

PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE

Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31st, 2017

Presented to the House of Representatives pursuant to Section 26 X of the Conservation Act 1987

16th November 2017

Hon Eugenie Sage Minister of Conservation Parliament Buildings WELLINGTON

Dear Minister

I have the honour to submit, pursuant to Section 26X of the Conservation Act 1987 and Section 44A of the Public Finance Act 1989, the Performance Report of the Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council for the year ended 31 August 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Bruce Bates Chairman

Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council

HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

PERFORMANCE REPORT For the Year Ended 31 August 2017

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HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL ENTITY INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

Legal Name

Hawkes's Bay Fish and Game Council.

Type of Entity and Legal Basis

The Hawkes's Bay Fish and Game Council is a Public Entity under the Public Finance Act 1989 (Schedule 4). The Council was established on 4 May 1991 with the passing of the Conservation Law Reform Act 1990.

Mission & Statement of Objectives

The Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council was established for the purposes of management, maintenance and enhancement of sports fish and game in the recreational interests of anglers and hunters.

The Conservation Act 1987, as amended by the Conservation Law Reform Act 1990, outlines the particular functions of Fish and Game Councils, which include:

- monitoring sports fish and game populations;
- monitoring the success and satisfaction of users:
- monitoring the c
- ondition and trend of ecosystems as habitats for sports fish and game;
- maintaining and improving access;
- maintaining and enhancing the habitat of sports fish and game;
- formulating and establishing regulations and policies which ensure the maintenance of sports fish and game populations and the recreational experience;
- securing compliance with sports fish and game regulations;
- promoting recreational angling and game bird hunting;
- representing the interests of anglers and hunters in the statutory planning process;
- keeping anglers and hunters informed.

The Council's operations are based upon a national statement of purposes and priorities, a Sports Fish and Game Management Plan which sets long term goals and policies, and an annual Operational Work Plan, which establishes the specific work programme and budget

Structure -Council and Staff

The Council comprises of 8 Councillors elected by Licence holders, a Regional Manager who is responsible for the day to day operation and reports to the Councillors, and 3 other part and full-time staff who support the Regional Manager in delivering the Council's objectives.

COUNCILLORS

BATES, Bruce (7/7) (Chairman from 13 June 2017)

DULEY, Greg (4/7)

HERN, David (7/7)

LUMSDEN, John (5/7)

MCINTOSH, Pete (0/7)

MACKIE, James (6/7)

NIBLETT, Jeff (7/7)

WILLIAMS, Kevin (7/7) (Chairman to 13 June 2017)

Meeting attendance is shown in parentheses as is the total number of meetings that took place while each councillor was in office.

STAFF

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Main Sources of Cash and resources

Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council derives revenue through the sale of fish and game licences, interest, sale of fish product, contracts, rentals, grants and miscellaneous sales.

Format of the Annual Report

This report is structured to allow evaluation of all the projects planned at the commencement of the 2016-2017 work year. The work programme is based around eight outputs and one input. Within each of these functional areas the Statement of Service Performance provides summary details of the resources that were anticipated to be required, along with the actual results for the year. In addition, the performance standard for each project is listed along with a description of the result that was achieved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Once again the 2016-2017 year has been a year of change for the Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council. In February Mark Venman was appointed Regional Manager taking over from Andy Garrick, who was joint manager for Eastern and Hawkes Bay. We thank Andy for his time and efforts and now look forward to Mark being able to concentrate solely on the issues and direction of the Hawke's Bay Council. As a Council we look forward to working closely with Mark to complete our operational work plan projects and improve delivery of the council's policies and planning.

Our public relations are increasingly important, during this year the Ruataniwha dam has been a high-profile issue. There has been a lot of misinformation and in the words of Donald Trump "Fake News" over the dam. For better or worse the dam no longer looks like it will be developed. On many occasions different groups accused the Council of being anti-dam, this was not true, however Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council had a statutory requirement to ensure correct water quality parameters were set. Many lessons were learnt during this process. The lack of transparency during the early parts of the process and considerable conflicts of interest made the completion of the dam difficult as the Hawke's Bay Regional Council had in the end lost a great deal of public support.

Moving on from the Ruataniwha dam we have rolled directly into the Water Conservation Order on the Ngaruroro River. Like the Hawke's Bay Regional Council, Fish & Game need to be mindful to inform the public throughout the process. Unfortunately, the public have felt blindsided and we are now feeling the backlash. Currently all submissions are with the Commissioner to consider and make fair and reasonable decisions. The HBRC staff have already stated that the water resources of the Heretaunga Plains are over allocated. With this in mind Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council will be working closely with staff to ensure we are representing the licence holders best interests and staff are implementing work on Council's direction.

These larger issues often take up a great deal of staffs' time and the Regions resources, over shadowing the excellent initiatives and projects set out in our Operation Work Plan. This last year has seen:

- 9 successful Gamebird Habitat Applications
- Completed work on the 5 successful 2016 Gamebird Habitat Grants
- Work to improve connectively with licence holders through newsletters & Facebook
- Increased ranging & compliance work
- Successful Take a Kid Fishing Day in March & The Father's Day Junior Shoot held at Tuna Nui. (Sincere thanks to our volunteers, clubs & NZ Gamebirds making both events a success)
- Reinstated liberations to Lake Hawkston
- Building relationships with iwi and other agencies to help manage, maintain & enhance our resources

Lastly the General election has shown how strongly many of us feel about water quality and the environment. Fish & Game as an organisation has always been a strong advocate on these issues and it will be interesting to see how the government now moves. What this has clearly shown is that even though the science concerning water allocation and increased effluent has been around for a long time, it has taken public pressure to bring the local and central government to act on this.

This brings us back to why Fish & Game Councils were originally developed. It is Councils role and statutory requirement to work with the science that staff and other agencies present us, to not only manage the resource that we all cherish but also manage the expectations of the licence holders, as without them all the great work carried out by our dedicated staff would not be able to continue. We look forward to another successful year ahead.

Bruce Bates

Chairman

Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council

HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

16th November 2017

The Council and Management of the Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council, accept responsibility for the accuracy of and judgements used in the preparation of the following Performance Report, and the establishment and maintenance of systems of internal control designed to provide reasonable assurance of the integrity and reliability of financial reporting.

In our opinion, the information set out in the following statements and attached notes to these statements fairly reflects the financial activities and performance of the Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council, for the period ended 31 August 2017.

Mark Venman

Regional Manager
HAWKE'S BAY

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FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

Bruce Bates

Chairman

HAWKE'S BAY

FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

For the year ended 31 August 2017

HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

	Note	Actual 2017	Budget 2017	Actual 2016
		\$	\$	\$
REVENUE				
Fish and Game licence sales	1	430,994	432,226	449,913
Grants and donations - Reparations	1	41,934	3,000	2,752
Interest		8,642	8,724	9,255
Other revenue	1	42,704	24,480	16,377
Total Revenue		524,274	468,430	478,297
EXPENSES				
Outputs				
Species management	2	45,736	56,238	38,107
Habitat protection & management	2	56,925	8,650	15,697
Angler & Hunter participation	2	12,004	16,750	11,235
Public interface	2	441	400	,
Compliance	2	1,988	2,000	1,654
Licensing	2	19,131	22,361	20,455
Council	2	1,195	2,500	1,580
Planning & reporting	2	6,580	11,700	11,437
Overheads		•	,	
Employee related costs	2	256,672	248,934	249,861
Depreciation	4	21,905	21,821	22,173
Other expenses	2	42,249	58,670	54,653
Total Expenses		464,826	450,024	426,852
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)		59,448	18,406	51,445
Less Other Expenses				
Levies to NZFGC		27,207	27,207	21,741
NET SURPUS/(DEFICIT)		32,241	(8,801)	29,704

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the Financial Statements

HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2017

	Note	Note	Actual	Budget	Actual
		2017	2017	2016	
		\$	\$	\$	
ASSETS					
Current Assets					
Bank accounts and cash	3	150,725	214,536	210,762	
Debtors and prepayments	3	27,954	19,000	18,186	
Investments	3	303,074	200,000	194,496	
Other current assets	3	1,835	1,835	1,835	
Total Current Assets		483,588	435,371	425,279	
Non-Current Assets					
Property, plant and equipment	4	458,286	457,138	474,959	
Investments	3	_	-	-	
Total Non-Current Assets		458,286	457,138	474,959	
TOTAL ASSETS		941,874	892,509	900,238	
LIABILITIES					
Current Liabilities					
Creditors and accrued expenses	3	87,161	90,000	89,113	
Employee costs payable	3	30,162	19,000	18,815	
Total Current Liabilities		117,323	109,000	107,928	
TOTAL LIABILITES		117,323	109,000	107,928	
NET ASSETS		824,551	783,509	792,310	
EQUITY	5	824,551	783,509	792,310	

HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL STATEMENT OF CASHFLOW

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

	Actual 2017	Budget 2017	Actual 2016
	\$	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVE	ΓΙΕS		
Cash was received from:			
Licence sales	425,946	431,412	459,228
Grants, donations and fundraising	41,934	3,000	2,752
Interest	8,914	8,724	7,904
Other revenue	48,432	24,480	12,112
Cash was applied to:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	,	,
Payments to suppliers	218,249	205,589	142,130
Payments to employees	245,325	248,749	245,452
GST (net)	7,879	-	(4,060)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	53,773	13,278	98,474
Cash was received from:	_ :	-	
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Sale of property, plant and equipment	-	-	-
Sale of property, plant and equipment Sale of investments/deposits		-	-
Sale of property, plant and equipment Sale of investments/deposits Cash was applied to:			-
Sale of property, plant and equipment Sale of investments/deposits Cash was applied to: Purchase of property, plant and equipment	5,232	4,000	-
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HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

ACCOUNTING POLICIES APPLIED

Reporting Entity

The Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council is a Public Entity under the Public Finance Act 1989 (Schedule 4). The Council was established on 4 May 1991 with the passing of the Conservation Law Reform Act 1990.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Section 153-6 of the Crown Entities Act 2004.

Basis of Preparation

Hawke's Bay Fish and Game has elected to apply PBE SFR-A (PS) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting - Accrual (Public Sector) on the basis that it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses of equal to or less than \$2,000,000. All transactions in the Performance Report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. The Performance Report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The Council is registered for GST. All amounts are recorded exclusive of GST, except for Debtors and Creditors which are stated inclusive of GST.

SPECIFIC ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Revenue Recognition

Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council derives revenue through the sale of fish and game licences, interest, contracts, rentals, grants and miscellaneous sales.

Licence Revenue

Licence revenue is recognised in the period the licence fee is earned, for example, a fish licence sold in August of the current year which relates to the next fishing season is treated as income in advance.

Grants Received

Grants are recognised as revenue when they become receivable unless there is an obligation in substance to return the funds if conditions of the grant are not met. If there is such an obligation, the grants are initially recorded as grants received in advance and recognised as revenue when the condition of the grant is satisfied.

Interest

Interest revenue is recorded as it is earned during the year.



Other Income

Income from contracts, rentals and miscellaneous sales are recorded as revenue in the period they are earned.

Outputs

The Council has allocated expenditure based on the 8 output codes - Species management, Habitat protection & management, Angler & Hunter participation, Pubic interface, Compliance, Licensing, Council, and Planning & reporting. These are expensed when the related service has been received.

Employee related costs

Wages, salaries, and annual leave are recorded as an expense as staff provide services and became entitled to wages, salaries. Performance payments are recorded when the employee is notified. Superannuation contributions are recorded as an expense as staff provide services.

Levies to NZFGC

A levy is paid each year to the New Zealand Fish and Game Council for the administration of the New Zealand Fish and Game Council, or redistribution to other Councils and for advocacy and research.

Bank accounts and cash

Bank accounts and cash comprise cash on hand, cheque or savings accounts, and deposits held at call with banks.

Debtors and prepayments

Debtors are initially recorded at the amount owed. When it is likely the amount owed (or some portion) will not be collected, a provision for impairment is recognised and the loss is recorded as a bad debt expense.

Investments

Investments comprise investments in term deposits with banks. Deposits with banks are initially recorded at the amount paid. If it appears that the carrying amount of the investment will not be recovered, it will be written down to the expected recoverable amount.

Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment is recorded at cost, less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Significant donated assets are recognised upon receipt at valuation. Significant donated assets for which current values are not readily obtainable are not recognised.

Depreciation is charged on all property, plant and equipment other than land, so as to spread the cost of the asset over its useful life. Depreciation for each of the major categories of assets is calculated on the basis noted below:

All Assets Purchased prior to 1 September 2009 are calculated as:

<u>Life</u>	<u>Depreciation Method</u>
40 years	Straight Line
2-10 years	Diminishing Value
3-5 years	Diminishing Value
2-10 years	Diminishing Value
	40 years 2-10 years 3-5 years

All Assets Purchased after 1 September 2009 are calculated as:

	<u>Life</u>	Depreciation Method
Buildings	40 years	Straight Line
Plant & Equipment	2-20 years	Straight Line
Motor Vehicles	10 years	Straight Line
Office Fittings, Furniture & Equipment	2-20 years	Straight Line

Creditors and accrued expenses

Creditors and accrued expenses are measured at the amount owed.

Game Bird Habitat Stamp levy

Levies are collected and paid to New Zealand Fish and Game Council per the New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Stamp Regulations 1993. The levy is \$3 (last year \$2) for every game licence sold within the financial year.

Employee costs payable

A liability for employee costs payable is recognised when an employee has earned an entitlement. These include salaries and wages accrued up to balance date and annual leave earned but not yet taken at balance date. A liability and expense for long service leave and retirement gratuities is recognised when the entitlement becomes available to the employee.

Restricted and dedicated reserves

Restricted and dedicated reserves are those reserves subject to specific conditions accepted as binding by the Council and which may not be revised by the Council without specified purposes or when certain conditions are met.

Asset Replacement Reserve

The asset replacement reserve is a reserve set up to enable Council to replace property, plant and equipment.

Hawke's Bay Wildlife Fund

The Wildlife Fund was set up on 23rd April 1987 for the purpose of furthering interests of Wildlife in New Zealand. The funds are held in a separate interest-bearing account.

River/Water Quality Donations

Donations have been made to the Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council for the sole purpose of improving water quality in the Hawke's Bay catchment.

Hawke's Bay Pheasants Unlimited

Hawke's Bay Pheasants Unlimited donated the balance of its funds when it wound up on 21 February 2011. These funds have been dedicated to the Benefit of Licence holders in the Hawke's Bay Region.

Back Country Fisheries Reserve

The back-country fisheries reserve is for the purpose of management of "back country fisheries". The reserve was established with the introduction of the Non-Resident Licence in 2014. A portion of the non-resident licence fee is transferred to this reserve based on the number of non-resident licence sales made within the financial year.



Income tax

The Council is a Public Benefit Entity and is exempt from the payment of Income tax in terms of the Income Tax Act 2007.

Budget figures

The Budget figures are derived from the Council budget that was approved at the Council meeting in November 2016.

Tier 2 PBE Accounting Standards applied

The Council has not applied any Tier 2 Accounting Standards in preparing its financial statements.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There have been not changes in accounting policy.



HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

Note 1: ANALYSIS OF REVENUE	Actual 2017	Budget 2017	Actual 2016
	2017 \$	\$	2010 \$
Licence sales			
Fish licence	281,797	278,913	295,861
Game licence	149,197	153,313	154,052
Total	430,994	432,226	449,913
Grants and donations			
National Fish & Game Legal Funding	39,347	-	2,719
Reparations	2,587	3,000	-
Donations/koha from the public	_	_	33
Total	41,934	3,000	2,752
Other revenue			
Administrative Contracts	4,480	4,480	435
Rents Received	19,035	17,000	13,322
Fines/Prosecutions	869	1,500	783
Sponsorship	-	-	-
Other Income	18,320	1,500	1,837
Total	42,704	24,480	16,377



Note 2 : ANALYSIS OF EXPENSES	Actual 2017 \$	Budget 2017 \$	Actual 2016
Species management			
Population monitoring	8,388	17,000	11,531
Harvest assessment	3,099	4,500	2,700
Game farm	11,635	14,500	7,340
Releases	21,823	19,738	16,536
Control	7 91	500	-
Total	45,736	56,238	38,107
Habitat protection & management			
Resource management	39,469	1,950	14,058
Works & management	4,147	550	1,105
Assisted habitat	13,309	6,150	530
Assessing & monitoring	<u>-</u>	-	4
Total	56,925	8,650	15,697
Angler & Hunter participation			
Access	278	2,500	587
Newsletters	8,062	9,250	8,702
Other publications	90	500	277
Training	1,590	2,500	1,442
Chib relations	-	-	-
Huts	1,984	2,000	227
Total	12,004	16,750	11,235
Public interface			
Public promotions	441	400	_
Total	441	400	-
Compliance			
Ranging	1,027	1,000	1,541
Ranger training	544	500	113
Compliance	417	500	_
Total	1,988	2,000	1,654
Licensing			
Agent servicing	454	750	777
Commission	18,677	21,611	19,678
Total	19,131	22,361	20,455



