



TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL

AGENDA PAPERS COUNCIL MEETING

**SATURDAY
19th AUGUST 2023**

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

Taranaki Region

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AGENDA

SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST 2023
TO BE HELD AT
TARAPURUHI BUSHY PARK
791 RANGITAUTAU EAST ROAD, WHANGANUI

COMMENCING AT 10:00AM

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TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL,
HELD VIA ZOOM 12 MAY 2023 COMMENCING AT 7:00PM

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and invited a Karakia from Paul Blewman

2. **PRESENT**

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Acting Manager Allen Stancliff, Secretary Jilli Steedman and Field Officer Jacob Morison.

3. **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

4. The Chairman welcomed Councillors and staff to the meeting.

5. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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

6. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 25 MARCH 2023**

MOVED BLEWMAN / POTROZ

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 25TH MARCH 2023 AT RAETIHI BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

CARRIED.

7. **MATTERS ARISING**

Allen Stancliff gave councillors an update on the consent renewal by Lowe Corporation to take water from the Tawhiti Stream.

8. **MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED MEETING 25 MARCH 2023**

MOVED BLEWMAN / MCEWEN

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED MEETING HELD IN RAETIHI ON 18TH FEBRUARY 2023, BE APPROVED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

CARRIED

9. **AGENDA MANAGEMENT & 5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN**

The spraying of Raupo at Hawken's Pond should be added to the action list.

10. **RISK REGISTER**

MOVED BLEWMAN / SARGESON

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

11. HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

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

Councillor McEwen noted the need for PLB's etc may diminish, with whole of New Zealand coverage for mobile phones by ONE NZ

MOVED BLEWMAN / POTROZ

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

12. 2023/2024 DRAFT TARANAKI ANGLERS NOTICE

Allen Stancliff noted that the current provisions for Opunake Lake and the Waiaua and Stony rivers remain in the 2023/24 Anglers' Notice as nothing has changed.

Councillors discussed the Designated Waters proposal.

It was agreed that following the initialling of the Taranaki Maunga collective redress deed that that the Stony and Warea Rivers be known as Hangatahua River (Stony) and Te Ikapārua River (Warea)

MOVED KARALUS / BLEWMAN

THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME RETAIN THE SAME TARANAKI ANGLERS' NOTICE CONDITIONS FOR THE 2023/2024 SEASON AS CURRENTLY, OTHER THAN:

1. CHANGE "STONY (HANGATAHUA) RIVER" TO "HANGATAHUA (STONY) RIVER" AND "WAREA RIVER" TO "TE IKAPĀRUA (WAREA) RIVER".

CARRIED

13. 2023 / 2024 LICENCE FEE RECOMMENDATION

Councillors considered the rationale for an increase in 2023/2024 licence fees.

MOVED SARGESON / NANCARROW

THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL SUPPORTS:

➤ A 2023/24 AWS FISH LICENCE FEE OF \$153 AND A 2024 AWS GAME LICENCE FEE OF \$113 (INCLUDING \$5 GAMEBIRD HABITAT STAMP);

➤ A \$5 FEE FOR THE SEA RUN SALMON LICENCE;

➤ A DESIGNATED WATERS LICENCE COSTING \$5 PER SEASON PER REGION FOR RESIDENT ANGLERS AND A DAILY FEE OF \$40 FOR NON-RESIDENT ANGLERS.

➤ CARRIED

14. 2023 PARADISE SHELDUCK SUMMER SEASON

It was noted that the extended 3-weekend 7-day summer season was well received by hunters.

MOVED POTROZ / NANCARROW

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

CARRIED

15. DEFINITION OF NON-RESIDENT STATUS

Councillors noted the importance of aligning our definition with the Immigration Act, particularly for compliance issues.

MOVED BLEWMAN / POTROZ

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

CARRIED

16. DRAFT NATIONAL RESERVES POLICY

MOVED KARALUS / SARGESON

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

CARRIED

17. LAKE KOHATA

Councillors discussed the infestation of hornwort in the lake making it unsuitable as a fishery.

Taranaki Fish and Game's responsibilities for the Lake were discussed but given the diminished value of the Lake for game bird hunting it was felt that its resources could be better used elsewhere.

Councillor Blewman queried the liability for the removal of maimai at the lake.

The requirement for fencing of the 20.12m wide riparian margin needs to be raised with the District Council.

MOVED BLEWMAN / MCEWEN

THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL INVESTIGATE OPTIONS FOR RELINQUISHING MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LAKE KOHATA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT RESERVE, INCLUDING LIABILITY FOR THE REMOVAL OF MAI MAI.

CARRIED

18. 2022/2023 LICENCE SALES REPORT

MOVED SARGESON / BLEWMAN

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

CARRIED

19. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman noted his communications with other Regional Chairman and in particular his regular contact with Paul Dewar (Wellington Fish & Game Chairman).

Councillors discussed the proposal for joint management on an operational basis and keeping both regions run as separate entities with individual governance arrangements and reporting requirements.

The proposed motion of electing a subcommittee was not widely supported.

MOVED KARALUS / NANCARROW

THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME CONTINUES TO LIAISE WITH WELLINGTON FISH & GAME REGARDING AMALGAMATION AND RETAINS THE STATUS QUO, TO BE

REPRESENTED BY THE CHAIRMAN (CHRIS DONALD) AND VICE CHAIRMAN (ALAN FLYNN) WITH SUPPORT FROM COUNCILLOR SARGESON.
CARRIED

MOVED BLEWMAN / SARGESON
THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL ACCEPTS PHIL TEAL (MANAGER OF WELLINGTON FISH & GAME COUNCIL) AS ITS ACTING SHARED MANAGER FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2023.
CARRIED

MOVED DONALD / BLEWMAN
THAT THE CHAIRMAN'S VERBAL REPORT, BE RECEIVED
CARRIED

20. NATIONAL COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Karalus noted discussions at the last National Council meeting.
MOVED KARALUS / POTROZ
THAT THE NATIONAL COUNCILLORS VERBAL REPORT, BE RECEIVED.
CARRIED.

21. WORK PLAN TO 26 MAY 2023 AND BUDGET PROGRESS REPORT TO 30 APRIL 2023

MOVED BLEWMAN / POTROZ
THAT THE BUDGET REPORT TO 30 APRIL 2023 AND THE PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT TO 26 MAY 2023, BE RECEIVED
CARRIED

22. PROFIT & LOSS AND BALANCE SHEET

MOVED BLEWMAN / NANCARROW
THAT THE PROFIT & LOSS AND BALANCE SHEET TO 30 APRIL 2023, BE RECEIVED
CARRIED

23. CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED POTROZ / NANCARROW
THAT INWARDS AND OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE SCHEDULES TO 31 MAY 2023, BE RECEIVED
CARRIED

24. GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor Potroz noted the Inglewood Rod, Gun and Recreation club have expressed an interest in assisting with bird banding within Taranaki. He also asked that the wording in our regulations around driving and/or herding gamebirds be more specific i.e., drone usage. Councillor Potroz noted a large number of rooks while travelling the Parapara Highway. Staff will contact horizons regional council, who encourage sightings to be reported.

Allen Stancliff noted a request to respond to a Parliamentary Petition to ban the hunting of Indigenous Gamebirds, which is due 16th June 2023.

Councillor Karalus noted his support for a syndicate upland game hunting operation going ahead in the Whanganui area and the potential for an increase in licence sales. Jacob Morison advised Councillors of his temporary departure from Fish & Game to work in fisheries management in Scotland. Councillors and staff wished him well.

25. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting will be held in Whanganui on 19th August 2023.

26. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:30pm.

APPROVED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

CHAIRMAN _____

DATE _____

2022/23 – 2026/27 Strategic Plan

Approved: 18th February 2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


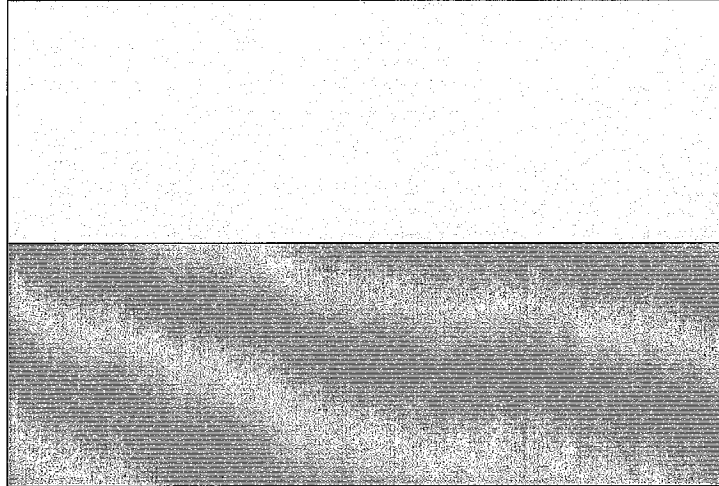
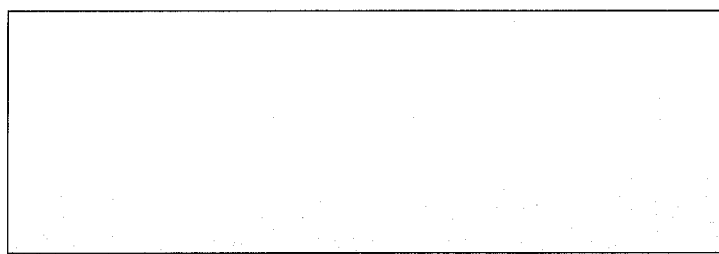
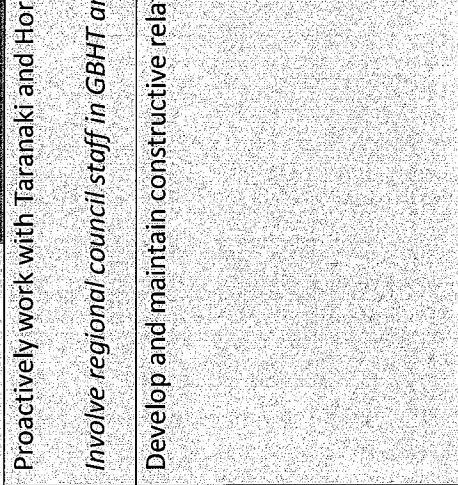
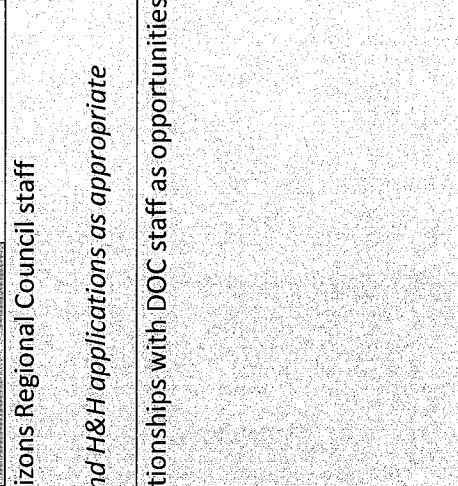
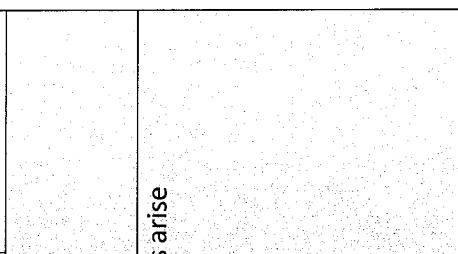
	<p>are low anyway. The alternative approach if the population is robust & hunting mortality is relatively minor is to focus on maintaining consistent regulations which allow for a reasonable bag and season length at minimal risk to the population. This manages hunter expectations and allows them to invest with some certainty to the future while freeing up management resources</p>	
<p>Paradise shelduck monitoring Paradise shelduck are an important resource for Taranaki hunters. However in large numbers they can impact on farming operations. Numbers can be effectively</p>	<p>Understand the current status of the population and the impact of hunting on the population. Review the current management plan and the effectiveness of the current regulations. Review the current monitoring methods and the effectiveness of the current monitoring methods. Review the current data collection methods and the effectiveness of the current data collection methods. Review the current reporting methods and the effectiveness of the current reporting methods.</p>	<p>Understand the current status of the population and the impact of hunting on the population. Review the current management plan and the effectiveness of the current regulations. Review the current monitoring methods and the effectiveness of the current monitoring methods. Review the current data collection methods and the effectiveness of the current data collection methods. Review the current reporting methods and the effectiveness of the current reporting methods.</p>

<p>monitored by undertaking moult counts across the region and the information used to manage numbers sufficient to provide valued hunting opportunities without unreasonably impacting on landowners</p>	<p>In all country and coastal areas</p> <p>Review hunting regulations for paradise shelduck and including possible Area boundaries</p>		
<p>Pukeko monitoring <i>Large aggregations of pukeko create problems for landowners and create a hunting opportunity for licence holders. However over much of the region numbers are very low so it is essential to have sound monitoring information so as to set effective regulations which maximise opportunity while ensuring the</i></p>	<p>Investigate re-starting April pukeko monitoring in the Whanganui area (last carried out in 2015 & 2017)</p> <p>Undertake monitoring of Taranaki ring plain pukeko populations.</p> <p><i>Count data is summarised in annual discussion paper re recommended Game Gazette conditions.</i></p>	<p>Implement pukeko monitoring in the Whanganui area if practical and effective.</p>	<p>Review monitoring methodology and implement recommendations.</p> <p>Review monitoring methodology and implement recommendations.</p>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Review: February 2024 Council Meeting

TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish & Game Council

AGENDA MANAGEMENT

Council should do the following things;

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

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

Allen Stancliff
Acting Regional Manager
4 August 2023

TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL

ACTION LIST ARISING FROM COUNCIL DECISIONS

Subject	Responsible	Target Date	Item Update – Actions Required
Spray raupo at Hawken's pond, Waitotara	Acting Manager	October 2023	Contact contractor to schedule

TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA PROGRAM

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

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

RISK REGISTER AUGUST 2023

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

The risk level for H&S Covid-19 has reduced somewhat as case numbers have gradually decreased in recent weeks. Staff will follow government requirements to isolate for 7 days if they get sick with Covid-19 or will test daily for 5 days if a household contact gets sick. All staff can work from home if Covid-19 again becomes widespread in the region.

A concerted effort by NZC Chief Executive, Corina Jordan, her team and a public campaign has resulted in the Select Committee recommending changes to the Natural and Built Environment Bill, which include reinstating the protection of the habitat of trout and salmon alongside the protection of indigenous species, recognition of the values Kiwis place on public access to lakes and rivers and recognition of the recreational use and enjoyment of the natural environment – and for these values to be maintained and enhanced. While there are still issues that need to be resolved, it looks as though Fish & Game will now retain its statutory mandate to advocate for the protection of the habitat of trout and salmon. There is still a risk that Fish & Game's statutory mandate could be under threat with the impending review of the Wildlife/Conservation Acts.

One new risk has been added to the register under species management in relation to the impact of invasive species such as hornwort on angling amenity values. The biomass of hornwort at Lake Kohata near Whanganui is such that it is now difficult to cast a line without hooking up on weed. As hornwort is also present in Lakes Rotorangi and Herengawe it is important to get the Check/Clean/Dry biosecurity message out to recreational users and the general public to help prevent its further spread.

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Taranaki Fish & Game Council receive the August 2023 Risk Register.

Allen Stancliff
Acting Regional Manager
4 August 2023

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

Risk Type	Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Actions already in place	Person Responsible	Further Actions Required (if any)
1	Operational Data loss from computer virus, data corruption	Possible - 3	Moderate - 3	New computers with up to date anti-virus protection. Have moved to cloud based software and document storage. Regular backup of cloud data is being actioned nationally, as well as cyber-insurance in case systems	Office administrator	
2	Operational Lack of capacity to undertake core roles effectively	Possible - 3	Major - 4	New field officer based in New Plymouth appointed on 2-year fixed term contract. Skilled & experienced staff in place and available to work together where necessary. Staff can work from home if necessary because of Covid-19. Use of volunteer rangers and hatchery workers	Chairperson/ Council	Consider other options to complete work plan. Keep volunteers in the loop to retain their support
3	Operational Review of Sports Fish & Game Management Plan is not completed by expiry date of current plan (8 Aug 2021)	Likely - 4	Moderate - 3	A 3-year extension to the Review is being sought from the Minister of Conservation. It is difficult to engage meaningfully with licence holders, iwi and other agencies until regional amalgamation is complete.	Manager	Await final decision on regional amalgamation. OWP's will need approval by Minister of Conservation if no Mgt Plan in place
4	Health & Safety Health and Safety related event resulting in significant harm or injury to staff, contractors or volunteers	Possible - 3	Major - 4	Ensure staff and volunteers comply with Health and Safety Policy and processes. Ensure H&S manual is current and regular reviews, staff meetings and auditing occurs as scheduled. Report on H&S as regular agenda item.	Manager	Ongoing identification of new hazards.
5	Health & Safety Under Covid-19 staff are put in situations that could jeopardise their health or others around them			Respond and adhere to conditions or directives imposed by Government that include work place conditions and safety, personal protective gear, etc. Follow recommended best practice.	Manager	Implement further work place and personal protective measures as identified and/ or required. Require staff to work from home.
6	Species Management Fish - severe weather or geomorphological events impacting on fish population at a local or regional scale	Almost certain - 5	Moderate - 3	Unable to mitigate. Recognise that wild populations will rebound and carry out regular monitoring of key populations to identify changes.	Manager	
7	Species Management Fish - incursions of invasive species such as hornwort compromise angling amenity in lakes	Likely - 4	Moderate - 3	Difficult and expensive to mitigate once established. Support and amplify the Check/Clean/Dry message to reduce the risk of invasive species spread.	Manager	Work with partner organisations, such as the TRC, DOC, IBNZ and Iwi to spread the biosecurity message.
8	Species Management Game and Fish - climate induced events i.e., drought impacting on gamebird population	Almost certain - 5	Moderate - 3	Unable to mitigate. Carry out regular monitoring of key populations to identify changes. Recognise that some events may be positive for some species	Manager	
9	Species Management Decline of Taranaki ring-plain fishery due to reductions in water quality and quantity	Likely - 4	Major - 4	Take planning and individual consent opportunities under the RMA to promote maintenance of suitable water flows and water quality to sustain viable trout fisheries around the ring-plain	Manager/ Field Officer - Taranaki	Engage in the Taranaki Natural Resources Plan process and resource consents. Continue to monitor ring-plain fisheries
10	Species Management Culling/ poisoning of paradise shielduck populations	Possible - 3	Major - 4	Work closely and proactively with landowners and farmers to manage problem aggregations of paradise shielduck. Hold Special Season where appropriate. Monitor population trends.	Manager/Field Officer	

Risk Type	Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Actions already in place	Person Responsible	Further Actions Required (if any)
11 Species Management	Political - Status of indigenous biodiversity is promoted over that of sports fish by statutory agencies and legislation			Promote freshwater fishing as a valid recreational pursuit with significant financial, recreational & health benefits and as kai for resident and non-resident anglers. Portray F&G in positive light as an environmental organisation. Promote strong ethics amongst anglers. Clarify interaction of native fish and sports fish based on science. Maintain close working relationships with iwi and other agencies to achieve the best outcomes for all freshwater species.	Manager	Proactively engage with iwi, MP's and other groups as opportunities arise. Undertake a public awareness campaign to mobilise support for Fish & Game to retain its statutory mandate.
12 Financial	Ongoing decline in licence revenues	Low - 4	Major - 4	Regular contact with licence holders/ updated web pages to provide information which assists their experience. Kids fishing days.	Manager	Implement the R3 programme (Recruitment, Retention & Reactivation) including review of Kids fishing days.
13 Financial	Decline in fish and game licence sales due to Covid-19 outbreak	Possible - 3	Major - 4	Cut any unnecessary spending - adopt a prudent approach	Manager/ Council	Work with F&G National Council and implement agreed actions to ensure financial viability
14 Financial	No grant available from National Council	Possible - 3	Severe - 5	Manage region effectively, in a financially prudent manner and on budget to achieve core functions and licence holder satisfaction. Maintain short-term capacity to address short fall through reserves	Manager/ Council	Work with F&G National Council and other regions to best achieve statutory obligations
15 Council	Reputation - Lack of support from licence holders and other agencies arising from criticism and aspersions regarding F&G performance	Possible - 3	Major - 4	Maintain awareness of the need to operate in a transparent, efficient and effective way to best serve licence holders. Ensure actions and comments are professional and reflect well on F&G	Manager/ Council	Make constructive and effective input into the regional amalgamation process in the best interests of hunters and anglers both within the existing Taranaki Region and nationally
16 Council	Reputation - Perceived conflict of interest among decision makers (Councillors)	Possible - 3	Major - 4	Maintain awareness of the need to manage perceived conflicts of interest appropriately and transparently. Follow Standing Orders and including the use of a Conflict of interest register	Chairperson/ Council	
17 Council	Changes in F&G structure (regional amalgamations) arising from national review/s	Low - 4	Major - 4	Operate in an efficient and effective way to best serve local and national licence holders	Council	Engage in the process with the best interests of the F&G resource and licence holders both locally and nationally at the forefront of our responses. Support fellow councillors and staff through this process.

TARANAKI Risk Matrix

Impact	5	Reduced Grant												
	4	Lack of capacity						SUSANUS Lack of capacity						
									Loss of reputation					Decline in water quantity / quality / change in structure
		Conflict of Interest												
							H&S							
		Financial (Covid-19)												
	3	Illegal culls						Decline in reputation						
									Data Loss					
	2													
1								Severe weather / climate Management Plan review delayed						
									5					
									4					
									3					
									2					
									1					

Likelihood

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

HEALTH AND SAFETY – AUGUST 2023

Background

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

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

Update

1. New issues or hazards	
None	

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

4. Audits, reviews and meetings	
<p>HSE included as agenda item for staff meeting</p> <p>Staff check use of PPE gear by others in the field.</p> <p>Drone Training</p> <p>Hazard Control Plans due for review</p>	<p>Staff meeting held 4 August 2023</p> <p>PPE checked during spawning surveys. Trip plans logged with regular reporting.</p> <p>Online course through Massey Uni School of Aviation passed successfully by field staff. Practical in Palmerston North has been delayed owing to other work priorities impacting on training time.</p> <p>Hazard & Substance Register June 2023. Manager Self Audit August 2023. Lake Rotomanu Kids Fishing Day August 2023. Stratford Kids Fishing Day September 2023.</p>
5. Accidents	
NIL	
6. Near misses and injuries	
One	Be aware of pedestrians crossing the road when pulling out into traffic.

Allen Stancliff

Acting Regional Manager

4 August 2023

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

2023 / 2024 Annual Operational Work Plan and Budget

Please find attached an updated 2023 / 2024 Annual Operational Work Plan and Budget, which reflects the Managers / NZC recommendation and approval by the Minister of \$153 for Fish licence and \$113 for Game licence.

