,503		100	29
Satisfaction Survey	300			10	17
Magazine / Newsletter / Ezine	6,800	9,743	Mail out to RD box holders	140	97.75
Other Publications	1,500		Won't be spent with move to web-based access information (though still some design costs)	30	50
Citibs	300	300		10	13
Statutory Liaison				30	17.25
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General Advocacy	3,000		Won't all be spent with move to web-based information	320	166.75
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Hunting & Angling Promotions	2,000	3,055		30	169.75
Ranger Management	1,500	2,533		112	105.25
Compliance				170	101.5
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National Liaison	100			160	149.75
Total Expenditure	87,735	93,662		3,312	2,857.75

YTD Income	417	12,180 This includes Patea money from Trustpower	290		13,157	80,563	
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SPECIES MANAGEMENT

	2017/2018 Annual Plan - Planned Result	Progress to date
	Fish Population assessment 1. Report to Council detailing the status of the sports fish population and implications for management by 31 August 2018.	Taranaki trout spawning survey data was provided to Wellington F&G for modelling purposes. Spawning surveys were conducted on Lake Mangamahoe tributaries on 14.06.2018 & 25.07.2018.
	2. Baseline trout population information obtained and reported for the Manganuioteao River (year 2 of 2).	Developed plan and carried out 4-6 December 2017 electric fishing survey of the Manganuioteao River catchment. Report completed and summary presented to March 2018 Council meeting.
	3. Opportunities to enhance the Timaru Stream fishery investigated and reported to Council	
	Gamebird population Assessment 1. Presentation to the Council detailing population status and implications for management of the region's black swan and paradise shelduck populations. The report to be presented to Council at its first planned meeting in 2018.	January 2018 trend counts were carried out for paradise shelduck & black swan and a report prepared for Council's 10 th February 2018 meeting.
	2. Study initiated into the movements of mallards between the Taranaki high country and coastal regions and the implications for long-term monitoring programme.	Finalised 2017 & 2018 band return details and replied to hunters. 2018 banding details forwarded to banding office, spreadsheet & methodology developed for logging and tracking band returns. Developed initial Waimarino population estimate
	3. Mallard monitoring protocol based around banding in the Waimarino Region and aerial counts on the Taranaki ring plain implemented and the second year's results reported to Council	Manager obtained L2 certification. Banded 248 ducks (plus 2 recaptures) at 4 sites in the Waimarino and entered data. Ringplain aerial mallard counts completed 06.04.2018.
	4. Pukeko Counts conducted in April and shoveler duck counts in August. Analysis presented to Council by 31 st December 2017 as part of the Draft Game Gazette notice.	Ringplain pukeko counts carried out 5 – 17 April 2018. Shoveler counts carried out on 7 & 9 August 2018. Agenda item prepared for December 2017 meeting.
	National Hunter Survey 1. Full participation in Fish & Game New Zealand's national hunter harvest survey during the 2018 game season, and including recording of banded birds shot.	Survey questions expanded to enquire about banded ducks. Opening weekend survey and two weekly surveys through to 26 th August 2018 completed.
	2. Hunter survey results for 2017 game season included in analysis presented to Council by 31 st December 2017 as part of draft Game Gazette Notice.	Results included in agenda item prepared for December 2017 meeting.
Į	Special Gamebird Season	

- 1. The co-ordination of a 2-weekend special game bird hunting season for paradise shelduck in Area C.
- Printed & distributed permits to licence agents & F&G Offices. Season advertised in the Taranaki Daily News (10.02.2018). Issued permits & responded to queries from licence holders.
- 2. Presentation to Council by 31 August 2018 of the results of the 2018 Special Game Bird Season.
- 2018 Special Game Bird Season Report prepared for Council's 9 June 2018 meeting.

3. When appropriate promote the use of recreational hunters to landowners with paradise duck problems.

Hunter access to one property facilitated for the 2018 main season.

Hatchery

1. To have reared 3,000 healthy trout (fingerling, yearling and two year old) consistent with identified needs at the Hawera hatchery

While there was a good hatch of the 3,500 rainbow ova received in July 2017, a faulty tap on one of the fry troughs resulted in approx. one third of the fry dying on 20.10.2017. On 27.10.2017 the hatchery team leader noticed that boards on the dam spillway were failing, but quick remedial action by Silver Fern Farms prevented any loss of water supply to the hatchery. All trout from the 2017 year-class were adipose finclipped on 27.04.2018 (1,479 fish). On 06.07.18 King Salmon notified that they would no longer supply F&G with trout feed, but that food could be ordered direct from BioMar in Tasmania. The 2018 order of 3,500 eyed ova from the Eastern F&G Region arrived on 19.07.2018 and there was a good hatch. Annual dinner for the hatchery volunteers was held on 01.08.2018.

2. Trial rearing 300 2-year old trout for Stratford Fishing Day.

The largest 290 rainbow trout from the 2016 year class were separated out (09.10.2017 & 19.10.2017) to maximise their growth for the Stratford Fishing Day. These fish reached up to 1.5kg prior to release.

3. Complete review of hatchery requirements and options to meet these and report to Council.

Exotic Disease Plan completed, signed off and response kit implemented.

Trout Liberations

1. Release of 3,000 healthy trout into lakes and rivers where the species already exists and release is appropriate, these releases reported to Council by 31 August 2018.

