



# **TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL**

## **AGENDA PAPERS**

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

**SATURDAY  
14 OCTOBER 2017**

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

**Taranaki Region**

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## AGENDA

SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017

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

COMMENCING AT 10:00AM

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## TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL, HELD AT THE UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM, SANDFORD EVENT CENTRE, 150 TASMAN STREET, OPUNAKE ON 5 AUGUST 2017, COMMENCING AT 10:00AM.

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The Chairman, Paul Blewman, called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. He welcomed councillors, Fish and Game staff and visitors to this meeting, and thanked Chris Donald for chairing the last meeting in his absence.

### **1. PRESENT**

Councillors Paul Blewman, Alan Flynn, Gerard Karalus, Romon Sargeson, Steve Hugo, Cory Potroz, Chris Donald, Chris Bright and John Nancarrow.

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Manager Glenn Maclean, Senior Field Officer Allen Stancliff and Secretary Jilli Steedman. Graeme Mackenzie and Murray Dobbin (after lunch)

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors David Potroz and Craig McEwen. Derryn Phillips and former chairman Terry Russell.

MOVED DONALD/NANCARROW

THAT THE APOLOGIES RECEIVED BE SUSTAINED  
CARRIED

### **3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were none that hadn't already been notified at previous meetings.

### **4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017**

MOVED NANCARROW / C POTROZ

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017 IN WHANGANUI, BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.  
CARRIED.

### **5. MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

### **6. AGENDA MANAGEMENT**

The Chairman noted items to be included in General Business;

- Taranaki/Whanganui Conservation Board liaison.
- Public excluded session to discuss management contract.

The Manager advised Councillors that the Taranaki/Wellington boundary signs have been installed.

**7. HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- ✦ The Manager noted that there will be a CERT refresher course to be held in Rotorua.
- ✦ We are still waiting for clarification from National Office in consultation with WorkSafe regarding land owners obligations to recreational quad bike users.
- ✦ A National HSAW self-audit has been completed for the Taranaki F&G Council. The Council's H&S systems scored highly however the audit highlighted several minor administrative aspects to address.

MOVED HUGO / DONALD

THAT THE MANAGERS HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT, BE RECEIVED  
CARRIED

**8. 2017/2018 ANNUAL OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN AND BUDGET**

Councillors asked that their mobile phone numbers be included in the AOWP directory.

There was discussion on the updated Fish & Game web site. Councillors noted the difficulty they are having navigating the site.

MOVED HUGO/DONALD

THAT NATIONAL COUNCIL BE ADVISED OF TARANAKI COUNCILLORS CONCERNS OVER THE DIFFICULTY TO QUICKLY AND INTUITIVELY FIND INFORMATION ON THE NEW WEB SITE.

CARRIED

MOVED HUGO/NANCARROW

THAT THE DRAFT 2017/2018 ANNUAL OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN AND BUDGET INCLUDING CHANGES NOTED AT THIS MEETING, BE ADOPTED  
CARRIED

**9. US LICENCE SALES PATTERNS AND DRIVERS**

The Manager spoke to his paper, which came from a presentation at the recent Fish & Game staff conference.

MOVED KARALUS / SARGESON

THAT THE MANAGER'S PAPER ON US LICENCE SALES PATTERNS AND DRIVERS, BE RECEIVED  
CARRIED

**10. BRUCE MCKENZIE AWARD**

Stratford Fishing Section has received two nominations for their running of kids' fishing days in Stratford.

MOVED FLYNN / HUGO

THAT THE NOMINATION FOR STRATFORD FISHING SECTION TO RECEIVE THE BRUCE MCKENZIE AWARD, BE APPROVED  
CARRIED

It was noted that the next meeting of the council would be held in Stratford, which would be more convenient for the recipients to attend.

MOVED

DONALD / NANCARROW

THAT THE PRESENTATION DATE FOR THE BRUCE MCKENZIE AWARD BE MOVED FORWARD TO THE OCTOBER 2017 MEETING  
CARRIED

**11. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS**

The Chairman noted that the presented standing orders needed to be changed to reflect this council.

MOVED HUGO / C POTROZ

THAT TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL ADOPT THE STANDING ORDERS WITH REFERENCES TO NATIONAL COUNCIL CHANGED TO TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL.  
CARRIED

**12. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman thanked Councillor Donald for chairing the June meeting in his absence. He passed on the council's condolences to Glenn Maclean on the passing of his father. He updated the councillors on the Taranaki Maunga Negotiations.

MOVED BLEWMAN / C POTROZ

THAT THE CHAIRMAN'S VERBAL REPORT BE RECEIVED.  
CARRIED

**13. NATIONAL COUNCILLORS REPORT**

National Council appointee Alan Flynn advised Councillors of the last meeting of the National Council he attended.

- OAG reviewing and updating of legislative documents.
- National Council audit function for regional Fish & Game offices.
- 2018 Elections and the returning officers report.
- Progress with the latest proposal for guides licences.
- Ethics paper – plastic in the environment and the need to promote biodegradable shot gun wads.

MOVED FLYNN / HUGO

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

Break for lunch 12:30

Reconvened 1:30

Murray Dobbin joined the meeting

**14. WORK PLAN TO 21 JULY 2017 AND BUDGET PROGRESS REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2017**

MOVED FLYNN / DONALD

THAT THE BUDGET REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2017 AND THE PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT TO 21 JULY 2017, BE RECEIVED  
CARRIED

**15. FINANCIAL REPORT**

MOVED HUGO / KARALUS

THAT PAYMENTS OF \$107,802.75 AND INCOME OF \$133,107.34 FOR MAY AND JUNE 2017 AS SHOWN ON PAGES 112 & 113 OF THE AGENDA, BE APPROVED.  
CARRIED.

**16. CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED DONALD / BRIGHT

THAT INWARDS AND OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE SCHEDULES TO 26 JUNE 2017, AS SHOWN ON PAGES 116 & 117 OF THE AGENDA, BE RECEIVED.  
CARRIED

**17. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Murray Dobbin introduced himself to Councillors and complimented them on the good work being done by Fish and Game. He encouraged the council to hold more kids fishing days as they have been extremely popular. He noted the high number of mallards this season and the exceptional night shoots.

Allen Stancliff noted that the Taranaki Whanganui Conservation Board would like to develop a better relationship with Fish & Game. The Chairman of the Taranaki Whanganui Conservation board will be formally invited to attend our meetings.

Allen Stancliff updated the Council on the number of options for the next New Plymouth office.

Chris Bright noted that two large dead trout were found in the Makotuku River recently.

**18. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on 14 October 2017, in Stratford.

**19. CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 3:15pm.

**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.

Glenn Maclean  
Regional Manager  
26 September 2017

**TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL**

**ACTION LIST ARISING FROM COUNCIL DECISIONS**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Item Update – Actions Required</b>
Reinstatement of sign at Lake Mangamahoe/ erection of fishing platforms	Manager	June 2017	Allen met with Council planner and received conditional approval for two sites. Letter sent to Trustpower seeking their approval
Organise plaque to go with duck award	Secretary	October 2017	Completed
Fishing access – Normanby Loop	Field Officer	May 2017	Ongoing.
Advise National CLE co-ordinator that HCC has staff to share a training course	Manager	August 2017	Completed
Include cell phone numbers in Operational Plan directory	Secretary	August 2017	Completed
Personalise Standing Orders	Manager	August 2017	Completed
Develop Ward discussion paper	Manager	October 2017	Paper in Council agenda for October meeting
Pass Council comments on website to Don Rood	Manager	August 2017	Raised with Don at Managers meeting
Invite to Conservation Board chair	Manager	October 17	Not completed

**TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA PROGRAM**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Board</b>	<b>Operational</b>	<b>Statutory</b>	<b>Strategic/Policy</b>
11 February 2017 Raetihi	All Board Items	All Operational Items, to be received	Confirm Game Season Regulations.	Review 5 Year Strategic Plan
8 April 2017 Waitara	All Board Items	All Operational Items, to be received	Consider Draft 2017/2018 Annual Operational Work Plan & Budget.	
10 June 2017 Whanganui	All Board Items.	All Operational Items, to be Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fish Season Regs.</li> <li>• Licence fee recommendation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominations for Bruce McKenzie Memorial Award</li> </ul>
5 August 2016 Opunake	All Board Items.	All Operational Items, to be Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopt 2017 / 2018 Annual Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive nominations for Bruce McKenzie Memorial Award</li> <li>• 2016 Game Season Report</li> </ul>
14 October 2017 Stratford	All Board Items.	All Operational Items, to be Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End of Year Project Reports</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2018 meeting dates</li> </ul>
2 December 2017 Whanganui Ordinary meeting and AGM	All Board Items.	All Operational Items, to be Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2018 Game Gazette Notice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

2016/17 – 2020/21 Strategic Plan

Presented & Adopted 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Work Area	Key Result	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	
Advocacy	Signage	Lake Mangamahoe information signs	Replace/ erect new signs on rivers and lakes around the region consistent with the priorities identified				
		Identify sign locations and priorities and prescribe replacement schedule					
	New or updated angling and hunting pamphlets	Coastal lakes with emphasis on how to catch perch		Whanganui River			
		Update Waimarino pamphlet including Manganuioteao and Mangawhero rivers					
		Update Waingongoro pamphlet	Update Taranaki Ringplain pamphlet				
		Introduction to pheasant hunting in Taranaki Region	Introduction to duck hunting opportunities in the Taranaki Region				
	Effective use of the Media	Develop new pages when new platform available and then regularly update	Review media strategy				
		Develop facebook page					

	Children's fishing days	Trial to rear fish for Stratford fishing day				
	Increase participation	Develop displays that promote local fishing and hunting Develop mentoring schemes for hunters and anglers		Explore options for discounted licences for beginning hunters		
Compliance	Support for F&G					
	Compliance strategy					Review Strategy
	Honorary Rangers	Implement outcomes of compliance strategy review				
Resource Management Act	Taranaki Freshwater Plan	Actively engage in process as opportunities arise				
	Our long-term approach		Review strategic approach (to include priorities and time commitments)			
Administration	Simplify operational outputs and coding	Implement any outcomes of National Council financial review				
	New Plymouth office	Consider implications and options when tenant retires		Implement preferred option		
	Whanganui office	Consider options when lease up (1 Nov 2017)				
	Administrative support	Review computing requirements including file storage/ sharing				

Sports fish monitoring and management	Obtain baseline information for key streams	Manganuioteao River					
	Investigate value of stocking specific streams and lakes	Waingongo, Kapuni Kaupokonui Stream and tributaries	Waiwhakaiho system				
	Investigate opportunities to restore fisheries	Stony River	Timaru Stream				
	Improve angler access	Investigate provision of increased angling access around Lake Mangamahoe					
Hatchery	Use of angler surveys and diaries	Review opportunities to monitor specific rivers in light of NAS results and to include satisfaction					
	Review Management Plan					Review and complete new Management Plan (expired 8 August 2021)	
	Long-term operation	Review requirements and options. Will be influenced by needs studies above, children's fishing day review and also by future NP office requirements	Implement decisions				
		Exotic disease response plan					

Gamebird monitoring and investigations	Mallard Duck monitoring	Investigate movement of ducks between high and low country and implications for any monitoring programme		Implement long-term monitoring plan	
		Implement trial monitoring protocol and refine as required			
Pukeko monitoring	Habitat enhancement	Review options to promote and encourage predator control	Promote practical outcomes out of the Mallard Research Project	Establish environmental award	Review option of a summer season
		Explore option for wider Nukumarū wildlife area			
New opportunities		Predator trapping trial/s to enhance game populations		Locate and publicise quality gamebird recipes especially for paradise duck	
		Resolve permits to rear, release and banding	Review criteria/ policy to rear and release upland game		
Hunter aspirations		Options to enhance access to lakes Wiritōa, Kohata and Kaitoke	Investigate feasibility of Red Legged Partridge	Survey of aspirations of waterfowl hunters	
			Survey of aspirations of upland game bird hunters		

Review: February 2018 Council Meeting





## TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman  
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

### HEALTH AND SAFETY – October 2017

#### 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

<b>1. New issues or hazards</b>	
Nil	

<b>3. Ongoing issues</b>	
Safe storage	Allen continues to chip away at decluttering NP office. Firearms security completed
CERT safety training required for 3 Taranaki F&G honorary rangers	Refresher training day tentatively planned for Rotorua in Feb/ Mar 2018
Confusion regarding landowner responsibilities regarding people recreating on their property.	Ongoing. Again asked National Office to clarify with WorkSafe landowners obligations with respect to recreational visitors riding quads and also if they provide these – no answer to date
Safe use of quads.	Need to finalise storage in New Plymouth
First Aid refresher	SFO and Manager completed outdoor first aid training course in Rotorua on

<p>Sharp edge of shelf opposite photocopier at Whanganui Office</p>	<p>14<sup>th</sup> August 2017</p> <p>Jilli to follow up with landlord again to move onto adjacent wall where it is out of the way</p>
<p><b>4. Audits , reviews and meetings</b></p>	
<p>HSE included as agenda item for staff meeting</p> <p>Annual review of Health and Safety Manual</p> <p>F&amp;G self-audit</p>	<p>Staff meeting held 28 September 2017</p> <p>Completed September 2017 (attached)</p> <p>Completed July 2017</p>
<p><b>5. Near misses and injuries</b></p>	

Glenn Maclean

Manager

September 2017



## H&S 2 REGIONAL MANAGER AUDIT CHECKLIST

Record of compliance with TARANAKI F&G Councils HSAW systems, policies and procedures

### H&S

√	Action required	Notes – Evidence of Completed
	Policies displayed or Available	Folder on shelf
	Hazard Control Plans current and dated	In folder
	Notes of Manager/H&S Rep meetings	Filed on computer, register in folder
	H & S minutes posted/emailed to staff	✓
	MSD (Material safety data) sheets	Folder
	Housekeeping/ storage/ yard	Inspected – O.K
	First Aid/ Fire Extinguishers checked	✓
	Safety Equipment	✓
	Remote Staff OSH/ Policy Information	Folder in N.P office / Hawera hatchery
	Contractors/Volunteers induction	✓
	PPE Safety Equipment checklist	✓
	H&S being promoted to staff	Actively

### ACC

√	Action required	Notes – Evidence of Completed
	Accident Register complete	Checked – yes
	Investigations results fed back	Yes
	Return to work processes and procedures understood and used	Yes
	Evidence of annual review of H&S processes and performance	Yes – folder, F&G self audit
	Near Miss report	N/A this year
	Accident/Injury Prevention Initiatives	Yes
	New Staff/Contractor Induction records	N/A this year
	Emergency Staff Evacuation drills and training for designated staff	Discussed
	H&S Annual Objectives Progress	Folder completed & processes implemented

Completed By:  
Regional Manager

Glenn Maclean

Date 28/9/17



## TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

### CODE OF PRACTICE FOR SPORTS FISHING

The NZ Council has asked that Regional F&G Councils consider and provide feedback on the attached draft Code of Practice for Freshwater Sports Fishing. A background to this draft code is provided by Robert Sowman in the introduction to the paper.

Under 26Q (c) of the Conservation Act F&G Councils have a responsibility *"To promote and educate – (1) by defining and promoting ethical standards of behaviour to be followed by anglers and hunters"*

The Oxford Dictionary defines ethics as *"Moral principles that govern a person's behaviour or the conducting of an activity"*. Furthermore morals are defined as a *"code of behaviour that is considered right or acceptable in a particular society"*. What is 'acceptable' comes down to personal preferences and values; nevertheless this definition reflects that within a group of anglers for example there will be certain behaviours that are generally supported. As such 26Q would appear to be about Councils describing what our users (and others) generally regard as appropriate behaviour.

The Code of Practice *"has been developed to set standards of practice which clearly outline our responsibilities as freshwater anglers in order to support the practice of ethical angling"* It may be semantics but I would suggest given the discussion above that the role of the Code is to 'describe' rather than 'set' standards of practice. Furthermore I suggest the objective could be simply shortened to *"..... to describe standards of practice that support ethical angling"*.

In terms of detail much of the Code is about summarising and relaying existing best practice with a dabble into how anglers interact with other anglers. As such it appears comprehensive and robust though could do with some wordsmithing to minimise the amount of text.

I think it is a useful guide and as it is reasonably non-controversial. To that end I would support the further development of the Code with an emphasis on minimising the amount of text as much as possible. Similarly while there may be other aspects which potentially could also be included I suspect that that some of these maybe much more contentious and best addressed another time.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council supports the development of this Code of Practice but suggests a simplified objective *“that a Code of Practice is developed to describe standards of practice that support ethical angling”*. The Council also encourages that the document is kept as short and concise as possible

Glenn Maclean

Regional Manager

September 2017

## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SPORTS FISHING

July 2017

**Memorandum to:** Fish and Game Councils

**Prepared by:** Robert Sowman, NZ Council Policy & Planning Manager

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The July 2017 New Zealand Fish and Game Council meeting considered feedback on Angling Ethics – Catch & Release, a paper that had been circulated to Fish and Game Councils back in July 2016. Consultation with regions found a good deal of support. This will complement planned pamphlets educating anglers on handling and releasing fish and practicing selective harvest.

As part of its feedback, Otago Fish and Game Council contributed a draft code prepared by staff member Helen Trotter. Helen was a recipient of the Staff Development Grant and attended the 7th World Recreational Fisheries Conference (7WRFC) in Brazil. Based on the contacts made in Brazil, she searched the publications for model codes and found several useful examples with common points of emphasis. The proposed Code of Practice Helen has prepared, has been adapted from that of RecFish Australia. Reference has also been made to the 1998 Anglers Code of Conduct published by Central South Island Fish and Game Council and catch and release guidelines published by DOC Taupo.

The style and format is intended to highlight the key messages and provide relevant easy to follow guidelines on angler responsibilities as ethical fishers. Helen proposes that when finalised, the Code of Practice be published widely including in regulation guides, on the website, and in brochures or factsheets.

The New Zealand Council found Helen's code worthy of wider consideration and supported the proposal that it be circulated to regions for comment before being finalised and put on the website with an abbreviated version updating what is in the regulations guide.

*Resolved:* (John Jillett/John Cumberpatch)

*That the NZ Council:*

- 1. thanks the efforts of Helen Trotter from Otago Fish and Game Council for putting together a useful code of conduct.*
- 2. that this code of conduct be circulated to regions for feedback before finalising.*
- 3. provides educational material on handling of caught fish*
- 4. promotes the hooking & landing per angler of no more than 6 fish a day.*

### **Recommendation**

**That Fish and Game Council's consider and provide feedback to the NZ Council on the attached code of conduct with the intention that it be finalised and published.**

# **CODE OF PRACTICE FOR FRESHWATER SPORT FISHING**

Freshwater angling is a favourite kiwi pastime loved by hundreds of thousands of New Zealanders across the country. New Zealand's fisheries are also internationally renowned, with tourist anglers making significant contribution to the economy. With the enjoyment of a natural resource comes a responsibility to support its sustainability and to behave ethically, in order to safeguard the future of freshwater angling for all New Zealanders.

Fish and Game New Zealand (comprised of 12 regional Fish & Game Councils across New Zealand and one national Council) are the statutory managers of freshwater sport fishing in New Zealand and represent the interests of anglers. This Code of Practice has been developed to set standards of practice which clearly outline our responsibilities as freshwater anglers in order to support the practice of ethical angling.