Note 2: ANALYSIS OF EXPENSES CON'T	Actual 2017	Budget 2017	Actual 2016
	\$	\$	\$
Council			
Council meetings	1,195	2,500	1,580
Council elections	_	_	_
Total	1,195	2,500	1,580
Planning & reporting			
Management/Strategic planning	175	5,000	4,900
Annual planning	6,202	6,200	6,537
National liaison	203	500	
Total	6,580	11,700	11,437
Employee related costs			
Salaries and wages	241,619	231,152	237,882
Fringe benefit tax	3,384	3,000	790
KiwiSaver contributions	5,582	5,859	3,419
ACC levies	661	1,323	471
Staff Training and Other expenses	5,426	7,600	7,299
Total	256,672	248,934	249,861
Other expenses			
Houses and huts	4,246	4,000	4,640
Office premises	6,481	9,560	8,498
Office equipment	2,310	2,960	1,910
Communications	11,799	11,650	12,605
General	5,402	7,100	5,671
Field equipment	3,220	3,500	3,110
Vehicles	8,791	19,900	18,219
Loss on sale of disposal of assets			-
Total	42,249	58,670	54,653



Note 3: ANALYSIS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITES	Actual 2017 \$	Actual 2016 \$
Bank accounts and cash	Ψ	J.
Current account balance	2,305	1,174
Deposits held on Call	88,894	150,173
Cash on hand	230	230
Donation Account on call	59,296	59,185
Total	150,725	210,762
1041	130,723	210,702
Debtors and other receivables		
Accounts receivable	15,328	13,539
Prepayments	4,051	3,950
GST Receivable	8,575	697
Total	27,954	18,186
Investments		
Current portion		
Term Deposits	303,074	194,496
Non- Current portion		
Term Deposits		-
Total	303,074	194,496
Other current assets		
Farmlands Shares - 1835 Shares	1,835	1,835
Total	1,835	1,835
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Creditors and accrued expenses	20.240	46.005
Trade and other payables Gamebird Habitat Stamp levy	39,240	46,085
Income in Advance	6,552	4,496
	29,883	27,414
Accrued expenses Total	11,486	11,118
TOTAL	87,161	89,113
Employee costs payable		
Accrued salaries and wages	6,565	5,508
Annual leave and time in lieu	19,473	9,542
PAYE owing	4,124	3,765
Total	30,162	18,815



Note 4: PROPERTY PLANT & EQUIPMENT

2017

Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Sales/ Disposals	Current Year Depreciation and Impairment	Closing Carrying Amount
Land	98,000	_		-	98,000
Buildings	299,265	2,485	_	10,163	291,587
Plant & Equipment	3,072	_	_	1,185	1,887
Vehicles	63,368	-	-	8,728	54,640
Office Equipment	11,254	2,747	-	1,829	12,172
Total	474,959	5,232		21,905	458,286

2016

Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Sales/ Disposals	Current Year Depreciation and Impairment	Closing Carrying Amount
Land	98,000	_	_	Impantient	98,000
Buildings	309,407	-	_	10,142	299,265
Plant & Equipment	4,257	-	-	1,185	3,072
Vehicles	72,096	_	-	8,728	63,368
Office Equipment	13,372	_	-	2,118	11,254
Total	497,132		_	22,173	474,959

Significant Assets Recorded - Source and Date of Valuation Land & Buildings 22 Burness Rd, Taradale Napier City Council 1-Jul-14 830,000 Area 3.8838ha Rating valuation



Note 5: EQUITY	Actual 2017	Actual 2016
	\$	\$
Accumulated Funds		Ψ
Balance as at 1 September	635,464	628,753
Surplus/(Deficit)	32,241	29,704
Transfer to Reserves	(22,154)	•
Transfer from Reserves	(22,154)	(22,993)
Total Accumulated Funds	645,551	635,464
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Dedicated Reserves		
Asset Replacment Reserve		
Balance as at 1 September	62,980	49,345
Transfer to Accumulated Funds	_	=
Transfer from Accumulated Funds	15,148	13,635
Balance at 31 August	78,128	62,980
Non - Resident Levy- Back Country Fisheries Reserve		
Balance as at 1 September	13,144	5,411
Transfer to Accumulated Funds	-	_
Transfer from Accumulated Funds	6,184	7,733
Balance at 31 August	19,328	13,144
Hawke's Bay Pheasants Unlimited	-	•
Balance as at 1 September	1,602	1,581
Income for Period	-,	21
Expenses for period	_	_
Balance at 31 August	1,602	1,602
Total Dedicated Reserves	99,058	77,726
Restricted Reserves		
Hawke's Bay Wildlife Fund		
Balance as at 1 September	21,537	20,686
Interest Received	711	851
Expenses for period		
Balance at 31 August	22,248	21,537
River Quality Donations		
Balance as at 1 September	57,583	56,830
Income for Period	111	753
Expenses for period		
Balance at 31 August	57,694	57,583
Total Restricted Reserves	79,942	79,120
Total Equity	824,551	792,310
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Note 6: COMMITMENTS & CONTINGENCIES

Commitments

There are no commitments as at 31 August 2017 (last Year - nil)

Commitments

There are no contingent liabilities as at 31 August 2017 (last Year - nil)

Note 7: OTHER

Goods or Services provided to the Entity in Kind

Honorary Ranging Activities - Our Honorary Rangers provide free ranging for the Hawke's' Bay Fish and Game Council.

Councillors meetings and events - No Councillor is paid for their service as per the Section 26ZF of the Conservation Act 1987.

Right to Occupy

A small hut is located at the Department of Conservation (DOC) Glen Falls campground. The Council has an agreement to occupy the site provided by DOC at no cost. The land area is approximately 1000m². No cost has been accrued for the use of the property due to the immateriality of the rental.



Note 8: RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related-party disclosures have not been made for transactions with related parties that are within a normal supplier of client/recipient relationship in term and conditions no more of less favourable than those that is it reasonable to expect the Council would have adopted in dealing with the party at arm's length in the same circumstances.

Related-party transactions significant to the Council that require disclosure:

		2017	2016	2017	2016
		\$	\$	\$	\$
	Description of the			Amount	Amount
Related Party	Transaction	Value	Value	Outstanding	Outstanding
New Zealand Fish and Game Council	Levies paid	27,207	21,741	-	-
New Zealand Fish and Game Council	Legal Funding reimbursed	39,347	2,719	-	-
Eastern Fish and Game Council	Management, Administrative and	43,840	117,840	8,291	28,355
Eastern Fish and Game Council	Purchase of Fish	31,716	16,537	10,237	6,856

Note 9: EVENTS AFTER BALANCE DATE

There were no events that occurred after balance date that would have a material impact on the Performance Report. (last year Nil)



Note 10: ALLOCATION OF OVERHEADS TO OUTPUT AREAS FOR 2017 In the Statement of service performance, overheads are allocated across the 8 Output areas based on the hours worked within those Outputs over the year. Below is the calculation for distributing the overheads across the output area.