Rainbow trout yearlings were released into Lakes Mangamahoe (100) and Rotomanu (50) on 20.09.2017. The Stony River received a release of 65 rainbow yearlings on 14.11.2017. Namunamu release completed 19.10.2017 after delays due to wet weather. Trustpower funded the release of 1,000 tagged yearling brown trout and 500 tagged yearling rainbow trout into the lower Patea River on 02.11.2017, with liberation report produced for Trustpower. A total of 290 17-

month rainbow trout were successfully transferred from the Hawera hatchery to the Stratford scout den pool (Patea River) on 08.12.2017.

Stocking schedule for 2018 included as agenda paper for June meeting.
Hawera hatchery rainbow trout from the 2017 year class were released into Lake Ratapiko (100) & Lake Mangamahoe (100) on 11.06.2018 and into Lake Namunamu (227) on 27.07.2018. An offer of service was agreed with Trustpower for the release of 1,000 tagged brown trout yearlings and 500 tagged rainbow trout yearlings into the lower Patea River (2nd release of 5).

2. Release of up to 900 healthy two-year old rainbow trout into approved waters to provide immediate angling opportunity.

500 2-year rainbows from the Eastern Region were liberated into Lake Rotomanu (250) and Opunake Lake (250) on 17.10.2017 for kids' trout fishing events. 100 2-year rainbows from DOC Turangi were released into Sattlers Dam on 16.02.2018

3. Complete year 3 year study into the value of stocking specific streams and report to Council with recommendations.

Year 3 diaries were prepared and distributed to participating anglers. End of season diary returns were collated and analysed. Provided Cawthron with recent release information as part of National review of stocking practices.

Recovered and analysed Wiritoa temperature data – lake gets too warm for trout over summer

Followed up on Councillor Karalus's initial contact re. stocking Hawera pond, undertook site visit on 31.05.2018, met on-site with the landholder on 12.06.2018 and prepared a draft access agreement for Council's August 2018 meeting.

Reviewed recent information on trout/ native fish interactions

Keep & Release Approvals

1. Provision of advice as required on proposals to keep, rear or release game birds and to keep of release sports fish. Recommendations made to DOC on the issue of such permits.

An inquiry was received regarding the release of brown trout into a private lake (11.09.2017).

Information provided to Whanganui landowner re approval process to release captive reared mallards, and including likely F&G requirements

Prepared agenda paper on captive reared mallards for February 2018 meeting.

2. Liaison with F&G National Office regarding streamlining the process for application and approval to rear and release gamebirds.

Season Regulations

1. Draft recommendations and supporting information regarding the 2018 gamebird hunting conditions and 2019 Special Season conditions provided to Council for the December 2017 meeting.

Agenda paper prepared for December 2017 and February 2018 meetings

2. Council's recommendations for 2018 game bird hunting season conditions are accurately incorporated into the 2018 Game Gazette Notice and supporting information.

Reviewed draft gazette notice and 2018 game booklet

3. Recommendations and supporting information regarding the 2018/19 sports fishing conditions provided to Council for the June 2018 meeting.

Agenda paper prepared for June 2018 meeting.

4. Council's recommendations for 2018/2019 sports fishing conditions are accurately incorporated into the 2018 Anglers' Notice and supporting information

Council recommendations forwarded to National Council, draft Gazette Notice and Regulation booklet proofed.

Gamebird Dispersal

1. Proactively assist with the dispersal of unwanted congregations of game birds that are notified to the Council throughout the year

A total of 63 permits were issued during the year;

32 include Pukeko

28 include Paradise Shelduck

8 include Mallard.

37 Rural

26 Urban

Information was provided to members of the public about dispersing mallard ducks (18.09.2017) and rock pigeons.
Advice provided to stock feed company re managing problem aggregations of mallards

Placed ad in NZ Dairy newspaper re contacting F&G for help

HABITAT PROTECTION & MANAGEMENT

Resource Management Act

1. Make effective submissions on resource consent applications and statutory plan proposals to best achieve sports fish and game bird habitat protection and enhancement and / or to maintain or enhance hunting or angling access and opportunity.

TRC Officers Reports for the Fonterra
Whareroa water take and sediment
discharge consent renewals were reviewed
and final signoff given (03.10.2017).
There was liaison with STDC regarding a
resource consent application for a quarry
adjacent to Okahu Stream. The application
was judged to be inadequate and returned to
the applicant (01.09.2017)

Non-notified approvals were given:

- for a change to consent conditions for Civil Quarries Everett Road quarry to allow an increase in the rate of storm water discharge following events that resulted in more than 7.5mm of rain in 30 minutes (24.10.2017);
- to DH Lepper Trust (14.12.2017) for removal of the 100gm⁻³ suspended solids condition from a piggery treated wastewater discharge consent to Waiongana River during high flow conditions;
- to STDC to lay a Waimate West water pipeline under Kelly's Creek in the Mangawhero Stream catchment (14.03.2018);
- for a time extension for instream works to lay a box culvert in Mangapapa Stream in the Mangawhero Stream catchment (11.04.2018);
- for a time extension for bank protection works on Mangahume Stream (20.04.2018).