## **Summary**

The Code of Practice for Recreational Fishing outlines our four key responsibilities as anglers:

- 1. Treat fish humanely**
- 2. Protect our fisheries**
- 3. Care for the environment**
- 4. Respect the rights of others**

These four key responsibilities incorporate 12 specific principles:

- **Quickly and correctly return any fish to be released**
- **Quickly and humanely kill any fish to be kept for consumption**
- **Value our fish and respect the food and recreational resource they provide**
- **Understand and observe all fishing regulations and licensing requirements**
- **Support enhancement and management activities**
- **Take no more than our immediate needs**
- **Remove all rubbish and prevent pollution**
- **Prevent the spread of freshwater pests**
- **Use established tracks and roads**
- **Be considerate of other users**
- **Respect private property and always ask for access permission**
- **Be aware of our safety and the safety of others when fishing**

## **1. Treat fish humanely**

### **QUICKLY AND CORRECTLY RETURN ANY FISH TO BE RELEASED**

Fish may need to be released to comply with regulations, because the fish is not of sufficient quality to eat, or because we choose to practice catch and release fishing. Following correct catch and release practice will minimise the duration and stress resulting from the direct handling of fish and will ensure fish released will have a good chance of survival.



### **Quickly and correctly returning fish means:**

- *Minimise air exposure*
  - Keep the fish's mouth and gills fully submerged in the water as much as possible during handling
- *Eliminate contact with dry surfaces*
  - Attempt to land fish in the water
    - If possible leave the fish in the water and unhook it without handling it
  - Wet hands prior to handling (or use wet cotton or untextured gloves)
  - Hold the fish in or slight above the water, away from dry or hard surfaces
    - Never let a fish flap around on the floor of your boat or on the ground
- *Reduce angling duration and handling*
  - Land fish as quickly as possible without playing it to exhaustion
  - Use tackle matched to the target species – use strong line so you can land fish quickly
  - Use barbless hooks and hook removal devices (long nose pliers or forceps)
  - Fish with a knotless or rubber landing net
  - Avoid large hooks and treble hook lures
    - If the fish to be released is bleeding excessively it should be humanely dispatched (where taking of the fish is permitted)
    - When bait fishing, if the fish to be released is deeply hooked the line should be cut close to the mouth
- *Be prepared if intending to take photographs*
  - Photograph wet fish
  - Keep the fish as close to the water as possible if removing from the water momentarily, and fully submerge the fish between pictures
- *Carefully revive fish*
  - Hold the fish lightly without squeezing, gently support the body under the front fins and grip the tail (never hold a fish up by the tail only)
  - Face the fish into the current and gently release the fish when it has revived
  - Do not pull fish back and forth through the water
  - Never throw a fish back into the water

### **QUICKLY AND HUMANELY KILL ANY FISH TO BE KEPT FOR CONSUMPTION**

#### **Quickly and humanely killing fish means:**

- Minimising handling prior to dispatch to reduce stress on the fish and increase the quality of the flesh
- Immediately and humanely dispatching fish by:
  - Cranial concussion - administering an accurate, sharp blow to the head, with a blunt object and a blow of appropriate force for the size of the fish to render the fish unconscious; followed by bleeding out, or decapitation. This method ensures the fish is unconscious at the time of death and bleeding out ensures high quality flesh is maintained.
  - Ike jime - driving a spike through the brain, when done correctly results in immediate death and high quality flesh. This is considered the fastest and most humane method of killing fish.

### **VALUE OUR FISH AND RESPECT THE FOOD AND RECREATIONAL RESOURCE THEY PROVIDE**

Our treatment and handling of fish is a direct reflection of the respect we have for sport fish, our appreciation of the food and recreational resource they provide, and our commitment to protecting the angling tradition for future generations.

**Respecting the resource means:**

- Never leaving fishing gear unattended
- Use appropriate gear for the species and size being targeted
- Storing harvested fish in a cool place away from sunlight, preferably in a chilly bin or cooler bag
- Avoiding waste and never discarding any retained fish
- Treating non-target fish with the same care and respect as that is given to targeted sport fish

## 2. Protect our fisheries

### **UNDERSTAND AND OBSERVE ALL FISHING REGULATIONS**

Fish and Game New Zealand set and enforce regulations to manage our fisheries and the quality of the angling experience. Regulations safeguard the sustainability of the fishery by placing limits on harvest and protecting of spawning areas. They also outline acceptable methods and rules for different fisheries.

**Understanding and observing all fishing regulations means:**

- Obtaining the required licence(s) - carry it at all times when fishing, and produce it if requested by a Fish and Game Ranger
- Becoming familiar with Fish and Game's regulation guide, including both the First Schedule for regulations generally common to all regions, and the Second Schedule for regional fishing regulations
- Checking the method, bag limit, season length regulations of the fishery *before* commencing fishing
- Being aware of the additional licencing requirements and regulations for designated Backcountry Fisheries
- Reporting any illegal fishing activity or inappropriate animal welfare behaviour to the local Fish and Game office

### **TAKE NO MORE THAN OUR IMMEDIATE NEEDS**

We can limit pressure on fisheries and conserve fish stocks by limiting our catch and taking only the fish we require for our own immediate needs.

**When harvesting fish for consumption taking no more than our immediate needs means:**

- Only killing fish we intend to eat, and not taking more than we need

This principle also applies to catch and release angling. Even when we practice correct catch and release techniques we still exert pressure on the fishery. This may impact the quality of the fishery and the catchability of sports fish, particularly for some backcountry rivers which may be subject to high levels of catch and release angling.

**When catch and release fishing 'taking no more than our immediate needs' means limiting our fishing pressure by:**

- Selecting and targeting a limited number of trout rather than trying to catch as many fish as possible in one day
- Spreading our effort across fisheries and avoiding camping out on the same stretch of river for extended periods

- Measuring success on the overall experience and angling challenge, not the number of fish landed

### **SUPPORT SPORT FISH AND HABITAT MANAGEMENT AND ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES**

Sustainable and productive fisheries rely on the maintenance and protection and enhancement of freshwater ecosystems.

#### **Supporting efforts to manage our fisheries and freshwater ecosystems means:**

- Cooperating with the collection of recreational catch and effort data
- Participating in research, educational and enhancement projects
- Participating in public processes concerning environmental management and protection
- Participating in Fish and Game elections and submitting on consultative and long term planning processes
- Promoting ethical fishing practices and sharing knowledge and skills with others, especially youth

## **3. Care for the environment**

### **REMOVE ALL RUBBISH AND PREVENT POLLUTION**

Rubbish and pollution can affect the health of the environmental and wildlife and can degrade the outdoor experience of others.

#### **Caring for the environment means:**

- Taking all rubbish away from fishing sites including waste nylon, hooks, tackle packaging and personal litter
- Dispose of fish offal and carcasses responsibly – offal and other waste must not be left unburied on the river bank or lake shore
- Report pollution of waterways to the local council or Fish and Game office

### **PREVENT THE SPREAD OF FRESHWATER PESTS**

New Zealand has a large number of pristine rivers and lakes which are threatened by invasive freshwater species including algae, weeds and pest fish.

#### **Preventing the spread of invasive freshwater species means:**

- Being aware of biosecurity risks in all waterways and treating every waterway as a potential source of invasive pest species
- Always **CHECK** (remove all plant matter from your gear) **CLEAN** (spray or soak with 5% detergent solution) and **DRY** (completely dry for 48 hrs) when moving between waterways
- Never transferring any fish, fish ova (eggs), or other aquatic organisms between waterways
- Reporting any observations of pest species to Ministry of Primary Industries or the local Fish and Game office

### **USE ESTABLISHED TRACKS AND ROADS**

Off-road access can contribute to erosion, vegetation loss and disturb riverbeds. Using established tracks and roads means:

- Using designated access points and roads, and avoid straying from established tracks
- Sticking to marked tracks on riverbeds or parking and walking to the fishing site
- Using established fords when crossing rivers where possible

- Avoid obstructing access when parking vehicles

## 4. Respect the rights of others

### **BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER USERS**

We each fish for a variety of reasons and may take particular enjoyment from different aspects of our angling. It is important to acknowledge these factors may vary between anglers, and to recognise that our behaviour has the potential to impact on the experience of others.

#### **Being considerate of other users means:**

- Never cutting-in on, or crowding anglers already on the water
- Communicating our intentions when we encounter another angler – the reasonable distance covered in day will vary between anglers and fisheries so where practical a quick conversation will ensure enough water is left before the second angler begins fishing
- Looking out for other anglers when accessing a fishery by helicopter/plane. Provide a generous allowance for anglers already on the water to continue fishing (remember they may have walked several hours to get there)
- Fishing upstream from beat markers where they are present – attempting to gain more water by first walking downstream is unfair to other anglers
- When fishing from a boat give way to anglers fishing from the shore, adhere to all boating rules and restrictions and be considerate of the impacts of our boat noise and wake on other anglers
- Respecting the rights all outdoor users (e.g. swimmers) to enjoy our rivers and lakes even if their activity is not ideal for our own fishing

### **RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY AND ALWAYS ASK FOR ACCESS PERMISSION**

Public access to our rivers and lakes is at heart of our Kiwi way of life and angling traditions. However sometimes access over private land is required and this privilege is given at the discretion of the landowner. As an angling community we all have a responsibility to behave appropriately while on private land to ensure continued access into the future.

#### **Respecting private property means:**

- Asking the land owner for access if there is no Fish and Game signage
- Leaving gates as they are found
- Not disturbing stock, crops, machinery or other property

### **BE AWARE OF OUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS WHEN FISHING**

#### **Caring about safety means:**

- Being aware of the dangers fishing around river mouths and when crossing rivers
- Gaining local knowledge about boating hazards and carry safety equipment onboard
- Checking the weather and be prepared for the conditions
- Notifying someone of our intentions, particularly when boating, heading into the backcountry or to a remote fishing location (i.e out of cell phone coverage).

## **CODE OF PRACTICE**

Fish and Game New Zealand actively promotes responsible and ethical freshwater fishing practices. As licenced freshwater anglers we have the following responsibilities when fishing, as detailed in the National Code of Practice:

- **TREAT FISH HUMANELY**
  - **Quickly and correctly return any fish to be released**
    - Minimise air exposure, keep mouth and gills submerged at all times
    - Eliminate contact with dry surfaces
    - Reduce angling duration and handling
  - **Quickly and humanely kill any fish to be kept for consumption**
  - **Value our fish and respect the food and recreational resource they provide**
  
- **PROTECT OUR FISHERIES**
  - **Understand and observe all fishing regulations and licensing requirements**
  - **Support enhancement and management activities**
  - **Take no more than our immediate needs**
  
- **CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**
  - **Remove all rubbish and prevent pollution**
  - **Prevent the spread of freshwater pests**
  - **Use established tracks and roads**
  
- **RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS**
  - **Be considerate of other anglers**
  - **Respect private property and always ask for access permission**
  - **Be aware of our safety and the safety of others when fishing**

For further guidance on how to meet these responsibilities read the full National Code of Practice for Sport Fishing at [www.fishandgame.org.nz](http://www.fishandgame.org.nz)

## Regulations

### CODE OF CONDUCT

*Please consider the rights of others and observe the anglers' code of conduct*

- \* Always ask permission from the land occupier before crossing private property unless a Fish & Game access sign is present.
- \* Do not park vehicles so that they obstruct gateways or cause a hazard on the road or access way.
- \* Always use gates, stiles or other recognized access points and avoid damage to fences.
- \* Leave everything as you found it. If a gate is open or closed leave it that way.
- \* A farm is the owner's livelihood and if they say no dogs, then please respect this.
- \* When driving on riverbeds keep to marked tracks or park on the bank and walk to your fishing spot.
- \* Never push in on a pool occupied by another angler. If you are in any doubt have a chat and work out who goes where.
- \* However if agreed to share the pool then always enter behind any angler already there.
- \* Move upstream or downstream with every few casts (unless you are alone).
- \* Fish being returned to the water should be released as carefully and quickly as possible. Ideally leave the fish in the water and remove the hook with long-nosed pliers without handling the fish.
- \* While catch and release fishing is widely promoted by some as a conservation minded approach to angling it remains the anglers choice. However the catching of large numbers of fish in a day can impact on individual fish and also on the angling experience for others. Fish & Game advocate hooking and landing a limited number of fish per day.
- \* Fish being retained should be killed as quickly as possible, ideally by spiking or stabbing the brain slightly behind and above the eye (also known as iki jime – pronounced "iki jimi").
- \* Always respect the environment, wildlife, other anglers and members of the public.
- \* Remove waste nylon and personal litter from the river banks and parking places.
- \* The only way we can protect our rivers in the long term is to CHECK, CLEAN and DRY all your gear before entering another river or lake anywhere in New Zealand.

**REMEMBER TO TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WOULD WISH TO BE TREATED YOURSELF!**

## TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

### CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED BUDGET POLICY AMMENDMENTS

National Council has asked for comment on this revised budget policy prepared by the National Financial Review Committee, with the intent that these changes be accepted as National Policy. A paper on these proposed changes is attached.

As this stands these proposed policies would cause two difficulties for this Council.

Firstly under 2.7.6

*“All allocations will need to be approved as part of the budget round including – allocations to and from reserves and expenditure from reserves”* is unworkable with respect to our Hunting & Habitat Fund. This reserve is used to fund wetland and gamebird enhancement projects identified through the Gamebird Habitat Trust application process. The number of projects and degree of funding that may be needed is not known until early September each year, and any funding not approved before our October meeting each year. Of course both deadlines are way after the corresponding national budget round. Furthermore expenditure from this reserve is a matter of Taranaki Fish & Game Policy and not for national debate (also see later discussion).

However in a subsequent discussion with a member of the financial committee they comment that *“this is not a change from the old policy – however, we do not see it operating within the current budget process. A mechanism needs to be put into place for this to be part of the budget process. Maybe call it a Reserves Identification process – where Regions outline their plans for the use of reserves and this is included in the budget (but \$ taken from reserves). I do not envisage that Regions are asking for approval for this – it just gives a mechanism to record that the reserves are being spent in a particular year”*.

This is different to what the suggested wording implies but in my opinion would be a much more appropriate approach and one I would support. We would simply put a nominal figure into the budget reflecting the level of expenditure we might expect to incur, this providing transparency around our expectations of how this reserve would be used over the following year.

Secondly as it stands the Hunting and Habitat Fund derived from the sale of the Tom Watt farm would be classed as a Dedicated Reserve and thus any interest earned would be returned into the budget and not retained by this reserve (as also currently occurs much to our chagrin). In effect this causes the real value of this reserve to decline over time. However in light of concerns raised by other regions with respect to buildings and property sold with the intention of purchasing another, it has been suggested that a ‘Building Reserve’ should be an exception to the rule when it comes to interest, and 2.7.9 perhaps rewritten to read;

*All income (including interest from all reserves (with the exception of Restricted reserves that specify otherwise and Building reserves)) shall be brought into the budget.*

Any interest accrued on the Building reserve does not then become income for the region (in the budget process). The Region will receive interest during the year and that interest will then be transferred to the building reserve as will the interest on any Restricted reserves.

However as it stands the suggested definition of a Building Reserve is *“revenue from the sale/disposal of land and buildings where the intention is to purchase new land and buildings”*. In our case if we used the funds from the sale of the Tom Watt Wetland to buy another property as was the original intention then this reserve would appear to fall into this building reserve definition. However because we instead retain the money as a dedicated fund to fund habitat improvement works on private land, it would appear not too. Nevertheless the underlying intent was/ is exactly the same; that is to create gamebird hunting opportunities on a property/s. It is just that with time the Council has come to the conclusion that it will achieve more by using this fund to work with private landowners over investing it all into owning its own property.

To address this anomaly I suggest a revised definition of building reserves *“encompassing land and/or property sold with the intention to purchase new land or buildings, or to achieve the same objectives of ownership by another means.”* This puts the emphasis on intent which I suggest is the crux. There should be an onus on Councils to formalise this intent so that it is transparent - for example in our case our funds are used to fund our Hunting & Habitat Fund which is a Council policy with formally defined and agreed objectives and criteria.

As the policy paper is currently worded I do not believe Council should support the suggested amendments. However with the incorporation of a “Reserves Identification” clause which does not involve external budget approval, and also the revised Building Reserves definition then these concerns would be addressed.

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. That as the paper is currently written Taranaki Fish & Game Council is opposed to the suggested policy changes.
2. That the concerns of Council would be overcome by inclusion of;
  - i) A “Reserves Identification” clause which requires proposed use of reserves is identified but not subject to budget approval
  - ii) Building Reserves defined as *“encompassing land and/or property sold with the intention to purchase new land or buildings, or to achieve the same objectives of ownership by another means”* included in the exemption on interest being brought into the budget.

Glenn Maclean

Regional Manager

August 2017



## **BUDGET POLICY FOR CONSULTATION AS NATIONAL POLICY**

**Memorandum to:** Regional Fish and Game Councils

**Prepared by:** Alison Lyall, Finance & Administration Manager, NZ Fish and Game Council

July 2017

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### **Purpose**

The National Financial Review Committee (convened by Matthew Hall) was set up to bring forward recommendations for standard operating procedures relating to financial management recording and reporting to the New Zealand Fish and Game Council (NZ Council), for consideration as national policy.

### **Required Action**

That consultation is undertaken with regional Fish and Game Councils with the intention that policies proposed by the National Financial Review Committee on changes to Budget Policy be accepted as National policies.

### **Background**

At its March 2017 meeting the NZ Council adopted the Financial Review Committee recommendations to change existing National Budget policies. These involved Policies 2.7.6, 2.7.7, 2.7.8, 2.7.9, 2.7.10, 2.7.11, 2.7.12 (Based on 2003 numbering) being deleted and replaced with the following policies:

- 2.7.6 All expenditure will need to be approved as part of the budget round including
- expenditure to be funded from the bulk fund for the year, capital expenditure,
  - allocations to and from reserves and expenditure from reserves.
- 2.7.7 An exclusion to the above rule is that replacement of assets funded from an asset replacement reserve will not require approval but the proposed replacement will be advised as part of the budget process.
- 2.7.8 Three categories of reserve have been identified:
1. Accumulated Funds,
  2. Dedicated Reserves,
  3. Restricted Reserves.

Equity is the total of all reserves.

### **Note:**

Accumulated funds (sometimes called general reserves) include:

- All funds from prior years that have been allocated to accumulated funds,
- Current profits or losses (income and capital) that have been allocated to accumulated funds, and
- Any transaction that have been properly authorised. (An example could be an adjustment to a dedicated or restricted reserve or a reserve for building maintenance or where Council felt funds should be set aside from current profits to cover future expenditure).

Dedicated reserves include:

- Those reserves that have been resolved by Council for a dedicated purpose.
  - Asset Replacement,
  - Building reserve where created by Fish and Game,
  - Non-resident licence contribution,
  - Historic reserves where the total control and purpose rests with Fish and Game,
  - Legal Fund Reserve,
  - Research Fund Reserve.
  - Other dedicated reserves.