ACTUAL 2017

	Actual	Actual Hours	Allocation of	Total Costs	
Output Area	Direct \$	ACTUAL INOURS	Overheads	per Output	
Species management	45,736	890	56,079	101,815	
Habitat protection & management	56,925	779	49,086	106,011	
Angler & hunter participation	12,004	1,090	68,683	80,687	
Public interface	441	532	33,522	33,963	
Compliance	1,988	340	21,425	23,413	
Licensing	19,131	235	14,808	33,939	
Council	1,195	525	33,081	34,276	
Planning & reporting	6,580	381	24,008	30,589	
Totals	144,000	4,772	300,692	444,693	

Actual Overheads

Employee related costs	256,672
Depreciation	21,905
Other expenses	42,249
Less Administrative Income	(20,133)
Total Overheads to Allocate	300,693

BUDGET 2017

Output Aves	Budget	Budget	Allocation of	
Output Area	Direct \$	Hours	Overheads	per Output
Species management	56,238	1,134	75,957	132,195
Habitat protection & management	8,650	665	44,543	53,193
Angler & Hunter participation	16,750	804	53,853	70,603
Public interface	400	490	32,820	33,220
Compliance	2,000	222	14,869	16,869
Licensing	22,361	374	25,051	47,412
Council	2,500	510	34,161	36,661
Planning & reporting	11,700	488	32,688	44,388
Totals	120,599	4,687	313,942	434,541

Budget Overheads

Employee related costs	248,934
Depreciation	21,821
Other Expenses	58,670
Less Administrative income	(15,480)
Total Overheads to Allocate	313,945



HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

INTRODUCTION

As required under Section 26W(b) of the <u>Conservation Law Reform Act 1990</u> and Section 45A of the <u>Public Finance Act 1989</u> Fish and Game New Zealand, Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council has prepared the following Statement of Service Performance for the 2016-2017 financial year.

The activities of Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council are planned under eight output areas detailed in the annual Operating Work Plan. This Statement of Service performance compares actual results against the stated performance measures from the plan.

MISSION STATEMENT

To manage, maintain and enhance the sports fish and game resource in the interests of anglers and hunters.

For the purposes of this statement the overhead expenses detailed in the Statement of Financial Performance (Administration, Employee Benefits & Management Fee, Depreciation and Profit/Loss on sale) have been allocated to each output area on the basis of the proportion of staff time directly expended in each area.

Summary Budget and Actual Expenditure for each output Area.

		Budget			Actual	
Project Cluster	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
Species Management	\$132,195	\$0	\$132,195	\$101,815	\$2,000	\$99,815
Habitat Protection	\$53,193	\$8,000	\$45,193	\$106,011	\$59,143	\$46,868
Angler & Hunter Participation	\$70,603	\$2,500	\$68,103	\$80,687	\$2,312	\$78,375
Public Interface	\$33,220	\$0	\$33,220	\$33,963	\$181	\$33,782
Compliance	\$16,869	\$1,500	\$15,369	\$23,413	\$868	\$22,545
Licensing	\$47,412	\$432,226	-\$384,814	\$33,939	\$430,994	-\$397,055
Council	\$36,661	\$0	\$36,661	\$34,276	\$0	\$34,276
Planning & Reporting	\$44,388	\$0	\$44,388	\$30,589	\$0	\$30,589
Total Outputs	\$434,541	\$444,226	-\$9,685	\$444,693	\$495,498	-\$50,805
Levies paid & Interest carned	\$27,207	\$8,724	\$18,483	\$27,207	\$8,642	\$18,564
	\$461.748	\$452,950	\$8,798	\$471,900	\$504,140	-\$32,241



SPECIES MANAGEMENT

Goal

Maintain sustainable populations of harvestable species at levels to provide for angler and hunter satisfaction while mitigating significant adverse impacts of those species.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

	Budget				Actual		
Code	Project Cluster	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1110	Species Monitoring	\$72,528	\$0	\$72,528	\$40,650	\$0	\$40,650
1120	Harvest Assessment	\$11,466	\$0	\$11,466	\$9,589	\$0	\$9,589
1130	Fish Salvage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1140	Hatchery Operations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1150	Game Farm	\$21,868	\$0	\$21,868	\$23,733	\$0	\$23,733
1160	Liberations	\$20,408	\$0	\$20,408	\$24,217	\$2,000	\$22,217
1170	Regulations	\$3,416	\$0	\$3,416	\$1,638	\$0	\$1,638
1180	Control	\$2,509	\$0	\$2,509	\$1,988	\$0	\$1,988
	Total	\$132,195	\$0	\$132,195	\$101,815	\$2,000	\$99,815

1110: Species Monitoring: Assess and monitor fish and game bird populations within the Hawke's Bay Region

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
 1111 River fisheries investigations (i) Contribute to the continuation of the regional Didymo surveillance programme. 	Report river fishery investigation results to Council by 31 July 2017.	Didymo sampling completed 4 times in November 16, February 17, May 17 and August 17 as per sampling programme.
(ii)Review monitoring programmes for sports fish populations in the region's key river fisheries including the Maraetotara Stream.		Monitoring of juvenile trout in the Tukituki and Tukipo Rivers started to investigate growth and condition over summer. Temperature loggers installed on the Tukituki over the summer months. Preliminary electric fishing conducted on the Maraetotara Stream to determine natural recruitment. Investigative drift dive of the lower Esk River completed during December 2016. Activities reported to Council.

Proje	et and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1112	Data watch To monitor the Lake Tutira fishery using the "data watch" programme. Include evaluation of reporting rates.	Tag and release 1,500 fish. Report on tag returns to each meeting of the Council.	Tagged trout released into Lake Tutira but very few tag returns received during the 2016/17 season. Data watch complimentary licences to Kane Wrigglesworth & Barry Robertson.
1114	Lake Tutira Creel Survey To monitor the Lake Tutira trout fishery via creel surveys to assess fish harvest, catch rates and angler satisfaction.	Report activities to the following meeting of Council.	This work was planned but did not occur due to the presence of algal blooms over summer months and a lack of anglers throughout the entire 2016/17 season.
1115	Upland / Headwater Fisheries To monitor headwater fisheries using various monitoring techniques with particular focus on the upper Mohaka River.	Report activities to the following meeting of Council.	Drift dives were scheduled for March 2017 on the upper Mohaka and Ngaruroro rivers but were cancelled due to flooding.
1116	Game bird trend counts To monitor black swan and paradise shelduck populations within the Hawke's Bay Region using aerial trend counts.	Presentation to Council of a report by 30 October 2016.	Paradise shelduck and Black Swan counts were undertaken in January and February 2017. Extreme wind caused us to abandon the counts in January & interim comment made in the Feb 2017 & April 2017 management reports. The report will be presented to Council October 2017. See Tables 1 & 2 and Figures 1 & 2. In November 2016, we initiated ring-necked pheasant crow counts. Data will be used to monitor changes in the population response to proposed changes to the management of the river berms.
1117 (i)	Game Bird Research Contribute to national research programmes on mallards.	Provide Council with regular updates on the Mallard Research Program.	Staff attended a mallard research team meeting at the staff conference in July 2017 to review the
(ii)	Prepare a five-year strategic research and management work	Prepare draft strategic	projects.

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
plan for game bird.	and management plan for game birds for Council by 31 August 2017.	Five-year strategic research and management work plan for game birds drafted and presented to Council for comment at
 (i) Collaboratively monitor waterfowl populations within proposed Duck Management Units with adjourning Fish & Game regions via a combination of trapping/banding, aerial surveys. (ii) Investigate the merits of releasing captive reared mallards into areas in which mallard populations are depressed. 	Report interim results to the February 2017 Council meeting and provide a full report detailing the status of these populations by 31 August 2017.	Shoveler counts carried out on 7th and 9th August 2017 and report will be presented to Council in the October 2017 meeting. We also undertook the second year of duck count in April 2017. Since this is the second year there is very little information that can be drawn from these counts. Banding occurred in January and February 2017. This was investigated at a national level.

Table 1. Paradise Shelduck estimate of regression coefficient for each management unit based on the last 14 years of counts.

Mean (percentage change)	-11.14
95%CI	-23.48 %
95%CI	3.19%
Total 2016	5,512
Total 2017	3,610



Figure 1. Paradise Shelduck population trend over 15 years

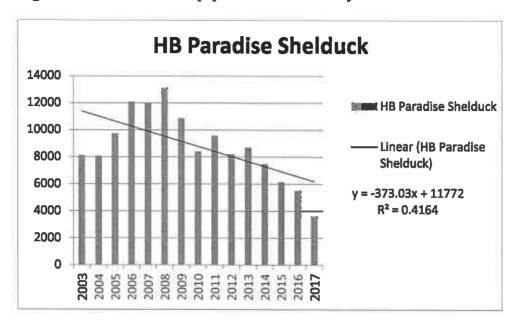


Table 2. Black Swan estimate of regression coefficient for each management unit based on the last 15 years of counts.