Pre-application discussions with consultants were held regarding:

- STDC water takes from Otakeho Stream & Waingongoro River (written comments provided 17&18 January 2018). A site visit was made with STDC staff and John Hooker (Ngaruahine) to the Waingongoro Eltham supply water intake and treatment plant on 15.02.2018. Submissions to these 2 limited notified applications were made on 22.05.2018;
- Pastoral irrigation takes from Punehu,
 Ouri and Taungatara Streams (written
 comments provided 17.01.2018). On-site
 meetings and discussions with the
 applicants and their consultant were
 attended on 13.02.2018. Submissions to
 these 3 limited notified applications were
 made on 21.05.2018;
- A pastoral irrigation take from Oeo Stream (18.12.2017). A submission to this limited notified application was made on 17.05.2018. Council withdrew its request to be heard on 24.08.2018;
- Renewal of consent for the Fire Training Centre at Maui Production Station to

- discharge treated storm water to Oaonui Stream.
- Re-consenting of the NZTA SH45
 Otakeho Stream culvert (25.05.2018). A submission to this limited notified application was made on 16.07.2018.
- Taranaki Bi-Products to re-consent water takes & discharges in the Inaha Stream catchment (03.07.2018);
- SDC to re-furbish an Opunake Road culvert in Mangatoki Stream and improve fish passage. A site visit was made on 30.07.2018;
- Fonterra Kapuni with the draft AEE reviewed and a site meeting attended on 12.07.2018;
- South Taranaki Quarries to divert a tributary of the Waingongoro River to create a small lake. A site meeting is scheduled for 05.09.2018.
- STDC regarding "out of time" works in Mangawharawhara Stream, a Waingongoro River tributary (11.07.2018)
- RDC re building a footbridge across the Mangateitei Stream;
- Trustpower regarding re-consenting of the Mangorei & Motukawa hydro schemes (14.08.2018);
- Renewal of a consent to take water from Kaihihi Stream for pastoral irrigation (24.08.2018);
- Heritage NZ regarding the Kaupokonui Glenn Road weir (23.08.2018).

A submission to a limited notified application to take water from Inaha Stream for pastoral irrigation was made on 22.05.2018. There was discussion with the TRC regarding Council's submission to the Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan and Biosecurity Strategy (22.09.2017). The NPDC weir on Mangorei Stream was visited (07.11.2017) and a recommendation made that it should be removed. A site visit was made with Downer & TRC staff to view flood damage to the SH3 Kent Road and Mangamahoe Stream culverts and sedimentation of the head of Lake Mangamahoe (01.09.2017). NZTA have decided to replace the damaged section of

the SH3 Kent Road stream culvert with a round concrete pipe.

Trustpower's upper catchment 6-year monitoring and Patea dam trap & transfer reports were reviewed (11.10.2017) and it was recommended that upper catchment monitoring be repeated in another 6 years. A TrustPower Patea HEPS stakeholder meeting was attended (16.12.2017). Comments were provided on Trustpower's Patea HEPS Aquatic Monitoring Programme Year 6 review, 2012-2017 (14.05.2018). There was liaison with TRC staff regarding identification of farm culverts that restrict fish passage, so that remedial action can be undertaken.

A meeting with Office of the Auditor General staff was attended (along with Fed Farmers & NPDC & SDC reps.) to provide feedback on progress the TRC has made since 2011 in managing impacts on freshwater quality (15.11.2017).

A meeting was attended with STDC, Nga Rauru & DOC (25.01.2018) to discuss the MOU for the Waverley Wastewater Working Party.

A site visit was made (12.12.2017) to inspect shot-creting remedial works being undertaken to the Stony River SH45 Bridge abutments. Dirty water being pumped from inside the TRB bund directly into the river was reported to TRC and the discharge was subsequently diverted to land (as the 2014 application for consent stated it would be). Provided advice to landowner re concerns over stream piping at Raurimu.

Applications by NZTA for the Mt. Messenger bypass were reviewed, but no submission made. The Proposed Regional Coastal Plan for Taranaki and the STDC's 2018-2028 LTP were also reviewed, but no submissions made.

Comments on the draft NP District Plan were provided to NPDC on 08.03.2018.

A request by Stratford District Council to put their application to discharge treated wastewater from the town oxy ponds to the Patea River on hold for another 12 months while additional monitoring is carried out was agreed to on 09.03.2018 (F&G originally submitted on this application on 28.07.16).

Submissions were made to the TRC, Horizons and NPDC 2018-2028 LTP's and a Hearing attended at the TRC (07.05.2018). A Hearing for the NPDC LTP was attended on 29.05.2018.

Two angler complaints of actual or potential stream pollution were forwarded to the TRC (15 & 16.02.2018) and followed up with TRC compliance officers.

A report that water had drained out of Opunake Lake was followed up with the TRC (18.04.2018). A meeting with the Opunake hydro scheme owner, TRC staff and interested parties was attended on 01.06.2018 to discuss the future of the scheme. The consents expired on 1 June 2018 and so the scheme cannot operate at present, but the lake remains full, topped up by a small inflow from a leaky inlet race gate.

A stakeholder meeting was attended with Ballance Agrinutrients (Kapuni) on 29.06.2018. The company is still keen to drill for groundwater, which could take the pressure off their take from the Waingongoro River.

Nova Energy notified (09.07.2018) that they are going to proceed with their 100MW gas fired electricity generation plant adjacent to Mangorei Stream, with commissioning expected in mid-2020. The station will use Waiwhakaiho water supplied by NPDC through their existing consent.

Provided comments on draft F&G position on NPS freshwater. A TRC discussion document on water allocation was reviewed and a meeting is being scheduled with the TRC.

- 2. Engage in and actively advocate for protection and/or enhancement of sports fish and gamebird habitat in the Taranaki Freshwater Plan Review process.
- 3. Complete strategic review of how Council best engages in RMA processes to achieve habitat and wider outcomes with available resources.

