



**EASTERN  
FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**

***MEETING  
AGENDA***

**10 August 2024**

# AGENDA

## The 209th Meeting of the Eastern Fish and Game Council

**Venue:** Eastern Fish & Game Region Offices  
Paradise Valley Road  
**ROTORUA**

**Date:** Saturday, 10 August 2024

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**R = resolution required, D = for discussion/advice, I = for information only**

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE 208th MEETING OF THE EASTERN FISH AND  
GAME COUNCIL, HELD AT THE ROTORUA OFFICES OF FISH & GAME NEW  
ZEALAND ON THURSDAY 30 MAY 2024 AT 11.00 AM**

• **Present**

Crs. Debbie Oakley, Lindsay Lyons, Kevin Coutts, Mike Jarvie, Mark Sceats, Scott Nicol, and Murray Ferris.

• **In attendance**

Arash Alaeinia, Kate Thompson, Mark Sherburn, Anthony van Dorp, Matt Osborne (Eastern Fish & Game); and Barry Roderick.

**1.0 WELCOME AND KARAKIA**

1.1 Cr Kevin Coutts opened the meeting at 11 am welcoming all present and Cr Mark Sceats followed with a karakia.

**2.0 VOTING OF OFFICER FOR THE POSITION OF COUNCIL CHAIR**

2.1 Deputy Chair Cr Kevin Coutts stepped down and Arash Alaeinia called for nominations for the position of Chair.

2.2 *Moved (Lindsay Lyons/Mike Jarvie) that Cr Mark Sceats be nominated for Council Chairman for the remaining term of Council. [24/05/2.2]*

2.3 There were no further nominations for the position of Chair.

2.4 *Moved (Kevin Coutts/Debbie Oakley) that nominations for the position of Chair be closed. [24/05/2.4]*

2.5 Cr Mark Sceats was duly appointed to the position of Chair and in taking up his position he thanked staff and Council. Mark believed the staff and Council are a team who are here for the benefit of our licence holders, and he hoped to move things forward in a positive manner.

**3.0 APOLOGIES**

3.1 Apologies were received from Crs. Jay Tapsell, and Alan Simmonds.

3.2 *Agreed (Murray Ferris/Scott Nicol) that the apologies for the 208th meeting of the Eastern Region Fish and Game Council be sustained. [24/05/3.2]*

**4.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (4 APRIL 2024)**

4.1 *Agreed (Murray Ferris/Mike Jarvie) that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record. [24/04/4.1]*

**4.2 IDENTIFICATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR INCLUSION IN COUNCIL POLICY**

No items were identified for inclusion in Council policy from the minutes of the meeting held 4 April 2024.

**4.3 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held 4 April 2024.

**5.0 RECONFIRMATION OF LETTER SENT TO NZC**

5.1 *Agreed (Mark Sceats/Mike Jarvie) that Council confirms letter sent by the Council to the New Zealand Fish and Game Council regarding access to Lake Okataina. [24/05/5.1]*

**6.0 NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR GENERAL BUSINESS**

Mike Jarvie - Website

Lindsay Lyons - Marketing

## **7.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGISTER**

- 7.1 Councillors were asked to inform the chair of any conflicts of interest. No conflicts of interest were recorded.
- 7.2 Cr Lindsay Lyons wanted to reiterate to Council that there is nothing wrong with having a conflict. We need to record potential conflicts to be transparent, it doesn't mean that the person with a conflict cannot participate in discussion.
- 7.3 Cr Mark Sceats noted the information on Conflict of Interest distributed with this meeting's papers from the Office of the Auditor General and commented that perception of a conflict is equally important as having an actual conflict.

## **8.0 HEALTH & SAFETY**

- 8.1 Health and Safety Report – Arash Alaeinia was pleased to report that there were no health and safety concerns for this season's Game opening weekend ranging and acknowledged the work and preparation undertaken by Anthony van Dorp in the lead up to opening. Cr Kevin Coutts queried whether there had been any alcohol related incidents? Anthony confirmed that there had been no issues with alcohol, or aggressive and belligerent hunters. Overall, he said it was a very good opening weekend.
- 8.2 Cr Mark Sceats queried the reported issue at Whirinaki Arm and Anthony briefed Council on this.
- 8.3 *Agreed (Kevin Coutts/Murray Ferris) that Council receives the Health and Safety report. [24/05/8.3]*

## **9.0 ANGLERS NOTICE REVIEW**

- 9.1 Arash Alaeinia confirmed that no further proposals had been received for the 2024-2025 Anglers Notice review and requested Council concludes the anglers notice process.
- 9.2 *Agreed (Murray Ferris/Lindsay Lyons) that Council concludes the Anglers Notice Process for the upcoming 2024-2025 angling season. [24/05/9.2]*

## **10.0 2024-2025 OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN**

- 10.1 Arash Alaeinia informed Council that this update to the draft 2024-25 Operational Workplan incorporated adjustments for NZC approved contestable funding bids, and for staff hours with the most significant movement in time being for himself by reallocating his time from "General" to areas such as Public Interface, Council and R3. While this draft was still subject to the approval of licence fees by the Minister of Conservation Arash Alaeinia sought approval to distribute to other parties for comment.
- 10.2 *Agreed (Mike Jarvie/Kevin Coutts) that Council receives the second draft of the 2024-2025 OWP and approves it for circulation to other parties for comment. [24/05/10.2]*

## **11.0 2024-2025 LICENCE FEE RECOMMENDATION**

- 11.1 Arash Alaeinia spoke to the item noting Council's prior concerns with increasing licence fees. However, he wanted Council to bear in mind the rising costs for the organisation as is occurring in all aspects of life in NZ. With our primary source of revenue being from licence fees, if costs rise and we don't increase revenue to match we are not able to undertake our mandated work to the same level. We have no profit margin to squeeze as might occur in other corporate businesses. Arash highlighted that this Region runs on a very conservative budget and inflationary increases for 2024-25 have been met by reducing project expenditure.
- 11.2 Council discussion/comments included:
- Difficult to address this as licence holders don't see our increased costs, they just see that the licence fee has gone up.
  - An increase is not going to bring in new participants.

- Inflation is at 5% at present, this represents an increase of approx. \$7, but will this deter more people from participating?
- Hard call to operate on same budget when costs go up, costs are going up for everyone and a small increase is insignificant over 12 months.
- So much of the work we do is not seen by our stakeholders, more public awareness is needed.
- Perception – a cup of coffee costs this much, but there are people out there that are really struggling.
- Social licence.
- Potential for savings to be had – Future Finance Committee looking to work better as a complete organisation. Review budget process and reserves held.

**11.3** *Agreed (Debbie Oakley/Lindsay Lyons) that the Eastern Fish and Game Council supports the proposed licence fees for 2024-2025 of \$153 (GST inclusive) for the Adult Whole Season Fishing licence, and \$113 (GST inclusive) for the Adult Whole Season Game licence (which includes \$5 for the Game Bird Habitat Trust), and supports the Sea Run Salmon licence endorsement of \$5 and the Designated Waters Licence as a \$5 annual licence per region for residents and \$40 per day for non-residents. [24/05/11.3]*

**11.4** *Agreed (Debbie Oakley/Lindsay Lyons) that Council accepts the proposed National LEQ target for 2024-25 for Fish of 72,826 and Game 31,340. [24/05/11.4]*

## **12.0 REDUCTION OF EASTERN FISH AND GAME COUNCILLOR NUMBERS**

**12.1** Arash Alaeinia informed Council that within the current legislation there is a maximum number of Councillors stipulated but no minimum. He said that the Ministerial Review had highlighted that Fish & Game was made up of 74 staff and 124 Councillors. Arash believed that a smaller group lead to better engagement and asked whether Council supported this view.

**12.2** Cr Lindsay Lyons believed that a reduction in numbers would more likely generate an election. He said that with no election you are there of right rather than being voted in by your stakeholders.

**12.3** Council discussed the impact on Council operation should numbers be reduced to eight in terms quorum and resignations and the processes that would need to be followed in these instances.

**12.4** Secondment and voting powers of these positions was raised.

**12.5** Expectations on Councillors and informing people of what it's all about was also discussed.

**12.6** Cr Mark Sceats preferred the status quo as with the higher number you get greater diversity and he believed that with 12 a balance of both fishers and hunters was more likely.

**12.7** Cr Debbie Oakley commented on the options for coopting to bring in expertise.

**12.8** *Agreed (Kevin Coutts/Lindsay Lyons) that Council adopts a reduction in its elected members for the October 2024 election from 12 to eight members. Six in favour, one against, Cr Mark Sceats wished to record his opposition to the motion. [24/05/12.8]*

## **13.0 WAIKAREMOANA SPORTS FISH HABITAT ENHANCEMENT FUND**

**13.1** Arash Alaeinia detailed the proposed drawdown from the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Habitat Enhancement Fund for 2024-25 to offset staff time and expenses associated with monitoring, access and buoy related work in the Wairoa catchment.

**13.2** *Agreed (Murray Ferris/Mike Jarvie) that Council approves the application for funding from the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Habitat Enhancement Fund of \$6,500 for the 2024-25 operational year. [25/05/13.2]*

#### **14.0 OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

##### ***Finance Report***

14.1 Cr Lindsay Lyons queried an expense paid for PB2 training. Anthony van Dorp advised that this related to Power Boat Level 2 training, and briefly detailed Maritime NZ requirements.

**14.2 *Agreed (Debbie Oakley/Scott Nicol) that Council receives the finance report approves payments for March and April 2024 totalling \$295,102.68. [24//05/14.2]***

##### ***Management Report***

14.3 Council discussion focussed on HPAI (Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza) and the need to be vigilant, ensuring that our stakeholders were aware of what to look out for. Arash Alaeinia informed Council that Fish & Game are working on a management plan which Matthew McDougall has been involved with, and that information was provided initially in the Fish & Game magazine and there will be a stronger presence in communications moving forward.

**14.4 *Agreed (Mark Sceats/Kevin Coutts) that Council receives the Management Report. [24//05/14.4]***

##### ***Licence Sales Report***

14.5 Arash Alaeinia provided a summary of the licence sales report and acknowledged Kate Thompson's work in providing the licence sales updates for this Council and for the National summaries she provides on a regular basis.

14.6 Cr Murray Ferris commented that recent informative meetings attended by staff in Gisborne had quietened the grumbles about licence fees and supported doing these more regularly. Cr Mark Sceats agreed it is about perception and licence holders seeing the work that Fish & Game does for them.

14.7 Barry Roderick asked how Eastern's licence sales compared to DoC Taupo being a primarily boat-based fishery. Cr Debbie Oakley responded providing an update on Taupo sales as provided in the recent TFAC meeting.

**14.8 *Agreed (Mark Sceats/Debbie Oakley) that Council receives the Licence Sales Report. [24/05/14.8]***

15.0 Council adjourned for lunch at 12.15pm.

#### **16.0 LIAISON OFFICERS REPORTS**

16.1 *Report from Bay of Plenty Conservation Board*

No Report

16.2 *Report from Department of Conservation*

No Report

16.3 *Report from New Zealand Council*

Cr Debbie Oakley's report covered:

- Update from TFAC meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> April
- Interim update regarding letter sent to NZC
- Update from last meeting emailed to all Councillors
- Final report from workshops for Future Finance and Future Structure working groups.
- Update on Gary Crawford's report

**17.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**17.1 Website**

Cr Mike Jarvie had noted some items needed updating on the Eastern pages of the website. Arash Alaeinia confirmed that we would address these.

**17.2 Tauranga Anglers Ladies Fly Fishing Workshop**

Mike also wanted to compliment Mark Sherburn on his contribution to the Tauranga Anglers Ladies Fly Fishing Workshop and added that Rachel McNae (NZ Women's Fly-Fishing Team) was keen to do more in this space.

**17.3 Marketing**

Cr Lindsay Lyons raised the need to reconsider some of the phraseology we use in our marketing campaigns and provided example's, ie., hunting instead of shooting, harvesting instead sport fishing.

