



TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL

AGENDA PAPERS COUNCIL MEETING

**MONDAY
12th JUNE 2023**

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

Taranaki Region

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TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL
AGENDA

MONDAY 12 JUNE 2023
TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM

COMMENCING AT 7:00PM

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL, HELD AT WAITARA DISTRICT SERVICES & CITIZENS CLUB, 16 QUEEN STREET, WAITARA
25 MARCH 2023 COMMENCING AT 10:00AM.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10.00am

1. PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Acting Manager Allen Stancliff, and Secretary Jilli Steedman and Morrie Leathart.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Jacob Morison and Blu Cumberworth.

MOVED SARGESON / NANCARROW

THAT THE APOLOGIES RECEIVED BE SUSTAINED

CARRIED

3. The Chairman welcomed Councillors, staff, and Morrie Leathart to the meeting.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were none identified that had not been notified at previous meetings.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 18 FEBRUARY 2023

MOVED POTROZ / NANCARROW

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 18th FEBRUARY 2023 AT RAETIHI BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

CARRIED.

6. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Karalus noted that the Taungatara Stream would now be included in the 5-year Strategic Plan for baseline information in 2026/27, along with Otakeho Stream.

The Chairman noted that Agenda Item 7. Minutes of Public Excluded Meeting 18th February 2023 will be included with his chairman's report.

8. AGENDA MANAGEMENT & 5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

Te Atiawa were invited and sent an agenda for this meeting. Councillors discussed ways to have more involvement with Iwi.

The Acting Manager, Allen Stancliff noted that the 2023/2024 draft fish season regulations will be presented at the next meeting and asked that Councillors consider and provide any changes required.

9. RISK REGISTER

MOVED POTROZ / NANCARROW

THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL RECEIVE THE MARCH 2023 RISK REGISTER.
CARRIED

10. HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

Allen and Jacob have passed the theory test for drone training and noted that the practical test will be held at Massey University.

MOVED NANCARROW / MCEWEN

THAT THE ACTING MANAGER'S HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT, BE RECEIVED
CARRIED

11. 2023 TROUT RELEASE SCHEDULE

Exact numbers of trout held at the hatchery will not be known until after fin clipping has been done but should be around 1,600.

Councillors discussed the increased cost of trout sourced from the Ngongataha hatchery. Councillor Flynn thought that Charitable Trusts could be approached for funding for the Lake Rotomanu fish release. In relation to the monitoring of trout released into the lower Patea River it is likely Manawa Energy will agree to access to the power station tailrace in late autumn/winter if a hazard control plan was prepared and a safety induction undertaken.

Councillors noted their appreciation of Graham Lowe Protein for supporting the continued presence of the trout hatchery on their land.

Councillor Blewman inquired about setting up the Hawera Hatchery as a charitable Trust and that costings for this should be obtained from a legal firm.

Councillor Karalus noted the yearling trout released into the upper Waiaua River in 2022 and that there had been no indications so far that any have been caught. He also queried the 150 trout for Lake Rotomanu in addition to the Ngongataha release and wondered if there was a fishery that could benefit from more trout releases.

MOVED NANCARROW / SARGESON

1. THAT TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL RECEIVE THIS PROPOSED 2023 RELEASE SCHEDULE

2. THAT STAFF INVESTIGATE OBTAINING 1,000 BROWN TROUT OVA FROM NGONGATAHA

CARRIED

12. DRAFT 2023 / 2024 ANNUAL OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN AND BUDGET

The TWO contestable fund bids for Taranaki were explained to Councillors.

MOVED BLEWMAN / KARALUS

THAT THE DRAFT 2023/2024 ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET BE RECEIVED AND TWO CONTESTABLE FUND APPLICATIONS BE APPROVED
CARRIED

13. 2022/2023 LICENCE SALES REPORT

MOVED POTROZ / NANCARROW

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

14. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman noted his communications with Paul Dewar (Wellington Fish & Game Chairman), and discussions with Collier Isaac and New Plymouth staff.

MOVED NANCARROW / FLYNN

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

CARRIED

Staff and visitor left the meeting.

MOVED KARALUS / NANCARROW

THAT VISITOR AND STAFF BE READMITTED

CARRIED

MOVED FLYNN / SARGESON

THAT PUBLIC EXCLUDED RESOLUTIONS BE MOVED INTO PUBLIC FORUM

CARRIED

MOVED KARALUS / POTROZ

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED MEETING HELD ON 25 MARCH 2023 BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

CARRIED

The Chairman introduced a late Agenda Item.

Taranaki Fish & Game Council has received an invitation from Te Arawhiti (The Office for Māori Crown Relations) for representatives to attend a ceremony at Aotearoa Marae, Okaiawa on Friday 31st March at 11am, where Ngā Iwi o Taranaki and the Crown will be initialling a Collective Redress Deed (Te Ruru Pūtakerongo) for Taranaki Maunga. The Chairman noted that unfortunately he will not be able to attend. The Acting Manager will attend but the Chairman thought it best if he was accompanied by one of the Councillors. Councillor Blewman noted his wish to attend.

MOVED KARALUS / FLYNN

THAT THE TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY AT AOTEAROA MARAE ON FRIDAY 31ST MARCH 2023

CARRIED

MOVED DONALD / SARGESON

THAT THE CHAIRMAN'S VERBAL REPORT BE RECEIVED

CARRIED

15. NATIONAL COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Karalus noted that there hasn't been a National Council Meeting since the last meeting of Taranaki Fish & Game. Councillor Karalus noted that NZC had set up a Research Strategy Working Group, a Future Finance Working Group and a Review Implementation Working Group.

MOVED KARALS / NANCARROW
THAT THE NATIONAL COUNCILLORS VERBAL REPORT BE RECEIVED
CARRIED

Break for Lunch 12:30
Reconvened 1:10

16. WORK PLAN TO AND BUDGET PROGRESS REPORT TO 28 FEBRUARY 2023

Allen Stancliff advised Councillors on ranging during the summer Paradise Shelduck season.

Paul Blewman noted that there is a need to spray Raupo at Hawken's Lagoon next spring.

MOVED NANCARROW / SARGESON

THAT THE BUDGET REPORT TO 28 FEBRUARY 2023 AND THE PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT TO 10 MARCH 2023, BE RECEIVED
CARRIED

17. PROFIT & LOSS AND BALANCE SHEET

MOVED NANCARROW / SARGESON

THAT THE PROFIT & LOSS AND BALANCE SHEET TO 28 FEBRUARY 2023, BE RECEIVED
CARRIED

18. CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED POTROZ / KARALUS

THAT INWARDS AND OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE SCHEDULES TO 15 MARCH 2023, BE RECEIVED
CARRIED

19. GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor Potroz noted the Inglewood Rod, Gun and Recreation Club appreciated the donation of Fish & Game caps as prizes given out at the clay bird shoot held on 18th March 2023.

20. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting will be held in New Plymouth on 10th June 2023.

21. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2:00pm.

APPROVED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

CHAIRMAN _____

DATE _____

TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish & Game Council

AGENDA MANAGEMENT

Council should do the following things;

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

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

Allen Stancliff
Acting Regional Manager
23 May 2023

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ACTION LIST ARISING FROM COUNCIL DECISIONS

Subject	Responsible	Target Date	Item Update – Actions Required

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ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA PROGRAM

Meeting	Board	Operational	Statutory	Strategic/Policy
18 February 2023 Raetihi	All Board Items	All Operational Items, to be received	Confirm Game Season Regulations.	Review 5 Year Strategic Plan
25 March 2023 Waitara	All Board Items	All Operational Items, to be received	Consider Draft 2023/2024 Annual Operational Work Plan & Budget.	
10 June 2023 New Plymouth	All Board Items.	All Operational Items, to be Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fish Season Regs. Licence fee recommendation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominations for Bruce McKenzie Memorial Award
19 August 2023 Whanganui	All Board Items.	All Operational Items, to be Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt 2023 / 2024 Annual Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive nominations for Bruce McKenzie Memorial Award
14 October 2023 Opunake	All Board Items.	All Operational Items, to be Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Year Project Reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
9 December 2023 meeting and AGM Raetihi	All Board Items.	All Operational Items, to be Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 Game Gazette Notice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 meeting dates

2022/23 – 2026/27 Strategic Plan

Approved:

Work Area <i>(why are we undertaking this objective?)</i>	Key Result <i>(what are we actually doing and how this contributes to objective?)</i>	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
<p>Participation</p> <p>Add value to our licence holders to increase their success and satisfaction so they remain in the sport</p> <p>Recruit (and re-activate) new licence holders to protect revenue required for effective management and to maintain</p>	<p>Signage</p> <p>Provide anglers with helpful on-site information re access, regulations and techniques to make it easier to go fishing</p> <p>Licence holder contact</p> <p>Contact licence holders (mail, email, social media and individually by phone or face to</p>	<p>Replace or erect new signs on rivers and lakes around the region consistent with the priorities identified.</p> <p>2 -3 signs replaced per year</p> <p>Regulation information signs on Retaruke and Whanganui Rivers (Te Araroa trail users)</p> <p>Review Ruatiti information sign and update as necessary. <i>By Aug 2023 identify any changes and agree process to upgrade with other parties</i></p> <p>Produce Taranaki fishing newsletter sent to licence holders shortly after the start of each season</p> <p>Produce Taranaki hunting newsletter sent to licence holders and RD box holders prior to each season</p> <p>Produce 1-page magazine supplement for each issue of F&G Magazine</p> <p>Implement and utilise social media including Facebook consistent with National Office policy</p> <p>Develop and utilise licence holder email list to highlight information of specific value such as upcoming children's fishing days.</p>				

<p>support for and recognition of the importance of fish & game resources and their use</p>	<p>face) to share information that encourages and assists users to make best use of the F&G resource</p>	<p>Information on 2023 fishing days emailed to licence holders</p>
<p>Angling and hunting web pages</p> <p>How to and where to go information is readily available, easily understood and up to date to assist & guide licence holders and prospective participants</p>	<p>Work with National Office to add information to the new F&G website.</p> <p>Review information and effectiveness of web links annually or when issue identified.</p> <p><i>Information is current and easily found</i></p> <p>Introduction to duck hunting opportunities in the Taranaki Region</p> <p><i>Draft text and video links prepared by Aug 2023 for incorporation into new F&G website</i></p>	
<p>Children and family fishing days and opportunities</p> <p>Provide opportunities for children and families to go fishing easily and on an ongoing basis, so they potentially become lifelong anglers. To engender support for fishing and the activities of Fish &</p>	<p>Explore options for ongoing fishing opportunities for kids and families based on local ponds and threshold experiences.</p> <p>Identify and explore future options for Stratford by Aug 2023</p>	<p>Implement preferred options</p> <p>Implement preferred option for Stratford kids fishing programme</p>

<p><i>Game among the general public</i></p>	<p>Liaise annually with the Department of Conservation (Tongariro National Trout Centre Turangi) regarding the availability of rainbow trout for autumn release into Sattler's Dam. Explore options to enhance the habitat at Sattler's Dam.</p>				
		<p>Incorporate national branding and approaches as per R3 strategy in Children's Fishing Programme</p>			
		<p>Undertake review of fishing opportunities provided at Lake Mangamahoe</p>			
<p>Increase participation <i>Encourage past and prospective hunters and anglers into the sport through initiatives which make it easy to have a go and/ or provide support.</i></p>			<p>Explore and develop mentoring schemes for hunters including public instruction/ information days.</p> <p><i>Identify possible option(s) by Aug 2023</i></p> <p><i>Implement most promising option identified by May 2024</i></p>	<p>Review and refine mentoring programmes</p>	<p>Review and refine hunters' package</p>
					<p>Review and refine anglers' package in response to feedback</p>
					<p>Develop web based introductory package for anglers and hunters utilising information on the new F&G website and highlighting easy opportunities including access and methods to get started.</p>

<p>Angler & hunter aspirations <i>In order to best manage the resource and opportunities in the best interests of anglers & hunters it is essential to understand the aspirations of Taranaki licence holders and what they seek from their fishing & hunting experience.</i></p>	<p>Survey of aspirations of trout anglers</p>	<p>Survey of aspirations of duck hunters</p>	<p>Re-survey of aspirations of upland game hunters</p>	<p>Re-survey of aspirations of duck hunters</p>	
<p>Improve angler/hunter access <i>Fundamental to participation is that licence holders need to be able to readily access and utilise the available fish & game populations.</i></p>	<p>Continue to explore opportunities for increased angling access around Lake Mangamahoe through provision of third angling platform. <i>Agreements and funding in place by Aug 2024</i></p>	<p>Review and refine permit process and conditions for gamebird hunting</p>	<p>Review how new permit system is working</p>	<p>Review effectiveness of strategy and implementation</p>	
<p>Manage hunter behaviour</p>	<p>Implement strategy to achieve appropriate hunter behaviour. <i>Initial actions in place by May 2023</i></p>	<p>Review access information and where appropriate identify contact details/ negotiate access. <i>Complete Waingongo review Aug 2024</i> <i>Review Kaupokonui River access (including Mangawhero Stream) by Aug 2023</i></p>			

<p><i>Maximise hunter enjoyment and participation and also general public support so as to minimise the threat to the sport from anti-hunting groups</i></p>			
<p>Promote table qualities of the resource. <i>An important part of the sport is the taking of prime food for the table, and which adds additional value to their sport. Making use of shot game as a natural, healthy food also makes hunting more acceptable to the general public</i></p>	<p>Locate and publicise quality trout and perch recipes, including those in the Fish & Game cookbook</p>	<p>Review and collate suitable game bird recipes online</p>	
<p>Minimise barriers <i>An effective network of licence administration minimises the barriers to purchasing a licence, and in turn can add significant value for the purchaser in terms of providing information and equipment.</i></p>	<p>Provide support, service and upskilling of licence agents to operate as effective licence outlets and sources of valued information on opportunities and techniques.</p>		

	<p><i>Utilise simple, consistent and easy to understand regulations that are both effective and that minimise uncertainty and reluctance to have a go</i></p>	<p>Review regulations annually with an objective to achieve simplicity and consistency across the region and between regions as opportunities allow. Ensure information is easy to find and follow.</p>
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Work Area <i>(why are we undertaking this objective?)</i>	Key Result <i>(what are we actually doing and how this contributes to objective?)</i>	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Sports fish monitoring and management To obtain necessary information and undertake effective management actions to sustainably manage sports fish populations across the region so as to foster angler success and satisfaction such that they remain in the sport.	Obtain baseline information for key streams To better understand key fisheries and identify threats and opportunities to the maintenance of important angling resources	Investigate Waingongoro River fishery to determine current status and identify threats and opportunities (yr 1 of 2).	Assess juvenile recruitment in the Waiongana/Waigaoraka Stream catchment to compare with baseline information from other catchment surveys. Complete review of Waingongoro River fishery (yr 2 of 2).	Assess and report on the fishery in the Manganui River and tributaries	Assess and report on the fishery in the Tokiahuru/Waitaiki Stream. Otakeho Stream. Taungatara Stream	Assess and report on the fishery in the Tokiahuru/Waitaiki Stream. Otakeho Stream. Taungatara Stream
Investigate value of stocking specific streams and lakes To ensure any stocking programme is effective in terms of an increased return to the angler, is socially appropriate and a sound use of what are limited resources	Investigate value of stocking specific streams and lakes To ensure any stocking programme is effective in terms of an increased return to the angler, is socially appropriate and a sound use of what are limited resources	Prepare and undertake annual stocking plan <i>Achieve proposed stocking programme each year.</i> Undertake further trial releases of 2yr old trout into lower Patea River Monitor success of 2017-2021 trout releases into the lower Patea River.	Prepare and undertake annual stocking plan <i>Achieve proposed stocking programme each year.</i> Undertake further trial releases of 2yr old trout into lower Patea River	Review results and develop position on release of trout into lower Patea River	Review results and develop position on release of trout into lower Patea River	Review stocking plan
Investigate opportunities to restore fisheries	Investigate opportunities to restore fisheries			Assess juvenile recruitment along the		

	<p>Some previously important fisheries have declined over time and there may be opportunities to restore some of these to the benefit of local anglers</p>			<p>Timaru Stream following removal of the Tataaimaka weir to document effects on fish passage.</p>		
	<p>Angler surveys & diaries These provide a mechanism to effectively monitor many of the regions fisheries which otherwise would be outside the resources available to F&G. This information is important for assessing angler satisfaction, making management responses including regulation setting and also in promoting the importance of the fishery in resource consent and community processes</p>	<p>Undertake angler diary scheme programme annually. Each year promote the scheme and produce an annual report of results</p>				
<p>Hatchery Stocking appropriate waterways with trout</p>		<p>Maintain effective hatchery operations utilising volunteer support</p>	<p>Review diary system and effectiveness</p>		<p>Review options for the hatchery to</p>	<p>Implement decisions</p>

	<p><i>is an effective way to increase angling opportunity. In particular stocking man-made lakes and impoundments close to urban centres can be highly valued by family and other groups contributing to a healthier lifestyle and enhancing support for fishing and F&G whilst not impacting unreasonably on indigenous fish species. It is also an important tool to introduce budding anglers to fishing and protecting the licence base</i></p>		<p>ensure that hatchery operation is efficient, effective and sustainable re meeting future stocking requirements. Will be influenced by the National Council stocking review, R3 needs also community/ iwi aspirations.</p>	
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<p>Gamebird monitoring and investigations</p> <p>To obtain necessary information and undertake effective management actions to sustainably manage gamebird populations across the region to maximise hunter satisfaction so they remain in the sport.</p>	<p>Mallard Duck monitoring</p> <p>Obtaining an accurate estimate of the duck population annually to set season regulations is fraught with difficulties and is resource intensive.</p> <p>Furthermore the regulation setting timetable means substantial population changes may occur between any monitoring and regulation setting and the new hunting season. However potentially hunting mortality may either be negligible, compensatory and/or naturally reduce when populations</p>	<p>Implement banding protocol for Whanganui area.</p> <p>Review site selection and undertake full banding 2022 – 2024 including recovery of bands.</p> <p>Complete report of banding results August 2024</p>		<p>Review monitoring programme for the region taking into account banding results and including regulation setting requirements</p>		
		<p>Undertake annual aerial counts of dabbling duck transects across the Taranaki ringplain</p> <p>Count data is summarised in annual discussion paper re recommended Game Gazette conditions.</p>			<p>Review effectiveness and value of the monitoring programme.</p>	
		<p>Participate in and meet data entry requirements for the National Hunter Survey</p> <p>Target for number of interviews is achieved and data summarised in annual discussion paper re recommended Game Gazette conditions</p>				

<p>are low anyway. The alternative approach if the population is robust & hunting mortality is relatively minor is to focus on maintaining consistent regulations which allow for a reasonable bag and season length at minimal risk to the population. This manages hunter expectations and allows them to invest with some certainty to the future while freeing up management resources</p>	
<p>Paradise shelduck monitoring Paradise shelduck are an important resource for Taranaki hunters. However in large numbers they can impact on farming operations. Numbers can be effectively</p>	
<p>Undertake paradise shelduck moult counts across the region in January each year.</p> <p><i>Produce an annual report detailing trends in numbers</i></p> <p>Implement recommendations from review of moult sites monitored and how the data is reported.</p> <p>Review count methods including efficiency, effectiveness and cost of returning to aerial counts</p>	

<p>monitored by undertaking moult counts across the region and the information used to manage numbers sufficient to provide valued hunting opportunities without unreasonably impacting on landowners</p>	<p>in hill country and coastal areas</p> <p>Review hunting regulations for paradise shelduck and including possible Area boundaries</p>		
<p>Pukeko monitoring <i>Large aggregations of pukeko create problems for landowners and create a hunting opportunity for licence holders. However over much of the region numbers are very low so it is essential to have sound monitoring information so as to set effective regulations which maximise opportunity while ensuring the</i></p>	<p>Investigate re-starting April pukeko monitoring in the Whanganui area (last carried out in 2016 & 2017)</p>	<p>Implement pukeko monitoring in the Whanganui area if practical and effective.</p>	<p>Review monitoring methodology and implement recommendations.</p>
	<p>Undertake monitoring of Taranaki ring plain pukeko populations.</p> <p><i>Count data is summarised in annual discussion paper re recommended Game Gazette conditions.</i></p>		<p>Review monitoring methodology and implement recommendations.</p>

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

Work Area (why are we undertaking this objective?)	Key Result (what are we actually doing and how this contributes to objective?)	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
<p>Compliance Protect resource sustainability and user experience to maintain licence holder satisfaction</p>	<p>Compliance Make best use of available resources to implement the objectives of the Compliance Policy so as to best protect the sports fish & game resource and its use</p>	<p>Review Compliance Strategy</p> <p>Undertake effective opening day ranging across the region and at other key times or in response to identified issues.</p> <p><i>Annual compliance report presented to Council</i></p>	<p>Consider other options to undertake compliance if and when these become available</p>			
	<p>Honorary Rangers Safe use of honorary rangers to provide effective and valued compliance coverage across the Taranaki region</p>	<p>Ranger training in implementing R3 principles</p> <p><i>All rangers receive introduction to R3</i></p> <p>Recruit and train new Rangers as required.</p>	<p>Ranger warrant renewals Paperwork submitted by Aug 2024</p>	<p>Review use and effectiveness of honorary ranger system</p>	<p>Ensure all Rangers are up to date with training (CERT 1-day refresher).</p>	<p>Ranger warrant renewals Paperwork submitted by Aug 2027</p>

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

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

<p><i>In the face of an increasing urban population and support for indigenous biodiversity to ensure hunting & fishing is valued by the general public who recognise that these activities contribute to wider good such as a better environment and healthy lifestyle/ kai and in turn support protecting these resources and the opportunity to participate.</i></p>	<p>Community Involvement & Advocacy <i>Actively seek to contribute to the wider community as part of undertaking F&G activities and highlight these broader benefits to engender wider support for F&G, angling and hunting.</i></p>	<p>Recognise and pursue opportunities to contribute to the wider community as part of undertaking core F&G activities.</p> <p><i>Participate in Wild for Taranaki</i> <i>Contribute to and support the activities of Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust</i></p> <p>Take opportunities to work with community and industry groups on habitat improvement and river restoration projects and initiatives</p>
<p>Effective use of the Media <i>Maintain positive profile which encourages prospective participants and fosters support and understanding among the general public.</i></p>	<p>Review media strategy</p> <p>Implement revised strategy</p> <p>Post regularly on the Council's Facebook page on F&G activity and up-and-coming events.</p> <p>Review and regularly update information on the F&G website.</p>	<p>Review media strategy</p>

Work Area (why are we undertaking this objective?)	Key Result (what are we actually doing and how this contributes to objective?)	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Habitat management Protecting / improving habitat for sports fish & game is a fundamental and effective means to sustaining the fish & game resource in the interests of licence holders	Taranaki Natural Resources Plan Sports fish and game habitat will be better protected by effective provisions in this Plan. This will also limit the resources F&G expends on addressing individual consent applications freeing these resources up to be used elsewhere Effectively engage in RMA consent processes. In the absence of greater direction in regional plans it is necessary to engage in individual consent applications to ensure protection of Fish and Game resources and access to these	Actively engage in the process to protect and enhance the interests of Taranaki hunters and anglers. Process deadlines to contribute and submit are met.				
		Engage in relevant specific consent applications to protect F&G interests Seek favourable environmental outcomes as part of Manawa Energy's (formerly Trustpower) consenting of the Mangorei and Motukawa hydro schemes.		Review strategic approach re: engagement in individual consent processes.		