Recommendation

That the updated 2023 / 2024 Annual Operational Work Plan and Budget, be adopted

Jilli Steedman
SECRETARY
7 August 2023

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN

FOR THE YEAR

1 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 31 AUGUST 2024

Presented 25th March 2023

Adopted

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1 INTRODUCTION

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

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

2 PURPOSE OF TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL

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

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

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

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

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

3 OPERATION OF TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL

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

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

4 DIRECTORY

Councillors

Name	Locality	Home Phone	Mobile Phone
Chris Donald (Chairman)	Waitara		027 4777518
Alan Flynn (Vice Chairman)	New Plymouth	06 758 9635	027 3246216
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Paul Blewman	Hamilton		021 775617
David Potroz	Waitara		027 6255800
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5. STATEMENT OF OPERATIONAL SERVICE PERFORMANCE

Output Class	Objective	Planned Result	Performance Measures
<p>Species Management</p>	<p>Obtain accurate and pertinent information to guide and enable effective management decisions to maximise user success and satisfaction while ensuring the sustainability of sports fish and gamebird populations across the region.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assess juvenile trout recruitment in Waiongana/ Mangaoraka Stream to compare with baseline information from other catchment surveys. 2. Complete resource inventory of the Waingongoro River catchment to determine current status of the trout fishery and identify threats and opportunities (yr 2 of 2) 3. Monitor and report information on the status of the region's trout fisheries sufficient to measure overall angler success (through a diary scheme), set effective regulations and inform management directions. 4. Implement an effective grey and mallard duck banding programme in the Whanganui area to obtain an estimate of the population size and level of hunting harvest which will guide future monitoring requirements and regulation setting (yr 5 of 5). 5. Monitor and report information on the status of the region's mallard and grey duck, paradise shelduck, shoveler, swan and pukeko populations sufficient to assess harvest, identify and manage any 	<p>Reports produced on the status of the region's trout fisheries and including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angler catch rates across the region; • Waiongana/ Mangaoraka Stream; • Waingongoro River (final report). <p>Number of ducks banded and bands returned by hunters</p> <p>Population status and harvest detailed for each gamebird species and used to guide the setting of game bird hunting regulations.</p>

	<p>Supplement trout fishing opportunities with appropriate stocking that is valued, cost effective in terms of the return to the angler and which retains community support.</p>	<p>population impacts, set effective regulations and inform management directions. As part of this, review count methods for paradise shelduck, including the effectiveness, efficiency and cost of returning to aerial counts for some parts of the region.</p> <p>6. Participate in the National Hunter Survey to derive a robust estimate of annual game bird harvest and hunter success.</p> <p>7. Recommend effective regulations that are timely, easily understood and which maximise licence holder opportunity while ensuring resource sustainability and public support.</p> <p>8. Provide advice and support practical and effective predator control opportunities that assist game bird populations.</p> <p>9. Undertake an annual trout stocking programme which concentrates on creating and maintaining valued lake fisheries.</p> <p>10. Undertake release of up to 200 16-month rainbow trout into the lower Patea River to assess the potential for a long-term programme (yr 5)</p> <p>11. Undertake monitoring of angler returns from the 2017-2021 releases of tagged brown and rainbow</p>	<p>Estimate of gamebird harvest for 2024 game season derived for each species.</p> <p>Appropriate and effective regulations in place for fishing and hunting seasons.</p> <p>Completion of annual stocking programme including release into the lower Patea River</p>
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	<p>Provide effective compliance to protect resource sustainability (including revenue base) and user experience to maintain licence holder satisfaction.</p> <p>Proactively manage problem aggregations of gamebirds in the interests of both hunters and property owners and managers.</p>	<p>trout into the lower Patea River.</p> <p>12. Operate Hawera hatchery in an effective, cost efficient and sustainable manner utilising volunteer support to meet the identified stocking objectives.</p> <p>13. Review and renew ranger warrants and maintain a skilled honorary ranger team of at least 12 rangers consistent with requirements and objectives of the Compliance Policy and Strategy and also R3 principles.</p> <p>14. Undertake safe and effective compliance coverage across the Taranaki Region, including a target of 100 licence checks of anglers and also of hunters.</p> <p>15. Process detected offences in a fair and timely way consistent with national prosecution guidelines.</p> <p>16. Manage problem aggregations of gamebirds through implementation of a special Paradise shelduck season in Area C and proactively responding to and assisting landholders.</p>	<p>Hawera hatchery operation is effective and within budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of fish produced • Cost per fish • Volunteer satisfaction. <p>Ranger warrants renewed as appropriate, rangers trained, safe and effective.</p> <p>Number of compliance checks, level of compliance exceeds 95% and outcomes reported of any non-compliance detected.</p> <p>Implementation of special season including number of permits issued and harvest, along with number of permits to disturb issued.</p>
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Output Class	Objective	Planned Result	Performance Measures
<p>Habitat protection and management</p>	<p>Protect/ improve habitat for sports fish & game as a fundamental and effective means to sustain the fish & game resource in the interests of licence holders and with biodiversity benefits for the wider community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide valued advice and support to licence holders, landowners and the wider community regarding the importance of and how to protect and enhance habitat and also undertake predator control/ management to benefit both fish & game and wider indigenous biodiversity resources. 2. Promote, encourage and support landowners to create, enhance and protect wetlands by providing sound technical advice and assistance to make successful applications to the GBHT and Hunting & Habitat Funds, including 1 billion trees programme. 3. Proactively take opportunities to make effective representation in statutory and other community processes to best achieve sports fish and game bird habitat protection and enhancement. 4. Investigate the establishment of an environmental award to acknowledge and highlight outstanding contributions to the protection of sports fish or gamebird habitat. 5. Seek effective environmental outcomes as part of the consenting of the Mangorei and Motukawa hydro schemes. 	<p>Number of GBHT and H&H applications, also number of wetland projects completed over the year.</p> <p>Level of involvement in statutory and community processes advocating for freshwater and game bird habitat. Progress with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taranaki Natural Resources Plan • Mangorei and Motukawa consents • Lake Rotomanu water quality • Environmental award

	<p>Work collaboratively and proactively with landowners, other groups and iwi recognising the synergistic benefits and wider outcomes that can be achieved by this approach.</p> <p>Development of an effective Natural Resources Plan that protects freshwater and wetland habitats and which will also minimise Council costs in consent processes and free up resources for other management responses.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Promote and explore opportunities to improve water quality in Lake Rotomanu. 7. Engage proactively and collaboratively with iwi & community groups to identify and protect/ enhance shared resource values including contributing to water related matters through the Taranaki Maunga Settlement process. 8. Represent Fish & Game and provide valued input to the Te Awa Tupua process. 9. Explore options with other parties to remove weirs in Timaru Stream at SH45 and in the Waingongoro River at Eltham. 10. Investigate whether there is sufficient landowner support for an application to the Whanganui River Enhancement Trust (WRET) for funding assistance to continue the Horizons / F&G joint Orautoha Stream / Manganuioteao Riparian Project to protect water quality in this catchment and the many values it supports. 11. Engage in and actively advocate for provisions which protect and/ or enhance sports fish & game bird habitat in the Taranaki Natural Resources Plan development process. 	<p>Valued contribution to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Te Kōpuka nā Te awa Tupua • Other iwi initiatives, including removal of Timaru Stream Weir <p>Co-ordination of a funding application to WRET if there is sufficient landowner support.</p> <p>Active involvement in the plan development process in the interests of hunters and anglers</p>
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Output Class	Objective	Planned Result	Performance Measures
Participation	<p>Add value to licence holders by increasing their opportunity, success and satisfaction and so retain them in the sport.</p> <p>Encourage past and prospective hunters and anglers into the sport through initiatives which make it easy to have a go and/or provide support.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain and improve the Taranaki pages on the new Fish & Game website so how to and where to go information is readily available, easily understood and up to date. 2. Work with National Office to populate new website with information including an 'Introduction to duck hunting in the Taranaki Region'. 3. Continue posting on the Council's facebook page in line with any National Policy to regularly inform licence holders using this forum. 4. Develop and utilise licence holder email list to keep hunters and anglers up to date. 5. Complete Reel Life and Both Barrels supplements consistent with national R3 recommendations. 6. Provide a quality 1-page regional supplement (plus features) in each edition of Fish & Game Magazine. 7. Publication of valued hunting and fishing newsletters sent to regional licence holders and hunting landowners. Hunting newsletter also distributed to all rural box holders in the region. 8. Proactively provide timely and useful information to 	<p>Review, refine and produce new web pages, including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to duck hunting in the Taranaki region • Waingongoro River access • Kaupokonui River access <p>Contact with licence holders through implementation of social media pages and email list.</p> <p>Production of quality online and magazine supplements and newsletters</p>

		<p>licence holders when requested.</p> <p>9. Replace/ erect 2 -3 new signs which provide anglers with helpful on-site information re access and regulations consistent with identified priorities.</p> <p>10. Continue to explore opportunities to install 3rd angling platform on Lake Mangamahoe.</p> <p>11. Provide organised fishing opportunities in Lake Rotomanu and the Patea River in Stratford consistent with R3 objectives and branding and in association with volunteer groups for kids and families.</p> <p>12. When fish are available, release 2-year rainbow trout into Sattler's Dam to provide opportunities for kids and families.</p> <p>13. Review, negotiate, publicise and issue access permits to publicly available hunting areas and actively seek and develop new opportunities.</p> <p>14. Identify and explore mentoring schemes to support new hunters.</p> <p>15. Develop web based introductory package for anglers highlighting access opportunities and methods to get started.</p> <p>16. Proactively take opportunities to make</p>	<p>Provision of signage to guide and inform anglers.</p> <p>Decision on provision of 3rd Lake Mangamahoe platform.</p> <p>Identification, development and delivery of family fishing opportunities consistent with R3 objectives</p> <p>Provision of game bird hunting access and permits.</p> <p>Identification of possible mentoring options for new hunters</p> <p>Web based package is available, and new anglers are aware of it and can easily access the information.</p>
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		<p>effective representation in statutory and other community processes to maintain or enhance hunting or angling access and opportunity.</p> <p>17. Complete review of Kaupokonui and Waingongoro catchment angler access information and implement identified opportunities to assist access.</p> <p>18. Assess satisfaction and success of Taranaki Region anglers using catch rates from a voluntary diary scheme and online satisfaction survey.</p> <p>19. Locate and publicise quality trout, perch and game bird recipes that enable anglers and hunters to make good use of these species.</p> <p>20. Assess satisfaction of Taranaki Region hunters using an online satisfaction survey.</p> <p>21. Implement actions to influence hunter behaviour as identified in hunter behaviour strategy to maximise enjoyment and participation and also public support for gamebird hunting.</p> <p>22. Provision of ready and valued support and assistance to licence agents such that they are kept up to date, resourced and operate as effective agents.</p>	<p>Kaupokonui and Waingongoro River access information updated on website and options to assist further access identified.</p> <p>Report on level of angler satisfaction with the region's trout fisheries</p> <p>Provision of high-quality trout, perch and game bird recipes</p> <p>Report on level of hunter satisfaction with the region's game season.</p> <p>Programme to improve hunter behaviour is in place.</p>
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Output Class	Objective	Planned Result	Performance Measures
Iwi & public interaction	<p>Work proactively and collaboratively with iwi at all levels consistent with Treaty of Waitangi obligations and responsibilities regarding the protection and use of natural resources</p> <p>Strong relationships and involvement with DOC and local and regional councils to effectively represent the interests of hunters and anglers in formal decision-making processes</p> <p>Engender support for hunting and fishing and the activities of Fish & Game by the general public and others who recognise that these activities contribute to a better environment and healthy lifestyle and in turn who support protecting these resources and the opportunity to participate.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proactively engage, work and collectively share with iwi and hapu within the region on matters affecting wetland and freshwater resources or their use. 2. Liaise with Department of Conservation and Conservation Boards and proactively engage and work with Regional and District councils and community & industry groups. 3. Recognise and pursue opportunities to contribute to the wider community including 'Wild for Taranaki' and 'Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust' 4. Take opportunities to promote the value of protecting freshwater, wetland and upland game habitats and the wider benefits from this. 5. Represent the interests of hunters and anglers and promote the validity of fishing and gamebird hunting including as a means of collecting natural organic foods and engaging in a physical healthy lifestyle. 	<p>Engagement and involvement with iwi and hapu in statutory processes and also at a local level</p> <p>Engagement with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOC • Regional Councils • Wild for Taranaki • Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust • Federated Farmers

		<p>6. Maintain a positive and constructive profile in the media which encourages prospective participants and fosters support and understanding among the general public.</p> <p>7. Implement revised media strategy and including incorporating any National Policy</p>	<p>Media profile including media releases and responses, including implementation of revised media strategy</p>
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Output Class	Objective	Planned Result	Performance Measures
Council Administration	Sound and effective governance which facilitates a co-operative and supportive relationship between Council, staff and licence holders that enables effective management of resources in the best interests of the licence holder and the fish & game resource.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not less than six meetings of Council are held and meetings are conducted consistent with provisions of the Standing Orders. 2. Council undertakes governance training provided nationally, preferably in conjunction with Wellington Fish & Game Council. 3. Identification and implementation of options and strategies to increase the diversity of Council and iwi involvement. 4. The 5-Year Strategic Plan is reviewed and agreed by Council by March 2024. 5. Formulation and adoption of an Annual Operational Plan and Budget for 2024/25 consistent with the 5-Year Strategic Plan. 6. Presentation by Council of its audited annual report for 2022/23 not later than 	<p>Effective Council governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of meetings • Governance training for Council • Options to increase Council diversity and iwi involvement are pursued • Review of 5-year plan and development of 2023-24 annual plan • Number of new policies and policies reviewed • Sound financial management • % completion annual plan • Audited annual report

	<p>Operate consistent with National Policy and make valued contributions to the management of the resource and F&G nationally in the interests of all licence holders.</p> <p>Make best use of new systems, processes and</p>	<p>31 December 2023. Report to be consistent with tier 2 Service Performance standards and requirements.</p> <p>7. Effective regional policies are developed, adopted and reviewed as required and are consistent with any National Policy requirements.</p> <p>8. Progress reporting of licence sales, work progress and financial position is timely and accurate and supports sound financial and operational management and oversight.</p> <p>9. Effective administration such that the Council is within annual budget (\pm 5%), operates consistent with best practice and at least 90% of its annual plan is completed.</p> <p>10. Effective staff management including performance reviews completed and new objectives agreed for staff, and regular staff meetings such that staff are aware of what is generally occurring and have ready opportunity for input into decisions and management direction.</p> <p>11. Implement any outcomes and directions from Fish & Game Ministerial Review and /or National Council reviews.</p> <p>12. Progress amalgamation discussions with the Wellington Fish & Game</p>	<p>National review directions and requirements are effectively implemented</p>
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	<p>technology to maximise administrative efficiencies and minimise costs so resources are available for use elsewhere.</p> <p>Demonstrate a commitment to Health & Safety and ensuring the welfare of staff and others through effective policy, systems, resourcing and oversight.</p>	<p>Council and implement agreed measures which don't require legislative change.</p> <p>13. Effective communication and liaison with NZ Fish & Game Council and other Fish & Game regions including valued input and comment on Fish & Game issues and attendance at Fish & Game Managers meetings.</p> <p>14. Contribute to National Office by providing valued advice, assistance and feedback on national issues and processes as requested.</p> <p>15. Refine financial administration, reporting and analysis working with NZF&G Council and staff.</p> <p>16. All processes and activities are undertaken consistent with Council Health & Safety Policy and Manual.</p> <p>17. Staff are actively involved in implementing HSAW policy and ensuring a safe workplace, including by undertaking two monthly staff meetings where HSAW is a specific agenda item.</p> <p>18. Compliance with HSAW requirements and policy including scheduled reviews and audits along with any issues identified or near misses routinely reported to each meeting of Council.</p>	<p>Contribution to wider F&G organisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managers meetings • Input to National policy • Advice to National office and other regions <p>Effective and robust Health & Safety system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular agenda reports • Policy, Manual and HCP's up to date • Audits and reviews completed as required. • Number of near misses
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TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
BUDGETED STATEMENT OF PROJECT EXPENDITURE,
OVERHEADS AND TIME ALLOCATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	SPECIES MANAGEMENT	External costs	Hours	Internal Costs	Income	Nett Cost
	Population Monitoring					
1111	Fish Population Assessment	200	200	18,073	200	18,073
1112	Game Bird Population Assessment	7,027	320	28,916		35,943
1113	Population Monitoring Flights	10,000				10,000
		17,227	520	46,989	200	64,016
	Harvest Assessment					
1121	National Hunter Survey		20	1,807		1,807
1123	Special Game Bird Season		40	3,615	500	3,115
		-	60	5,422	500	4,922
	Hatchery Operations					
1141	Hatchery	10,000	60	5,422		15,422
		10,000	60	5,422		15,422
	Releases					
1161	Kids Fishing Days	6,000	150	13,555		19,555
		6,000	150	13,555		19,555
	Regulations					
1171	Season Regulations		50	4,518		4,518
			50	4,518		4,518
	Control					
1181	Game Bird Dispersal	2,500	120	10,844	750	12,594
		2,500	120	10,844	750	12,594
	HABITAT PROTECTION / MANAGEMENT					
	Resource Management Act					
1211	RMA Consents		500	45,182		45,182
			500	45,182		45,182
	Assisted Habitat					
1231	Sports Fish Habitat Management & Enhancement		100	9,036		9,036
1232	Gamebird Habitat Management & Enhancement		150	13,555		13,555
1233	Taranaki Hunting & Habitat Projects	15,000	150	13,555	15,000	13,555
1234	Manganuioteao River Riparian Project	5,000				5,000
		20,000	400	36,146	15,000	41,146

		External costs	Hours	Internal Costs	Income	Nett Cost
	Assessing & Monitoring					
1241	Sports Fish Habitat Monitoring		20	1,807		1,807
1242	Gamebird Habitat Monitoring		80	7,229		7,229
			100	9,036		9,036
	PARTICIPATION					
	Access					
1311	Angler Access		80	7,229		7,229
1312	Hunter Access		15	1,355		1,355
1313	Access Permit – Upland Game	400	5	452		852
1315	Signage	600				600
		1,000	100	9,036		10,036
	Satisfaction Survey					
1321	Licence Holder Satisfaction Surveys		40	3,615		3,615
			40	3,615		3,615
	Newsletter & Magazine					
1331	Fish & Game Magazine		40	3,615		3,615
1333	Regional Newsletter	9,500	100	9,036		18,536
1335	Web pages / Ezine		60	5,422		5,422
		9,500	200	18,073		27,573
	Training					
1351	Angler Support	500				500
1352	Hunter Support	500				500
		1,000				1,000
	Club Relations					
1362	Club Visits / Club Donations	300	10	904		1,204
		300	10	904		1,204
	PUBLIC INTERFACE					
	Liaison					
1411	Liaison		30	2,711		2,711
1412	Iwi Liaison	100	60	5,422		5,522
		100	90	8,133		8,233
	Communication					
1421	Information to clients		100	9,036		9,036
			100	9,036		9,036
	Advocacy					
1431	Advocacy	1,100	100	9,036		10,136
		1,100	100	9,036		10,136
	Public Awareness					
1441	Hunting & Angling Promotions	3,300	140	12,651		15,951
			140	12,651		15,951

		External costs	Hours	Internal Costs	Income	Nett Cost
	COMPLIANCE					
	Ranging					
1511	Ranger Management	500	72	6,506		7,006
1521	Ranger Training	500	40	3,615		4,115
		1,000	112	10,121		11,121
	Compliance					
1531	Compliance	1,200	150	13,555	1,000	13,755
1535	Diversion	900	20	1,807		2,707
		2,100	170	15,362	1,000	16,462
	LICENCING					
	Agent Servicing					
1620	Contribution to Designated Waters set up	1,244				1,244
1621	Licence Agent Servicing	1,000	50	4,518		5,518
1622	Commission	10,321				10,321
		12,565	50	4,518		17,083
	COUNCIL					
	Council Meetings					
1721	Council Meetings	9,500	280	25,302		34,802
		9,500	280	25,302		34,802
	PLANNING / REPORTING					
	Management / Strategic Planning					
1811	Management Planning	1,000	40	3,615		4,615
1812	Staff Management		40	3,615		3,615
		1,000	80	7,229		8,229
	Annual OWP / Budget / Fee Setting					
1821	Business & Operational Planning		40	3,615		3,615
			40	3,615		3,615
	Reporting Audit					
1831	OSH	500	65	5,874		6,374
1833	Auditor	5,840				5,840
		6,340	65	5,874		12,214
	National Liaison					
1841	Managers / National Office Liaison	100	160	14,458		14,558
		100	160	14,452		14,558
	TOTAL OUTPUT COSTS	104,632	3697	334,075	17,450	421,257

OVERHEADS

1911	Staff Salaries	270,514
1915	Kiwi Saver Contributions	8,366
1921	ACC Levy	500
1922	Fringe Benefit Tax	1,300
1923	Staff Training	1,500
1925	Staff Expenses	200
1941	Office Rent	22,200
1951	Office Equipment Purchases <\$2,000	500
1953	Office Equipment Maintenance	1,500
1961	Telephone / fax	4,300
1962	Postage	1,700
1964	Stationery	1,200
1965	Photocopying	50
1972	Subscriptions	720
1974	Bank Charges	150
1975	Petty Cash	350
1976	Insurance General	1,650
1981	Field Equipment/PPE Purchases (<\$2,000)	4,000
1982	Field Equipment PPE / Clothing replacement	1,000
1983	Field Equipment/PPE Maintenance	1,000
1991	Whanganui Vehicle	7,200
1992	New Plymouth Vehicle	7,200
1996	Trailer Side X side	200
1997	Polaris	250
1999	Trailer Hatchery	525
	TOTAL OVERHEAD COSTS	338,075
1917	Wellington Fish & Game Admin	-4,000
		334,075
	STAFF HOURS (OUTPUT)	3,697
	INTERNAL COST PER HOUR	90.36

7. **TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**
BUDGETED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BUDGETED SUM</u>
<u>Income</u>	
Game Licences (Extrapolated LEQ of 1,113) @ \$113 (\$98) less GBHT Stamp \$5 per licence	104,525
Sports Fish Licences (Extrapolated LEQ of 938) @ \$153 (\$133)	124,825
<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>229,350</u>
 <u>Other Income</u>	
Species Management	1,450
Habitat Protection & Management	15,000
Compliance	1,000
Admin Contract	4,000
Interest	6,441
NZ Fish and Game Grant	193,916
<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>221,807</u>
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>451,157</u>
 <u>Expenditure</u>	
Species Management	35,727
Habitat Protection & Management	20,000
Angler / Hunter Participation	11,800
Public Interface	4,500
Compliance	3,100
Licencing	12,565
Councils	9,500
Planning / Reporting	7,440
<u>Total Project Expenditure</u>	<u>104,632</u>
<u>Other Expenditure</u>	
Employee related costs	278,880
Other Operating Expenses	59,195
ARF	10,000
<u>Total Other Expenditure</u>	<u>348,075</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>452,707</u>
Depreciation	16,826
 Surplus (Deficit)	 (18,376)

8. **TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**
BUDGETED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BUDGETED SUM</u>
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	120,000
Debtors and Other Receivables	8,000
Total Current Assets	<hr/> 128,000
NON CURRENT ASSETS	
Fish Project Reserve	6,586
Manganuioteao River Riparian Project	5,000
Habitat & Hunting Scheme	320,000
Non-resident licence fund	8,000
Asset Replacement Reserve	24,540
Property Plant & Equipment	57,503
Investments	11,658
Total Non-Current Assets	<hr/> 433,287
TOTAL ASSETS	<hr/> 561,287 <hr/>
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Creditors and Other Payables	41,000
Employee Entitlements	40,000
Total Current Liabilities	<hr/> 81,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<hr/> 81,000
NET ASSETS	<hr/> 480,287 <hr/>

9. **TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**
BUDGETED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Cash was received from:

Licence Sales	229,350
Grants, donations and fundraising	193,916
Interest	6,441
Other revenue	21,450
Total Cash received	451,157

Cash was applied to

Payments to suppliers	163,827
Payments to employees	278,880
GST (net)	-
Total Cash applied	442,707

Nett Cash Flows from Operating Activities	8,450
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CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING & FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Cash was received from:

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

Cash was applied to:

Purchase of property, plant & equipment	-
Purchase of investments / deposits	-
Net Cash Flows from Investing and Financing	-

Net Increase / (decrease) in cash	8,450
Opening Cash	110,000
Closing Cash	118,450

10. **TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**
BUDGETED STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	<u>BUDGETED SUM</u>
Equity at Start of Year	498,663
Surplus & Revaluations	
Net Surplus (deficit)	(18,376)
Total income and expense	<u>(18,376)</u>
Equity at End of Year	<u><u>480,287</u></u>

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

	Cost Price	Opening Book Value 1/09/2022	Additions Disposals	Gain/Loss on Disposal	Capital Profit	Month	Rate	\$	Accum Depreciation 31/8/2023	Book Value 31/8/2023
Trout Hatchery Hawera	16,451								16,451	
2022 Ford Ranger 4WD PQT822	53,398	43,787				12	24% DV	10,509	20,120	33,278
2019 Ford Ranger 4WD MMJ387	45,861	16,105				12	24% DV	3,865	33,621	12,240
Polaris S X S Motorbike	15,648	1,611				12	30% DV	483	14,520	1,128
Trailer Polaris	3,955	2,014				12	10% DV	201	2,143	1,813
Heat Pump NP Office	1,348	590				12	14.4% DV	85	843	505
Euro Tilt Cabinets	1,054	23				12	14.4% DV	3	1,034	20
Office Furniture Wanganui	2,794	41				12	24% DV	10	2,763	31
Criterion WB141 Bookcase (Rimu)	985	5				12	18% DV	1	981	4
Ergoplus Corner Workstation New Plymouth	533	20				12	14.4% DV	3	516	17
HP Pro Desk 600 Computer & Software WGI	2,276	4				12	50% DV	2	2,274	2
Computer Whanganui Office (2020)	2,520	368				12	50% DV	184	2,336	184
Computer New Plymouth Office (2020)	2,340	341				12	50% DV	171	2,170	171
Computer New Plymouth Office (2021)	2,410	653				12	50% DV	327	2,084	327
Sharp MX-2314 photocopier	5,995	2,358				12	14.4% DV	340	3,977	2,018
Field Equipment	1,771	44				12	10% DV	4	1,731	40
Drone	1,460	1,281				12	10% DV	128	307	1,153
Nephelometer	3,690	9				12	21.6% DV	2	3,683	7
Hatchery Deep Freeze	1,528	4				12	21.6% DV	1	1,525	3
Diving Gear & Wetsuit	884	5				12	21.6% DV	1	880	4
Electric Fishing Machine	13,186	5,066				12	10% DV	507	8,627	4,559
	180,087	74,329						16,826	122,584	57,503

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

WAINGONGORO RIVER FISHERY INVESTIGATION 2022

This report details the results of an electric fishing survey of 13 sites in the Waingongoro River catchment carried out from 5 - 8 December 2022, carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Council's 2022/23 Annual Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

- THAT TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL RECEIVES THE WAINGONGORO RIVER FISHERY INVESTIGATION REPORT 2022.