**17.4 Lindsay also highlighted an opportunity to market for coarse fishing which will be attractive to the Asian market in the Auckland/Waikato region and to push more for Women angling opportunities.**

**17.4 Future Plan**

Lindsay was also keen for Council to get together to strategise where we want to be in 5 years' time, a round table on threats and opportunities. Cr Mark Sceats suggested a short workshop after the next meeting to get this started.

**18.0 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION**

**18.1 Agreed (Mark Sceats/Scott Nicol) that pursuant to Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the public be excluded at 1.07 pm from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely, to confirm the minutes of 4 April 2024 Public Excluded discussion. [24/05/18.1]**

**18.2 Agreed (Mark Sceats/Lindsay Lyons) that Council moves out of Public Excluded at 1.20 pm. [24/05/18.2]**

**19.0 MEETING CLOSED**

19.1 Cr Mark Sceats closed the meeting 1.20 pm.

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**Mark Sceats**  
**Chairman**

## SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

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## 5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGISTER

Ref: 7.02.01

24 July 2024

### 1. Purpose

A standing agenda item to disclose any Councillor (“Member”) Conflict of Interest or potential Conflict of Interest, and record this in the Councillor Conflict of Interest Register.

### 2. Background

In 2016 the Eastern Fish and Game Council adopted a revised policy and rules for dealing with Conflicts of Interest and these include providing a standing agenda item to allow Councillors to disclose any Conflict or highlight any potential conflict. The “Interest Register” ring binder will be circulated in the first part of each meeting for Councillors to record any interests. The Council should then discuss how it wants to deal with any interest or perceived interest identified.

**Conflict of Interest** (refer s2.7 Governance Policies) means when the member can be shown to have actual bias or apparent bias in respect of a matter<sup>1</sup> i.e:

- (i) A member can be shown to have actual bias when a member’s decision or act in relation to a matter could give rise to an expectation of financial gain or loss (that is more than trivial) to the member (and/or to the member’s parent(s), child(ren), spouse, civil union partner, de facto partner, business partner(s)/associate(s), debtor(s) or creditor(s)).
- (ii) A member can be shown to have apparent bias when a member’s official duties or responsibilities to the Council in relation to a matter could reasonably be said to be affected by some other interest or duty that the member has.
- (iii) A member’s “interest or duty” includes the interests of that member’s parent(s), child(ren), spouse, civil union partner or de facto partner that may be affected by the matter at issue. It also includes the interests of a person with whom the member has a close, personal relationship where there is a real danger of personal favouritism.
- (iv) There is no Conflict of Interest where the member’s other interest or duty is so remote or insignificant that it cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to influence him or her in carrying out his or her responsibility.

**A potential conflict of interest** (refer s2.8 Governance Policies) arises when:

- (i) There is a realistic connection between the member’s private interest(s) and the interest(s) of the Council;
- (ii) The member’s other interest could specifically affect, or be affected by, the actions of the Council in relation to a matter;

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<sup>1</sup> “Matter” means:

(i) The Council’s performance of its functions or exercise of its powers as set out in Part 5A of the Conservation Act 1987, subject to the Council’s statutory purpose set out in section 26P(1) of the Conservation Act; or

(ii) An arrangement, agreement, or contract made or entered into, or proposed to be entered into, by the Council.

- (iii) A fair-minded lay observer might reasonably consider that the member's private interest or duty may influence or motivate the actions of the member in relation to a matter; and
- (iv) There is a risk that the situation could undermine public trust and confidence in the member or the Council.

**Conflicts of Interest should be dealt with as follows** (refer s1.13 Standing Orders):

1.13.1 Every member present at a meeting must declare any direct or indirect conflict of interest that they hold in any matter being discussed at the meeting, other than an interest that they hold in common with the public.

1.13.2 When a conflict of interest arises in respect of a matter, the affected member will:

- (i) not vote on issues related to the matter;
- (ii) not discuss the matter with other members;
- (iii) conform to the majority view of other members present as to whether to be excluded from discussions regarding the matter and/or leave the room when the matter is discussed;
- (iv) not, subject to the discretion of the Chairperson, receive further papers or other information related to the matter.

1.13.3 Where a member can be shown to have a potential conflict of interest, the Council (excluding the affected member) will determine an appropriate course of action, which may include the following:

- (i) applying some or all of the actions applied to a member with a conflict of interest (set out in 1.13.2 i) – iv) above);
- (ii) providing a written explanation outlining why there is no legal conflict of interest that can be made available to all Fish and Game Councils, licence holders and other interested parties.

1.13.4 The conflicted member will be given the opportunity to be heard by the Council on the points raised and the member's submissions will be taken into consideration by the Council.

1.13.5 The minutes must record the declaration and member's subsequent abstention from discussion and voting.

Councillors should take this opportunity to disclose any Conflict of Interest they are aware of now and record it in the circulated Conflict of Interest Register. If during the course of the meeting a conflict or perceived conflict is recognised, then this should be disclosed at that point in time.

### **3. Recommendation**

***3.1 That Councillors disclose any Conflict or potential Conflict of Interest, record it in the Interest Register, and Council agrees on how to deal with any Conflict of Interest raised.***

## 6. HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

Ref: 9.01.07

24 July 2024

### Background

As part of its commitment to Health and Safety and providing a safe workplace, the Eastern Fish and Game Council is provided with a report at each meeting describing:

1. Implementation and adherence to the Health and Safety plan – including Health and Safety as an agenda item for staff and ranger meetings;
2. Monitoring and Reporting – in accordance with the Health and Safety plan;
3. Risk Management (identification and treatment) – any new issues or hazards that have arisen and how these have been addressed;
4. Training programme – information sharing and training of staff and volunteers;
5. Health and Safety incidents – near misses or injuries sustained, plus updates on past events;
6. Recommendations.

May – July 2024

<b>1. Implementation and Adherence to the Health and Safety Plan</b>	
Regular (weekly) staff meetings. Minutes from the Health and Safety portion of the meeting are emailed to all staff. Visitors to the office and contractors are required to sign our desk register, and our hazard register is updated as required.	
<b>Tail Gate forms completed for:</b>	
May 2024	Acoustic Survey – Lk Tarawera
May 2024	Drift dive Tarawera outlet
June 2024	Track clearance – Gumboot Pt Rerewhakaaitu
July 2024	Drift dive Tarawera outlet
<b>2023-2024 Budget for Health &amp; Safety \$2,000</b>	

<b>2. Monitoring and Reporting</b>	
<b>Work Place Accident Register</b>	<b>24/07/2024</b>
<b>Number of Workplace injuries in 2023-2024 year</b>	<b>0</b>
Number of Workplace injuries in 2022-2023 year	4
Number of Workplace injuries in 2021-2022 year	1
Number of Workplace injuries in 2020-2021 year	1
Number of Workplace injuries in 2019-2020 year	1
Number of Workplace injuries in 2018-2019 year	1
<b>Total Number of Workplace injuries since 1 Sept 1995</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Total number of lost work injuries since 1 Sept 1995</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total number of days since last lost work injury</b>	<b>455</b>
Days from prior lost work injury to lost work injury on 26/04/23	767
Days from prior lost work injury to lost work injury on 21/3/21	245
Days from prior lost work injury to lost work injury on 19/7/20	1,053
Days from prior lost work injury to lost work injury on 31/8/17	1,363
Days since formal register commenced 1/09/95 to first lost work injury 7/12/13	6,672

**3. Risk Management (identification and treatment)**

**Notes taken for the H&S minutes at the weekly staff meeting and emailed to all staff:**

20 May 2024	Rain expected Tues - Careful of driving & water levels around streams
27 May 2024	Nothing new
4 June 2024	Mindful of changing weather
10 June 2024	Please ensure speed limits on property are observed by all
17 June 2024	Spawning streams, poaching, end of season, intense heavy rain
24 June 2024	Nothing new
1 July 2024	Closed waters – keep eye out for poachers, sunstrike
8 July 2024	Black ice/fog, Closed waters keep eye out for poachers
15 July 2024	Rain expected Mon/Tues
22 July 2024	Be aware of poachers two up ranging where necessary

**4. Training Programme**

Nil

**5. H&S Incidents**

Nil

**6. Recommendation**

**That Council acknowledges it has received this report.**

## **7. REDUCTION OF EASTERN REGION SUB REGIONS**

**24 July 2024**

### **1. Purpose**

To agree to reduce the Eastern Fish and Game Council's Electoral Subregions (electoral wards) from six to three with the aim of creating a stronger and more equitable voting process that helps create opportunity for nominations and those nominations are voted in based on their majority votes.

### **2. Background**

At Council's meeting on the 30 May, Council voted and accepted for Eastern Fish and Game Council to reduce its Councillor numbers from 12 down to eight.

Reducing the Eastern Fish and Game Council's subregions will add additional robustness to our voting process and help to create a fair representation of Councillors elected for the role as opposed to nominees taking a position on Council as a result of no other competition for the position within a particular subregion.

The Eastern Fish & Game region currently comprises six subregions as provided for in s26U(3) of the Conservation Act. Fewer subregions are an option, and this requires a resolution from the regional Fish and Game Council and public notification of such in an appropriate newspaper.

The proposed new Subregions are:

- Subregion 1, Central Lakes – combining Rotorua Lakes & Taupo (1 & 3 on the map)
- Subregion 2, Western Bay – combining Tauranga & Whakatane (2 & 4 on the map)
- Subregion 3, East Coast – combining Gisborne & Wairoa (5 & 6 on the map).

There is a requirement to have at least one representative from each subregion with the highest votes and the remaining five Council positions would be based on next highest polling candidates.

Council can allocate individuals to act as additional representatives for a subregion based on the needs and licence holder numbers to help create a more balanced offer of licence holder representation based on the needs at the time.

### **Legislative references to subregions –**

#### ***Conservation Act 1987 S26U(3)***

- (1) Each Fish and Game Council shall consist of not more than 12 members elected in accordance with [section 26Z](#).
- (2) A person shall be qualified to be a member of a Fish and Game Council only if that person holds a current adult whole season licence to hunt game or fish for sports fish.
- (3) Each region defined by the Minister under [section 26A\(1\)\(c\)](#) shall comprise not more than 6 subregions, which shall be determined by the Fish and Game Council for that region and notified in some newspaper circulating in the areas affected.
- (4) No person who is a bankrupt or has been convicted of an offence involving sports fish or game or protected wildlife (being an offence under this Act or any other Act) shall be eligible to be a member of a Fish and Game Council.

Section 26U: inserted, on 10 April 1990, by [section 17](#) of the Conservation Law Reform Act 1990 (1990 No 31).

Section 26U(4): amended, on 13 March 1996, by [section 19](#) of the Conservation Amendment Act 1996 (1996 No 1).

### ***Fish and Game Council Elections Regulations 1990 – (S2 Interpretation)***

“subregion means any subdivision of a fish and game region as determined and notified by a Fish and Game Council under [section 26U\(3\)](#) of the Act.”

Without specific reference to the amendment of subregions, amendments would follow the same process. This is that the subdivision of a region into new subregions is determined by the Council for that region and notified in some newspaper circulating in the areas affected.



### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 That Council approves the decision made via email to reduce Eastern Fish and Game sub-regions from six to three as per the proposed paper;**
- Subregion 1 – Central Lakes (Rotorua Lakes & Taupo)**
  - Subregion 2 – Western Bay (Tauranga & Whakatane)**
  - Subregion 3 – East Coast (Gisborne & Wairoa).**

## **8. 2024-2025 OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN**

**Ref: 8.02.01**

**24 July 2024**

### **1. Purpose**

To approve the final draft of the Operational Work Plan (OWP) prepared for the 2024-2025 year after addressing any changes that might have been proposed since this draft was approved at Council's May 30 meeting.

### **2. Background**

During Council's February meeting some minor changes were made to the 1<sup>st</sup> draft OWP and there were no resolutions made to amend priorities or Council direction for the 2024-2025 operational year. At the April meeting Council supported staff recommendations for one application for contestable funding and one proposal to use Eastern Region's general reserves be forwarded to the NZ Council. These applications were subsequently submitted to and approved by the NZ Council subject to Ministerial approval of Fish & Game's proposed licence fees for 2024-2025 which were considered at the May meeting.