	<i>(Dependent on progress with Taranaki Natural Resources Plan)</i>		
		Establish environmental award	
		Work with other parties to remove the Timaru Stream Weir	
		Explore options to remove the "Riverlands Eitham" weir on the Waingongo River and improve fish passage at the Normanby weir.	
		Promote and explore opportunities to improve water quality in Lake Rotomanu	
		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. <i>At least 3 applications to GBHT & H&H fund per year</i>	
		Keep up to date with current predator control techniques and operations and actively seek to promote effective programmes as opportunities arise.	
		Orautoha/Manganuioteao riparian protection works. <i>Complete annual work programme as per funding application. Apply for new funding if there is sufficient interest from landowners.</i>	
Habitat enhancement Take opportunities by working co-operatively to share knowledge, promote, fund and encourage landowners and community groups to improve habitat for the benefit of sports fish, gamebird species and indigenous biodiversity and fishing and hunting opportunity			

Work Area (why are we undertaking this objective?)	Key Result (what are we actually doing and how this contributes to objective?)	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
<p>Planning & Administration</p> <p>The Taranaki Sports Fish & Game Management Plan is a statutory requirement and formally reflects the aspirations of hunters and anglers. The Plan provides high level direction and guidance for management activities and also other</p>	<p>Review Management Plan</p> <p>The Plan is required to be reviewed in whole no later than 10 years after it was approved. Any review will include the opportunity for submissions by hunters and anglers and F&G will also consult with other parties, iwi and agencies as appropriate and consistent with Treaty of Waitangi</p>	<p>Seek 3-year extension to the Plan review to allow review to occur following regional amalgamations</p>			<p>Undertake plan review to incorporate any changes in F&G organisation from ministerial and internal reviews and amalgamations. Actively involve iwi and community in this plan as well as hunters and anglers</p>	

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

<p><i>administration with accurate reporting to support sound financial management and efficient use of resources in the best interests of the licence holder and fish & game resource</i></p>	<p><i>reflects the aspirations of hunters and anglers</i></p>	<p>Focus on governance Achieve appropriate diversity across the Council and provide Councillors with professional governance support to best represent the interests of all licence holders</p>	<p>Identify possible options and strategies to increase the diversity of Council</p>	<p>Review and update governance policy</p>	<p>Co-ordinate Council Election</p>	<p>Implement key options identified</p>	
		<p>Undertake governance training provided nationally</p>			<p>Undertake governance training</p>		
		<p>Simplify operational outputs and coding</p>		<p>Implement any outcomes of National Council financial review</p>			
		<p>Provide effective and helpful reporting while minimising unnecessary detail and the time and resources this involves which</p>					

	<p>can be used elsewhere</p>					
<p>New Plymouth and Whanganui offices Provide effective and healthy office space including storage which is also obvious and accessible to our users and the general public</p>	<p>Administrative improvements Make best use of new systems and technology to maximise administrative efficiencies and minimise costs so resources are available for use elsewhere</p>					
<p>Support for Council Provide valued support to</p>	<p>Recommend changes to 5-Year Strategic Plan, prepare draft Annual Operational Plan and draft Performance Report</p>					
	<p>Prepare concise and complete agenda papers including with a recommended course of action</p>					

	<p><i>Council which facilitates effective Council governance and operation</i></p> <p>Health & Safety <i>Maintain effective systems to ensure a safe and healthy working environment and the safety of staff and visitors</i></p>	<p>Implement and review Health & Safety Policy, Manual and systems and processes as per identified timetable.</p> <p><i>Annual audit and other identified requirements are reported to Council</i></p>
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Review: February 2024 Council Meeting

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

RISK REGISTER JUNE 2023

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

The risk level for H&S Covid-19 remains steady given that case numbers have gradually increased in recent weeks in what is described as a fourth wave. Staff will follow government requirements to isolate for 7 days if they get sick with Covid-19 or will test daily for 5 days if a household contact gets sick. All staff can work from home if Covid-19 again becomes widespread in the region.

Owing to a focus on indigenous species, the legislative change that will come with the passing of the Natural and Built Environment Bill, which replaces the RMA, may strip Fish & Game of its statutory mandate to advocate for the protection of the habitat of trout and salmon. The NZFGC has made a submission on Council's behalf and appeared before the Select Committee, however the outcome is still uncertain. There is also a risk that Fish & Games statutory mandate could be under threat with the impending review of the Wildlife/Conservation Acts.

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

The Ministerial Review of Fish & Game clearly has implications in respect of operational matters including longer term resourcing, as well as representation and hunter and angler support. A working group from each of the Taranaki and Wellington Fish & Game Councils is coming together to progress amalgamation and develop a draft regional operational model.

RECOMMENDATION

That Taranaki Fish & Game Council receive the June 2023 Risk Register

Allen Stancliff

Acting Regional Manager

23 May 2023

RISK REGISTER & RISK TREATMENT ACTION PLAN - TARANAKI FISH & GAME - MAY 2023

Risk Type	Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Actions already in place	Person Responsible	Further Actions Required (if any)
1 Operational	Data loss from computer virus, data corruption	Possible - 3	Moderate - 3	New computers with up to date anti-virus protection. Have moved to cloud based software and document storage. Regular backup of cloud data is being actioned nationally, as well as cyber-insurance in case systems	Office administrator	
2 Operational	Lack of capacity to undertake core roles effectively	Possible - 3	Major - 4	New field officer based in New Plymouth appointed on 2-year fixed term contract. Skilled & experienced staff in place and available to work together where necessary. Staff can work from home if necessary because of Covid-19. Use of volunteer rangers and hatchery workers	Chairperson/Council	Consider other options to complete work plan. Keep volunteers in the loop to retain their support
3 Operational	Review of Sports Fish & Game Management Plan is not completed by expiry date of current plan (Aug 2021)	Likely - 4	Moderate - 3	A 3-year extension to the Review is being sought from the Minister of Conservation. It is difficult to engage meaningfully with licence holders, iwi and other agencies until regional amalgamation is complete.	Manager	Await final decision on regional amalgamation. OWP's will need approval by Minister of Conservation if no Mgt Plan in place
4 Health & Safety	Health and Safety related event resulting in significant harm or injury to staff, contractors or volunteers	Possible - 3	Major - 4	Ensure staff and volunteers comply with Health and Safety Policy and processes. Ensure H&S manual is current and regular reviews, staff meetings and auditing occurs as scheduled. Report on H&S as regular agenda item.	Manager	Ongoing identification of new hazards.
5 Health & Safety	Under Covid-19 staff are put in situations that could jeopardise their health or others around them	Likely - 4	Major - 4	Respond and adhere to conditions or directives imposed by Government that include work place conditions and safety, personal protective gear, etc. Follow recommended best practice.	Manager	Implement further work place and personal protective measures as identified and/or required. Require staff to work from home.
6 Species Management	Fish - severe weather or geomorphological events impacting on fish population at a local or regional scale	Almost certain - 5	Moderate - 3	Unable to mitigate. Recognise that wild populations will rebound and carry out regular monitoring of key populations to identify changes.	Manager	
7 Species Management	Game and Fish - climate induced events i.e., drought impacting on gamebird population	Almost certain - 5	Moderate - 3	Unable to mitigate. Carry out regular monitoring of key populations to identify changes. Recognise that some events may be positive for some species	Manager	
8 Species Management	Decline of Taranaki ring-plain fishery due to reductions in water quality and quantity	Likely - 4	Major - 4	Take planning and individual consent opportunities under the RMA to promote maintenance of suitable water flows and water quality to sustain viable trout fisheries around the ring-plain	Manager/ Field Officer - Taranaki	Engage in the Taranaki Natural Resources Plan process and resource consents. Continue to monitor ring-plain fisheries
9 Species Management	Culling/ poisoning of paradise shelduck populations	Possible - 3	Major - 4	Work closely and proactively with landowners and farmers to manage problem aggregations of paradise shelduck. Hold Special Season where appropriate. Monitor population trends.	Manager/Field Officer	
10 Species Management	Political - Status of indigenous biodiversity is promoted over that of sports fish by statutory agencies and legislation	Likely - 4	Major - 4	Promote freshwater fishing as a valid recreational pursuit with significant financial, recreational & health benefits and as kai for resident and non-resident anglers. Portray F&G in positive light as an environmental organisation. Promote strong ethics amongst anglers. Clarify interaction of native fish and sports fish based on science. Maintain close working relationships with iwi and other agencies to achieve the best outcomes for all freshwater species.	Manager	Proactively engage with iwi, MP's and other groups as opportunities arise. Undertake a public awareness campaign to mobilise support for Fish & Game to retain its statutory mandate.

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

TARANAKI Risk Matrix

Impact	5	Reduced Grant			
	4	Lack of capacity		Sports vs Indigenous fish debate. Legislative change	
				Decline in water quantity/ quality	
		Loss of reputation		Change in structure	
		Conflict of Interest			
		H&S		H&S - Covid-19	
	3	Financial (Covid-19)			
		Illegal culls		Decline in licence revenue	
		Data Loss			
	2				
				Severe weather / climate	
	1			Management Plan review delayed	
			3	4	5
			Likelihood		

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

HEALTH AND SAFETY – JUNE 2023

Background

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

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

Update

1. New issues or hazards	
None	

3. Ongoing issues	
Cars illegally changing lanes at New Plymouth Mangorei Road lights potentially causing an accident.	Keep well left in the left lane. Be prepared to take evasive action, using horn and heavy braking.
Winter driving in wet / low light conditions	Watch out for potholes and maintain greater following distances in wet/poor light conditions. Ensure good tyre condition/tread depth.
Covid-19 response	Staff are maintaining a watching brief in readiness to follow any government directives if there is another surge in Covid-19. Staff will isolate for 7-days if they test positive for Covid-19 and will RAT test daily for 5 days if someone in their household tests positive. Two staff are triple vaccinated, one has had a fifth. One staff member has had their 2023 flu vaccination.

4. Audits, reviews and meetings	
<p>HSE included as agenda item for staff meeting</p> <p>Staff check use of PPE gear by others in the field.</p> <p>Drone Training</p> <p>Hazard Control Plans due for review</p>	<p>Staff meeting held 30 May 2023</p> <p>PPE checked during April pukeko and mallard counts and during wetland visits. Trip plans logged with regular reporting.</p> <p>Online course through Massey Uni School of Aviation passed successfully by two field staff. Practical in Palmerston North has been delayed owing to other work priorities impacting on training time.</p> <p>Hatchery & Fish Releases due June 2023. Hazard & Substance Register June 2023.</p>
5. Accidents	
NIL	
6. Near misses and injuries	
None	

Allen Stancliff

Acting Regional Manager

30 May 2023

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

2023/24 DRAFT TARANAKI ANGLERS' NOTICE

In response to headwater erosion events in the Waiaua and Stony rivers, the Council amended the 2022/23 Anglers' Notice to set a zero bag limit for brown trout in the Waiaua River and Lake Opunake with a 1-fish limit for rainbow trout and methods restricted to fly and spin fishing only; and a zero bag limit for brown trout in the Stony (Hangatahua) River.

Brown trout populations in these rivers are still very much in recovery mode and at the time of writing Opunake Lake and the Opunake power scheme was still shut down. A limited release of 100 hatchery rainbow trout yearlings was made into the upper Waiaua River on 15th November 2022, but none were reported caught by anglers during the remainder of the season. It is therefore recommended that the current provisions remain in the 2023/24 Anglers' Notice.

There is an issue in relation to impending changes to the official geographic names of the Stony and Warea rivers. Following the initialling of the Taranaki Maunga collective redress deed (Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo) by Ngā Iwi o Taranaki and the Crown on 31st March 2023, and then ratification of the deed by the eight iwi of Taranaki and passage of the collective redress legislation through Parliament, the names of these rivers will be officially changed to Hangatahua River and Te Ikapārua River. While the process is not yet complete, Taranaki Fish & Game has supported the negotiations and it may be appropriate to list the rivers as Hangatahua (Stony) River and Te Ikapārua (Warea) River in the 2023/24 Anglers' Notice in order to familiarise licence holders with the new names. "Hangatahua" is already relatively well known, but Te Ikapārua much less so.

Designated Waters

The Designated Waters Licence is being set up to manage pressure sensitive fisheries and address displacement of resident anglers from prime fishing waters by overseas visitors. A small proportion of NZ sports fisheries, amounting to less than 2% of the total and mainly including pristine backcountry rivers, are considered highly desirable to fish and these are at risk from unsustainable angling pressure.

The proposed designated waters regime will apply to only a small number of (mainly) rivers where at least 50% of angler use is by non-resident anglers. The key is that there is a disproportionate concentration of non-resident anglers utilising a fishery to the extent that resident anglers do not have adequate access to that fishery and are choosing to a) not fish that fishery or b) not fish at all. While the aim is for no more than 50% non-resident use, a fishery does not need to have 50% non-resident use in order to displace resident anglers. It is, however, a useful starting point (Jack Kos, pers. comm.).

As there are currently no such waters in the Taranaki region, there is no reason to schedule any fishery as a Designated Water. It has been decided that the cost of implementing the Designated Waters on-line licencing system should be shared between all regions on the basis of the number of non-resident licences sold. Taranaki's share comes to \$1,244 from the Council's non-resident reserve.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Taranaki Fish & Game Council retain the same Taranaki Anglers' Notice conditions for the 2023/24 season as currently, other than:

1. Change "*Stony (Hangatahua) River*" to "*Hangatahua (Stony) River*" and "*Warea River*" to "*Te Ikapārua (Warea) River*".

Allen Stancliff
Acting Manager
15 May 2023

Taranaki Fish and Game Region

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

1. Definitions

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

2. Additional Requirements

Note 1 1.1 First Schedule conditions apply

1.2 There are no restrictions on the hours of fishing

1.3 There is no minimum length for trout

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

Note 2 In the ~~Stony~~ (Hanganatahua) (Stony) River, Waiaua River and Lake Opunake no brown trout may be taken.

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

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

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

3.2 Open Season, Permitted Methods, Daily Bag Limits

Water	Multiple sections	Open season	Authorised fishing methods	Daily bag limit by species			Refer Clause 2 Additional Requirements
				Trout	Salmon	Perch	
Taranaki/ Whanganui							
Huatoki Stream	downstream of Brois Street Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2	1		Note 1
Kai Auahi (Kaiaua) Stream		1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	2	1		Note 1
Kapuni Stream	upstream of State Highway 45 Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	2	1		Note 1
	downstream of State Highway 45 Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FS	2	1		Note 1
Kaupokonui Stream	downstream of State Highway 45 Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2	1		Note 1
Lake Kohata		1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB			No limit	Note 1
	excluding the Waiwhakaiho Inlet and Mangamahoe Stream	1 Oct - 30 Sep	F	2			Note 1, 3
Lake Mangamahoe	Waiwhakaiho Inlet upstream of the normal site of a landmark located just upstream of the confluence with Lake Mangamahoe	1 Oct - 30 Apr	F	2			Note 1, 3
	Mangamahoe Stream upstream of the walkway swing-bridge at the head of Lake Mangamahoe	1 Oct - 30 Apr	F	2			Note 1, 3

	Any tributary other than Waiwhakaiho Inlet and Mangamahoe Stream	1 Oct - 30 Sep	F	2	1	2	Note 1, 3
Lake Namunamu		1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2			Note 1
Lake Ngangana		1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2		No limit	Note 1
Lake Opunake		1 Oct - 30 Sep	FS	1			Note 1, 2
Lake Ratapiko		1 Oct - 30 Apr and 1 June - 30 Sep	FSB	2		No limit	Note 1
Lake Rotokare		1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB			No limit	Note 1
Lake Rotomanu		1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2		No limit	Note 1
Lake Rotorangi	downstream of Mangamingi Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2		No limit	Note 1
Lake Wiritoa		1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB			No limit	Note 1
Manganui River	downstream of Bristol Road Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2	1		Note 1
Mangaoraka Stream	downstream of State Highway 3 Devon Road Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2	1		Note 1
Patea River	downstream of Patea Dam	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2	1	No limit	Note 1
Stony (Hangatahau) (Stony) River		1 Oct - 30 Sep	FS	2	1		Note 1, 2
Waiaua River	upstream of State Highway 45 Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Apr	FS	1	1		Note 1, 2
Waiaua River	downstream of State Highway 45 Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FS	1	1		Note 1, 2
Waingongo River	downstream of State Highway 45 Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2	1		Note 1

Waiongana Stream	downstream of State Highway 3 Devon Road Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2	1	Note 1
Waitara River	downstream of Manganui River confluence	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2	1	No limit Note 1
Waiwhakailho River	downstream of the normal site of a landmark that is at the end of Rimu Street extension walking track	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2	1	Note 1
<i>Te ikaparua</i> (Warea) River	downstream of State Highway 45 Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2	1	Note 1
Whanganui River	downstream of Ohura River confluence excluding tributaries	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2	1	No limit Note 1
Virginia Lake		Closed to fishing				
Waimarino						
Manganuioteao River	downstream of Ruatiti Road Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2	1	Note 1
	mainstem from Ruatiti Road Bridge upstream to confluence with Makatote River	1 Oct - 30 Jun	FSB	2	1	Note 1
Mangawhero River	downstream of Raetihi - Ohakune Road Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2		Note 1
Retaruke River	downstream of Oio Road Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2	1	Note 1
Sattlers Dam		1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2		Note 1
Tokiahuru Stream	downstream of State Highway 49 Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2		Note 1
Waitaiki Stream	downstream of State Highway 49 Bridge	1 Oct - 30 Sep	FSB	2		Note 1

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

NZ FISH & GAME COUNCIL CONSULTATION: 2023/24 LICENCE FEE RECOMMENDATION

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

- 1. The licence fees and categories as set out in the appended schedule (Appendix 2) and specifically:**
 - a. That the 2023/24 adult whole season sports fish licence fee is set at \$153 and that the adult whole season game licence is set at \$113 (inclusive of a \$5 fee for the Game Bird Habitat Stamp), with all proportional changes to remaining licence fees and categories including a \$5 fee being added to the sea run salmon licence endorsement (as a cost-recovery mechanism).**
 - b. That a new licence category is established called a Designated Waters Licence, available as a \$5 annual licence per Fish and Game region for resident anglers and as a day licence to non-resident anglers at a fee of \$40.**

The NZC's consultation document is attached for your consideration. The Regional Managers and the NZ Council had robust and detailed discussions in their respective meetings in late April 2023, with Regional Chairs having input into the NZC meeting. The Designated Waters Licence, following development by a regional working group led by Jack Kos, has been through an extensive consultation process with stakeholders (feedback summary attached).

A major focus this year was the Fish & Game remuneration review by Strategic Pay and there was general agreement that staff across the organisation should be paid at market rates as a question of fairness (equal pay for equal work and responsibility), to reduce the loss of experienced staff to other organisations and to attract skilled staff in key positions (e.g. RMA).

The recommended 2023/24 AWS fish licence fee of \$153 represents an \$8 (5.5%) increase on the previous year, while the 2024 AWS game licence fee of \$113 represents a \$6 (5.6%) increase, compared with the December 2022 CPI increase of 7.2%.

The Designated Waters Licence daily fee for non-resident whole season licence holders was consulted on as being in the range of \$35 - \$50, with NZC recommending that the daily fee is \$40.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL SUPPORTS:

- A 2023/24 AWS FISH LICENCE FEE OF \$153 AND A 2024 AWS GAME LICENCE FEE OF \$113 (INCLUDING \$5 HABITAT STAMP);
- A \$5 FEE FOR THE SEA RUN SALMON LICENCE; AND
- A DESIGNATED WATERS LICENCE COSTING \$5 PER SEASON PER REGION FOR RESIDENT ANGLERS AND A DAILY FEE OF \$40 FOR NON-RESIDENT ANGLERS.

Allen Stancliff

Acting Manager

16th May 2023

CONSULTATION:	LICENCE FEE RECOMMENDATION 2023-24
TO:	Regional Managers
CC:	Regional Chairs, NZC and Administrators
AUTHOR:	Corina Jordan, CEO NZ Fish and Game Council
DATE:	08/05/2023
FEEDBACK DUE:	12/6/2023
FEEDBACK TO:	nzcouncil@fishandgame.org.nz
LINK TO REGISTER:	Consultation Register

Recommendations - Ngā taunaki

The New Zealand Fish and Game Council seeks consultation from Regional Fish and Game Councils on the following points:

1. That the 2023/24 adult whole season sports fish licence fee is set at \$153 and that the adult whole season game licence is set at \$113 (inclusive of a \$5 fee for the Game Bird Habitat Stamp), with all proportional changes to remaining licence fees and categories including a \$5 fee being added to the sea run salmon licence endorsement (as a cost-recovery mechanism).
2. That a new licence category is established called a Designated Waters Licence, available as a \$5 annual licence per Fish and Game region for resident anglers and as a day licence to non-resident anglers at a fee of \$40.

Discussion - Koārerorero

Proposal

The New Zealand Fish and Game Council (NZC) is seeking to consult with Fish and Game regional councils on the 2023/24 licence fee recommendations.

The NZC met on the 22 and 23 April 2023 to consider the 2023/24 budgets and licence fees. Following that meeting, NZC agreed to recommend an increase of \$8 to the sports fish adult whole season licence (\$153 for 2023/24) and an increase of \$6 to the game adult whole season licence (\$113 for 2024). In recommending these fees, NZC also recommended that all other licence categories increase on the agreed proportions. A full list of recommended licence fees and categories is detailed in the Schedule attached (**Appendix 2**).

Background

Legislation provides for the following:

Section 26Q of the Conservation Act 1987 sets out the functions of Fish and Game Councils.

Subsection (1)(d)(a) requires councils:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Policy

At the May 2020 NZC meeting, in response to COVID-19, the NZC set the minimum level of reserves at 20% of total budget for all councils. This level of general reserve is considered adequate to provide security against fluctuations in income and to ensure adequate operational cash flow. In a separate consultation document, NZC is consulting with regional councils on a reserves policy to clarify this position.