Allen Stancliff
Acting Manager
9th August 2023

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2022/23 Fishery Monitoring Report

Angler diary scheme

The Species Management section of the Council's 2022/23 Annual Plan has a planned result to "Monitor and report information on the status of the region's trout fisheries sufficient to measure overall angler success (through a diary scheme), set effective regulations and inform management directions".

This 2022/23 season was the sixth season a voluntary angler diary scheme has been used across the Taranaki Fish and Game region.

This year 19 anglers returned season data, compared to 21 anglers last season, 21 in 2020/2021, 22 in 2019/2020 and 16 in 2018/2019. The data provided a record of 139 angling trips greater than 15 minutes duration, compared to 227, 207, 249 and 188 angling trips in the preceding 4 years.

In the following analysis the average catch rate was calculated by first determining the catch rate for each individual angler trip (number of fish caught / divided by how long the angler spent fishing) then averaging all these catch rates for the particular river or lake. This ensures each trip received equal weighting and therefore the average catch rate is a more appropriate measure of what an angler experienced on average. In this way the catch rate can also be used as one measure of angler satisfaction.

However, with this approach it is necessary to limit the analysis to trips longer than 15 minutes, otherwise unrealistic individual catch rates may be obtained which in turn skew the overall average calculated. The catch rates (cpue) listed in Tables 1 & 2 below represent the catch of trout larger than 30cm in length per hour of fishing effort. For example, a cpue of 0.5 equals half a trout per hour or one trout for every two hours fishing.

Table 1 highlights that, as in the previous seasons, most effort (83% of the total) was recorded on rivers in the region. While the average catch rate of rivers (0.55 fish/hr) was the second lowest recorded over all six seasons, it is still respectable when compared to the combined average catch rates of 0.44 for the Tongariro (0.33), Tauranga Taupo (0.41) and Hinemaiaia (0.56) rivers within the Taupo Fishery (DOC Liaison 2022).

The average catch rate for lakes (0.64 fish/hr, Table 1) was significantly higher than the previous season and was the highest recorded in the survey to date. This may be a function of the reduced number of trips recorded and also that the majority of fish caught this season were large, with only 9 of 24 fish being less than 30cm in length. It should be noted that diary respondents tend to be more enthusiastic and often expert anglers (though not always, particularly if they include data from friends or family), nevertheless these average catch rates remain respectable.

There was an increase in the percentage of total angling effort expended on lakes compared to the previous two seasons (Table 1) which is mainly due to the popularity of Lake Mangamahoe. However, use of Lake Mangamahoe by diarists decreased significantly this season, with only 19 visits recorded compared to 51 visits in the previous season (Table 2). Of the 12 large rainbows caught at Lake Mangamahoe by diarists, all were identified as hatchery fish, indicating that the annual release of around 300 rainbows is still providing a good fishing opportunity.

Catch rate data for some of the larger, more popular river fisheries is presented in Table 2. Data has not been presented for some of the smaller streams in accordance with an undertaking not to identify diarist's favourite small stream fisheries.

With small sample sizes, the average catch rate can be strongly influenced by the results of one or two trips and this can be misleading. For example, the high catch rate in the Hangatahua/Stony River may reflect that diarists' recorded only 3 trips during the 2022/2023 season.

Catch rates look to have dropped in the **Manganui o Te Ao River** and this correlates well with conversations staff have had with anglers about tough fishing on the river this season. Rainbow trout still dominated the catch, as all 10 fish caught were rainbows. Owing to the low number of diarist trips to the river and brown trout being harder to catch, there should be no reason to worry about the abundance of brown trout at this stage. While a number of anglers commented that catch rates were low in the Manganui o Te Ao this season, an expert local angler noted the fishing could suddenly 'come on' and he recounted one trip this season where after fishing for 2 hours for no result, two anglers caught 9 big fish over 300mm in the space of an hour and a half. There is no obvious factor in the catchment that would cause a decline in catch rate, but if this trend continues then further investigation may be needed.

The **Waiaua River** is still recovering from the July 2021 flood event that caused headwater erosion and decimated the habitat and the fishery. Since this event, around 1,000 rainbow trout fry were released into a stable tributary and 100 rainbow yearlings released into the mainstem. The small number of visits to the Waiaua River (Table 2) resulted in no fish caught and only 1 fish sighted. Angling use of the Waiaua has increased slightly but will most likely remain low until the river and the fishery has recovered. With little water inflow from the Waiaua River, **Opunake Lake** remains in a poor state with frequent algal blooms and until the hydro scheme is back up and running it will not be worthwhile releasing trout there.

The **Hangatahua/Stony River** recovered well from the July 2021 headwater erosion event, however on 18/19 August 2022 a large flood caused more erosion in the headwaters and the river once again ran thick with sand and ash, killing many of the previously released hatchery fish. The river cleared and the habitat recovered well enough for the release of 200 well-grown Hawera hatchery rainbow trout in December 2022 and January 2023, which provided plenty of angling opportunity through to mid-May 2023, when another smaller event caused the river to run grey with sand and ash for 3 – 4 weeks. However, fish were seen in the river once it cleared, so the event was not as significant as previous ones. Of the 6 large rainbows reported by diarists, all were judged to be hatchery fish, with one additional small hatchery rainbow also caught. No brown trout were caught by diarists, but the zero-bag limit for browns should continue. The high catch rate for large trout in the Stony (1.2 fish/hr, Table 2) is the result of only 5 hours fishing and therefore reflects the low number of hours fished. While the river continues to experience periodic erosion events, in between times it receives a significant

amount of angling use (much more than indicated by diary returns) and given the 'here today - gone tomorrow' nature of the fishery, it is appropriate to have the river open to angling all year and to continue with annual releases of 200 good-sized rainbow trout to bolster the fishery when conditions are suitable.

The number of recorded trips to the **upper Patea River** dropped significantly from last year. However, the catch rate was the highest recorded so far (Table 2) and is most likely another example of how a low number of hours fished can affect the catch rate. While biased, with only 9 trips recorded, the season catch rate of 1 large trout per hour is an improvement on the 0.33 fish/hr recorded last season and is closer to the catch rate in previous years.

The **lower Patea River** has again received very low levels of use by diarists, with only 1 trip recorded this season. During the year, a report on trout stocking in the lower Patea River downstream of Patea Dam was prepared for Manawa Energy. The report concludes: "While ongoing monitoring using angler diaries and creel census is still required, results to date indicate that the five annual releases of 1,000 tagged brown trout and 500 tagged rainbow trout from 2017-2021 have not been effective in remedying / mitigating the effects of the Patea HEPS on trout. The releases of larger 1kg+ rainbow trout appear to have been more successful. While only a small amount of angler diary information is available, in 77.3 hours of angling effort, six of 16 trout caught (37.5%) were hatchery fish of which five were the larger Hawera hatchery rainbows. The combined catch rate of 0.21 fish/hour is at the lower end of catch rates recorded for Taranaki trout fisheries but nevertheless acceptable. In our view, annual spring releases of up to 1,500 tagged yearling brown and rainbow trout transported from Rotorua should be replaced with the release of smaller numbers (200/annum) of larger 1kg+ adipose fin-clipped brown and rainbow trout, likely raised at Taranaki Fish & Game's Hawera hatchery. This will likely provide a better return to anglers and be a more cost-effective approach to mitigation."

The **Waingongoro River** has again seen a drop in angler use by diarists with only 7 trips recorded last season. Although the catch rate for large brown trout was an increase on last season, the overall catch rate was the lowest recorded. Although this may be due to the low number of trips, it still indicates that the Waingongoro River fishery may be at a low point. Encouraging diarists to fish the Waingongoro in the coming season may help to provide more information.

The **Waiwhakaiho River** has also seen a drop in angler use by diarists this season. The large trout cpue stayed the same as last season and only brown trout were caught. Although there were only a small number of diarist trips, the trend of decreasing cpue over the last four seasons aligns with conversations staff had with anglers that the fishing has become harder in recent years.

The **Kaupokonui Stream** was one that seemed to fish better this season, despite receiving a record flood flow on 18/19 August 2022 (427 m³/s compared with the mean annual flood of 99 m³/s). The large trout cpue was the second highest on record at 0.75 fish/hr. Interestingly, one large spent female rainbow trout caught in the Kaupokonui this season was a hatchery fish with an adipose fin-clip. The last release of hatchery rainbows in the catchment was on 29th June 2016, which would make the fish at least eight years old. Alternatively, it may have travelled along the coast and entered the Kaupokonui from more recent releases into the lower Patea River or the Hangatahua/Stony River.

The average size of large (>300mm) brown and rainbow trout reported by diarists across the region varied from the previous season. Brown trout averaged 456mm in length and 1.42kg, an increase on the previous season, while rainbow trout averaged 435mm in length and 1.39kg, which was a

decrease. Measurements by anglers often involve estimates, but nevertheless these averages reflect an average size for both species around the 3lb mark under the old imperial system.

The relatively poor return from diarists this season has had an impact on the accuracy of the information and how it can be interpreted. It is common for diary schemes to start off with high returns and then decline over time as anglers get tired of recording their effort or reduce their fishing activity and it becomes hard to find new anglers to take their place. As this is the sixth season the diary scheme has been run, it may be worth pausing the scheme after the 2023/24 season and using another method of population monitoring, such as drift dives and spawning surveys.

Table 1: Hours of angling effort and average catch rate (trout > 30cm/hr) by water type for Taranaki F&G Region as recorded by the 2022/23 (previous 5 seasons).

Season	Trips recorded					Total hours					% of total angling effort					Average trip length (hrs)					Average catch rate									
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Lakes	24	52	26	96	24	31	94	85	168	45	17.3	16.1	15.4	27.4	9.6	1.30	1.81	2.36	1.75	1.9	0.64	0.32	0.28	0.59	0.63					
Rivers	115	175	171	155	164	239	490	468	445	422	82.7	83.9	84.6	72.6	90.4	2.08	2.8	2.73	2.9	2.6	0.55	0.52	0.60	0.66	0.83					

Table 2: Number of trips recorded and average catch rate (trout per hour) of large (> 30cm) rainbow, brown and all trout combined by water for 2022/23 (previous 6 seasons).

Water	Trips recorded						CPUE large rainbow trout						CPUE large brown trout						CPUE large trout					
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Kaupokonui Stream	11	6	3	8	8	8	0.53	0.25	0.24	0.32	0.76	0.06	0.21	0.13	0.00	0.24	0.19	0.33	0.75	0.38	0.24	0.56	0.95	0.40
Patea River Upper	7	24	36	24	42	39	0.54	0.13	0.15	0.09	0.2	0.27	0.46	0.20	0.45	0.43	0.6	0.55	1	0.33	0.60	0.52	0.8	0.85
Patea River Lower	1	7					0.50	0.29					0	0.17					0.50	0.47				
Stony River	3	17	30	14	7	12	1.2	0.75	0.56	0.95	0.72	0.91	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.2	0.75	0.56	0.95	0.72	0.91
Waiaua River	6	0	7	17	17	19	0	0	0.04	0.13	0.31	0.28	0	0	0.23	0.28	0.26	0.17	0	0	0.27	0.41	0.56	0.45
Waingongoro River	7	9	9	17	28	46	0	0.70	0.31	0.30	0.57	0.77	0.33	0.15	0.05	0.15	0.32	0.38	0.33	0.85	0.36	0.45	0.89	1.15
Waiwhakaiti River	10	25	32	17	17	8	0	0.02	0	0	0	0	0.17	0.16	0.35	0.91	0.73	1.05	0.17	0.17	0.35	0.91	0.73	1.05
Manganui o Te ao River	9	27	14	12	7	10	0.45	0.58	1.49	0.59	0.82	1.15	0	0.08	0.11	0.36	0	0.1	0.45	0.67	1.60	0.95	0.82	1.25
Mangawhero River	0	2					0	0					0	0.50					0	0.50				
Manganui River	13	4	7	7	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.39	0.22	0.23	0.38	0.78	0	0.39	0.22	0.23	0.38	0.78	0
Lake Mangamahoe	19	51	32	87	17	24	0.51	0.30	0.15	0.47	0.53	0.52	0.17	0.04	0.07	0.1	0.31	0.33	0.68	0.34	0.22	0.57	0.85	0.85

Waiongana/Mangaoraka Stream Investigation

The Species Management section of the Council's 2022/23 Annual Plan has a planned result to "obtain and report baseline information for the Waiongana/ Mangaoraka Stream to identify threats to and opportunities for the maintenance and enhancement of these fisheries (yr 2 of 2)".

A report has been completed which summarises available information on the catchment and looks at options for enhancement of the trout fishery. TRC State of the Environment Monitoring information for macroinvertebrates, periphyton and physicochemical water quality indicates that the middle and lower reaches of these streams have poor water quality, with ecosystem health adversely affected by point and diffuse source discharges of nutrients and sediment. Several attributes are at or below NPS-FM national bottom lines (D-band).

An electro fishing survey of the catchment is scheduled for early December 2023 to collect information on juvenile trout densities and native fish abundance. Thirty-one potential survey sites along the Waiongana and Mangaoraka mainstems and their tributaries have been identified, but these may be reduced to between ten and twenty sites depending on site characteristics and whether landowners give permission for access. River flows and weather conditions will also influence how many sites are surveyed and survey timing. Ideally, the survey needs to be carried out in early December to enable the results to be compared with rivers surveyed in previous years (Waiwhakaiho, Kaupokonui, Mangawhero, Manganuioteao, Retaruke and Waingongoro).

Waingongoro River Fishery Investigation 2022

The Species Management section of the Council's 2022/23 Annual plan has a planned result to "Investigate the Waingongoro River fishery to determine its current status and identify threats and opportunities (yr 1 of 2)".

At 219 km², the Waingongoro River is the largest catchment contained wholly within the ringplain surrounding Taranaki Maunga. From its source on the eastern slopes of the Maunga near Stratford Plateau, the Waingongoro winds 74km through productive dairying farmland, running through Eltham before reaching the Tasman Sea at Ohawe, 7km west of Hawera. The river is highly rated for its recreational uses as well as for its scenic and aesthetic values and it supports a popular fishery for brown and rainbow trout.

Between the 5th and 8th of December 2022 field staff, with help from Riverwise Consulting, undertook an electrofishing survey of the Waingongoro catchment, including the mainstem and the Mangatoki and Tuikonga Stream tributaries, to obtain baseline information on juvenile trout densities. A total of 13 sites were sampled: 10 in the Waingongoro mainstem, 2 in Mangatoki Stream, and 1 in Tuikonga Stream. The sites were spread along the length of the catchment both upstream and downstream of major weirs at Eltham and Normanby.

The total number of each species recorded at each site are presented in Table 3. The survey confirmed that there is juvenile recruitment of brown and rainbow trout occurring in both the mainstem and tributaries. However, brown trout recruitment was most likely impacted by a significant flood in the catchment on 18/19 August 2022 that coincided with the late incubation/early emergence period for brown trout fry. Later spawning rainbow trout were less impacted and there was significant recruitment of rainbow fry in the middle and lower reaches of the catchment.

Table 3. The total number of each species found at each site during the Waingongoro River survey.

Survey Site	Species								
	Brown Trout	Rainbow Trout	Eel	Crans Bully	Redfin Bully	Common Bully	Unid. Bully	Inanga	Koura
Site 1 - Mangatoki Stream upper (below weir)	1		1						4
Site 2 - Waingongoro upper (Cardiff Road)			1	4			4		1
Site 3 - Waingongoro upper (Finnerty Road)	2		1	4			4		2
Site 4 - Tuikonga Stream (Finnerty Road above Climie Stream confluence)			3	1					5
Site 5 - Waingongoro upper (above Tuikonga confluence)	1		3	2			8		3
Site 6 - Waingongoro upper (Pinny Drive)			3	10			4		3
Site 7 - Mangatoki Stream middle (Hastings Road)		2		2			2		9
Site 8 - Waingongoro middle (below Riverlands/Eltham weir at Lower Stuart Road)		6	3	2					2
Site 9 - Waingongoro middle (Skeet Road)		1		6			1		
Site 10 - Waingongoro middle (Mawhitiwhiti Road)			3	7			1		2
Site 11 - Waingongoro lower (below Normanby weir)		3	3		8		2		1
Site 12 - Waingongoro lower (Paora Road East)		10	4		37				
Site 13 - Waingongoro lower (SH45)			9		10	1		1	2

Crans bullies were the most widely distributed and abundant native species in the Waingongoro catchment apart from eels, with highest densities in the Waingongoro mainstem upstream of the Normanby weir. However, below the weir Redfin bullies became the most abundant native species. Crans bully is a non-diadromous species that doesn't need a marine phase to complete its lifecycle. Redfin bullies spawn in fresh water and after hatching the larvae are swept out to sea. The juveniles return to freshwater the following spring. The absence of Redfin bullies above the Normanby weir indicates that even though they are quite good climbers, they are unable to navigate the 6m weir. The weir is likely a barrier to the upstream migration of most species, apart from excellent climbers such as eel elvers, koaro and perhaps adult piharau. The vertical-slot fish pass proposed to be constructed at the weir by Greenfern Industries has the potential to provide passage for both native fish and trout.

Waingongoro Catchment Fishery Review

The Species Management section of the Council's 2022/23 Annual plan has a planned result to "Investigate the Waingongoro River fishery to determine its current status and identify threats and opportunities (yr 1 of 2)".

Separate to the fishery investigation, a Waingongoro Catchment fishery review is currently being completed which summarises available information on the catchment and looks at options for enhancement of water quality and the trout fishery. Data from the TRC State of the Environment monitoring programmes for macroinvertebrates, periphyton and physiochemical water quality are being collated to document water quality and ecosystem health.

Riparian fencing and planting in the catchment is going well with 94.2% of the catchment fenced (69.1km left to do) and 87% planted (130km left to do; TRC April 2023). However the significant number of treated farm dairy effluent and other discharges to land and water, as well as stormwater and groundwater runoff results in a progressive decline in water quality in the middle and lower reaches of the catchment. Recycling of farm dairy effluent to land is increasing as resource consents come up for renewal, but identifying and protecting critical source areas of stormwater and groundwater runoff is needed to improve water quality and the macroinvertebrate communities that provide food for native fish and trout.

Lake Mangamahoe Trout Spawning Survey

Lake Mangamahoe is a 24ha hydro reservoir located near New Plymouth. It supports a fishery based on wild brown trout, supplemented with the annual release of around 300 hatchery rainbows. Brown trout recruitment most likely stems from spawning in Mangamahoe Stream and from juveniles entrained in water diverted from the Waiwhakaiho River via the lake inlet tunnel. The fishery is restricted to fly fishing only and is one of the most popular in the region.

Spawning surveys of Mangamahoe Stream have been carried out since 1990 (Figure 1) in a 1.5km section between SH3 and a waterfall. The reach is mainly used by brown trout, with numbers of fish and spawning redds fluctuating over time. A survey early in the spawning period was undertaken on 9th June 2023 to enhance known and potential spawning sites. A total of six sites were enhanced, with 4 brown (1 pair) and 5 rainbow trout observed. A repeat survey on 19th July close to the spawning peak recorded 8 redds (5 small, 2 medium, 1 large), 6 brown (2 pairs) and 1 rainbow trout in Mangamahoe Stream and 2 redds, 1 brown and 4 rainbows in the lake inlet. Two of the brown trout in Mangamahoe Stream in the 19th July survey were females paired up with large jack fish.

While it was likely that additional spawning will have occurred after the 19th July survey, the observed activity was still at a relatively low level (Figure 1). The number of spawning sites in Mangamahoe Stream has reduced over time as a result of the impact of floods, but the current level of spawning is still likely to provide a reasonable level of recruitment to the Lake Mangamahoe fishery.

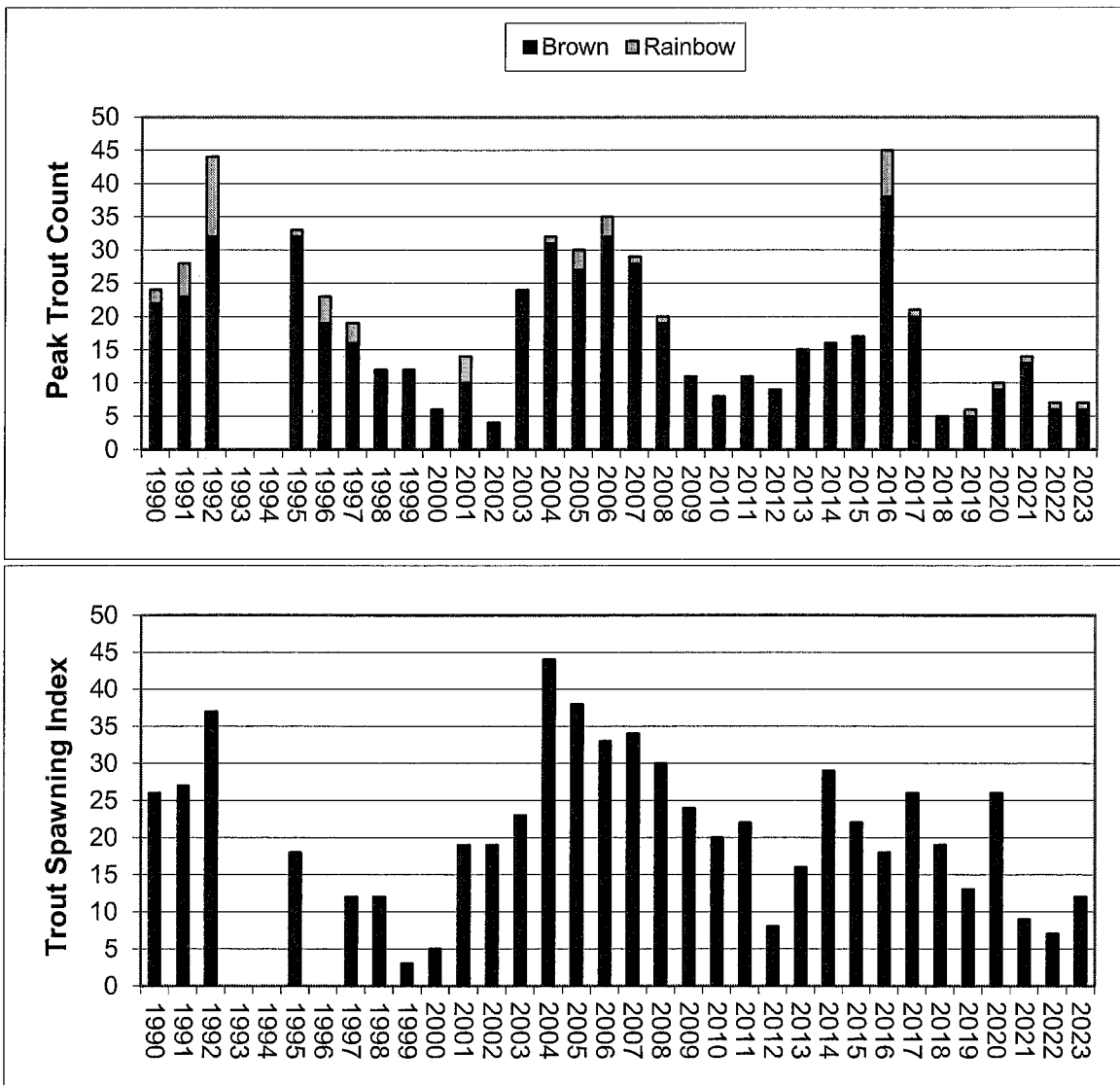


Figure 1. Peak counts of spawning trout in Mangamahoe Stream (top) and spawning indices derived from the number and size of spawning redds seen (bottom).