A 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of the 2024-25 Operation Work Plan was submitted for approval at the May meeting of Council and subsequently copies were sent to clubs and stakeholders after the meeting (clubs for whom we have a current address, Department of Conservation, BoP Regional Council, Gisborne District Council, Ngati Awa, Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa, Ngati Whakaue iwi, Te Uru Taumatua, Te Arawa Lakes Trust, Tapukia iwi) with a request that any comments they might have be returned to us by Monday 22 July. No submissions or feedback has been received to date, nor are staff proposing any additional amendments.

At the May meeting Council supported the New Zealand Council's proposal not to increase licence fees for the 2024-25 Season, recognising that budget shortfalls were to be drawn from regional reserves. Following consultation with all regions the New Zealand Council's final submission presented to the minister incorporated a licence fee increase of \$3 for both Fish and Game licences. Adult Whole Season Fish would increase from \$153 to \$156 and Adult Whole Season Game from \$113 to \$116 and, all other categories adjusted based on existing ratios. The proposal also included an adjustment to the Non-Resident Designated Waters Day licence of \$20 increasing the fee from \$40 to \$60 per day.

On 3 July 2024 the Minister approved the proposed licence fee increase of \$3 for the 2024-2025 Season and declined the proposed increase to the Non-Resident Designated Waters Day licence. The result of this being a reduced requirement to drawn on regional reserves.

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 *That Council approves the proposed Operational Work Plan and budget for the 2024-2025 year, and***
- 3.2 *Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to approve expenditure during the year as set out in the Council approved Operational Work Plan and budget.***

## **9. SPECIES MONITORING REPORTS**

**21 July 2024**

### **1. Purpose**

To receive the executive summary for the 2023-24 Summer Creel Survey.

### **2. Background**

The Council annually resources a number of key species management programmes to assess and monitor sports fish and game populations and the success rate and degree of satisfaction of users of the sports fish and game resource. The information collected from these programmes enables the Council to make informed decisions on species management to ensure sustainable populations are maintained for recreational harvest. These programmes also provide valuable information for other parties such as Regional Councils who can use sports fish and game bird data to assess the effects of habitat changes on biological systems. The programmes provide credible datasets not only to underpin management decisions but are vital for statutory advocacy and public awareness. A copy of the full report is available in the meeting's Papers for Information.

#### **Lake Rotoiti**

Anglers fishing Lake Rotoiti over the 2023-24 summer experienced improved average catch rates compared to the 2022-23 summer. Catch rates were above the past ten-year average (0.32 fish/hr). Soft baiting (3% use) proved the most successful method followed by down rigger trolling (9% use) and shallow trolling (9% use). Overall, the 2023-24 average sized fish was longer, slightly lighter and in lesser condition than the 2022-23 summer fish. Both the spring and autumn released rising 3-year-olds were smaller compared to their same aged counterparts from the 2022-23 summer, whereas the rising 2-year-old spring released fish were smaller and the autumn released fish larger. Angler satisfaction was significantly lowered compared to the 2022-23 summer with 91% of anglers stating they were satisfied with their summers fishing on Lake Rotoiti (P=0.047).

#### **Lake Tarawera**

Lake Tarawera anglers surveyed over the 2023-24 summer experienced catch rates that were significantly improved compared to the 2022-23 summer (P=0.047). The average fish measured was 1mm shorter, marginally lighter (but in better average condition) than the 2022-23 summer fish. The most successful method surveyed was soft baiting (6% use), followed by wire line trolling (3% use), down rigger trolling (13% use), and lead line trolling (29% use). Angler satisfaction was lowered compared to the 2022-23 summer with 91% of anglers interviewed stating they were satisfied with their 2023-24 summer's fishing on Lake Tarawera.

#### **Lake Rotorua**

Lake Rotorua anglers enjoyed a solid catch rate over the 2023-24 summer that bettered the past 15-year average. The fish caught while slightly smaller and lighter than the 2022-23 seasons catch were in better condition and larger than the 2021-22 summer catch. Soft baiting produced the highest returns to anglers, followed by fly fishing, spinning then shallow trolling. All anglers stated they were satisfied with their 2023-24 summers fishing on Lake Rotorua. This was unchanged from the previous summer.



### **Lake Ōkātina**

Lake Ōkātina anglers were engaged through the angler diary scheme over the 2023-24 summer to provide a record of the trout fishery. As experienced regular anglers were approached, catch rates were elevated compared to the past 15-year average. Jigging produced the best catch rates while accounting for 15% of surveyed use, followed by lead line trolling (65% reported use) then soft baiting (20% reported use). The average fish caught over the 2023-24 summer was longer, heavier and in better condition than those recorded during both the 2021-22 and 2022-23 summers.

### **3. Recommendation**

*That Council receives the summary for the 2023-24 Summer Creel Survey.*

## 10 FLUORIDE AND POSSIBLE EFFECTS ON TROUT

24 July 2024

### 1. Purpose

To acknowledge receipt and be aware of this development and monitor development and any impact on the trout fisheries.

### 2. Background

Possible Effects on Rainbow Trout in Lake Environments From Fluoride in Town Water Supply.

By Alan Simmons. 1/6/2024

The Rotorua Council is considering a directive from the Health Department to add fluoride to Rotorua's water supply. Some Councillors and many of the public are opposing this.

As councils countrywide ramp up the addition of highly toxic fluoride into town water supplies to comply with a directive of the Director General of health, there seems to be very little known about the toxicity on the biota of the lake and saltwater environment to the run off water which the toxic poison is discharged into. The Fluoride is seen to be good for preventing tooth decay (many studies contradict that thinking) however it becomes mass medication of the population without their consent when it is added to their drinking water and many people go to extraordinary efforts to fill containers of non fluoridated water for drinking purposes from known wells and springs.

The compulsory addition of a serious poison to town water supplies ignores the simple fact that most of the water is not consumed by the population but finds its way into wherever it is discharged by way of showering, car washing, hosing gardens and so on. If the discharge of the town water supply is into a lake system then the chances of a fluoride buildup in the biota is possible and untested. Also the uptake into home grown food watered with fluoridated water. In the case of Rotorua while the sewage is treated and then sprayed onto the forest all storm water and run off is discharged directly into Lake Rotorua. It would also be interesting to see if the poison fluoride survives the treatment plant before being discharged onto the land to eventually end up in a river, stream or lake, There is evidence that waste treatment actually concentrates fluoride.

We know from studies done in 1970 (undertaken by David Pike Field officer and Hatchery Manager of the Wairarapa Acclimatisation Society) of the deadly effects of chlorine in town water discharges into clean water river systems at extremely low doses and I would suggest similar effects are likely from fluoride. The fluoride added to town water is a waste product from the fertilizer industry and also contains a number of other deadly chemicals namely, arsenic and lead .... This waste product accumulates in the body and while low doses do not seem to manifest in medical symptoms of a mass scale some people are very susceptible and they avoid "fluoride tap" water in an attempt to stay well.

If chlorine at low doses discharged into a clean river kills trout then it stands to reason that fluoride could also have an effect on trout populations especially in a lake system where the fluoride can accumulate in both those species that live in the lake and through their food chain all living in that same environment. Studies done in 1961 by researchers at the Utah State university showed that fluoride killed rainbow trout at a level of 2-4 ppm and as the amount of fluoride in the environment raises, the risk grows. Since then in the Rotorua region the use of fertilizer has grown dramatically and as fluoride is a component of the fertilizer that is top dressed all over the farmlands thus increasing the base levels before the Council even begin to add to that. There is also the matter of the volcanic soils of the region adding to the risk of

excessive fluorine in the lake water. The biology for trout is such that in freshwater they take up salt and fluoride follows accumulating via the skin whereas in a saltwater environment they expel it via the gills. As the temperature rises they become more and more susceptible to death from fluoride. The same applies to the invertebrates that are the food source of the trout and they are even more susceptible to the effects of fluoride at an even lower level.

It would be an interesting exercise to test a trout that has been living in a fluoridated lake to establish the safe levels as well as the invertebrates that are the prime food source such as koura and caddis. At this stage fluoride is not added to the Rotorua town water supply but the council have received a directive from the Health department to add it. Some councils around the country are fighting this and have now had the deadlines extended.

Eastern Fish and Game need to express concern at the unknown effects on the trout of this deadly and toxic poison being proposed for release into the water by indicating to the Rotorua council the possible effects of fluoridation on the iconic Rotorua trout fishery, the loss of which could cause severe economic hardship for the wider region.

### **3. Recommendation**

***That Fish and Game continue to monitor developments and any new reports internationally.***

## **11 WAIKAREMOANA NAVIGATIONAL MARKERS**

**24 July 2024**

### **1. Purpose**

To offer financial support through the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Habitat Enhancement Fund (WSFHEF) to the Waikaremoana Boating & Fishing Club to install 4 to 6 navigational markers in Lake Waikaremoana.

### **2. Background**

The Waikaremoana Boating & Fishing Club is in a position to reapply for funds from the WSFHEF that it originally had applied for and was granted in 2016 for \$12,000.

As \$12,000 was approved in 2016, this amount in today's value would be just under \$15,500, so it would be prudent for the Council to increase the funds offered in line with 8 years of CPI increase to \$15,500.

### **Minutes April 2016**

11.3 Council discussed the application for financial assistance put forward by the Waikaremoana Boating & Fishing Association to replace four navigation markers on Lake Waikaremoana. Initial comments were in relation to maintenance and legalities of these structures. Cr Murray Ferris advised that the Waikaremoana Boating & Fishing Association had completed the necessary applications/approvals and had made arrangements to do the work in conjunction with the Department of Conservation and iwi. Andy Garrick suggested that it would be appropriate to obtain copies of the required approvals.

***11.4 Agreed (Annaka Davis/Sandy Bull) that Council approves funding of \$12,000 from the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Habitat Enhancement Fund to assist the Waikaremoana Boating & Fishing Association with the replacement of four navigation markers as specified within their application, subject to Council receiving copies of the necessary approvals for these structures. [16/04/11.4]***

### **Minutes November 2018**

11.3 The Waikaremoana Boating and Fishing Association had run into difficulties in getting approval for the installation of navigation markers and staff's recommendation was that the funds (\$12,000) allocated for this project be held over pending further advice from the Association.

### **Minutes October 2020**

18.5 Cr Murray Ferris informed Council that the Waikaremoana Boating and Fishing Association had recently considered disbanding but were now back up and running. They were keen to reapply for funding for the shallow water navigation markers Council had previously approved, and were keen to attend a Council meeting in the near future.

### **3. Recommendation**

***3.1 That Council supports this action, subject to receiving appropriate detailed information of the navigational markers, sites identified for the markers, installation details and appropriate permission from Tuhoe and Department of Conservation.***

***3.2 That Council approves to increase the funding to \$15,500 from \$12,000***

## 12. OPERATIONAL REPORTS

### 12.1 FINANCE REPORT

Ref: 8.03.01

24 July 2024

#### 1. Purpose

To inform the Council of the year-to-date financial position and approve payments for the months of May and June 2024.

Tables within this report:

Table 1	Variance Report to 30 June 2024
Table 2	Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2024
Table 3	Profit and Loss to 30 June 2024
Tables 4 & 5	Bank Transactions May and June 2024
Tables 6 & 7	Credit Card Transactions May and June 2024

#### 2. YTD Profit and Loss

The Profit & Loss statement for the period ending 30 June 2024 is provided in Table 3.

#### *Summary*

The net position YTD is \$200,698 surplus against the YTD budgeted surplus of \$188,119, net variance \$12,579.

The net variance of \$12,579 is a result of income received being lower than that budgeted by \$3,312, and reduced expenditure \$15,891.

<b>Income</b>	<b>Var YTD</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Var YTD</b>
Licence Sales	58,845 ▼	Depreciation	2,027 ▲
Other Income	55,533 ▲	Operating Expenses	29,723 ▼
		Administration Expenses	11,805 ▲
	3,312 ▲ -0.002%		15,891 ▼ -1%
		<b>Net</b>	<b>12,579 ▲ 7%</b>

A more detailed summary is provided in the following notes.