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

Budget Process

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

The funding required to cover base funds and approved contestable funding is assessed against the expected licence sales for the year ahead (established from analysis of the last two-year sales trends, considering the implications of COVID-19 and border restrictions) to determine the new licence fees.

This process is summarised in the following budget cycle:

Feb	NZC set regional base funds for the 2023/24 year at \$10,600,219. All council budgets reviewed against audited actual expenditure. Budgets over or under 10% variance are reported against, reviewed and discussed at a meeting of regional managers. The variance reports for the 2021/22 year are prepared and discussed.
March	Preparation of business and operational work plans for new financial year (NFY). Draft budgets developed by NZC and regional councils.
April	Councils apply for 'new' contestable funding with applications circulated beforehand, reviewed against criteria, considered and prioritised at the meeting of regional managers, which recommends the allocation of contestable funds, research and legal fund allocations and new licence fees. NZC meet (by Zoom) with the Chairs of each region to consider the contestable funding applications.
April/May	NZC make recommendation on licence fees, having considered base funding levels and contestable fund applications, and send to regional councils for consideration.
May/June	Regional councils consider NZC licence fee recommendation. Due back to NZC 12 June.
June	NZC consider regional response and finalise licence fee recommendations for approval by the Minister of Conservation. (15 June)

The recommended licence fee is effectively set by dividing the sum of the proposed budgets of the

13 Councils by the number of the adult whole season licence equivalents that Fish and Game NZ expects to sell during the year (LEQ targets).¹

2023/24 Licence LEQ Forecast

The following table represents the approved forecast for the Licence sales for Fish and Game for the 2023/24 season. Total LEQ Fish 74,060 and Game 31,763.

The forecast which was recommended by the Licence Working Party. The Forecast has taken into consideration:

- The return of overseas anglers (post COVID-19).
- The impact of Cyclone Gabrielle on the Hawke's Bay region.
- The Non-Resident licence levy being included in the licence fee calculation.

	Actual 2020/21		Actual 2021/22		Budget 2022/23		Projected 23/24	
	Fish	Game	Fish	Game	Fish	Game	Fish	Game
Northland	262	1,630	213	1,578	218	1,626	370	1,552
Auckland\Waikato	3,792	6,516	3,204	6,306	2,966	6,515	3,729	6,201
Eastern	9,197	3,042	8,652	3,022	8,564	3,041	8,663	3,012
Hawkes Bay	2,572	1,849	2,462	1,916	2,532	1,849	1,879	1,916
Taranaki	897	1,111	855	1,113	855	1,110	938	1,113
Wellington	3,252	3,406	3,229	3,409	3,312	3,406	2,807	3,409
Nelson-Marlb	3,483	923	3,444	899	3,753	923	4,599	887
Nth Canterbury	11,490	2,507	10,951	2,423	10,816	2,507	11,148	2,381
West Coast	1,875	392	1,733	369	1,805	391	2,208	358
Central SI	11,680	2,173	11,580	2,233	11,648	2,172	12,937	2,233
Otago	14,539	4,179	14,823	4,079	15,541	4,179	15,614	4,029
Southland	7,739	4,834	8,062	4,726	8,617	4,834	9,167	4,672
NZC only								
National inc Research								
TOTAL	70,780	32,562	69,208	32,073	70,627	32,553	74,060	31,763

Note the projected LEQ for Fish Licence sales is higher than the previous years due to the Non-Resident levy portion now being incorporated into the Licence fee. This increase equates to approximately 4,000 additional LEQ's.

Following Components Featured in the 2023/24 Budget Discussions:

Contestable Funding Applications

A total of 90 contestable funding applications were received (up from 83 last year), seeking additional funding of \$2,965,090 (last year \$1,748,254). A major factor in this was the contestable funding applications for remuneration and CPI, following the NZC recommendation to ensure all staff were paid at "meeting the market" at the NZC February 2023 meeting.

During the managers' meeting, the managers recommended that meeting the current market was

¹ A licence equivalent (LEQ) sets the adult whole season licence as the standard unit of measure with a value of one (1) and other categories of licence are amalgamated as adult whole season equivalents in accordance with their proportionate value of the adult whole season licence. For example, the value of a junior whole season licence is 20% of an adult whole season licence. Therefore 5 junior whole season licences equal 1 LEQ.

required and the figures were updated to reflect the most up to date market information.

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

Contestable Funding Recommendations

Managers considered all contestable funding applications and assigned each a priority rating. These recommendations were put forward to the NZC.

NZC considered the Managers recommendations and the comments provided by Chairs. Applications totalling \$2,700,560 (\$668,371 from reserves) have been approved for funding, including provision for national RMA/legal funding.

Of this, \$765,000 was recommended for funding on a one-off basis from the Licence fee, meaning this funding would be freed-up and become available in next year's budget round.

Research Fund Allocation

To avoid inflating the budget in any one year an allocation is made annually to the Research Fund. The annual Research Budget (\$130k) has been split between General Research (\$75k), the National Anglers Survey (\$30k) and the Research for PhD (Cawthron \$25k).

There were three applications to the Research fund considered by the Managers and NZC;

- a. Australasian Shoveler management research \$8,000
- b. Licence sale insights \$21,000; and
- c. Trout populations and relationships with habitats \$38,700

The NZC agreed to fund all three applications.

There was also an application within the Contestable Funding round for \$25,000 per annum (ongoing) towards the General Research Fund, which was approved. This increases the Annual Research budget to \$155k. (General \$100k, NAS \$30k and Cawthron PhD \$25k)

Staff Development Fund

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

There was one application to this fund for the 2023/24 year. The application from Steve Dixon was approved to the total value of \$6,000.

RMA/Legal Fund Allocation

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

It was agreed that contestable funding of \$440,000 be allocated to the national legal pool fund for this 2023/24 year, an increase of \$90,000 from last year.

The NZC approved \$100,000 to Auckland Waikato for the Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 (Healthy Rivers).

The application from North Canterbury for \$180,000 for the Rakaia River Water Conservation Order was also approved.

2023/24 NZC Contestable Funding Approval and 2023/24 Budgets

The NZC approved contestable funding applications at a total value of \$2,700,560. Of this, \$1,267,189 were ongoing from the Licence fee, \$765,000 were one off from the Licence fee and \$668,371 were one-off from reserves.

The attached Table 5 (**Appendix 1**), sets out the full list of approved contestable funding applications with the approval rating from the Managers and the final approval from the NZC. Any figures highlighted in yellow have been adjusted from the original application during the Managers or NZC meetings to reflect the approved value.

The proposed budget for the 13 Fish and Game councils for 2023/24 (including funding from reserves) is \$13,300,779. Individual budgets are shown in the Table 2 below alongside the previous financial year (both shown as GST exclusive).

Note that of the \$1,047,832 approved for the National budget, the ongoing amount includes a total of **\$891,832** which has been allocated to the Remuneration Review. At present, this budget sits within the National budget and will be allocated to regions as the remuneration is distributed amongst the regions with this process to take place over the next month in consultation with Corina, Jane and the regions. When this remuneration process has been undertaken, the budget will move from the National budget to the appropriate region.

	Original Base Line Budget 2023/24	Approved CF Licence Fee ongoing	Approved CF from Licence Fee - One off	Approved d CF from Reserves - One off	Approved Budget 2023/24 (inc from Reserves)
Northland	462,860	81,060	0	10,537	554,457
Auckland/Waikato	855,684	10,000	0	38,137	903,821
Eastern	1,151,697	8,960	0	43,209	1,203,866
Hawkes Bay	380,624	0	0	96,226	476,850
Taranaki	370,769	3,000	0	1,244	375,013
Wellington	734,853	17,000	0	14,242	766,095
Nelson-Marlb	508,575	11,950	0	32,704	553,228
Nth Canterbury	874,882	13,887	0	74,521	963,290
West Coast	351,136	0	0	5,895	357,031
Central SI	776,533	8,000	0	119,184	903,717
Otago	1,051,410	11,500	0	70,819	1,133,729
Southland	700,801	25,000	0	161,655	887,456
NZC only	1,169,795	29,000	50,000	0	1,248,795
National inc Research	1,210,600	1,047,832	715,000	0	2,973,432
TOTAL	10,600,219	1,267,189	765,000	668,371	13,300,779 ²

NZ Game Bird Habitat Stamp

The NZC recommended the Game Bird Habitat Stamp for 2023/24 remain at \$5.

² National issues include the cost of shared services benefiting the organisation nationwide, such as the special editions of the FISH AND GAME magazine, the FISH AND GAME NZ website, licence administration system, administration of elections, ranger health & safety training, etc.

Licence Fee Recommendations

At the February 2023 NZC meeting, the NZC recommended an indicative licence fee of \$149 for Fish and \$109 for Game.

The Managers recommend a licence fee of \$152 for Fish and \$112 for game (inclusive of the GBHT \$5 levy).

The Managers also recommended a \$5 Designated Waters annual licence fee for all regions for resident anglers and a \$40 Designated Waters day licence for non-resident anglers.

NZC Licence Fee Recommendation

The NZC recommend that the 2023/2024 licence fee be based on a sports fish adult whole season fee of \$153 and the game adult whole season licence \$113 (inclusive of the Game Bird Habitat Stamp) (GST inclusive) and for all other licence categories to increase proportionally. This represents an increase of 5.5% for Fish and 5.6% for Game against a December 2022 CPI figure of 7.2%.

The NZC recommended that the Sports Fish and Game licence categories be maintained at the same ratios as previous years.

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

Total income including interest is \$12,623,224. The Cost of Sales (COS) is the commission and bank transaction charges relating to the sale of licences is budgeted at 4.5% of licence income.

Table 3: Total Income Summary 2023/24					
	TOTAL Licence Income		Net Licence		
	TOTAL F & G	Total COS	Income	Interest	Net Income
Northland	194,951	8,773	186,178	10,304	196,482
AucklandWaikato	1,078,474	48,531	1,029,943	10,413	1,040,356
Eastern	1,435,443	64,595	1,370,848	31,617	1,402,466
Hawkes Bay	429,893	19,345	410,548	29,522	440,069
Taranaki	229,350	10,321	219,030	6,441	225,471
Wellington	693,635	31,214	662,421	29,638	692,059
Nelson-Marlb	695,168	31,283	663,885	7,883	671,768
Nth Canterbury	1,706,775	76,805	1,629,970	21,452	1,651,422
West Coast	327,334	14,730	312,604	15,140	327,744
Central SI	1,930,891	86,890	1,844,001	37,798	1,881,800
Otago	2,455,777	110,510	2,345,267	56,757	2,402,024
Southland	1,658,371	74,627	1,583,745	42,769	1,626,514
NZC only	0	0	0	65,050	65,050
National inc Research	0	0	0	-	-
TOTAL	12,836,062	577,623	12,258,439	364,785	12,623,224

Modification to Licence Categories and Ratios with whole Season Fees

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

There are, however, three exceptions to this:

1. Sea run salmon licence endorsement

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

2. Designated waters licence category with fee

NZC, following consultation with all regions, have agreed to a new licence category called a 'Designated Waters Licence', which will replace the Backcountry Licence. This licence category would operate as a daily fee of \$40 for non-resident anglers and as a \$5 annual licence per Fish and Game Region for resident anglers.

Regional Fish and Game Councils will recommend the waterways for which a Designated Waters Licence would be required as part of their Anglers Notice recommendations.

NZC also agreed that the income from the sale of Dedicated Waters licences will accrue in a dedicated reserve within the region that sold the licence for the management of sensitive fisheries.

Overall Forecast Position and Use of Reserves

The recommendation for licence fee of \$153 and \$113, along with the recommendation of a total budget of \$13,300,779 creates an overall deficit of \$677,555

Table 4: Overall Forecast Position for Fish and Game				
For the Year ended 31 August 2024				
Net Licence Sales				12,258,439
Interest				364,785
Total Income				12,623,224
Less Approved Budget				13,300,779
Total Surplus/(Deficit)				-677,555

Approval for regions to use their reserves to cover one off projects for the year totals \$668,371. Most of this is being drawn from the non-resident levy reserve. Additionally, regions are required to use their reserves to cover the shortfall of \$9,184. This latter amount represents an additional 0.07% use of reserves. (\$668,371 plus \$9,184 equals the total deficit of \$677,555).

One region, Nelson/Marlborough may fall below the 20% reserves and require a top up of \$29,916. However, this is dependent on the non-resident levy that is earned in the current financial year.

Conclusion

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

1. **The licence fees and categories as set out in the appended schedule (Appendix 2) and specifically:**
 - a. **That the 2023/24 adult whole season sports fish licence fee is set at \$153 and that the adult whole season game licence is set at \$113 (inclusive of a \$5 fee for the Game Bird Habitat Stamp), with all proportional changes to remaining licence fees and categories including a \$5 fee being added to the sea run salmon licence endorsement (as a cost-recovery mechanism).**
 - b. **That a new licence category is established called a Designated Waters Licence, available as a \$5 annual licence per Fish and Game region for resident anglers and as a day licence to non-resident anglers at a fee of \$40.**

To enable the NZC to consider feedback and make recommendations to the Minister of Conservation at its 15 June 2023 meeting, responses to these changes are requested to be submitted by the close of business on **12 June 2023**.



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APPENDIX 1

Table 5: Contestable Fund Application Summary 2023-2024

App No	Region	Base Funding 2023/24	Project Code	Description	L R	BOC	Additional \$	MIN Recommendation	NZC Recommendation	1 Not Recommended (1)	2 Good To Do but not essential (2)	3 Recommended but not essential (3)	4 Essential Whole Organisation & Or individual Council (4)	5 Withdrawn (5)	APPROVED Ongoing Licence Fee	APPROVED One Off Licence Fee	APPROVED from Reserves
Northland																	
MTH 001		\$ 462,860	1810	Additional REM moved to National	L	B	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MTH 002			1810	Salaries for Far North Position	L	B	81,060	1	4	0	0	0	81,060	0	81,060	0	0
MTH 003			1851	Prosecutions	R	O	3,000	3	4	0	0	0	3,000	0	0	0	3,000
MTH 004			88F	New Spray Unit	R	C	6,000	3	4	0	0	0	6,000	0	0	0	6,000
MAT			DW	% cost of DW program	R	O	1,537	4	4	0	0	0	1,537	0	0	0	1,537
MTH 005			1810	REM Salaries - moved to National	L	B	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
				REM Salaries - moved to National	L	B	91,587	4	4	0	0	0	91,587	0	81,060	0	10,527
TOTAL Northland																	
Auckland/Waikato																	
AW 001		\$ 855,684	1800	Vehicle Costs	L	B	8,000	3	4	0	0	0	8,000	0	8,000	0	0
AW 002			1811	Additional REM - Moved to National	L	B	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AW 003			1110	Population Monitoring	L	B	2,000	3	4	0	0	0	2,000	0	2,000	0	0
AW 004			1811	REM Salaries - Moved to National	L	B	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MAT			DW	% cost of DW program	R	O	8,137	4	4	0	0	0	8,137	0	8,137	0	8,137
AW 005			1811	Salaries for Trainees	R	O	30,000	1	4	0	0	0	30,000	0	0	0	30,000
				Salaries for Trainees	R	O	48,137	4	4	0	0	0	48,137	0	10,000	0	38,137
TOTAL Auckland/Waikato																	
Eastern																	
East 001		\$ 1,151,697	1110	Population Monitoring	L	B	3,000	4	4	0	0	0	3,000	0	3,000	0	0
East 002			1721	Council Expenses	L	B	1,500	3	4	0	0	0	1,500	0	1,500	0	0
East 003			1800	Insurance and Rates	L	B	4,460	4	4	0	0	0	4,460	0	4,460	0	0
East 004			AWF	AWF Funding	R	O	10,155	3	4	0	0	0	10,155	0	0	0	10,155
EST a			1810	Additional REM - moved to National	L	B	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East 005			1810	REM Salaries - moved to National	L	B	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MAT			DW	% cost of DW program	R	O	13,054	4	4	0	0	0	13,054	0	0	0	13,054
East 006			1144	Lake Tarawera Food Web Monitoring	R	O	20,000	4	4	0	0	0	20,000	0	0	0	20,000
				Lake Tarawera Food Web Monitoring	R	O	52,169	4	4	0	0	0	52,169	0	8,960	0	43,209
TOTAL Eastern																	
Hawke's Bay																	
		\$ 398,624		No CF Applications for 2023-24	R	O	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			DW	% cost of DW program	R	O	5,652	4	4	0	0	0	5,652	0	0	0	5,652
			DW	Use of Reserves for reduction in Fish Sales	R	O	90,574	4	4	0	0	0	90,574	0	0	0	90,574
				Use of Reserves for reduction in Fish Sales	R	O	96,276	4	4	0	0	0	96,276	0	0	0	96,276
TOTAL Hawke's Bay																	
Taranaki																	
Tara 001		\$ 370,769	1810	REM Salaries - Moved to national	L	B	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tara 001a			1810	Additional REM - Moved to National	L	B	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MAT			DW	% cost of DW program	R	O	1,244	4	4	0	0	0	1,244	0	0	0	1,244
Tara 002			1110	Population Monitoring	L	B	3,000	3	4	0	0	0	3,000	0	3,000	0	0
				Population Monitoring	L	B	4,244	3	4	0	0	0	4,244	0	3,000	0	1,244
TOTAL Taranaki																	

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Well 001	Wellington	1910	REM Salaries - Moved to National	L	B			0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Well 002		1910	Additional REM - moved to National	L	B			0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Well 003		ARF	ARF Funding	R	O			11,151	3	4	0	0	0	11,151	0	0	11,151	0
Well 004		1922	FBI	L	B			7,000	3	4	0	0	0	7,000	0	0	0	0
Well 005		1990	Vehicles Costs	L	B			10,000	3	4	0	0	0	10,000	0	0	0	0
NAT 018		DW	% cost of DW program	R	O			3,091	4	4	0	0	0	3,091	0	0	3,091	0
	TOTAL Wellington							31,242			0	0	0	31,242	0	0	17,000	14,242
NeIM 001	Nelson/Marlborough	1121	Game Harvest Survey	L	B			1,500	3	4	0	0	0	1,500	0	0	0	0
NeIM 002		104	Audit Fee	L	B			2,150	3	4	0	0	0	2,150	0	0	0	0
NeIM 003		100	Insurance	L	B			1,300	3	4	0	0	0	1,300	0	0	0	0
NeIM 004		122	Works and Mgt Willow Control- NEW	L	B			7,000	3	4	0	0	0	7,000	0	0	0	0
NeIM 005		1910	Additional REM - moved to national	L	B			0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NeIM 006		1940	REM Salaries - Moved to National	L	B			0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NeIM 007	NEW		Relationships with Iwi	R	O			17,900	4	4	0	0	0	17,900	0	0	17,900	0
NAT 018		DW	% cost of DW program	R	O			15,324	4	4	0	0	0	15,324	0	0	15,324	0
	TOTAL Nelson/Marlborough							44,654			0	0	0	44,654	0	0	11,950	32,704
NC 001	North Canterbury	1910	REM Salaries - moved to National	L	B			0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NC 002		1910	Additional REM - moved to National	L	B			0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NC 003		1910	Population Monitoring	L	B			8,887	3	4	0	0	0	8,887	0	0	0	0
NC 004		1990	Insurance	L	B			5,000	3	4	0	0	0	5,000	0	0	0	0
NC 005		NEW	Designated Waters	R	O			60,136	4	4	0	0	0	60,136	0	0	60,136	0
NAT 018		DW	% cost of DW program	R	O			14,385	4	4	0	0	0	14,385	0	0	14,385	0
	TOTAL North Cant							88,408			0	0	0	88,408	0	0	13,887	74,521
	West Coast																	
NAT 018		DW	No CF Applications for 2023/24	R	O			5,895	4	4	0	0	0	5,895	0	0	0	5,895
	TOTAL West Coast							5,895			0	0	0	5,895	0	0	0	5,895
CSI 001	Central South Island	1910	Population Monitoring - Spawning	L	B			6,000	3	4	0	0	0	6,000	0	0	6,000	0
CSI 002		1990	Population Monitoring - Gambard	L	B			2,000	1	4	0	0	0	2,000	0	0	0	0
CSI 003		1910	Population Monitoring - Shelduck	L	B			2,500	1	4	0	0	0	2,500	0	0	0	0
CSI 004		2300	Devils Bridge Mgt and Reconsnring	L	O			6,000	5	5	0	0	0	6,000	0	0	0	0
CSI 005		1910	Population Monitoring - Lake Resource Trout	R	O			10,300	3	4	0	0	0	10,300	0	0	0	10,300
CSI 006	ARF		Capex for digitisation/monitoring RMA	R	C			26,000	3	4	0	0	0	26,000	0	0	26,000	0
CSI 007		2300	Deep Stream restoration RMA	R	O			5,000	3	4	0	0	0	5,000	0	0	5,000	0
CSI 008		2300	Canal Fishery Valuation RMA	R	O			44,000	3	4	0	0	0	44,000	0	0	44,000	0
CSI 009		1910	New Staff Member	L	B			120,000	1	1	0	0	0	120,000	0	0	0	0
CSI 010		1910	REM Salaries - Moved to National	L	B			0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CSI 011		1910	Additional REM - moved to National	L	B			0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CSI 012		ARF	Use Funds in ARF Reserve	R	O			15,000	4	4	0	0	0	15,000	0	0	15,000	0
NAT 018		DW	% cost of DW program	R	O			16,884	4	4	0	0	0	16,884	0	0	16,884	0
	TOTAL Central South Island							255,684			122,500	0	0	127,184	6,000	0	3,000	119,184
OTG 001	Otago	1940	Office Cost Increases	L	B			11,500	3	4	0	0	0	11,500	0	0	0	0
OTG 002		1910	REM Salaries - Moved to National	L	B			0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTG 003		1910	Additional REM - moved to National	L	B			0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTG 004		1200	Communications Strategy	R	O			24,000	3	4	0	0	0	24,000	0	0	0	24,000
OTG 005		1200	Wanaka Hatchery Maintenance 2 years	R	O			15,000	3	4	0	0	0	15,000	0	0	0	15,000