Restricted reserves include:

- Those reserves that are under Fish and Game's control where an external party sets a restricted purpose. (Could be a bequest or donation accepted by Fish and Game that has been tagged for a special purpose.)
  - Eg, Waikaremoana Fund where a special trust applies.
  - Dedicated by donor for wetland development etc.
  - Other restricted reserves.

2.7.9 All income (including interest from all reserves (with the exception of restricted reserves that specify otherwise) shall be brought into the budget.

Note 1. As a result of these changes numbering of the remaining policies will need to be altered if there is to be consecutive numbering.

Note 2. This numbering change may be placed on hold because the intention is to review the remaining policies in 2.7.

## **Recommendation**

**That regional Fish and Game Councils:**

- i. **note that the Financial Review Committee has provided a revision of existing budget policy.**
- ii. **consider and provide final comments on the revised policy to the NZ Council prior to its November 2017 meeting.**
- iii. **note that these policies will be adopted as Fish and Game New Zealand's national policy.**

## Existing National Budget Policy

### 2.7 National Budget Policy

- 6 Note that all expenditure will need to be approved as part of the budget round including expenditure to be funded from the bulk fund for the year, capital expenditure and expenditure from dedicated reserves.
- 7 Note that replacement of assets funded from asset replacement reserves will not require approval but that proposed replacement of capital assets should be indicated in budgets.
- 8 Note that four categories of reserve have been identified, namely:
  - a) *Special Purpose Reserves* - held external to Fish & Game
  - b) *Historical Reserves* – generated from the sale of an asset, or which have been accumulated for/dedicated to a specific purpose over time and (normally) inherited.
  - c) *General Reserves* – operating funds
  - d) *Asset Replacement Reserves* – dedicated to replacement of existing assets.
- 9 Note that special purposes reserves are outside of the control of the Fish & Game budget system.
- 10 Agree that Historical Reserves will remain under the control of individual regional councils. However, expenditure from them will require approval as part of the budget round, given that the acquisition of further assets (including habitat) does impose a cost on the system as a whole.
- 11 Agree that all income from all Reserves (with the exception of Special Purposes Reserves) be brought into the budget.
- 12 Agree that asset replacement funds be re-established.

Approved November 2003



## TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

### 2016/17 Compliance Report

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

#### Ranger management and training

The Taranaki Region began the 2016/17 year with 11 honorary rangers. Over the year an additional two prospective rangers have completed their two day CERT Situational Safety training course and are likely to join our ranks in the new season. Potentially this will give us 13 honorary rangers which is consistent with an ideal of 12 rangers as identified in the Compliance Strategy (adopted in October 2016).

All honorary warrants are issued for 3 years and are required to be renewed on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018. It is possible that one or two of our current rangers may decide not to renew their warrants in light of their current circumstances and/ or the criteria potentially becoming more stringent next year. Therefore running 13 rangers in the short-term will provide us with a small buffer should this occur

Over the year refresher training days were held in New Plymouth in September 2016 and in Whanganui in April 2017. The September day was a CERT refresher course attended by 7 honorary rangers and two staff. All but two rangers attended at least one training day. One issue to resolve is that completion of the CERT refresher course within the last 3 years will be mandatory before a new warrant is issued next October. As it stands we have 3 rangers who need to complete this refresher before then, hopefully through a course tentatively planned for Rotorua early in the new year.

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

#### Compliance activities

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

**Table 1 Number of hunters and anglers checked and offences detected over the 2016/17 season**

	Number of checks	% of total licences sold (using provisional 2016/17 figures)	Number of offences detected	User compliance rate (%)
Anglers	69	6.2% of 1,108	0	100%
Hunters	62*	4.8% of 1,283	0	100%

\* includes 5 hunters checked over the Special Paradise Duck season

The number of anglers checked did not reach the target of 100 identified in the Compliance Strategy. However as many of us can attest the poor weather that has essentially prevailed over the whole angling season since last Opening Day is likely to have had a major impact on angling activity, or rather lack of. Rangers have put in considerable efforts over the season in both the Taranaki and Waimarino regions and the low number checked reflects that anglers were usually few and far between. Indeed on many days none were located. On the plus side compliance was excellent with no offences detected.

Similarly the target for number of hunters checked (100) was not reached with only 62 checks completed. Several factors impacted on this – a planned operation for the first weekend of the special paradise season was much reduced due to a bereavement in the staff member's family on the Saturday morning. Then on Opening Day a combination of fine settled weather which encouraged people to go home early (often by 9am), and also concentrating our checks on lesser use areas which hadn't been visited for a while restricted the number of contacts. However even though we poked into some very remote areas where we certainly were not expected compliance was excellent with no offences detected. This season we used a side x side vehicle for the first time to push into otherwise inaccessible posies and this proved an excellent tool.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Taranaki Fish & Game Council accept this compliance report for 2016/17 noting that;

- recruitment, management and training of honorary rangers met the planned result in the Operational Plan
- compliance checks of anglers did not meet the target of 100 licence holders. Nor did checks of hunters meet the target of 100 gamebird licence holders
- compliance with the regulations was 100%

Glenn Maclean

Regional Manager

9 September 2017



## Compliance & Law Enforcement (CLE) Audit Checklist

Dear Regional Manager/Chief Executive

The following is to provide an around-the-region survey to determine (by way of a desk-top audit) what Councils' are achieving with CLE. You are therefore asked to please complete the following checklist and determine by self-audit your arrangements.

Copy this tick ✓ and paste it in the relevant row where you are compatible (i.e. as shown below for question 1. in the second column "recorded compatible").

Repeat per question to determine how many ticks you can honestly make. A tally at the end will help decide your current rating:

- Poor** (less than 50%)
- Good** (less than 60%)
- Very good** (less than 80%)
- Excellent** (more than 80%).

There is no magic "achievement rating", rather this exercise is to help identify areas for improving CLE provision and to create a greater awareness of what Fish & Game Councils are doing.

### Policy

#### Checklist

question number	recorded compatible	provision
1.	✓	Reparation policy communicated to relevant staff (CLE and prosecution coordinators)
2.	✓	Reparation Policy is adhered to during offence resolution processes
3.	✓	Reparation Policy is reviewed at least every year with comments if applicable passed on to NZ Council
4.	✓	Prosecution policy communicated to relevant staff (CLE and prosecution coordinators)
5.	✓	Prosecution Policy is adhered to during offence resolution processes
6.	✓	Prosecution Policy is reviewed at least every year with comments if applicable passed on to NZ Council

Score

5	6
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## Ranger powers

### Checklist

question number	recorded compliant	provision
7.	✓	Powers provided in the Conservation Act, Wildlife Act and Freshwater Fisheries Regulations are communicated to all staff and rangers
8.	✓	Powers, processes and requirements of the Search & Surveillance Act are communicated to all staff and rangers
9.	N/A	Police involvement as applicable is formalised and reviewed annually
10.	✓	Refresher training of ranger powers and requirements are provided annually to staff and rangers.

### Score

3	4
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## CLE records & document management

### Checklist

question number	recorded compliant	provision
11.	✓	A Regional Ranger Register is maintained and kept up-to-date
12.	✓	A next-of-kin and contacts register is maintained for all warranted rangers
13.	✓	The National Prosecutions Database is kept up-to-date – at a minimum on a quarterly basis, preferably data entered as offences are dealt with.
14.	✓	Ranger driver licences (DL), and firearms licences (FAL) are checked and records retained (NB: while DL not essential unless driving on F&G business, nor FAL essential, it is useful to be aware of ranger's status with these).
15.	✓	All documents are marked with version, date, activity, or contact person
16.	✓	All documents are regularly reviewed, updated as necessary.

### Score

2	6
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## National training responsibilities

### Checklist

question number	recorded compliant	provision
17.	✓	CERT induction and refresher training requirements for warrant holders is complied with (2 day initial course before warranting; minimum of a 3 yearly refresher).
18.	✓	All rangers receive CERT training at least once every three years
19.	✓	Rangers are given training, and achieve competency in field processes and powers prior to being issued an initial warrant.



20	✓	Rangers for each warrant term agree to and sign the Rangers agreement and code of conduct. Copies retained regionally.
21.	✓	Records of training are kept up to date
22.	✓	Rangers performance reviewed after initial 1 year warrant term, warrants only renewed where performance satisfactorily meets all standards .

**Score**

6	6
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## Ranger safety training

### Checklist

question recorded  
number compliant provision

23.	✓	CERT training skills including AWOCA techniques are practiced and refreshed at regional training sessions – at least annually.
24.	✓	Ranger safety emphasised and reminded regularly, especially prior to organised ranging events.
25.	✓	Risk assessment and safe practice procedures are reviewed through mock situations and Q&A discussion at training sessions at least annually

**Score**

3	3
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## Regional training responsibilities

### Checklist

question recorded  
number compliant provision

26.	✓	Powers, processes and field procedures refresher training is provided at least annually, and emphasised and reminded regularly, especially prior to organised ranging events. Includes issue of rangers guides and manuals.
27.	✓	Regular scheduled CLE meetings are being held with notes maintained of points covered and agreed action.
28.	✓	All first aid certificates and kits are checked and maintained annually. <i>(Note: staff must hold current first aid certificates – honorary rangers are encouraged to hold them with this being reviewed)</i>
29.	✓	All emergency documentation, including records of first aiders is kept up to date.
30.	✓	Emergency drills are conducted regularly.
31.	✓	Briefings and instructions given prior to organised ranging events, including reminders of best practice and any special instructions or restrictions.

**Score**

4	6
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## Field experience

### Checklist

question number	recorded compliant	provision
32.	✓	Rangers trained in field processes and requirements.
33.	✓	Rangers are trained to conduct interviews and take field statements, and field notes.
34.	✓	Rangers are trained in completing offence notices, notices to produce licences, and notices in relation to property entry.
35.	✓	Rangers are trained in dealing with smart phones holding licence details.
36.	✓	Note books, Offence notices, and (as appropriate) Property entry notices and information forms are provided to rangers and kept up to date.
37.	✓	Rangers submit offence reports and other documentation promptly – within 7 days, for actioning.

### Score

5	6
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## Health and safety incident reporting

### Checklist

question number	recorded compliant	provision
38.	✓	An incident register has been established, and includes all incidents including near misses. ✓
39.	✓	Any incidents are reported promptly.
40.	✓	Investigations are conducted to determine the incident and required outcome.

### Score

3	3
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## Property entry procedures and reporting

### Checklist

question number	recorded compliant	provision
41.	✓	Powers relating to property entry (Wildlife Act and Conservation Act) are reviewed regularly.
42.	✓	Powers and requirements of the Search and Surveillance Act 2012 are reviewed regularly.
43.	✓	Exercise of entry powers to private property are recorded as required by the Search and Surveillance Act 2012, and reported subsequently in annual

		reports.
44.	✓	The training process is reviewed regularly and documented.

**Score**

3	4
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## CLE culture

### Checklist

question recorded  
number compliant provision

45.	✓	Everyone knows what their CLE and safety responsibilities and duties are.
46.	✓	Everyone actively reports CLE incidents, and safety near misses.
47.	✓	Rangers are trained to be respectful, courteous and helpful, and to comply with all correct requirements and instructions.
48.	✓	CLE is adequately resourced with sufficient people, equipment and time.

**Score**

4	4
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## Overall Score

Add the total number of ticks per checklist above and then determine your rating.

### Score

5	6.	Policy
3	4.	Ranger powers
2	6.	CLE records & document management
6	6.	National training responsibilities
3	3.	Ranger safety training
4	6.	Regional training responsibilities
5	6.	Field experience
3	3.	Health & safety incident reporting
3	4.	Property entry procedures and reporting
4	4.	CLE culture
<b>38</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>Total</b>

### Rating

	Poor (less than 24)
	Good (25 to 29)
38	Very good (30 to 38)
	Excellent (39 to 48)

### Completed by

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## TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman  
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

### 2016/17 HATCHERY AND TROUT LIBERATIONS REPORT

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Council's 2016/2017 Annual Operational Plan has the objective of the maintenance of trout fisheries in the region's lakes and rivers by the operation of a cost effective hatchery and liberation program. The project planned results are:

- To have reared 4,000 healthy fingerling and yearling trout at the Hawera hatchery by 31 August 2017;
- Release of 4,000 healthy fingerling and yearling trout into lakes and rivers where the species already exists and release is appropriate;
- Release of up to 1,200 healthy two year old rainbow trout into approved waters to provide immediate angling opportunity;
- The presentation of a report detailing the releases by 31 August 2017.

#### 2. HATCHERY

There were 1,713 adipose-fin clipped rainbow trout yearlings from the 2015 year class held in the Hawera hatchery at the beginning of the 2016/2017 financial year. These fish originated from 4,500 eyed ova received from the Eastern F&G Region's Ngongataha hatchery in July 2015.

An estimated 2,500 rainbow trout fry from the 2016 year class were also held in the Hawera hatchery at the beginning of the 2016/2017 financial year. These fish originated from 3,000 eyed rainbow ova received from the Eastern F&G Region's Ngongataha hatchery on 28.07.2016. Trout from the 2016 year class were adipose fin-clipped on 15.03.2017, at which time the count was 2,007 rainbow trout. However, on the morning of 23.04.2017 hatchery volunteers discovered that a water inlet valve to the largest raceway had been turned off and all trout in that raceway were dead. This left 930 fish remaining.

A total of 3,500 eyed rainbow trout ova (2017 year class) were received from the Eastern F&G Region's Ngongataha hatchery on 21.07.2017. Approximately 3,000 fry were held in the hatchery at 31.08.2017

#### 3. RELEASES OF FINGERLING OR YEARLING RAINBOW TROUT

During the 2016/2017 financial year, a total of 2,015 fingerling or yearling rainbow trout from the 2015 and 2016 year classes were released into five lakes and two rivers in the region (Tables 1&2), where the species already exists. An additional 620 rainbow trout yearlings from the 2016 year class were held-over in the hatchery at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017.

For the 2015 year class, the total number of rainbow trout raised through to release was 3,714 fish from the 4,500 ova received in July 2015. This gave a survival to release of 82.5%.

#### **4. PLANNED RESULT FOR HAWERA HATCHERY TROUT RELEASES**

The planned result was to achieve the release of 4,000 healthy yearling rainbow and brown trout into lakes and rivers where they already exist. A total of 2,015 healthy fingerling and yearling trout were released into lakes and rivers where they already exist during the 2016/2017 financial year, which was 50.4% of the planned result. As stated above, the lower than expected result was partially due to an incident that resulted in the loss of at least 1,000 fish. The upside was that with more space and food, the remaining rainbow trout grew exceptionally well, with some fish exceeding 700g on release.

The lesser number of yearling trout reared also reflects an ongoing refinement of the programme to concentrate on sites where releases are proving effective and providing an adequate return to the angler. Rearing fewer but larger, better conditioned trout is also appealing to the Hawera Hatchery volunteers.

A total of 2,635 trout were successfully reared in the hatchery during the year (2,015 released and 620 held over), so that the planned result to have reared 4,000 healthy fingerling and yearling trout at the Hawera hatchery by 31 August 2017 was not met.

#### **5. RELEASES OF TWO YEAR OLD RAINBOW TROUT**

A total of 617 healthy two-year-old rainbows from the Eastern Fish & Game Region's Ngongataha and DOC Turangi hatcheries were released into two lakes and a river in the Taranaki Region during the 2016/2017 financial year (Table 3). This was less than the planned result of up to 1,200 fish released and was partially due to the Opunake Surfcasting & Angling Club deciding not to hold a kids' fishing event at Opunake Lake in October 2016.

Well-attended kids' fishing promotions were held at Lake Ngangana (Waitara) and in the Patea River at Stratford following the releases. A further 85 2-year rainbows were released into Sattler's Dam in mid-February 2017 (Table 3).

#### **6. COST EFFECTIVENESS OF HATCHERY RELEASES**

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

##### **6.1 COST OF BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT YEARLINGS**

Operating costs for the Hawera hatchery over the period 1 September 2016 - 31 August 2017 came to \$5,757.30. This included the cost of fish food (\$2,244.80), insurance (\$527.70), power (\$276.82), liberation expenses (\$350.43), volunteer & hatchery expenses (\$817.70) and resource consent monitoring fees (\$1,539.85), but excluded staff time.

With a total of 2,635 trout raised at the hatchery in the 2016/2017 financial year, (2,015 released and 620 held-over) this put the average cost of raising trout at the Hawera hatchery at \$2.18 per fish released (all figures GST exclusive). This is higher than in previous years (i.e. 2015/16 \$1.74 per fish, 2014/15 (\$1.39), 2013/14 (\$1.46), 2012/13 (\$1.63), 2011/12 (\$1.55) and 2010/11 (\$1.50), but the higher cost is largely due to the loss of 1,000 fish in April 2017. If these fish had survived, then the cost per fish would have reduced to \$1.58.

Even the figure of \$2.18 per fish still compares favourably with the cost of purchasing rainbow trout yearlings directly from the Eastern F&G Region (\$2.65 each, plus transport @ \$2.54/km). Having trout available at Hawera retains the flexibility to release fish when receiving water conditions are suitable. Council should be mindful that the figure of \$2.18 relates to the cost of each fish released and not the cost per fish returned to the angler.

## **6.2 COST OF TWO YEAR OLD RAINBOW TROUT**

In the 2016/2017 financial year, 500 2-year rainbows were purchased from the Eastern F&G Region at a GST exclusive cost of \$6,331.24, including transport, oxygen and driver expenses, for kids' fishing promotions at Lake Ngangana and the Patea River at Stratford. The total number of fish actually delivered was 532.

These 532 trout therefore cost the Council \$11.90 each (net). The kids' trout fishing promotions at Lakes Ngangana and Stratford also cost the Council an additional \$537.07 to run, including advertising, but excluding staff time. These additional expenses brought the net cost per fish to \$12.91. This was partially off-set by a successful application to the Taranaki Electricity Trust for a grant of \$1,474.10 (net) to cover the cost of fish transport for the Stratford event, which brought the overall cost down to \$10.14 per fish.

One option we are trialling this year with rearing lower numbers of yearling trout is to rear the 2-year-old fish for the Stratford fishing day ourselves. Potentially this represents both a cost saving and as discussed is also something our valued volunteers are keen to pursue.

A total of 85 2-year rainbows were also obtained from the DOC Turangi National Trout Centre in mid-February 2017 and released into Sattlers Dam near Raetihi. These fish were donated by DOC and transferred using the Council's trailer mounted tank.

## **7. RECOMMENDATION**

That the 2016/2017 Trout Liberation Report dated 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017, bereceived.

That Council note that the performance objectives for fish releases be reviewed when developing the 2018/19 Annual Operational Plan

Allen Stancliff  
Senior Field Officer  
15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**TABLE 1 -** Releases of fingerling or yearling rainbow trout into Taranaki Region rivers and lakes during the 2016/2017 financial year. All fish were raised at the Hawera hatchery from Lake Tarawera-strain ova received from the Eastern Fish and Game Region.