#### *Income*

##### **Licence Sales**

Licence revenue is reporting to be below budget YTD (\$58,845). The licensing expense is also underbudget \$19,659 YTD due to reduced costs associated with the Designated Waters system development and reduced commission and fees resulting from reduced sales. This underspend will offset some of the licence revenue variance this season. A more up to date and accurate picture of fish licence sales performance can be found within the licence sales report.

## **Other Income**

Revenue from other sources over the two months totalled \$45,162 and was made up of the following:

Fishing competitions	\$466	Interest General	\$2,018
Rentals	\$11,018	Interest Waikaremoana	\$1,714
Fines	\$133	Contract Services (H/Bay)	\$1,624
Fish food, tours	\$84	Contract Services (NZC)	\$5,535
Diversions	\$700	Hatchery	\$10,726
Legal expense recovery	\$200	DoC – Waihi weir upgrade	\$10,000
General	\$944		
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,162</b>

Other income is currently reporting to be \$55,533 ahead of budget, \$9,000 of this offset's expenditure within the Reserves budget for Awaiti WMR and, \$10,000 for Waihi WMR weir upgrade which will occur before year end. \$1,680 was received from MPI for maize purchased within the Waterfowl Monitoring budget, and \$1,600 from sponsors offsetting spending within the R3 budget. Contract revenue is \$31,040 ahead of budget and results from increased chargeable work for other Fish & Game regions and unbudgeted revenue from Genesis Energy

## **Species Management**

The main expenditure within the Population Monitoring budgets related to the completion of the analysis of data collected from eight of the Lake Tarawera Acoustic Surveys (\$8,450).

Harvest assessment spending relates to the first four Game Hunter Surveys.

Hatchery spending for the period includes fish food, vehicle maintenance and fuel, oxygen, and the cost of various materials for repairs and painting. A replacement scale was purchased for the Te Wairoa Trap and, the round pool in the Hatchery replaced with two plastic water troughs. Despite fish food costs being ahead of budget \$2,578, the Hatchery output as a whole is currently within budget YTD.

## **Habitat**

There is no Habitat spending to report within the period.

## **Participation**

Participation spending over the period related to hut maintenance and electricity, the children's fishing programme and a koha for the Game Hunter night held in Gisborne. Within budget YTD.

## **Public Interface**

The spending within the Public Interface output was related to maintenance to driveways, signs, a solar light and cleaning of the public toilets. Over budget YTD \$2,299. These costs will be recouped now that the of the fire store depot has been leased.

## **Compliance**

Compliance expenditure relates to the usual 0800 Poaching service and cell phone costs, and legal fees associated with a prosecution. The Compliance output is within budget YTD.

### ***Licensing***

Licensing costs include agent commissions, and the fees associated with the Public Online sales. The licensing output is under budget YTD (\$19,659) due to lower than budgeted development costs for the Designated Waters system and lower commissions in part due to reduced licence sales. This surplus will help to offset reduced licence revenue this season.

### ***Council***

Expenses are reported within the Council budgets relating to catering for the May meeting of Council and travel reimbursement for the February, April, and May meetings. Minor expenses are also reported for meetings with various stakeholders. A small overspend is reported YTD (\$385).

### ***Planning***

Management and Strategic Planning costs were minimal and related to an event held locally where the Minister of Finance was speaking. (R3 Budget). Within budget YTD.

### ***Administration***

Salaries	Staff salaries are within budget YTD. Leave accruals this year will contribute to an overspend in the salaries budget at year end due to increased cost of leave and an increase in leave owed.
Staff Expenses	FBT was paid in May and other staff expenses related to opening weekend ranging, staff wet weather clothing, safety boots and a small get-well gift. Staff expenses are overbudget \$2,550 and is offset by increased contract revenue.
Staff Houses	Rental agent commission and fees and gas bottle service costs are reported within the Staff Houses expense budgets. Under budget YTD \$1,650. A new wood burner needed to be installed into the timber house and this has been allocated to fixed assets at a cost of \$5,654.
Office Premises	The usual expenses relating to electricity, cleaning, rubbish removal, and alarm monitoring were incurred. Over budget YTD \$754 and this is due primarily to increased rates and insurance.
Office Equipment	Office Equipment expenses include the phone system and eftpos lease costs. A head set and new chair were also purchased within the period. Over budget YTD \$1,154 due to an upgrade of the phone system at a slightly higher cost, calling costs however have reduced.
Communications/ Consumables	Telephone expenses are made up of cell phones, 0800 service, Garmin InReach, and 2Talk calling plan needed to utilise the IP phones. Expenses are also reported relating to IT services, stationery, an HD drive for backups, Starlink, stationery, and photocopying. Under budget YTD \$2,437.
General	Expenses are reported for the Survey Monkey subscription, morning teas, and bank charges. Over budget YTD \$2,810 due primarily to increased insurance costs.
General Equipment	General equipment and maintenance spending related to repairs to blower and a trailer, and Seaflux charges. Two EPIRBS were purchased for each of the boats. Over budget YTD \$219 due to unbudgeted costs associated with the Seaflux app.

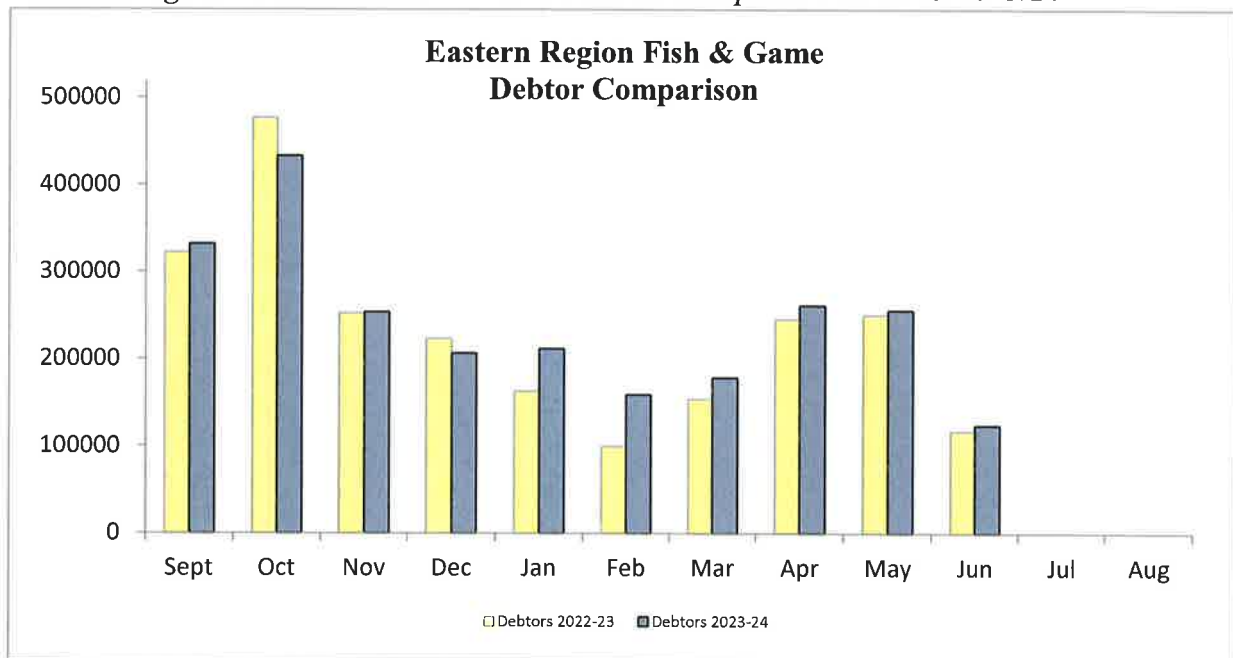
Vehicles	Vehicle expenses for the period were significant and included servicing of two vehicles, two sets of tyres, registration, RUC's and fuel. The vehicles budgets are overspent YTD \$9,237 due to increased maintenance, fuel, and insurance costs. We expect that this variance will reduce as over the final two months, but a variance will remain at year end.
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**Cash Position: As at 30 June 2024**

\$ 790,038 (includes \$93,543 Asset Replacement Reserve)  
\$ 496,570 (Waikaremoana SFHEF – Restricted Reserve)  
**\$1,286,608 Total**

**Debtors:** Outstanding Debtors \$123,731 as at 30 June 2024 (\$117,212 as at 30 June 2023).

*Eastern Region Fish and Game - Debtors Balance Comparison 2022/23-2023/24*



Debtors outstanding as 30 June related primarily to licence sales (\$106,258) and hatchery orders for other F&G regions (\$12,573). One agent was again \$636 overdue, and this has since been paid.

**3. Variance Report (Table 1)**

The variance report is shown on the following two pages. The complete year actual including staff hours are entered for each project area to provide Council with an overview of the staff time component of the Operational Work Plan.



**Table 1 2023/2024 REPORT OF VARIANCES BETWEEN TOTAL BUDGET AND YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL EXPENDITURE AND INCOME**