Sports Fish Habitat Enhancement

1. Provision of advice and promotion of effective management of riparian land margins throughout the region.

Inspected properties and gave advice to two landowners outside the region.
Worked with Horizons to implement planned work programme for Manganuioteao
Riparian Project, prepared summary of expenditure and income to date along with an annual report

Met with Horizons R.C to discuss Orautoha

2. Take opportunities to advocate for maintenance of flows to protect fishery values in recognised trout streams.

Stream monitoring and sediment management. Met with new Horizons staff member for general catch-up with issues. Drew attention to issues with Lake Rotomanu water quality in submissions to the TRC & NPDC & requested information held by the TRC on the Waiwhakaiho River from the SH3 Devon Road Bridge down past Lake Rotomanu (24.05.2018). As a result of discussions with the TRC it was agreed that the requested information would be provided following re-survey of the river cross-sections in summer 2018/19.

3. Undertake and assist with efforts to keep Didymo and other aquatic threats out of the Taranaki Fish & Game Region.

Liaised with the TRC summer CCD advocate and organised their attendance at the Stratford kids' trout fishing day.

Gamebird Habitat Enhancement

1. Provision of advice to licence holders and landholders regarding the enhancement of game bird habitat and predator control.

Liaised with hunter who is producing duck hen houses for sale with 50% of profits going to the GBHTB. Visited (12.12.2017) & provided advice on replacing a leaky outlet structure on a QEII wetland in the Mangorei area. Made site visits to 2 wetland projects in the Toko & Tututawa areas (21.12.2017). Made site visit & provided advice to landowner on dam repair for Frankley Rd wetland. Referred owner of NP urban wetland to TRC for pest control plan. Met with 3 Whanganui landowners re potential predator control and habitat management projects.

Met with Horizons re possible joint predator

project at Pauri, also discussed options for licence holders and landowners to obtain advice from the regional council.

2. Provision of information and advice to applicants for GBHTB grants. Act where necessary as referees for projects and monitor the implementation of successful applicants to ensure works are carried out to the agreed standard.

The Hayward wetland owners have carried out most of the agreed works, but decided not to uplift their GBHTB grant.

A site visit was made to view completed

A site visit was made to view completed earthworks for the Tomron wetland project at Matau (18.05.2018).

Construction works for Rotokawa swamp and Arranmore projects completed in May with site advice from F&G. Both projects signed off.

Carried out site visits and wrote referee's reports for 4 2018 applications to the GBHTB

and made 2 site visits to another project that will apply for funding in 2019.
Visited the Gordon wetland to conduct a 5-year review for the GBHTB (12.07.2018).
Met with Andy Tannock and inspected 2018 application as well as viewing completed Arranmore wetland.

3. Promote the need for and provide advice regarding predator control programmes and any other outcomes from the Mallard Research project.

Undertook trial to identify predators around a wetland complex using game cameras. Reviewed research findings on heavy metals in mallards

4. Explore options for a wider Nukumaru conservation area involving the respective landowners and agencies.

Hunting & Habitat Scheme

1. Actively promote the Hunting & Habitat Scheme to regional licence holders and landowners including through site visits, regional newspapers, newsletters and other media.

Met with new South Taranaki QEII Rep. Jake Goonan (09.03.2018) to discuss potential wetland projects.

2. Provide support for applications to H&HS including advice on design and construction and on-site assistance to create high quality wetlands and hunting opportunities.

Construction works completed for 2 approved projects with a 3rd postponed until next summer due to the prevailing wet conditions. One project signed off (Arranmore) and committed funding paid out

3. Identify and actively pursue suitable opportunities for development of council owned wetlands.

PARTICIPATION AND SATISFACTION OF ANGLERS AND HUNTERS

Angler Access

1. Resolution of how best to provide access information to licence holders.

Decision made in 5-year Strategic Plan discussion to focus on using the web

2. Production of updated Waimarino access pamphlet.

Web information reviewed and expanded to provide detailed and useful guidance – in draft

3. Production of an updated Taranaki Ringplain brochure to reflect the new regulations (year 1 of 2)

Web information reviewed and expanded to provide detailed and useful guidance – in draft

4. Implement any identified opportunities for increased angling access around Lake Mangamahoe and design and erect angling information signs that are consistent with the signs policy.

Approval obtained from Trustpower (10.10.2017) and NPDC (30.10.2017) to construct an additional casting platform at Lake Mangamahoe. Confirmed (25.10.2017) that the structure would meet the permitted activity requirements of the TRC's Freshwater Plan (Rule 61). Cr. McEwen drew

up plans for the structure and these were passed on to RedJacket Engineers for review (30.04.2018). Ongoing liaison with NPDC about incorporating F&G signage into existing signs at Lake Mangamahoe. 5. Replace / erect new signs consistent with priorities Draft signs register prepared. Angler and needs identified in 2017. regulation signs removed from Kapuni & Kaiauai Streams (19.10.2017) & Stony River (19.07.2018). Designed and agreed draft sign for Trustpower re Patea trout release trial. Updated sign and walking access track markers for Lake Namunamu designed and agreed with landowner. 6. Liaison with the Walking Access Commission to Met with Walking Access representative identify potential improvements in public access. along with representative of potential owner of several forests re game bird hunting access **Hunter Access / Opportunities** 1. Negotiate, allocate and issue access permits to Provided recommendation to DOC for the publicly available hunting areas for the 2018 game issue of permits to 5 hunters to hunt in the bird season. Looney's Lake Conservation Covenant (16.01.2018 & 17.05.2018), one hunter to hunt in the Te Morere Reserve (02.02.2018) and one at Lake Ngangana (30.04.2018). 2. Actively seek and develop opportunities for Met with potential forest owner re access gamebird hunter access. opportunities. Followed up on Opening weekend permit issue where an access permit was used for duck hunting in Harakeke Forest. Erected signage at Lake Wiritoa re use of area for gamebird hunting Discussion with Forest Certification audit re access to forests east of Stratford. 3. Refine mentoring programme for new or young Met with Gary Hawken re direction for this shooters utilising Hawkens Wetland and any other programme and also other potential identified opportunities. opportunities 4. Review criteria / policy to rear and release upland game and provide recommendations to Council. **Licence Holder satisfaction Survey** 1. Implement a survey of angler success and Diary scheme implemented for major rivers satisfaction for key fisheries in the region as identified and lakes around the region. Diary in 2014/2015 National Angler Survey or by other information for the 2017-18 season needs. tabulated.