<b>Water</b>	<b>Release Date</b>	<b>Fish Year Class</b>	<b>Number Released</b>
Lake Namunamu	07.09.16	2015	350
Lake Ratapiko	04.10.16	2015	301
Lake Mangamahoe	04.10.16	2015	151
Lake Rotomanu	04.10.16	2015	150
Retaruke River	07.10.16	2015	300
Kaupokonui Stream	18.10.16	2015	259
Lake Ratapiko	18.10.16	2015	202
Lake Ratapiko	11.08.17	2016	101
Lake Mangamahoe	11.08.17	2016	101
Lake Opunake	25.08.17	2016	100
<b>Total Released</b>			<b>2,015</b>

**TABLE 2 -** Total number of fingerling or yearling rainbow trout released into each water during the 2016/2017 financial year

<b>Water</b>	<b>Number Released</b>
Lake Namunamu	350
Lake Ratapiko	604
Lake Mangamahoe	252
Lake Rotomanu	150
Lake Opunake	100
Retaruke River	300
Kaupokonui Stream	259
<b>Total Released</b>	<b>2,015</b>

**TABLE 3.** Releases of 2-year-old hatchery rainbows in the Taranaki Region during the 2016/2017 financial year.

<b>Water</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Hatchery Origin</b>	<b>Number Released</b>
Lake Ngangana	28.10.16	F&G Ngongataha	252
Patea River	09.12.16	F&G Ngongataha	280
Sattlers Dam	14.02.17	DOC Turangi	85
<b>Total Released</b>			<b>617</b>



## TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

### 2016/2017 Fish Monitoring Report

The Council's 2016/17 Annual Operational Plan has an objective for fish population assessment "To keep Council informed of the state of the region's sports fish populations". The Planned Result provides for:

- Baseline trout population information obtained and reported for the Manganuioteao River (year 1 of 2) and Kaupokonui Streams;
- Opportunities to enhance the Stony River fishery investigated and reported to Council;
- Report to Council detailing the status of the sports fish population and implications for management by 31 August 2017.

#### **Kaupokonui Stream**

A juvenile trout survey of the Kaupokonui Stream, including the Kaupokonui East, Mangawhero, Dunns and Little Dunns Creek tributaries, was carried out using a Smith-Root LR-24 Electrofisher on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and a report prepared for Council. The survey found that brown trout fry were widely distributed in the catchment, but at low density. This was similar to the results of previous surveys of Taranaki ringplain streams and may reflect the widely dispersed nature and relative scarcity of trout spawning gravels in ringplain streams. No rainbow trout fry were identified during the survey, despite anglers catching wild juvenile (1+) and adult rainbows in both the Mangawhero and Kaupokonui sub-catchments, and the source areas of rainbow trout recruitment remain to be determined.

#### **Manganuioteao River**

A drift dive survey of the Manganuioteao was postponed, owing to ongoing high river levels and may yet prove impractical. A survey of juvenile trout in Manganuioteao tributaries is scheduled for December 2017. This river was severely hit by a major flood in October 2013 which likely destroyed the spawning for that year. Therefore the rebuilding of the fishery only began in winter 2014 and these first fish produced since the flood will now be 3+ years old. As a consequence after several years marked by numerous small trout it is expected that size of the trout will improve this summer as these fish reach maturity.

#### **Stony River**

Trout and macroinvertebrate habitat in the Stony River remains unstable, owing to the effects of headwater erosion and frequent freshes and floods. A small release of Hawera hatchery over-yearling rainbow trout is scheduled for November or early December 2017, so long as habitat conditions are suitable.

#### **Waingongoro, Kaupokonui, Kapuni and Waiaua angling diary scheme**

An update was prepared incorporating results from the first two years of a 3-year study to investigate the contribution of hatchery stocked rainbows to the total catch from the Waingongoro, Kaupokonui, Kapuni and Waiaua rivers. Results to date indicate that nearly all rainbows caught by diarists in the Waingongoro, Kaupokonui and Kapuni Streams were wild, rather than of hatchery origin. In contrast, most of the rainbows caught by diarists in the Waiaua River were hatchery fish.

#### **Konini Stream (Patea catchment) trout spawning survey**

In conjunction with TRC staff, a 3-yearly survey of Konini Stream upstream and downstream of the Stratford District Council's water supply weir was conducted on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017 to assess the

effectiveness of the weir's fish pass. Seven adult brown trout, including one spawning pair were seen in the reach downstream of the weir, but only one adult brown trout above. Water at the downstream end of the fish pass flowed over a flat concrete slab that was judged to impede upstream movement at low flows. However, given that the rest of the pass appeared in good order, trout are expected to make their way up the fish pass during subsequent freshes. It was recommended that large boulders be imported and used to back-water up and raise the water level at the downstream end of the fish pass to facilitate trout passage during periods of stable low flow.

### **Mangamahoe trout spawning surveys**

Two trout spawning surveys were carried out in a 1.5km section of Mangamahoe Stream between SH3 and a waterfall in June and July 2017. Twenty brown trout (including five pairs) and three spawning redds were seen in a 16<sup>th</sup> June survey. A large tree in the stream channel was found to be blocking fish access to a 200m reach below the waterfall. Four areas of spawning gravel were enhanced by removing large rocks and cobbles.

Eighteen brown trout (including five pairs) and a single rainbow trout were seen in a second survey on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017, along with 11 spawning redds. Most of the paired spawners were smaller fish than were seen in the 1<sup>st</sup> survey, six weeks earlier, indicating that there was an extended period of spawning. Floods has scoured out the true right bank around the fallen tree, allowing fish access up to the waterfall. Peak counts of trout were about half that in 2016 (Figure 1), but the 2017 spawning index was better than average (Figure 2), with all enhanced gravel areas used extensively (Plate 1).

A survey of the Waiwhakaiho inlet to Lake Mangamahoe on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017 revealed six large completed spawning redds, along with four large brown trout that had finished spawning and were feeding vigorously and five other large trout that were probably rainbows.

### **General observations**

Overall it has been a wet last 12 months with frequent freshes and grey skies throughout this period. This created good conditions over summer with lower water temperatures and less periphyton growth than in many years. Coupled with perhaps less angling pressure due to the prevailing weather then it is expected the trout populations will have come out of last summer in healthy condition. However autumn and winter has been a mixed bag. For the most part the very regular freshes have not been excessive, however most of the rivers around the region have experienced at least one large flood and in the case of the northern and eastern Taranaki ring-plain streams these were some of the highest flows on record. Nevertheless, overall it appears that the trout populations should be in a generally strong state going into the 2017/18 season

### **RECOMMENDATION**

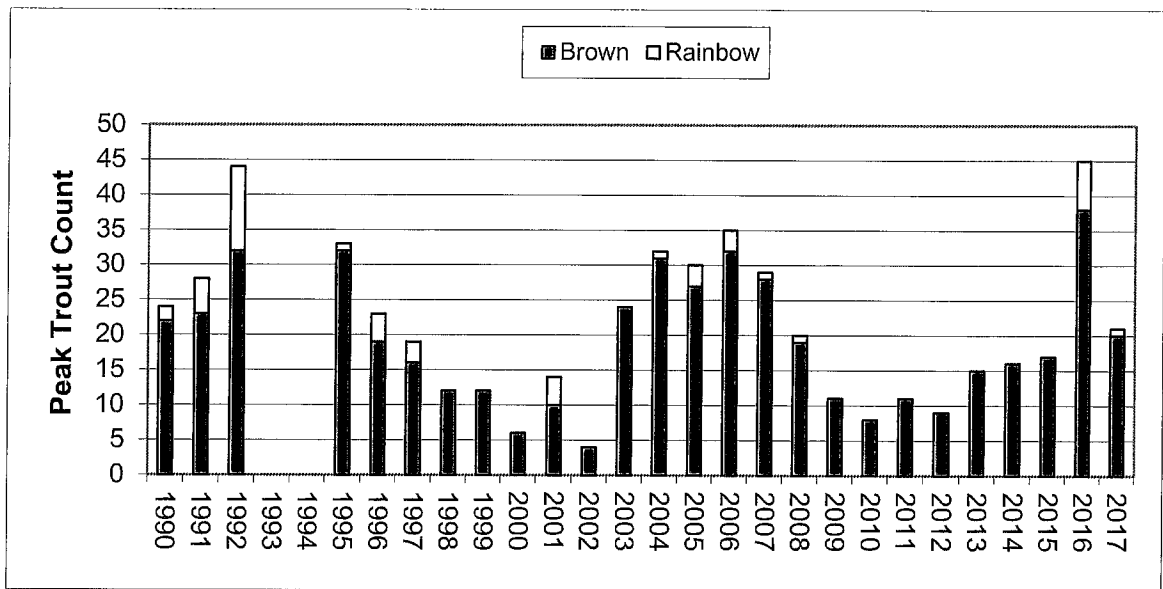
That the 2016/17 Trout Monitoring Report dated 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 be received.

Allen Stancliff

Field Officer - Taranaki Fish & Game

18<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**FIGURE 1** - Counts of brown and rainbow trout in a 1.5km section of Mangamahoe Stream upstream from Lake Mangamahoe. No surveys were undertaken in 1993 and 1994.



**FIGURE 2** – Trout spawning indices calculated from red counts in a 1.5km section of Mangamahoe Stream upstream from Lake Mangamahoe. No surveys were undertaken in 1993 and 1994.

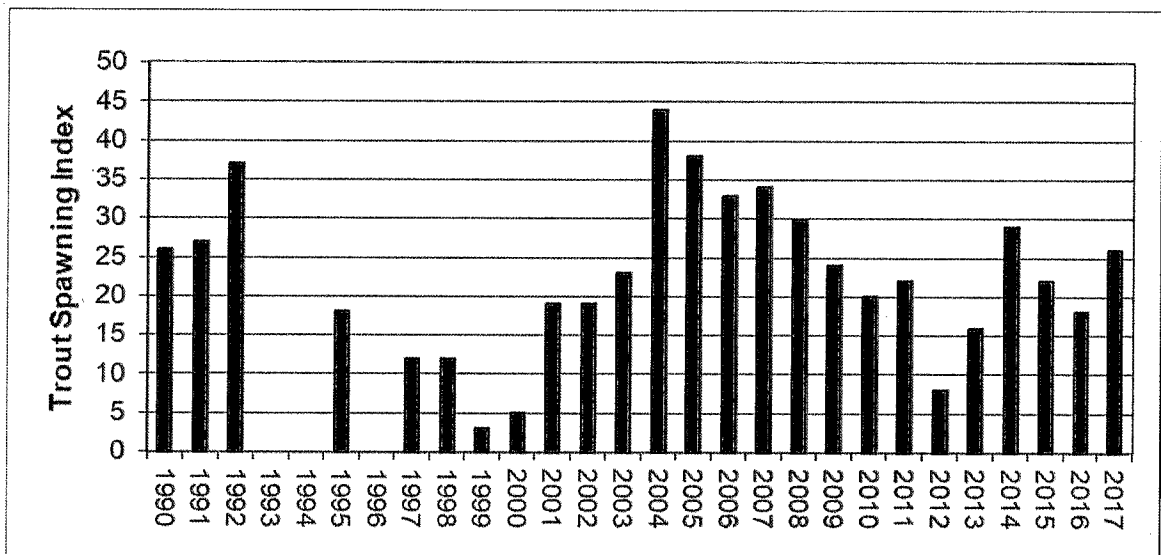


PLATE 1. A large spawning redd excavated in an enhanced area of gravel in Mangamahoe Stream.



## TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

### 2016/2017 Game Bird Dispersal Report

This paper reports on operational activity conducted during the reporting period under project 1181 within the 2016/2017 Annual Operational Work Plan. The objective of this project is to ensure the dispersal or control of congregations of game birds where they cause unacceptable damage.

A total of 47 permits to disturb were issued by Taranaki Fish & Game staff within the reporting period. (37 permits issued last year). Note that some of these permits cover more than 1 species. The area with the highest number of permits issued was Taranaki (33) then Whanganui (10) and Waimarino (4) 33 Permits were issued between the months of November and May (28 last year).

Income of \$340.00 for the hire of gas guns was received during the year,

#### MALLARD

There were 8 permits issued for the disturbance of Mallard/Grey ducks. All permits were for damage to crops or pasture and included disturbance to another species. (7 including Paradise shelduck and 1 including Pukeko)

#### PUKEKO

24 permits were issued for the disturbance of pukeko. This compares to 17 permits issued 2015/2016.

Problem	No. permits issued	Disturbance method used
Damage to gardens (3 of these included pukeko's being aggressive and killing ducklings)	18	Trip traps – 12 .22 rifle – 3 Air rifle – 3
Damage to crops & Pasture	3	Gas gun – 1 .22 rifle - 2

#### PARADISE SHELDUCK

23 permits were issued for the disturbance of Paradise shelduck (1 including Black Swan). This compares to 17 permits issued 2015/2016.

Problem	No. permits issued	Disturbance method used
Damage to crops & pasture	15*	Shotgun – 4 Gas gun(s) – 11
Damage to golf course	1	.22 rifle

\* Two special summer season permits for Area B were issued.

#### Recommendation

That the Game Bird Dispersal Report – 2016/2017, be received.

Jilli Steedman

SECRETARY

1 September 2017

Date	Area	Problem	Method	Species
2016.05.02	Onaero	Damage to 2ha Maize	Gas Gun or .22 rifle	Pukeko
2016.09.29	New Plymouth	Damage to golf greens	.22 rifle	Paradise Sheduck
2016.10.05	New Plymouth	Damage to vege gardens	.22 rifle	Pukeko
2016.10.05	New Plymouth	Damage to vege gardens & fruit trees	trip trap	Pukeko
2016.10.06	Whanganui	Damage to vege gardens & killing ducklings	Trip trap	Pukeko
2016.10.14	New Plymouth	Damage to lawns & gardens	Trip Trap	Pukeko
2016.10.14	Hawera	Damage to Maize	.22 rifle or shotgun	Pukeko
2016.10.20	New Plymouth	Damage to vege gardens & lawns	Trip Trap	Pukeko
2016.11.23	Hawera	Damage to chicory crop	Shotgun	Paradise Sheduck & Black Swan
2016.11.28	Whanganui	Damage to new pasture	Gas Gun	Paradise Sheduck
2016.12.01	Ohakune	Damage to Brussel Sprout Crop	Gas Gun	Mallard & Paradise sheduck
2016.12.05	Inglewood	Damage to Chicory crop	Gas Gun	Paradise Sheduck
2016.12.05	New Plymouth	Damage to gardens	Trip trap	Pukeko
2016.12.08	Oaonui	Damage to Chicory Crops	Shot gun / Gas Gun	Paradise Sheduck
2016.12.09	Stratford	Damage to turnips	Shot gun / Gas Gun	Mallard & Paradise sheduck
2016.12.13	Stratford	Damage to oats	Shot gun / Gas Gun	Mallard & Paradise sheduck
2016.12.13	Stratford	Damage to barley & maize	Shot gun / Gas Gun	Mallard, Paradise sheduck & Pukekos
2016.12.16	Stratford	Damage to Turnip crop	Gas Gun	Mallard & Paradise sheduck
2016.12.23	Whanganui	Damage to Turnips & Maize	Gas Gun	Paradise Sheduck
2017.01.07	Ohakune	Damage to pasture	Gas Gun x2	Paradise Sheduck
2017.01.14	Whanganui	Damage to pasture - Moulit site	Gas Gun	Paradise Sheduck
2017.01.25	Stratford	Damage to crops	Shot gun / Gas Gun	Mallard & Paradise sheduck
2017.01.26	Raetihi	Damage to crops	Gas Gun	Paradise Sheduck
2017.01.27	Stratford	nuisance	trip trap	Mallard/Grey
2017.01.27	Whanganui	Damage to gardens & attacking occupants	.22 rifle	Pukeko
2017.01.30	Stratford	Damage to pasture & crops	Gas Gun	Paradise Sheduck
2017.02.08	Raetihi	Damage to pasture & crops	Gas Gun	Paradise Sheduck
2017.02.09	New Plymouth	Damage to gardens	.22 rifle	Pukeko
2017.02.17	Whanganui	Damage to Chicory crops	Gas Guns	Paradise Sheduck
2017.02.17	Whanganui	Damage to crops and pasture	Summer season	Paradise Sheduck
2017.02.17	Whanganui	Damage to gardens & attacking occupants	Trip trap	Pukeko
2017.02.22	Whanganui	Damage to chicory crops	Summer season	Paradise Sheduck
2017.02.23	Stratford	Damage to oat crops	Gas Gun	Mallard & Paradise sheduck
2017.02.24	New Plymouth	Damage to crops	Shot gun / Gas Gun	Paradise Sheduck

2017.03.27	New Plymouth	nuisance		Trip trap	Pukeko
2017.04.03	Urenui	Damage to pasture		Shot gun / Gas Gun	Paradise Shelduck
2017.04.04	New Plymouth	Damage to feijoa and vegetable gardens		Shot gun / .22 rifle	Pukeko
2017.04.05	New Plymouth	damage to vegetable gardens		Air rifle	Pukeko
2017.04.12	Whanganui	damage to fodder beet crops		Shot gun / .22 rifle	Pukeko
2017.05.19	New Plymouth	Damage to gardens		trip trap	Pukeko
2017.05.22	New Plymouth	Damage to gardens		Air rifle	Pukeko
2017.06.17	New Plymouth	Damage to gardens		trip trap	Pukeko
2017.06.20	New Plymouth	Damage to gardens		Trip trap	Pukeko
2017.08.03	New Plymouth	Damage to new lawn		Air rifle	Pukeko
2017.08.24	New Plymouth	Killing chickens		Trip traps	Pukeko
2017.08.24	New Plymouth	Damage to gardens		Trip trap	Pukeko
2017.08.28	New Plymouth	Damage to feijoa and vegetable gardens		.22 rifle	Pukeko





**TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**

The Chairman  
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

**2016/2017 Fish and Game Licence Sales Reports**  
**2017/18 Opening Weekend Licence Sales Report**

Please find attached the 2016/2017 Fish and Game Licence sales reports with a comparison to the previous year's sales.

Also a report showing a comparison between the 16/17 fishing licence sales to 2<sup>nd</sup> October and the 17/18 licence sales to the same date. (An LEQ increase of 26).