as at 30 June 2024

Schedule B Code	Project	EXTERNAL COSTS		HOURS		INTERNAL COST		NETABLE INCOME		NET COST		NET COST	Variance	%
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual			
1110	Species Monitoring	\$ 53,700	\$ 42,182	2,119	1,831	\$ 158,476	\$ 136,053	\$ -	\$ 1,680	\$ 212,176	\$ 176,555	\$ 35,621	\$ 83.2	
1120	Harvest Assessment	\$ 2,900	\$ 2,047	690	783	\$ 51,604	\$ 58,181	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54,504	\$ 60,228	\$ (5,724)	\$ 170.5	
1140	Hatchery Operations	\$ 97,050	\$ 86,422	2,996	2,755	\$ 224,066	\$ 204,711	\$ 68,000	\$ 42,640	\$ 253,116	\$ 248,493	\$ 4,623	\$ 98.2	
1160	Releases	\$ -	\$ -	134	203	\$ 10,022	\$ 15,084	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,022	\$ 15,084	\$ (5,062)	\$ 150.5	
1170	Regulations	\$ -	\$ -	76	96	\$ 5,684	\$ 7,133	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,684	\$ 7,133	\$ (1,449)	\$ 125.5	
1180	Control	\$ 500	\$ -	36	28	\$ 2,692	\$ 2,081	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,192	\$ 2,081	\$ 1,112	\$ 65.2	
	<b>TOTAL - SPECIES MANAGEMENT</b>	\$ 154,150	\$ 130,652	6,051	5,696	\$ 452,544	\$ 423,242	\$ 68,000	\$ 44,320	\$ 538,694	\$ 509,574	\$ 29,120	\$ 94.6	
1210	Resource Management Act	\$ -	\$ -	1,432	1,362	\$ 107,097	\$ 101,204	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 107,097	\$ 101,204	\$ 5,893	\$ 94.5	
1230	Works & Management	\$ 17,500	\$ 24,953	940	919	\$ 70,301	\$ 68,266	\$ 11,650	\$ 29,909	\$ 76,151	\$ 63,330	\$ 12,821	\$ 83.2	
1240	Assisted Habitat	\$ 700	\$ -	770	212	\$ 57,587	\$ 15,753	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58,287	\$ 15,753	\$ 42,534	\$ 27.0	
1240	Assess & Monitor	\$ -	\$ -	72	-	\$ 5,385	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,385	\$ -	\$ 5,385	\$ 0.0	
1250	Lake Waikaremoana	\$ -	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.0	
	<b>TOTAL - HABITAT PROTECTION &amp; M</b>	\$ 18,200	\$ 24,953	3,214	2,493	\$ 240,370	\$ 185,243	\$ 11,650	\$ 29,909	\$ 246,920	\$ 180,287	\$ 66,633	\$ 73.0	
1310	Access	\$ 5,500	\$ 1,782	708	497	\$ 52,950	\$ 36,930	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58,450	\$ 38,712	\$ 19,738	\$ 66.2	
1330	Newsletters/Information	\$ -	\$ -	342	128	\$ 25,578	\$ 9,511	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,578	\$ 9,511	\$ 16,067	\$ 37.2	
1340	Other Publications	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,019	38	3	\$ 2,842	\$ 223	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,842	\$ 1,242	\$ 3,600	\$ 25.6	
1350	Training	\$ 850	\$ 516	775	494	\$ 57,961	\$ 36,707	\$ 7,000	\$ 2,435	\$ 51,811	\$ 34,788	\$ 17,023	\$ 67.1	
1360	Club Relations	\$ -	\$ -	32	95	\$ 2,393	\$ 7,059	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,393	\$ 7,059	\$ (4,666)	\$ 295.0	
1370	Huts	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,298	46	32	\$ 3,440	\$ 2,378	\$ 400	\$ 496	\$ 4,490	\$ 3,180	\$ 1,310	\$ 70.8	
	<b>TOTAL - ANGLER &amp; HUNTER PARTIC</b>	\$ 9,800	\$ 4,615	1,941	1,249	\$ 145,164	\$ 92,807	\$ 7,400	\$ 2,931	\$ 147,564	\$ 94,491	\$ 53,073	\$ 64.0	
1410	Liaison	\$ -	\$ -	72	44	\$ 5,385	\$ 3,269	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,385	\$ 3,269	\$ 2,115	\$ 60.7	
1420	Communication	\$ -	\$ -	116	37	\$ 8,675	\$ 2,749	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,675	\$ 2,749	\$ 5,926	\$ 31.7	
1440	Public Promotions	\$ 1,000	\$ 105	114	68	\$ 8,526	\$ 5,053	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,526	\$ 5,158	\$ 4,368	\$ 54.1	
1450	Visitor Facilities/Education	\$ 500	\$ 3,694	633	314	\$ 47,341	\$ 23,332	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47,841	\$ 27,026	\$ 20,815	\$ 56.5	
	<b>TOTAL - PUBLIC INTERFACE</b>	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,799	935	463	\$ 69,927	\$ 34,403	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71,427	\$ 38,202	\$ 33,225	\$ 53.5	
1510	Ranging	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,923	930	745	\$ 69,553	\$ 55,357	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,553	\$ 57,180	\$ 13,373	\$ 81.0	
1520	Ranger Training	\$ 1,000	\$ 203	104	66	\$ 7,778	\$ 4,904	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,778	\$ 5,107	\$ 3,671	\$ 58.2	
1530	Compliance Prosecutions	\$ 4,000	\$ 750	336	139	\$ 25,129	\$ 10,328	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,070	\$ 24,129	\$ 8,009	\$ 16,120	\$ 33.2	
	<b>TOTAL - COMPLIANCE</b>	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,776	1,370	950	\$ 102,460	\$ 70,590	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,070	\$ 103,460	\$ 70,296	\$ 33,164	\$ 67.9	
1610	Licensing	\$ 13,654	\$ 8,620	124	121	\$ 9,274	\$ 8,991	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,928	\$ 17,611	\$ 5,317	\$ 76.8	
1620	Agent Servicing	\$ -	\$ -	148	33	\$ 11,069	\$ 2,452	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,069	\$ 2,452	\$ 8,617	\$ 22.2	
	<b>TOTAL - LICENSING</b>	\$ 13,654	\$ 8,620	272	154	\$ 20,342	\$ 11,443	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,996	\$ 20,063	\$ 13,934	\$ 59.0	
1710	Council Elections	\$ -	\$ -	0	1	\$ -	\$ 74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 74	\$ (74)	#DIV/0!	
1720	Council Meetings	\$ 6,500	\$ 5,885	474	265	\$ 35,450	\$ 19,691	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,950	\$ 25,576	\$ 16,373	\$ 61.0	
	<b>TOTAL - COUNCILS</b>	\$ 6,500	\$ 5,885	474	266	\$ 35,450	\$ 19,765	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,950	\$ 25,651	\$ 16,299	\$ 61.1	
1810	Management Planning	\$ 8,500	\$ 7,381	281	213	\$ 21,016	\$ 15,827	\$ -	\$ 1,600	\$ 29,516	\$ 21,608	\$ 7,908	\$ 73.2	
1820	Annual Planning	\$ -	\$ -	64	42	\$ 4,786	\$ 3,121	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,786	\$ 3,121	\$ 1,666	\$ 65.2	
1830	Reporting/Audit	\$ 10,100	\$ -	408	289	\$ 30,514	\$ 21,474	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,614	\$ 21,474	\$ 19,139	\$ 52.9	
1840	National Liaison	\$ 50	\$ 165	228	141	\$ 17,052	\$ 10,477	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,102	\$ 10,642	\$ 6,459	\$ 62.2	
	<b>TOTAL - PLANNING/REPORTING</b>	\$ 18,650	\$ 7,546	981	685	\$ 73,367	\$ 50,899	\$ -	\$ 1,600	\$ 92,017	\$ 56,845	\$ 35,172	\$ 61.8	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 228,454	\$ 188,847	15,238	11,956	\$ 1,139,624	\$ 888,393	\$ 92,050	\$ 81,830	\$ 1,276,028	\$ 995,409	\$ 280,619	\$ 78.0	

Table 1 Cont...	EXTERNAL COSTS		NETABLE INCOME		NET COST		%	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Variance		
<b>OVERHEADS</b>								
1910 Salaries	\$ 1,042,994	\$ 823,761	\$ 11,680	\$ 39,800	\$ 1,031,314	\$ 783,961	\$ 247,353	76.0
1920 Staff Expenses	\$ 29,000	\$ 28,434	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,000	\$ 28,434	\$ 566	98.0
1930 Staff Houses	\$ 14,600	\$ 12,240	\$ 59,500	\$ 50,269	\$ (44,900)	\$ (38,029)	\$ (6,871)	84.7
1940 Office Premises	\$ 21,710	\$ 19,554	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,710	\$ 19,554	\$ 2,156	90.1
1950 Office Equipment	\$ 2,600	\$ 3,421	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,600	\$ 3,421	\$ (821)	131.6
1960 Communications/Consumables	\$ 16,200	\$ 11,731	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,200	\$ 11,731	\$ 4,469	72.4
1970 General	\$ 12,900	\$ 14,602	\$ 1,500	\$ 6,082	\$ 11,400	\$ 8,520	\$ 2,880	74.7
1980 General Equipment	\$ 16,800	\$ 14,886	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,800	\$ 14,886	\$ 1,914	88.6
1990 Vehicles	\$ 55,500	\$ 55,914	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,500	\$ 55,914	\$ (414)	100.7
Administration	\$ 1,212,304	\$ 984,544	\$ 72,680	\$ 96,151	\$ 1,139,624	\$ 888,393	\$ 251,231	76.0
Total Overhead Net Cost					\$ 1,139,624	\$ 888,393		
Total Outputs Staff Hours					15,238	11,956		
Internal Cost Per Hour					74.79	74.31		

**2023/2024 REPORT OF VARIANCES BETWEEN TOTAL BUDGET AND YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL EXPENDITURE AND INCOME**

Table 1 cont	EXTERNAL COSTS		INTERNAL COST		NETABLE INCOME		NET COST		%		
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Variance			
Schedule C											
Code	Output	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Variance	%	
1	Species Management	\$ 154,150	\$ 130,652	\$ 6,051	\$ 5,696	\$ 452,544	\$ 423,242	\$ 538,694	\$ 509,574	\$ 29,120	94.6
2	Habitat Protection & Management	\$ 18,200	\$ 24,953	3,214	2,493	\$ 240,370	\$ 185,243	\$ 246,920	\$ 180,287	\$ 66,633	73.0
3	Angler & Hunter Participation	\$ 9,800	\$ 4,615	1,941	1,249	\$ 145,164	\$ 92,807	\$ 147,564	\$ 94,491	\$ 53,073	64.0
4	Public Interface	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,799	935	463	\$ 69,927	\$ 34,403	\$ 71,427	\$ 38,202	\$ 33,225	53.5
5	Compliance	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,776	1,370	950	\$ 102,460	\$ 70,590	\$ 103,460	\$ 70,296	\$ 33,164	67.9
6	Licensing	\$ 13,654	\$ 8,620	272	154	\$ 20,342	\$ 11,443	\$ 33,996	\$ 20,063	\$ 13,934	59.0
7	Councils	\$ 6,500	\$ 5,885	474	266	\$ 35,450	\$ 19,765	\$ 41,950	\$ 25,651	\$ 16,299	61.1
8	Planning, Reporting	\$ 18,650	\$ 7,546	981	685	\$ 73,367	\$ 50,899	\$ 92,017	\$ 56,845	\$ 35,172	61.8
9	Administration										
	Total Overhead Staff Hours			7,084	6,468						
	TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 228,454	\$ 188,847	22,322	18,424	\$ 1,139,624	\$ 888,393	\$ 1,276,028	\$ 995,409	\$ 280,619	
	Licence Income 2022-2023				% year complete	% of OWP budget spent		83%	78%		
2022-23 Fish Licence Income	\$ 1,152,577	\$ 1,112,573						\$ 1,276,028	\$ 995,409		
Less Commission	\$ 51,866										
Net Fish Licence Income	\$ 1,100,711	\$ 1,112,573						\$ (31,617)	\$ (22,928)		
2023 Game Licence Income	\$ 282,866	\$ 248,159						\$ 124,451	\$ 93,338		
Less Commission	\$ 12,729							\$ (1,435,443)	\$ (1,360,732)		
Net Game Licence Income	\$ 270,137	\$ 248,159						\$ 64,595	\$ 49,255		
Total Licence Income	\$ 1,435,443	\$ 1,360,732						\$ (13,847)	\$ (8,773)		
Total Commission	\$ 64,595	\$ 49,255						\$ 80,674	\$ 69,257		
Total Net 2022-23 Licence Revenue	\$ 1,370,848	\$ 1,311,477						\$ 64,841	\$ (185,173)		
	Adj to OWP budgets - Waikaremoana Fund							\$ (20,991)	\$ (17,025)		
	Less Waikaremoana Fund Interest							\$ 8,500	\$ 1,500		
	Plus Waikaremoana Fund Expenses										
	Adjusted Budget							Actual (surplus)/deficit YTD	Total		
								\$ 52,350	\$ (200,698)		

**Table 2**

**Balance Sheet**  
Eastern Fish and Game Council  
As at 30 June 2024

<b>Assets</b>	<b>30 Jun 2024</b>	<b>31 Aug 2023</b>
<b>Bank</b>		
Westpac Current Account	30,215	101,445
Westpac Call Account	117,462	170,930
Petty Cash	559	170
Investments	645,854	579,406
Waikaremoana Fund Investments	496,570	368,823
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>1,290,659</b>	<b>1,220,774</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Accounts Receivable	123,035	105,483
Accounts Receivable - Hawke's Bay & External parties	696	0
Inventory - Fish Stock	190,527	190,527
Prepayments and Accrued Income	(102)	18,978
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>314,156</b>	<b>314,989</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Buildings	1,049,503	1,043,849
Land	102,000	102,000
Motor Vehicles	482,647	415,992
Office Equipment	69,894	58,606
Plant & Equipment	228,176	198,899
Accum Dep Land & Buildings	(780,482)	(757,222)
Accum Dep Motor Vehicles	(159,702)	(140,776)
Accum Dep Office Equipment	(50,903)	(45,234)
Accum Dep Plant & Equipment	(163,874)	(167,610)
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>777,261</b>	<b>708,505</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2,382,076</b>	<b>2,244,268</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	25,342	30,127
Accruals and Prepaid Licences	81,194	154,813
Employee Entitlements	75,122	87,798
Game Bird Habitat Stamp Levy Clearing	13,639	0
GST	19,240	(2,560)
PAYE Clearing	14,086	21,104
Staff Social Club	449	1,796
Westpac Business Credit Card - AA	2,079	618
Westpac Business Credit Card - KT	1,973	2,317
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>233,123</b>	<b>296,014</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>233,123</b>	<b>296,014</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>2,148,953</b>	<b>1,948,255</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Accumulated Funds	1,174,617	1,150,098
Asset Replacement Reserve	93,543	93,543
Non-Resident Levy Reserve	167,182	167,182
Breeding Programme Reserve	1,018	1,018
Fish for Gold Reserve	14,000	14,000
Hatchery Water Reticulation Reserve	16,109	16,109
Hunter Ballot Reserve	4,814	4,814
Waikaremoana Sportsfish Habitat Enhancement Fund Reserve	476,971	476,971
Current Year Earnings	200,698	24,519
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>2,148,953</b>	<b>1,948,255</b>