2. Survey and report to Council on the aspirations of Upland Gamebird hunters	Survey designed and created using survey monkey ready to send at season end
Fish & Game Magazine	monkey reday to send at season end
1. Provide a regional supplement in each of the two special editions of fish & Game Magazine to be published during the reporting year.	2-page supplement prepared for the 2018 game special issue no. 46, layout reviewed and signed off. 2-page supplement prepared and proof signed off for the 2018 fish special issue.no. 47
Regional Newsletter	
1. Publication of a Hunting and a Fishing Newsletter for regional licence holders and hunting landowners.	Regional fishing newsletter articles prepared and newsletter posted to licence holders on 13 th December 2017. Regional game newsletter prepared and newsletter posted to licence holders and also sent to all rural box holders in the region on 24 April 2018
Regional Fish & Game Web Site	
1. Publication of information, material and articles of interest to hunters and anglers on the regional pages of the Fish & Game web site. Update of existing pages when new platform is available and thereafter information is regularly updated and easy to find and read.	An article promoting the Rotomanu & Opunake Lake kids' trout fishing days was added to the website on 11.10.2017. Lake Namunamu information updated. Links to local angling information resolved so it is easier to find. Introductory text updated Work advanced on reviewing and updating angling information and access for the Region's rivers and lakes.
Develop local facebook page or in association with National Office.	
3. The production of at least 6 Reel Life articles and 2 Both Barrels articles.	Reel Life articles produced on 25.09.2017, 20.10.2017, 17.11.2017, 19.12.2017, 24.01.2018, 19.02.2018, 20.03.2018, 18.04.2018 & 14.05.2018, along with kid's fishing events update (31.07.2018). Both barrels articles produced on 19.04.2018, 18.06.2018, 18.07.2018 & 21.08.2018.
Club Visits	
1. Council representation at recreational hunting and fishing club meetings across the region.	Staff attended 5 meetings of the Inglewood, Rod, Gun & Recreation Club (19.09.2017; trout weigh-in 01.10.2017; "big — 4" weigh-in 23.10.2017; game season OW "weigh-in" 06.05.2018, AGM 21.08.2018). Liaised with club members regrading Canada goose

PUBLIC INTERFACE

Liaison

1. Liaison with Department of Conservation and Conservation Boards and where appropriate attend Conservation Board meetings within the Taranaki Fish & Game Region.

There was liaison with DOC regarding the NPDC's Mangorei Stream weir (07.11.2017); 7 water take consent applications (22.05.2018), fish passage at the SH45

hunting opportunities at Okato (05.06.2018).

Otakeho culvert (25.05.2018), Project Mounga (27.06.2018), fish passage at the Mangatoki Stream Opunake Road culvert (30.07.2018).

2. Where possible proactively engage and work cooperatively with Regional and District Councils, other organisations and groups and the rural community. Attended three meetings of Nga Wai Ora o te Whangaheu. Agreed to be part of and attended 1st meeting of Governance Group for Nga Wai Ora o te Whangaehu Freshwater Improvement Fund. Attended the launch of the TRC's "towards a Predator Free-Taranaki" project (30.05.2018), where the Minister of Conservation, Eugene Sage announced \$11.7 million of funding support over five years.

Iwi Liaison

1. Proactively engage and work with Iwi within the region on matters of mutual interest, concern and benefit.

There was liaison with Te Atiawa (Sera Gibson) regarding Civil Quarries consenting. There was liaison with Te Korowai o Ngaruahine Trust (Louise Tester) and Te Kahui o Taranaki Iwi (Puna Wano-Bryant) regarding irrigation consents for the Taungatara, Punehu & Ouri Streams (22.01.2018 & 21.05.2018) and the Cold Creek rural water supply scheme (25.05.2018).

There was liaison with Taranaki Iwi regarding fish passage at Waiteika & Manganui (coastal) Stream road culverts (01.06.2018). The launch of the Taranaki Iwi's environmental management plan "Taiao Taiora" was attended (17.07.2018). There was liaison with Ngaruahine regarding an Oeo Stream irrigation take and STDC's Eltham water supply take from Waingongoro River, the Waimate West water take from Otakeho Stream, Opunake hydro (12.06.2018) & the Mangatoki Stream Opunake Road culvert (21.06.2018). There was also liaison with Ngaruahine (John Hooker) regarding a proposal for a large free range chicken farm at Cardiff adjacent to Konini Stream & Patea River. The Chairman and/or staff were invited to

the Taranaki Maunga signing at Parliament on 20.12.2017, but unfortunately were unable to attend. The SFO attended a Taranaki Maunga update meeting in New Plymouth with the Office of Treaty Settlements (09.03.2018).