Mangorei Stream Trout Spawning Survey

Mangorei Stream is a major tributary of the lower Waiwhakaiho River, entering the mainstem just downstream of the outlet to Mangorei power station and the 6km residual flow reach. Its low gradient lower reaches contain significant amounts of gravel and a 1.8km section upstream of the Waiwhakaiho confluence has been monitored for trout spawning since 1990 (Figure 2), although not as often as Mangamahoe Stream.

A survey early in the spawning period was undertaken on 13th June to enhance known and potential spawning sites. A total of 6 redd sites were enhanced, but no trout or completed redds were observed. A repeat survey on 24th July close to the spawning peak recorded 9 redds (5 small, 3 medium, 1 large) and 2 jack brown trout sitting on separate redds. Spawning activity was at a low ebb compared with historical counts (Figure 2) and appeared consistent with anglers reports of hard fishing in the Waiwhakaiho River over the last couple of seasons.

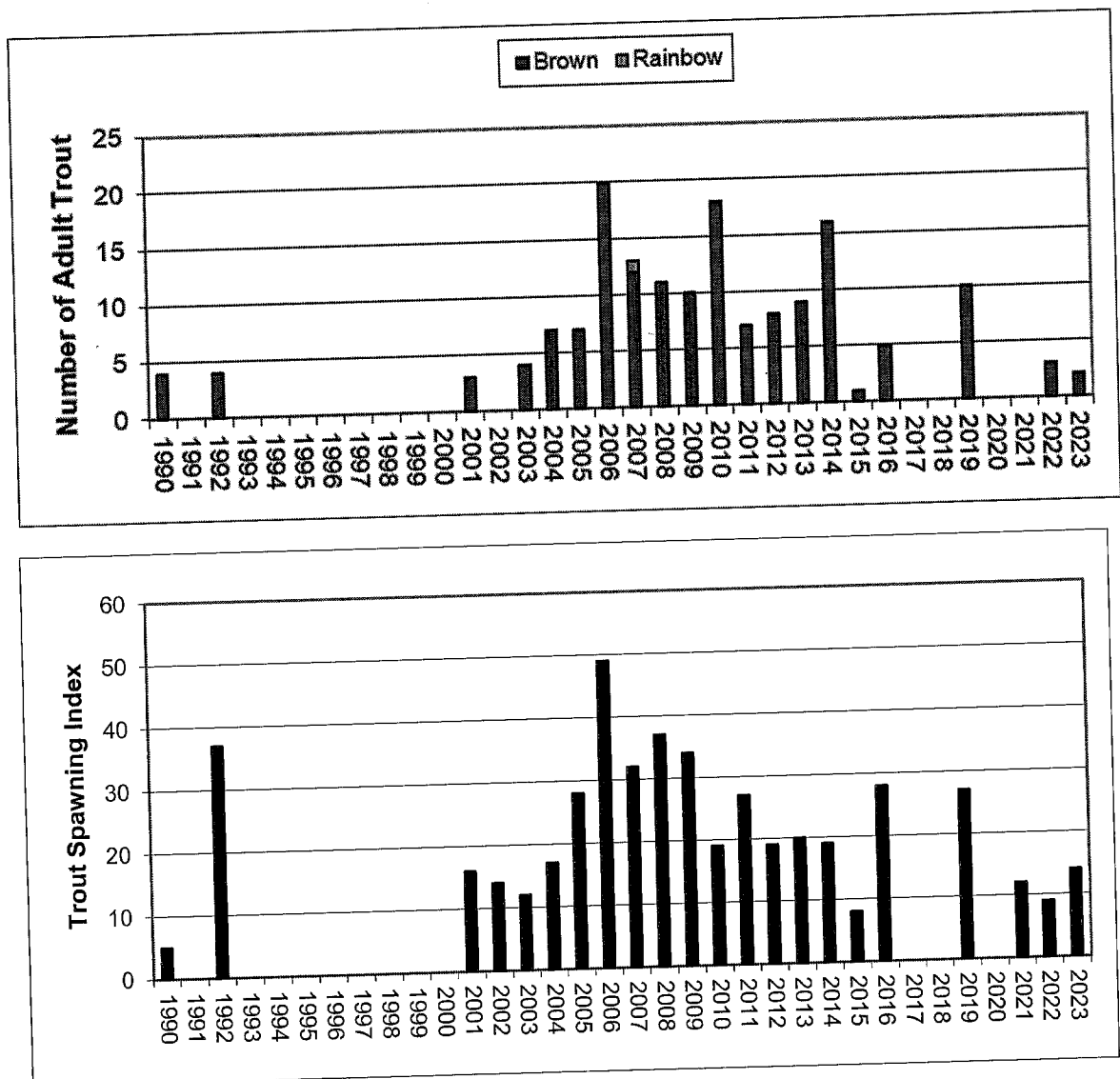


Figure 2. Counts of spawning trout in Mangorei Stream (top) and spawning indices derived from the number and size of spawning redds seen (bottom).

RECOMMENDATION:

- THAT THE 2022/23 FISHERY MONITORING REPORT BE RECEIVED.

Jacob Morison & Allen Stancliff

2nd August 2023

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

LOWER PATEA RIVER TROUT STOCKING REVIEW

In accordance with conditions of the 2010 consents issued for the operation and maintenance of Manawa Energy's (formerly Trustpower Ltd.) Patea hydroelectric power scheme (HEPS), Manawa Energy commissioned Taranaki Fish & Game to prepare a review of the effectiveness of the 2017 – 2021 releases of brown and rainbow trout in mitigating the adverse effects of the Patea HEPS on trout.

The report was prepared in February 2023 and to date, despite several requests, no feedback has been received from Manawa Energy. Consequently, there may be some minor alterations to the report once feedback is received.

Once the report is finalised it will go out to Iwi and submitters to the 2010 consents for comment. When comments have been received, the report including any comments will be provided to the Expert Panel set up under the consents, who will make recommendations on whether a release programme, albeit a modified one, will continue, or whether some other mitigation is required.

RECOMMENDATION:

- THAT TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL RECEIVES THE LOWER PATEA RIVER TROUT STOCKING REVIEW REPORT.

Allen Stancliff
Acting Manager
9th August 2023

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

2022/23 TARANAKI ANGLER SATISFACTION SURVEY

On 7 June 2023 an electronic survey was sent to 584 2022/23 Taranaki resident and non-resident adult fishing licence holders for whom a valid email address was held. The survey asked a series of nine questions regarding their success this season, as well as detractions. After 14 days, a reminder email was sent to 406 contacts who had not yet participated in the survey. The survey questions were the same as that used in the 2021/22 and 2020/21 and a shortened version of the one used in 2019/20.

The survey was sent after many Taranaki region waters closed to angling on April 30, but before the end of the winter angling season. Most anglers give fishing away for the season in Taranaki after the end of April and the timing meant season results were still fresh in the mind of most anglers.

Of the 584 email survey invites sent out, 465 (77.8%) were opened and 220 surveys partially or fully completed (37.7% of invites). This was lower than the 43.7% of surveys partially or fully completed in 2022, but similar to that in 2021 (35.1%). The actual numbers of respondents were also lower at 220 in 2023, compared with 259 in 2022 and 263 in 2021.

Results

The questions were identical to those used in the last three seasons and these earlier results are included for comparison.

It is important when considering these results to recognise that often in surveys like this the respondents tend to be the keener or more skilful participants.

Q1. How many years have you fished for trout?

	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20
5 years or less	16.5%	22.9%	26.4%	22.4%
6 to 10 years	5.5%	7.4%	9.6%	12.6%
11 to 20 years	15.1%	12.8%	12.6%	12.6%
More than 20 years	62.8%	57.0%	51.3%	52.3%

Figure 1 Taranaki angler fishing experience (218 responses) 2022/23 season.

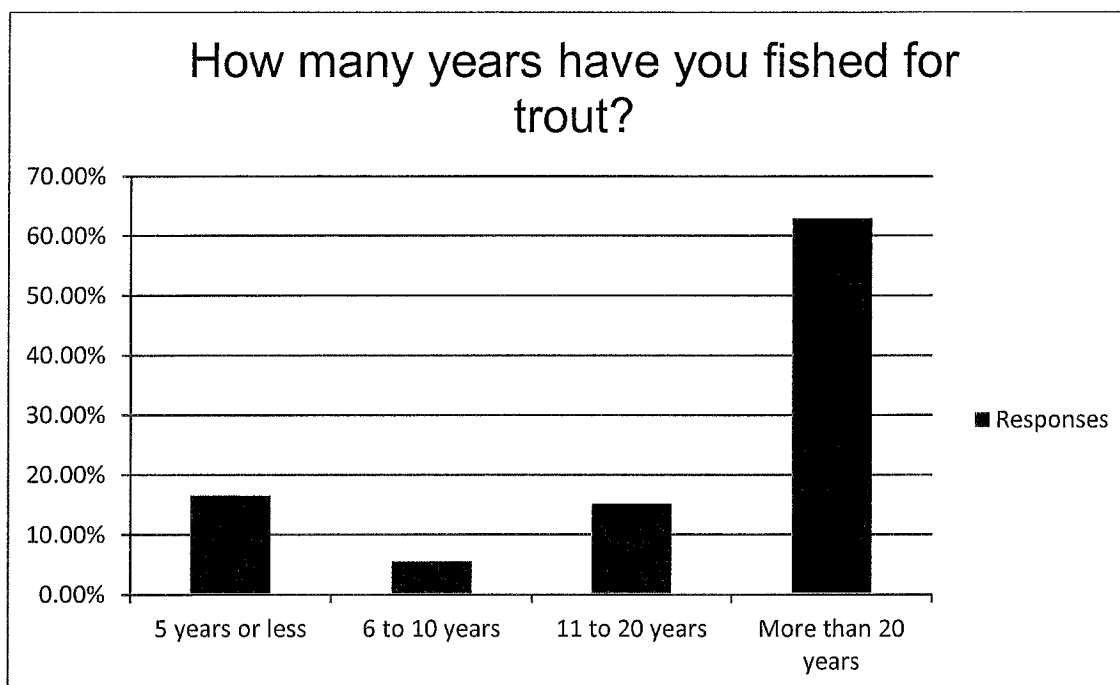


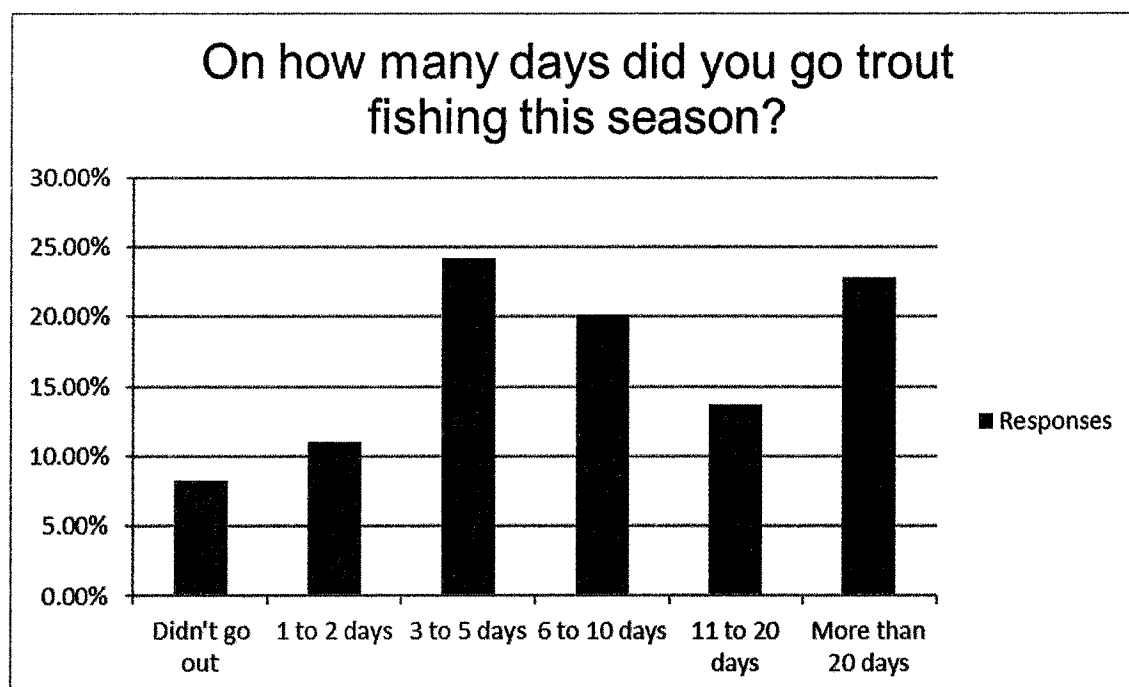
Figure 1 indicates that like the previous seasons more than 50% of anglers have been trout fishing for more than 20 years. However, in all four seasons a significant percentage of respondents had fished for 5 years or less.

Q2. On how many days did you go trout fishing this season?

Of the 219 anglers who responded, 56.6% fished for at least 6 days last season, compared to 60.5% in 2021/22, 61.7% in 2020/21 and 56.3% in 2019/20. The reduced effort in 2022/23 may well relate the wet spring and summer which produced higher than average river flows during much of the season. The 2022/23 result is similar to 2019/20, which likely reflected the restriction on angling opportunity that occurred during the late March/April 2020 Covid lockdown.

	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20
Didn't go out	8.2%	6.8%	7.5%	7.5%
1 to 2 days	11.0%	11.2%	13.8%	14.4%
3 to 5 days	24.2%	21.5%	17.0%	21.8%
6 to 10 days	20.1%	23.5%	28.5%	24.7%
11 to 20 days	13.7%	17.9%	15.4%	17.2%
More than 20 days	22.8%	19.1%	17.8%	14.4%

Figure 2. Number of days anglers fished during the 2022/23 season (219 responses).



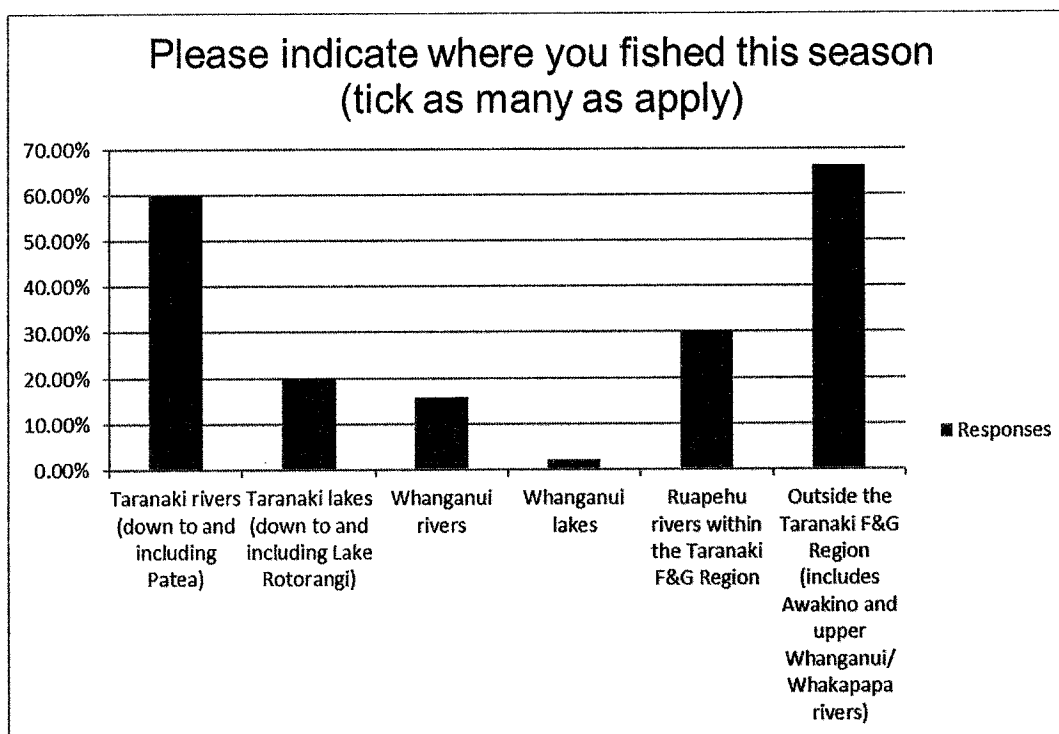
Q3. Where did you fish this season (tick as many as apply)?

The following table includes a breakdown of where the 196 anglers who answered this question fished over the 2022/23 season.

	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20
Taranaki rivers (down to Patea)	59.7%	54.5%	49.4%	58.3%
Taranaki lakes (down to and including Lake Rotorangi)	19.9%	22.6%	21.9%	22.4%
Whanganui rivers	15.8%	15.3%	18.1%	11.5%
Whanganui lakes	2.0%	3.4%	3.0%	1.3%
Ruapehu rivers within the Taranaki F&G Region	30.1%	30.2%	27.4%	24.4%
Outside the Taranaki F&G Region (includes Awakino and upper Whanganui/ Whakapapa rivers)	66.3%	60.4%	57.8%	52.6%

While fishing Taranaki ringplain and Ruapehu fisheries remains popular, it appears that anglers are travelling more widely with an increasing proportion fishing outside the Taranaki Fish & Game region.

Figure 3. Where anglers fished during the 2022/23 season (196 responses).



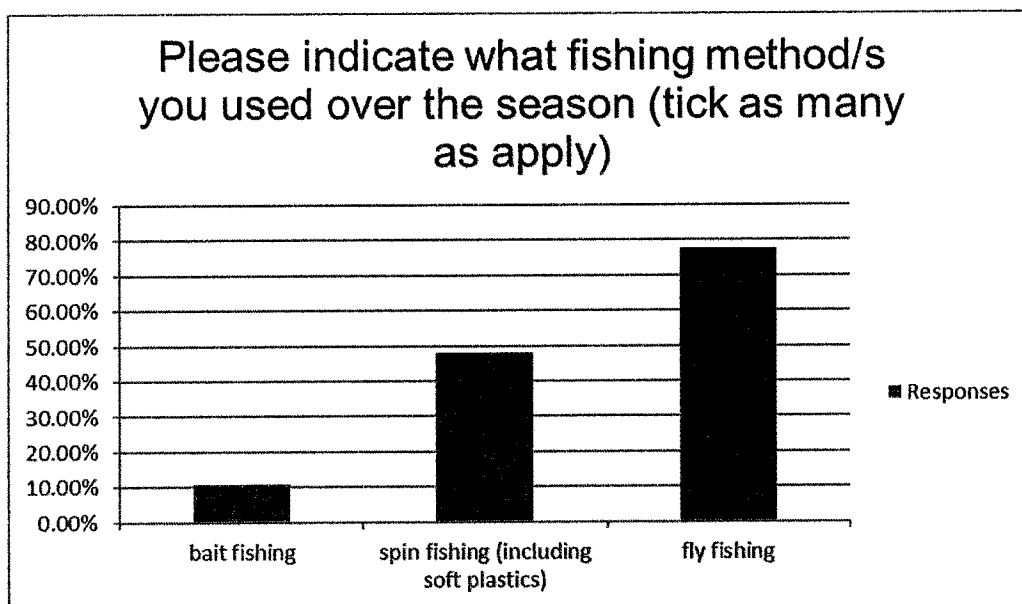
Q4. Please indicate what fishing method/s you used over the season (tick as many as apply)

This question was answered by 196 anglers.

	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20
bait fishing	10.7%	11.9%	9.3%	14.7%
spin fishing (including soft plastics)	48.0%	48.1%	52.7%	49.7%
fly fishing	77.6%	75.7%	73.0%	75.8%

Despite bait fishing being legal in most Taranaki fisheries it's not a popular method, with fly fishing predominating, followed by spin fishing.

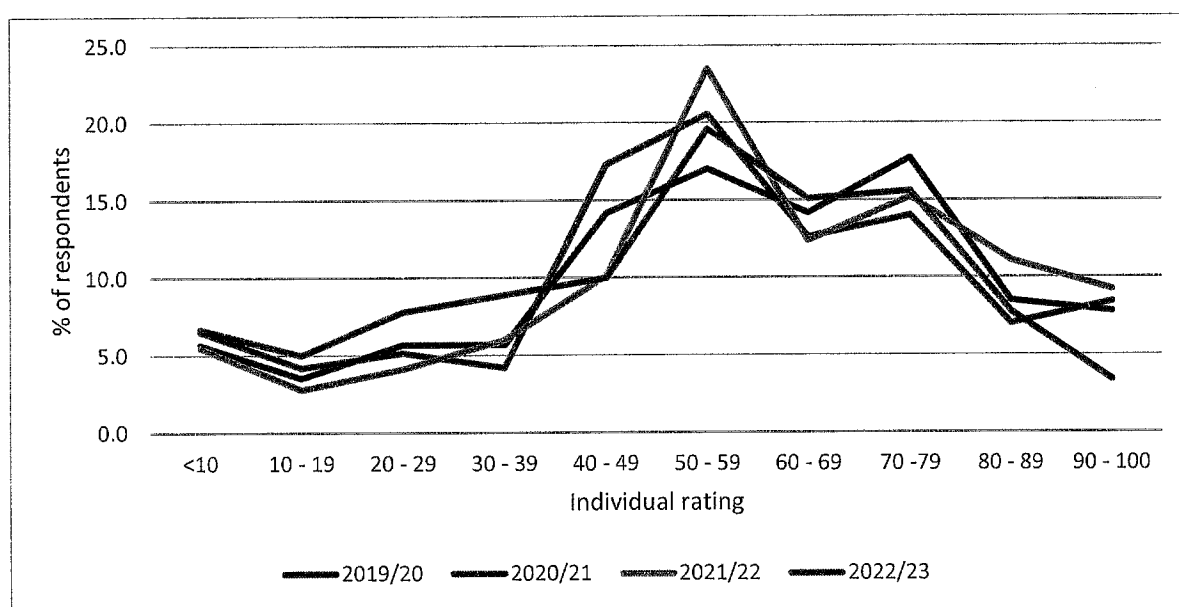
Figure 4. Methods used by Taranaki anglers during the 2022/23 season (196 responses).



Q5. Overall how did you rate your catch rate this season? (click or slide the marker to the appropriate spot along the line)

For 179 respondents (those who scored it zero were removed as likely to be an invalid response) the mean score was 51.4 (SD 23.6) out of 100, which was lower than the 58.0 (SD = 24.3) out of 100 recorded in 2021/22, as well as the 54.6 (SD = 24.3) in 2020/21 and 56 in 2019/20 (SD = 24). The distribution of responses in all four seasons is shown in Figure 5, which indicates that fewer anglers rated the catch rate as very good or excellent in 2022/23.

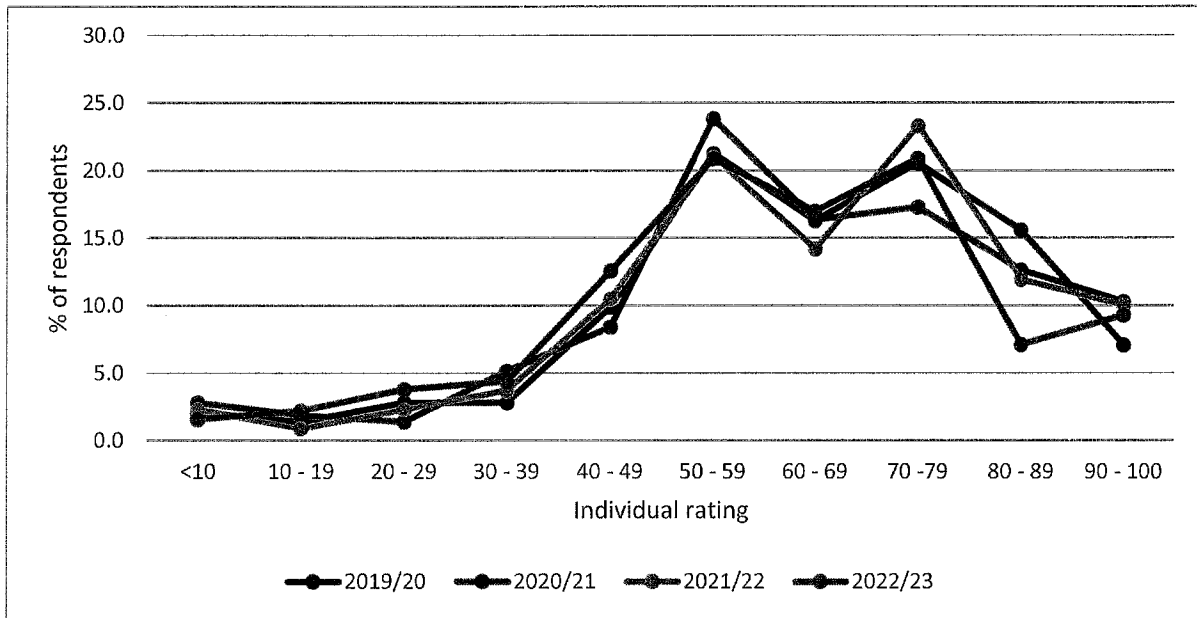
Figure 5. Distribution of individual responses regarding how anglers rated their catch rate in the 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 seasons.