<b>Table 3 Profit and Loss Council</b>							
<b>Eastern Fish and Game Council</b>							
<b>For the 2 months ended 30 June 2024</b>							
<b>Income</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Var</b>
Licence Income	100,062	29,125	1,360,453	1,419,577	1,435,443	(59,124)	-4%
Non-Resident Licence Levy	0	0	279	0	0	279	0%
Other Income	16,399	28,763	226,707	171,174	231,185	55,533	32%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>116,461</b>	<b>57,888</b>	<b>1,587,439</b>	<b>1,590,751</b>	<b>1,666,628</b>	<b>(3,312)</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>							
Depreciation	7,392	7,392	69,257	67,230	80,674	2,027	3%
<b>1100 SPECIES MANAGEMENT</b>							
1110 Population Monitoring	20	8,450	42,182	51,500	53,700	(9,318)	-18%
1120 Harvest Assessment	720	720	2,047	2,200	2,900	(153)	-7%
1140 Hatchery Operations	8,865	2,153	86,422	86,900	97,050	(478)	-1%
1180 Game Bird Control	0	0	0	500	500	(500)	-100%
<b>Total 1100 SPECIES</b>	<b>9,605</b>	<b>11,323</b>	<b>130,652</b>	<b>141,100</b>	<b>154,150</b>	<b>(10,448)</b>	<b>-7%</b>
<b>1200 HABITAT PROTECTION/MANAGEMENT</b>							
1220 Works & Management	0	0	24,953	17,500	17,500	7,453	43%
1230 Assisted Habitat	0	0	1,500	4,200	9,200	(2,700)	-64%
<b>Total 1200 HABITAT</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26,453</b>	<b>21,700</b>	<b>26,700</b>	<b>4,753</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>1300 PARTICIPATION</b>							
1310 Access	0	(10)	1,782	5,300	5,500	(3,518)	-66%
1340 Other Publications	0	0	1,019	2,000	2,000	(982)	-49%
1350 Training	19	100	516	550	850	(34)	-6%
1370 Huts	231	0	1,298	1,250	1,450	48	4%
<b>Total 1300 PARTICIPATION</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>4,615</b>	<b>9,100</b>	<b>9,800</b>	<b>(4,485)</b>	<b>-49%</b>
<b>1400 PUBLIC INTERFACE</b>							
1440 Public Promotions	0	0	105	1,000	1,000	(895)	-90%
1450 Visitor	50	294	3,694	500	500	3,194	639%
<b>Total 1400 PUBLIC INTERFACE</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>3,799</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>153%</b>
<b>1500 COMPLIANCE</b>							
1510 Ranging	68	68	1,823	840	1,000	983	117%
1520 Ranger Training	0	0	203	500	1,000	(297)	-59%
1530 Compliance	0	150	750	3,400	4,000	(2,650)	-78%
<b>Total 1500 COMPLIANCE</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>2,776</b>	<b>4,740</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>(1,964)</b>	<b>-41%</b>
<b>1600 LICENSING</b>							
1610 Licence Prod/Distrib	0	0	8,620	13,654	13,654	(5,034)	-37%
1630 Commission	4,193	947	49,255	63,880	64,595	(14,625)	-23%
<b>Total 1600 LICENSING</b>	<b>4,193</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>57,875</b>	<b>77,534</b>	<b>78,249</b>	<b>(19,659)</b>	<b>-25%</b>
<b>1700 COUNCIL</b>							
1720 Council Meetings	2,253	219	5,885	5,500	6,500	385	7%
<b>Total 1700 COUNCIL</b>	<b>2,253</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>5,885</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>1800 PLANNING/REPORTING</b>							
1810 Management & Strategic	0	39	7,381	8,000	8,500	(619)	-8%
1830 Reporting/Audit	0	0	0	100	10,100	(100)	-100%
1840 National Liaison	0	0	93,503	93,389	124,501	114	0%
<b>Total 1800</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>100,884</b>	<b>101,489</b>	<b>143,101</b>	<b>(605)</b>	<b>-1%</b>
<b>1900 ADMINISTRATION</b>							
1910 Salaries	119,624	42,899	823,761	824,594	1,042,994	(833)	0%
1920 Staff Expenses	19,256	41	28,434	25,884	29,000	2,550	10%
1930 Staff Houses	466	539	12,240	13,890	14,600	(1,650)	-12%
1940 Office Premises	1,083	1,093	19,554	18,800	21,710	754	4%
1950 Office Equipment	454	213	3,421	2,267	2,600	1,154	51%
1960	1,166	904	11,731	14,168	16,200	(2,437)	-17%
1970 General	59	347	14,602	11,792	12,900	2,810	24%
1980 General Equipment	973	825	14,886	14,667	16,800	219	1%
1990 Vehicles	2,714	7,116	55,914	46,677	55,500	9,237	20%
<b>Total 1900 ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>145,794</b>	<b>53,977</b>	<b>984,544</b>	<b>972,739</b>	<b>1,212,304</b>	<b>11,805</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>169,605</b>	<b>74,499</b>	<b>1,386,741</b>	<b>1,402,632</b>	<b>1,718,978</b>	<b>(15,891)</b>	<b>-1%</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>(53,144)</b>	<b>(16,611)</b>	<b>200,698</b>	<b>188,119</b>	<b>(52,350)</b>	<b>12,579</b>	<b>7%</b>

## 12.2 MANAGEMENT REPORT

22 July 2024

### SPECIES MANAGEMENT

#### 1112 Datawatch

During the ten months following the season opening on 1 October, a total of 683 datawatch tags have been returned and entered into the database.

Distribution as follows:

Lake McLaren	0
Lake Okareka	26
Lake Okataina	112
Lake Rerewhakaaitu	25
Lake Rotoehu	6
Lake Rotoiti	114
Lake Rotoma	42
Lake Rotorua	2
Lake Tarawera	356

*data entered to 4 July 2024*

The total number of tags returned and entered in the database is 41 returns ahead of the same approximate date (entered 30 June 2023) during the 2022-23 season. Lake Rotoiti has had 21 less tags reported, Okataina (which has received less angling pressure) is down 30 tags compared to the 2022-23 season to date, and Rotorua is down 6 tags but is no longer directly receiving tagged fish. Lake Tarawera returns have increased by 50 returns which is likely returning to normal following a very wet winter period during 2023 which allowed tagged fish to get around the trap without being recorded. Rotoma and Okareka returns are also increased 28, and 13 respectively.

#### Datawatch free licence draw

The Datawatch licence draw to entice, and reward returns of datawatch tags and information was undertaken on 4 July 2024. This was to facilitate the winners being advertised in the Fish & Game magazine supplement which had a deadline of 5<sup>th</sup> July. This year we were able to reward 10 winners who have been offered a whole season adult licence for the upcoming 2024-25 angling season.

The winners were:

Daniel Woods	MANUKAU	John Needham	WHAKATANE
Steven Vaughan	PUKEKOHE	Roger Bowden	ROTORUA
Thomas Farrell	RANGIRIRI	Colin May	HAMILTON
Trevor McDonnell	WAIPUKARAU	Jack Grainger	TAURANGA
Lucas Hall	GISBORNE	Warren Ruddell	WHANGAREI

## 1113 Lake Waikaremoana

### Waikaremoana Water Quality Monitoring Buoy

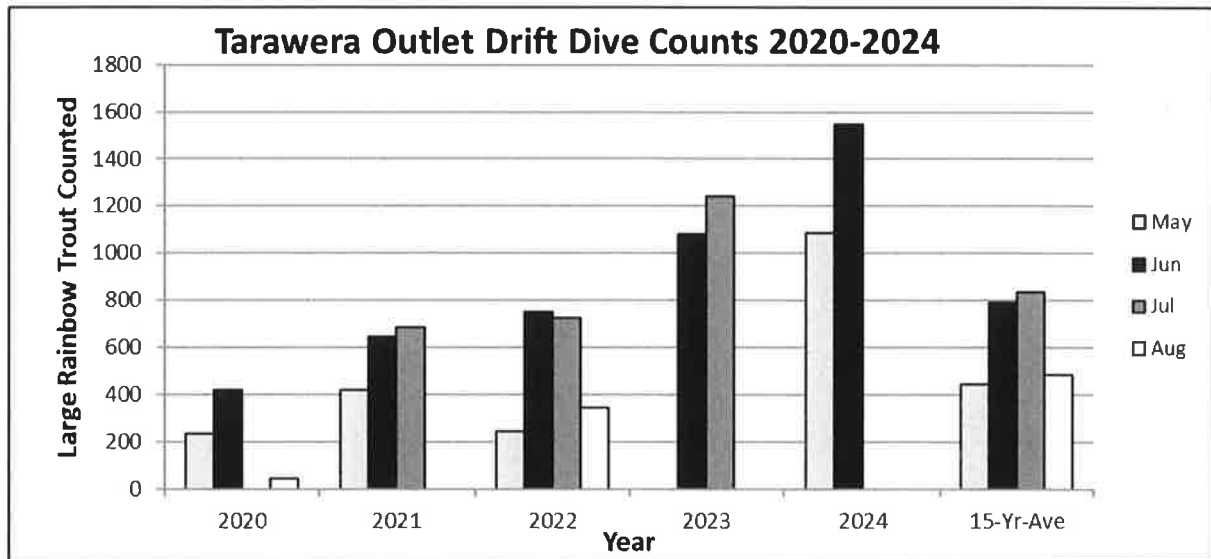
The monitoring buoy is continuing to send through data. The buoy is occasionally going through low battery voltage shutdown as the replacement top case has just two solar panels and the short days (low sunshine hours) around the winter equinox are not sufficient always to keep the buoy operational above its 11.5V cutoff. This means that when voltage gets below 11.5V, the buoy goes into hibernation until the battery is recharged sufficiently to auto-switch on. As the days get longer and we head toward summer, this won't be an issue. Staff will undertake a required clean of the sensor lines when next at the lake with the boat.

## 1114 Lake Tarawera

### Tarawera Outlet Drift Dive Survey

The uppermost portion (1km) of the Tarawera River including the spawning sanctuary was initially drift dived by Fish & Game staff on 31 May when a total of 1,086 large size class trout were counted. This is the highest May count achieved in the history of the drift dive series indicating an early start to the 2024 breeding season. The 15-year May average is 444 large trout.

The June 2024 drift dive was slightly delayed through poor weather and occurred on 4 July 2024. A total of 1,549 large size class trout were counted. The 15-year average for June drift dive counts is 788 large trout. As with the May count, the June count (undertaken early July) was the highest count on record. The previous highest June count being 1087 on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023.



The two remaining drift dive counts will be undertaken during later July and August.

### Lake Tarawera escapement monitoring

Staff have yet to find a time to undertake the Wairua Stream walk-up counts/ escapement monitoring.

### Te Wairoa Trap Run

The trapping season for the Fish & Game fish trap (Te Wairoa Stream) at Lake Tarawera commenced on the 1st of April 2024 following trap installation. As of July 7, 1,670, fish have been processed through the trap compared with 1,301 during 2023 and 2,238 fish during the 2022 trapping season to the same date.

The average size of the trout running this winter is 575mm and 2.68kg compared with 561mm and 2.08kg for the same period during the 2023 run. Wild origin fish have contributed 30% of the run to the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2024 compared to 32% over the same period in 2023. The wild fish this winter have been on average 546mm long and 2.17kg in weight. They are significantly larger (15mm, P<0.001) and heavier (360g, P=0.017) on average than the 2023 wild fish. The hatchery marked fish this winter have been on average 588mm long and 2.9kg in weight, which is significantly longer (12mm, P<0.001) and significantly heavier (700g, P=0.003) than the hatchery marked fish running the Te Wairoa Stream during the 2023 winter to the same point.

### Wairua Hut angling data

The Wairua hut has been open for booking between 1 October and 30 June with preference given to anglers providing feedback on aspects of the fishery. Over the 2023-24 season there was low occupancy although the level of angling recorded was greater than over the past 2 seasons. Several bookings were cancelled in the latter part of June due to weather.