Table 5: Contestable Fund Application Summary 2023-2024

App No.	Region	Project Code	Description	L R O C	Additional \$	MM Recommendation	NZC Recommendation	1 Not Recommended (1)	2 Good To Do But not essential (2)	3 Recommended But not essential (3)	4 Essential Whole Organisation & Or Individual Council (4)	5 Withdrawn (5)	APPROVED Ongoing Licence Fee	APPROVED One Off Licence Fee	APPROVED Reserves
NAT 018		DW	% cost of DW program	R O	31,819	4	4	0	0	0	31,819	0	0	0	31,819
	TOTAL Otago				82,319						82,319				70,818
	Southeast				0						0				0
STH 001	\$ 700,801	190	REM Salaries - Moved to National	L B	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STH 001a		190	Additional REM - moved to national	L B	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STH 002		1910	Salaries for For Te Anau	R O	83,675	3	4	0	0	0	83,675	0	0	0	83,675
STH 003		1310	Access using Diversion Schemes	R O	57,000	3	4	0	0	0	57,000	0	0	0	57,000
STH 004			Loss of Income - NIWA	L B	25,000	3	4	0	0	0	25,000	0	0	0	25,000
NAT 018		DW	% cost of DW program	R O	20,980	4	4	0	0	0	20,980	0	0	0	20,980
	TOTAL Southeast				186,655						186,655				186,655
	NZC				2,500						2,500				2,500
NZC 001	\$ 1,159,795	170	Council Meetings - Board Pro	L B	2,500	5	5	0	0	0	2,500	0	0	0	2,500
NZC 002		120	Audit Fee	L B	4,000	4	4	0	0	0	4,000	0	0	0	4,000
NZC 003		190	CEO travel	L B	10,000	4	4	0	0	0	10,000	0	0	0	10,000
NZC 004		120	Council Meetings - Add meeting	L B	15,000	4	4	0	0	0	15,000	0	0	0	15,000
NZC 005		120	REM Salaries - Moved to National	L B	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NZC 006		1910	New Staff Member - HR	L O	50,000	4	4	0	0	0	50,000	0	0	0	50,000
Barrie			Council Working Groups	L O	12,000	2	1	12,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL NZC				93,500			12,000			79,000				79,000
	National				5,000						5,000				5,000
NAT 001	\$ 1,210,600	182	Maritime Compliance	L B	5,000	4	4	0	0	0	5,000	0	0	0	5,000
NAT 002		170	Regulations	L B	10,000	4	4	0	0	0	10,000	0	0	0	10,000
REM		1910	National REM to be allocated by Councils	L B	891,832	4	4	0	0	0	891,832	0	0	0	891,832
NAT 003		132	National Magazine	L B	50,000	3	1	50,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NAT 004		1213	Lexis Nexis - RMA	L B	9,000	4	4	0	0	0	9,000	0	0	0	9,000
NAT 005		1221	Research	L B	25,000	4	4	0	0	0	25,000	0	0	0	25,000
NAT 006		1911	Managers Meetings	L B	15,000	3	3	0	0	15,000	0	0	0	0	15,000
NAT 007		Reserves	Top up reserves	L O	160,000	4	4	0	0	0	160,000	0	0	0	160,000
NAT 008		NEW	HR Subscription	L B	20,000	4	4	0	0	0	20,000	0	0	0	20,000
NAT 009		NEW	RMA Training	L B	10,000	1	1	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NAT 010		1610	RMA Team Meeting	L B	10,000	4	4	0	0	0	10,000	0	0	0	10,000
NAT 011		121	Social Licence	L B	28,000	2	4	0	0	0	28,000	0	0	0	28,000
NAT 012		1612	Licensing Support	L B	10,000	4	4	0	0	0	10,000	0	0	0	10,000
NAT 013		1612	Compliance Support	L B	12,000	4	4	0	0	0	12,000	0	0	0	12,000
NAT 014		162	Communication Support	L B	27,000	4	4	0	0	0	27,000	0	0	0	27,000
NAT 015		1211	RMA - Legal Fund	L O	440,000	4	4	0	0	0	440,000	0	0	0	440,000
NAT 016		1229	Research - Optimisation model	L O	45,000	4	4	0	0	0	45,000	0	0	0	45,000
NAT 017		1915	HR Support - Travel to regions	L O	10,000	4	4	0	0	0	10,000	0	0	0	10,000
NAT 018		NEW	Designated Waters - MR Reserves	R O	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NAT 019		1910	Comms and Advocacy Team Meeting	L B	15,000	1	1	15,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NAT 020		1820	Fish Specialist Team meeting	L B	15,000	1	1	15,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NAT 021		1221	Game Specialist Team meeting	L B	15,000	1	1	15,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NAT 022		NEW	Population Monitoring and Analysis SOP	L O	60,000	4	4	0	0	0	60,000	0	0	0	60,000
	TOTAL National				1,882,832			105,000		15,000	1,762,832			235,000	1,882,832
	TOTAL				2,963,560			239,590		15,000	2,700,560	8,500	1,267,188	765,000	688,371

APPENDIX 2

Schedule of FISH AND GAME NZ's proposed Licence & Fees for 2023/24 (inclusive of GST)

Sports Fish Licence		2022/23	2023/24	
Category of licence	Applicant Class	Current fee \$	Proposed fee\$	Fee difference
Whole season (1 Oct – 30 Sep)	Adult	145	153	\$8.00
	Junior	29	31	\$2.00
	Child	free	free	Nil
Family		188	198	\$10.00
Non-resident Whole season	Adult	250	264	\$14.00
	Junior	47	50	\$3.00
	Child	47	50	\$3.00
Winter (1 Apr – 30 Sep)	Adult	87	92	\$5.00
Loyal senior	Adult	123	130	\$7.00
Local area	Adult	116	122	\$6.00
Short-break	Adult	52	55	\$3.00
Long-break	Adult	101	107	\$6.00
Day	Adult	23	24	\$1.00
	Junior	5	5	Nil
Non-resident Day	Adult	35	37	\$2.00
	Junior	21	22	\$1.00
	Child	21	22	\$1.00
Controlled-period		free	free	Nil
Sea Run Salmon		\$5	\$5	Nil
Designated Waters- resident	Season	Nil	\$5	\$5
Designated Waters- non-resident	Day	Nil	\$40	\$40

Game Bird Licence*		2023	2024	
Category of licence	Applicant Class	Current fee \$	Proposed fee\$	Fee difference
Whole season (primarily 1st Sat in May to 31 Aug)	Adult	107	113	\$6.00
	Junior	25	26	\$1.00
	Child	5	5	Nil
Day (available from 2nd Monday of season)	Adult	25	26	\$1.00
	Junior	9	10	\$1.00

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

*Game bird hunting licence fee includes the \$5 NZ Game Bird Habitat Stamp.

Notes:

- A junior means a person aged 12 years or over, but under 18 years at the start of the season.
- A child means a person aged under 12 years at the start of the season.
- Designated Waters, Sea Run Salmon and Controlled-Period licence entitles an adult or junior whole season or family fish licence holder to fish in specified waters or for specified species.
- Whole Season for sports fish extends from 1 October through to 30 September the following year.
- Whole Season for game birds can extend from the first Saturday in May to beyond the traditional closing dates for upland game hunting at the end of August due to special season conditions between February to April the following year for some species, eg. Paradise shelduck and Pukeko.
- A Game Bird Habitat Stamp fee of \$5.00 (incl GST) is payable on all categories of game hunting licence and is included in the fees shown in the game hunting licence table above.



Designated Waters Licence Summary of Feedback and Response



Introduction

In March 2023, Fish and Game undertook consultation on a proposed approach to managing pressure sensitive fisheries.

The objectives of the proposed management approach were to:

1. Redistribute angling pressure in select locations;
2. Address the displacement of resident anglers from these locations.

In short, Fish and Game proposed the implementation of a new licence category, called a Designated Waters licence which anglers would be required to hold to fish a sensitive fishery. Resident and non-resident anglers would be affected differently by the Designated Waters Licence.

For resident anglers, the Designated Waters Licence would:

- Be available as an annual licence for each Fish and Game region.

- Not restrict the frequency in which anglers can access rivers classified as Designated Waters.

For non-resident anglers the Designated Waters Licence would:

- Be available as a daily licence to whole season licence holders at a cost of \$35.00-50.00.
- Impose some restrictions on how many times anglers could fish rivers that are classified as Designated Waters.

Feedback sought

Fish and Game specifically sought feedback on five points:

1. Whether anglers believed an area they fished was pressure sensitive or required a backcountry licence.
2. Whether anglers agree with targeted restrictions on sensitive fisheries to manage angling pressure.
3. Whether anglers agree with a small fee for an annual resident Designated Waters licence.
4. Whether anglers agree with a fee of between \$35-50 for a non-resident Designated Waters Day licence.
5. Whether anglers agree with a limit of between three to six Designated Waters day licences for non-residents per Fish and Game region.

We further provided opportunity for anglers to provide general feedback.

This feedback was sought via a survey sent to all fishing licence holders that have opted in to receiving content from Fish and Game. The resident angler database was based off the last two years. The non-resident angler database was extended to the 2018/19 season because of the impacts of restrictions on travel to New Zealand. Respondents were asked to either 'Strongly agree', 'Agree', 'Neither agree nor disagree', 'Disagree', or 'Strongly disagree' with the questions posed. Respondents also had the opportunity to provide text comment for each question.

We also undertook separate consultation with three key stakeholder groups; the New Zealand Professional Fishing Guides Association, Department of Conservation Taupō fisheries team and the New Zealand Federation of Freshwater Anglers.

Feedback

Licence Holder feedback

Perceived pressure sensitivity of waters fished

- Resident anglers were relatively evenly split on whether they thought locations they fish were pressure sensitive or required a backcountry licence. Approximately 44% answered yes, 48% no and the remainder were not sure.
- Non-resident anglers, in contrast, showed a strong trend towards perceiving waters they fished as pressure sensitive or requiring a backcountry licence. Approximately 65% answered yes, 29% no and the remainder were not sure.

Targeted restrictions on sensitive fisheries to manage angling pressure

- Resident anglers were extremely supportive of targeted restrictions on sensitive fisheries to manage angling pressure. Greater than 70% either 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed', with the majority of anglers strongly agreeing.
- Non-resident anglers were more divided on this, although were still supportive of this approach. Approximately 58% strongly agreed or agreed, although in this instance the majority came from agree. 23% strongly disagreed with this approach (compared with 11% for resident anglers).

Fees for annual resident Designated Waters licences

- Resident anglers supported fees for annual Designated Waters licences. Greater than 60% either strongly agreed or agreed. A smaller but significant number strongly disagreed (18%).
- Non-resident anglers supported this proposal with more than 50% strongly agreeing or agreeing, although a significant number (>20%) neither agreed or disagreed. A similar number of non-residents as residents strongly disagreed.

Fees for daily non-resident Designated Waters licences

- Resident anglers supported fees of between \$35-50 for non-resident Designated Waters day licences. 57% of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed. Of the 32% that disagreed or strongly disagreed we know from the comments provided that the majority of these respondents believe these fees should be higher. Only a small number of commenters suggested the fee was inappropriate or too high.
- Non-resident anglers, in contrast, strongly disagreed with these fees. 64% of respondents either disagreed or strongly disagreed, with the majority of this grouping strongly disagreeing.

Limits on number of non-resident Designated Waters day licences per Fish and Game region

- Resident anglers supported limiting the number of Designated Waters day licences a non-resident angler can purchase to between three and six. 57% of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed with this. A large number of commenters believed this should be limited to three or fewer.
- Non-resident anglers were divided on this question with no clear majority shown. The largest group of respondents disagreed (35%), however, the second largest group of respondents agreed (26%). Text comments were comparably divided between supporting the initiative as appropriate and disagreeing with it as excessively restrictive.

Stakeholders feedback

NZPFGA

- NZPFGA expressed a range of views on the proposal, and represented the views of a number of their constituents. Overall they supported the proposal and shared the aspirations of Fish and Game to provide a high quality angling experience for all users of the resource by managing unsustainable angling pressure. Specifically, they requested that a limit for non-resident Designated Waters day licences in the upper range of that consulted on be adopted.

NZFFA

- NZFFA supported the proposal as a whole, although expressed reservations about aspects of the proposal. Specifically they opposed the objective of achieving 50:50 non-resident to resident use of pressure sensitive fisheries, given non-resident anglers are c.15% of licence holders (believing residents should constitute a far higher proportion). They also opposed annual fees for resident anglers, but supported daily fees for non-resident anglers.



Alternative solutions proposed through feedback

Non-resident licence fee increases/changes

- A number of commenters suggested either:
 - » Blanket increases to non-resident whole season licence fees; or
 - » Exclusively selling short term (c. 1 month) licences for non-resident anglers.
- Fish and Game does not support this because it believes that further restrictions over and above the current non-resident licence fee differential should be limited to users of sensitive fisheries and not applied to non-resident users as a whole. Otherwise this inequitably disadvantages casual users seeking to accommodate freshwater angling into their travels.

Restricting guided angling

- The most frequently proposed solution was to limit commercial access to these fisheries in the form of guided angling.
- Fish and Game agrees that guides are a distinct user group that contribute to pressure in sensitive fisheries. We have engaged at length with the New Zealand Professional Fishing Guides Association on this through the development of the Guide's Licence proposal. Until this proposal is completed it is extremely difficult to regulate guided angling in sensitive fisheries because of the inability to identify someone as a guide – this is particularly true of guides that are not based in NZ and would thus inequitably impact compliant NZ resident guides. As such we do not think that under our current regulatory mechanisms this is an option.

Resident only periods

- A number of respondents, primarily resident but also some non-resident anglers, suggested resident only periods on the weekend.
- This was initially considered as a management option by Fish and Game in formulating this proposal but it was ultimately decided against pursuing during the initial implementation of this proposal for the following reasons:
 - » Unless overall pressure is reduced, precluding the main user group of these fisheries (non-residents) from fishing weekends will concentrate angling pressure into the remaining five weekdays. This has the potential to have negative impacts on the fishery and actually result in a worse angling experience for resident anglers fishing during a resident only weekend.
 - » Not all residents have weekends off, and concentrating non-resident anglers into the weekday period could further displace these resident anglers.
- This remains an option to implement in the future, but it is not intended to be implemented as a part of the initial Designated Waters proposal.

Ban spin/bait fishing

- A number of commenters advocated for banning spin/bait fishing.
- Fish and Game does not agree with this approach as we do not promote limiting access by fishing method restrictions and are working to phase these out of existing regulations.

Exclusively catch and release in sensitive fisheries

- A number of commenters advocated for exclusively catch and release in sensitive fisheries.
- Most sensitive fisheries currently either have very low bag limits or have slot limits (where fish can only be taken between certain measurements) to protect existing breeding stock. However, the purpose of the designated waters proposal is to manage the angling experience, of which the fish are only a portion. In all but rare circumstances Fish and Game do not believe that angler harvest in sensitive fisheries is having a deleterious effect on fish populations and thus do not support exclusively catch and release in sensitive fisheries.

Increase in beat systems and controlled fisheries

- A number of anglers recommended increasing the number of fisheries using beat systems and controlled fisheries.
- Fish and Game supports this approach and envisage an expansion of these systems where appropriate. Although it would not necessarily impact on the proposal as the voluntary beat

system would operate separately (given it is not formally regulated) and controlled fisheries would also operate separately as these may or may not be designated waters.

Education

- It was recommended that Fish & Game educate resident and non-resident anglers about rules and etiquette in sensitive fisheries.
- This is supported by Fish and Game and to an extent is addressed in the angling code of conduct. However, we agree that this could be expanded upon and it will be factored into the roll-out of this proposal.

Proposed solutions outside of Fish and Game's ability to control

- A number of solutions were proposed that, whilst linked to sensitive fisheries, are outside the scope of Fish and Game's operations. These include restricting helicopter access to sensitive fisheries.
- Whilst we agree that these could be mechanisms that might aid in a pressure sensitive fisheries management regime, they are not options that Fish and Game is able to implement other than in cooperation with other entities.



Proposed approach in response to feedback

Targeted restrictions on sensitive fisheries

- There was strong support from all groups canvassed for targeted restrictions on sensitive fisheries to manage angling pressure.
- There will be no change to this underlying approach.

Fees for annual resident Designated Waters licences

- There was strong support from all groups canvassed for a small fee of c\$5 for annual resident Designated Waters licences per Fish and Game region. Initially the proposal was for residents' home regions to be free, however factoring in feedback, particularly from non-resident anglers on the need for residents to contribute financially too, and analysis on the potential for unintended impacts on locations of licence sales, it is proposed that all annual Designated Waters licences will be \$5 per region.
- In response to feedback, all annual resident Designated Waters licences will be \$5 per Fish and Game region.

Fees for daily non-resident Designated Waters licences

- There was a clear division of views between resident and non-resident anglers on this point. Resident anglers favoured fees either in the range consulted on or higher, whereas non-resident anglers did not support daily fees for non-resident Designated Waters licences.
- The range consulted on appears to represent a balance between the opposing views of resident and non-resident anglers and also aligns with comparable international examples.
- In response to feedback non-resident Designated Waters will be set at \$40 per day.

Limits on number of non-resident Designated Waters day licences per Fish and Game region

- As above, there was a division of views between resident and non-resident anglers on the imposition of limits on the number of Designated Waters day licences a non-resident angler can purchase per Fish and Game region. Residents were in strong support, in many instances advocating for limits lower than those proposed by Fish and Game. Non-resident anglers opposed the limits, instead advocating for either no limits or higher limits than those proposed by Fish and Game. The NZPFGA supported the concept but suggested that the higher end of the range consulted on would be preferable.
- The starting point for Fish and Game had been a limit of four non-resident Designated Waters day licences per region, as data showed that the average non-resident angler fishing backcountry waters fished these for four or fewer days per season. As such a limit of four Designated Waters day licences would not impact the average user in any way. However, in light of the feedback received, particularly from non-resident anglers, Fish and Game recommend increasing this to five to balance both the strong support from resident anglers for limits against the opposition from non-resident anglers.
- In response to feedback non-resident Designated Waters day licences will be increased to five per Fish and Game region.

Use of licence fees

- There was a strong view expressed in written submissions from resident and non-resident anglers that Designated Waters licence fees should be used exclusively for the management of these fisheries.
- It is recommended that Designated Waters licence fees will accrue in a dedicated reserve in the Fish and Game region that the licences are sold in to be used on the management of sensitive fisheries.

Other non-regulatory responses

- In response to feedback received Fish and Game intends to:
 - » Increase compliance work on Designated Waters, funded by Designated Waters licence fees.
 - » Prepare an education and communications campaign aimed at angling etiquette in sensitive fisheries to be released alongside the Designated Waters licences.
 - » Review fisheries where beat systems are not currently utilised but which may be suitable (feedback from resident and non-resident anglers suggested these are very well received).
 - » Engage with stakeholders such as transport providers and professional fishing guides to ensure that all parties that are contributing or facilitating pressure in sensitive fisheries are aware of any new requirements as well as the need to only use these fisheries selectively.



Next steps

- In June, the New Zealand Fish and Game Council will recommend to the Minister of Conservation the establishment of a Designated Waters licence category and the fees for these licences.
- From May to June, regional Fish and Game Councils will consider which waters they want to recommend as Designated Waters through their Anglers Notice process.
- In July, the New Zealand Fish and Game Council will recommend to the Minister of Conservation the approval of the Anglers Notice 2023, which (along with the Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice) will specify which waters are Designated Waters.
- If the Minister of Conservation approves each of these steps, then the Designated Waters system will be operational from the 1st of October 2023.



Overview of how Designated Waters and Controlled Fisheries work

RESIDENT ANGLERS



NON RESIDENT ANGLERS

NZ RESIDENT LICENCE TYPES

- No additional licences required.
- Standard regulations apply.
- No additional restrictions to access.

OPEN WATERS

- No additional licences required.
- Standard regulations apply.
- No additional restrictions to access.

NR SEASON OR 24 HOUR

WHOLE SEASON LICENCE TYPES

- Designated Waters licence required.
- Annual Designated Waters licence purchased per region.

DESIGNATED WATERS

- Per diem (daily) designated waters licence required.
- Limit of five Designated Waters licences per Fish & Game region.

NR SEASON

WHOLE SEASON LICENCE TYPES

- Access to Controlled Fisheries during the controlled period may be actively managed to limit the number of anglers who can access a fishery.
- Booking and ballot systems to allocate access.
- Controlled fisheries would typically operate outside of the Designated Waters system, and as such anglers would usually not require a Designated Waters licence to fish in a Controlled Fishery.

CONTROLLED FISHERIES

- Access to Controlled Fisheries during the controlled period may be actively managed to limit the number of anglers who can access a fishery.
- Booking and ballot systems to allocate access for controlled periods.
- Controlled fisheries would typically operate outside of the Designated Waters system, and as such anglers would usually not require a Designated Waters licence to fish in a Controlled Fishery.

NR SEASON

This table sets out the recommended restrictions for different categories of water and different licence types.



TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

2023 SPECIAL PARADISE SEASON REPORT

A 3-weekend (7-day) hunting season for paradise shelduck was held in Game Management Area C (Taranaki) on 25th – 26th February and 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th & 13th March 2023, with hunting hours from 6.30am to 8pm each day. 2023 was the first year the season had been run over three weekends, including Taranaki Anniversary weekend. Previously, the season had been restricted to two weekends (4 days).

To participate in the season, hunters were required to have a 2022 game licence (unless hunting on the land they occupied), obtain a \$5 permit (free for land occupiers) and fill in and return a diary. The daily bag limit was 10 paradise shelduck per hunter per day.

The special season was held to:

1. Disperse flocks of post-moult paradise shelduck that can cause damage to areas of new sown grass, recovering hay paddocks and fodder crops such as chicory; and
2. Provide an additional hunting opportunity for licence holders and land occupiers.

RESULTS

Permits were issued to 146 hunters, of which 92 went hunting, 48 didn't go out and 6 could not be contacted for their results (Table 1). Of the 57 land occupiers issued with permits, 18 went hunting, 35 didn't go out and four could not be contacted for their results.

Out-of-region hunters comprised 12% of hunters (Table 2), which was lower than in previous years (Figure 1). Auckland/Waikato licence holders made up most of the out-of-region participants (7 of 11 hunters). As usual, most hunters (81 in total) came from within the Taranaki region and 6.9% of Taranaki's 1,171 2022 game licence holders (1091 AWS + 80 JWS) participated in the 2023 special season.

The 92 active hunters participating in the season expended a total of 713 hours of effort for a harvest of 1,017 paradise shelduck, which corresponded to a success rate of 1.43 birds per hour (Table 3). Both the harvest and the success rate were about average (Tables 3 & 4, Fig. 2). While the special season harvest of paradise has remained stable in recent years, the total annual harvest over the wider region is trending downwards (Fig.3).