Jilli Steedman  
SECRETARY  
3 October 2017

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the 2016/2017 Fish and Game Licence Sales Reports and 2017/18 Opening Weekend Licence Sales Report shown on pages 56 to 58 of the agenda, be received

## Regional Sales - Complete Seasons 2016/2017 Game Licence Sales

Taranaki 2016 - 2017 Channel	GWA	GWJ	GWC	GDA	GDJ	Game Total	Game LEQ	Total Value
Agency Online	850	61	24	21	3	959		
Eyede Call Centre	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Mail Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Public Online	133	12	10	19	0	174	174	
Retail Book	120	6	19	4	0	149	149	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1,283</b>	<b>1,128.73</b>	<b>\$105,435</b>

## Regional Sales - Complete Seasons 2015/2016 Game Licence Sales

Taranaki 2015 - 2016 Channel	GWA	GWJ	GWC	GDA	GDJ	Game Total	Game LEQ	Total Value
Agency Online	709	72	21	23	1	826		
Eyede Call Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mail Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Public Online	122	10	9	15	0	156	156	
Retail Book	268	18	27	19	1	333	333	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,099</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,315</b>	<b>1,130.49</b>	<b>\$104,374</b>

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

## Regional Sales - Complete Season 2016/2017 Fishing Licence Sales

Taranaki 2016 - 2017 Channel	FWF	FWA	FWNA	FSLA	FLAA	FWJ	FWNJ	FWIA	FWIJ	FLBA	FSBA	FDA	FDJ	Fish Total	Fish LEQ	Total Value
Agency Online	67	258	27	36	10	28	0	8	0	2	32	134	6	608		
Eyede Call Centre	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5		
Mail Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Public Online	58	146	31	8	12	14	1	5	0	3	24	126	10	438		
Retail Book	9	31	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	9	7	61		
<b>Total</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1,112</b>	<b>810.45</b>	<b>\$103,510</b>

## Regional Sales - Complete Season 2015/2016 Fishing Licence Sales

Taranaki 2015 - 2016 Channel	FWF	FWA	FWNA	FSLA	FLAA	FWJ	FWNJ	FWIA	FWIJ	FLBA	FSBA	FDA	FDJ	Fish Total	Fish LEQ	Total Value
Agency Online	70	284	21	39	16	34	2	17	0	3	37	132	29	684		
Eyede Call Centre	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	10		
Mail Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Public Online	48	141	28	6	12	17	2	9	0	3	23	113	4	406		
Retail Book	9	46	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	32	5	97		
<b>Total</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1,197</b>	<b>853.06</b>	<b>\$107,592</b>

FWF	Family
FWA	Adult Whole Season
FWNA	Non-Resident Adult Whole Season
FSLA	Loyal Senior
FLAA	Local Area
FWJ	Junior Whole Season
FWNJ	Non-Resident Junior Whole Season
FWIA	Adult Winter
FWIJ	Junior Winter
FLBA	Long Break (9 days)
FSBA	Short Break (3 days)
FDA	Adult Day
FDJ	Junior Day

# Comparison of Opening Weekend Fishing Licence Sales to 2nd October

Taranaki 2016 - 2017 Channel		FWF	FWA	FWNA	FSLA	FLAA	FWJ	FWNJ	FWIA	FWIJ	FLBA	FSBA	FDA	FDJ	Total	Fish LEQ	Fish \$	Total Value
Agency Online	29	88	3	21	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	156			
Eyede Call Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Mail Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Public Online	20	63	7	3	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	101			
Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>252.81</b>	<b>\$31,981.00</b>	<b>\$31,981.00</b>
Taranaki 2017 - 2018 Channel		FWF	FWA	FWNA	FSLA	FLAA	FWJ	FWNJ	FWIA	FWIJ	FLBA	FSBA	FDA	FDJ	Total	Fish LEQ	Fish \$	Total Value
Agency Online	18	108	0	33	2	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	173			
Eyede Call Centre	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			
Mail Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Public Online	24	71	2	6	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	116			
Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>278.80</b>	<b>\$35,483.00</b>	<b>\$35,483.00</b>

## TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

### REVIEW OF ELECTORAL SUB-REGIONS

Section 26U(3) of the Conservation Act 1987 provides that "Each region defined by the Minister under Section 26A(1)(c) of this Act shall comprise not more than 6 sub-regions, which shall be determined by the Fish & Game Council for that region, and notified in some newspaper circulating in the areas affected." Currently 10 of the 12 Regions utilise sub-regions, however Taranaki and North Canterbury do not.

In the case of Taranaki the Region originally operated 5 sub-regions being New Plymouth, Stratford, South Taranaki, Whanganui and Ruapehu. These sub-regions reflected the previous acclimatisation society boundaries which had been bought together with the creation of Fish & Game in 1990.

In April 2006 the Council reviewed the need for these sub-regions and resolved to replace its previous five electoral sub-regions with a single sub-region comprising the whole region. Much of the discussion appears to have been around the fact that the actual result of the 2003 elections with 5 sub-regions and contested by 15 candidates was exactly the same as it would have been if there had only been a single region. That is, a straight "first past the post" election would have delivered the same 12 councillors as those who were actually elected.

This is the only occasion an election has been required since 2000. In the absence of an election the formal need for sub-regions is essentially irrelevant.

The argument for sub-regions is to ensure that each sub-region is represented on Council. Inherent in this is that the resources or use in a sub-region are different to elsewhere, and that there is therefore value in ensuring representation by someone who is familiar with the area and issues and who can advocate for the aspirations of local hunters and anglers.

In today's world travel is so much easier and licence holders routinely travel greater distances to fish and hunt. On this basis it would be difficult to argue that the Taranaki ring-plain should be any more than one sub-region. However with the exception of Councillor Sargeson, few of us who are users of the Waimarino area have more than a passing knowledge of the ring-plain resources, and vice versa for example. If we throw Whanganui in as a third area then an argument can be made for the need to have representation from these 3 sub-regions which happen to coincide with our Area A, B and C game management units.

The question then becomes do we need sub-regions to ensure that we always have representation from these 3 areas? Past history would suggest not. However a breakdown of the residency of those who bought a Taranaki 2017 hunting licence for example indicates that only 42 (3.8%) hunters resided in the Waimarino area (Area A) compared to 272 (24.5%) in Whanganui (Area B), 624 (56.3%) in Taranaki (Area C) and 170 (15.3%) from out of the region. This highlights the risk that should an election be required that a Waimarino candidate for example maybe unknown to the vast

proportion of voters, and without sub-regions simply miss out to candidates better known elsewhere.

Having the 3 sub-regions in place simply ensures that the highest polling candidate from each sub-region (so long as there is a candidate standing) is elected. The remaining 9 places on Council are then filled by the nine highest polling of the remaining candidates.

As discussed sub-regions have not been needed to date to ensure the whole region is represented. However they don't create any additional work, and in the event of an unexpected result do ensure that the three management areas are always represented (so long as there is at least one candidate standing from each sub-region). Similarly if there is no candidate the sub-region argument also provides a robust justification to potentially then second someone to represent that sub-region.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council create 3 sub-regions based on the game management units being Waimarino (Area A), Whanganui (Area B) and Taranaki (Area C) to always ensure region wide Council representation.

Glenn Maclean

Regional Manager

August 2017

## TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman  
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council needs to decide when and where to hold its 2018 meetings.

Section 26 ZD (1) of the Conservation Act 1987 provides as follows;  
"Meetings of any Fish and Game council shall be held on at least six occasions in the period commencing on the first day of February and ending on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in each year, at such times and places as the Council or the chairperson from time to time appoints."

Taranaki Fish and Game Council has scheduled 6 ordinary meetings per year, starting at 10am on a Saturday. These dates are usually the second Saturday following National Council meetings, unless it coincides with public or school holidays, which are;

<b>Public Holiday</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>School Holidays</b>
<b>Wellington Anniversary</b>	22 January 2018	20 December 2017 – 28 January 2018
<b>Auckland Anniversary</b>	29 January 2018	14 April – 29 April 2018
<b>Waitangi Day</b>	6 February 2018	7 July – 22 July 2018
<b>Taranaki Anniversary</b>	12 March 2018	29 September – 14 October 2018
<b>Good Friday</b>	30 March 2018	
<b>Easter Monday</b>	2 April 2018	
<b>Anzac Day</b>	25 April 2018	
<b>Queen's Birthday</b>	4 June 2018	
<b>Labour Day</b>	22 October 2018	

Fish and Game are holding their triennial elections in 2018. Elected members are to take office on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018. As part of the election timetable the last date for Councils to advise their NZ representative is 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018. Our October meeting is usually held in the first two weeks of the month, however regulations require the first meeting of the new council to be held not later than 3 weeks after the date members come into office. Rather than have the usually scheduled October meeting then another one a few weeks later I have proposed the October meeting to be held on the first Saturday of November 2018 (3<sup>rd</sup>) there would be a 4-5 week gap till our December 2018 meeting and AGM.

Council should discuss their preference for the location of meetings and the AGM. A recommended schedule of meeting dates is as follows;

### MEETING DATES AND VENUES FOR 2018

<b><i>Proposed Taranaki Fish &amp; Game Council Meeting Dates</i></b>		<b><i>UnConfirmed New Zealand Fish &amp; Game Council meeting dates</i></b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
10 February 2018		23-25 March 2017
7 April 2018		18 May 2018
9 June 2018		20 June 2018
18 August 2018		20-21 July 2018
3 November 2018		28 September 2018
8 or 15 December 2018		23-25 November 2018

RECOMMENDATION That the schedule of meeting dates and venues decided by Council for 2018, be adopted.

Jilli Steedman  
SECRETARY  
4<sup>th</sup> October 2017



**TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

**2017 Hunting & Habitat Applications**

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

In the normal course of events an application to the Gamebird Habitat Trust is required first and the H&H fund may then be used to top up the amount received, with a maximum funding limit as laid out in table 1.

This year we supported 7 applications to the Trust from around the Taranaki Region and an 8<sup>th</sup> from just over the boundary at Owhango. These applications to the Trust totalled \$66,125 of which they were awarded \$32,000 (GST incl). This is out of the \$96,000 available so the region did very well.

In the opinion of staff there were 4 applications (Owhango, Ratamaire, Rotokawa and Arranmore) for what are potentially outstanding wetlands; that is the creation of very extensive shallow water areas with fluctuating water levels and low overhanging cover and rushes. One of these (Owhango) is not eligible for any additional funding as it falls several kilometres outside of our boundary, and in any case the funding received to date is probably sufficient for this project to proceed.

In the case of the other 3 projects listed above it is recommended funding be approved as laid out in table 1, noting that in 2 cases and potentially the 3<sup>rd</sup> as well Horizons Regional Council are also involved and have indicated that they will contribute towards the fencing and planting costs.

It is also recommended that the Tom Ron and Eltaunto projects be funded up to the maximum of 25% of the total cost. Funding for the Smith project already exceeds the 25% threshold and it is not recommended that Mangatotara receive funding this time round (previously received \$9,563 from the H&H Scheme in 2015)

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

Name	Wetland habitat created (ha) (water area)	Total cost (as per GBHT application)	From GBHT	Sought from H&H	GBHT + H&H funding as % of total cost
Arranmore	9.35 (3.8)	\$35,617*	\$10,000	\$8,537	52%
Rotokawa swamp	4 (2.6)	\$22,063*	\$ 7,000	\$4,804	53.5%
Ratamaire	2.4 (1.3)	\$18,635	\$6000	\$3,318	50%
Tom Ron	0.5 (0.3)	\$19,996	\$3,000	\$2,000	25%
Smith	0.5 (0.3)	\$7,170	\$2,000		
Mangatotara	? (0.1)	\$2,839			
Eltaunto	0.32 (0.2)	\$18,264		\$4566	25%

\* planting costs are a significant underestimate following Horizons involvement.

This represents a total funding sought this year of \$23,225 (\$20,196 GST excl). Currently the H&H Scheme is at \$380,802 (GST excl) so approving these applications would reduce the H&H fund to \$360,606.

If approved then the GBHT and H&H Scheme combined would be contributing \$51,225 towards the development of high quality shallow water wetlands in the region over 2017/18.

#### RECOMMENDATION

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

1. Arranmore - \$8,537
2. Rotokawa swamp - \$4,804
3. Ratamaire - \$3,318
4. Tom Ron - \$2,000
5. Eltaunto - \$4,566

Glenn Maclean

Regional Manager

September 2017

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL  
HUNTING AND HABITAT SCHEME



ADOPTED 6 DECEMBER 2014

REVISED – CRITERIA - MAY 2016

## REVISED CRITERIA FOR HUNTING AND HABITAT SCHEME

**Approved by Council, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

### Background

In response to the paper "Review of the Hunting and Habitat Scheme" presented at the council meeting 11<sup>th</sup> October 2014 the Council resolved "*That the Taranaki Fish and Game Council's Hunting & Habitat Scheme continues, using the existing criteria, while a paper is prepared giving options, moving forward*".

This paper provides such options consistent with an objective to provide game bird habitat and hunting opportunities within the Taranaki Fish and Game Region, noting that the Scheme currently has cash reserves of approximately \$435,000 available (all expenditure by the Council is GST exclusive).

One option is for the Council to purchase another suitable property. To be effective this requires that the Council either purchase an existing significant wetland (either when one comes on the market or by approaching the present owners) or develops a new wetland. Existing large wetlands are already identified and protected under the various regional and district plans, so short of obtaining public hunting opportunities there appears little advantage in buying such a wetland (we are also constrained by Section 26 S (10) of the Conservation Act which only allows Fish and Game Councils to borrow money with the written approval of the Minister of Finance).

On the other hand buying a smaller block (say 15 to 20 ha) of flat but low quality water logged pasture or swamp which could be developed into an extensive shallow wetland area is potentially much more effective and feasible. However this is about creating an expansive wetland complex, not a deep pond in the bottom of a steep gully which is more typically the sort of blocks offered.

The other option is to work with landowners to create suitable habitat and hunting opportunities on private land. Requiring significant landowner contributions as part of this would maximise the return from this fund.

In summary a combination of working with landowners and developing our own wetland complex if a suitable opportunity presents likely represents the most effective way of achieving the underlying objective. This is reflected in the following criteria for funding.

## DRAFT REVISED CRITERIA FOR HUNTING AND HABITAT SCHEME

May 2016

### Funding Criteria

1. The criteria purposefully allow for a degree of flexibility in how a particular objective may be achieved. This reflects that each situation may be slightly different and allowing for lateral or innovative approaches can result in effective outcomes not otherwise possible.
2. The funding conditions (table 1) provide for three separate objectives encompassing promotion, creation of game bird habitat and provision of hunting opportunities. However any proposal only needs to meet one of these three objectives, noting that where a proposal does meet several objectives then the highest scoring objective determines the funding level. A proposal must meet all of the criteria for a particular objective and funding level to receive this level of funding.
3. Usually<sup>1</sup> applications are also required to apply to the Game Bird Habitat Trust, and any funding received from this source will be deducted from the cost of the project before determining Fish and Game's contribution. However the maximum limit of the F&G contribution is calculated on the total costs of the development.
4. The landowners contribution includes recognition of their time contributed to the project, costed at \$45 per hour. Where a covenant in perpetuity will apply to the finished development the landowner's contribution may also include an agreed value of the land (in its current state) that this applies to.
5. Project work subject to resource consent will only be funded if consents are approved and after the work has been completed to the satisfaction of the consent authority.
6. No retrospective funding for work undertaken prior to contacting F&G will be considered. However to avoid unnecessary delays potentially caused by waiting for the results of the application to the Game Bird Habitat Trust (GBHT) before then applying to F&G, the Council may receive an application at the same time and give approval for a maximum contribution up to the funding limit, the final figure to be dependent on the success or not of the GBHT application.
7. While there is no retrospective funding, work previously done maybe considered when assessing the benefits of an application.
8. Only fully completed applications will be considered.
9. Unless the period of the proposed works is protected by other legal mechanisms such as a QE11 Covenant then Landowners will be required to enter into a legally binding agreement with Taranaki Fish and Game Council for any advances greater than \$4,999 (GST incl). This is to ensure licence holder funds are used for the purposes they were given for the negotiated period of time. Where the amount advanced (and including any other advances from the Hunting and Habitat Scheme over the same property) exceeds \$9,999 (GST incl) then the

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<sup>1</sup> As a matter of course applicants are required to also apply to the GBHT, however in special circumstances this may be waived at the discretion of the manager (for example where an application does not meet the criteria of the GBHT however does meet the H&H criteria)

landowner may be required to enter an encumbrance on the property title at their cost and at the discretion<sup>2</sup> of the Council.

10. The period of the term is to be calculated at 1 year per \$1,000 (GST incl) advanced or 10 years, whichever is the greatest.
11. Consideration of completed applications is to be undertaken by the Council at their next scheduled meeting.
12. Secondary applications applying to properties already receiving funding from the Council will only be considered after the satisfactory completion of previously funded works.
13. All costs and calculations are GST inclusive (noting that applications to GBHT are GST incl).

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<sup>2</sup> Where a large advance is otherwise not protected in perpetuity then an encumbrance may be used to achieve this whereas for example it might not be required where the owner is pursuing a QEII Covenant.

**Table 1 Funding conditions for each objective**

Funding level	Objective		
	Promote game bird hunting and / or wetland/ upland game bird habitat protection or enhancement	Benefit game bird populations (and hunting opportunities on this or nearby properties)	Provide hunting opportunities
<b>Up to 100%</b>	Taranaki Fish and Game programme or property (or property under long-term lease if covenant option to protect habitat values) which has or will create <u>extensive</u> ; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• habitat (wetland 5+ ha, upland 20+ ha) or</li> <li>• hunting opportunities or</li> <li>• advocacy benefits</li> </ul> or a combination of these		
<b>50% up to a maximum contribution of \$20,000 (GST excl)</b>	High profile such as a demonstration farm or public space where there is an obvious advocacy benefit No minimum size but must demonstrate good/ best practice	Size of wetland >10,000M <sup>2</sup> (1 ha) or upland habitat protected > 50,000M <sup>2</sup> (5 ha) Predator control programme Area fenced out	For 10 or more licenced hunters. Either balloted, TF&GC managed <sup>1</sup> , or formal club arrangement. Must include opportunity for at least 2 junior hunters
<b>25% up to a maximum contribution of \$10,000 (GST excl)</b>		Wetland 2,500M <sup>2</sup> – 10,000M <sup>2</sup> or upland habitat 25,000M <sup>2</sup> – 50,000M <sup>2</sup> created Predator control programme Area fenced out	

<sup>1</sup> This provides for the council to enter into a formal arrangement with the landowner regarding how access will be managed, the exact nature of the arrangement can be flexible to suit the specific situation and requirements.