Met with students researching Te awa Tupua Strategy Group. Agreement received from Auckland/ Waikato for Manager to represent F&G on this Group and agenda paper prepared for June meeting. Nomination confirmed to the group.

Advocacy

1. Promote the protection of freshwater, wetland and upland game habitats and the wider benefits of this.

The SFO attended 4 meetings of the Taranaki Biodiversity Trust (WfT) including the AGM and Restore Taranaki workshop. The SFO has retired from the WfT Board by rotation and did not seek re-election.

A talk on freshwater sports fishing and environmental protection was given to the Westown Scout Group (15.11.2017). A talk on wetlands was given to the Taranaki Hospice (16.03.2018)

Staff & the Chairman attended the TRC Environmental Awards (09.11.2017) where the SFO was awarded Action in the Community Award.

The SFO helped with a WfT World Wetlands Day promotion at PukeAriki (03.02.2018) and helped staff the WfT display tent at WOMAD (18.03.2018). A letter of support was prepared for a WfT funding application (14.02.2018). The SFO participated in a video to support the launch of its "Restore Taranaki" project (26.07.2016). A function to launch the Restore Taranaki project was attended (06.08.2018).

A letter of support was provided to the Lake Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust regarding the reintroduction of pateke (brown teal). A Rotokare ecological restoration meeting was attended (20.08.2018).

2. Represent the interests of anglers and hunters, and promote the validity of fishing and gamebird hunting.

<u>Information to licence holders including hunting & angling promotions</u>

1. Support trout fishing events, using liberations of 2 year old rainbow trout, to encourage participation and family involvement.

Kids' trout fishing events were held at Lake Rotomanu (120 kids) and Opunake Lake (70 kids) on 28.10.2017 and at the Stratford scout den pool on the Patea River (113 kids; 09.12.2017). A TET funding application for the 2017 Stratford kids' trout fishing event was successful.

100 trout released in Sattlers Dam and press release in Ruapehu Bulletin

2. Production of Regional Stillwater Sports Fisheries pamphlet with an emphasis on perch (year 2 of 2)

Permit to undertake winter fishing trial for perch renewed

3. Develop displays that promote local fishing and hunting opportunities in association with National Office.

Discussion with several licence holders re obtaining suitable photographs and/ or

video. Draft of text completed

1. Production of pamphlet "Introduction to Pheasant Hunting in the Taranaki Region".

Written & verbal information was provided to licence holders on request Information provided to Andy Tannock to assist his article in H&F catalogue.

2. Provide timely and useful information to licence holders when requested. Proactively utilise opportunities such as newspapers, website and public events to make information available.

assist his article in H&F catalogue. Talk given to Whanganui H&F duckshooters night

3. Opportunities for publicity on angling and hunting are taken and copies of coverage reported to Council.

2017 fish season opening articles were provided to the North Taranaki Midweek, Stratford Press, South Taranaki Star, Opunake & Coastal News, Taranaki Daily News and Ruapehu Bulletin. Kids' fishing day articles were provided to 3 newspapers and promoted via More FM and the Taranaki Hunting & Fishing facebook page. There was liaison with the Daily News regarding the TRC 2017 Environmental Awards. Articles were provided to the Stratford Press (3), South Taranaki Star (2) & Daily News for the Stratford kids' trout fishing event. There was very good post event coverage in the Stratford Press & South Taranaki Star. Information was provided to the Daily News for an article on low stream flows in Taranaki (29.12.2017).

Articles on the 2018 parry season were provided to the Stratford Press, South Taranaki Star, North Taranaki Midweek and Daily News. Articles appeared in the Star and NZ Herald (Country).

Article produced for summer holiday issue of Ruapehu Bulletin.

Filmed clip on correctly handling trout for Pure Fly tv programme.

Game season articles were provided to the Stratford Press, South Taranaki Star, North Taranaki Midweek and Daily News (20.04.2018), the Daily News (02.05.2018), Whanganui Chronicle (07.05.2018) and Ruapehu Bulletin.

A photo opportunity was organised with the Daily News to highlight issues with Lake Rotomanu water quality & an article appeared in hardcopy & on-line on the Stuff website (09.05.2018).

COMPLIANCE

Ranger Management and Training

- 1. The recruitment, training and skill maintenance of Council's Honorary ranger team is consistent with the Compliance Policy and Strategy.
- 2. Provision of safety and compliance training and maintenance of compliance skills is provided on at least two occasions during the year.
- 3. Comprehensive report detailing compliance activities including ranger management and results over the year presented to Council by 31 August 2018.

Two new warrants issued and two other initial warrants renewed. Three-yearly warrant renewal process initiated

A 1-day Ranger training refresher was held on 09.09.2017, attended by 10 Rangers & 2 staff. 2 rangers completed CERT refresher training in Rotorua. A game season Ranger training day was held on 21.04.2018, attended by 9 Rangers & 2 staff.

Compliance

1. Compliance checks and any prosecutions are completed consistent with the Compliance Policy and strategy and also the Reparation Policy.

Ranging was organised for the opening of the 2017 trout season and following kids' trout fishing events. Ranging also undertaken over Labour Weekend, Xmas & Queens Birthday holidays & during the 2018 parry season. Additional Ranging carried out at Lake Mangamahoe following reports of people spin fishing.

Met with NZ Police and organised to undertake joint ranging operation on Opening Weekend of the 2018 game season. Ranging was carried out on opening day in the Waverley area in conjunction with the police and also in the Waimarino, North & Central Taranaki areas on opening weekend. Letter sent to NZ Police recording our appreciation of their assistance and support. A report of an angler spin fishing in the inlet to Lake Mangamahoe (02.07.2018) was followed up but no-one has been apprehended, as yet.