Of the 209 days spent hunting in 2023, 95 (45%) occurred on the first weekend, 63 (30%) on the second and 51 (24%) on the third weekend (Table 4). The total number of days hunted was similar to previous years, but the effort was spread out over three weekends rather than two. Increasing the available opportunity didn't result in an increase in participation or harvest. The average number of days per hunter (2.27) was the highest since at least 2005 (Table 4), indicating that the season extension did result in hunters spending more time in the field. A 3-weekend special season has again been gazetted in Area C in 2024.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE REPORT ON THE 2023 SPECIAL PARADISE SEASON, DATED 11th MAY 2023, BE RECEIVED.

Jilli Steedman
Allen Stancliff
11th May 2023

TABLE 1. Breakdown of Special Season Permits Issued, 2007-2023

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Nil Hunting	56	52	57	54	45	47	46	43	63	56	43	41	37	44	43	46	48
Not able to be contacted	5	5	7	10	5	3	6	2	3	0	2	2	3	3	4	10	6
Active Hunters – Area A																	
Active Hunters – Area B	21	26	36	19	16	12	14	8	9	18							
Active Hunters – Area C	97	109	122	111	102	130	116	114	132	113	99	94	104	109	108	105	92
Total Active Hunters	118	135	158	130	118	142	130	122	141	131	99	94	104	109	108	105	92
Total Permits Issued	179	192	222	194	168	192	182	167	207	187	144	137	144	156	155	161	146

TABLE 2. Origin of Participants in the Taranaki 2023 Special Season.

F&G Region	Area C	% from each Region
Auckland/Waikato	7	7.6
Eastern	2	2.2
Wellington	2	2.2
Taranaki	81	88.0
Total	92	

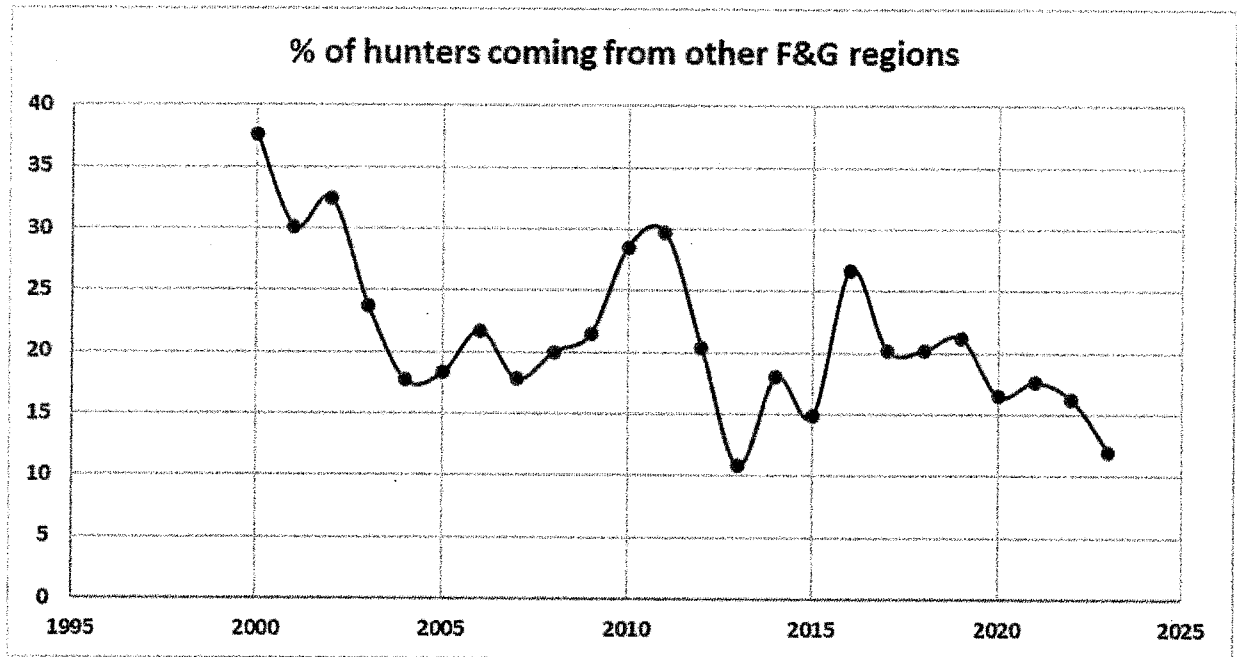


FIGURE 1. Proportion of Taranaki special season hunters coming from other Fish & Game Regions. No special season has been held in the Waimarino (Area A) since 2002 and in Whanganui (Area B) since 2016.

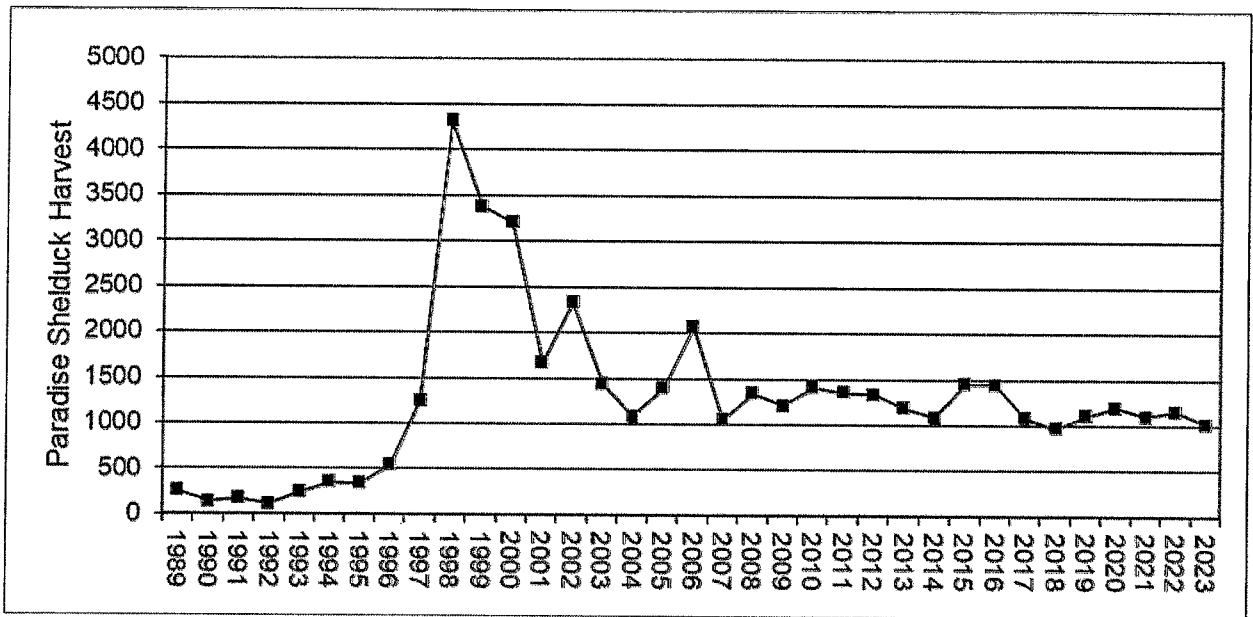


FIGURE 2. Taranaki region special season harvest of paradise shelduck. No special season has been held in the Waimarino since 2002 and in Whanganui since 2016.

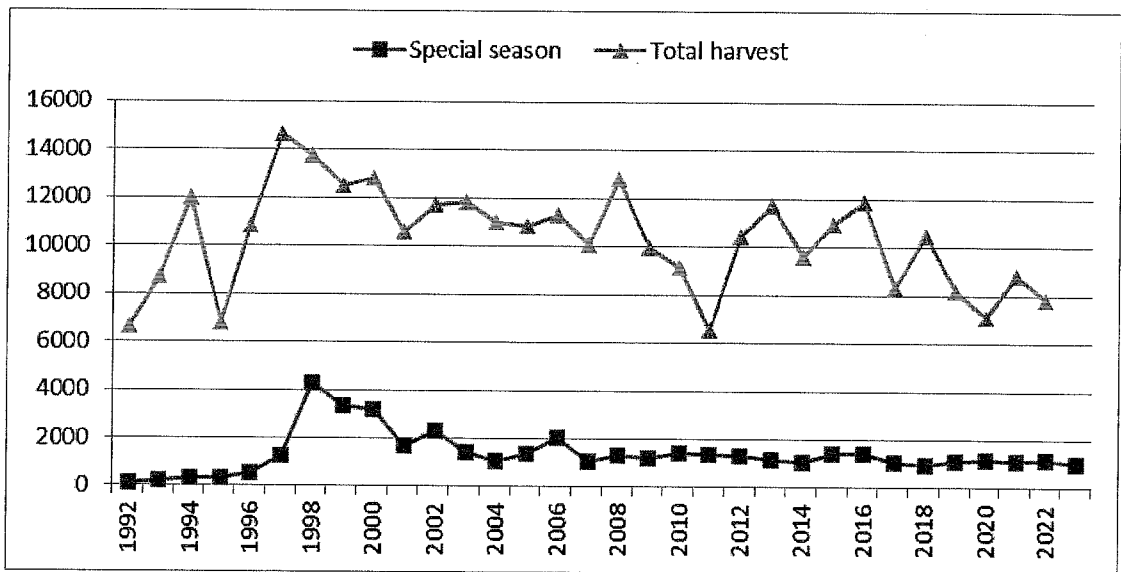


FIGURE 3. Taranaki special season and total annual harvest estimates for paradise shelduck. The total harvest estimate for 2015 does not include the harvest in Taranaki by hunters from other regions during the 2015 main season.

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

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
No. Hunters	188	110	130	131	161	118	135	158	130	118	142	130	122	141	131	99	94	104	109	108	105	92
Paradise Shot	2,328	1,451	1,085	1,397	2,065	1,049	1,342	1,212	1,408	1,356	1,334	1,186	1,086	1,451	1,446	1,076	968	1,107	1,195	1,098	1,153	1,017
Not retrieved	55	50	29	49	58	70	41	26	35	52	37	65	71	33	33	56	49	35	36	36	33	26
Banded	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Geese Shot	89	37	55	76	72	57	87	53	48	22	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hunting hours	1,472	968	958	1,125	1,479	949	--	1,068	997.5	932.5	1,026	849.3	845.8	1,040	960.8	716	728	750	868	897	820	713
Paradise/hour	1.58	1.50	1.13	1.24	1.40	1.11	1.67*	1.13	1.41	1.45	1.30	1.40	1.28	1.40	1.50	1.50	1.33	1.48	1.38	1.22	1.41	1.43
Paradise/hunter	12.4	13.2	8.3	10.7	12.8	8.9	9.9	7.7	10.8	11.5	9.4	9.1	8.9	10.3	11.0	10.9	10.3	10.6	11.0	10.2	11.0	11.0
Ave effort (hrs)	7.8	8.8	7.4	8.6	9.2	8.0	5.9*	6.8	7.7	7.9	7.2	6.5	6.9	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.7	7.2	8.0	8.3	7.8	7.8
Total Days	372	261	232	258	340	200	224	251	207	202	220	207	195	258	255	182	174	189	190	199	225	209
Days / hunter	1.98	2.37	1.78	1.97	2.11	1.69	1.66	1.59	1.59	1.71	1.55	1.59	1.60	1.83	1.95	1.84	1.85	1.81	1.74	1.84	2.14	2.27

TABLE 4. Harvest Statistics for Game Management Area C (Taranaki). The season was extended from one weekend to two in 2015 and two weekends to three in 2023.

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
No. Hunters	110	126	97	109	122	111	102	130	116	114	132	113	99	94	104	109	108	105	92
Paradise Shot	1,186	1,625	906	1,066	1,008	1,265	1,233	1,205	1,077	1,026	1,365	1,310	1,076	968	1,107	1,195	1,098	1,153	1,017
Paradise not retrieved	47	43	57	38	20	30	51	34	60	71	33	30	56	49	35	36	36	33	26
Canada Geese Shot	76	64	50	87	53	48	21	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Geese not retrieved	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hours	971.5	1,168	823.5	443.5	837	884	827	938	793.3	799.3	995	866.5	716	728	750	868	897	820	713
Av. No. paradise / hour	1.22	1.39	1.10	1.55*	1.20	1.43	1.49	1.28	1.36	1.28	1.37	1.51	1.50	1.33	1.48	1.38	1.22	1.41	1.43
Av. No paradise/ hunter	10.8	12.9	9.3	9.8	8.3	11.4	12.1	9.3	9.3	9.0	10.3	11.6	10.9	10.3	10.6	11.0	10.2	11.0	11.0
Av. Effort in hours	8.83	9.3	8.5	6.1*	6.9	8.0	8.1	6.7	6.8	7.0	7.5	7.7	7.2	7.7	7.2	8.0	8.3	7.8	7.8
Total Days	225	274	172	187	187	180	176	200	186	183	246	230	182	174	189	190	199	225	209
Days 1st weekend											156	122	125	105	138	146	127	163	95
Days 2nd weekend											90	108	57	69	51	44	72	62	63
Days 3rd weekend																			
Av. No. days per user	2.05	2.17	1.77	1.72	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.86	2.04	1.84	1.85	1.81	1.74	1.84	2.14	2.27

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

NZ FISH & GAME COUNCIL CONSULTATION: RESIDENT/NON-RESIDENT DEFINITION

The NZC is consulting with Regional Fish & Game Councils about amending Fish & Game's definition of resident and non-resident in respect of angling licences, to align with the Immigration Act and Doc Taupo. The NZC's consultation document is attached for consideration.

My understanding is that currently, holders of working holiday visas, student visas and other temporary visas that allow a person to reside in NZ for more than 6 months can purchase a NZ resident angling licence. This can create compliance issues in terms of obtaining proof in the field that the person qualifies for a resident licence. The Doc Taupo definition is simpler and easier to enforce.

NZC's Senior Policy & Legal Advisor, Jack Kos, says "currently it's difficult to determine whether someone meets the test for a resident because it's reliant on a number of factors, including the amount of time they are in NZ etc, which are not black and white. This means it can be very difficult for rangers to know if someone is fishing on the correct licence and arguably even a court could conclude that there was sufficient ambiguity. With the introduction of Designated Waters licencing and the different approaches to managing resident and non-resident anglers this will be even more important moving forwards. The proposed new definitions will take out the grey area and make it much simpler to determine if someone is a resident or not. The change will also increase the consistency of definitions across the country".

There may be some impact on licence sales, for example, low paid foreign nationals working in hospitality in Queenstown and paying high rents may choose not to purchase a licence to fish Lake Whakatipu as some currently do. However, the financial implications of the change will be analysed by the Licence Working Party prior to NZC making a final decision.

RECOMMENDATION:

- THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL SUPPORTS AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT TO ALIGN WITH THE IMMIGRATION ACT AND DOC TAUPO.

Allen Stancliff

Acting Manager

15 May 2023

CONSULTATION:	RESIDENT/NON-RESIDENT DEFINITION
TO:	Regional Managers
CC:	Regional Chairs, NZC and Administrators
AUTHOR:	Corina Jordan, CEO NZ Fish and Game Council
DATE:	8/05/2023
FEEDBACK DUE:	12/06/2023
FEEDBACK TO:	nzcouncil@fishandgame.org.nz
LINK TO REGISTER:	Consultation Register

Recommendations - Ngā taunaki

The New Zealand Fish and Game Council (NZC) seeks consultation from Regional Fish and Game Councils on the following points:

1. Amending the definition of resident and non-resident to align with the Immigration Act and DoC Taupō.

Executive Summary - Whakarāpopoto

Currently, our definition of resident and non-resident is inconsistent with the Immigration Act and DoC Taupō. It is proposed to amend these definitions so that they are consistent.

Discussion - Kōrerorero

Our current definition of resident and non-resident is as follows:

In the Sports Fish Licences Fees and Forms Notice, Resident is someone who, on 1 October 20XX:

- Is a New Zealand citizen; or
- Ordinarily resides in New Zealand.

We then further define resident at the licence sales point as someone who:

- Holds a residence class, student, or work visa;
- Has lived in New Zealand for at least six of the 12 months immediately prior to their licence purchase; and
- Has New Zealand as their primary place of established residence.

Non-resident is defined in both the Sports Fish Licences Fees and Forms Notice and the licence sales point as:

- Someone who, on October 1, is not ordinarily a resident in New Zealand.

DoC Taupō defines:

Resident as someone who is a:

- New Zealand citizen; or
- Permanent New Zealand resident as defined in the Immigration Act 2009.

Non-resident as someone who is not a:

- New Zealand citizen; or
- Permanent resident as defined in the Immigration Act 2009.

The Immigration Act definitions are as follows:

- New Zealand citizen means someone who has New Zealand citizenship as provided in the Citizenship Act 1977 or the Citizenship (Western Samoa) Act 1982;
- Permanent resident means the holder of a permanent resident visa.

At its April 2023 meeting, NZC agreed to consult with Regional Fish and Game Councils on amending our current definitions to align with the Immigration Act and DoC Taupō because of the increased clarity. It is believed this will also make prosecutions simpler as the definitions are more finite.

Prior to confirming this at its 15 June 2023 meeting, analysis will be undertaken by the Licence Working Party (LWP) on what the prospective implications of this change are from a licence holder and financial perspective.

Options - Ngā kōwhiringa

Regional councils may:

- a. Support amending the definitions; or
- b. Not support the definitions.

Considerations for Decision-Making - Whai whakaaro ki ngā whakataunga

Financial Implications

Analysis will be undertaken by the LWP on the implications prior to confirmation at NZC's June 2023 meeting.

Legislative Implications

If confirmed, this would result in amendments to the Sports Fish Licences Fees and Forms Notice 2023.

Section 4 Treaty Responsibilities

There are no legislative implications raised.

Policy Implications

Consideration needs to be given as to whether this fits within NZC's current policy and strategy, such as National Policy, three-year plan and R3 initiatives etc.

Risks and Mitigations

There is a risk of unforeseen financial implications as a result of amending definitions, however this will be mitigated by undertaking analysis prior to confirmation. There is further a current risk of difficulties in determining residency or prosecuting for fishing with a licence a person is not eligible for because of unclear definitions.

Next Actions - Ngā mahinga e whai ake nei

If supported, and NZC approves these changes at its June 2023 meeting, these will be factored into the Sports Fish Licences Fees and Forms Notice 2023.



Corina Jordan
Chief Executive
New Zealand Fish and Game Council

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

NZ FISH & GAME COUNCIL CONSULTATION: RESERVES POLICY

The NZ Fish & Game Council is consulting with regions on a Draft National Reserves Policy, with feedback due by 28 June 2023. The consultation is wanting to clarify and confirm the current approach to managing reserves.

RECOMMENDATION:

- THAT TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE DRAFT RESERVES POLICY AS CIRCULATED FOR CONSULTATION.

Allen Stancliff

Acting Manager

31st May 2023

CONSULTATION:	DRAFT NATIONAL RESERVES POLICY
TO:	Regional Managers
CC:	Regional Chairs, NZC and Administrators
AUTHOR:	Corina Jordan, CEO NZ Fish and Game Council
DATE:	8/05/2023
FEEDBACK DUE:	28/06/2023
FEEDBACK TO:	nzcouncil@fishandgame.org.nz
LINK TO REGISTER:	Consultation Register

Recommendations - Ngā taunaki

The New Zealand Fish and Game Council (NZC) seeks consultation from Regional Fish and Game Councils on the following points:

1. Clarifying the status quo reserves policy.

Executive Summary - Whakarāpopoto

This reserves policy proposes to codify the status quo approach to reserves and provide clarity to all councils on the thresholds and processes associated with reserves.

Background - Takenga mai

In 2020, the organisational reserves policy was amended in light of covid to reduce reserves thresholds from 30% to 20% and to require regions to spend a portion of their budget from reserves. NZC also indemnified regional reserves at the 20% level.

Since that point, the treatment of reserves has not been definitively restated, leading to some confusion around what the approach and thresholds are.

Discussion - Kōrerorero

Prior to the COVID-19 amendments to budget policy, reserves were set for levy paying regions as a percentage of licence sales and for grant receiving regions as a percentage of budget. During COVID-19 this was amended to be as a percentage of budget for all regions (whether levy paying or grant receiving). It is proposed that this approach is continued.

The intention of this policy is not to change the approach to reserves, but to clarify the post-Covid status quo. The one minor amendment is the requirement for regions to fund one-off projects from reserves if these are over the upper threshold (currently this is the usual practice but is not prescribed).

Options - Ngā kōwhiringa

Regional councils may:

- a. Support the draft policy; or
- b. Not support the draft policy; or
- c. Propose an amendment to the draft policy.

Considerations for Decision-Making - Whai whakaaro ki ngā whakataunga

Financial Implications

There should be minimal direct financial implications. Long term, this should provide for an all of organisation approach to the maintenance and expenditure of reserves, minimising increases to licence sales.

Legislative Implications

There are no legislative implications raised.

Section 4 Treaty Responsibilities

There are no Section 4 Treaty responsibilities raised.

Policy Implications

If approved, this would reaffirm existing National Policy.

Risks and Mitigations

This policy represents a mitigation step against the financial risk to the organisation from potential mismanagement of reserves.

Next Actions - Ngā mahinga e whai ake nei

If supported, and approved by NZC at its 18 August 2023 meeting, this will become National Policy.

Supporting Document

- Draft National Reserves Policy



Corina Jordan
Chief Executive
New Zealand Fish and Game Council

DRAFT NATIONAL RESERVES POLICY

Section	Governance
Contact/Owner	NZC CEO/NZC
Last Review	
Next Review	November 2025
Approval	NZC [INSERT MEETING DATE/RESOLUTION]
Effective Date	[INSERT DATE]

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the financial viability of Fish and Game whilst minimising increases to the licence fee by:

- Setting minimum and maximum reserves thresholds; and
- Specifying the course of action taken where reserves fall outside this threshold; and
- Ensuring an all of organisation approach to the expenditure of reserves.

2. PRINCIPLES

The National Reserves Policy covers:

- The types of reserves held by Fish and Game Councils.
- The minimum and maximum amount of reserves a Council should hold.
- The approach when a Council falls below or exceeds the minimum or maximum reserves threshold.
- The process by which different classes of reserves may be spent.

3. TYPES OF RESERVES

Fish and Game Councils hold three different types of reserves:

- General reserves, which are accumulated funds.
- Dedicated reserves, which are reserves held for a dedicated purpose.
- Restricted reserves, which are reserves under Fish and Game’s control where an external party sets a restricted purpose.

4. PERCENTAGES OF RESERVES TO BE HELD

- All Regional Fish and Game Councils shall hold a minimum of 20% reserves (comprising general and dedicated reserves, but not restricted reserves) and a maximum of 50% reserves as a percentage of budget.
- The New Zealand Fish and Game Council shall hold a minimum of 30% of reserves (general and dedicated) and a maximum of 50% of reserves as a percentage of budget.
- These percentages are as at 31 August each year.