Note: It is expected most applications would fall under the objective to “Benefit game bird populations”





Taranaki Fish & Game Council  
Budget Report to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017  
and  
Project Progress to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017

OUTPUT	Budget external costs	YTD external costs (31/8/17)	Comments on significant variations	Budget Hours	YTD hours
Population Monitoring	9,400	6,802		396	381.5
Harvest Assessment	3,700	3,049		50	24.5
Hatchery	6,250	7,225		45	68.25
Liberations	8,200	6602		95	100
Season Regulations				30	62
Gamebird Dispersal	1,100	941		140	114
RMA	100			500	304.25
Habitat Management & Enhancement	15,600	13,571		460	427.25
Hunter / Angler Access	2,000	1,618		50	52.25
Satisfaction Survey	300			10	.5
Magazine / Newsletter / Ezine	6,800	10,223	6,500 additional hunting newsletters sent to all rural delivery box holders.	150	85.25
Other Publications	1,673		Deferred due to additional costs for newsletter	30	18.5
Clubs	300	300		10	3.75
Statutory Liaison				60	14.25
Iwi Liaison		276		40	28
General Advocacy		47		320	175
Hunting & Angling Promotions	2,750	2,479		-	181.75
Ranger Management	2,000	1,178		72	77
Compliance		909	Installation of regulatory marker poles	170	129
Licencing & Commission	10,031	8,969		105	42.5
Council Meetings & Administration	8,000	9,130		162	289.75
Management, Strategic & Policy				70	10
Business Planning				65	23.5
OSH & Other Reporting	7,700	8,865		55	91
National Liaison	100			160	192.5
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>86,004</b>	<b>82,186 (96%)</b>		<b>3,245</b>	<b>2,896.5 (89%)</b>

Project Income	Budget Income	YTD Income	Comments on significant variations
Harvest Assessment	650	435	
Liberations	2,000	1,474	
Gamebird Dispersal	500	342	
Reparation / Compliance	1,000	304	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,150</b>	<b>2,555</b>	
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>81,854</b>	<b>79,631</b>	

Overheads	Budget	YTD
1910 Salaries & Management Contract	224,358	233,132
1920 Staff Expenses	3,200	3,549
1940 Office Premises	19,759	19,689
1950 Office Equipment	3,000	3,029
1960 Communications / Consumables	8,025	9,151
1970 General	2,400	3,485
1980 General Equipment	800	85
1990 Vehicles	15,200	14,796
<b>Total Overheads</b>	<b>276,742</b>	<b>286,916 (103%)</b>

Other Income & Expenses	Budget	YTD
Interest	15,848	14,117
Wellington Fish & Game Admin	7,000	4,519
Donation		205
<b>Total Other Income &amp; Expenses</b>	<b>22,848</b>	<b>18,841 (82%)</b>

Nett Project, Overhead and Other Expenditure/Income	Budget	YTD
	<b>335,748</b>	<b>347,706 (103.6%)</b>

**SPECIES MANAGEMENT**

2016/2017 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
<p><b><u>Fish Population assessment</u></b></p> <p>1. Report to Council detailing the status of the sports fish population and implications for management by 31 August 2017</p> <p>2. Baseline trout population information obtained and reported for the Manganuioteao River (year 1 of 2) and Kaupokonui Streams.</p> <p>3. Opportunities to enhance the Stony River fishery investigated and reported to Council</p>	<p><i>A Fish Monitoring Report was prepared for Council's 14 October 2017 meeting.</i></p> <p><i>A 2-day electric fishing survey was carried out in the Kaupokonui Stream catchment on 6-7 December 2016 and a report prepared.</i></p> <p><i>Manganuioteao drift dives deferred due to unsuitable river conditions</i></p> <p><i>There was agreement on the wording and colour of tags for the TrustPower lower Patea River trout releases (2017 – 2021). Inspection of Retaruke River indicates river is bouncing back and some wild fish evident.</i></p> <p><i>Trout spawning surveys carried out in Mangamahoe Stream (16.06.2017), Konini Stream (27.06.2017), Mangamahoe Stream (2<sup>nd</sup> survey 26.07.2017) and the Waiwhakaiho inlet to Lake Mangamahoe (31.07.2017)</i></p> <p><i>A survey of the Stony River on 28.10.16 found the river still very unstable with few macroinvertebrates present. Ongoing erosion means the river remains unstable.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Gamebird population Assessment</u></b></p> <p>1. Presentation to the Council detailing population status and implications for management of the region's black swan and paradise shelduck populations. The report to be presented to Council at its first planned meeting in 2017.</p> <p>2. Study initiated into the movements of mallards between the Taranaki high country and coastal regions and the implications for long-term monitoring programme.</p> <p>3. Mallard monitoring based around banding in the Waimarino Region and aerial counts on the Taranaki ring plain implemented and the first year's results reported to Council</p>	<p><i>January 2017 trend counts were carried out for paradise shelduck and black swan and a report prepared for Council.</i></p> <p><i>Reviewed recent Mallard research findings and discussed implications with author.</i></p> <p><i>Manager obtained Level 1 banding certification and attended banding day at Gisborne. Completed banding at 3 sites in the Waimarino. Aerial counts of dabbling duck along 20 randomly selected transects on the Taranaki ringplain were carried out on 10.04.2017 and results provided to Darryl MacKenzie of Proteus Wildlife Research Consultants (24.07.2017) for review.</i></p>

<p>4. Pukeko Counts conducted in April and shoveler duck counts in August. Analysis presented to Council by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 as part of the Draft Game Gazette notice.</p>	<p><i>Manager applied for L2 certification. Counts of shoveler duck were carried out at 25 coastal dune lakes and ponds on 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup> August as part of the national survey.</i></p> <p><i>Draft Game gazette included discussion on pukeko and shoveler monitoring in December agenda. Drive-by counts of pukeko along randomly selected road transects were carried out in April 2017.</i></p>
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<p><b><u>National Hunter Survey</u></b></p> <p>1. Full participation in Fish &amp; Game New Zealand's national hunter harvest survey during the 2017 game season.</p>	<p><i>A report on the 2016 Game Season results was prepared for Council's 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017 meeting agenda. Calls were made for the 2017 harvest survey and the data entered into the survey website for analysis.</i></p> <p><i>Season harvest data entered into excel spreadsheet for 1992 onwards.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Special Gamebird Season</u></b></p> <p>1. The co-ordination of a 2-weekend special game bird hunting season for paradise shelduck in Area C.</p> <p>2. Presentation to Council by 31 August 2017 of the results of the 2017 Special Game Bird Season.</p> <p>3. Maintain register of properties with paradise duck issues as potential contacts for hunters seeking new opportunities.</p>	<p><i>Prepared new format 2017 Special Season permits and delivered to registered occupiers and participating agents. Responded to queries from participants and issued permits. 2 special permits to hunt in Area B issued to address specific issues.</i></p> <p><i>Report on the 2017 special season was prepared for Council's 10 June 2017 agenda.</i></p> <p><i>Maintained a register of properties where authorities to disturb paradise shelduck have been issued.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Hatchery</u></b></p> <p>1. To have reared 4,000 healthy fingerling and yearling trout at the Hawera hatchery by 31 August 2017.</p>	<p><i>A Hawera hatchery food order was submitted to King Salmon Ltd. for April 2017 delivery. Trout were adipose fin-clipped on 15.03.2017 and there were 2,007 rainbow trout held at the hatchery on that date. The hatchery volunteers are keen to grow 300 fish to a larger size for the Stratford kids' trout fishing event in mid-December 2017. On the morning of 23.04.2017 hatchery volunteers discovered that the water inlet valve to the largest raceway had been turned off and all trout in that raceway were dead. There was no sign that anyone had entered the hatchery building. There are 930 fish remaining and approx. 620 were held over in the hatchery at the end of the financial year.</i></p>

<p>2. Development and implementation of an effective exotic disease response plan.</p> <p>3. Complete review of hatchery requirements and options to meet these and report to Council.</p>	<p><i>Eyed rainbow trout ova (3,500 approx.) from the Eastern F&amp;G Region were received in good order at the Hawera hatchery on 21.07.2017 and approx. 3,000 were held over in the hatchery at the end of the financial year.</i></p> <p><i>A draft exotic disease response plan was prepared.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Trout Liberations</u></b></p> <p>1. Release of 4,000 healthy fingerling and yearling trout into lakes and rivers where the species already exists and release is appropriate, these releases reported to Council by 31 August 2017.</p> <p>2. Release of up to 1,200 healthy two year old rainbow trout into approved waters to provide immediate angling opportunity.</p> <p>3. Complete year 2 of 3 year study into the value of stocking specific streams and include in Report to Council (5.1, Fish population Assessment,1)</p>	<p><i>A total of 602 rainbow trout yearlings from the Hawera hatchery were released into Lakes Ratapiko (301), Mangamahoe (151) and Rotomanu (150) on 04.10.2016. A further 461 rainbow yearlings were released into Lake Ratapiko (202) and the Kaupokonui Stream catchment (259) on 18.10.16. A total of 300 rainbow yearlings were released into the Retaruke River on 21.11.2016. Further releases of rainbow yearlings were made to Lake Mangamahoe (101) and Lake Ratapiko (101) on 11.08.2017 and into Opunake Lake (100) on 25.08.2017.</i></p> <p><i>A trout releases annual report was prepared for Council's 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017 meeting. An "offer of service" for the lower Patea River trout releases was prepared and accepted by TrustPower. Councillor Bright has carried out modifications to improve the oxygen delivery system on the fish release transport tank.</i></p> <p><i>A total of 250 2 year rainbows and 2 older rainbows were released into Lake Ngangana on 28.10.16. A further 280 2 year rainbows were released into the Patea River at Stratford on 09.12.2016. An order for 500 2 year rainbows for mid-October 2017 kids' fishing events at Opunake Lake and Lake Rotomanu was confirmed. 85 fish from Turangi released in Sattlers Dam. Dairy returns were collated and an update report prepared.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Keep &amp; Release Approvals</u></b></p> <p>1. Provision of advice as required on proposals to keep, rear or release game birds and to keep or release sports fish. Recommendations made to DOC</p>	<p><i>Discussion with Bird Rescue in Whanganui re large numbers of ducklings bought in. Permit issued to angler to fish for perch over winter</i></p>

<p>on the issue of such permits.</p> <p>2. Liaison with F&amp;G National Office regarding streamlining the process for application and approval to rear and release gamebirds.</p>	<p><i>as part of investigation into the extent of angling opportunities.</i></p> <p><i>Ongoing discussion with Eastern re obtaining DG delegations.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Season Regulations</u></b></p> <p>1. Draft recommendations and supporting information regarding the 2017 gamebird hunting conditions and 2018 Special Season conditions provided to Council for the December 2016 meeting.</p> <p>2. Dispatch of the Council's draft recommendations for the 2017 game bird hunting season conditions to NZ Fish &amp; Game Council by 10 December 2016.</p> <p>3. Recommendations and supporting information regarding the 2017/18 sports fishing conditions provided to Council for the June 2017 meeting.</p> <p>4. Dispatch of the Council's recommendations for 2017/18 sports fishing season conditions to NZ Fish &amp; Game Council by 30 June 2017.</p>	<p><i>Recommendations and draft game notice included in December 2016 Agenda and approved by Council pending Paradise duck monitoring results</i></p> <p><i>Sent to National Office and draft Gazette Notice reviewed 13/12/16. Draft Regulation Brochure reviewed.</i></p> <p><i>Draft paper and recommendations prepared for June 17 meeting</i></p> <p><i>Recommendations sent 14/6/17 and gazette notice and angling brochure drafts reviewed.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Gamebird Dispersal</u></b></p> <p>1. Proactively assist with the dispersal of unwanted congregations of game birds that are notified to the Council throughout the year</p>	<p><i>Twenty-two permits to cull or trap &amp; relocate pukeko were issued during the year, along with fifteen permits to disturb paradise shelduck; six permits to disturb paradise shelduck &amp; mallard duck; one permit to disturb paradise shelduck &amp; black swan; one permit to trap &amp; relocate mallard duck; and one permit to cull up to 4 paradise shelduck &amp; 6 mallard duck causing damage to a golf course.</i></p> <p><i>An inquiry was received from the Stratford Golf Club about dispersing mallard duck. There was liaison with the SPCA about the capture of a black swan entangled in nylon at Barrett Lagoon. Two injured ducks and two pukeko were picked up from members of the public. A young mallard hen and 7 ducklings were relocated from the NP CBD.</i></p> <p><i>A site visit was made to Barrett Lagoon (23.02.2017) with the adjacent landowner and NPDC staff to discuss fencing requirements for an expanded pasture "sacrifice area" to limit pasture damage by moulting paradise shelduck.</i></p> <p><i>Ads placed re contacting F&amp;G if have a</i></p>

	<p><i>problem to go in NZ Dairy newspaper and also Taranaki Lifestyles issue.</i></p> <p><i>Gas guns issued in Taranaki via permits to disturb were collected back in prior to the start of the 2017 special season. Whanganui guns missing after left in kale crop has been located. Fitting that allows guns to rotate purchased for trial installation.</i></p> <p><i>Following discussions with the TRC, a fact sheet was prepared for Land Management Officers and landowners about managing pukeko problems.</i></p>
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## HABITAT PROTECTION & MANAGEMENT

<p><b>Resource Management Act</b></p> <p>1. Make effective submissions on resource consent applications and statutory plan proposals to best achieve sports fish and game bird habitat protection and enhancement and / or to maintain or enhance hunting or angling access and opportunity.</p>	<p><i>F&amp;G withdrew its request to be heard (08.11.2016) in relation to a limit-notified application by Inglewood Metal Ltd. to discharge treated quarry stormwater &amp; washwater to Kurapete Stream in the Manganui catchment. The applicant agreed to isolate the washwater system from the stormwater system and accepted more stringent receiving water conditions. Following sale of the quarry to Civil Quarries Ltd (Taranaki Civil), F&amp;G's approval was sought for a change in consent conditions to allow for an increased discharge rate and an improvement in the wash-water recirculation system. F&amp;G approval was given on 18.07.2017.</i></p> <p><i>F&amp;G attended a 2<sup>nd</sup> pre-hearing meeting (10.11.2016) in relation to publicly-notified applications by Fonterra Ltd. to take water from Tawhiti Stream and Tangahoe River and discharge silt from hydrocyclone filters. There was general agreement among the parties and F&amp;G withdrew its request to be heard on 21.08.2017.</i></p> <p><i>A pre-hearing meeting was attended (19.10.2016) regarding a limited-notified application by the Oaonui rural water supply scheme to increase their Oaonui Stream take from 3,500 to 5,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day. A proposal to limit the take to 4,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day was agreed by the applicant (28,000 m<sup>3</sup> averaged over 7</i></p>
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days). Fish & Game subsequently withdrew its request to be heard (19.12.2016), but the applicant then came back with some late changes. A 2<sup>nd</sup> pre-hearing meeting was attended on 30.01.2017 to resolve remaining issues and F&G's final withdrawal of request to be heard occurred on 03.04.2017.

A draft of the Stratford District Council's King Edward Park Management Plan was received and a request made (30.09.2016) that angler access and the ability to take trout from a section of the Patea River through the park be maintained. This received a positive response. The proposed plan was subsequently notified and a F&G submission was lodged on 15.03.2017. Trout fishing and the taking of trout from within the Park has subsequently been listed in the Plan as an approved activity.

The STDC's decisions on its District Plan were reviewed and it was decided not to Appeal.

Comments were made on the TRC's draft Regional Coastal Plan (25.11.2016) and a submission made to its Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan and Biosecurity Strategy (30.06.2017).

A draft TRC Officer's Report on a limited notified application by Stratford District Council to take water from the Patea River & Konini Stream was reviewed and comments made (01.12.2016). Further comments were made on the proposed consent conditions on 19.05.2017 and there were ongoing discussions to define where and how the financial contribution will be spent. Agreement was reached and F&G withdrew its request to be heard on 01.08.2017.

There was liaison with NZTA regarding restoration of a fish pass on the SH3 Te Henui motorway culvert. Staff also met with NZTA representatives regarding SH3 Mt. Messenger realignment proposals, with a further meeting held on 24.05.2017.

There was liaison with Kiwi Rail regarding designs for fish passes on the Manganui River and Waipuku Stream SH3 railway



*bridge bed control structures. Fish passage at a low weir on Mangawarawara Stream at Bridger Park Eltham was inspected to provide input into the consent renewal (Eltham Lions).*

*Patea HEPS: Interim Dissolved Oxygen and Temperature Report - Following receipt of the Expert Panel's comments, TrustPower agreed (22.09.2016) that the DO data for the McColl's Quarry site was not of a sufficient standard to be used as intended by resource consent 0489-2 condition 36. New sensors and an amended maintenance regime are being put in place. A request for F&G's non-notified approval was received (09.03.2017) for a change in consent conditions to allow the site for flow compliance monitoring to be shifted downstream from McColl's Quarry to McColl's Bridge. F&G approval was provided on 21.04.2017.*

*A site visit was made (15.09.2016) to Oakura Farm Park's proposed 66ha eco-subdivision in the Wairua Stream catchment near Oakura to view riparian management and wetland protection and enhancement initiatives. A change to the NP District Plan will be required for the subdivision to proceed.*

*There was liaison (19.01.2017) with the landowner of the former Meadowvale Piggery site at Midhirst and the TRC about options for emptying the 3 large oxidation ponds following piggery closure.*

*A site visit was made with STDC and Ngaruahine staff (16.02.2017) to view Waimate West Rural Water Supply Scheme intakes on the Otakeho, Mangawhero, Mangawhero-iti and Mangatoki Streams, as the structures were in the process of being re-consented.*

*A TRC report on the effectiveness & efficiency of the RPS for Taranaki was received for comment (16.02.2017). Comments were provided on 07.04.2017.*

*The High Court upheld appeal by Ngati Rangi over Environment Court decision re NZE*

*hydro consents and directed E.C to reconsider its decision.*

*Comments were provided to Renewable Power Ltd on a monitoring methodology to assess the effects of the Normanby HEPS on the ecology and users of the Waingongoro River (02.05.2017). A Renewable Power stakeholders meeting was attended on 30.05.2017. The TRC has gone to the Environment Court to obtain an Enforcement Order in relation to consent compliance.*

*Following lodgement of a submission in the previous financial year (28.07.2016) regarding re-consenting of the Stratford District Council's oxidation pond discharge to the Patea River, a pre-hearing meeting was attended on 20.04.2017. A draft set of consent conditions was received and comments made on 28.06.2017.*

*Following discussions with the TRC (20.04.2017 & 15.05.2017) about their proposal to apply catchment-based consent financial contributions as a general subsidy on riparian plants to encourage completion of the programme, the TRC decided to maintain the status quo.*

*A draft application was received (16.05.2017) to take 20.8 l/s of water from the Warea River for pastoral irrigation. Initial comments were provided on 23.05.2017.*

*Following lodgement of a submission in the previous financial year (14.06.2016), on an application by TrustPower for a windfarm on the Waipipi dunes at Waverley, a South Taranaki District Council Hearing was attended on 25.05.2017. The Hearing Decision was received on 07.07.2017 and while the Commissioners declined the relief F&G sought in relation to 3 ponds that will be infilled, it was decided not to lodge an Appeal.*

*Reviewed STDC proposal to designate land for a new road to Waiinu Beach which will in part follow the edge of Nukumaru Recreation Reserve*

*A TRC consent holders' forum was attended (13.06.2017). This was 1 of 2 meetings held to seek feedback from consent holders on all aspects of the TRC's performance.*

*A Fonterra Kapuni (Lactose) annual community meeting was attended (18.07.2017) to discuss environmental compliance, plant upgrades and the up-and-coming consent renewals.*

*There was liaison with the TRC about a project to record all access culverts on farm riparian plans, assess them for fish passage and remedy any issues.*

*In accordance with consent requirements, Ballance Agri-Nutrients carried out a fish entrainment study at their Waingongoro River water intake in 2014-2016. No fish were caught in the 5 surveys, indicating that the intake is unlikely to affect fish populations in the river.*

*An inquiry was received about conditions of consent relating to final reinstatement of a quarry on Omahuru Road adjacent to the Waingongoro River (31.05.2017).*

*A meeting was attended (22.08.2017) with NPDC, DOC and Te Atiawa representatives to discuss fish passage options or removal of the NPDC weir in the headwaters of Mangorei Stream.*

*An invitation to attend a stakeholders' meeting regarding re-consenting of the STDC's Opunake wastewater treatment system was declined (21.08.2017), as the discharge is to the coastal marine area.*

*Provided letter of support to RDC re application to Tourism Infrastructure Fund for assistance with wastewater and water services for Ohakune and Raetihi.*

*Followed up with RAL re angler concern over use of snomax to make snow and possible downstream effects. Satisfied that this is not an issue at this time.*

*Followed up report of leaking pipe impacting*

<p>2. Engage in and actively advocate for protection and/or enhancement of sports fish and gamebird habitat in the Taranaki Freshwater Plan Review process.</p>	<p><i>on downstream water quality with Horizons.</i></p> <p><i>There was discussion with the TRC Planning Manager about progress with the review of the Freshwater Plan and RPS (28.11.2016).</i></p>
<p><b>Sports Fish Habitat Enhancement</b></p> <p>1. Provision of advice and promotion of effective management of riparian land margins throughout the region.</p> <p>2. Take opportunities to advocate for maintenance of flows to protect fishery values in recognised trout streams.</p> <p>3. Undertake and assist with efforts to keep Didymo and other aquatic threats out of the Taranaki Fish &amp; Game Region.</p>	<p><i>Met with landowner on Manganuioteao River and Horizons to plan this summer's work as part of WRET Riparian project. Catch-up meeting held and order of work changed due to delay in removal of pines this summer. Materials purchased and planned fencing nearly complete. Setup new account to hold the funds so transparent for all the parties. Report of first year's work completed and submitted to WRET along with the invoice.</i></p> <p><i>Presented possible concept for Sattlers Dam and met on site with Ernslaw One. Subsequent measurements of dam depths suggests no long-term value in seeking to increase dam height, however lake is re-establishing well at its new level. A site meeting with TRC &amp; Downer staff was attended (31.08.2017) to access sedimentation of the upper reaches of Lake Mangamahoe resulting from damage to the "Kent Road Stream" SH3 culvert.</i></p> <p><i>There was liaison with the TRC's summer didymo advocate, who attended the Stratford kids' trout fishing event. A TRC check/clean/dry advert was placed in the Taranaki regional angling newsletter.</i></p>

<p><b>Gamebird Habitat Enhancement</b></p> <p>1. Provision of advice to licence holders and landholders regarding the enhancement of game bird habitat and predator control.</p>	<p><i>Three site visits to Ohakune property. Groundwater levels have held up over summer and suitable for excavating pond. Now developing a larger wetland than initial concept. Referees report for 2017 GBHT application completed</i></p> <p><i>Inspected wetland opportunity west of Owango. Referees report for 2017 GBHT application completed</i></p> <p><i>A site visit was made (28.07.2017) to view a small wetland/riparian project at Midhirst adjacent to Te Popo Stream.</i></p>
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2. Provision of information and advice to applicants for GBHTB grants. Act where necessary as referees for projects and monitor the implementation of successful applicants to ensure works are carried out to the agreed standard.