Q6. Overall, how do you rate the size (and condition) of the trout you caught this past season?

For 182 respondents (those who scored it zero were removed) the mean score was 61 out of 100 (SD = 20.3), compared with 63 out of 100 (SD = 20.5) in 2021/22 and 64 in both 2020/21 and 2019/20. The distribution of responses over the four seasons is shown in Figure 6, and consistent with the lower average score in 2022/23 it is apparent that a lower proportion of anglers rated fish size/condition as excellent in that season.

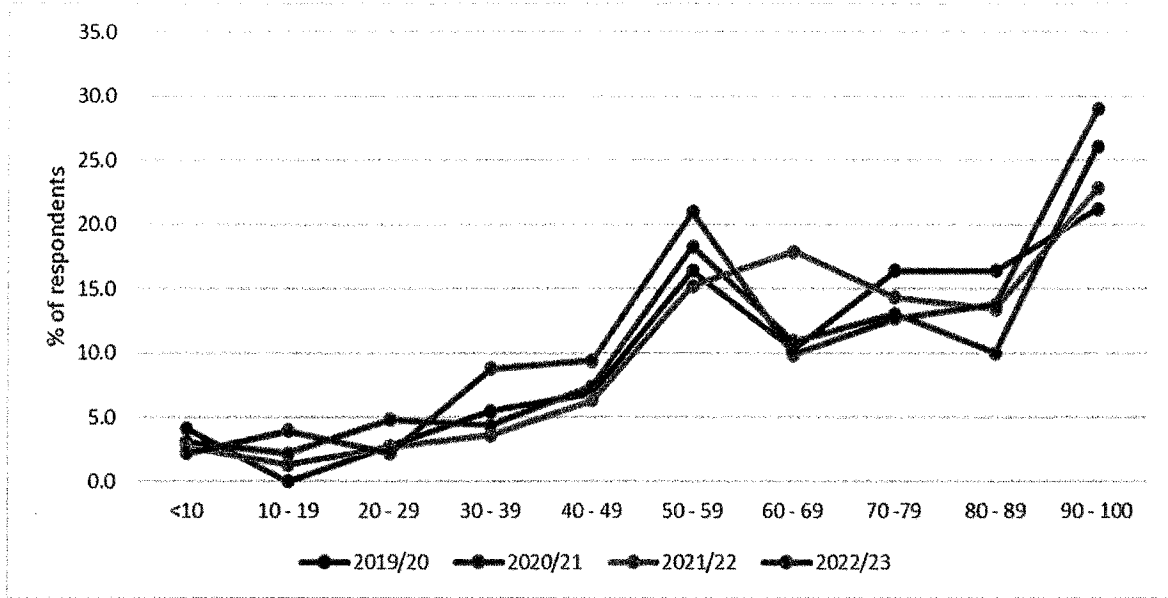
Figure 6. Distribution of individual responses regarding how anglers rated the size and condition of trout in the 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 seasons.



Q7. Overall, how satisfied were you with your fishing experiences this season?

For 182 respondents (those who scored it zero were removed) the mean score was 62.4 out of 100 (SD = 24.8), which was lower than the 68 out of 100 (SD = 23.3) recorded in 2021/22 and 2019/20 and also lower than the score of 66 in 2020/21. The distribution of responses is shown in Figure 7 and indicates that the lower score in 2022/23 was largely due to a decrease in the proportion of anglers rating their satisfaction levels as good.

Figure 7. Distribution of individual responses regarding how satisfied anglers were with their fishing experiences in the 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 seasons.



Q8. What, if anything, detracted from your angling enjoyment this season?

There were 220 anglers who either raised one or more points or who had no comment. These responses can be summarised below.

Aspect	% of respondents 2022/23	% of respondents 2021/22	% of respondents 2020/21	% of respondents 2019/20
Work/ lack of time	6.5	9.1	10.4	9.3
Covid-19 (lockdown in 2019/20)	0	6.6	0	13.9
Lack of or difficult access	9.2	10.1	10.9	15.2
Algae/ low flows/ litter/ pollution/poor water quality/high water temperatures	7.0	11.1	8.5	13.2
Poor weather, flooding, river instability	21.1			
Small/ less fish/poor condition	10.8	7.6	11.4	8.6
Age/health issues	3.8	2.0	0	3.3
Number of other anglers (crowding)	4.9	1.0	2.8	3.3
Other	7.0	6.5	8.1	11.3
Nothing or no comment	29.7	46.0	50.2	34.4

The major detractions in the 2022/23 season focused on the impacts of poor weather, flooding, high river levels and erosion in the Hangatahua (Stony) River. This was not unexpected given the unusually wet conditions experienced throughout the North Island during the fishing season.

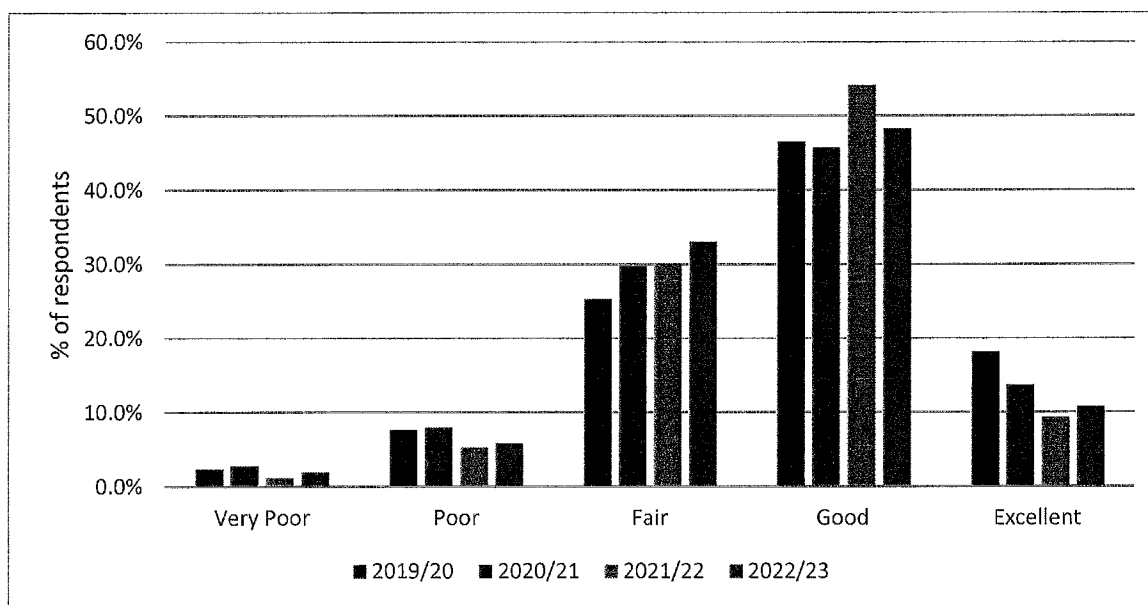
A lack of fish was also raised, with particular mention of the Waiwhakaiho River, Te Henui Stream and the Manganuioteao River. On the other hand, the angling opportunity provided by stocking in the Hangatahua (Stony) River when it was fishable was received positively. Access difficulties created by riparian fencing and planting (and associated blackberry) was also an issue and there was a request for more negotiated access in ringplain rivers such as the Manganui, Waingongoro and Kaupokonui. One angler commented that he'd counted up to 10 dead cows dumped in or near to Taranaki rivers during the season and that there were still plenty of examples of no fencing or deliberate access for stock into rivers. There was an increase in comments about crowding, including several mentions of non-resident anglers and also comments about poor angler etiquette.

Q9. Overall how would you rate trout fishing opportunities in the Taranaki region?

The responses of the 203 anglers for the 2022/23 season are summarised below and in Figure 8

	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20
Very Poor	2.0%	1.2%	2.8%	2.4%
Poor	5.9%	5.3%	8.0%	7.7%
Fair	33.0%	30.1%	29.7%	25.3%
Good	48.3%	54.1%	45.7%	46.5%
Excellent	10.8%	9.4%	13.7%	18.2%

Figure 8. Rating of trout fishing opportunities in the Taranaki Region 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 seasons.



Fishing opportunities in the Taranaki region still rated pretty well in the 2022/23 season, despite the poor weather and high river flows. A total of 59.1% of respondents rated opportunities as “good” or “excellent”, which was only a little lower than previous seasons. Only 7.9% of respondents rated opportunities as “poor” or “very poor”.

Discussion and Conclusion

It is important to consider these results in light of the fact that often those who engage in surveys like this are those who are more enthusiastic about their sport and perhaps more successful.

Question one (Q1) on angling experience suggests that the increased proportion of new or relatively new anglers seen in the 2020/21 season (26.4%) has not been sustained with the proportion dropping to 16.5% in 2022/23, the lowest recorded over the four years of survey. Taranaki resident adult whole season licence sales (AWS + FAM) increased from 532 in 2019/20 to 653 in 2020/21 and it's likely some of that increase was due to new local recruits as a result of covid restrictions on overseas travel etc. Taranaki adult whole season licence sales reduced to 617 in 2021/22 and then to 555 in 2022/23. At least part of this reduction may be due to fewer new recruits or new recruits not carrying on with fishing.

The percentage of anglers fishing 6 days or more (56.6%; Q2) in the 2022/23 season was lower than in the previous two seasons and similar to that in 2019/20 (56%) when the last month of the main season was subject to a covid-19 lockdown. An obvious factor influencing how often anglers went fishing in 2022/23 was the unusually wet weather and high river flows that persisted through much of the season and was cited by 21% of respondents (Q8) as detracting from their angling enjoyment.

The proportion of respondents who reported fishing outside the region (66.3%; Q3) was the highest recorded in the four years of survey. Rotorua lakes, the Whakapapa River and the South Island were mentioned by respondents as destinations, with much of the South Island certainly having the pick of the weather during the season. Taranaki ringplain and Ruapehu rivers retained their popularity however, with 59.7% and 30.1% of respondents stating they had fished there.

As in previous seasons, fly fishing, followed by spin fishing (Q4) were the preferred methods used by survey respondents, with only 10.7% of respondents indicating they had used bait at some time in the 2022/23 season even though bait fishing is legal in most Taranaki waters.

A general trend in the data was that the fishing was harder in the 2022/23 season, with fewer anglers rating their season highly (Q5) and this was also the case for the size/condition of trout (Q6) and satisfaction with the angling experience (Q7).

Angler satisfaction is determined by a range of factors and while catch rate and fish size and quality are important, they are not the only aspects that determine the level of enjoyment derived by an angler. The extended survey in 2019/20 indicated that what anglers enjoy most about fishing in Taranaki is a combination of related factors around not having to compete with other anglers for quality opportunities that are close to home, easily accessible and that are scenic and relaxing.

However, the level of detractions from their angling experience was greater in 2022/23 (Q8) with only 29.7% of survey respondents making no comment or citing 'nothing', which was the lowest in the four years of survey. As indicated earlier, poor weather and flooding was the greatest detraction, followed by a lack of fish and low catch rates. Unusually, crowding was mentioned as a detraction, with several anglers mentioning the presence of non-resident anglers. Sales of Taranaki whole season non-resident fishing licences increased from 7 in 2021/22 to 104 in 2022/23, with non-resident day licences increasing from 12 to 242. The return of non-residents after several year's absence was obviously not universally embraced by resident anglers.

The usual detractors of algal proliferation and the adverse effects of extended periods of low flow and high water temperatures hardly received a mention this year, owing to higher stream flows during the season and the relative lack of settled hot weather. Difficult access because of overgrown riparian margins and the relative lack of signposted legal access remains an issue. Several anglers commented that the fishery had gone backwards since river stocking ceased.

Ultimately 92.1% of respondents rated angling opportunities within the Taranaki Region as at least fair, which was higher than in 2020/21 and 2019/20. However, over the four seasons there has been a decrease in the proportion of survey respondents rating their season as excellent, from 18.2% in 2019/20, to 13.7% in 2020/21, to 9.4% in 2021/22 and 10.8% in 2022/23 (Q9).

The vast proportion of the region's fisheries comprise wild trout populations which inherently fluctuate in response to climatic and environmental conditions, including the adverse effects of floods, droughts and headwater erosion events. These results are therefore consistent with what would be expected.

Given that 2022/23 is the fourth season in a row that angler satisfaction has been measured with an on-line survey and given that anglers have received a considerable number of emails from Fish & Game inc. in the past 12 months, it is recommended that we take a break from the survey in the coming season to help prevent angler survey fatigue.

RECOMMENDATION

- That Taranaki Fish and Game Council receive this report on Taranaki angler satisfaction for the 2022/23 season;
- That the Taranaki angler satisfaction survey is not conducted in 2023/24.

Allen Stancliff

Acting Manager

1 August 2023

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

NZC CONSULTATION – DRAFT PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT POLICY

The NZ Fish & Game Council is seeking feedback on its draft Performance Management Policy. This policy accompanies the remuneration policy and sets out a process for reviewing staff performance.

The draft policy recommends an annual performance cycle, with 6-monthly reviews and an end of year assessment in July/August.

As indicated in the NZC CEO's covering memo, the on-line programme "Employment Hero" (funded by NZC) provides a platform where there can be regular and constructive feedback between the Council's Manager and staff. Taranaki has signed up to Employment Hero and is currently working through the details of performance reviews.

RECOMMENDATION:

- THAT TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE DRAFT PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT POLICY AS PROPOSED.

Allen Stancliff
Acting Manager
9th August 2023

CONSULTATION:	DRAFT PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT POLICY
TO:	Regional Managers
CC:	Regional Chairs and NZC
AUTHOR:	Corina Jordan, CEO NZ Fish and Game Council
DATE:	30/06/2023
FEEDBACK DUE:	20/10/2023
FEEDBACK TO:	nzcouncil@fishandgame.org.nz
LINK TO REGISTER:	Consultation Register

Recommendations - Ngā taunaki

The New Zealand Fish and Game Council (NZC) seeks feedback from Fish and Game Regional Councils, Regional Managers/Chief Executives and regional staff on the Draft Performance Management Policy.

Executive Summary - Whakarāpopoto

This policy is an accompanying policy to the Remuneration Policy and sets out a process for reviewing performance in order to give feedback and recognition to staff, and to inform the remuneration review process.

Discussion - Kōrerorero

As most regions already undertake regular performance reviews, this policy does not seek to change that, however, best practice indicates that better productivity and culture results from performance reviews that are held more frequently than on an annual basis.

At a recent discussion with managers, it was suggested that six monthly reviews were achievable with an annual review being more formal and the six-monthly review being an opportunity to check in on progress. It was noted that some regions preferred to have more frequent catch ups.

It is recommended that the annual performance review for the year be held in July/August. This is so that final decisions can be made on remuneration of staff while having a basis from which to assess pay movements in the remuneration review.

Employment Hero has the capacity to be used for both the annual formal performance reviews and the six-monthly reviews as well as any shorter, more frequent catchups. Templates can be customised to the regions' requirements for both formal and informal performance reviews with this information only able to be seen by the employee and their manager (and the system administrator if necessary).

Next Actions - Ngā mahinga e whai ake nei

The attached policy has been reviewed in draft by NZC pending consultation with Regional Managers/CEs, Councils and staff. Once feedback has been provided, the policy amended as appropriate will be referred back to NZC for final approval at its November 2023 meeting. Timeframes allow for the required two cycles of regional council meetings as per the Policy-on-Policy Development.

Supporting Document

- Draft Performance Management Policy



Corina Jordan
Chief Executive Officer
New Zealand Fish and Game Council

DRAFT PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT POLICY

Section	Operational
Contact/Owner	NZC Chief Executive Officer
Last Review	N/A New Policy
Next Review	
Approval	NZC
Effective Date	

Policy

1. PURPOSE

Clause 26G of the Conservation Act 1987 requires the NZ Fish and Game Council to operate a personnel policy that complies with the principles of being a good employer. This policy is designed to meet that requirement and to support Fish and Game to attract, retain and motivate people it needs to achieve its objectives, both now and into the future. It provides a framework for fair and consistent performance management practice across Fish and Game and encourages and supports personal development and organisational learning.

2. PRINCIPLES

Fish and Game's performance management policy and process will be guided by the following principles:

- Support Fish and Game's strategy and goals, organisational capability, and focus on service delivery.
- Provide clear goals for staff to strive for.
- Provide expectations on the behaviours required to meet our values.
- Provide a process for managers to provide staff with regular, timely and constructive feedback on performance and an avenue for the celebration of success and achievement.
- Be sufficiently flexible to meet the various regional requirements whilst still being applied consistently across Fish and Game; and
- Enable employees at all levels in the organisation to clearly understand how their job activities and the level of their performance directly contribute to the success of Fish and Game and the clear relationship between performance and rewards.

3. BENEFITS OF SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

An effective performance management process provides benefits for the individual, the manager and Fish and Game.

3.1 Benefits to the staff member:

- Receiving valuable and timely feedback on their performance.

- Opportunity to discuss in depth precisely what is expected of them.
- Ability to gain recognition for his or her efforts and achievements.
- Problems and issues effecting their progress can be discussed and addressed; and
- Opportunity to formally discuss their development and training needs.

3.2 Benefits to the manager:

- Opportunity for the manager's relationship with the staff member's to be strengthened via increased communication.
- Staying connected to the staff member's performance and progress towards team goals can contribute to the overall performance in the manager's area of responsibility.
- Ability to monitor individual roles and team functions and consider changes to job scope, design and team priorities; and
- Have a basis from which to assess pay movements in the remuneration review.

3.3 Benefits to Fish and Game:

- Problem areas can be highlighted and dealt with promptly and effectively.
- Discussions of staff member's ideas and expectations enhances communication; and
- Managers are provided with a forum to communicate Fish and Game's goals and strategic direction as well as their own areas of responsibility.

Process

4. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT CYCLE

4.1 The following steps broadly outline the key aspects of the performance management cycle:

a) **Setting Performance Objectives, Behaviours and Training and Development Goals:- September**

- This is a collaborative discussion between the Manager and staff member to formally establish and agree performance objectives, behaviours and training and development goals for the staff member.
- The **performance objectives** should be based on the staff member's specific role accountabilities and the organisation's strategic objectives and priorities.
- The **training and development goals** should be focused on the improvement of the staff members's skills and knowledge within their current role or to support their overall career goals; and
- The **Team and personal behaviours** should be linked to the organisation's values.

b) **Regular Reviews and Feedback:**

- Regular constructive feedback from the manager on progress should be on-going throughout the performance year, at least 6 monthly. Progress can be undermined if reviews are held sporadically or only when there is a problem.
- Progress against objectives, workloads and priorities should be reviewed, adjusting the objectives and/or timelines if necessary and identifying actions needed by the individual and/or manager to ensure the objectives are met.
- Additional coaching, assistance or extra resources required by the staff member should be discussed and agreed and any performance problems should be dealt with as and when they arise, so that they can be resolved quickly and effectively; and

- It is recommended that the manager records progress notes and the staff member enters their comments from these meetings into the on-line performance management system.
- **End of year assessment – July - August**
- This will inform the annual remuneration review. Goals that have not been completed can be rolled into the performance plan for the next year.

5. DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT CONTROL

Prepared by: Jane Hutchings, HR Business Partner
Owned by: NZC/NZC CEO
Authorised by: Fish and Game New Zealand National Council
Date Issued (for Consultation): 30/6/23
Next Review

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TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

Taranaki Fish Licence Sales Report

Please find attached National Fish and Game licence sales to 25 July 2023 for the 2022/2023 season with comparison to the previous year

Jilli Steedman
SECRETARY
9 August 2023

RECOMMENDATION

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

National Game Licence Sales YTD to 25 July 2023

	Channel	GWA	GWJ	GWC	GDA	GDJ	Total	Game LEQ	Game Var	Game \$	Inc/Dec
Northland	Agency Online	1,304	127	57	19	0	1,507				
	Public Online	236	33	10	34	4	317				
	Total	1,540	160	67	53	4	1,824	1,582		\$132,090	
2021-2022	Agency Online	1,246	134	46	13	0	1,439				
	Public Online	257	36	15	23	1	332				
	Total	1,503	170	61	36	1	1,771	1,543	-2.5%	\$136,896	\$4,806
Auckland/Waikato	Agency Online	4,827	401	164	60	0	5,452				
	Public Online	1,341	123	56	130	2	1,652				
	Total	6,168	524	220	190	2	7,104	6,309		\$526,697	
2021-2022	Agency Online	5,019	448	175	26	0	5,668				
	Public Online	1,331	187	74	143	6	1,741				
	Total	6,350	635	249	169	6	7,409	6,508	3.1%	\$577,221	\$50,523
Eastern	Agency Online	2,480	243	111	37	3	2,874				
	Public Online	460	49	13	95	4	621				
	Total	2,940	292	124	132	7	3,495	3,024		\$252,456	
2021-2022	Agency Online	2,327	219	99	31	0	2,676				
	Public Online	446	66	38	77	2	629				
	Total	2,773	285	137	108	2	3,305	2,850	5.8%	\$252,795	\$339
Hawke's Bay	Agency Online	1,404	125	40	13	1	1,583				
	Public Online	460	60	29	61	5	615				
	Total	1,864	185	69	74	6	2,198	1,916		\$159,903	
2021-2022	Agency Online	1,293	93	33	25	0	1,444				
	Public Online	407	71	26	48	0	552				
	Total	1,700	164	59	73	0	1,996	1,746	-8.8%	\$154,904	-\$4,999
Taranaki	Agency Online	899	64	30	8	0	1,001				
	Public Online	192	17	9	26	3	247				
	Total	1,091	81	39	34	3	1,248	1,114		\$92,985	
2021-2022	Agency Online	841	63	28	13	0	945				
	Public Online	214	25	18	29	0	286				
	Total	1,055	88	46	42	0	1,231	1,080	-3.0%	\$95,835	\$2,850
Wellington	Agency Online	2,683	237	90	36	2	3,048				
	Public Online	643	78	45	70	1	837				
	Total	3,326	315	135	106	3	3,885	3,409		\$284,615	
2021-2022	Agency Online	2,573	243	118	41	1	2,976				
	Public Online	626	84	52	84	4	850				
	Total	3,199	327	170	125	5	3,826	3,288	-3.6%	\$291,616	\$7,001
Nelson/Marl	Agency Online	729	53	18	9	0	809				
	Public Online	148	20	3	35	1	207				
	Total	877	73	21	44	1	1,016	900		\$75,147	
2021-2022	Agency Online	720	55	13	8	0	796				
	Public Online	118	22	7	25	0	172				
	Total	838	77	20	33	0	968	860	-4.5%	\$76,240	\$1,093
North Canterbury	Agency Online	1,989	148	62	25	0	2,224				
	Public Online	382	31	30	84	1	528				
	Total	2,371	179	92	109	1	2,752	2,428		\$202,689	
2021-2022	Agency Online	2,121	155	77	23	0	2,376				
	Public Online	371	46	25	46	6	494				
	Total	2,492	201	102	69	6	2,870	2,545	4.8%	\$225,746	\$23,057
West Coast	Agency Online	152	18	3	7	0	180				
	Public Online	205	15	15	24	0	259				
	Total	357	33	18	31	0	439	370		\$30,859	
2021-2022	Agency Online	164	11	6	6	0	187				
	Public Online	187	19	21	19	3	249				
	Total	351	30	27	25	3	436	362	-2.1%	\$32,099	\$1,240
Central Souths	Agency Online	1,770	129	61	9	0	1,969				
	Public Online	418	46	21	52	0	537				
	Total	2,188	175	82	61	0	2,506	2,235		\$186,550	
2021-2022	Agency Online	1,635	142	37	13	0	1,827				
	Public Online	561	64	33	99	6	763				
	Total	2,196	206	70	112	6	2,590	2,259	1.1%	\$200,327	\$13,777
Otago	Agency Online	3,183	240	68	16	0	3,507				
	Public Online	823	82	25	38	1	969				
	Total	4,006	322	93	54	1	4,476	4,080		\$340,630	
2021-2022	Agency Online	3,117	237	94	21	1	3,470				
	Public Online	790	88	47	61	2	988				
	Total	3,907	325	141	82	3	4,458	3,987	-2.3%	\$353,623	\$12,993
Southland	Agency Online	3,840	372	138	14	0	4,364				
	Public Online	785	102	44	25	0	956				
	Total	4,625	474	182	39	0	5,320	4,727		\$394,563	
2021-2022	Agency Online	3,711	350	117	9	1	4,188				
	Public Online	811	138	52	28	1	1,030				
	Total	4,522	488	169	37	2	5,218	4,625	-2.1%	\$410,219	\$15,657
TOTAL	Agency Online	25,260	2,167	842	253	6	28,518	25,737		\$2,148,499	
	Public Online	6,093	656	300	674	22	7,745	6,357		\$530,683	
	Total	31,353	2,813	1,142	927	28	36,263	32,094		\$2,679,183	
2021-2022	Agency Online	24,767	2,150	843	229	3	27,992	25,234		\$2,238,110	
	Public Online	6,119	846	408	682	31	8,086	6,420		\$569,410	
	Total	30,886	2,996	1,251	911	34	36,078	31,653		\$2,807,520	
National Variance against 2022 YTD								-441	-1.4%	\$128,337	\$128,337
	2022-23 Summary YTD Actual vs Total Budget										
2022-23 Annual Budget								32,553	100.0%	\$2,887,310	
2022-23 YTD Actual								31,653	97.2%	\$2,807,520	
Remaining to meet budget								900	-2.8%	-\$79,790	