Mean	-1.13 %
95%CI	-10.30%
95%CI	8.98%
Total 2016	1,375
Total 2017	1,189

Figure 2. Black Swan population trend over 15 years

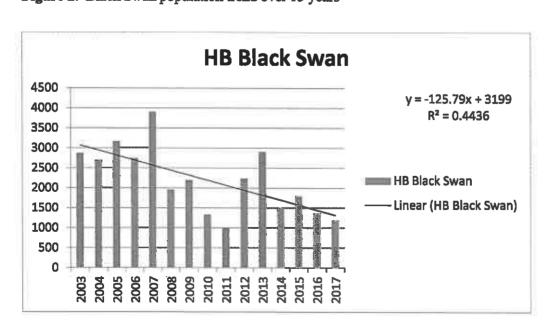
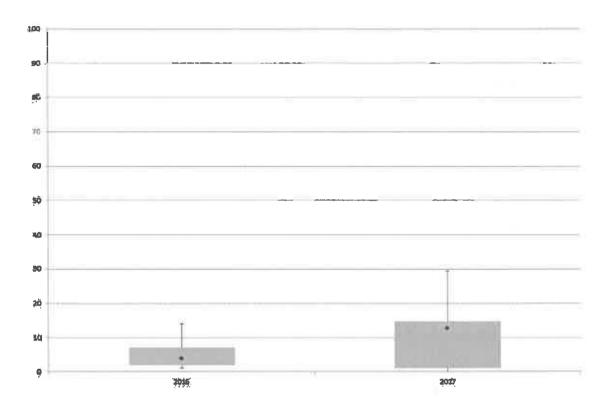




Figure 3. Mallard and grey duck counts (mean± 95% credible interval) from aerial transects flown at 100m in the Hawke's Bay Region for 2016 and 2017.

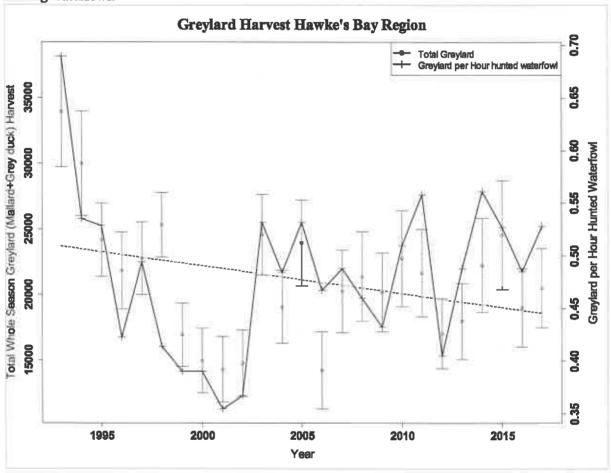


1120: Harvest Assessment: Assess angler and hunter activity and related harvest

Project and Objectives		Performance Measures	Actual Results	
1121	River fisheries creel surveys Design and conduct annual angler creel monitoring surveys assessing angler catch, harvest and satisfaction from key Hawke's Bay waterways.	Report on the 2016 winter creel survey by 28 February 2017 and the 2016-2017 summer creel survey by 31 August 2017.	Online angling diary created and operated over the summer period from October 2016 through until March 2017. Winter of 2016 used as a trial period to test diary scheme. Summer 2016/17 report presented to Council at June 2017 meeting.	
1122	Game Bird Hunter Survey Assess the harvest of game birds by hunters and hunter effort during the 2017 season.	Present the results of the 2016 game season hunter surveys to Council by 30 November 2016. Complete the 2017 game	2016 Game Season Hunter Survey presented to Council at October 2016 Council meeting. Game Hunter Surveys undertaken from May 2017 to the end of the Game Season (27 August	

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
	bird hunter surveys by 31	2017). Report will be
	August 2017.	presented to Council in October 2017 (See Figure
		4 below).

Figure 4. Hawke's Bay Region greylard (mallard & grey duck) harvest (mean ± 95% CI) from 1993 to 2017. Dashed line is the regression line on greylard harvest over time. The solid line represents greylard per hour hunting waterfowl.



1150: Game Farm: Maintain Game Farm and Buildings

Projec	et and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results	
 (i) To maintain and improve the fish-out pond to ensure that there are sufficient trout for kid's fishout days. 		Report activities to the following meeting of Council.	200 – 2-year-old trout added in November 2016 and 100 – 2 year old trout added to pond in September 2017 (paid for in 16/17 year).	
(ii)	Initiate the development of a long-term plan for the game farm.		Plan for Game Farm site discussed at 14 February 2017 Council meeting.	

Proje	ct and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1152	Game Farm Maintenance To maintain buildings and make improvements to grounds.	Ongoing grounds maintenance and improvements. Report to Council as appropriate.	Lawns mown, paddocks grazed, gardens & vegetation trimmed, raupo cleared in pond, administration building exterior washed, new timber boundary fence built by pond, external sheds & shade house tidied. Predator control undertaken around the site.
1155	Hatchery Building Clean up and organise the interior of the hatchery building and investigate options to create displays within the hatchery building and the main office building for the purposes of education and historical records.	Report to Council as appropriate.	Interior partly organized and rearing troughs cleared. New spouting and downpipes fitted to the outside of building and entry door painted F&G blue.

1160: To liberate fish to lakes within the Hawke's Bay Region where necessary to maintain adequate fish populations.

Performance Measures	Actual Results
Complete liberations by 31 August 2017 and report liberations to the following meeting of Council.	Autumn 2016 liberation completed in September 2016 (paid for in the 2015/16 year). Had been postponed due to algal blooms in Lake Tutira.
	Spring 2016 liberation completed in November 2016.
	Autumn 2017 liberation will be completed in September 2017 again due to algal blooms.
	100 fin marked yearling rainbows liberated into Lake Hawkston in November 2016 and 50 tagged rainbow trout yearlings will be liberated in September 2017.
	Complete liberations by 31 August 2017 and report liberations to the following meeting of

Table 3: 2016-2017 Liberation details

Lake	Mark used	Tag	Species	Age	Number	Date Lib	modal length
Craggy Range			RT	2+	100	18/10/2016	-
Tutira	Rp	M16	BT	1+	500	18/10/2016	200
Tutira	Rp	L16	RT	1+	500	18/10/2016	200
Tutira	Rp		RT	1+	1750	18/10/2016	200
Hawkston	Rp		RT	1+	100	25/11/2016	180
Tutira	Rp		RT	1+	2250	25/11/2016	180
Hawkston	LpAd	HB1- HB50	RT	1+	50	8/9/2017	180
Tutira	LpAd	\$17	RT	1+	1750	8/9/2017	180
Tutira	LpAd		RT	1+	500	8/9/2017	180
Game Farm			RT	2+	150	25/11/2016	

1170: Regulations: Develop regulations to ensure that harvest of sports fish and game birds is within sustainable limits

Project and Objectives		Performance Measures	Actual Results	
1171	Sports Fish Regulations To maintain sports fish resources through the development of an annual anglers notice.	Recommend fishing season conditions for the 2017-2018 Anglers Notice by 30 June 2017.	Anglers Notice recommendations sent to NZC office 6 July 2017.	
1172	Game Bird Regulations To maintain game bird resources through the development of annual game season conditions.	Recommend game season conditions for the 2017 season to the NZ Council by 3 February 2017.	Game season conditions recommendations sent to NZC office 12 February 2017.	

1180: Game Bird Control: Minimise significant damage caused by game birds to private land

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results	
(i) To reduce damage to crops from unwanted aggregations of game birds through assisting landowners and utilising the efforts of game bird hunters		Eighteen permits to disturb and disperse issued (see Table 4 below).	
wherever practical.	Report to Council on number of permits issued in the year end Performance report.	Reported to council in Management reports.	
(ii) Minimise avian botulism outbreaks through dispersal or collection.		No cases of avian botulism reported.	

Table 4: Permits Issued for 2016-2017 Year

Species	Number of permits
Pukeko	11
Paradise Shelduck	2
Black Swan	0
Ring-necked Pheasant	5



SPORTS FISH AND GAME BIRD HABITAT PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Goal

To protect and increase suitable habitat for sports fish and game birds to the extent necessary to provide for the recreational interests of anglers and hunters.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

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			Budget			Actual	
Code	Project Cluster	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1210	RMA	\$39,125	\$0	\$39,125	\$63,855	\$39,347	\$24,508
1220	Works & Management	\$1,220	\$5,000	-\$3,780	\$5,155	\$4,783	\$372
1230	Assisted Habitat	\$12,848	\$3,000	\$9,848	\$36,749	\$15,013	\$21,736
1240	Assessment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$252	\$0	\$252
	Total	\$53,193	\$8,000	\$45,193	\$106,011	\$59,143	\$46,868

1210: Resource Management Act: To effectively represent Fish & Game interests and the aspirations of anglers and hunters in resource management processes and strategies by advocating for sports fish and game bird habitat values, angling, and hunting values in statutory and non-statutory planning processes.