*There was discussion with a Taranaki hunter wanting to produce duck hen houses for sale, with 50% of profits donated to the GBHTB.*

*A site visit was made and a final referee's report prepared for the Rawhenua wetland project (GBHTB). A site visit was made (17.02.2017) to provide advice on excavation works for the GBHTB Hayward wetlands project. A site visit was made to a Waireka New Plymouth lake and wetland to view habitat plantings (10.03.2017).*

*A site visit was made to a property at Matau to view a proposed wetland development (10.05.2017) and a Referee's report prepared for the 2017 GBHTB applications.*

*A site visit was made to view an Okato wetland (28.05.2017) and a Referee's report prepared for the 2017 GBHTB applications.*

*A site visit was made to view a wetland creation proposal on the Motumate Stream near Manaia (23.06.2017) a Referee's report prepared for the 2017 GBHTB applications.*

*A Referee's was also prepared for a final application to the GBHTB for the Mangatotara wetlands project.*

*Site inspection and follow up to existing wetland at Whanganui, application made to increase flooded area along with installing a water level control. Referees report for 2017 GBHT application completed*

*Site visit to Makirikiri valley. Plan made to create an extensive shallow water wetland and referees report for 2017 GBHT application completed.*

*Investigated water level control options and obtained pricing for most suitable design.*

*Staff acted as referees for 8 applications to the GBHTB's 2017 funding round, of which 6 were successful in gaining a total of \$32,000 in grant funding.*

*The GBHTB was provided with an update (3<sup>rd</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017) on three Taranaki wetland projects that received funding in 2011.*

3. Promote the need for and provide advice regarding

*Collated and reviewed current predator*

<p>predator control programmes and any other outcomes from the Mallard Research project.</p> <p>4. Explore options for a wider Nukumarū conservation area involving the respective landowners and agencies.</p>	<p><i>control information and presented paper to October 2016 Council meeting on options for Council involvement. A Wft/Predator Free NZ funded predator control hui was attended (19.06.17) and 2 Steve Allan cat traps (certified for humane kill) purchased for trialling.</i></p> <p><i>Predator control trial for Pakihi wetland amended in light of comment received and programme implemented using trail cameras to assess predator composition and abundance</i></p>
<p><b><u>Hunting &amp; Habitat Scheme</u></b></p> <p>1. Actively promote the Hunting &amp; Habitat Scheme to regional licence holders and landowners including through site visits, regional newspapers, newsletters and other media.</p> <p>2. Provide support for applications to H&amp;HS including advice on design and construction and on-site assistance to create high quality wetlands and hunting opportunities.</p> <p>3. Identify and actively pursue suitable opportunities for development of council owned wetlands.</p>	<p>Highlighted opportunity in Hunting Newsletter sent to all rural delivery box holders in the region</p> <p><i>Referee's reports were prepared for the Mangatotara and Pakahi Wetland Hunting &amp; Habitat scheme applications. A site visit was made and a final referee's report prepared for the Rawhenua wetland project. Worked with landowner to initiate fencing component of successful Pakahi application which is now complete.</i></p> <p><i>Following site visits (31.03.2017 &amp; 12.04.2017) a final referee's report was prepared for a second H&amp;H scheme application for the Mangatotara wetlands. The National Trust declined an application for a QEII Covenant for the Jimmy Stewart wetland on the grounds that there were insufficient open space values. After reconsideration, a QEII covenant was granted for the Mangatotara wetlands. A site visit was made (19.07.2017) to view potential wetland projects in the Urekawa Stream catchment, a tributary of the lower Patea River.</i></p>

**PARTICIPATION AND SATISFACTION OF ANGLERS AND HUNTERS**

<p><b><u>Angler Access</u></b></p> <p>1. Provision of access information and brochures to</p>	<p><i>Two landmark poles were designed,</i></p>
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<p>licence holders</p> <p>2. Implement any identified opportunities for increased angling access around Lake Mangamahoe and design and erect angling information signs that are consistent with the signs policy.</p> <p>3. Identify location of current signs and review future needs and locations.</p> <p>4. Liaison with the Walking Access Commission to identify potential improvements in public access.</p>	<p><i>purchased and erected (22.11.2016) to demarcate the upper limit for winter fishing on the lower Waiwhakaiho River &amp; the inlet to Lake Mangamahoe.</i></p> <p><i>Discussions with owners of Lake Namunamu regarding access and a new sign erected which reflected this agreement.</i></p> <p><i>Property ownership details were confirmed and a telephone list drawn up to make calls regarding angler access on the Waingongoro River.</i></p> <p><i>Followed up on possible exemption for any fishing platforms to require railings. Site meeting held at Lake Mangamahoe (22.11.2016) to confirm locations for 2 proposed new angling platforms. NPDC's agreement in principle was sought (30.03.2017) for the construction of the two additional platforms, but NPDC was concerned (12.04.2017) that the sites were too close to the water supply intake and in an area frequently booked for wedding photos. Upgrade work on the existing platform has been completed. A site meeting was held with NPDC staff (11.08.2017) and conditional approval was obtained from NPDC and TrustPower for the locations of two new casting platforms.</i></p> <p><i>Signage standards reviewed, agreed and new signs produced for Lakes Ngangana &amp; Namunamu and the Manganuioteao River. Boundary signs replaced at National Park and Tokirima completed. Installation of Turakina signs completed. Updated Ruatiti Domain sign to reflect new regulations. A start was made on identifying and documenting the current location of F&amp;G signs.</i></p> <p><i>There was liaison over possible sale of a property in the Waimarino Region which has some fishing access, and over the sale of a property at Mountain Road Stratford bordering the Kahouri Stream (04.07.2017).</i></p>
<p><b><u>Hunter Access / Opportunities</u></b></p> <p>1. Negotiate, allocate and issue access permits to publicly available hunting areas for the 2017 game bird season.</p>	<p><i>Permission sought from Managers / Owners of Harakeke Forest and Nukumarū Recreation Reserve for upland game hunting access 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017.</i></p>

<p>2. Actively seek and develop opportunities for gamebird hunter access.</p> <p>3. Develop a mentoring programme for new or young shooters utilising Hawken's Wetland and any other identified opportunities.</p> <p>4. Complete review of options to enhance access to lakes Wiritoa, Kohata and Kaitoke.</p> <p>5. Review criteria / policy to rear and release upland game and provide recommendations to Council.</p>	<p><i>Internal discussion around conditions of use of Looney's Lake and implications/ opportunities for the future</i></p> <p><i>Article seeking interest from new hunters included in 2017 Gamebird Magazine supplement. Maimai modified and follow-up spraying completed</i></p>
<p><b><u>Licence Holder satisfaction Survey</u></b></p> <p>1. Develop a survey of angler success, satisfaction and aspirations for key fisheries as identified in 2014/15 National Angling Survey (NAS).</p>	<p><i>Reviewed NAS results and drafted angling diary for 2017/18 season</i></p>
<p><b><u>Fish &amp; Game Magazine</u></b></p> <p>1. Provide a regional supplement in each of the two special editions of fish &amp; Game Magazine to be published during the reporting year.</p>	<p><i>2-page Taranaki supplements produced for the 2017 Game Special Issue of F&amp;G Magazine and the 2017 Fishing Special Issue.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Regional Newsletter</u></b></p> <p>1. Publication of a Hunting and a Fishing Newsletter for regional licence holders and hunting landowners.</p>	<p><i>An 8-page regional fishing newsletter and an 8-page regional hunting newsletter were produced.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Regional Fish &amp; Game Web Site</u></b></p> <p>1. Publication of information, material and articles of interest to hunters and anglers on the regional pages of the Fish &amp; Game web site. Information regularly updated and easy to find.</p> <p>2. The production of at least 8 Reel Life articles and 2 Both Barrels articles.</p>	<p><i>An article on the Taranaki special season for paradise shelduck was uploaded to the website (13.02.2017).</i></p> <p><i>Ten Reel Life articles were produced during the year (20.09.16; 20.10.16; 18.11.2016; 14.12.2016; 22.01.2017; 22.02.2017, 16.03.2017, 26.04.2017, 26.05.2017 &amp; 29.08.2017). Four Both Barrels articles were produced during the year (26.04.2017; 26.05.2017, 28.06.2017 &amp; 21.08.2017).</i></p>
<p><b><u>Access Pamphlets</u></b></p> <p>1. Complete production of a Regional Stillwater Sports Fisheries pamphlet with an emphasis on perch.</p> <p>2. Production of an updated Waimarino fishery access pamphlet.</p>	<p><i>Discussion with several anglers regarding their contribution. Trial implemented to investigate winter angling opportunities. There was discussion with TrustPower about angler (kayak) access to the water ski arm of Lake Ratapiko.</i></p>



<p><b>Club Visits</b></p> <p>1. Council representation at recreational hunting and fishing club meetings across the region.</p>	<p><i>Staff attended the Inglewood Rod, Gun &amp; Recreation Club's opening weekend trout season weigh-in on 02.10.16 and the opening weekend game season "weigh-in" (07.05.2017).</i></p>
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**PUBLIC INTERFACE**

<p><b>Liaison</b></p> <p>1. Liaison with Department of Conservation and Conservation Boards and where appropriate attend Conservation Board meetings within the Taranaki fish &amp; Game region by 31 August 2017.</p> <p>2. Where possible proactively engage and work co-operatively with Regional and District Councils, other organisations and groups and the rural community.</p>	<p><i>There was liaison with DOC regarding a 1080 drop on Mt. Taranaki and the Looney's Lake Conservation Covenant. A presentation on issues of mutual interest was made to the Taranaki/Whanganui Conservation Board meeting in New Plymouth on 23.06.2017. There was liaison with DOC Hamilton regarding TrustPower consents.</i></p> <p><i>Attended 3 Ruapehu Wai group meetings and agreed process to establish a comprehensive community group to work together regarding the health of Waimarino rivers, and including an application to Freshwater Improvement Fund. Council supplied a Letter of Support for this application.</i></p> <p><i>Site visit and discussions regarding 2 potential GBHT projects with Horizons staff who are keen to be involved</i></p>
<p><b>Iwi Liaison</b></p> <p>1. Proactively engage and work with Iwi within the region on matters of mutual interest, concern and benefit.</p>	<p><i>There was liaison with Ngati Ruanui &amp; Ngaruahine Iwi regarding Fonterra's Whareroa water take and discharge consents. It was agreed that a MOU will be developed between the two Iwi &amp; F&amp;G to ensure F&amp;G has input into the development &amp; implementation of Tangahoe catchment habitat enhancement projects. There was also liaison with Ngati Ruanui &amp; Ngaruahine about issues with Normanby power Scheme consent compliance and Stratford District Council water supply consent renewal. There was liaison with Taranaki Iwi regarding the Oaonui rural water supply water take consent renewal, Looney's Lake and an application to take water from Warea River.</i></p> <p><i>There was liaison with Ngati Ruanui regarding the proposed Waverley wind farm, affected party issues, and the values of Lake Kaikura (02.06.2017).</i></p>

	<p><i>There was liaison with Ngaruahine regarding an Inaha Stream irrigation consent renewal, Fonterra Kapuni (Lactose) re-consenting &amp; STDC Waimate West water intake consents. There was liaison with Ngaruahine and Te Atiawa Iwi regarding fish passes on Kiwi Rail's Manganui River &amp; Waipuku Stream bed control structures.</i></p> <p><i>There was liaison with Ngaa Rauru regarding the Waverley Wind Farm decision (13.07.2017).</i></p> <p><i>There was liaison with Te Atiawa (Sera Gibson) regarding Civil Quarries and the Mangorei Stream weir.</i></p> <p><i>Informal liaison with Ngati Rangī re opportunities to work together.</i></p> <p><i>The Chairman and SFO met with Nga Iwi o Taranaki and Office of Treaty Settlements staff on 11.05.2017 to learn about the Taranaki Maunga negotiation.</i></p>
<p><b>Advocacy</b></p> <p>1. Promote the protection of freshwater, wetland and upland game habitats and the wider benefits of this.</p>	<p><i>Seven meetings of the Taranaki Biodiversity Trust (Wild for Taranaki) were attended, including the AGM and a meeting with the NEXT Foundation. Staff also attended a WfT "restoring Taranaki" workshop on 15.05.2017. Staff accompanied the WfT co-ordinator to a meeting with Taranaki Federated Farmers (20.02.2017) to discuss the "restoring Taranaki" project. Comments were made on the draft WfT strategic plan (4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017). The SFO is retiring from the WfT Board by rotation and decided not to stand for re-election.</i></p> <p><i>The final (wind-up) meeting of the Taranaki Tree Trust was attended. Staff also attended the TRC's 2016 Environmental Awards presentation (03.11.2016), where it was announced that Maketawa Stream had been conferred as "third most improved" by the NZ River Awards.</i></p> <p><i>There was liaison with the Taranaki District Health Board regarding a risk assessment for the DOC 1080 drop in Egmont National Park. An advertising feature was organised in the Taranaki Daily News (08.02.2017) to celebrate World Wetlands Day. Wetland information was made available and staff gave a short talk at a WWD fieldtrip to Waipu Lagoons (12.02.2017) that was attended by 90 people. Councillor Nancarrow kindly donated use of the Hynds</i></p>

<p>2. Represent the interests of anglers and hunters, and promote the validity of fishing and gamebird hunting.</p>	<p><i>BBQ trailer for the F&amp;G sponsored BBQ. A talk on F&amp;G was given to the Stratford Probus group (04.06.2017).</i></p>
<p><b><u>Information to licence holders including hunting &amp; angling promotions</u></b></p> <p>1. Support trout fishing events, using liberations of 2 year old rainbow trout, to encourage participation and family involvement.</p> <p>2. Develop displays that promote local fishing and hunting opportunities in association with National Office.</p> <p>3. Identify best way to develop an introduction to upland game bird hunting in association with National Office.</p> <p>4. Review of information needs around gamebird hunting and how best to meet these.</p> <p>5. Provide timely and useful information to licence holders when requested. Proactively utilise opportunities such as newspapers, website and public events to make information available.</p> <p>6. Opportunities for publicity on angling and hunting are taken and copies of coverage reported to Council.</p>	<p><i>An angling promotion attended by 100 children was held at Lake Ngangana on 29.10.16. In conjunction with the Stratford Fishing Section, an application was submitted to the Taranaki Electricity Trust (19.10.2016) seeking fish transport funding for the Stratford kids trout fishing day. The application was successful and an angling promotion attended by 80 children was held on 10.12.2016 at the scout den pool on the Patea River at Stratford.</i></p> <p><i>Permit issued to hold fishing competition as part of Ohakune Easter Hunt</i></p> <p><i>Discussion with NO re opportunities to work together on this as part of their design of new displays</i></p> <p><i>Ad and prizes provided for Whanganui 'Take a Kid Hunting' promotion</i></p> <p><i>The 2017 gamebird hunting guide information was updated.</i></p> <p><i>Written &amp; verbal information was provided to licence holders during the period. Editorial and advertisement regarding summer angling provided to Ruapehu Bulletin. Staff gave a talk on Taranaki trout fisheries to the North Shore Flyfishers Club in Auckland (21.02.2017).</i></p> <p><i>Trout season opening weekend publicity was provided to 5 newspapers and a photo opportunity organised with the Taranaki Daily News that also resulted in a photo in the Sunday Star Times. Comment was provided to the Whanganui Chronicle for an article about a rainbow trout caught at the town wharf. Editorial and 2 adverts were provided to the Stratford Press and editorial was provided to 2 radio stations to promote the Stratford kids' trout fishing event</i></p> <p><i>Staff attended a new anglers' night hosted</i></p>

	<p>by Taranaki Hunting &amp; Fishing (attended by 30 people).</p> <p>An article (&amp; advert) promoting the Lake Ngangana kids' trout fishing event was provided to the North Taranaki Midweek. A press release resulted in a Daily News photographer attending the event and there were subsequent articles &amp; photos in the Daily News (print &amp; online) and Midweek. Staff participated in a Radio NZ interview about shotgun wads washing up on Taranaki beaches (02.12.2016).</p> <p>Information on the Taranaki special hunting season for paradise shelduck was provided to five newspapers, which resulted in articles in the Taranaki Daily News (print &amp; on-line), Stratford Press and NZ Herald (on-line). An advert for the season was also placed in the Taranaki Daily News.</p> <p>A press release was printed in the Ruapehu Bulletin re the Sattlers Dam release which created a lot of interest.</p> <p>2017 game season articles were provided to four Taranaki newspapers, which resulted in articles in the Daily News and Stratford Press. Articles also provided to Whanganui Chronicle, Ruapehu Bulletin and Farming Lifestyles magazine. An opening day "photo opportunity" was organised with the Daily News and this also resulted in an extensive article on the Stuff website. Also a follow up interview with the Whanganui Chronicle</p>
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**COMPLIANCE**

<p><u>Ranger Management and Training</u></p> <p>1. The recruitment, training and skill maintenance of Council's Honorary ranger team is consistent with the outcomes of the review of the compliance strategy.</p> <p>2. Provision of safety and compliance training and maintenance of compliance skills is provided on at least two occasions during the year.</p> <p>3. Comprehensive report detailing compliance</p>	<p><i>Compliance Strategy adopted by Council at October 2016 meeting</i></p> <p><i>A 1-day Ranger safety training refresher was held on 10.09.2016 attended by 9 Rangers. A game season refresher was held 22.04.2017, attended by 6 Rangers, 1 trainee and 2 staff. The Manager participated in discussions with CLE co-ordinators over HSAW act and ranger safety.</i></p> <p><i>Next of Kin contact detail forms sent to honorary rangers</i></p> <p><i>2 day CERT course organised for 2 prospective rangers as well as Secretary.</i></p> <p><i>Compliance report detailing year's activity</i></p>
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<p>activities including ranger management and results over the year presented to Council by 31 August 2017.</p>	<p><i>prepared for Council's October meeting</i></p>
<p><b><u>Compliance</u></b>  1. Compliance checks and any prosecutions are completed consistent with the Compliance Policy and strategy and also the Reparation Policy.</p>	<p><i>Compliance checks were conducted on opening weekend of the 2016/17 trout season, Labour weekend and over the Xmas break and long weekends. Compliance checks were also carried out on the Patea River following the Stratford kids' fishing event and on the first weekend of the special hunting season for paradise shelduck. Three teams of F&amp;G Rangers carried out compliance checks on opening weekend of the 2017 game season, without incident.</i></p> <p><i>Discussions were held with the NZ Police about Police Officers accompanying F&amp;G rangers on the 2017 game season opening weekend, but these were ultimately unsuccessful.</i></p> <p><i>Compliance Policy reviewed and presented to December 2016 Council meeting where it was approved</i></p>

#### **LICENCING AND AGENTS**

<p><b><u>Licences</u></b>  1. Hunters and anglers are aware of and can quickly and easily buy their licences on line.  2. Anglers are aware of and can understand the licence categories.  3. Progress reporting on licence sales provided to Council throughout the year.</p>	<p><i>Regulation guides for 2017 Game bird season delivered to agents 13 &amp; 14 March 2017</i></p> <p><i>Included in all agenda's to date.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Licence Agents</u></b>  1. Successfully manage the transition to on-line sales through provision of ready support and assistance to agents.  2. An effective solution is in place that allows hunters to easily buy licences where on-line facilities are not available.  3. Agents are fully aware of and are familiar with the new licence categories and able to appropriately advise the buyer.</p>	

#### **COUNCIL**

<p>1. Not less than six meetings of the Council that comply with all legal requirements to be held before</p>	<p><i>Staff have attended six Council meetings (15.10.16, 3.12.16, 11.2.17, 08.04.17,</i></p>
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31 August 2017.	10.06.2017 & 05.08.17).
2. Council Elections are conducted in an effective, appropriate and timely manner and the new Council provided with familiarisation and governance training as required.	