5. APPROACH TO RESERVES OUTSIDE OF 20-50% RANGE

- **Reserves below 20%:**
 - a. Where a Regional Fish and Game Council's reserves, having operated within budget, fall below 20% (for instance, due to an un-forecast reduction in licence sales), the region may apply for a top of reserves in the next budget round. If the region is unable to operate that financial year (i.e. before the top up of reserves takes affect) the region may apply to NZC for a short term loan.
 - b. Where NZC reserves fall below 30% these will be topped up through the contestable funding round.
- **Reserves over 50%:**
 - a. Where a Regional Fish and Game Council exceeds the 50% maximum threshold, they will not be eligible to apply for one-off or fixed-term funding from the licence fee in the contestable funding round until their reserves are below 50%. These projects must instead be funded from reserves.
 - Ongoing costs, such as salaries, can still be applied for from the licence fee in the contestable funding round.
 - b. Where the New Zealand Fish and Game Council exceeds the 50% reserves threshold all funds over and above this threshold will be available at the next contestable funding round.

6. HOW RESERVES MAY BE SPENT

- **General Reserves:**
A Regional Fish and Game Council must seek approval from NZC prior to spending general reserves.
- **Dedicated Reserves**
A Regional Fish and Game Council must notify NZC if it spends dedicated reserves.
- **Restricted Reserves**
A Regional Fish and Game Council must notify NZC if it spends restricted reserves.

7. DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT CONTROL

Prepared by: Jack Kos, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor
Owned by: NZC/NZC CEO
Authorised by: Fish and Game New Zealand National Council
Date Issued (for Consultation): 8/05/2023
Next Review: November 2025

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

LAKE KOHATA

Lake Kohata is an 8-hectare dune lake with a 2.5km shoreline situated 5km southeast of Whanganui.

The Taranaki Fish and Game Council's Lake Kohata Management Plan (2001) states that a 1969 Notice in the *NZ Gazette* set the lake apart as "a reserve for wildlife management purposes". A 1981 Gazette Notice subsequently declared that a 20m riparian margin surrounding the lake also formed part of the Lake Kohata Wildlife Management Reserve, to be administered for Government Purpose (Wildlife Management) by the Minister of Internal Affairs".

By written agreement dated 1 November 1972, the Minister of Internal Affairs transferred the management and control of the reserve to the Wanganui Acclimatisation Society. The passage of the Conservation Law Reform Act 1990 provided for the transfer of the assets, liabilities, contracts and engagements of the Whanganui Acclimatisation Society to the Taranaki Fish and Game Council. The Lake Kohata Wildlife Management Reserve, comprising Lake Kohata and a 20.12m wide riparian margin, has therefore been under the management and control of the Taranaki Fish and Game Council since 1 June 1990.

In the 1990's – early 2000's, Lake Kohata supported five or six 2-person stands for game bird hunting and was one of only a very few publicly available hunting opportunities in the Whanganui district. However, following approval of a lifestyle subdivision on the eastern side of the lake on 25th June 2002 and the building of houses, the ability of gamebird hunters to utilise the stands has progressively declined until currently there is only one hunter using the lake during the game season.

Lake Kohata also supports a population of perch that has potential as a fishery, but unfortunately the lake has an infestation of the invasive exotic water weed hornwort (*Ceratophyllum demersum*) which can grow in deep water and form dense floating mats, making fishing hard. A lake weed survey in 2003 didn't record the presence of hornwort in Lake Kohata, so it appears that hornwort established sometime after that. A visit by staff in February 2023 confirmed that the hornwort infestation is such that the lake is hard to fish effectively.

Pursuant to the Management Plan for Lake Kohata, the Council has a number of responsibilities, including:

- Promoting full, free, public pedestrian access to Lake Kohata;
- Promoting and undertaking works within the present legal accessway and within the reserve to facilitate practical public access to and around Lake Kohata;
- Undertaking such works or measures as Council may decide from time to time to provide for amenity values and the interests of other users;
- Fencing and planting of lake margin sites with waterfowl habitat value;
- Weed and predator control.

However, in recent years at least, the Council has put few resources into the reserve, largely because its value as a gamebird hunting resource has diminished.

In October 2022 the Council was approached seeking its approval for removal of a building line restriction on a lifestyle property at 42 Nicholson Drive adjacent to Lake Kohata. In discussions with the landowner's architect and the Department of Conservation (Katy Newton, Senior Ranger, Community) it became clear that the reserve boundary fence adjacent to the subdivision was incorrectly placed 10 metres from the lake instead of the required 20 metres.

Taranaki Fish & Game staff then attended a meeting about Lake Kohata on 4th May 2023 with DOC and Whanganui District Council staff and Judd Bailey from the Whanganui Rural Community Board. There was a focus on restoring and signposting public walking access to the lake margin via the existing legal accessway from Kaitoki Road and the potential for creation of a public walkway round the lake with planting to enhance the reserve's amenity values.

Given the diminished value of Lake Kohata for gamebird hunting and fishing, it was suggested that Fish & Game could consider returning management responsibility for Lake Kohata to the Crown (DOC). Fish & Game would still be part of a collaborative group set up to maintain and enhance the environmental, public access and amenity values of the reserve.

RECOMMENDATION:

- THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL INVESTIGATE OPTIONS FOR RELINQUISHING MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LAKE KOHATA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT RESERVE.

Allen Stancliff

Acting Manager

30th May 2023

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

Taranaki Fish Licence Sales Report

Please find attached National fish licence sales to 30 May 2023 for the 2022/2023 season with comparison to the previous year

Jilli Steedman
SECRETARY
31st May 2023

RECOMMENDATION

That the Taranaki Fish Licence Sales report, be received

National Game Licence Sales YTD to 30 May 2023

	Channel	GWA	GWJ	GWC	GDA	GDJ	Total	Game LEQ	Game Var	Game \$	Inc/Dec
Northland	Agency Online	1,298	124	55	4	0	1,481				
	Public Online	234	33	7	5	0	279				
	Total	1,532	157	62	9	0	1,760	1,565		\$130,631	
2021-2022	Agency Online	1,238	134	45	3	0	1,420				
	Public Online	252	36	15	7	0	310				
	Total	1,490	170	60	10	0	1,730	1,525	-2.5%	\$135,287	\$4,656
Auckland Waikato	Agency Online	4,823	400	163	27	0	5,413				
	Public Online	1,328	120	52	57	0	1,557				
	Total	6,151	520	215	84	0	6,970	6,271		\$523,454	
2021-2022	Agency Online	5,013	448	175	16	0	5,652				
	Public Online	1,322	187	74	80	4	1,667				
	Total	6,335	635	249	96	4	7,319	6,478	3.3%	\$574,614	\$51,160
2022-2023	Agency Online	2,477	243	108	15	1	2,844				
	Public Online	451	48	13	39	0	551				
	Total	2,928	291	121	54	1	3,395	2,996		\$250,128	
Eastern	Agency Online	2,322	219	99	10	0	2,650				
	Public Online	443	66	35	49	1	594				
	Total	2,765	285	134	59	1	3,244	2,832	-5.5%	\$251,230	\$1,102
2021-2022	Agency Online	1,400	122	40	6	0	1,568				
	Public Online	450	59	27	19	1	556				
	Total	1,850	181	67	25	1	2,124	1,891		\$157,842	
2022-2023	Agency Online	1,290	93	29	12	0	1,424				
	Public Online	403	71	26	11	0	511				
	Total	1,693	164	55	23	0	1,935	1,730	-8.5%	\$153,414	-\$4,428
Taranaki	Agency Online	897	64	30	3	0	994				
	Public Online	190	16	9	7	0	222				
	Total	1,087	80	39	10	0	1,216	1,105		\$92,228	
2021-2022	Agency Online	840	63	28	7	0	938				
	Public Online	212	25	17	6	0	260				
	Total	1,052	88	45	13	0	1,198	1,072	-3.0%	\$95,064	\$2,837
Wellington	Agency Online	2,680	237	90	16	1	3,024				
	Public Online	635	77	44	23	0	779				
	Total	3,315	314	134	39	1	3,803	3,385		\$282,566	
2021-2022	Agency Online	2,567	240	118	15	0	2,940				
	Public Online	620	80	46	26	1	773				
	Total	3,187	320	164	41	1	3,713	3,258	-3.8%	\$288,955	\$6,389
2022-2023	Agency Online	726	52	18	3	0	799				
	Public Online	140	19	1	6	0	166				
	Total	866	71	19	9	0	965	882		\$73,614	
Neilson/Marl	Agency Online	715	53	13	3	0	784				
	Public Online	108	21	7	0	0	136				
	Total	823	74	20	3	0	920	838	-5.0%	\$74,336	\$722
North Canterbury	Agency Online	1,978	147	59	8	0	2,192				
	Public Online	372	30	23	9	0	434				
	Total	2,350	177	82	17	0	2,626	2,388		\$199,379	
2021-2022	Agency Online	2,109	153	74	7	0	2,343				
	Public Online	360	43	25	14	0	442				
	Total	2,469	196	99	21	0	2,785	2,512	5.2%	\$222,763	\$23,384
2022-2023	Agency Online	150	18	3	1	0	172				
	Public Online	193	15	15	4	0	227				
	Total	343	33	18	5	0	399	351		\$29,261	
West Coast	Agency Online	183	11	5	2	0	181				
	Public Online	184	19	21	3	0	227				
	Total	347	30	26	5	0	408	354	1.0%	\$31,386	\$2,125
Central Souths	Agency Online	1,764	128	61	5	0	1,958				
	Public Online	408	46	17	13	0	484				
	Total	2,172	174	78	18	0	2,442	2,210		\$184,487	
2021-2022	Agency Online	1,628	142	37	6	0	1,813				
	Public Online	542	57	32	20	1	652				
	Total	2,170	199	69	26	1	2,465	2,214	0.2%	\$196,386	\$11,899
2022-2023	Agency Online	3,178	240	68	9	0	3,495				
	Public Online	806	81	24	8	0	919				
	Total	3,984	321	92	17	0	4,414	4,051		\$338,162	
Otago	Agency Online	3,107	236	92	9	1	3,445				
	Public Online	783	87	43	21	1	935				
	Total	3,890	323	135	30	2	4,380	3,959	-2.3%	\$351,172	\$13,010
2021-2022	Agency Online	3,834	372	132	1	0	4,339				
	Public Online	781	102	42	5	0	930				
	Total	4,615	474	174	6	0	5,269	4,710		\$393,183	
2022-2023	Agency Online	3,711	350	117	1	1	4,180				
	Public Online	794	137	52	8	0	991				
	Total	4,505	487	169	9	1	5,171	4,602	-2.3%	\$408,203	\$15,021
TOTAL	Agency Online	25,205	2,147	827	98	2	28,279	25,649		\$2,141,168	
	Public Online	5,988	646	274	195	1	7,104	6,154		\$513,766	
	Total	31,193	2,793	1,101	293	3	35,383	31,804		\$2,654,934	
2021-2022	Agency Online	24,703	2,142	832	91	2	27,770	25,141		\$2,229,890	
	Public Online	6,023	829	393	245	8	7,498	6,234		\$552,920	
	Total	30,726	2,971	1,225	336	10	35,268	31,375		\$2,782,810	
2022-2023	Agency Online	25,205	2,147	827	98	2	28,279	25,649		\$2,141,168	
	Public Online	5,988	646	274	195	1	7,104	6,154		\$513,766	
	Total	31,193	2,793	1,101	293	3	35,383	31,804		\$2,654,934	
National Variance against 2022 YTD	Agency Online	24,703	2,142	832	91	2	27,770	25,141		\$2,229,890	
	Public Online	6,023	829	393	245	8	7,498	6,234		\$552,920	
	Total	30,726	2,971	1,225	336	10	35,268	31,375		\$2,782,810	
2022-23 Summary YTD Actual vs Total Budget								-429	-1.3%	\$127,877	\$127,877
2022-23 Annual Budget								32,553	100.0%	\$2,887,310	
2022-23 YTD Actual								31,375	96.4%	\$2,782,810	
Remaining to meet budget								-1,178	-3.6%	-\$104,500	

National Fish Licence Sales YTD to 30 May 2023

Channel	FWF	FWA	FWNA	FSLA	FLAA	FWIA	FLBA	FSBA	FDA	FDNA	FWJ	FWNJ	FDJ	FDNJ	FWC	FWNC	FDNC	SRSE	Total Fish	Fish LEQ	Fish Var	Fish \$	Inc/Dec	
Central Souths	1,925	2,033	6	696	566	145	16	487	1,599	14	458	0	215	0	469	0	1	0	8,630					
Agency Online	1,411	1,695	45	247	321	155	27	667	2,607	130	353	4	271	5	1,326	3	2	0	9,269					
Public Online	336	378	51	943	887	300	43	1154	4206	144	811	4	486	5	1795	3	3	0	17,899	11,125		\$1,325,331		
Total	1,757	1,929	67	668	496	114	37	397	1,480	393	395	6	193	5	447	5	5	2,526	10,920					
Agency Online	1,561	1,763	430	314	414	152	52	724	3,242	971	440	12	352	20	1,730	17	15	2,370	14,579					
Public Online	338	369	497	982	910	266	89	1121	4722	1364	835	18	545	25	2177	22	20	4896	25,499	11,853	6.5%	\$1,494,529	\$169,198	
Total	2,412	3,493	9	749	171	109	9	199	693	28	407	0	69	0	19	0	2	0	8,369					
Agency Online	2,126	2,574	78	311	418	175	26	402	2,395	106	464	6	249	1	1,337	1	1	0	10,670					
Public Online	458	607	87	1060	589	284	35	601	3088	134	871	6	318	1	1356	1	3	0	19,039	14,534		\$1,731,427		
Total	2,191	3,061	201	698	155	92	18	141	643	958	390	19	75	59	15	8	15	626	9,365					
Agency Online	2,103	2,354	536	397	164	34	330	2,476	1,903	526	36	347	72	1,735	15	38	0	13,429						
Public Online	4294	5415	737	1061	552	256	52	471	3119	2861	916	55	422	131	1750	23	53	626	22,794	14,618	0.6%	\$1,843,127	\$111,700	
Total	1,730	2,297	10	479	132	37	5	152	337	17	432	1	29	0	43	0	0	0	5,701					
Agency Online	813	1,051	63	102	156	47	16	215	837	53	269	5	73	0	696	0	0	0	4,396					
Public Online	2543	3348	73	581	288	84	21	367	1174	70	701	6	102	0	739	0	0	0	10,097	7,989		\$951,706		
Total	1,632	2,003	43	455	178	23	15	144	299	155	449	5	38	2	79	1	2	257	5,780					
Agency Online	846	965	676	116	126	51	13	226	893	971	321	28	106	19	963	13	11	0	6,344					
Public Online	2478	2968	719	571	304	74	28	370	1192	1126	770	33	144	21	1042	14	13	257	12,124	8,386	5.0%	\$1,057,392	\$105,686	
Total	8,648	12,567	359	1,901	2,187	1,133	131	2,610	11,839	571	2,316	38	1,314	19	7,476	11	9	-	53,129	31,745		\$3,781,802		
Direct	10,162	15,216	75	3,681	2,267	764	75	1,509	4,676	117	2,286	5	618	5	1,558	7	4	-	43,025	35,726		\$4,256,111		
AOL	18,910	27,783	434	5,582	4,454	1,897	206	4,119	16,515	688	4,602	43	1,932	24	9,034	18	13	-	96,154	67,472		\$8,037,913		
Total	8,550	11,529	3,067	2,047	2,184	981	181	2,400	12,171	6,618	2,575	129	1,656	156	9,271	86	113	4,763	68,477	34,452		\$4,343,985		
Direct	9,345	13,769	1,221	3,563	2,082	621	131	1,214	4,027	2,939	2,167	52	505	107	1,582	26	42	8,128	51,521	34,316		\$4,326,750		
AOL	17,895	25,298	4,288	5,610	4,266	1,602	312	3,614	16,198	9,557	4,742	181	2,161	263	10,853	112	155	12,891	119,998	68,768		\$8,670,735		
Total																				1,296		1.9%	\$632,822	\$632,822

National Variance against 2021/2022 YTD

2022-23 Summary YTD Actual vs Total Budget	2022-23 Annual Budget	2022-23 YTD Actual	Variance to Budget
	70,627	68,768	\$1,859
	100.0%	97.4%	-2.6%

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OUTPUT	Budget external costs	YTD external costs (30/4/23)	Comments on significant variations	Budget Hours	YTD hours
Population Monitoring	10,100	13,195		470	483.25
Harvest Assessment				50	11
Hatchery	8,500	5,645		85	37.75
Liberations	6,000	6,122		110	128.75
Season Regulations				30	23.75
Gamebird Dispersal	2,500	1,842		120	92
RMA				500	146.25
Habitat Management & Enhancement	20,000			400	87.25
Assessing & Monitoring				100	99.5
Hunter / Angler Access	1,000	239		100	30
Satisfaction Survey				10	3.75
Magazine / Newsletter / Ezine	9,500	11,370		140	167
Hunter / Angler support	2,000				
Clubs	300	300		10	8.75
Statutory Liaison				30	16
Iwi Liaison	100	906		40	42
Information to Clients				70	65.25
General Advocacy	1,100			250	65.25
Hunting & Angling Promotions	3,300	3,367		30	106.5
Ranger Management	1,000	2,243		112	59.75
Compliance	2,100	125		170	23
Licensing & Commission	10,281	6,515		50	9.5
Council Meetings & Administration	9,500	6,220		280	202.75
Management, Strategic & Policy	1,000			40	75.5
Business Planning				40	20
OSH & Other Reporting	6,340	427		55	101.25
National Liaison	100	103		160	80.25
Total Expenditure	94,721	58,619		3452	2189

Project Income	Budget Income	YTD Income
Fish Population Assessment	200	226
Harvest Assessment – Summer Season	500	370
Liberations		1,825
Gamebird Dispersal	750	640
Taranaki Hunting & Habitat Scheme	15,000	
Compliance	1,000	
Total Income	17,450	3,061
Net Expenditure	71,271	55,558

	Budget	YTD
Overheads	232,957	152,145
1910 Salaries & Management Contract	3,900	4,994
1920 Staff Expenses	22,200	14,863
1940 Office Premises	500	1,666
1950 Office Equipment	7,750	4,010
1960 Communications / Consumables	2,750	730
1970 General	6,494	76
1980 General Equipment	15,100	13,258
1990 Vehicles	291,651	193,409
Total Overheads		

Other Income & Expenses	Budget	YTD
Interest	1,477	5,471
Wellington Fish & Game Admin	4,000	3,023
Donations & Other Income		50
Total Other Income & Expenses	5,477	8,544

Nett Project, Overhead and Other Expenditure/Income	Budget	YTD
	363,445	240,423 (66%)

MOVEMENTS IN RESERVES

From	To	Reason	Amount	Date Paid
Hunting & Habitat Scheme	Paul Mander	Te Pekatu Wetland Project	5,000	21.12.22

SPECIES MANAGEMENT

2022/2023 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
<p>Objective: Obtain accurate and pertinent information to guide and enable effective management decisions to maximise user success and satisfaction while ensuring the sustainability of sports fish and gamebird populations across the region</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assess juvenile trout recruitment in Waiongana / Mangaoraka Stream to identify threats for the maintenance and enhancement of the fishery (yr 2 of 2). 2. Investigate Waingongoro fishery to determine current status and identify threats and opportunities (yr 1 of 2) 3. Monitor and report information on the status of the region’s trout fisheries sufficient to measure overall angler success (through a diary scheme), set effective regulations and inform management directions. 4. Implement an effective grey and mallard duck banding programme in the Whanganui area as the first step to obtain an estimate of the population size and level of hunting harvest which will guide future monitoring requirements and regulation setting (yr 4 of 5). 5. Monitor and report information on the status of the region’s mallard and grey duck, paradise shelduck, shoveler, swan and pukeko populations sufficient to assess harvest, identify and manage any population impacts, set effective regulations and inform management directions. 	<p><i>Electric fishing survey to be conducted in early December 2023.</i></p> <p><i>An electro fishing survey of the Waingongoro River catchment was conducted on 5-8th December 2022 to assess juvenile recruitment. 13 sites were surveyed in the Waingongoro mainstem and larger tributaries. A draft report is being prepared. A Waingongoro catchment habitat inventory report is also currently being prepared.</i></p> <p><i>Angler diaries sent to 30 anglers prior to the start of the 2022/23 season. Field Officer, Jacob Morison helped Riverwise Consulting conduct two electric fish surveys in Kapuni Stream; 10 sites (25/10/2022) and 7 sites (15/5/2023). A 2021/22 Annual Fish Monitoring Report was prepared for Council’s 15 October 2022 meeting. Field Officer Jacob Morison helped Wellington Fish and Game with their drift dive surveys of the Ruamahunga River (1/3/2023), Hutt River (2/3/2023 – 3/3/2023) and upper Rangitikei River (13/3/2023 – 16/3/2023).</i></p> <p><i>Approval given for researcher, Murray Williams, to have access to historical banding data held by DOC (14/11/2022). Field Officer Jacob Morison helped Wellington Fish & Game with their mallard banding on 26th and 27th of January 2023 at Tara Station, Dannevirke. Mallard and Grey duck banding was conducted at Lake Rotokauwau on 21st and 22nd February with the help of Wellington and Eastern F&G staff. A total of 567 birds were banded (387 mallard/13 grey day 1, 166 mallard/1 grey day 2). There were 61 recaptures over both days.</i></p> <p><i>Report on the August 2022 national shoveler survey received 4/10/2022. January 2023 trend counts completed for paradise shelduck and black swan and a report prepared for Council’s 18/02/2023 meeting. A flight to monitor dabbling duck along 20 randomly</i></p>