LICENCING AND AGENTS

Licences

1. Hunters and anglers are aware of and can quickly and easily buy their licences on line.

2. Progress reporting on licence sales provided to Council throughout the year. **Licence Agents** 1. Successfully manage the transition to on-line sales New owners of Magnum Sports set up to through provision of ready support and assistance to make on-line licence sales and familiarised agents. with licence categories available. Our existing Waverley licence agent has transitioned to selling on line licences. One new licence agent in Hawera. 2. An effective solution is in place that allows hunters to easily buy licences where on-line facilities are not available. 3. Agents are fully aware of and are familiar with the

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advise the buyer.

COOTTOL		
Not less than six meetings of the Council that comply with all legal requirements to be held before 31 August 2018.	Staff attended Council meetings on 14.10.2017, 02.12.2017, 10.02.2018, 24.03.2018, 09.06.2018 & 18.08.2018.	
2. Council Elections are conducted in an effective, appropriate and timely manner and the new Council provided with familiarisation and governance training as required.		

PLANNING AND REPORTING

new licence categories and able to appropriately

Management Planning	
1. Regional policies are developed and adopted when	
required.	
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2. The 5 year strategic plan is reviewed and agreed by	Agenda item for February 18 meeting, draft
Council by March 2018.	agreed and final Plan produced
Staff Management	
1. Effective management of staff and administration	2016/17 staff performance reviews
of Council.	completed and 2017/18 objectives agreed.
Administrative Support	
1. Implement review outcomes re computing	Both offices moved to 365 Business package.
requirements including file storage sharing.	Moved to new fuel contract which has
	significant savings
	Ordered and received new Whanganui
	vehicle
2. Implement any outcomes of National Council	Comments to national office re possible
financial review.	Reserves Policy
Annual Planning	
1. Adoption of a proposed Annual Budget and	Draft 2018/19 annual plan prepared for
Operational Work Plan for 2018/2019 by the Council	March 2018 Council meeting and final plan
by 31 August 2018.	for August 2018 meeting

Annual Reporting

The adoption and presentation by the Council at a public annual general meeting of its audited annual report for 2016/2017 not later than 31 December 2017, and dispatched to the Minister directly thereafter.

Finalised 2016/17 accounts and completed draft Performance Report. 2017/18
Performance report adopted by Council at its AGM 2.12.17, dispatched to the Minister 5.12.17.

Regional and National Liaison

1. Discussion undertaken with Wellington and Auckland/Waikato Fish & Game regions re consistency with gamebird regulations.

Liaison with Wellington and Northland regions over mag extensions and paradise Special season regulations. Provided information & advice to F&G Hawkes Bay on pukeko monitoring. Discussed opportunities for shared compliance operations with Wellington F&G.

2. Effective communication with other regional managers and input and valued comment on issues affecting Fish & Game and sports fish and game bird management.

Liaison with National CLE co-ordinator over training and reparation policy. Commented on all National RMA applications.
Comment to gamebird research group on proposed research (x3).
Comment on regulations format and opportunity to review format and content of F&G magazine
Provided comments on National
Communications Plan & Indigenous Fish bill

1. Representation to New Zealand Fish and Game Council by 31 August 2018, of the Council's recommendations for licence fees, fund redistribution, research requirements, and national policy development.

National CRMs and Salmon Committee agenda papers prepared for February 18 meeting.

- 2018/19 Licence Fees paper included in 2018 June agenda, along with Increasing Participation report.
- 2. Representation at the Fish & Game New Zealand Regional Managers meetings.

Attended 2 day February and August meetings and combined Managers & NZ Council meeting in April

Provided comment re camouflaged boat

3. Effective communications with NZC staff and comment provided on Fish & Game issues when requested.

regulations and also possible changes to the Gamebird regulation booklet.
Comment made encouraging the strategic review of the magazine, to Steve Doughty re Increasing Participation report and on draft trout stocking research proposal (part II).
Provided advice re finalising trout stocking

Provided information to National Office regarding staff remuneration and also access on Landcorp properties in the region

report.

STAFF CO-ORDINATION AND TRAINING

STAFF CO-ORDINATION AND TRAINING	
Staff Communication	
Regular staff meetings and/or phone conferences to	
share information such that all staff are aware of what	
is generally occurring, and where appropriate have	
ready opportunity for input into decisions and	
management direction.	
Staff Training	
Staff training identified in performance review process	The SEO attended a 4 day NZ Freshwater
is planned and undertaken.	The SFO attended a 4-day NZ Freshwater Sciences Society conference in Hamilton (20- 23 November 2017).
<u>Accommodation</u>	
Review of options for New Plymouth and Whanganui	Decision to shift the New Plymouth office
offices are completed and decision made by Council as to best solution for the medium term.	made by Council on 14.10.2017. Agreement to Lease agreed and Exceptional Funding bid prepared & accepted. Office shift completed on 31.01.2018. Building signage in place on 19.04.2018. Renewal of Whanganui office lease completed
<u>OSH</u>	
1. All processes and activities are consistent with	
Council Health & Safety Policy and hazard control	
plans, reviews and audits occur as scheduled, all	Reported in separate agenda paper
necessary equipment and training is provided and	ineported in ocparate agenda paper
new hazards are identified and addressed	
appropriately.	
2. All accidents are reported and recorded in the	
accident register, investigations completed and any	
identified actions implemented and reported to	
Council at the next meeting	
3. Hazard Control Plans are identified and developed	
/ amended for any new activity.	
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4. An annual review of Health and Safety	Reported to October 2017 Council meeting.
Management is completed in September 2017 and	2018 review completed in July 2018
reported to Council.	
5. Compliance with HSAW requirements and policy	·
and any issues identified are reported to each meeting	
of Council.	
	Staff meetings held on 28.09.2017,
6. Two monthly staff meetings which include a	17.11.2017, 31.1.2018, 13.3.2018, 29.5.2018
specific agenda item to discuss HSAW are held.	& 01.08.2018.
specific agenualitem to discuss his avviate field.	Q 01,00,2010.
7. Stoff are activaly involved in implementing USAM	
7. Staff are actively involved in implementing HSAW	
policy and ensuring safe workplace.	