	Performance Measures	Actual Results
 (i) Review plans, strategies and consents and advocate for decisions and conditions that promote sports fish and game bird interests and the interests of anglers and hunters. (ii) Contribute to the improvement of water quality in the Hawke's Bay rivers and Lake Tutira via collaborative processes, research, and fishery and angler monitoring. 	Participation in collaborative processes; develop relationships and meet with interested and affected parties including iwi regularly and/or as required; provide staff support and assistance to Maungaharuru Tangitu Trust initiatives at Turira as appropriate. Report activities to each council meeting as appropriate.	Resource consents reviewed and where appropriate submissions lodged. Inputted to the TANK catchment processes through stake holder and working group meetings and prepared comments and submissions on draft plans. Mohaka catchment plan yet to commence. Attended monthly Maungaharuru Tangitū Trust, Tūtira Mai Nga Iwi, Governance Group Hui.

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
(iii) Minimise effect to fisheries from impacts that may arise from activities intending to improve water quality in the Hawkes Bay region.		Staff involved with the improvement of water quality at Lake Tutira. Staff worked with HBRC
(iv) Utilise river investigation projects to advocate for improved water quality.		to ensure improved water quality during willow removal work on the Maraetotara Stream.
(v) Make submissions on regional and district council planning documents to promote rules that facilitate game bird habitat enhancement.		Prepared for Environment Court Case Plan Change 5 definition of wetlands. Staff participated in the wetlands and lakes working group in the TANK process.
(vi) Contribute to the HBRC programmes in the Mohaka, TANK and Tukituki catchments.		Reported to Council via email and bi-monthly meetings.
1212 Consent Applications Review and respond to consent applications and conditions that provide for sports fish and game bird interests and the interests of anglers and hunters.	Report activities to each meeting of Council as appropriate.	Consent applications reviewed weekly. The Otane Waste Water consent approved with further conditions to satisfy Fish and Game interests.
1213 RMA Conservation Order Support the Water Conservation order for the Ngaruroro and Clive rivers.	Report activities to each meeting of Council as appropriate.	Updates provided to Council when information was available.

1220: Works and Management: Wildlife Management and Other Wetland Reserves

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1221 Reserves Management Manage water levels and habitat in wildlife management reserves advocate and maintain optimum conditions for waterfowl.		Lake Pirumu was returned to Iwi during Treaty Settlements. However, Fish & Game will still manage the property. We have begun working on a management plan for the lake to help maintain optimum conditions for waterfowl. We are

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
		working with Hawkes Bay
		Regional Council to renew
		agreements for Fish &
		Game to continue
		management of Addis
		Ponds and Pukeora Ponds
		to help maintain ideal
		conditions for waterfowl.

1230: Assisted Habitat: Assist Habitat enhancement by individuals and organisations and manage significant projects

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
Develop positive working relationships with landowners and other parties with an interest or involvement in rural land management including local and regional authorities, DOC, Federated Farmers, and Dairy NZ.	Respond to all landowners' requests for advice and contribute to the development and/or enhancement of habitat that enhances waterfowl productivity. Report activities to the following meeting of Council.	All requests for advice from landowners responded to. Developed a working relationship with HBRC's Land Management Group to provide better information to landowners for the enhancement of habitat for waterfowl productivity and working with HBRC on several wetland projects. Working with Waitangi Shooters Association and Pekapeka Shooters Association to improve waterfowl habitat.
 (i)Provide advice to enable and encourage hunters/landowners to develop quality, productive wetland habitat. (ii)Advocate for better drain management and work collaboratively with agencies such as Hawke's Bay Regional Councils, Federated Farmers and Lamb & Beef to enhance habitat in drainage canals. 	 (i) Make one application for external funding for an enhancement project. (ii) Report activities to the following meeting of Council. (iii) Identify farm ponds for enhancement and develop management plans for ponds. 	Created five wetlands in the Central Hawkes Bay Region. Met with HBRC regardin shade trials of drains to reduce weed growth. Met with HBRC works group to discuss better management of riverside drain to enhance game bit

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
(iii)Investigate methods to enhance drainage ditches for waterfowl habitat.		habitat. Methods have been incorporated into the 5-year strategic waterfowl plan and discussions have been held with HBRC.
(iv)Investigate management options to enhance stock ponds and implement enhancement projects.		Management options have been incorporated into the 5-year strategic waterfowl plan and staff have initiated discussions with land owners.
(v)Investigate opportunities to enhance game bird habitat (i.e. riparian plantings, planting erosive hillsides).		Opportunities have been identified on several properties that will require future funding.
(vi)Make at least one external funding application for wetland habitat development.		Submitted eleven applications to the NZ Game Bird Habitat Trust for enhancement projects with nine being successful.
(vii)Use media (press releases, articles, and video) to encourage the creation and enhancement of wetland habitats.		Posted wetland projects on Hawkes Bay Fish & Game's Facebook page. Put article in game bird newsletter highlighting wetland habitat work. Worked with landowner for press release of wetland project that was done with the assistance of Hawkes Bay Fish & Game, QEII Trust and HBRC.



ANGLER AND HUNTER PARTICIPATION AND SERVICES

Goals

To encourage angler and hunter participation while maintaining the quality of the recreational experience.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

			Budget			Actual	
Code	Project Cluster	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1310	Access	\$11,208	\$0	\$11,208	\$5,193	\$0	\$5,193
1320	Satisfaction Survey	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1330	News letters	\$21,709	\$1,500	\$20,209	\$25,075	\$1,095	\$23,980
1340	Other Publications	\$10,748	\$0	\$10,748	\$2,358	\$0	\$2,358
1350	Training	\$20,049	\$0	\$20,049	\$35,995	\$0	\$35,995
1360	Club Relations	\$2,143	\$0	\$2,143	\$3,781	\$0	\$3,781
1370	Huts	\$4,746	\$1,000	\$3,746	\$8,285	\$1,217	\$7,068
	Total	\$70,603	\$2,500	\$68,103	\$80,687	\$2,312	\$78,375

1310: Angler and Hunter Access: To maintain and enhance access to the sports fish and game bird resources to the Hawke's Bay Region

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1311 Maintain & Enhance Access	(i) Maintain access tracks	
Physical and legal access to	to significant, publicly	
angling and hunting	accessible tracks within	
opportunities.	the Hawkes Bay region.	
	(ii) Create new access	
(i)Maintain angling tracks and the	opportunities.	Angling tracks not
access inventory.	(iii) Allocate balloted	maintained.
	hunting stands.	
(ii)Investigate new angling and	(iv) Maintain signage	New lake fishing
hunting access opportunities in	database.	opportunity created at
the Hawkes Bay region.	(v) Make submissions to	Lake Hawkston.
, ,	WAC and Treaty	
	settlements where	
(iii) Maintain signs and enhance	appropriate.	Signs maintained, and
access through signage at key		signage database updated.
fishing and hunting access	Report activities to the	gg-
points. Maintain signage	following meeting of	
inventory databases.	Council	
		Funding sought from the
(iv) Continue to maintain a good		WAC for upgrading
working relationship with the		signage on the Tukituki
Walking Access Commission.		River.

Projec	et and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
(v)	Evaluate the opportunities to improve general hunter access to public hunting areas where access is under the control of groups outside Fish & Game.		Working with HBRC's Works Group to provide better access and create more waterfowl habitat on the river margins.
(vi	i)Allocate and manage balloted hunting stands and forestry blocks.		Forestry blocks unavailable this year, but staff are continuing to work with forestry companies to provide access for upland game bird hunters.
(v:	ii)Develop and maintain physical access to the region's rivers and Lake Tutira fisheries. The latter will involve the development and maintenance of a closer working relationship with the Maungaharuru Tangitu Trust.		Worked with landowners regarding access to rivers and with Iwi regarding access at Lake Tutira.
1312	Signage Maintain signs and enhance access through signage at key fishing and hunting access points. Maintain signage inventory databases.	Report activities to the following meeting of Council.	Angler access signs maintained to brand specifications and replaced as required. Signage database maintained.
1313	Hunter Ballots Allocate and manage balloted hunting stands and forestry blocks.	Allocate balloted hunting stands.	Two junior hunting stands balloted at Peka Peka wetland and reported to Council. No forestry blocks balloted this year.