<p>6. Participate in National Hunter Survey to derive a robust estimate of annual game bird harvest and hunter success.</p> <p>7. Recommend effective regulations that are timely, easily understood and which maximise licence holder opportunity while ensuring resource sustainability and public support. As part of this complete review and implement recommendations for Paradise shelduck hunting conditions including area boundaries</p> <p>8. Review and develop a position on the release of upland game birds.</p> <p>9.</p> <p>10. Provide advice and support practical and effective predator control opportunities that assist game bird populations.</p> <p>11. Undertake annual trout stocking programme which concentrates on creating and maintaining valued lake fisheries.</p>	<p><i>selected transects around the Taranaki ringplain was undertaken on 4/04/2023. Pukeko monitoring along 17 randomly selected road transects around the ringplain was conducted on 5th, 10th & 18th April 2023. Whanganui pukeko monitoring was conducted along 10 randomly selected on 20th April.</i></p> <p><i>2022 season results included in Game Gazette Notice report. First two surveys of the 2023 game season carried out.</i></p> <p><i>Game Gazette Notice report prepared for Council's 10 December 2022 meeting. Council's recommendations entered into the national document on 12/12/2023, with final check on 31/01/2023. Angler's Notice report prepared for Council's 10 June 2023 meeting. Permits to undertake fish surveys in the region were issued to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• Horizons Regional Council (11/01/2023);</i> <i>• 4Sight Consulting on behalf of Manawa Energy (18/01/2023).</i> <p><i>A permit was issued (20/02/2023) for a Reel Recovery retreat to allow 8 men living with cancer to fish waters in the Waimarino District</i></p> <p><i>Rob Browning provided Council with a copy of his DOC pheasant release authority and confirmed he will apply to have a non-commercial pheasant preserve (upland game property with special conditions) listed in the 2024 Taranaki Game Gazette Notice.</i></p> <p><i>TRC predator control seminar attended (8/09/2022) to upskill staff.</i></p> <p><i>150 Hawera hatchery rainbow trout released into Lake Rotomanu (13/09/2022) followed by 503 Ngongotaha rainbows on 19/10/2022. 100 Hawera hatchery rainbows and 1,000 rainbow fry were released into the upper Waiaua River & tributaries on 15/11/2022. A hatchery & trout liberation Annual Report was prepared for Council's 15 October 2022 meeting. Further releases of Hawera hatchery rainbows were made into the upper Patea River at Stratford (300) on 2/12/2022; the</i></p>
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	<p>lower Patea River (100) on 14/12/2022; the Stony River (100 + 101) on 19/12/2022 & 24/01/2022; and Lake Mangamahoe (121) on 24/01/2022. A 2023 trout release schedule was prepared for Council 25th March 2023 meeting. Confirmed with the Tongariro National Trout Centre that rainbow trout will be available for Sattler's Dam in autumn 2023 and a release of 101 fish was undertaken on 13/04/2023. A release of 250 rainbow trout fingerlings from the Hawera hatchery was undertaken on 12/04/2023.</p>
<p>12. Undertake trial release of 2-year-old rainbow trout into the lower Patea River to assess the potential for a long-term programme (yr 4).</p> <p>13. Undertake monitoring of angler returns from the 2017-2021 releases of tagged brown and rainbow trout into the lower Patea River.</p> <p>14. Operate Hawera hatchery in an effective, cost efficient and sustainable manner utilising volunteer support to meet the identified stocking objectives.</p>	<p>100 large rainbows were released on 14/12/2022.</p> <p>Draft report prepared for Manawa Energy (16/02/2023).</p> <p>Approx. 3,400 rainbow fry from the 2022 year-class transferred to the larger inside troughs (30/09/2022) – 1,000 surplus to requirements since released. 240kg feed ordered 26/10/2022 and 400kg on 14/04/2023. Lunch held for volunteers on 28/10/2022 at the South Taranaki Club. Council has been approached by Lowe Corp. (Derek Bowman) with a proposal to use the hatchery water delivery pipes to also supply water to another system that will allow Lowe Corp. to renew their consent to take water from Tawhiti Stream. An on-site meeting is scheduled for 29/05/2023.</p>
<p>Objective: Provide effective compliance to protect resource sustainability (including revenue base) and user experience to maintain licence holder satisfaction.</p>	
<p>15. Maintain a skilled honorary ranger team of at least 12 rangers consistent with requirements and objectives of the Compliance Policy and Strategy and also R3 principles.</p> <p>16. Undertake safe and effective compliance coverage across the Taranaki Region, including at least 100 licence checks of anglers and also of hunters.</p>	<p>CERT 1-day refresher held in New Plymouth on 24/09/2022 attended by 9 Taranaki Rangers and 2 staff (+1 H/B staff). Compliance Annual Report prepared for Council's 15 October 2022 meeting. Ranger warrant obtained for new trainee. A game season Ranger training day was held in New Plymouth on 16/04/2023 attended by 5 Rangers and 2 staff.</p> <p>Angler checks undertaken during the rain-interrupted opening of the 2022/23 angling season. Rangers were canvassed (13/02/2023) about their availability for ranging during the summer season for paradise shelduck and ranging was carried out on 2 of the 3 weekends.</p>

<p>17. Process detected offences in a fair and timely way consistent with national prosecution guidelines.</p>	<p><i>2023 game season compliance preparation was carried out and 3 teams of Rangers operated in the Waverley, Patea & Waitara/Tikorangi areas on opening weekend. A total of 93 hunters were checked, with 100% compliance. A teams catchup with F&G compliance staff was attended on 11/05/2023 and a Compliance Coordinators meeting on 18/05/2023.</i></p> <p><i>Two anglers were issued with offence notices for fishing at Sattler's Dam without a licence on 16/04/2023.</i></p>
<p>Objective: Proactively manage problem aggregations of gamebirds in the interests of both hunters and property owners and managers.</p>	
<p>18. Manage problem aggregations of gamebirds through implementation of a special Paradise Shelduck season in Area C and proactively responding to and assisting landholders.</p>	<p><i>58 permits to disturb gamebirds were issued during the reporting period. These include 22 permits for Paradise Shelduck (6 including Mallard duck), 5 for Mallard duck and 30 for Pukeko (23 urban and 7 rural).</i></p> <p><i>Special season permits produced & advert placed in the Taranaki Daily News on 4/02/2023. A report on the 2023 special season was prepared for Council's 10 June 2023 meeting.</i></p>

HABITAT PROTECTION & MANAGEMENT

2022/2023 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
<p>Objective: Protect/improve habitat for sports fish & game as a fundamental and effective means to sustain the fish & game resource in the interests of licence holders and with biodiversity benefits for the wider community.</p>	
<p>1. <i>Provide valued advice and support to licence holders, landowners and the wider community regarding the importance of and how to protect and enhance habitat and also undertake predator control/management to benefit both fish & game and wider indigenous biodiversity resources.</i></p> <p>2. <i>Promote, encourage and support landowners to create, enhance and protect wetlands by providing sound technical advice and assistance to make successful applications to the GBHT and Hunting & Habitat Funds including billion tree (1BT) programme.</i></p>	<p><i>There was liaison with Horizons RC staff regarding protection of a Harrison Road Fordell wetland (01/09/2022). There was liaison with an architect regarding removal of a building line restriction on a property bordering the Lake Kohata Wildlife Management Reserve. A late agenda item was prepared for Council's 15 October 2022 meeting and Council's approval was provided on 20/03/2023.</i></p> <p><i>A TRC/NIWA aquatic weed identification seminar was attended (22/09/2022) to upskill staff.</i></p> <p><i>Four of five 2022 applications to the GBHT were successful, being allocated a total of \$12K in grants. 5-year review reports on the Ahuroa & Mangatotara wetlands at Toko were prepared for the GBHT.</i></p> <p><i>Two landowners prepared 1BT applications for the GBHT and a progress report on Taranaki 1BT projects was provided to the GBHT on 9/01/2023. Unfortunately, one landowner sold his farm and the new owner declined to proceed with the 1BT project. However, another landowner with a QEII protected wetland was keen to take the 2,000 trees and the GBHT authorised the transfer on 12/05/2023.</i></p> <p><i>Following a site visit it was recommended that the GBHT pay out its grant for the Howatson Twins Dam project (23/11/2022).</i></p> <p><i>A report on 3 applications to the Council's Hunting & Habitat scheme was prepared for Council's 10 December 2022 meeting, at which Council approved grants totalling \$10,237 for the 3 projects. A site visit was made (16/12/2022) to the Clarke Road Te Pekatu wetland to sign off a H&H fund grant of \$5,750 gst incl. The nomination of Councillor Sargeson to sit on the NZGBHT was forwarded to National Office on 11/01/2023.</i></p> <p><i>There was liaison with a landowner and TRC ecologists regarding the Mill Valley wetland project near Whangamomona that had grant funding approved from the GBHT & Taranaki H&H fund in 2022. Owing to there being a protected wetland downstream, consenting</i></p>

3. *Proactively take opportunities to make effective representation in statutory and other community processes to best achieve sports fish and game bird habitat protection and enhancement.*

requirements were too difficult and this project will not now proceed. Following this, F&G staff met with TRC ecologists on 16/05/2023 to discuss consenting requirements to 6 potential wetland projects. Site visits were made to view three wetland projects (one with TRC ecologists) that staff will act as referee's for in the 2023 GBHT funding round.

There was liaison with NPDC (Maria Buzella) regarding extension of the timeframe for fish screening the Lake Mangamahoe water supply river intake (3/10/2022). A meeting with NPDC staff & consultants was attended (24/05/2023) to discuss screening options for the two lake-based intakes. There is potential for one of the intakes to be relocated near the newest fishing platform.

A consent for NPDC's Mangorei Stream weir has been granted (14/11/2022) which requires the weir to be removed by 31/03/2024. Removal was scheduled for February 2023, along with the NPDC's low-head dam on Mangamahoe Stream downstream of Lake Mangamahoe.

An options report for upgrading the STDC's Patea wastewater treatment system was received and a Teams meeting attended on 13/10/2022. A BPO (best practical option) report was received on 13/01/2023.

There was liaison with Fonterra Whareroa regarding extending the date for fitting fish screens to its Tawhiti Stream water intake (7/10/2022). A site visit to view the new screens was attended on 21st April 2023. Planting and BBQ day around the new intake structure was attended on 3rd May 2023.

A meeting was attended (1/11/2022) at Fonterra Kapuni to discuss a major upgrade to their wastewater treatment system.

Comments on the Patea HEPS final DO report were sent to Manawa Energy (11/11/2022).

A TRC request for a meeting regarding the future of the Riverlands Eltham weir was responded to (26/10/2022).

Cold Creek water supply notified F&G on several occasions that they had to increase their take as a result of high use (1 TRC abatement notice received).

There was liaison with Methanex (Gary Reilly; 17/11/2022) regarding renewal of consents to take water from the lower Waitara River.

The TRC informed F&G (9/11/2022) of impending remedial works to some lower Waiwhakaiho River flood control structures damaged by the August 2022 flood.

Field officer Jacob Morison attended a meeting with KiwiRail, TRC and Riverwise Consulting on 20/10/2022 to look at the KiwiRail Manganui and Waipuku rock ramp fish passes. The Manganui rock ramp received a fair bit of displacement from the 18/19 August 2022 flood event that resulted in a lip below the weir that may still impede fish passage and will need repair work to fix. The Waipuku rock ramp held up better however a steep gradient at the bottom end of the ramp will need repair work as the velocities are too high for fish passage. Instream remediation work on the ramps was scheduled to start in December and be finished before March 2023, but nothing has been done.

A report of soil dumping from road works on Ruatiti Road into the Manganuioteao River was passed on to Horizons RC (30/11/2023). After several follow-up calls it was found (17/02/2023) that no prosecution would be taken and the contractor (via RDC) had been given the message to desist.

A report of erosion affecting a Stony River Mangatete Rd Bridge abutment was passed on to the TRC & NPDC (12/12/2022).

A TRC-organised meeting to discuss removal of the Timaru Stream weir was attended (13/12/2022), at which it was agreed to use the concrete to remedy bank erosion just downstream of the weir and bury the rest on adjacent farmland. F&G provided its non-notified approval for weir removal on 22/12/2022. Owing to delays in consenting, removal will now likely be undertaken in summer/autumn 2024.

Horizons Freshwater consultation was responded to (16/12/2022) and a post made on the Council's Facebook page encouraging licence holders to respond. There was liaison with WF&GC regarding outstanding waterbodies in the Horizons region (16/02/2023).

Consultation documents were received from STDC in relation to Waimate West water supply re-consenting (23/01/2023). Draft consent conditions for the STDC Hawera supply take from Kapuni Stream were reviewed (12/05/2023).

<p>4. <i>Establish an environmental award to acknowledge and highlight outstanding contributions to the protection of sportsfish or gamebird habitat.</i></p> <p>5. <i>Seek effective environmental outcomes as part of the re-consenting of the Mangorei and Motukawa hydro schemes.</i></p>	<p><i>Information on the re-consenting of an irrigation take from a Tokaora quarry pond was received for comment (27/01/2023), with comments provided on 3/02/2023.</i></p> <p><i>There was liaison with the TRC (8/02/2023) about the sorts of consent applications that Fish & Game would be interested in receiving limited notification of and notice of public notification.</i></p> <p><i>An application to create 113 residential lots adjacent to the Waipu Lagoons at Bell Block was reviewed and a submission made on 22/03/2023.</i></p> <p><i>A site visit was made to the site of the Kaupokonui Glenn weir (27/02/2023) to discuss options for removing the weir footing which has emerged as a result of bed movement following weir removal.</i></p> <p><i>Greenfern Industries (17/04/2023) have sought F&G's approval for an extension of time to 1 November 2025 to complete construction of a vertical slot fish pass on the Waingongoro river Normanby weir.</i></p> <p><i>Ernslaw-1 (Lynette Baish) sought F&G's approval for a time extension to replace a culvert in a tributary of Tokiahuru Stream in Karioi Forest, which was given on 5/05/2023.</i></p> <p><i>A zoom meeting was attended (16/05/2023) to discuss monitoring results for the SDC's Stratford wastewater treatment plant and the discharge to Patea River.</i></p> <p><i>An annual stakeholder meeting was attended (25/05/2023) at Ballance Agri nutrients Kapuni plant to discuss their environmental performance. Ballance indicated they were keen to fund environmental enhancement projects in the Waingongoro catchment. Further stakeholder meeting to be arranged to discuss where spending should be directed.</i></p> <p><i>The TRC Environmental Awards presentation evening was attended on 15/11/2022. Currently, there are no opportunities for F&G to sponsor an award.</i></p> <p><i>F&G received notification (25/01/2023) that consents for Manawa Energy's Mangorei power scheme were publicly notified on 4/02/2023. The application and AEE were reviewed, and a F&G submission lodged on 3/03/2023.</i></p> <p><i>Consents for Manawa Energy's Motukawa HEPS were publicly notified on 4/03/2023,</i></p>
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	<p>with a F&G submission lodged on 27/03/2023.</p>
<p>Objective: Work collaboratively and proactively with landowners, other groups and iwi recognising the synergistic benefits and wider outcomes that can be achieved by this approach.</p>	
<p>6. Promote and explore opportunities to improve water quality in Lake Rotomanu (yr3 of 3)</p> <p>7. Engage proactively and collaboratively with iwi & community groups to identify and protect/enhance shared resource values including contributing to water related matters through the Taranaki Maunga Settlement process.</p>	<p><i>NPDC (Paul Marshall) was contacted (2/02/2023) regarding retro-fitting a fish pass to the lake outlet to allow native fish and shrimp to more easily enter Lake Rotomanu from the Waiwhakaiho River. The TRC was contacted (2/02/2023) to see if there had been progress with processing NPDC's application 0298-3 to consent the take for Lake Rotomanu from the Waiwhakaiho River of which F&G should be an affected party. No progress had been made.</i></p> <p><i>There was liaison with TKONT regarding STDC water consents and holding joint pre-hearing meetings (30/01/2023) and also about the removal of the Kaipokonui weir footing (3/02/2023). There was liaison with Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa regarding Manawa Energy's Mangorei hydro (21/02/2023) and Motukawa hydro (30/03/2023) re-consenting.</i></p> <p><i>Councillor Blewman & the Acting Manager attended a ceremony at Aotearoa Marae</i></p>

<p>8. Represent Fish & Game and provide valued input to the Te Awa Tupua process.</p> <p>9. Explore options other parties to remove weirs in Timaru Stream at SH45 and in the Waingongoro River at Eltham.</p> <p>10. Provide technical and administrative support and assistance to joint Orautohā Stream Riparian Project to protect water quality in this catchment and the many values it supports.</p>	<p><i>Okaiawa on 31/03/2023 to witness initialling of a Collective Redress Deed (Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo) for Taranaki Maunga by Nga Iwi o Taranaki & the Crown.</i></p> <p><i>Te Kōpuka meetings (zoom) were attended on 9/09/2022 & 27/01/2023. A 1-day Wananga was attended at Te Ao Hou Marae Whanganui on 21/11/2022 to progress the Te Heke Ngahuru strategy. The Te Kōpuka submission to the NBEA Select Committee was reviewed (01/02/2023).</i></p> <p><i>A TRC consent application to remove the Timaru Stream weir was supported (3/10/2022), a meeting attended and non-notified approval provided on 22/12/2022. The resource consenting process was still underway, and removal will not likely occur until 2024.</i></p> <p><i>Following liaison with the TRC a meeting of interested and affected parties is being scheduled to discuss the future of the Waingongoro Eltham weir. During another meeting Ngaruahine displayed their interest and support for the removal of the Riverlands Eltham weir.</i></p> <p><i>An on-site meeting was attended with Horizons RC staff (6/09/2022) to look at completed riparian fencing and to discuss proposed works in the 2022/23 year. A Jobs for Nature (Horizons RC) zoom meeting was attended on 25/10/2022,</i></p>
<p>Objective: Development of an effective Natural Resources Plan that protects freshwater and wetland habitats and which also minimise Council costs in consent processes and free up resources for other management responses</p>	
<p>11. Engage in and actively advocate for provisions which protect and/or enhance sports fish and game bird habitat in the Taranaki Natural Resources Plan development process.</p>	<p><i>There has been liaison with Regan Phipps, TRC Manager - Science and Technology regarding the Plan and a meeting Regan and the TRC's Planning Manager was attended on 29/11/2022.</i></p>

PARTICIPATION

2022/2023 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
Objective: Add value to licence holders by increasing their opportunity, success and satisfaction and so retain them in the sport.	
<p>1. Maintain and improve the Taranaki pages on the Fish & Game website so how to and where to go information is readily available, easily understood and up to date.</p> <p>2. Work with National Office to upgrade website and prepare information re an 'Introduction to duck hunting in the Taranaki Region'.</p> <p>3. Develop and refine Facebook and Instagram pages in line with any National Policy to regularly inform licence holders using these forums.</p>	<p><i>Pages updated as necessary, including details of the 2023 special paradise season (9/01/2023) and posting of the Taranaki hunting newsletter.</i></p> <p><i>Work on new website proceeding nationally.</i></p> <p><i>Taranaki Fish and Game Facebook page has 63 followers and 32 page likes as of March 10th 2023. 14 posts have been created or shared since September 10th 2022. Posts have collectively reached 643 people and been engaged with/opened by 265 people. Total of 81 likes on posts. Taranaki Fish and Game Instagram page has not been developed.</i></p>
Objective: Encourage past and prospective hunters and anglers into the sport through initiatives which make it easy to have a go and/or provide support.	
<p>4. Develop and utilise licence holder email list to keep hunters and anglers up to date.</p> <p>5. Complete Reel Life and Both Barrels supplements consistent with national R3 recommendations.</p> <p>6. Provide a quality 1-page regional supplement (plus features) in each edition of Fish & Game Magazine.</p> <p>7. Publication of valued hunting and fishing newsletters sent to regional licence holders and hunting landowners. Hunting newsletter also distributed to all rural box holders in the region.</p> <p>8. Proactively provide timely and useful information to licence holders when requested.</p>	<p><i>Families registering for the 2021 Lake Rotomanu family trout fishing day were emailed to let them know about the 2022 event. An email was sent to Taranaki lapsed participants (21/12/2022) to encourage them to purchase a fishing licence.</i></p> <p><i>Articles for Reel Life were sent on 19/09/2022, 12/10/2022, 18/11/2022, 19/12/2022, 23/01/2023, 27/02/2023, 20/03/2023 & 17/04/2023. Articles for Both Barrels were sent on 21/03/2023, 17/04/2023 & 18/05/2023.</i></p> <p><i>A 1-page supplement and season prospects feature for the 2023 Game Season Special Issue was sent to the editor on 19/01/2023 & proofed on 1/02/2023 & 15/02/2023.</i></p> <p><i>A 12-page regional angling newsletter was prepared and sent to the printers on 9/11/2022. An 8-page regional hunting newsletter was prepared (29/03/2023) and posted to game licence holders and rural box holders.</i></p> <p><i>Information was provided to anglers and hunters on request. Staff attended the Inglewood Rod, Gun & Recreation Club's fish</i></p>

<p>9. Replace / erect 2-3 new signs which provide anglers with helpful on-site information re access and regulations consistent with identified priorities.</p> <p>10. Continue to explore opportunities to install 3rd angling platform on Lake Mangamahoe (yr 3 of 3).</p> <p>11. Produce information signs on the Retaruke and Whanganui Rivers to inform walkers on the Te Araroa trail.</p> <p>12. Provide organised fishing opportunities consistent with R3 objectives and branding and in association with volunteer groups for kids and families.</p> <p>13. Explore options for ongoing opportunities for kids and families based on trout releases into local waters and threshold experiences (yr 3 of 3)</p>	<p><i>season opening weekend weigh-in (2/10/2022); their "big-4" weigh-in (24/10/2022) and their opening weekend game season weigh-in (7/05/2023) where the Council Chairman updated the 50 hunters present on regional amalgamations and F&G issues.</i></p> <p><i>CCD information and collateral from the TRC was provided to Stratford kids fishing day participants. Information provided to hunters for the 2023 special hunting season for paradise shelduck.</i></p> <p><i>The was liaison with the Manawatu Anglers Club (Andrew Watt) regarding access at Lake Namunamu. The club will undertake to maintain the boats at the lake.</i></p> <p><i>Signs produced and waiting to be erected at the sites.</i></p> <p><i>The 3rd annual Lake Rotomanu family trout fishing day was held on 29/10/2022 with help from the Inglewood Rod, Gun & Recreation Club, Taranaki Hunting & Fishing and Hynds Pipe Systems. Approx. 150 children plus their parents had a successful day.</i></p> <p><i>Field Officer Jacob Morison went to Lake Rotomanu on the 13/10/22 to hand out under 12 licences for 18 kids after being contacted by Mark from the Edventure kids holiday programme. He stayed for 2 hours to help with rigging rods and to help kids cast.</i></p> <p><i>The Stratford Fishing Club is keen to hold another event on 3/12/2022 and an application to help with funding was submitted to the Taranaki Electricity Trust (7/10/2022) and subsequently approved. The Stratford event went ahead on 3/12/2022 attended by 66 children plus their families.</i></p> <p><i>Lake Kohata was visited on 21/02/2023. Aquatic weed growth (hornwort) and relatively restricted access make this lake of limited value as a fishery.</i></p>
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<p>14. Explore future options for Stratford fishing day and identify preferred option (yr 2 of 2)</p> <p>15. Review, negotiate, publicise and issue access permits to publicly available hunting areas and actively seek and develop new opportunities.</p> <p>16. Identify and explore mentoring schemes to support new hunters and implement most promising option (yr 3 of 3).</p> <p>17. Develop web based introductory package for anglers highlighting access opportunities and methods to get started.</p> <p>18. Proactively take opportunities to make effective representation in statutory and other community processes to maintain or enhance hunting or angling access and opportunity.</p> <p>19. Complete review of Kaupokonui River access information and implement identified opportunities to assist angler access.</p> <p>20. Assess satisfaction and success of Taranaki Region anglers using catch rates from a voluntary diary scheme and online satisfaction survey.</p> <p>21. Locate and publicise quality trout and perch recipes that enable anglers to make good use of these species.</p> <p>22. Implement actions to influence hunter behaviour as identified in hunter behaviour strategy to maximise enjoyment and participation and also public support for gamebird hunting.</p> <p>23. Provision of ready and valued support and assistance to licence agents such that they are kept up to date, resourced and operate as effective agents.</p>	<p><i>Access arrangements were confirmed for the 2023 game season, permits printed and issued to licence holders and weekly ballots held for Harakeke & Tauwhare forests. The Secretary attended a meeting with Ernslaw-1 (11/05/2023) to discuss forest access.</i></p> <p><i>Introductory package is well underway and will be incorporated into the new Fish & Game website. Diaries sent to 30 anglers for the start of the new season. A spreadsheet of Taranaki public angler access points and information was provided to bdma Revolution (29/03/2023) for inclusion in the new F&G website.</i></p> <p><i>Engaged in Horizons RC's recreational freshwater survey (16/12/2022).</i></p> <p><i>Licence agents were visited on 10th March 2023 and were supplied with game regulations guides</i></p>
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IWI & PUBLIC INTERACTION