A total of 68hrs of angling was recorded in the hut logbook. 51.5hrs were logged at the Wairua Stream mouth (flyfishing) and 16.5hrs fishing around Lake Tarawera. A total of 5 fish were recorded as kept from the stream mouth angling with 1 legal sized release. 2 fish were kept from other areas around the lake and 2 undersized fish released. The average sized trout measured at the stream mouth was 513mm and 1.85k. Hatchery origin fish measured 570mm and 2.45kg whereas wild fish averaged 484mm and 1.55kg.

## 1115 Other Lake Fisheries Investigations

### Ngongotaha Trap-run

The Ngongotaha fish trap facility was just operated for 2 nights during the month of June following removal of flood debris from the facility.

#### Ngongotaha Stream trap run (June 2024)

	Av. Length	Av. Weight	Trap Run	Fish/night	10 pound+	% Brown
Rainbow	555	2.2	3	2		
Brown	559	2.38	2	1		40%

The Ngongotaha trap was operated for 3 nights in early July with the main aim being to source brown hens for the hatchery program.

#### Ngongotaha Stream trap run (July 2024)

	Av. Length	Av. Weight	Trap Run	Fish/night	10 pound+	% Brown
Rainbow	497	1.69	39	13		
Brown	548	2.46	8	3		17%

### Online Angler Diary Report

A total of 83 eligible entries were received for the Angler Diary scheme prize draw undertaken on 3<sup>rd</sup> July (through physical diary returns and online entries - Survey Monkey). This contained all online entries since the last draw was conducted on 27-06-23. The winner of the \$100 voucher was Colin Greenslade from Rotorua for entering a Lake Okataina angling diary from March 2024.

In breaking down where the data comes from, 73 of the 83 entries give information about angling on the Rotorua lakes and tributaries. But entries were also received from lake Waikaremoana, the Koranga, Whirinaki, Whakatane and Otara rivers. To summarise, 71 entries were from lakes and 12 came from streams/ rivers.

## 1121 Lakes Creel Surveys

### 2023-24 Summer Creel Executive Summary

#### Lake Rotoiti

Anglers fishing Lake Rotoiti over the 2023-24 summer experienced improved average catch rates compared to the 2022-23 summer. Catch rates were above the past ten-year average (0.32 fish/hr). Soft baiting (3% use) proved the most successful method followed by down rigger trolling (9% use) and shallow trolling (9% use). Overall, the 2023-24 average sized fish was longer, slightly lighter and in lesser condition than the 2022-23 summer fish. Both the spring and autumn released rising 3-year-olds were smaller compared to their same aged counterparts from the 2022-23 summer, whereas the rising 2-year-old spring released fish were smaller and the autumn released fish larger. Angler satisfaction was significantly lowered compared to the 2022-23 summer with 91% of anglers stating they were satisfied with their summers fishing on Lake Rotoiti (P=0.047).

#### Lake Tarawera

Lake Tarawera anglers surveyed over the 2023-24 summer experienced catch rates that were significantly improved compared to the 2022-23 summer (P=0.047). The average fish measured was 1mm shorter, marginally lighter (but in better average condition) than the 2022-23 summer fish. The most successful method surveyed was soft baiting (6% use), followed by wire line trolling (3% use), down rigger trolling (13% use), and lead line trolling (29% use). Angler satisfaction was lowered compared to the 2022-23 summer with 91% of anglers interviewed stating they were satisfied with their 2023-24 summer's fishing on Lake Tarawera.

#### Lake Rotorua

Lake Rotorua anglers enjoyed a solid catch rate over the 2023-24 summer that bettered the past 15-year average. The fish caught while slightly smaller and lighter than the 2022-23 seasons catch were in better condition and larger than the 2021-22 summer catch. Soft baiting produced the highest returns to anglers, followed by fly fishing, spinning, and shallow trolling. All anglers stated they were satisfied with their 2023-24 summers fishing on Lake Rotorua. This was unchanged from the previous summer.

#### Lake Okataina

Lake Okataina anglers were engaged through the angler diary scheme over the 2023-24 summer to provide a record of the trout fishery. As experienced regular anglers were approached, catch rates were elevated compared to the past 15-year average. Jigging produced the best catch rates while accounting for 15% of surveyed use, followed by lead line trolling (65% use) then soft baiting (20% use). The average fish caught over the 2023-24 Summer was longer, heavier and in better condition than those recorded during both the 2021-22 and 2022-23 summers.

## 1171 Sports Fishing Regulations

The recommendations from the Eastern Fish and Game Council regarding the Anglers Notice process and the 2024-25 sports fishing regulations were sent to NZ Council to forward to the Minister of Hunting & Fishing for approval on 21 June 2024. Clubs and statutory agencies were informed of the outcome of the Anglers Notice process by email on 24 June 2024.



## 1141 Hatchery Operations

The Te Wairoa fish trap has been cleared most days since being installed early in April. For the reporting period, 122 brood fish have been collected for use in the breeding program. Staff have noted the excellent quality of trapped fish. 62 crosses have been completed producing ample ova for the season. A further 10 or so crosses will be sought in August to enhance genetic diversity and run timing to the winter shoreline.

The first batches of fry are sizing-up well and are ready to be moved to the rearing tanks.



*Photo: Ova being stripped*

*Fish locations at 22 June 2024:*

Location	Type	Age	Qty (approx.)	Comment
Hatchery	Fry, ova	0+	250,000	Liberations 2025
Tank 2	Rt	1+	4,000	Spring Liberation 2024
Tank 6	Rt	1+	4,000	Spring liberation 2024
Tank A	Tig	1+	400	Spring liberations 2024
Tank B	Bt	1+	850	Liberations, various in 2024
Pond 3	Rt	1+	15,500	Spring liberations 2024
Pond 4	Rt	1+	6,600	Spring liberations 2024
Pond 5	Rt	1+	6,600	Spring liberations 2024
Pond 6	Rt	1+	6,600	Spring liberations 2024
Pond 7	Rt	1+	6,600	Spring liberations 2024
RW1/2	Rt	1+	3,500	For 2+ in 2024

## 1161 Sports Fish Liberations

*Liberations, Eastern Region 13 May to 22 June 2024*

Water	Date	Mark used	Tag	Species	Number
Rotoiti	14/05/2024	RpAd		RT	5000
Rotoiti	14/05/2024	RpAd	24R	RT	500
Rotoehu	26/05/2024	RpAd		RT	1500
Okataina	29/05/2024	RpAd	O 24	RT	500
Okareka	30/05/2024	RpAd		RT	2000
Rotoma	6/06/2024	RpAd		RT	2000
Rerewhakaaitu	7/06/2024	Rpad		RT	2500

Fish were also collected by Auckland Waikato and Northland Fish & Game and delivered to Wellington Fish & Game

## HABITAT PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE

### 1211 RMA Planning

#### **Bay of Plenty Regional Council**

Fish and Game is continuing to liaise with BoPRC on the review of the Schedule of Important Trout Habitats in the region. Consultation via the RESOF group is continuing. Regional Council's work to implement the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPSFM) is underway and early discussions are occurring on some early drafts of the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) and chapters of the Regional Natural Resources Plan (RNRP). Comments have been submitted on a draft version of the fish passage provisions for the RNRP. Comments have also been submitted on the *Changes to Freshwater Management in the Bay of Plenty* document. Due to the recent change in Government, BoPRC has recently put this freshwater management planning on hold, extending planned notification of the RNRP until late 2025. No new developments.

#### **Waikato Regional Council**

In March 2018 Auckland/Waikato and Eastern Fish and Game Council's lodged a joint submission on Waikato Regional Council's Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora: Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1. Council hearings were held mid-2019. Decisions were released in May. A/W Fish and Game Council, with support from Eastern, have appealed a number of matters. Environment Court hearings are completed, and we are awaiting decisions.

#### **Gisborne District Council**

Following the conclusion of the Gisborne Freshwater Plan, the Motu Catchment Plan process is now underway. Fish and Game has so far had some input in identifying values, and recently provided comments on a draft version of the catchment plan. Consultation has recently started on the Waiapu Catchment Plan. Additionally, stakeholder consultation is scheduled to begin shortly on the Regional Policy Statement, Freshwater Plan amendments, and the Waimata, Uawa, Waipaoa, Wharehika and Hangaroa catchments. GDC is also beginning a topic by topic review of the Tairāwhiti Resource Management Plan. GDC is also initiating a review of parts of their Freshwater Plan. We are currently in discussions regarding a Schedule of Important Trout Habitats in the region.

#### **Other**

Bay of Plenty Regional Council has established a group to provide advice in relation to policy development for NPSFM implementation. Fish and Game is part of this Rural and Environmental Sector Organisation Forum. No new developments.

Due to illness the most recent Forest Industry Discussion Group meeting was not attended.

Various Fish and Game regions have been collaborating on a submission to amend some parts of the NES-Freshwater 2020 that are viewed as unacceptable to us. Of particular interest to Eastern Region are some unreasonably strict regulations around physical works in wetlands, and on the construction of maimai. Work to rewrite some more workable provisions has been completed, and awaiting approval from NZC for submission to the Government.

The new Government has suggested that a number of changes may be forthcoming with regards to the RMA and conservation legislation amendments that the previous Government was working through. The first changes proposed in this area includes the Fast Track Bill which Fish and Game has submitted on.

The Department is currently in the early stages of a Wildlife Act review process. Fish and Game staff have been collaborating at a national level to have input into the process. No new developments.

The NZ RMA team has been very active recently with a number of important workstreams on the go – including development and consultation on Sports Fish and Game Bird Management Plans, freshwater fish species interaction and passage, water allocation and limit setting, and the development of practice notes. Of particular relevance to Eastern Region has been the development of policy around the development of Sports Fish and Game Bird Management Plans which is awaiting approval from NZC. The team has also had several training sessions recently via Teams, and a session is being planned in Wellington in September/November.

### 1212 Consent Applications

Date	Authority	Applicant	Type	Resource Involved	Action
11 Jun	GDC	Juken NZ Ltd	LUC – forest harvest, Wharerata Forest	Wharerata River, Gisborne	No concerns email
11 Jun	GDC	Ministry of Education	LUC- stream remediation works	Trib of Wharekopae River, Gisborne	No concerns email

Resource Consents of note: staff verbally submitted at the hearing regarding Southern Generation’s resource consent application to abstract gravel on TR of Rangataiki River below Rabbit Bridge, and extract debris islands within the river channel of the Lake Aniwheneua delta. The reasoning is to reduce flood risk to landowners upriver of Rabbit Bridge. The hearing’s commissioner’s decision included our recommendations regarding time exclusions and works limitations.

### 1221 Reserves Management

No activities have occurred and no major issues arisen since the conclusion of the hunting season. Early preparation is occurring for 2024/25 maintenance works.

### 1231 Respond to Landowner Requests for Assistance

No new landowner requests have been received since last Council meeting.

## **ANGLER AND HUNTER PARTICIPATION**

### **1311 Maintain & Enhance Access**

Angler access work is ongoing, including work continuing in Kaingaroa Forest to enhance access to key fishing locations along the Rangitaiki River; forest access remains open on weekends through to the end of September and this includes access to Kaingaroa Forest, access through Waimangu Forest to Lake Rotomahana for fishing, and hunter access to Rotoehu Forest. Other access work in the Rotorua Lakes area has been carried out to enhance angler access in various locations.

Lake Okataina: Anglers were able to access Lake Okataina for boat-based angling through to the end of the season albeit with restrictions on days and hours of access for boat ramp use. Shoreline access has been without any restrictions and continues for shore-based anglers using the winter shoreline area.

Access investigations are underway into other areas including work with the Walking Access Commission.

### **1312 Signage**

Checks have been made on signage in various areas and this is ongoing, with maintenance carried out as required with old and damaged signage removed and replaced as appropriate.

### **1331 Electronic Newsletters**

Reel Life copy was produced for May and Both Barrels for May and June.

### **1333 Fish & Game Website**

Children's fishing page added plus some minor changes to information. A page was created for the Fat Trout fishing competition in August.

### **1334 Social Media**

Social media posts continue to be made via Facebook and Instagram. Angler./hunter inquiries are being received via social media. Our Facebook has over 2,700 organic followers

### **1341 Information Pamphlets**

Adequate stocks of all brochures are being held.