1330: Newsletters, Licence holder communications: To effectively inform anglers and hunters of matters relating to Fish & Game and opportunities for increased participation

Project and	Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
(i) Prepa (E-zii	ronic Newsletters are and circulate newsletters are) to clubs and respond to are and hunter enquiries.	Prepare and circulate 8 fishing and 4 hunting electronic newsletters.	Eight 'Reel Life' fishing newsletters and four 'Both Barrels' hunting newsletters circulated electronically.
angli	rify options for increasing ng opportunities and pipation through specific ties.		New lake fishing opportunity created at Lake Hawkston and promoted in pre-season fishing newsletter.
			Fishing videos showcasing the Tukituki River, Ngaruroro, Tutaekuri and Twin Lakes created, edited and shared on Facebook.
(i) Prepa Fish a 2016 licend	& Game Magazine are and mail two issues of and Game New Zealand to -2017 whole season fish be holders and 2016 whole an game licence holders.	 (i) Mail fish issue August 2017, game issue April 2017. (ii) Distribute fish and game pre- season newsletters. 	Two regional supplements provided for the Fish and Game magazine.
	are and distribute pre- n newsletters.		Two pre-season newsletters distributed by mail. Fish Newsletter – September 2016 and Game Newsletter – April 2017.
Main Fish Hawl	& Game Web Site tain and regularly update & Game information on the ces Bay Region website and acebook page.	Report activities to each meeting of Council.	Hawkes Bay Fish and Game Facebook page regularly updated and promoted. Website updated as required.
1334 Fishin Use t regul	ng Reports he Facebook page to arly inform and update ars and hunters within the	Prepare and circulate 12 monthly fishing reports. Actively update Facebook page regularly. Report activities to each meeting of Council.	Facebook page regularly updated. Eight fishing reports circulated via Reel Life electronic newsletters and linked via Facebook.



1340: Informational Publications: To assist anglers and hunters to access the hunting and fishing opportunities for the Hawke's Bay Region

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
(i) Review and if necessary reprint pamphlets, address information deficiencies and use website and other forms of communication to make access information more readily available.	Report on activities to the following meeting of Council.	Preliminary work done on identifying areas for improvement on the information pamphlets and costings for improvements obtained. External funding bid from the Walking Access Commission unsuccessful towards upgrading pamphlets.
(ii) Maintain stocks of information pamphlets in licence agents and other outlets throughout the region.		Stocks of information pamphlets maintained at licence agents, local High Schools, libraries, I-Site, DOC, camping grounds and other outlets within the region and bordering regions.

1350: Angler and Hunter Training: To encourage new participants to take up angling and hunting

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
Organise and run a Children's fish-out day to encourage young anglers to take up the sport.	children's fishing day.	Children's fish-out day held on 4 March 2017.
 1352 Angler/Hunter Training (i) Provide angler and hunter training information and make available novice hunter/angler starter packs. 	Report to Council as appropriate. Provide Council with a report on opportunities to encourage youth hunting.	One fly fishing training day held for juniors aged between 12 and 17 on 26 November 2016.
(ii) Investigate alternatives to encourage youth hunting and increase opportunities.		Report provided to Council at the November 2016 meeting.
(iii)Continue novice hunter training programme.		Junior driven Pheasant shoot held at Tuna Nui preserve on 4 September 2016
		Both events reported to Council in bi monthly

Proje	ct and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
			Management report.
1353	Angler/Hunter Enquiries Respond to enquiries for information from anglers and hunters.	Provide information and respond to enquiries promptly	Angler and hunter enquiries responded to within 7 working days (usually the same day).
1354	Fishing Competitions Review applications to hold fishing competitions and grant permits where appropriate.	Respond to applications within five working days and report on permits granted to each meeting of Council.	Only one application received and responded to within 5 days. Staff attended the February 2017 Sports Fly Fishing New Zealand Hawkes Bay Regional fly fishing championships held on the Tukituki River.

1360: Club Relations: To maintain communications with Fish and Game related clubs and associations

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1361 Fish & Game Club Communications Maintain club register and provide news updates to clubs on a monthly basis, attend club meetings as appropriate.	Attend at least 1 meeting for each club by 31 August 2017. Provide report to following meeting of Council.	Electronic register of clubs maintained. Staff attended club meetings with the Hastings Angling Club in February and August 2017 and met with members of the Napier and Central Hawkes Bay angling clubs throughout the year.
		Staff attended the Peka Peka Shooters Association AGM in late 2016 and the Kennels Gun Club Annual Duck Shoot. Staff also met with the Waitangi Shooters Association.



1370: Fish and Game Huts: Manage hut maintenance and coordinate bookings

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
(i) Maintain Fish & Game hut at Glen Falls, Mohaka River.	Report maintenance activities to Council. Provide Council with maintenance plan.	(i) Exterior of hut painted, interior decluttered, floor repaired, and old fire box and hearth removed. New hearth donated and fitted. New fire box and gas cooker purchased.
(ii) Develop a maintenance and enhancement plan for Glen Falls Hut.		(ii) Maintenance plan presented at April 17 Council meeting.



PUBLIC INTERFACE

Goal

To maximise public awareness of the values associated with the sports fish and game bird resource, and support for the management role of Fish and Game New Zealand.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

			Budget			Actual	
Code	Project Cluster	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1410	Liaison	\$3,349	\$0	\$3,349	\$12,917	\$0	\$12,917
1420	Communication	\$4,689	\$0	\$4,689	\$6,805	\$0	\$6,805
1430	Advocacy	\$9,377	\$0	\$9,377	\$8,507	\$0	\$8,507
1440	Public Promotions	\$2,409	\$0	\$2,409	\$2,142	\$181	\$1,961
1450	Visitors/Education	\$13,396	\$0	\$13,396	\$3,592	\$0	\$3,592
	Total	\$33,220	\$0	\$33,220	\$33,963	\$181	\$33,782

1410: Liaison: To avoid conflicts and maintain effective advocacy and liaison with statutory resource management agencies

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
 1411 Statutory Liaison and Political awareness (i) Maintain a structured liaison and advocacy programme with key agencies and individuals. 	(i) Regional Manager to meet with Regional Councils SMT and DOC directors on a regular basis. Staff to attend Conservation Board meetings at least annually.	Staff met with individuals from government departments, regional councils, NGO's and environmental groups throughout the year.
(ii) Engage with Regional Councils and the Department of Conservation to seek improved biodiversity and habitat protection leadership by these agencies in the Hawkes Bay region.	(ii) Make submissions to Regional Council chairpersons and Regional Conservators on significant regional matters. Engage in Governor-governor	Met with senior staff and managers of various agencies at stakeholder group meetings and/or on other occasions. Regional Manager and DOC Area Manager met on a few occasions as required. Me
(iii)Engage with Iwi groups and tribal authorities as required.	meetings where appropriate. (iii)Regional Manager and staff to visit some electorate MPs during the year. Report activities to following meetings of Council.	with senior Regional Council staff as required. Provided letter of support for Maungaharuru-Tangiti Trust and HBRC for a funding application from MfE towards improving conditions at Lake Tutira.

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
(iv)Ensure political awareness of Fish & Game activities and support for improved habitat performance.		Met with Catherine Delahunty, Green MP 28 February 2017.