National Fish Licence Sales YTD to 25 July 2023

	Channel	FWF	FWA	FWNA	FSLA	FLAA	FWIA	FLBA	FSBA	FDA	FDNA	FWJ	FWNJ	FDJ	FDNJ	FWC	FWNC	FDNC	SRSE	Total Fish	Fish LEQ	Fish Var	Fish \$	Inc/Dec
Northland	Agency Online	9	36	0	4	3	11	1	4	9	2	5	0	2	0	11	2	0	0	99				
	Public Online	26	65	6	4	8	17	0	11	66	4	6	0	18	0	16	0	0	0	247				
	Total	35	101	6	8	11	28	1	15	75	6	11	0	20	0	27	2	0	0	346	207		\$24,654	
2021-2022	Agency Online	33	84	102	2	8	19	3	22	97	119	13	2	12	1	65	2	0	0	584				
	Public Online	12	31	3	6	4	7	2	1	2	1	6	0	0	0	9	0	0	9	93				
	Total	45	115	105	8	12	26	5	23	99	120	19	2	12	1	74	2	0	9	677	365	76.5%	\$46,068	\$21,413
Auckland Waikato	Agency Online	157	457	6	91	22	74	5	55	143	2	62	1	7	0	78	1	0	0	1,161				
	Public Online	438	1,123	41	161	101	176	5	139	802	73	167	5	92	1	419	2	1	0	3,746				
	Total	595	1,580	47	252	123	250	10	194	945	75	229	6	99	1	497	3	1	0	4,907	3,153		\$375,632	
2021-2022	Agency Online	183	513	50	96	44	63	7	63	215	37	59	1	19	1	86	2	1	25	1,465				
	Public Online	370	929	192	167	115	131	7	132	891	477	204	9	154	7	571	6	1	0	4,363				
	Total	553	1,442	242	263	159	194	14	195	1,106	514	263	10	173	8	657	8	2	25	5,828	3,275	3.9%	\$412,962	\$37,330
2022-2023	Agency Online	1,111	979	14	269	894	180	12	275	1,057	32	189	0	115	2	93	0	0	0	5,222				
	Public Online	1,433	1,164	38	267	626	310	24	711	2,539	122	231	5	219	8	612	2	4	0	8,315				
	Total	2,544	2,143	52	536	1,520	490	36	986	3,596	154	420	5	334	10	705	2	4	0	13,537	8,546		\$1,018,076	
Eastern	Agency Online	994	879	115	240	774	163	24	205	704	413	185	11	75	15	72	2	11	69	4,951				
	Public Online	1,328	1,032	197	271	664	297	37	604	2,363	754	237	12	355	17	965	7	20	0	9,160				
	Total	2,322	1,911	312	511	1,438	460	61	809	3,067	1,167	422	23	430	32	1,037	9	31	69	14,111	8,218	-3.8%	\$1,036,151	\$18,076
Hawke's Bay	Agency Online	204	551	9	157	122	69	1	41	175	9	99	2	60	0	13	0	0	0	1,512				
	Public Online	220	605	21	95	105	72	8	128	421	19	133	3	65	1	202	0	0	0	2,098				
	Total	424	1,156	30	252	227	141	9	169	596	28	232	5	125	1	215	0	0	0	3,610	2,436		\$290,177	
2021-2022	Agency Online	150	427	67	137	90	22	4	30	105	285	74	1	7	4	42	0	0	10	1,455				
	Public Online	230	506	175	99	62	50	11	80	320	236	104	3	41	4	221	7	4	0	2,153				
	Total	380	933	242	236	152	72	15	110	425	521	178	4	48	8	263	7	4	10	3,608	2,281	-6.4%	\$287,603	-\$2,574
2022-2023	Agency Online	49	248	2	51	12	12	0	17	25	3	45	0	11	0	28	0	0	0	503				
	Public Online	86	234	5	28	27	18	2	35	110	9	41	1	30	0	109	0	0	0	735				
	Total	135	482	7	79	39	30	2	52	135	12	86	1	41	0	137	0	0	0	1,238	843		\$100,424	
Wellington	Agency Online	37	198	10	52	18	12	2	17	28	10	48	0	5	0	46	0	0	15	498				
	Public Online	87	233	94	31	25	19	1	44	129	232	43	3	35	5	180	4	5	0	1,170				
	Total	124	431	104	83	43	31	3	61	157	242	91	3	40	5	226	4	5	15	1,668	931	10.5%	\$117,414	\$16,990
2021-2022	Agency Online	197	883	2	139	112	53	6	23	128	1	139	0	57	0	155	2	0	0	1,897				
	Public Online	305	986	18	145	128	68	1	58	349	12	137	0	40	0	487	1	0	0	2,735				
	Total	502	1,869	20	284	240	121	7	81	477	13	276	0	97	0	642	3	0	0	4,632	3,218		\$383,329	
2022-2023	Agency Online	168	671	18	146	83	35	5	18	58	40	88	0	33	0	190	0	0	52	1,605				
	Public Online	232	834	153	154	111	75	6	41	273	126	122	5	91	2	490	3	2	0	2,720				
	Total	400	1,505	171	300	194	110	11	59	331	166	210	5	124	2	680	3	2	52	4,325	2,832	-12.0%	\$357,027	-\$26,302
Nelson/Marl	Agency Online	475	923	8	205	101	76	2	48	179	3	124	0	28	0	248	0	0	0	2,420				
	Public Online	331	665	25	118	102	77	5	77	513	18	125	4	85	3	507	0	0	0	2,655				
	Total	806	1,588	33	323	203	153	7	125	692	21	249	4	113	3	755	0	0	0	5,075	3,415		\$406,844	
2021-2022	Agency Online	423	912	349	204	88	63	5	44	141	294	88	4	31	1	175	1	2	438	3,296				
	Public Online	346	617	231	128	84	57	5	59	556	272	148	9	111	2	671	4	3	0	3,303				
	Total	769	1,529	580	332	172	120	10	103	697	566	269	13	142	3	846	5	5	438	6,599	3,924	14.9%	\$494,783	\$87,939
2022-2023	Agency Online	1,767	3,040	12	790	58	131	14	252	410	17	302	2	36	3	450	2	1	0	7,287				
	Public Online	1,171	2,033	24	346	115	161	12	253	1,507	67	351	5	204	0	1,735	1	3	0	7,988				
	Total	2,938	5,073	36	1,136	173	292	26	505	1,917	84	653	7	240	3	2,185	3	4	0	15,275	10,862		\$1,293,987	
North Canterbury	Agency Online	1,656	2,858	189	813	71	147	11	192	369	99	312	6	35	2	396	4	0	4,017	11,177				
	Public Online	1,133	1,893	167	314	110	140	8	203	1,414	504	376	8	184	8	1,824	7	15	2,384	10,692				
	Total	2,789	4,751	356	1,127	181	287	19	395	1,783	603	688	14	219	10	2,220	11	15	6,401	21,869	10,692	-1.6%	\$1,348,121	\$54,133

National Fish Licence Sales YTD to 25 July 2023

	Channel	FWF	FWA	FWNA	FSLA	FLAA	FWIA	FLBA	FSBA	FDA	FDNA	FWJ	FWNJ	FDJ	FDNJ	FWC	FWNC	FDNC	SRSE	Total Fish	Fish LEQ	Fish Var	Fish \$	Inc/Dec	
West Coast	Agency Online	134	282	2	51	75	26	4	48	132	7	55	0	15	0	8	0	0	0	839					
	Public Online	304	399	7	78	86	33	5	104	340	21	84	1	71	0	304	3	0	0	1,840					
	Total	438	681	9	129	161	59	9	152	472	28	139	1	86	0	312	3	0	0	2,679	1,705		\$203,104		
2021-2022	Agency Online	127	247	16	53	77	23	0	23	77	191	64	0	8	20	10	1	9	93	1,039					
	Public Online	321	398	230	86	74	49	9	94	343	306	106	6	32	5	335	5	7	0	2,406					
	Total	448	645	246	139	151	72	9	117	420	497	170	6	40	25	345	6	16	93	3,445	1,995	17.0%	\$251,558	\$48,455	
Central South Is	Agency Online	1,926	2,034	7	696	566	180	18	540	1,786	25	462	1	253	0	475	0	1	0	8,970					
	Public Online	1,414	1,701	51	248	321	194	27	753	2,939	168	364	7	288	6	1,389	6	4	0	9,880					
	Total	3340	3735	58	944	887	374	45	1293	4725	193	826	8	541	6	1864	6	5	0	18,850	11,338		\$1,350,687		
2021-2022	Agency Online	1,758	1,930	70	668	496	174	37	427	1,666	426	400	6	215	11	452	5	7	2,526	11,274					
	Public Online	1,572	1,770	431	314	414	221	53	843	3,825	1,069	454	12	414	22	1,833	18	15	2,370	15,650					
	Total	3330	3700	501	982	910	395	90	1270	5491	1495	854	18	629	33	2285	23	22	4896	26,924	12,163	7.3%	\$1,533,554	\$182,867	
Otago	Agency Online	2,415	3,494	14	749	171	142	10	218	727	78	409	1	73	7	20	0	13	0	8,541					
	Public Online	2,134	2,577	90	311	419	218	26	429	2,547	179	467	10	274	9	1,364	4	10	0	11,068					
	Total	4549	6071	104	1060	590	360	36	647	3274	257	876	11	347	16	1384	4	23	0	19,609	14,687		\$1,749,654		
2021-2022	Agency Online	2,191	3,061	204	698	156	128	19	158	701	1,064	393	23	88	76	15	10	24	626	9,635					
	Public Online	2,112	2,363	538	363	398	219	34	366	2,643	2,031	537	42	382	88	1,792	16	48	0	13,972					
	Total	4303	5424	742	1061	554	347	53	524	3344	3095	930	65	470	164	1807	26	72	626	23,607	14,801	0.8%	\$1,866,251	\$116,597	
Southland	Agency Online	1,731	2,298	10	479	132	44	5	162	358	18	432	1	33	0	43	0	0	0	5,746					
	Public Online	814	1,052	65	102	156	56	16	231	890	59	274	5	77	0	704	0	0	0	4,501					
	Total	2545	3350	75	581	288	100	21	393	1248	77	706	6	110	0	747	0	0	0	10,247	8,029		\$956,450		
2021-2022	Agency Online	1,632	2,003	43	455	178	27	16	153	314	158	449	5	39	2	79	1	2	257	5,813					
	Public Online	846	966	678	116	126	69	13	249	961	1,007	328	29	109	21	980	13	11	0	6,522					
	Total	2478	2969	721	571	304	96	29	402	1275	1165	777	34	148	23	1059	14	13	257	12,335	8,436	5.1%	\$1,063,666	\$107,216	
TOTAL	Direct	8,676	12,604	391	1,903	2,194	1,400	131	2,929	13,023	751	2,380	46	1,463	28	7,848	19	22	-	55,808	32,372		\$3,856,612		
	AOL	10,175	15,225	86	3,681	2,268	998	78	1,683	5,129	197	2,323	8	690	12	1,622	7	15	-	44,197	36,066		\$4,296,506		
2021-2022	Total	18,851	27,829	477	5,584	4,462	2,398	209	4,612	18,152	948	4,703	54	2,153	40	9,470	26	37	-	100,005	68,438		\$8,153,017		
	Direct	8,589	11,572	3,089	2,049	2,187	1,334	186	2,716	13,720	7,015	2,665	138	1,908	181	9,871	90	131	4,763	72,204	35,241		\$4,443,448		
2022-2023	AOL	9,352	13,783	1,233	3,564	2,083	876	133	1,352	4,475	3,136	2,206	59	567	133	1,628	28	56	8,128	52,792	34,672		\$4,371,708		
	Total	17,941	25,355	4,322	5,613	4,270	2,210	319	4,068	18,195	10,151	4,871	197	2,475	314	11,499	118	187	12,891	124,996	69,913		\$8,815,157		
National Variance against 2021/2022 YTD																						1,476	2.2%	\$662,139	\$662,139

2022-23 Summary YTD Actual vs Total Budget

2022-23 Annual Budget	70,627	100.0%	\$8,905,128
2022-23 YTD Actual	69,913	99.0%	\$8,815,157
Variance to Budget	-\$714	-1.0%	-\$89,971
Estimate of Complete Season 2022-23 vs Total Budget 2022-23 based on current YTD variance			
2022-23 Budgeted LEQ's	70,627	100.0%	\$8,905,128
2021-22 Complete Season* LEQ's	69,226		\$8,246,906
2022-23 Est. year end based on current variance	70,719	100.1%	\$8,916,689
Est. Shortfall/Surplus 2022-23 Season vs Budget	92	0.1%	\$11,561

*Complete Season is all sales in licence year, not financial year (excludes refunds/complimentaries)

Terms of Reference

Working Group on Amalgamation Options

for

Taranaki Fish and Game Council and Wellington Fish and Game Council.

Vision:

Wellington Fish and Game Council and Taranaki Fish and Game Council have agreed to work collaboratively to progress an amalgamation of the two regional Fish and Game entities in response to the Ministerial Review regarding the governance of Fish and Game¹ and the Regional Structure Review Report².

It is intended that Councils will work together to initially operate as parallel systems (separate business units) with shared services with a view to operating with combined core services once a unified legal entity is confirmed. This would also trigger a change in governance structure in the regions to have a single Council representing licence holders for the new region.

Purpose of Working Group:

The Working Group will provide a governance function to give direction and oversight to define requirements to seamlessly amalgamate the two regions once Ministerial approval has been given to do so, and to provide guidance in the implementation of the operation and governance changes required to achieve this.

The Working Group will be supported by staff to implement the changes.

Composition of Working Group:

A joint group with members from each entity

- Three councillors from Wellington Fish and Game Council – including the Chairman
- Three councillors from Taranaki Fish and Game Council – including the Chairman
- Supported by Wellington Fish and Game Council Chief Executive – and other staff as required.

¹ Clark, B and J. Mills. 2021. *Review of the Governance of Fish and Game New Zealand and the Regional Fish and Game Councils*

² Hunt, D. 2022. *Future Regional Structure of Fish And Game Councils*

Frequency of Meetings:

Meetings shall be held monthly – with one of those monthly meetings being held to two weeks prior to the first of the respective Fish and Game Council bi-monthly meetings.

Meetings may be held on an increasing frequency if required.

Format of Meetings

Meetings shall be held in person or by video-conferencing.

Meeting notes shall be taken – but no formal minutes will be required.

Delegated Decision Making to the Working Group:

The Working Group shall report back to the respective Councils on progress.

There shall be no material decisions made by the Working Group on behalf of each Council.

Costs for Change

The costs associated for amalgamating shall:

- Broadly be spread 50:50 between the two Councils.
- May lie where they fall in specific and agreed circumstances.
- Will be supported by NZ Council administered amalgamation support funding.

Provision For Shared Services

The intention is to fully integrate operational and governance functions between the two Councils so that operational services will be core services to a region of larger size – but this will require Ministerial approval. In the interim, operational services will be shared which will require agreements of the Councils to share resources to provide for services.

Timetable of Actions

<p>1. Shared Services</p> <p>a. Define format for shared services</p> <p>b. Manager/Chief Executive</p>	<p>Confirm shared services and how this would be implemented</p> <p>Intent for Wellington Fish and Game Council Chief Executive to be responsible for the role in Taranaki region (in addition to Wellington region's responsibilities)/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial and administration oversight - Governance interaction - Liaison with key stakeholders
<p>2. Defining an organisational chart</p> <p>a. Define an organisational chart</p> <p>b. description of roles</p>	<p>Confirm an organisational chart with respective Councils</p> <p>Provide an accompanying description of roles – including how they could evolve over time.</p>
<p>3. Policy Review</p> <p>a. Define a programme of policy review to ensure consistency (between regions and potentially within the organisation).</p> <p>b. Initiate a policy review of the health and safety policies as a priority</p>	<p>Define a list of prioritised policy review. External help to be sought as appropriate to work in with NZC programme.</p> <p>External help to be sought as appropriate to work in with NZC programme.</p>
<p>4. Governance Management</p> <p>a. Agenda – common agenda format</p> <p>b. Meeting schedule – align</p> <p>c. Delegated authorities</p>	<p>Review respective agendas and make recommendations for common template</p> <p>Confirm meeting schedules to ensure they occur within the same week.</p> <p>Confirm appropriate delegated authorities in governance policies</p>
<p>5. Iwi Engagement</p>	<p>Confirm the approach in engaging with iwi groupings, iwi representations, and mana whenua.</p>
<p>6. Project Reporting</p>	<p>Confirm the template and formats for annual project reporting</p>

7. Budgeting	Review budget items to ensure consistency in approach to budget allocation
8. Financial <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Chart of Accounts b. Financial Reporting - Consolidated Report c. Financial Reporting d. Outcome reporting transition 	Review COA and make consistent Prepare a draft consolidate report Ensure financial reporting is in common template and consistently applied Prepare for new outcome reporting process.
9. Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Filing System b. Payroll 	Define options for easily transferable filing system – electronic / cloud based and searchable Confirm a transferable and flexible payroll system with data compatibility
10. Operational <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Define operational efficiencies and capacity b. Critique programmes that are still fit for purpose a. Modifications to national monitoring programmes 	Look at project resource allocation for each region. Review monitoring programmes Changes to Regional Monitoring GBHS
11. Sales reports	Confirm sales reports that are consistent
12. Booking Systems	Define requirements and protocols for access management

Taranaki Fish & Game Council
Budget Report to 30 June 2023

And

Project Progress to 31 July 2023

OUTPUT	Budget external costs	YTD external costs (30/6/23)	Comments on significant variations	Budget Hours	YTD hours (30/6/23)
Population Monitoring	10,100	13,227		470	584.25
Harvest Assessment				50	68.5
Hatchery	8,500	8,760		85	58
Liberations	6,000	6,122		110	129
Season Regulations				30	27.75
Gamebird Dispersal	2,500	1,842		120	115
RMA		2		500	182
Habitat Management & Enhancement	20,000			400	145.75
Assessing & Monitoring				100	95.25
Hunter / Angler Access	1,000	239		100	38.5
Satisfaction Survey				10	5.75
Magazine / Newsletter / Ezine	9,500	11,670		140	196.75
Hunter / Angler support	2,000				3
Clubs	300	300		10	11
Statutory Liaison				30	33.25
Iwi Liaison	100	906		40	59.5
Information to Clients				70	79.75
General Advocacy	1,100	174		250	80.5
Hunting & Angling Promotions	3,300	3,367		30	106.75
Ranger Management	1,000	2,271		112	69.5
Compliance	2,100	125		170	64.75
Licencing & Commission	10,281	9,192		50	10.5
Council Meetings & Administration	9,500	6,220		280	245.25
Management, Strategic & Policy	1,000			40	78.75
Business Planning				40	20.25
OSH & Other Reporting	6,340	557		55	118.75
National Liaison	100	122		160	105.75
Total Expenditure	94,721	65,096		3452	2733.75

Project Income	Budget Income	YTD Income
Fish Population Assessment	200	4,404
Harvest Assessment – Summer Season	500	370
Liberations		1,825
Gamebird Dispersal	750	640
Taranaki Hunting & Habitat Scheme	15,000	
Compliance	1,000	
Total Income	17,450	7,239
Net Expenditure	7,121	57,857

	Budget	YTD
Overheads	232,957	176,352
1910 Salaries & Management Contract	3,900	4,954
1920 Staff Expenses	22,200	18,575
1940 Office Premises	500	1,888
1950 Office Equipment	7,750	4,975
1960 Communications / Consumables	2,750	2,611
1970 General	16,494	166
1980 General Equipment	15,100	14,747
1990 Vehicles	291,651	224,269
Total Overheads		

Other Income & Expenses	Budget	YTD
Interest	1,477	5,474
Wellington Fish & Game Admin	4,000	3,188
Donations & Other Income		50
Total Other Income & Expenses	5,477	8,709

Nett Project, Overhead and Other Expenditure/Income	Budget	YTD
	363,445	273,417 (75%)

MOVEMENTS IN RESERVES

From	To	Reason	Amount	Date Paid
Hunting & Habitat Scheme	Pauli Mander	Te Pekeatu Wetland Project	5,000	21.12.22
Manganui o te ao River Riparian Project	Horizons Regional Council	50% of Freshwater Improvement in Orautoha / Manganui o te au Catchment	2,657	20.6.23

SPECIES MANAGEMENT

2022/2023 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
<p>Objective: Obtain accurate and pertinent information to guide and enable effective management decisions to maximise user success and satisfaction while ensuring the sustainability of sports fish and gamebird populations across the region</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assess juvenile trout recruitment in Waiongana / Mangaoraka Stream to identify threats for the maintenance and enhancement of the fishery (yr 2 of 2). 2. Investigate Waingongoro fishery to determine current status and identify threats and opportunities (yr 1 of 2) 3. Monitor and report information on the status of the region’s trout fisheries sufficient to measure overall angler success (through a diary scheme), set effective regulations and inform management directions. 4. Implement an effective grey and mallard duck banding programme in the Whanganui area as the first step to obtain an estimate of the population size and level of hunting harvest which will guide future monitoring requirements and regulation setting (yr 4 of 5). 	<p><i>Electric fishing survey to be conducted in early December 2023.</i></p> <p><i>An electro fishing survey of the Waingongoro River catchment was conducted on 5-8th December 2022 to assess juvenile recruitment. 13 sites were surveyed in the Waingongoro mainstem and larger tributaries. A report was prepared for Council’s 19 August 2023 meeting. A Waingongoro catchment habitat inventory report is also currently being prepared.</i></p> <p><i>Angler diaries sent to 30 anglers prior to the start of the 2022/23 season. Diary information was analysed and included in the 2022/23 Fishery Monitoring Report prepared for Council’s 19th August 2023 meeting. Field Officer, Jacob Morison helped Riverwise Consulting conduct two electric fish surveys in Kapuni Stream; 10 sites (25/10/2022) and 7 sites (15/5/2023). A 2021/22 Annual Fish Monitoring Report was prepared for Council’s 15 October 2022 meeting. Field Officer Jacob Morison helped Wellington Fish and Game with their drift dive surveys of the Ruamahunga River (1/3/2023), Hutt River (2/3/2023 – 3/3/2023) and upper Rangitikei River (13/3/2023 – 16/3/2023). Trout spawning surveys conducted in Mangamahoe Stream including the lake inlet (9/06/2023 & 19/07/2023) and Mangorei Stream (13/06/2023 & 24/07/2023). Staff held two zoom meetings with F&G fisheries staff (1/06/2023 & 13/07/2023) to share knowledge.</i></p> <p><i>Approval given for researcher, Murray Williams, to have access to historical banding data held by DOC (14/11/2022). Field Officer Jacob Morison helped Wellington Fish & Game with their mallard banding on 26th and 27th of January 2023 at Tara Station, Dannevirke. Mallard and Grey duck banding was conducted at Lake Rotokauwau on 21st and 22nd February with the help of Wellington</i></p>