### **1354 Fishing Competitions**

Ten fishing competition permits were processed for the period.

### **1352 Angler/Hunter Training**

No hunter training events were run for the period.

### **1361 Fish & Game Club Communications**

No events for the reporting period.

### **1371 Fish & Game Huts**

No further maintenance or issues with either the Waikaremoana or Wairua huts during this period. The Wairua Hut has had steady use by anglers through to the close of the season.

We continue to liaise with Te Urewera regarding further agreement to use the site the Fish & Game facility is sited on at Lake Waikaremoana. This is ongoing.

## **PUBLIC INTERFACE**

### **1411 Statutory Liaison and Political Awareness**

It has been a quiet period in this arena over the past 2 months. Although we continue and endeavour to keep connections and communications with our stakeholders, invariable it is usually a one-way system at the current stage.

Behind the scenes we are continuing to engage with all parties to establish what access to Ōkātina will look like come the 1 October and as of to date have had no direction indicated from any stakeholders.

We were kindly invited to the Te Arawa Lakes Trust 100-year gala dinner celebrations in July. This was a great opportunity to re-connect and fully appreciate the journey of TALT and its historic relationship with F&G.

### **Taupo Fishery Advisory Committee (TFAC)**

Matt Osborne attended the TFAC meeting held in Taupo on 18 July and provided a management update on behalf of the Eastern fishery.

### **1441 Public Promotions**

An 'end of the season' and 'looking ahead to winter shoreline' article was published in God Zone magazines July edition.

We are promoting the Hunting, Fishing and 4x4 Expo through our Social Media pages and our Fat Trout Fishing Comp.

The Eastern Team through Facebook and Instagram continues to promote the work that is being done and focus on success achieved by hunters and anglers.

## **COMPLIANCE**

### **1511 Ranging**

The game season has continued without further issues and targeted follow up ranging has been carried out including on the Waikato River system and hydro lakes where periodically there have been reports of boats under power pursuing game which is a breach of the game regulations and Wildlife Act. Fishery compliance work has focused on the winter shoreline areas, and streams and rivers leading up to the end of the season and parts which have remained open over winter as well as those areas which are closed waters for spawning. Compliance has been generally found to be good.

## Contacts Year to date.

2,132 contacts have been made for the 2023 – 24 year to end of June; we are well above contacts made in the last year. Overall compliance is in excess of 98 %.

### Contacts: Year 2023-2024 to end June

Month	2019-20	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	Last 5 yr average
September	46	16	51	35	36	34
October	726	724	718	520	856	716
November	126	16	66	16	161	49
December	237	287	182	182	224	239
January	246	404	352	212	217	331
February	265	155	140	12	117	176
March	23	164	93	111	185	114
April	7	153	238	25	69	109
May	143	297	203	203	175	220
June	162	124	141	52	48	129
July	75	45	57	36		55
August	20	22	32	13		28
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,076</b>	<b>2,407</b>	<b>2,273</b>	<b>1,417</b>	<b>2,132</b>	<b>2,201</b>

### 1521 Ranger Training

Planning is underway for ranger training later this year in August. This will include staff and rangers from several North Island regions.

#### Rangers

Honorary Rangers warrant renewal processes have been completed; new ranger warrants will be issued to 6 rangers for the Oct 2024 to Sept 2027 period.

### 1531 Prosecutions

2 hunting without licence matters from game opening have been resolved, 1 via diversion and 1 via court prosecution. Other fishery matters are pending resolution.

#### Offences 2023-2024 Year:

For the 2023-24 year to end June 2024, we have dealt with 17 offenders for 30 offences as tabled below.

#### *Offence table 2023-2024 year*

Offence name	Number of offences
Fishing without licence	13
Fishing in closed waters	7
Fish with illegal tackle	5
Fish with more than 1 rod	1
False details	2
Hunt without licence	2
<b>Total number of offences</b>	<b>30</b>

## Offences Pending Resolution

*Offences table – pending resolution as at end June 2024*

Offence name	Number of offences
Fishing without licence	1
Fishing in closed waters	1
Fishing with illegal tackle	1
<b>Total number of offences</b>	<b>3</b>

## LICENSING

### 1621 Licence Agent Support

Agent requests for licence corrections, brochures, and information was attended to as and when required. Staff visits to agents are ongoing when in area.

## PLANNING AND REPORTING

### 1812 R3 Programme

We continue to promote the fishing season through our usual media channels. As per the national ReWild campaign all our social media posts contain the #ReWild hash tag to increase awareness and following.

A further connection with RotoruaNZ marketing team has been created and they are looking at creating some photos for us. Our page on the RotoruaNZ site has been updated to promote the Hatchery and Grounds.

We have also added a page on our F&G site that promotes our Hatchery and Gardens.

EF&G are hosting the Fat Trout Fishing Competition which is in conjunction with the Hunting, Fishing and 4x4 Expo in August. Over 12 local business have supported with prizes offered.

### 1841 NZ Fish & Game Liaison

#### Licensing

Kate Thompson continues to provide regular updates of licence sales and other information requests to the New Zealand Council and regions. Kate continues to assist ESL with resolution of outstanding system issues and supports the F & G organisation with coordination of magazine databases, and licensing requirements through the seasons.

#### National CLE Liaison Role

This role is continuing to be led from this region. A submission has been prepared for NZC in relation to the proposals to amend the Arms Act law around shooting clubs and ranges. This has been filed with the Ministry of Justice by NZC. The proposals will remove considerable bureaucracy and cost for Shooting Clubs and range operations.

## 12.3 LICENCE SALES REPORT

24 July 2024

### 1. 2023-2024 Fish Licence Sales

- 1.1 Fish licence sales for the 2023-24 season compared with the 2022-23 season to 23 July are summarised in Table One.
- 1.2 Fish licence sales are reporting to be 1.6% (134 LEQ's) below 2022-23 season results for the same period, an increase of 0.6% since the last report.
- 1.3 96.9% of the annual sales target has been met YTD.

**Table One: Fish Licence Sales 2023-24 vs 2022-23 YTD results to 23 July 2024**

Licence Category	Agency Online	Public Online & Call Centre	Total YTD 2022-23	Agency Online	Public Online & Call Centre	Total YTD 2023-24	Inc/Dec on prior Season
<b>Fish Adult</b>							
Family Season	993	1,327	2,320	926	1,262	2,188	-132
Season Non-Resident	879	1,030	1,909	775	1,030	1,805	-104
Loyal Senior	115	197	312	117	183	300	-12
Local Area Adult	240	271	511	238	259	497	-14
Winter Adult	774	664	1,438	852	563	1,415	-23
Long Break Adult	163	295	458	153	247	400	-58
Short Break Adult	24	37	61	23	54	77	16
Day	205	604	809	259	741	1,000	191
Day Non-Resident	702	2,362	3,064	781	2,853	3,634	570
<b>Total Adult</b>	<b>4,508</b>	<b>7,538</b>	<b>12,046</b>	<b>4,587</b>	<b>8,103</b>	<b>12,690</b>	<b>644</b>
<b>Fish Junior</b>							
Season	185	237	422	187	294	481	59
Season Non-Resident	11	12	23	6	24	30	7
Day	75	355	430	129	414	543	113
Day Non-Resident	15	17	32	21	26	47	15
<b>Total Junior</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>1,101</b>	<b>194</b>
<b>Fish Child</b>							
Season Non-Resident	2	7	9	0	8	8	-1
Day Non-Resident	11	20	31	6	15	21	-10
<b>Total Child</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>-11</b>
<b>Total Fish</b>	<b>4,807</b>	<b>8,186</b>	<b>12,993</b>	<b>4,936</b>	<b>8,884</b>	<b>13,820</b>	<b>827</b>
<b>Whole Season Equivalent (LEQ)</b>			8,532			8,398	-134
<b>Variance between Seasons</b>							-1.6%
<b>\$ (excl GST)</b>			\$1,075,763			\$1,117,343	\$41,579

### Summary 2023-2024 Season YTD Actual vs Total Budget

2023-24 Annual Budgeted FISH LEQs	8,663	100.0%	\$1,152,577
2023-24 Actual	8,398	96.9%	\$1,117,343
<b>Variance to budget</b>	<b>-265</b>	<b>-3.1%</b>	<b>-\$35,234</b>



## 2. 2023-2024 Game Licence Sales

- 2.1 Fish licence sales for the 2023-24 season compared with the 2022-23 season to 23 July are summarised in Table Two.
- 2.2 Game licence sales are reporting to be 6.7% (192 LEQ's) below 2022-23 season results for the same period.
- 2.3 88.2% of the annual sales target has been met YTD, this is the all but complete result for the season with very few sales to occur to 31 August.

**Table Two: Game Licence Sales 2023-24 vs 2022-23 YTD results to 23 July 2024**

Licence Category	Agency Online	Public Online	Total YTD 2022-23	Agency Online	Public Online	Total YTD 2023-24	Inc/Dec on prior Season
<b>Game</b>							
Adult Season	2,327	446	2,773	2,186	395	2,581	-192
Adult Day	31	77	108	30	91	121	13
Junior Season	219	66	285	191	84	275	-10
Junior Day	0	2	2	0	1	1	-1
Child Season	99	38	137	117	34	151	14
<b>Total Game</b>	<b>2,676</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>3,305</b>	<b>2,524</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>3,129</b>	<b>-176</b>
<b>Whole Season Equivalent (LEQ)</b>			2,850			2,658	-192
<b>Variance between Seasons</b>							-6.7%
<b>\$ (excl GST)</b>			\$252,795			\$249,625	-\$3,170

2023-24 Annual Budgeted Game LEQs	3,012	100.0%	\$282,866
2023-24 Actual	2,658	88.2%	\$249,625
<b>Variance to budget</b>	<b>-354</b>	<b>-11.8%</b>	<b>-\$33,241</b>

### **13. LIAISON OFFICERS REPORTS**

#### **13.1 Conservation Boards**

- Bay of Plenty Conservation Board

#### **13.2 Reports from Other Agencies**

- Department of Conservation

#### **13.3 Report from New Zealand Council Cr Debbie Oakley**

## 15. PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

Ref: 9.01.01

25 July 2024

### 1. Purpose

- (i) To discuss Eastern Fish and Game Council's self appraisal of its performance and other confidential matters.
- (ii) To complete the manager's performance review.

### 2. Background

Annually the Council carries out a self appraisal of its performance over the past twelve months in accordance with its adopted governance policy set out in section 2.6a, namely:

"The Council will, each year, appraise its own performance, and its own processes and procedures to ensure that they are not unduly complex and are designed to assist the Council in effectively fulfilling its role."

Council also carries out a 360 degree appraisal of its Manager's performance with input from staff, Councillors, and the manager. The Council needs to consider the outcomes of the annual review process and discuss their findings with the manager, and it is appropriate that these discussions take place with the public excluded.

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

<b>GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED</b>	<b>REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER</b>	<b>GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF THIS RESOLUTION</b>
Discussion on the Council's performance review and other related matters, and review of the Manager's performance.	Good reason to withhold exists under section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982	Section 48(1)(a)(ii): That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.

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

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>REASON UNDER ACT</b>	<b>SECTION</b>	<b>PLAIN ENGLISH REASON</b>
Protect the privacy of natural persons.	Sec. 9(2)(a)	Information provided identifies a particular person or can easily be connected with a particular person.	Once the person to whom the information relates consents to its disclosure.
Protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence ... where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar	Sec 9(2)(ba)(i)	Disclosing the information would jeopardise the relationship with the supplier because the supplier may no longer trust the Council to	Not unless there is a public interest in disclosure of the specific information.

information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.		hold its information in confidence.	
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Note: Section 48(4) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides as follows:

- “(4) Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public, and the text of that resolution (or copies thereof):
- (a) Shall be available to any member of the public who is present; and
  - (b) Shall form part of the minutes of the Council.”

### **3. Resolutions**

- 3.1 That pursuant to Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the public be excluded at ... pm from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely, to discuss Council and the CE’s Performance review.**
- 3.2 That Council moves out of public excluded at ... pm.**
- 3.3 That the public be re-admitted to the meeting at ... pm.**