### PLANNING AND REPORTING

<p><b>Management Planning</b></p> <p>1. Regional policies are developed and adopted when required.</p> <p>2. The 5 year strategic plan is reviewed and agreed by Council by March 2017.</p>	<p><i>H&amp;S Policy adopted October 2016</i></p> <p><i>Reviewed plan adopted at February 17 Council meeting</i></p>
<p><b>Staff Management</b></p> <p>1. Effective management of staff and administration of Council.</p>	<p><i>Staff performance reports completed for 2015/16 year and new measures agreed for 2016/17 year</i></p>
<p><b>Administrative Support</b></p> <p>1. Review computing requirements including file storage and sharing.</p>	<p><i>New vehicle ordered and delivered October 2016.</i></p> <p><i>SxS and trailer purchased April 2017.</i></p> <p><i>ARF reviewed and updated.</i></p> <p><i>New photocopier purchased August 2017</i></p>
<p><b>Annual Planning</b></p> <p>1. Adoption of a proposed Annual Budget and Operational Work Plan for 2017/2018 by the Council by 31 August 2017.</p>	<p><i>Draft Annual Budget and Operational Work Plan for 2017/2018 presented to council at 8 April 2017 meeting</i></p>
<p><b>Annual Reporting</b></p> <p>The adoption and presentation by the Council at a public annual general meeting of its audited annual report for 2015/2016 not later than 31 December 2016, and dispatched to the Minister directly thereafter.</p>	<p><i>Presented at December 2016 AGM.</i></p> <p><i>Sent to Minister 6 December 2016.</i></p>
<p><b>Regional and National Liaison</b></p> <p>1. Discussions with Wellington and Auckland/Waikato Fish &amp; Game regarding consistency with gamebird regulations.</p> <p>2. Effective communication with other regional managers and input and valued comment on issues affecting Fish &amp; Game and sports fish and game bird management.</p>	<p><i>Manager provided comments on Councillor oath discussion and reviewed Otago, West Coast, Southland and Auckland/ Waikato legal application. Advice to Nelson/ Marlborough on trap &amp; transfer design for Branch River. Advice on licence requirements when fishing for kahawai and discussion on collating wetland research results. Involved in discussions on customary take, land occupier status, possession definition and ducks as disease vectors. Provided suggested wording to overcome coarse fish regulation</i></p>

	<p>difficulty with DOC. Prepared draft Terms of Reference for national review of stocking practices.</p> <p>Staff attended a 3-day F&amp;G staff conference in Dunedin (5-7 July 2017).</p>
<p>1. Representation to New Zealand Fish and Game Council by 31 August 2017, of the Council's recommendations for licence fees, fund redistribution, research requirements, and national policy development.</p> <p>2. Representation at the Fish &amp; Game New Zealand Regional Managers meetings.</p> <p>3. Effective communications with NZC staff and comment provided on Fish &amp; Game issues when requested.</p>	<p>Papers presented to Taranaki F&amp;G Council on occupier status, standard operating procedures, catch and release and lead shot in sub gauges. Council recommendations sent to National Office</p> <p>Attended February , April and August meetings</p> <p>Manager provided comments on Hazardous Substances rules and use of diazinon, access on Landcorp properties, catch and release pamphlet, Resource Management Regulations and captive reared mallards paper. Also comments on financial reserves and non-toxic fact sheet. Year- end variance report and comment sent</p>

#### STAFF CO-ORDINATION AND TRAINING

<p><b>Staff Communication</b></p> <p>Regular staff meetings and sharing of information so all staff are aware of what is generally occurring, and where appropriate have ready opportunity for input into decisions and management direction.</p>	<p>Phone meeting held 15 November 2016 and 28 March 2017.</p> <p>Staff meeting held in Whanganui on 21.12.2016.</p>
<p><b>Staff Training</b></p> <p>Staff training identified in performance review process is planned and undertaken.</p>	<p>The Secretary undertook training, at Eastern Fish &amp; Game 11-14 October 2016, to prepare End of Year accounts for audit.</p> <p>The SFO attended and passed the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of a 2-day Farm Skills quad bike course (25.10.16) with practical still to complete.</p> <p>Manager &amp; SFO completed a 2-day electric fishing course in Napier (15-16 December 2016).</p> <p>The SFO attended a Wild for Taranaki biodiversity data management workshop (28.11.2016).</p> <p>The Manager &amp; SFO attended a Peak Safety 1-day outdoor first aid refresher with other F&amp;G staff in Rotorua (14.08.2017).</p>

<p><b><u>Accommodation</u></b>  Review of options for New Plymouth office is completed and decision made by Council as to best solution for the medium term.</p>	<p><i>Several options for re-locating the New Plymouth office were assessed, including options in New Plymouth, Waitara and also one adjacent to Lake Mangamahoe.</i></p>
<p><b><u>OSH</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All processes and activities are consistent with Health &amp; Safety Policy and hazard control plans, reviews and audits occur as scheduled, all necessary equipment and training is provided and new hazards are identified and addressed appropriately.</li> <li>2. All accidents are reported and recorded in the accident register, investigations completed and any identified actions implemented and reported to Council at the next meeting</li> <li>3. Hazard Control Plans are identified and developed / amended for any new activity.</li> <li>4. An annual review of Health and Safety Management is completed in March 2017 and reported to Council.</li> <li>5. Compliance with HSAW requirements and policy and any issues identified are reported to each meeting of Council.</li> <li>6. Two monthly staff meetings which include a specific agenda item to discuss HSAW are held.</li> <li>7. Staff are actively involved in implementing HSAW policy and ensuring safe workplace.</li> </ol>	<p><i>New H&amp;S manual reflecting HSAW legislation put together and implemented</i></p> <p><i>Reported on in regular agenda item</i></p>

**Recommendation**

That the Budget Report and Project Progress Report to 31 August 2017 be received.



**TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**

The Chairman  
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

**Financial Report to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017**

Please find attached the following reports pertaining to the financial period 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017

1. Transaction List for period 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017.
2. Bank Reconciliation to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017.
3. BNZ Statement of Accounts 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That payments of \$63,729.40 and \$24,151.02 and income of \$112,606.10 and \$12,300 for July and August 2017 as shown on pages **96** & **97** of the Agenda, be approved.

Jilli Steedman  
SECRETARY  
18 September 2017

## General Ledger Report

### Taranaki Fish and Game Council

From 1 July 2017 to 31 August 2017

#### Cash Basis

	Debit	Credit
<b>Opening Balance</b>		<b>24691.77</b>
1112 - Gamebird Population Monitoring	49.90	
1121 - National Hunter Survey	1,545.98	
1141 - Hatchery	813.66	
1143 - Hatchery Power	66.41	
1147 - Fish Ova Costs	1,688.20	
1231 - Sports Fish Habitat Management & Enhancement	5,750.00	
1232 - Gamebird Habitat Management & Enhancement	3,184.19	
1315 - Signage	611.86	
1412 - Iwi Liaison	317.40	
1721 - Council Meeting Expenses	173.01	
1723 - Council Catering	405.00	
1724 - Council Travel	538.20	
1725 - Council Venue hire	103.50	
1831 - Other Reporting / OSH	52.78	
1911 - Salaries & Management Contract	39,290.72	
1921 - ACC Levy	425.09	
1923 - Staff Training	183.25	
1942 - Office Premises Rent	3,208.09	
1945 - Power Administration Building	359.20	
1946 - Cleaning Administration Building	506.00	
1947 - Security	69.00	
1951 - Purchases (Under 2,000)	18.45	
1953 - Equipment Maintenance	585.35	
1961 - Telephone/fax	1,381.06	
1962 - Postage	100.00	
1964 - Stationery	80.76	
1965 - Photocopying	11.01	
1972 - Subscriptions	161.29	
1975 - Office General (was Petty cash)	28.90	
1981 - Field Equip -Purchases (Under \$2,000)	7.98	
1996 - Vehicle Fuel & RUC	789.57	
1999 - Trailer - Hatchery	895.95	
Transfers to Visa	327.64	
Fish Income		5,001.90
Game Income		49,319.86
Commission expense	-	2,353.82
4354 - Kid's Fishing Days		1,695.22
4910 - Contracts		519.96
4971 - Interest Income		16.60
4974 - Grants Received		46,106.38
Bank Transfer from MRP to BNZ Current Account		12,300.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>63,729.40</b>	<b>112,606.10</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>		<b>73,568.47</b>

**BNZ Current Account Transactions**

**Taranaki Fish and Game Council**

**From 1 July 2017 to 31 August 2017**

**Cash Basis**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Transaction Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
<b>30/06/2017</b>	<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$24,691.77</b>
Expenses	\$ 63,729.40	
Income		\$ 112,606.10
<b>31/08/2017</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$73,568.47</b>

**BNZ Term 3031 Transactions**

**Taranaki Fish and Game Council**

**From 1 July 2017 to 31 August 2017**

**Cash Basis**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Transaction Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
<b>30/06/2017</b>	<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$434,870.02</b>
No Transactions		
<b>31/08/2017</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$434,870.82</b>

**BNZ Manganuiateao Riparian Project Transactions**

**Taranaki Fish and Game Council**

**From 1 July 2017 to 31 August 2017**

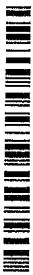
**Cash Basis**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Transaction Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
<b>30/06/2017</b>	<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$196.22</b>
Expenses	\$ 12,300.00	
Income		\$ 24,151.02
<b>31/08/2017</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$12,047.24</b>

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## Statement of Accounts as at 31 August 2017

### Your Accounts at a Glance

Account	Account Number	Maturity Date	Balance
 Non Profit Org A/C	02-0792-0332133-000		73,568.47
 MRP	02-0792-0332133-001		12,047.24

### Your Other Accounts at a Glance

Account	Account Number	Maturity Date	Balance
 Term Deposit	36332133-03031	12 Sep 2017	434,870.82

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

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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 2 October 2017.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Inwards and Outwards correspondence schedules to, 2 October 2017 as shown on pages 100 & 101, be received.

Jilli Steedman  
SECRETARY  
2 October 2017

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Corr No	Date	Meeting	FROM	FILE NO	Staff/Councillor	SUBJECT
1	21.7.17	Oct-17	Kathryn Van Garenen TRC	2.3.5	Allen	Taranaki Biodiversity Trust Board Agenda 28 July 2017
2	27.7.17	Oct-17	Olivia Sullivan TrustPower	2.3.5	Allen	TrustPower submitters meeting - Mangorei & Motukawa Hydropower Schemes
3	2.8.17	Oct-17	Rebecca Wolland STDC	2.3.7	Allen	Opunake waste water consent
4	8.8.17	Oct-17	Ryan Park Fonterra	2.3.5	Allen	Whareroa Consents
5	9.8.17	Oct-17	Samantha Mortensen TRC	2.3.5	Allen	Restore Taranaki - followup from meeting 28 July 2017
6	21.8.17	Oct-17	Sam Beaumont mpi	2.3.5.1	Allen	minutes monthly freshwater teleconference
7	24.8.17	Oct-17	David Craig DOC	4.6.7	Glenn Allen	Kent Road TATAM Reserve
8	25.8.17	Oct-17	Rosemary Bird - RB Consulting	2.3.5.1	Allen	Freshwater Biosecurity Partnership Programme
9	29.8.17	Oct-17	Anne-Marie Westcott RDC	2.3.7	Glenn	Ruapehu District Council application to the Tourism Infrastructure Fund
10	30.8.17	Oct-17	Haidie Burcher-Burger TRC	2.3.5	Allen	Links to reports presented to the Consents & Regulatory meeting
11	6.9.17	Oct-17	Department of Conservation	2.3.8	Allen	Possum and Rat Control on Egmont National Park
12	6.9.17	Oct-17	Sophie Ehglad odafone	4.6.5	Glenn Jillii Allen	New Vodafone account manager
13	7.9.17	Oct-17	New Plymouth District Council	4.1.9	Allen	Venue Hire agreement
14	7.9.17	Oct-17	Jonathan Kidd STDC	2.3.7	Allen	STDC Resource Consent Applications
15	11.9.17	Oct-17	Taranaki Biodiversity Trust	2.3.5.1	Allen	Notice of Annual General Meeting
16	11.9.17	Oct-17	Robert Sowman	4.5.1	Glenn	Conservation Law Enforcement Checklist
17	12.9.17	Oct-17	Summit Forests NZ Ltd	3.4.1	Glenn	OIO application
18	13.9.17	Oct-17	Chris Fern TrustPower	Patea HEPS	Glenn	Upstream Populations of Target Fish Species for Trap and Transfer
19	14.9.17	Oct-17	Environment Court	2.3.6	Glenn	Raetihi Hydro
20	14.9.17	Oct-17	Chris Fern TrustPower	Patea HEPS	Glenn	Patea HEPS Trap & Transfer Report
21	16.9.17	Oct-17	Cotton Kelly Auditors	4.6.2	Glenn Paul	Draft Audit proposal for 2017, 2018 & 2019
22	18.9.17	Oct-17	Haidie Burcher-Burger TRC	2.3.5	Allen	Tawhiti Catchment Monitoring Programme Annual Report 16/17
23	25.9.17	Oct-17	Janette Harper TRC	2.3.5	Allen	Notification of decision on resource consent application STDC - water take from Patea River & Korini Stream
24	27.9.17	Oct-17	Samantha Mortensen TRC	2.3.5	Allen	Restore Taranaki Project Plan & Annual Biodiversity Forum/AGM information
25	29.9.17	Oct-17	Colin McLellan TRC	2.3.5	Allen	Fonterra Whareroa Consents - formal acceptance of conditions

OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Corr No	Date	Meeting	TO	FILE NO	Staff/Councillor	SUBJECT
1	1.8.17	Oct-17	Anna Johnston TRC	2.3.5	Allen	Withdrawal of request to be heard - Patea/Konini water take
2	3.8.17	Oct-17	Chris Fern - TrustPower	Patea HEPS	Glenn	Offer of service - Trout restocking of the Patea River
3	3.8.17	Oct-17	Sue & Ross Gunn	1.2.11	Allen	Authority to Disturb Gamebirds
4	17.8.17	Oct-17	Andy Hoyle	2.1.3	Glenn	Snow machines - SnowMax water additive
5	21.8.17	Oct-17	Vikki Kuyi STDC	2.3.7	Allen	Opunake wastewater stakeholder consultation meeting
6	21.8.17	Oct-17	Grant Dyson	3.1.1	Staff Crs	Both Barrels August 2017
7	21.8.17	Oct-17	Ryan Park Fonterra	2.3.5	Allen	Withdrawal of request to be heard - Tawhiti Stream and Tangahoe River
8	22.8.17	Oct-17	Warren Dalgliesh NPDC	2.3.7	Allen	Lake Mangamahoe proposed casting platform locations
9	24.8.17	Oct-17	Allie McLennan	1.2.11	Allen	Authority to Disturb Gamebirds
10	24.8.17	Oct-17	Jean Sandel Retirement Village	1.2.11	Allen	Authority to Disturb Gamebirds
11	28.8.17	Oct-17	Eddie Hollar	1.2.11	Allen	Authority to Disturb Gamebirds
12	1.9.17	Oct-17	Anne-Marie Westcott RDC	2.3.7	Glenn	Support for the application from RDC to Tourism Infrastructure Fund
13	5.9.17	Oct-17	Greg Lagan	2.2.4	Allen Glenn	Duck Breeding Habitat
14	5.9.17	Oct-17	Chris Fern TrustPower	3.4.1	Allen Glenn	Seeking TrustPower approval for 2 casting platforms at Lake Mangamahoe
15	7.9.17	Oct-17	406 Beacons Team	4.1.4	Allen	Confirmation of correct contact details
16	13.9.17	Oct-17	Summit Forests NZ Ltd	3.4.1	Glenn	OIO application for Whanganui Forests
17	14.7.17	Oct-17	TrustPower	Patea HEPS	Glenn	Agreement for Consultant Engagement - Patea River trout restocking
18	18.9.17	Oct-17	Ruapehu Fish & Game Club	4.5.6	Glenn Chris B	Payment of annual grant
19	19.9.17	Oct-17	Vicki Baker	1.2.11	Allen	Authority to Disturb Gamebirds
20	21.9.17	Oct-17	TET Trust	1.1.8	Allen Glenn	TET Grant Application - Stratford Fishing Section
21	28.9.17	Oct-17	Grant Dyson	3.1.1	Staff Crs	Reel Life September 2017