<p>5. Monitor and report information on the status of the region's mallard and grey duck, paradise shelduck, shoveler, swan and pukeko populations sufficient to assess harvest, identify and manage any population impacts, set effective regulations and inform management directions.</p> <p>6. Participate in National Hunter Survey to derive a robust estimate of annual game bird harvest and hunter success.</p> <p>7. Recommend effective regulations that are timely, easily understood and which maximise licence holder opportunity while ensuring resource sustainability and public support. As part of this complete review and implement recommendations for Paradise shelduck hunting conditions including area boundaries</p> <p>8. Review and develop a position on the release of upland game birds.</p>	<p><i>and Eastern F&G staff. A total of 567 birds were banded (387 mallard/13 grey on day 1, 166 mallard/1 grey day 2). There were 61 recaptures over both days. As of August 4th 2023 there have been 47 bands returned, with 26 of these from the 2023 banding year.</i></p> <p><i>Report on the August 2022 national shoveler survey received 4/10/2022. January 2023 trend counts completed for paradise shelduck and black swan and a report prepared for Council's 18/02/2023 meeting. A flight to monitor dabbling duck along 20 randomly selected transects around the Taranaki ringplain was undertaken on 4/04/2023. Pukeko monitoring along 17 randomly selected road transects around the ringplain was conducted on 5th, 10th & 18th April 2023. Whanganui pukeko monitoring was conducted along 10 randomly selected on 20th April. The was liaison with Wellington F&G staff re: gamebird monitoring and the 2024 summer programme, including a zoom meeting on 10/07/2023.</i></p> <p><i>2022 season results included in Game Gazette Notice report. First six surveys of the 2023 game season carried out.</i></p> <p><i>Game Gazette Notice report prepared for Council's 10 December 2022 meeting. Council's recommendations entered into the national document on 12/12/2023, with final check on 31/01/2023.</i></p> <p><i>Angler's Notice report prepared for Council's 12 June 2023 meeting with Notice amendments sent to NZC on 13/06/2023 and proofed on 29/06/2023 & 24/07/2023.</i></p> <p><i>Permits to undertake fish surveys in the region were issued to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• Horizons Regional Council (11/01/2023);</i> <i>• 4Sight Consulting on behalf of Manawa Energy (18/01/2023).</i> <p><i>A permit was issued (20/02/2023) for a Reel Recovery retreat to allow 8 men living with cancer to fish waters in the Waimarino District</i></p> <p><i>Rob Browning provided Council with a copy of his DOC pheasant release authority and confirmed he will apply to have a non-commercial pheasant preserve (upland game</i></p>
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<p>9. Provide advice and support practical and effective predator control opportunities that assist game bird populations.</p> <p>10. Undertake annual trout stocking programme which concentrates on creating and maintaining valued lake fisheries.</p>	<p><i>property with special conditions) listed in the 2024 Taranaki Game Gazette Notice.</i></p> <p><i>TRC predator control seminar attended (8/09/2022) to upskill staff.</i></p> <p><i>150 Hawera hatchery rainbow trout released into Lake Rotomanu (13/09/2022) followed by 503 Ngongotaha rainbows on 19/10/2022. 100 Hawera hatchery rainbows and 1,000 rainbow fry were released into the upper Waiaua River & tributaries on 15/11/2022. A hatchery & trout liberation Annual Report was prepared for Council's 15 October 2022 meeting. Further releases of Hawera hatchery rainbows were made into the upper Patea River at Stratford (300) on 2/12/2022; the lower Patea River (100) on 14/12/2022; the Stony River (100 + 101) on 19/12/2022 & 24/01/2022; and Lake Mangamahoe (121) on 24/01/2022. A 2023 trout release schedule was prepared for Council 25th March 2023 meeting. Confirmed with the Tongariro National Trout Centre that rainbow trout will be available for Sattler's Dam in autumn 2023 and a release of 101 fish was undertaken on 13/04/2023. A release of 250 rainbow trout fingerlings to Lake Namunamu from the Hawera hatchery was undertaken on 12/04/2023.</i></p>
<p>11. Undertake trial release of 2-year-old rainbow trout into the lower Patea River to assess the potential for a long-term programme (yr 4).</p> <p>12. Undertake monitoring of angler returns from the 2017-2021 releases of tagged brown and rainbow trout into the lower Patea River.</p> <p>13. Operate Hawera hatchery in an effective, cost efficient and sustainable manner utilising volunteer support to meet the identified stocking objectives.</p>	<p><i>100 large rainbows were released on 14/12/2022.</i></p> <p><i>Draft report prepared for Manawa Energy (16/02/2023).</i></p> <p><i>Approx. 3,400 rainbow fry from the 2022 year-class transferred to the larger inside troughs (30/09/2022) – 1,000 surplus to requirements since released. 240kg feed ordered 26/10/2022; 400kg on 14/04/2023 & 420kg on 28/06/2023. Lunch held for volunteers on 28/10/2022 at the South Taranaki Club.</i></p> <p><i>Council has been approached by Lowe Corp. (Derek Bowman) with a proposal to put in a larger water supply pipe from Silver Fern Farm's weir to allow Lowe Corp. to renew their consent to take water from Tawhiti Stream and also potentially supply water to</i></p>

	<p><i>the hatchery. An on-site meeting was held on 29/05/2023.</i></p> <p><i>Hawera hatchery rainbows were adipose fin-clipped on 29/05/2023, at which time the count was 1,415 fish.</i></p> <p><i>A total of 2,000 rainbow ova and 1,000 brown ova from Eastern F&G were received on 22/06/2023 and hatching has gone well.</i></p>
<p>Objective: Provide effective compliance to protect resource sustainability (including revenue base) and user experience to maintain licence holder satisfaction.</p>	
<p>14. Maintain a skilled honorary ranger team of at least 12 rangers consistent with requirements and objectives of the Compliance Policy and Strategy and also R3 principles.</p>	<p><i>CERT 1-day refresher held in New Plymouth on 24/09/2022 attended by 9 Taranaki Rangers and 2 staff (+1 H/B staff). Compliance Annual Report prepared for Council's 15 October 2022 meeting. Ranger warrant obtained for new trainee. A game season Ranger training day was held in New Plymouth on 16/04/2023 attended by 5 Rangers and 2 staff.</i></p>
<p>15. Undertake safe and effective compliance coverage across the Taranaki Region, including at least 100 licence checks of anglers and also of hunters.</p>	<p><i>Angler checks undertaken during the rain-interrupted opening of the 2022/23 angling season. Rangers were canvassed (13/02/2023) about their availability for ranging during the summer season for paradise shelduck and ranging was carried out on 2 of the 3 weekends.</i></p> <p><i>2023 game season compliance preparation was carried out and 3 teams of Rangers operated in the Waverley, Patea & Waitara/Tikorangi areas on opening weekend. A total of 93 hunters were checked, with 100% compliance. A teams catchup with F&G compliance staff was attended on 11/05/2023 and a Compliance Coordinators meeting on 18/05/2023.</i></p>
<p>16. Process detected offences in a fair and timely way consistent with national prosecution guidelines.</p>	<p><i>Two anglers were issued with offence notices for fishing at Sattler's Dam without a licence on 16/04/2023 and prosecutions have been initiated, with both anglers offered diversion.</i></p>
<p>Objective: Proactively manage problem aggregations of gamebirds in the interests of both hunters and property owners and managers.</p>	
<p>17. Manage problem aggregations of gamebirds through implementation of a special Paradise Shelduck season in Area C and proactively responding to and assisting landholders.</p>	<p><i>69 permits to disturb gamebirds were issued during the reporting period. These include 22 permits for Paradise Shelduck (6 including Mallard duck), 5 for Mallard duck, 2 for Black Swan and 39 for Pukeko (29 urban and 10 rural).</i></p>

	<i>Special season permits produced & advert placed in the Taranaki Daily News on 4/02/2023. A report on the 2023 special season was prepared for Council's 12 June 2023 meeting.</i>
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HABITAT PROTECTION & MANAGEMENT

2022/2023 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
<p>Objective: Protect/improve habitat for sports fish & game as a fundamental and effective means to sustain the fish & game resource in the interests of licence holders and with biodiversity benefits for the wider community.</p>	
<p>1. <i>Provide valued advice and support to licence holders, landowners and the wider community regarding the importance of and how to protect and enhance habitat and also undertake predator control/management to benefit both fish & game and wider indigenous biodiversity resources.</i></p> <p>2. <i>Promote, encourage and support landowners to create, enhance and protect wetlands by providing sound technical advice and assistance to make successful applications to the GBHT and Hunting & Habitat Funds including billion tree (1BT) programme.</i></p>	<p><i>There was liaison with Horizons RC staff regarding protection of a Harrison Road Fordell wetland (01/09/2022). There was liaison with an architect regarding removal of a building line restriction on a property bordering the Lake Kohata Wildlife Management Reserve. A late agenda item was prepared for Council's 15 October 2022 meeting and Council's approval was provided on 20/03/2023. A Lake Kohata access sign was erected at the start of the paper road 7/7/2023 as per agreement with WDC and DOC. A TRC/NIWA aquatic weed identification seminar was attended (22/09/2022) to upskill staff. There was liaison with TRC biosecurity staff regarding the golden clam incursion (25/05/2023) and also Wild for Taranaki & TRC staff regarding bird banding.</i></p> <p><i>Four of five 2022 applications to the GBHT were successful, being allocated a total of \$12K in grants. 5-year review reports on the Ahuroa & Mangatotara wetlands at Toko were prepared for the GBHT. Two landowners prepared 1BT applications for the GBHT and a progress report on Taranaki 1BT projects was provided to the GBHT on 9/01/2023. Unfortunately, one landowner sold his farm and the new owner declined to proceed with the 1BT project. However, another landowner with a QEII protected wetland was keen to take the 2,000 trees and the GBHT authorised the transfer on 12/05/2023. Following a site visit it was recommended that the GBHT pay out its grant for the Howatson Twins Dam project (23/11/2022). A report on 3 applications to the Council's Hunting & Habitat scheme was prepared for Council's 10 December 2022 meeting, at which Council approved grants totalling \$10,237 for the 3 projects. A site visit was</i></p>

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

made (16/12/2022) to the Clarke Road Te Pekatū wetland to sign off a H&H fund grant of \$5,750 gst incl. The nomination of Councillor Sargeson to sit on the NZGBHT was forwarded to National Office on 11/01/2023. There was liaison with a landowner and TRC ecologists regarding the Mill Valley wetland project near Whangamomona that had grant funding approved from the GBHT & Taranaki H&H fund in 2022. Owing to there being a protected wetland downstream, consenting requirements were too difficult and this project will not now proceed. Following this, F&G staff met with TRC ecologists on 16/05/2023 to discuss consenting requirements to 6 potential wetland projects. Site visits were made to view three wetland projects (one with TRC ecologists) and staff acted as referees for two of them for the 2023 GBHT funding round.

Staff prepared an inventory of all Taranaki wetland projects that received GBHT and/or Hunting & Habitat funding back to 1996.

There was liaison with NPDC (Maria Buzella) regarding extension of the timeframe for fish screening the Lake Mangamahoe water supply river intake (3/10/2022). A meeting with NPDC staff & consultants was attended (24/05/2023) to discuss screening options for the two lake-based intakes. There is potential for one of the intakes to be relocated near the newest fishing platform and NPDC was informed (30/06/2023) that there should be a 30m infrastructure exclusion zone surrounding the platform.

A consent for NPDC's Mangorei Stream weir has been granted (14/11/2022) which requires the weir to be removed by 31/03/2024. Removal was scheduled for February 2023, along with the NPDC's low-head dam on Mangamahoe Stream downstream of Lake Mangamahoe, however work has now been delayed until summer 2023/24.

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

There was liaison with Fonterra Whareroa regarding extending the date for fitting fish screens to its Tawhiti Stream water intake

(7/10/2022). A site visit to view the new screens was attended on 21st April 2023. Planting and BBQ day around the new intake structure was attended on 3rd May 2023. A meeting was attended (1/11/2022) at Fonterra Kapuni to discuss a major upgrade to their wastewater treatment system. F&G was informed (10/07/2023) of the annual sediment clean of Fonterra Kapuni's Kaupokonui water intake (11-13/07/2023) and plans to remediate damage to the weir (25/07/2023). Comments on the Patea HEPS final DO report were sent to Manawa Energy (11/11/2022) and staff attended a zoom meeting (15/06/2023) to discuss lower Patea River monitoring results. A TRC request for a meeting regarding the future of the Riverlands Eltham weir was responded to (26/10/2022). Cold Creek water supply notified F&G on several occasions that they had to increase their take as a result of high use (1 TRC abatement notice received). There was liaison with Methanex (Gary Reilly; 17/11/2022) regarding renewal of consents to take water from the lower Waitara River. The TRC informed F&G (9/11/2022) of impending remedial works to some lower Waiwhakaiho River flood control structures damaged by the August 2022 flood and also work in the Hangatahua River downstream of SH45 (6/06/2023). Field officer Jacob Morison attended a meeting with KiwiRail, TRC and Riverwise Consulting on 20/10/2022 to look at the KiwiRail Manganui and Waipuku rock ramp fish passes. The Manganui rock ramp received a fair bit of displacement from the 18/19 August 2022 flood event that resulted in a lip below the weir that may still impede fish passage and will need repair work to fix. The Waipuku rock ramp held up better however a steep gradient at the bottom end of the ramp will need repair work as the velocities are too high for fish passage. Instream remediation work on the ramps was scheduled to start in December and be finished before March 2023, but nothing has been done. A report of soil dumping from road works on Ruatiti Road into the Manganuioteao River was passed on to Horizons RC (30/11/2023). After several follow-up calls it was found

(17/02/2023) that no prosecution would be taken and the contractor (via RDC) had been given the message to desist.

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

A TRC-organised meeting to discuss removal of the Timaru Stream weir was attended (13/12/2022), at which it was agreed to use the concrete to remedy bank erosion just downstream of the weir and bury the rest on adjacent farmland. F&G provided its non-notified approval for weir removal on 22/12/2022. Owing to delays in consenting, removal will now likely be undertaken after October 2023 and F&G approval of the changes was provided on 28/06/2023.

Horizons Freshwater consultation was responded to (16/12/2022) and a post made on the Council's Facebook page encouraging licence holders to respond. There was liaison with WF&GC regarding outstanding waterbodies in the Horizons region (16/02/2023). Comments on Horizons Oranga Wai objectives for the Whanganui FMU were provided on 10/07/2023.

Consultation documents were received from STDC in relation to Waimate West water supply re-consenting (23/01/2023). Draft consent conditions for the STDC Hawera supply take from Kapuni Stream were reviewed (12/05/2023) and comments provided to the TRC on 28/06/2023.

Information on the re-consenting of an irrigation take from a Tokaora quarry pond was received for comment (27/01/2023), with comments provided on 3/02/2023.

There was liaison with the TRC (8/02/2023) about the sorts of consent applications that Fish & Game would be interested in receiving limited notification of and notice of public notification.

An application to create 113 residential lots adjacent to the Waipu Lagoons at Bell Block was reviewed and a submission made on 22/03/2023.

A site visit was made to the site of the Kaupokonui Glenn weir (27/02/2023) to discuss options for removing the weir footing which has emerged as a result of bed movement following weir removal.

Greenfern Industries (17/04/2023) have sought F&G's approval for an extension of

<p>4. <i>Establish an environmental award to acknowledge and highlight outstanding contributions to the protection of sportsfish or gamebird habitat.</i></p> <p>5. <i>Seek effective environmental outcomes as part of the consenting of the Mangorei and Motukawa hydro schemes.</i></p>	<p><i>time to 1 November 2025 to complete construction of a vertical slot fish pass on the Waingongoro river Normanby weir. A letter of support was provided on 26/05/2023.</i></p> <p><i>Ernslaw-1 (Lynette Baish) sought F&G's approval for a time extension to replace a culvert in a tributary of Tokiahuru Stream in Karioi Forest, which was given on 5/05/2023. A zoom meeting was attended (16/05/2023) to discuss monitoring results for the SDC's Stratford wastewater treatment plant and the discharge to Patea River.</i></p> <p><i>An annual stakeholder meeting was attended (25/05/2023) at Ballance Agri nutrients Kapuni plant to discuss their environmental performance. Ballance indicated they were keen to fund environmental enhancement projects in the Waingongoro catchment. Further stakeholder meeting to be arranged to discuss where spending should be directed. A report of potentially unauthorised earthworks adjacent to Otakeho Stream was forwarded to the TRC (12/07/2023)</i></p> <p><i>The TRC Environmental Awards presentation evening was attended on 15/11/2022. Currently, there are no opportunities for F&G to sponsor an award.</i></p> <p><i>F&G received notification (25/01/2023) that consents for Manawa Energy's Mangorei power scheme were publicly notified on 4/02/2023. The application and AEE were reviewed, and a F&G submission lodged on 3/03/2023.</i></p> <p><i>Consents for Manawa Energy's Motukawa HEPS were publicly notified on 4/03/2023, with a F&G submission lodged on 27/03/2023.</i></p>
<p>Objective: Work collaboratively and proactively with landowners, other groups and iwi recognising the synergistic benefits and wider outcomes that can be achieved by this approach.</p>	
<p>6. Promote and explore opportunities to improve water quality in Lake Rotomanu (yr3 of 3)</p>	<p><i>NPDC (Paul Marshall) was contacted (2/02/2023) regarding retro-fitting a fish pass to the lake outlet to allow native fish and shrimp to more easily enter Lake Rotomanu from the Waiwhakaiho River. After further discussion it was agreed (31/07/2023) that Whitaker Civil Engineering would prepare some design options.</i></p> <p><i>The TRC was contacted (2/02/2023) to see if there had been progress with processing</i></p>

7. Engage proactively and collaboratively with iwi & community groups to identify and protect/enhance shared resource values including contributing to water related matters through the Taranaki Maunga Settlement process.

NPDC's application 0298-3 to re-consent the take for Lake Rotomanu from the Waiwhakaiho River of which F&G should be an affected party. No progress had been made.

Edna sampling results provided by DOC (17/07/2023) showed no evidence of rudd or the exotic weeds Egeria and Lagarosyphon in Lake Rotomanu.

There was liaison with TKONT regarding STDC water consents and holding joint pre-hearing meetings (30/01/2023) and also about the removal of the Kaupokonui weir footing (3/02/2023). There was liaison with Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa regarding Manawa Energy's Mangorei hydro (21/02/2023) and Motukawa hydro (30/03/2023) re-consenting.

Councillor Blewman & the Acting Manager attended a ceremony at Aotearoa Marae Okaiawa on 31/03/2023 to witness initialling of a Collective Redress Deed (Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo) for Taranaki Maunga by Nga Iwi o Taranaki & the Crown.

8. Represent Fish & Game and provide valued input to the Te Awa Tupua process.

Te Kopuka meetings (zoom) were attended on 9/09/2022 & 27/01/2023 and also on 2/06/2023 (face to face) and 21/07/2023. A 1-day Wananga was attended at Te Ao Hou Marae Whanganui on 21/11/2022 to progress the Te Heke Ngahuru strategy, which will be finalised to go out for consultation in September 2023. The Te Kōpuka submission to the NBEA Select Committee was reviewed (01/02/2023). A short article on Te Awa Tupua and Te Heke Ngahuru was prepared for Taranaki's page in the 2023 fishing special issue of F&G magazine.

9. Explore options other parties to remove weirs in Timaru Stream at SH45 and in the Waingongoro River at Eltham.

A TRC consent application to remove the Timaru Stream weir was supported (3/10/2022), a meeting attended and non-notified approval provided on 22/12/2022. The resource consenting process was still underway, and removal will not likely occur until 2024.

Following liaison with the TRC a meeting of interested and affected parties is being scheduled to discuss the future of the Waingongoro Eltham weir. During another meeting Ngaruahine indicated their support for the removal of the Riverlands Eltham weir.

<p>10. Provide technical and administrative support and assistance to joint Orautoha Stream Riparian Project to protect water quality in this catchment and the many values it supports.</p>	<p><i>An on-site meeting was attended with Horizons RC staff (6/09/2022) to look at completed riparian fencing and to discuss proposed works in the 2022/23 year. A final report on the 4-year Orautoha riparian project was sent to WRET and Horizons on 27/07/2023, noting that landowners had completed 8.882km of fencing. A Jobs for Nature (Horizons RC) zoom meeting was attended on 25/10/2022,</i></p>
<p>Objective: Development of an effective Natural Resources Plan that protects freshwater and wetland habitats and which also minimise Council costs in consent processes and free up resources for other management responses</p>	
<p>11. Engage in and actively advocate for provisions which protect and/or enhance sports fish and game bird habitat in the Taranaki Natural Resources Plan development process.</p>	<p><i>There has been liaison with Regan Phipps, TRC Manager - Science and Technology regarding the Plan and a meeting Regan and the TRC's Planning Manager was attended on 29/11/2022. There was discussion with NZC's Senior Policy Advisor, Helen Brosnan (28/07/2023) regarding progress with the NRP.</i></p>

PARTICIPATION

2022/2023 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
<p>Objective: Add value to licence holders by increasing their opportunity, success and satisfaction and so retain them in the sport.</p>	
<p>1. Maintain and improve the Taranaki pages on the Fish & Game website so how to and where to go information is readily available, easily understood and up to date.</p> <p>2. Work with National Office to upgrade website and prepare information re an 'Introduction to duck hunting in the Taranaki Region'.</p> <p>3. Develop and refine Facebook and Instagram pages in line with any National Policy to regularly inform licence holders using these forums.</p>	<p><i>Pages updated as necessary, including details of the 2023 special paradise season (9/01/2023) and posting of the Taranaki hunting newsletter.</i></p> <p><i>Work on new website is proceeding nationally. Angling and hunting photos for the new website were provided to Roslyn Simmonds (A/W) on 19/07/2023.</i></p> <p><i>Taranaki Fish and Game Facebook page has 72 followers and 30 page likes as of August 4th 2023. 16 posts have been created or shared since September 10th 2022. Posts have collectively reached 5261 people and been engaged with/opened by 775 people. Total of 135 likes on posts. Taranaki Fish and Game Instagram page has not been developed.</i></p>
<p>Objective: Encourage past and prospective hunters and anglers into the sport through initiatives which make it easy to have a go and/or provide support.</p>	
<p>4. Develop and utilise licence holder email list to keep hunters and anglers up to date.</p>	<p><i>Families registering for the 2021 Lake Rotomanu family trout fishing day were emailed to let them know about the 2022</i></p>

<p>5. Complete Reel Life and Both Barrels supplements consistent with national R3 recommendations.</p>	<p>event. An email was sent to Taranaki lapsed participants (21/12/2022) to encourage them to purchase a fishing licence.</p>
<p>6. Provide a quality 1-page regional supplement (plus features) in each edition of Fish & Game Magazine.</p>	<p>Articles for Reel Life were sent on 19/09/2022, 12/10/2022, 18/11/2022, 19/12/2022, 23/01/2023, 27/02/2023, 20/03/2023 & 17/04/2023. Articles for Both Barrels were sent on 21/03/2023, 17/04/2023, 18/05/2023, 19/06/2023 & 18/07/2023.</p>
<p>7. Publication of valued hunting and fishing newsletters sent to regional licence holders and hunting landowners. Hunting newsletter also distributed to all rural box holders in the region.</p>	<p>A 1-page supplement and season prospects feature for the 2023 Game Season Special Issue was sent to the editor on 19/01/2023 & proofed on 1/02/2023 & 15/02/2023. A 1-page supplement was prepared for the 2023 Fish Season Special Issue (27/06/2023) and proofed on 27/07/2023.</p>
<p>8. Proactively provide timely and useful information to licence holders when requested.</p>	<p>A 12-page regional angling newsletter was prepared and sent to the printers on 9/11/2022. An 8-page regional hunting newsletter was prepared (29/03/2023) and posted to game licence holders and rural box holders.</p>
<p>9. Replace / erect 2-3 new signs which provide anglers with helpful on-site information re access and regulations consistent with identified priorities.</p>	<p>Information was provided to anglers and hunters on request. Staff attended the Inglewood Rod, Gun & Recreation Club's fish season opening weekend weigh-in (2/10/2022); their "big-4" weigh-in (24/10/2022) and their opening weekend game season weigh-in (7/05/2023) where the Council Chairman updated the 50 hunters present on regional amalgamations and F&G issues.</p>
<p>10. Continue to explore opportunities to install 3rd angling platform on Lake Mangamahoe (yr 3 of 3).</p>	<p>CCD information and collateral from the TRC was provided to Stratford kids fishing day participants. Information provided to hunters for the 2023 special hunting season for paradise shelduck.</p> <p>The was liaison with the Manawatu Anglers Club (Andrew Watt) regarding access at Lake Namunamu. The club will undertake to maintain the boats at the lake.</p>
	<p>Walking access sign prepared and installed at the legal access to Lake Kohata on 7/07/2023.</p>