Recommendation

That the Budget Report and Project Progress Report to 31 August 2018 be received.

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

Financial Reports to 31st August 2018

Please find attached the following reports YTD Balance Sheet and YTD Profit & Loss

- 1. Profit & Loss 1 September 2017 to 31st August 2018
- 2. Balance Sheet 1 September 2017 to 31st August 2018
- 3. BNZ Statement of Accounts as at 31st August 2018

RECOMMENDATION

That Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet to 31st August 2018, be received.

Jilli Steedman SECRETARY 10 October 2018

Taranaki Fish and Game Council 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018

	31 Aug 18
Income	
Contracts	4,889
Fish Licence Sales 2016-2017	2,623
Fish Licence Sales 2016-2017 Agent	4,332
Fish Licence Sales 2017/2018	36,768
Fish Licence Sales 2017-2018 Agent	49,914
Game Licence Sales 2017 Agent	66
Game Licence Sales 2017 Internet	42
Game Licence Sales 2018 Agent	76,917
Game Licence Sales 2018 Internet	13,177
Gas Gun Rental	560
Grants Received	188,820
Interest Income	12,587
Interest Income MRP	12
Kid's Fishing Days	the control of the co
Non-Resident Licence Revenue	1,180
	1,920
Summer Season permit sales Total Income	417
	394,224
Gross Profit	394,224
Plus Other Income	
Donations	112
Liberations - Other	11,000
Manganuioteao River Riparian Project Income	35,798
Total Other Income	46,910
Less Operating Expenses	
ACC Levy	311
Angling promotions	864
Audit	5,670
Bank Charges	80
Cleaning Administration Building	1,349
Clubs	300
Commission on Sales	6,775
Council Catering	5,302
Council Elections	707
Council Meeting Expenses	
Council Travel	611
	3,484
Council Venue hire	80
Depreciation	24,148
Equipment Maintenance	1,175
Eyede Charges - Inc GST	176
Eyede Charges No GST	1,298
F & G Magazine	3,000

Profit & Loss

	3	1 Aug 18
Field Equip -Purchases (Under \$2,000)		885
Field Equipment Maintenance		108
Fish Food Costs		2,333
Fish Ova Costs		1,466
Fish Population Monitoring		165
Fringe Benefit Tax		987
Gamebird Dispersal		1,852
Gamebird Habitat Management & Enhancement		7,716
Gamebird Population Monitoring		7,956
Hatchery		2,900
Hatchery Insurance		613
Hatchery Power		380
Hunter Access		269
Hunting & Angling Promotions		2,190
Insurance - General		2,498
Kids Fishing Days		5,089
Licence Agents		1,470
Management Contract		100,333
Manganuioteao River Riparian Project Expenses		49,245
National Hunter Survey		2,880
Office General (was Petty cash)		355
Office Premises Rent		30,028
Other Liberations		10,807
Other Reporting / OSH		346
Photocopying		32
Polaris side x side		581
Postage		1,598
Power Administration Building		1,429
Purchases (Under 2,000)		600
Ranger Catering & Travel		2,041
Ranger Management		242
Ranger Training		250
Regional Newsletter		6,743
Salaries		145,428
Security		191
Signage		1,234
Sports Fish Habitat Management & Enhancement		6,510
Staff Expenses		136
Staff Training		887
Stationery		1,531
Subscriptions		515
Taranaki Hunting & Habitat Project	en e	7,923
Telephone/fax		6,582
Trailer - Hatchery		301
Trailer - Side X Side		127
Vehicle Fuel & RUC		8,447
Vehicle Insurance		2,405

Profit & Loss

	31 Aug 18
Vehicle Maintenance	3,520
Vehicle Registration (1995)	784
Total Operating Expenses	488,240
Net Profit	(47,107)

Taranaki Fish and Game Council As at 31 August 2018

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Balance Sheet

	31 Aug 2018
Hunting & Habitat Scheme	373,183
Manganuioteao River Riparian Project	7,027
Total Equity	509,323



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Statement of Accounts as at 31 August 2018

Your Accounts at a Glance



Account	Account Number	Maturity Date	Balance
Non Profit Org A/C	02-0792-0332133-000		80,596.87
MRP	02-0792-0332133-001		2,094.60

Your Other Accounts at a Glance



Account	Account Number	Maturity Date	Balance
Term Deposit	36332133-03031	07 Sep 2018	368,071.89

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

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

Correspondence Schedules

Please find attached Inwards and Outwards correspondence schedules to 10 October 2018.

RECOMMENDATION

That Inwards and Outwards correspondence schedules to, 10 October 2018 as shown on pages 84 & 85, be received.

Jilli Steedman SECRETARY 10 October 2018