2022/2023 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
Objective: Work proactively and collaboratively with iwi at all levels consistent with Treaty of Waitangi obligations and responsibilities regarding the protection and use of natural resources.	
1. Proactively engage, work and collectively share with iwi and hapu within the region on matters affecting wetland and freshwater resources or their use.	<p><i>There was liaison with the Fonterra Kaitiaki group regarding resolution of fish passage issues in the Tawhiti Stream tributary of the Tangahoe River.</i></p> <p><i>Ngati Rangi Iwi were invited to Council's 18th February 2023 meeting in Raetihi. Te Atiawa were invited to Council's 25th March meeting at Waitara.</i></p>
Objective: Strong relationships and involvement with DOC and local and regional councils to effectively represent the interests of hunters and anglers in formal decision-making process.	
2. Liaise with Department of Conservation and Conservation Boards and proactively engage and work with Regional and District Councils and community & industry groups.	<p><i>Liaised with Taranaki/Whanganui Conservation Board member Mat Vujcich, who attended Council's 15 October 2022 meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Liaised with DOC Whanganui office (Katy Newton) re: Lake Kohata (11/11/2022). A teams meeting with DOC Whanganui, WDC & Putiki Marae representatives was attended (4/05/2023) to discuss habitat, public access and the future management of Lake Kohata.</i></p> <p><i>Liaised with DOC Whanganui regarding eel/fish deaths in the Whanganui catchment and attended a zoom meeting (16/11/2022). Field Officer Jacob Morison assisted DOC and Wellington Fish and Game to capture Koi carp in a 0.8ha farm pond in Dannevirke and to identify if they were reproducing.</i></p> <p><i>Liaised with DOC (& F&B) regarding Manawa Energy's Mangorei and Motukawa HEPS re-consenting and with STDC Kapuni water supply re-consenting.</i></p> <p><i>Liaised with DOC New Plymouth regarding the issue of game bird hunter access permits to the Sentry Hill Conservation Area and the Looney's Lake Conservation Covenant.</i></p>
Objective: Engender support for hunting and fishing and the activities of Fish & Game by the general public and others who recognise that these activities contribute to a better environment and healthy lifestyle and in turn who support protecting these resources and the opportunities to participate	
3. Recognise and pursue opportunities to contribute to the wider community including "Wild for Taranaki" and "Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust".	<p><i>Attended a Wild for Taranaki (WfT) quarterly catchup meeting (1/09/2022) and the annual biodiversity forum (27/10/2022). Attended the TRC's environmental awards presentation (15/11/2022). Liaised with Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust about signage informing anglers that the eels are protected in Lake Rotokare (1/11/2022).</i></p> <p><i>Collated Eastern & Taranaki F&G's contributions to the NZ Freshwater Science</i></p>

<p>4. Take opportunities to promote the value of protecting freshwater, wetland and upland game habitats and the wider benefits from this.</p> <p>5. Represent the interests of hunters and anglers and promote the validity of fishing and gamebird hunting including as a means of collecting natural organic foods and engaging in a physical healthy lifestyle.</p> <p>6. Maintain a positive and constructive profile in the media which encourages prospective participants and fosters support and understanding among the general public.</p>	<p><i>Society's 2023 newsletter. Prepared talk on Taranaki game bird monitoring for the 2023 Birds NZ Conference held in New Plymouth on 3/4 June 2023.</i></p> <p><i>Met with Forest & Bird Taranaki Rep (1/09/2022). Attended a DOC fish passage seminar (8/09/2022). Met with Paul Turner, Project Lead, Taranaki Catchment Communities (9/12/2022) to discuss ways in which F&G can help farmers with wetlands etc. Gave a talk to New Plymouth Rotary on Taranaki trout fisheries (24/11/2022).</i></p> <p><i>Hunter access facilitated to private farmland at Omata during the 2023 special paradise shelduck season.</i></p> <p><i>2022 fishing season publicity was provided to the Whanganui Chronicle (8/09/2022) Taranaki Daily News and Stratford Press (27/09/2022). A fish season advertorial was organised with the Ruapehu Bulletin (3/10/2022). A neighbourly community post was made to publicise Lake Rotomanu family trout fishing day, along with articles in the Daily News and North Taranaki Midweek (Midweek advert 20/10/2022). A fishing article and advert were sent to the Ruapehu Bulletin (10/11/2022) for their summertime bulletin. An article and advert were sent to the Stratford Press (11/11/2022) and an article to the South Taranaki Star and Daily News (18/11/2022) to publicise the Stratford kids' trout fishing day. Information on the Stratford fishing day was provided to 2 radio stations for their community notices (24/11/2022) and further articles were provided to the Stratford Press on 28/11/2022 & 4/12/2022. An advertorial was prepared for the Stratford Press to publicise the 2023 special paradise hunting season and a press release (19/02/2023) also resulted in articles about the season in the North Taranaki Midweek and South Taranaki Star. A 2023 game season advertorial was organised in the Whanganui Midweek (6/04/2023). The Whanganui Chronicle ran an article about the 2023 hunting exclusion zone in the lower Whanganui River. Comment on opening weekend of the 2023 game</i></p>
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7. Implement revised media strategy and including incorporating any National Policy.	season was provided to the Ruapehu Bulletin (8/05/2023).
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COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

2022/2023 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
Objective: Sound and effective governance which facilitates a co-operative and supportive relationship between Council, staff and licence holders that enables effective management of resources in the best interests of the licence holder and the fish & game resource.	
1. Not less than six meetings of Council are held and meetings are conducted consistent with provisions of the Standing Orders.	<i>Council meetings were held on 15th October 2022 (Hawera), 10th December 2022 (Whanganui), February 2023 (Raetihi) & 25/03/2023 (Waitara).</i>
2. Identification and implementation of options and strategies to increase the diversity of Council and iwi involvement.	
3. The 5-Year Strategic Plan is reviewed and agreed by Council by March 2023.	<i>5-Year Strategic Plan reviewed and adopted by Council at its 18th February 2023 meeting.</i>
4. Formulation and adoption of an Annual Operational Plan and Budget for 2023/24 consistent with the 5-Year Strategic Plan.	<i>Draft 2023/24 Annual Plan prepared for Council's 25th March 2023 meeting. Contestable funding applications sent to National Office on 23/03/2023.</i>
5. Presentation by Council of its audited annual report for 2021/2022 not later than 31 December 2022. Report to be consistent with tier 2 Service Performance standards and requirements.	<i>2021/22 Annual Report prepared, audited and adopted by the Council at its 10th December 2022 AGM.</i>
6. Effective regional policies are developed, adopted and reviewed as required and are consistent with any National Policy requirements.	<i>Working with National Office to develop suite of corporate policies.</i>
7. Progress reporting of licence sales, work progress and financial position is timely and accurate and supports sound financial and operations management and oversight.	<i>Reported to each 2-monthly meeting.</i>
8. Effective administration such that the Council is within annual budget (\pm 5%), operates consistent with best practice and at least 90% of its annual plan is completed.	<i>Field Officer's new vehicle received from Energy City Ford on 28/12/2022. F&G logos attached 17/01/2023. Old vehicle listed on TradeMe on 18/01/2023 – 3 offers so far.</i>
9. Effective staff management including performance reviews completed and new objectives agreed for staff, and regular staff meetings such that staff are aware of what is generally occurring and have ready opportunity for input into decisions and management direction.	<i>Staff Teams meeting held on 29/11/2022; 7/02/2023; 10/03/2023.</i>

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

10. Implement any outcomes and directions from Fish & Game Ministerial Review and / or National Council reviews.

Wellington & Taranaki Fish & Game staff met to liaise re: regional merger (14/09/2022). The Acting Manager met via zoom with the Wellington Manager & Consultant Collier Isaacs to discuss a way forward with amalgamation on 12/12/2022. The Taranaki & Wellington Chairs, Vice-Chairmen and Managers also met via zoom on 17/01/2023.

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

Online Managers' meetings were attended on 9/09/2022, 28/10/2022, 3/11/2022, 18/11/2022, 15/12/2022, 26/01/2022, 9/02/2023, 24/02/2023; 23/03/2023, 5/05/2023, 19/05/2023 & 25/05/2023. A 2-day Managers' strategy meeting was attended in Wellington (19/20 October 2022) and a 2-day budget meeting on 19/20 April 2023.

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

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

Liaised with the National Office of the NZFGC regarding:

- *Consultation with mana whenua;*
- *F&G vision & strategic plan;*
- *F&G Magazine review of costs;*
- *Designated waters;*
- *Retrieving shot game;*
- *Lapsed licence holders;*
- *NBEA;*
- *.410 lead shot;*
- *NZ Firearms Licencing fees;*
- *Non-resident licence levy.*
- *2021/22 variance report.*
- *Non-resident licence criteria*
- *Resource Allocation*
- *Designated waters*
- *Remuneration review*

Authorisation was given to contact Taranaki licence holders;

- *who hold a sea-run salmon endorsement for survey purposes (13/12/2022);*
- *regarding the government's Arms Regulation Fees Review (22/12/2022);*
- *To survey male anglers for information to compare with the women anglers study (11/01/2023).*

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

	<p><i>Passed on comments from Taranaki's Audit regarding the Performance Reporting Framework (20/12/2022). Used new REM spreadsheet to update staff salary calculation.</i></p>
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<p>Objective: Demonstrate a commitment to Health & Safety and ensuring the welfare of staff and others through effective policy, systems, resourcing and oversight.</p>	
<p>14. All processes and activities are undertaken consistent with Council Health & Safety Policy and Manual.</p>	<p><i>Reported to each Council meeting.</i></p>
<p>15. Staff are actively involved in implementing HSAW policy and ensuring a safe workplace, including by undertaking two monthly staff meetings where HSAW is a specific agenda item.</p>	<p><i>Reported to each Council meeting.</i></p>
<p>16. Compliance with HSAW requirements and policy including scheduled reviews and audits along with any issues identified or near misses routinely reported to each meeting of Council.</p>	<p><i>Reported to each Council meeting.</i></p>

Recommendation

That the Budget Report to 30 April 2023 and Project Progress Report to 26 May 2023 be received.

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

Financial Reports to 30th April 2023

Please find attached the following reports;

1. Profit & Loss to 30 April 2023
2. Balance Sheet to 30 April 2023
3. BNZ Statement of Accounts 1 May 2023

RECOMMENDATION

That Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet to 30 April 2023, be received.

Jilli Steedman
SECRETARY
30 May 2023

Profit and Loss

Taranaki Fish and Game Council For the 8 months ended 30 April 2023

SEP 2022-APR 2023

Trading Income

Contracts	3,022.88
Donations	50.00
Fish Licence Income AOL	40,515.16
Fish Licence Income POL	71,851.03
Fish Population Monitoring (income)	226.16
Game Licence Income AOL	39,596.52
Game Licence Income POL	7,085.21
Gas Gun Rental	640.00
Grants Received	128,379.33
Interest Income	5,471.15
Kid's Fishing Days	1,824.87
Non-Resident Licence Revenue	11,527.17
Summer Season permit sales	369.59
Total Trading Income	310,559.07

Gross Profit

310,559.07

Operating Expenses

ACC Levy	177.83
Audit	283.86
Bank Charges	55.45
Cleaning Administration Building	17.39
Clubs	300.00
Commission on Sales	3,466.24
Compliance	124.50
Council Catering	3,070.57
Council Meeting Expenses	28.08
Council Travel	3,121.66
Equipment Maintenance	979.28
Eyede Charges - Inc GST	1,073.66
Eyede Charges No GST	1,678.48
Field Equip -Purchases (Under \$2,000)	0.70
Field Equipment Maintenance	75.50
Fish Food Costs	1,466.28
Fringe Benefit Tax	1,240.44
Gamebird Dispersal	1,842.11
Gamebird Population Monitoring	13,195.11
Hatchery	2,955.44
Hatchery Insurance	724.98
Hatchery Power	499.24
Hunting & Angling Promotions	3,366.87

Insurance - General	1,665.93
Iwi Liaison	906.18
Kids Fishing Days	5,861.47
Licence Agents	296.17
Managers / National Office Liaison	102.82
Office General (was Petty cash)	174.35
Office Premises Rent	14,845.84
Other Liberations	260.30
Other Reporting / OSH	142.88
Photocopying	17.39
Polaris side x side	1,032.00
Postage	1,094.26
Purchases (Under 2,000)	686.95
Ranger Catering & Travel	1,723.49
Ranger Management	231.00
Ranger Training	288.67
Regional Newsletter	8,619.80
Regional Web Pages and Ezines	2,750.00
Salaries	152,145.42
Staff Expenses	52.50
Staff Training	3,522.92
Stationery	736.16
Subscriptions	499.94
Taranaki Hunting & Habitat Project	5,000.00
Telephone/fax	2,162.67
Trailer - Hatchery 79MWT	374.76
Trailer - Side X Side 6Z149	216.30
Upland Game Access Permits	238.50
Vehicle Fuel & RUC	5,711.39
Vehicle Insurance	3,736.89
Vehicle Maintenance	2,008.28
Vehicle Registration (1995)	178.63
Total Operating Expenses	257,027.53
Net Profit	53,531.54

Balance Sheet

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

As at 30 April 2023

30 APR 2023

Assets

Bank

BNZ Current Account	38,291.39
BNZ Term 3031	381,530.47
MRP	4,661.57
Total Bank	424,483.43

Current Assets

Accounts Receivable	106,248.14
Total Current Assets	106,248.14

Fixed Assets

Accum Dep Vehicles	(53,903.52)
Accum Dep Buildings	(16,451.00)
Accum Dep Office Equipment	(25,656.02)
Accum Dep Plant & Equipment	(17,112.09)
Buildings	16,451.00
Office Equipment	31,946.63
Plant & Equipment	26,474.26
Vehicles	159,680.02
Total Fixed Assets	121,429.28

Total Assets	652,160.85
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Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	21,494.43
Accruals and Prepaid Licences	(70.00)
BNZ Credit Card - Allen	459.77
BNZ Credit Card - J Morison	75.00
Duck Stamp Levy Clearing	2,613.04
Employee Entitlements	31,286.52
GST	11,595.03
Income in advance	8,152.00
PAYE Clearing	5,816.48
Rounding	0.01
Sea Run Salmon Endorsement	65.23
Total Current Liabilities	81,487.51

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Net Assets	570,673.34
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Equity

Accumulated Funds	141,669.19
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Asset Replacement Funding	14,540.00
Back Country Fisheries Reserve	8,496.67
Current Year Earnings	53,531.54
Fisheries Project	6,586.30
Hunting & Habitat Scheme	332,679.74
Manganuioteao River Riparian Project	6,806.29
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	6,363.61
Total Equity	570,673.34

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Statement of Accounts as at 01 May 2023

Your Accounts at a Glance

Account	Account Number	Maturity Date	Balance
 Non Profit Org A/C	02-0792-0332133-000		38,291.39
 MRP	02-0792-0332133-001		4,661.57

Your Other Accounts at a Glance

Account	Account Number	Maturity Date	Balance
 Term Deposit	36332133-03031	12 Aug 2023	381,530.47

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TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

Correspondence Schedules

Please find attached Inwards and Outwards correspondence schedules to 31 May 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That Inwards and Outwards correspondence schedules to, 31 May 2023, be received.

Jilli Steedman
SECRETARY
31 May 2023

Inwards Correspondence

Date	Meeting	From	Staff Councillor	Subject
20.3.23	June-23	Helen Payn mpi	Jacob	Minutes Freshwater Biosecurity partnership Programme Teleconference
27.3.23	June-23	Jack Kos	Allen	Designated waters feedback
27.3.23	June-23	Sarah Miller TRC	Allen	Mill Road – Creation of Duck pond
27.3.23	June-23	Esmae Knox – Te Arawhiti	Allen	Invitation to Collective Redress Deed for Taranaki Maunga
29.3.23	June-23	Aaron & Amanda Harris	Allen	Mill Road – Creation of duck pond
30.3.23	June-23	Te Atiawa Consents	Allen	Manawa Motukawa consents
30.3.23	June-23	Ashiley Sycamore – DOC	Allen	Manawa Energy Ltd – Motukawa HEPS
2.4.23	June-23	Darlene Ladbrook – TRC	Allen	Acknowledgement of submissions received
6.4.23	June-23	Rhonda Norden – NPDC		Acknowledgement of submission received – Robe & Roche Investments Ltd, Bell Block
6.4.23	June-23	DOC	Staff	Conservation Boards' Newsletter
11.4.23	June-23	David Shaw – NZME	Allen	Gamebird Season Whanganui Midweek advertorial
17.4.23	June-23	Riverwise Consulting	Allen	Greenfern Industries – Resource consent
17.4.23	June-23	Michelle Dwyer – Fonterra	Allen	Fonterra Tawhiti Stream intake
18.4.23	June-23	Robin Houghton	Allen	Tawhiti Stream – Lowe resource consent
2.5.23	June-23	Taranaki Regional Council	Allen	Inspection Notice – TFGC surface water take – Tawhiti Road
2.5.23	June-23	Anthony van Dorp – Eastern F&G	Allen	Teams meeting with firearms safety authority
2.5.23	June-23	Ben Wilson – Auckland/Waikato F&G	Allen	FSC audit
2.5.23	June-23	Corina Jordan	Staff	Welcoming Maryse Ropiha to the F&G whanau
3.5.23	June-23	Phil Battley – Massey University	Allen	Birds NZ draft schedule
3.5.23	June-23	Brendon fisher – Fonterra	Jacob	Tawhiti Fish Screen Project Celebration
4.5.23	June-23	Lynette Baish – Ernslaw One Ltd	Allen	Ernslaw One Culvert Karioi Forest
4.5.23	June-23	Lynette Baish – Ernslaw One Ltd	Allen	Ernslaw One Culvert Karioi Forest
5.5.23	June-23	Lynette Baish – Ernslaw One Ltd	Allen	Ernslaw One Culvert Karioi Forest
10.5.23	June-23	Jack Kos	Allen	Designated waters update
12.5.23	June-23	Peter Cook – STDC	Allen	Kapuni Water Supply – draft conditions
12.5.23	June-23	Terry Calmeyer – enspire	Allen	Confirmation of meeting – Lake Mangamahoe Fish Screens
15.5.23	June-23	New Plymouth District Council	Allen	Decision on the proposed New Plymouth District Plan

Date	Meeting	From	Staff Councillor	Subject
17.5.23	June-23	Alice West – TRC	Allen Jacob	Wetland / game bird habitat enhancement meeting notes and actions
18.5.23	June-23	Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa	Allen	Improving our data about outdoor access
24.5.23	June-23	Terry Calmeyer – enspire	Allen	Meeting with F&G regarding Lake Mangamahoe fish screens
25.5.23	June-23	MPI	Allen	New clam species found in Waikato River
25.5.23	June-23	Michelle Bradshaw DOC	Allen	Bird Banding Newsletter
29.5.23	June-23	Carol Rivera – SGS NZ Ltd	Allen	Summit Stakeholder consultation
29.5.23	June-23	DOC	Allen	Pending aerial 1080 operation
30.5.23	June-23	F&G Media Release	Allen	De-intensify agriculture only way to save high country lakes
30.5.23	June-23	Karl Henderson – Balance Kapuni	Allen	Kapuni biomonitoring reports

Outwards Correspondence

Date	Meeting	To	Staff Councillor	Subject
20.3.23	June-23	Richie Cosgrove	Jacob	Taranaki March Reel Life article
20.3.23	June-23	Jason Kay – w4 Panning	Allen	Lake Kohata / RC Application
21.3.23	June-23	Richie Cosgrove	Jacob	Taranaki's March Both Barrells article
22.3.23	June-23	NPDC – applications	Allen	Robe & Roche Investments Ltd
23.3.23	June-23	NZ Freshwater Sciences	Allen	Article contribution
27.3.23	June-23	Taranaki Regional Council	Allen	Manawa Energy Motukawa HEPS re-consenting
27.3.23	June-23	Esmee Knox – Te Arawhiti	Allen	Invitation to Collective Redress Deed Ceremony for Taranaki Maunga
27.3.23	June-23	Sarah Miller – TRC	Allen	Mill road – Creation of a duck pond
30.3.23	June-23	Andy Whitehead	Allen	Whitehead oxbow restoration
30.3.23	June-23	Phil Battley – Massey University	Allen	Presentation at conference
3.4.23	June-23	Rangers	Allen	Game Season ranger training
6.4.23	June-23	David Shaw – NZME	Allen	Whanganui Midweek advertorial
17.4.23	June-23	Richie Cosgrove	Jacob	Taranaki's April Both Barrells
17.4.23	June-23	Richie Cosgrove	Jacob	Taranaki's April Reel Life article
8.5.23	June-23	Darlene Ladbroke – TRC	Allen	Waingongoro catchment consents
8.5.23	June-23	Ruapehu Bulletin	Allen	Game Season article
18.5.23	June-23	Richie Cosgrove	Jacob	Taranaki's May Both Barrells
26.5.23	June-23	Riverwise Consulting	Allen	Greenfern Industries – Resource Consent