<p>11. Produce information signs on the Retaruke and Whanganui Rivers to inform walkers on the Te Araroa trail.</p> <p>12. Provide organised fishing opportunities consistent with R3 objectives and branding and in association with volunteer groups for kids and families.</p> <p>13. Explore options for ongoing opportunities for kids and families based on trout releases into local waters and threshold experiences (yr 3 of 3)</p> <p>14. Explore future options for Stratford fishing day and identify preferred option (yr 2 of 2)</p> <p>15. Review, negotiate, publicise and issue access permits to publicly available hunting areas and actively seek and develop new opportunities.</p> <p>16. Identify and explore mentoring schemes to support new hunters and implement most promising option (yr 3 of 3).</p> <p>17. Develop web based introductory package for anglers highlighting access opportunities and methods to get started.</p>	<p><i>Signs produced and waiting to be erected at the sites.</i></p> <p><i>The 3rd annual Lake Rotomanu family trout fishing day was held on 29/10/2022 with help from the Inglewood Rod, Gun & Recreation Club, Taranaki Hunting & Fishing and Hynds Pipe Systems. Approx. 150 children plus their parents had a successful day.</i></p> <p><i>Field Officer Jacob Morison went to Lake Rotomanu on the 13/10/22 to hand out under 12 licences for 18 kids after being contacted by Mark from the Edventure kids holiday programme. He stayed for 2 hours to help with rigging rods and to help kids cast.</i></p> <p><i>The Stratford Fishing Club is keen to hold another event on 3/12/2022 and an application to help with funding was submitted to the Taranaki Electricity Trust (7/10/2022) and subsequently approved. The Stratford event went ahead on 3/12/2022 attended by 66 children plus their families.</i></p> <p><i>Lake Kohata was visited on 21/02/2023. Aquatic weed growth (hornwort) and relatively restricted access make this lake of limited value as a fishery. An agenda item on Lake Kohata was prepared for Council's 12 June 2023 meeting and there have been discussions with DOC (Katy Newton; 19/06/2023) regarding relinquishing management responsibility for the Lake Kohata Wildlife Management Reserve.</i></p> <p><i>Access arrangements were confirmed for the 2023 game season, permits printed and issued to licence holders and weekly ballots held for Harakeke & Tauwhare forests. The Secretary attended a meeting with Ernslaw-1 (11/05/2023) to discuss forest access.</i></p> <p><i>Introductory package is well underway and will be incorporated into the new Fish & Game website. Diaries sent to 30 anglers for the start of the new season. A spreadsheet of Taranaki public angler access points and</i></p>
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<p>18. Proactively take opportunities to make effective representation in statutory and other community processes to maintain or enhance hunting or angling access and opportunity.</p> <p>19. Complete review of Kaupokonui River access information and implement identified opportunities to assist angler access.</p> <p>20. Assess satisfaction and success of Taranaki Region anglers using catch rates from a voluntary diary scheme and online satisfaction survey.</p> <p>21. Locate and publicise quality trout and perch recipes that enable anglers to make good use of these species.</p> <p>22. Implement actions to influence hunter behaviour as identified in hunter behaviour strategy to maximise enjoyment and participation and also public support for gamebird hunting.</p> <p>23. Provision of ready and valued support and assistance to licence agents such that they are kept up to date, resourced and operate as effective agents.</p>	<p><i>information was provided to bdma Revolution (29/03/2023) for inclusion in the new F&G website.</i></p> <p><i>Engaged in Horizons RC's recreational freshwater survey (16/12/2022). Ernslaw-1 have notified F&G (22/06/2023) that angling access to Lake Namunamu will be restricted from October 2023 while roading is prepared for a logging operation. Once logging begins, angler access may be closed for up to 3 years.</i></p> <p><i>2023 angler diary scheme and online angler satisfaction survey completed and reports prepared for Council's 19 August 2023 meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Licence agents were visited on 10th March 2023 and were supplied with game regulations guides.</i></p>
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IWI & PUBLIC INTERACTION

2022/2023 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
<p>Objective: Work proactively and collaboratively with iwi at all levels consistent with Treaty of Waitangi obligations and responsibilities regarding the protection and use of natural resources.</p>	
<p>1. Proactively engage, work and collectively share with iwi and hapu within the region on matters affecting wetland and freshwater resources or their use.</p>	<p><i>There was liaison with the Fonterra Kaitiaki group regarding resolution of fish passage issues in the Tawhiti Stream tributary of the Tangahoe River.</i></p> <p><i>Ngati Rangi Iwi were invited to Council's 18th February 2023 meeting in Raetihi. Te Atiawa were invited to Council's 25th March meeting at Waitara.</i></p> <p><i>There is ongoing liaison with Te Kahui o Taranaki and Ngati Tairi hapu regarding pukeko.</i></p>
<p>Objective: Strong relationships and involvement with DOC and local and regional councils to effectively represent the interests of hunters and anglers in formal decision-making process.</p>	

<p>2. Liaise with Department of Conservation and Conservation Boards and proactively engage and work with Regional and District Councils and community & industry groups.</p>	<p><i>Liaised with Taranaki/Whanganui Conservation Board member Mat Vujcich, who attended Council's 15 October 2022 meeting. Staff attended a T/W Conservation Board meet and greet at New Plymouth on 16/06/2023.</i></p> <p><i>Liaised with DOC Whanganui office (Katy Newton) re: Lake Kohata (11/11/2022). A teams meeting with DOC Whanganui, WDC & Putiki Marae representatives was attended (4/05/2023) to discuss habitat, public access and the future management of Lake Kohata.</i></p> <p><i>Liaised with DOC Whanganui regarding eel/fish deaths in the Whanganui catchment and attended a zoom meeting (16/11/2022). Field Officer Jacob Morison assisted DOC and Wellington Fish and Game to capture Koi carp in a 0.8ha farm pond in Dannevirke and to identify if they were reproducing.</i></p> <p><i>Liaised with DOC (& F&B) regarding Manawa Energy's Mangorei and Motukawa HEPS re-consenting and with STDC Kapuni water supply re-consenting.</i></p> <p><i>Liaised with DOC New Plymouth regarding the issue of game bird hunter access permits to the Sentry Hill Conservation Area and the Looney's Lake Conservation Covenant.</i></p> <p><i>Liaised with DOC New Plymouth regarding fish monitoring and eDNA sampling results for Lake Rotomanu and Taramoukou Stream (6/07/2023).</i></p>
<p>Objective: Engender support for hunting and fishing and the activities of Fish & Game by the general public and others who recognise that these activities contribute to a better environment and healthy lifestyle and in turn who support protecting these resources and the opportunities to participate</p>	
<p>3. Recognise and pursue opportunities to contribute to the wider community including "Wild for Taranaki" and "Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust".</p>	<p><i>Attended a Wild for Taranaki (WfT) quarterly catchup meeting (1/09/2022) and the annual biodiversity forum (27/10/2022). Attended the TRC's environmental awards presentation (15/11/2022). Liaised with Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust about signage informing anglers that the eels are protected in Lake Rotokare (1/11/2022).</i></p> <p><i>Collated Eastern & Taranaki F&G's contributions to the NZ Freshwater Science Society's 2023 newsletter. Prepared and gave a talk on Taranaki game bird monitoring to the 2023 Birds NZ Conference held in New Plymouth on 3/4 June 2023.</i></p>
<p>4. Take opportunities to promote the value of protecting freshwater, wetland and upland game habitats and the wider benefits from this.</p>	<p><i>Met with Forest & Bird Taranaki Rep (1/09/2022). Attended a DOC fish passage seminar (8/09/2022). Met with Paul Turner,</i></p>

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

2022/2023 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
<p>Objective: Sound and effective governance which facilitates a co-operative and supportive relationship between Council, staff and licence holders that enables effective management of resources in the best interests of the licence holder and the fish & game resource.</p>	
<p>1. Not less than six meetings of Council are held and meetings are conducted consistent with provisions of the Standing Orders.</p> <p>2. Identification and implementation of options and strategies to increase the diversity of Council and iwi involvement.</p> <p>3. The 5-Year Strategic Plan is reviewed and agreed by Council by March 2023.</p> <p>4. Formulation and adoption of an Annual Operational Plan and Budget for 2023/24 consistent with the 5-Year Strategic Plan.</p> <p>5. Presentation by Council of its audited annual report for 2021/2022 not later than 31 December 2022. Report to be consistent with tier 2 Service Performance standards and requirements.</p> <p>6. Effective regional policies are developed, adopted and reviewed as required and are consistent with any National Policy requirements.</p> <p>7. Progress reporting of licence sales, work progress and financial position is timely and accurate and supports sound financial and operations management and oversight.</p> <p>8. Effective administration such that the Council is within annual budget ($\pm 5\%$), operates consistent with best practice and at least 90% of its annual plan is completed.</p> <p>9. Effective staff management including performance reviews completed and new objectives agreed for staff, and regular staff meetings such that staff are aware of what is generally occurring and have ready opportunity for input into decisions and management direction.</p>	<p><i>Council meetings were held on 15th October 2022 (Hawera), 10th December 2022 (Whanganui), February 2023 (Raetihi), 25/03/2023 (Waitara) and via zoom (12/06/2023).</i></p> <p><i>5-Year Strategic Plan reviewed and adopted by Council at its 18th February 2023 meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Draft 2023/24 Annual Plan prepared for Council's 25th March 2023 meeting. Contestable funding applications sent to National Office on 23/03/2023.</i></p> <p><i>2021/22 Annual Report prepared, audited and adopted by the Council at its 10th December 2022 AGM.</i></p> <p><i>Working with National Office to develop suite of corporate policies.</i></p> <p><i>Reported to each 2-monthly meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Field Officer's new vehicle received from Energy City Ford on 28/12/2022. F&G logos attached 17/01/2023. Old vehicle listed on TradeMe on 18/01/2023 and sold on 17/06/2023.</i></p> <p><i>Staff meetings held on 29/11/2022; 7/02/2023; 10/03/2023 & 30/05/2023. There was liaison with Jane Hutchings (NZC's HR Business Partner) regarding use of the online programme "Employment Hero" for staff performance reviews. NZC organised staff resilience training attended by all staff on 24/05/2023, 8/06/2023 & 15/06/2023). F&G staff conference to be held in Rotorua 12-15 September 2023.</i></p>

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

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

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

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

Online Managers' meetings were attended on 9/09/2022, 28/10/2022, 3/11/2022, 18/11/2022, 15/12/2022, 26/01/2022, 9/02/2023, 24/02/2023; 23/03/2023, 5/05/2023, 19/05/2023, 25/05/2023, 16/06/2023/, 23/06/2023, 30/06/2023, 27/07/2023. A 2-day Managers' strategy meeting was attended in Wellington (19/20 October 2022), a 2-day budget meeting on 19/20 April 2023 and a 1-day meeting in Christchurch on 12/07/2023.

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

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

Liaised with the National Office of the NZFGC regarding:

- *Consultation with mana whenua;*
- *F&G vision & strategic plan;*
- *F&G Magazine review of costs;*
- *Designated waters;*
- *Retrieving shot game;*
- *Lapsed licence holders;*
- *NBEA;*
- *.410 lead shot;*
- *NZ Firearms Licencing fees;*
- *Non-resident licence levy.*
- *2021/22 variance report.*
- *Non-resident licence criteria*
- *Resource Allocation*
- *Remuneration review*
- *Parliamentary petition to ban hunting of native gamebirds;*
- *Trout hatchery establishment dates;*
- *Communication strategy;*
- *Research proposals;*
- *Governance review implementation;*
- *F&G Manifesto*

<p>13. Refine financial administration, reporting and analysis working with NZ Fish & Game Council and staff.</p>	<p>Authorisation was given to contact Taranaki licence holders;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • who hold a sea-run salmon endorsement for survey purposes (13/12/2022); • regarding the government's Arms Regulation Fees Review (22/12/2022); • To survey male anglers for information to compare with the women anglers study (11/01/2023). <p>Passed on comments from Taranaki's Audit regarding the Performance Reporting Framework (20/12/2022). Used new REM spreadsheet to update staff salary calculation.</p>
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<p>Objective: Demonstrate a commitment to Health & Safety and ensuring the welfare of staff and others through effective policy, systems, resourcing and oversight.</p>	
<p>14. All processes and activities are undertaken consistent with Council Health & Safety Policy and Manual.</p>	<p><i>Reported to each Council meeting.</i></p>
<p>15. Staff are actively involved in implementing HSAW policy and ensuring a safe workplace, including by undertaking two monthly staff meetings where HSAW is a specific agenda item.</p>	<p><i>Reported to each Council meeting.</i></p>
<p>16. Compliance with HSAW requirements and policy including scheduled reviews and audits along with any issues identified or near misses routinely reported to each meeting of Council.</p>	<p><i>Reported to each Council meeting.</i></p>

Recommendation

That the Budget Report to 30 June 2023 and Project Progress Report to 31 July 2023 be received.

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

Financial Reports to 30th June 2023

Please find attached the following reports;

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

RECOMMENDATION

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



Jilli Steedman
SECRETARY
7 July 2023

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Statement of Accounts as at 30 June 2023

Your Accounts at a Glance

Account	Account Number	Maturity Date	Balance
 Non Profit Org A/C	02-0792-0332133-000		129,525.51
 MRP	02-0792-0332133-001		4,661.57

Your Other Accounts at a Glance

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

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.

Profit and Loss

Taranaki Fish and Game Council For the 10 months ended 30 June 2023

SEP 2022-JUN 2023

Trading Income

Contracts	3,187.68
Donations	50.00
Fish Licence Income AOL	41,281.72
Fish Licence Income POL	73,600.17
Fish Population Monitoring (income)	4,404.06
Gain on sale	5,889.33
Game Licence Income AOL	75,726.96
Game Licence Income POL	19,932.17
Gas Gun Rental	640.00
Grants Received	128,379.33
Interest Income	5,471.15
Kid's Fishing Days	1,824.87
Non-Resident Licence Revenue	11,694.09
Summer Season permit sales	369.59
Total Trading Income	372,451.12

Gross Profit

372,451.12

Operating Expenses

ACC Levy	177.83
Advocacy	173.91
Audit	283.86
Bank Charges	79.95
Cleaning Administration Building	17.39
Clubs	300.00
Commission on Sales	5,399.89
Compliance	124.50
Council Catering	3,070.57
Council Meeting Expenses	28.08
Council Travel	3,121.66
Depreciation	2,166.44
Equipment Maintenance	1,200.93
Eyede Charges - Inc GST	1,125.47
Eyede Charges No GST	1,959.95
Field Equip -Purchases (Under \$2,000)	91.08
Field Equipment Maintenance	75.50
Fish Food Costs	4,363.75
Fringe Benefit Tax	1,233.49
Gamebird Dispersal	1,842.11
Gamebird Population Monitoring	13,227.28
Hatchery	3,032.24

Hatchery Insurance	724.98
Hatchery Power	638.81
Hunting & Angling Promotions	3,366.87
Insurance - General	1,665.93
Iwi Liaison	906.18
Kids Fishing Days	5,861.47
Licence Agents	296.17
Licencing	410.88
Managers / National Office Liaison	122.38
Manganuioteao River Riparian Project Expenses	2,657.01
Office General (was Petty cash)	240.24
Office Premises Rent	18,557.30
Other Liberations	260.30
Other Reporting / OSH	273.31
Photocopying	17.39
Polaris side x side	1,032.00
Postage	1,173.83
Purchases (Under 2,000)	686.95
Ranger Catering & Travel	1,839.99
Ranger Management	231.00
Ranger Training	200.00
Regional Newsletter	8,619.80
Regional Web Pages and Ezines	3,050.00
Resource Consents	2.17
Salaries	188,203.60
Staff Expenses	52.50
Staff Training	3,490.75
Stationery	1,122.42
Subscriptions	625.34
Taranaki Hunting & Habitat Project	5,000.00
Telephone/fax	2,661.81
Trailer - Hatchery 79MWT	374.76
Trailer - Side X Side 6Z149	244.54
Upland Game Access Permits	238.50
Vehicle Fuel & RUC	6,861.05
Vehicle Insurance	3,295.20
Vehicle Maintenance	2,669.97
Vehicle Registration (1995)	269.82
Total Operating Expenses	311,041.10
Net Profit	61,410.02

Balance Sheet

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

As at 30 June 2023

30 JUN 2023

Assets

Bank

BNZ Current Account	129,525.51
BNZ Term 3031	381,530.47
MRP	4,661.57
Total Bank	515,717.55

Current Assets

Accounts Receivable	49,304.90
Total Current Assets	49,304.90

Fixed Assets

Accum Dep Vehicles	(38,016.57)
Accum Dep Buildings	(16,451.00)
Accum Dep Office Equipment	(25,656.02)
Accum Dep Plant & Equipment	(17,112.09)
Buildings	16,451.00
Office Equipment	31,946.63
Plant & Equipment	26,474.26
Vehicles	114,907.26
Total Fixed Assets	92,543.47

Total Assets	657,565.92
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Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	4,951.31
Accruals and Prepaid Licences	(70.00)
BNZ Credit Card - Allen	2.50
BNZ Credit Card - J Morison	494.80
Duck Stamp Levy Clearing	5,352.18
Employee Entitlements	31,286.52
GST	22,963.07
Income in advance	8,152.00
PAYE Clearing	5,816.48
Rounding	0.01
Sea Run Salmon Endorsement	65.23
Total Current Liabilities	79,014.10

Total Liabilities	79,014.10
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Net Assets	578,551.82
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Equity

Accumulated Funds	141,669.19
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30 JUN 2023

Asset Replacement Funding	14,540.00
Back Country Fisheries Reserve	8,496.67
Current Year Earnings	61,410.02
Fisheries Project	6,586.30
Hunting & Habitat Scheme	332,679.74
Manganuioteao River Riparian Project	6,806.29
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	6,363.61
Total Equity	578,551.82

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

Correspondence Schedules

Please find attached Inwards and Outwards correspondence schedules to 9 August 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That Inwards and Outwards correspondence schedules to, 9 August 2023, be received.

Jilli Steedman
SECRETARY
9 August 2023

Inwards Correspondence

Date	Meeting	From	Staff Councillor	Subject
31.5.23	Aug-23	Kahureremoa Aki	Allen	Agenda for hui at Te Taurawhiri, Ngā Tangata Tiaki o Whanganui Trust office
6.6.23	Aug-23	Matt Cathie TRC	Allen	Rock Riprap work on the Waiwhakaiho River
6.6.23	Aug-23	Hamish Carnahan	Allen	Fish & Game Magazine deadline
6.6.23	Aug-23	Terry Calmeyer	Allen	Meeting with F&G re. Lake Kanganahoe fish screens
6.6.23	Aug-23	Corina Jordan	Allen	Challenge to F&G management of indigenous Gamebirds
14.6.23	Aug-23	Helen Payne mpi	Allen	Freshwater Biosecurity Partnership Programme Monthly Teleconference
15.6.23	Aug-23	Priscilla Jeffrey - horizons	Allen	NPS-FM Technical Engagement
15.6.23	Aug-23	Nico Gerstner	Allen	Meeting with F&G re. Lake Kanganahoe fish screens
15.6.23	Aug-23	Corina Jordan	Staff & Clrs	Our Future – Resource Management Act Reforms Campaign
16.6.23	Aug-23	Priscilla Jeffrey – horizons	Allen	NPS-FM Technical Engagement
20.6.23	Aug-23	Taranaki Regional Council	Allen	Inspection notice
20.6.23	Aug-23	Kay Newton DOC	Allen	Lake Kohata
21.6.23	Aug-23	Rebecca Eaton – Govett Quilliam	Allen	Salmon lecture group viewing
21.6.23	Aug-23	Paddy Deegan – TRC	Allen	Timaru Weir Consent Application
28.6.23	Aug-23	Erica Molloy – TRC	Allen	Hawera water supply feedback requests
28.6.23	Aug-23	Martin Smith – NP Airport	Allen	Bird problems
28.6.23	Aug-23	Abby Lagula – TRC	Allen	Check, Clean Dry Champions Lunch
28.6.23	Aug-23	Tim House – Fed Farmers	Allen	Fed Farmers appeal to the Environment Court over NPDC proposed District Plan
30.6.23	Aug-23	Nico Gerstner	Allen	Mangamahoe Fish Screens meeting
6.7.23	Aug-23	Corina Jordan	Allen	Hatcheries regulations
6.7.23	Aug-23	Robert Browning	Allen Clrs	Pheasant preserve application
17.7.23	Aug-23	Ngawai Terry	Allen	Pukeko drive – Oakura
17.7.23	Aug-23	Nathan Lightbourne DOC	Allen	Lake Rotomanu potential Amur/koi carp sighting
25.7.23	Aug-23	Jamie Skinner – Fonterra	Allen	River weir
27.7.23	Aug-23	Luke Care – Editor F&G magazine	Allen	Taranaki proof
4.8.23	Aug-23	Taranaki Regional Council	Allen	Inspection notice
8.8.23	Aug-23	Rose Hogwood NPDC	Allen	Venue Hire agreement – Lake Rotomanu
8.8.23	Aug-23	Abby Lagula TRC	Allen	Check Clean Dry Champions Lunch Meeting minutes

Outwards Correspondence

Date	Meeting	To	Staff Councillor	Subject
12.6.23	Aug-23	Heather Garrick	Allen	Challenge to F&G's management of indigenous gamebirds
13.6.23	Aug-23	Maryse Rohipa	Allen	2023 Anglers Notice Regulation Guides
13.6.23	Aug-23	NZ Fish & Game	Allen	Taranaki's response to NZC Consultation (licence fee, non-resident status and draft National Reserves Policy)
19.6.23	Aug-23	Richie Cosgrove	Jacob	Both Barrells June 2023
28.6.23	Aug-23	Taranaki Regional Council	Allen	Non-notified approval – Removal of Timaru weir
28.6.23	Aug-23	Paddy Deegan – TRC	Allen	Timaru Weir Consent Application
30.6.23	Aug-23	Luke Care – Editor F&G magazine	Allen	Magazine Regional Content
30.6.23	Aug-23	Nico Gerstner – Riley Consultants	Allen	Fish & Game's Lake Mangamahoe casting platform – Infrastructure-free zone
10.7.23	Aug-23	Horizons Regional Council	Allen	Horizons RC – comment on vision for Whanganui FMU
10.7.23	Aug-23	Katy Newton DOC	Allen	Lake Kohata
12.7.23	Aug-23	Tracey Scheliin – TRC	Allen	Earthworks adjacent to Otakeho Stream
12.7.23	Aug-23	Stephen Blair	Allen	Maxwell, Whanganui habitat enhancement
12.7.23	Aug-23	Bryan Kirk	Allen	Brophy wetland
17.7.23	Aug-23	Ngawai Terry	Allen	Pukeko Drive – Oakura
20.7.23	Aug-23	Helen Brosnan	Allen	F&G manifesto
27.7.23	Aug-23	Nicole Tawhiri – genesis energy	Allen	WRET funding for riparian management on the Orautoha Stream
1.8.23	Aug-23	Richie Cosgrove	Allen	Magazine – kids fishing day dates
8.8.23	Aug-23	Abby Lagula TRC	Allen	Check Clean Dry Champions working lunch
8.8.23	Aug-23	Kahureremoa Aki	Allen	Action Points – Te Kōpuka hui 21 July 2023
8.8.23	Aug-23	Taihape District Court	Allen	Proof of Service - summons