1420: Communication: Develop and maintain effective communication with the wider public and the media, stakeholders and strategic allies

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
To advocate the interests of anglers and hunters through maintaining effective communication with nonstatutory groups or individuals such as farmers, Iwi and the general public via public awareness events. (i) Implement regional public awareness programme and identify and progress marketing opportunities. (ii) Maintain a strong presence in general public media. (iii)Engage and communicate with rural community and land owners. Develop relationships with groups including Federated Farmers, Fonterra and Dairy NZ.	(i) Contribute to national public awareness network. (ii) Support public awareness events. (iii) Review website content and manage to increase effectiveness as a tool for public awareness and communicating with licence holders. (iv) Extend media programme to include items of general interest. (v) Submit on Treaty Settlements affecting angler/ hunter access and develop relationships with key iwi groups. (vi) Prepare and distribute media press releases including rural media.	National public awareness initiatives supported. Ongoing public awareness and marketing of Fish and Game. Staff gave presentations to Forest & Bird, Ahuriri Rotary Club, Taradale Senior citizens and the Waipawa Lions Club. Website and Facebook page updated regularly. Media enquiries responded to and releases prepared as required. Media requests and enquires responded to Met regularly with land owners in the rural community.
(iv)Engage with Iwi and initiate formal relationships with key Iwi groups across the region and participate in Treaty Settlement processes that affect anglers and hunters.	Report to Council as appropriate.	Met with Iwi to discuss access at Lake Tutira. Working with MTT on planned Lake Tutira restoration. Continue to work with Iwi on the Water Conservation Order for the Ngaruroro and Clive River. Continuing to work with Iwi over the Lake Pirumu Management Plan. Reports to Council

Performance Measures	Actual Results
	included in the
	Management report of
	each agenda.

1430: Advocacy:

ct and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
Angler and hunter interests Represent the interests of anglers and hunters at forums of significance to Fish & Game New Zealand.	Support national public awareness events.	Represented hunters and anglers as a representative at the TANK group.
	Report to Council as appropriate.	Reported to Council via bi-monthly meetings.
	Angler and hunter interests Represent the interests of anglers and hunters at forums of significance to Fish & Game	Angler and hunter interests Represent the interests of anglers and hunters at forums of significance to Fish & Game New Zealand. Support national public awareness events. Report to Council as

1440: Public Promotions: To actively promote the work of Fish & Game with the wider public and the media

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
 1441 Public Promotions (i) Develop and increase awareness of Fish & Game New Zealand in the Hawkes Bay. 	Display at Expos & Field Days. Report to Council as appropriate.	Displayed at the Hawkes Bay A&P show on 19, 20 and 21 October 2016. Gave presentations to other interested clubs and groups.
(ii) Investigate opportunities with the "trout in schools" programme.		Work continuing to improve hatchery facility at the Game Farm for school children to visit.

1450: Visitors/Education: To educate the wider public on the role of Fish & Game New Zealand

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
 (i) To educate people in sports fish and game bird management, conservation, angling and hunting. 	Use the site as an educational tool during Fish-Out days and other scheduled events.	Two school groups visited the Game Farm site from Reignier and Clive schools to learn about the importance of wetlands. Reported to council in
(ii) Maintain grounds and facilities and increase use of the Game Farm, hatchery and grounds to	Report activities to the following meeting of Council.	Management report and via Facebook,

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
promote Fish & Game to schools and the wider public.		Grounds maintained to a clean and safe standard for visitors. Buildings and fences improved and maintained.



COMPLIANCE

Goal

To protect the sports fish and game bird resource and its user management through enforcement and education of legislative requirements.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

			Budget			Actual		
Code	Project Cluster	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	
1510	Ranging	\$10,377	\$0	\$10,377	\$10,794	\$0	\$10,794	
1520	Ranger Training	\$3,313	\$0	\$3,313	\$3,884	\$0	\$3,884	
1530	Compliance	\$3,179	\$1,500	\$1,679	\$8,735	\$869	\$7,866	
	Total	\$16,869	\$1,500	\$15,369	\$23,413	\$869	\$22,544	

1510: Ranging: Maintain compliance with angling and hunting regulations through enforcement activities

Proje	ct and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1511	Ranging Maintain a high level of participant contact through enforcement and monitor compliance with licensing and season conditions.	Organise ranging activity to achieve 400 angler and hunter contacts. Aim for 95% compliance with legal requirements and season regulations from anglers and hunters contacted.	118 anglers and 91 hunters checked for a total of 209 contacts. 16 offenders detected (7 anglers and 9 hunters) for 92.4% compliance.
		Provide report to each meeting of Council.	Reported to bi-monthly meetings of Council.

1520: Ranger Training: To ensure effective ranging across the region with suitably trained and resourced personnel

Proje	ct and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1521	Training -Regional Honorary	Complete one organised	Four new Honorary
Range	ers	training exercise for	Rangers inducted and
Manage the regional network of Honorary Fish & Game Rangers		honorary rangers.	trained during the year.
	and ensure that a sufficient level of training and support is provided.	Report to Council by 31 August 2017.	Training evening for Rangers held before opening weekend of the
			game season. Reported to bi- monthly meetings of Council.

1530: Compliance/Prosecutions: To follow a consistent policy driven approach to dealing with non-compliance to regulations

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
Follow Council Prosecution and Reparation Policies to prosecute individuals found unlicensed or in non-compliance with season regulations without just cause.	Report details of prosecutions to each Council meeting.	Two fishery prosecutions undertaken for fishing without a licence (x2) and providing false details (x2). Nine offenders offered reparation. Four letters of warning issued. One offender offered diversion by DOC. All prosecution information for the year entered onto the National Prosecutions database. Reported to bimonthly meetings of Council.



LICENSING

Goal

To optimise the sale of angling and hunting licences as valued products.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

			Budget		Actual		
Code	Project Cluster	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1610	Licence Production	\$18,621	\$432,226	-\$413,605	\$10,019	\$430,994	-\$420,975
1620	Agent Servicing	\$7,180	\$0	\$7,180	\$5,243	\$0	\$5,243
1630	Agent Payments	\$21,611	\$0	\$21,611	\$18,677	\$0	\$18,677
	Total	\$47,412	\$432,226	-\$384,814	\$33,939	\$430,994	-\$397,055

1610: Licensing: Maintain and monitor a readily available and efficient licensing system

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1611 Licence production and distribution To issue fishing and hunting licences and the appropriate regulations in a timely manner and market new fishing licence categories to existing and potential licence holders.	To have available fish licences and regulation guides for the 2016-2017 season by 1 September 2016. To have available game licences and regulation guides for the 2017 season by 31 March 2017.	Fishing licences and regulation guides were available for purchase 18 August 2017. Game licences and regulation guides were available for purchase on 16 March 2017.
1612 Analysis of Licence Information Evaluate licence sales information during the year and identify targeted marketing opportunities.	Provide detailed reports of licence sales performance to each meeting of Council.	Detailed licence reports provided at bi-monthly Council meetings.
1613 National Licence Management To support the operation of the national licence management provider.	Report activities to the following meeting of Council.	Licence sales numbers reported bi-monthly. Assistance provided to and from Eyede with the online agency and public online. Reported to bi- monthly meetings of Council.



1620: Agent Servicing: Management and support of Fish & Game licensing through licence agents

Project and Objectives		t and Objectives Performance Measures	
1621	Licence Agent Support Communicate and work with licence agents to support the licence management provided by Eyede, providing agent training as required.	Complete at least three visits to all significant licence resellers by 31 August 2017.	Regular contact made with agents to ensure staff are educated with the online facility. Three agents visits conducted supplying access pamphlets and promotional material.

Table 5: Licence Sales Figures

	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Adult Whole Season	1,567	1,607	1,524	, 1,143	1,115	1,827	1,860	1,900	1,912	1,855
Junior Whole Season	105	110	136	133	113	208	193	181	189	179
Non Resident Adult	_	-	177	253	197	-		-	-	
Non Resident Junior	-	-	-	3	4	-		-	-	
Family	471	463	498	446	438	-	14	-	-	
Senior Loyal	-	-	_	163	173	-		-	-	
Local Area	-	-	-	237	181		-1	-	-	
Adult Winter	185	187	200	142	81	-	-:		-	
Junior Winter	21	15	19	-	-		-1	-		
Long Break	-		-	. 14	19	3	-,	-	-	
Short Break	-	_	_	161	162	3	- 4	-	-	
Adult 24hr	1,131	1,002	1,024	1,146	1,258	80	80	100	92	112
Junior 24hr	72	41	44	93	124	3	6i	7	3	_
Total	3,552	3,425	3,622	3,934	3,865	2,118	2,139	2,188	2,196	2,146
LEQ	2,535	2,537	2.710	2,671	2,525	1,886	1,915	1,957	1,968	1,913



COUNCIL

Goals

To provide for the democratic governance of the fish and game system by fish and game licence holders.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

	* ILLY	Budget			Actual		
Code	Project Cluster	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1710	Council Elections	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1720	Council Meetings	\$36,661	\$0	\$36,661	\$34,276	\$0	\$34,276
	Total	\$36,661	\$0	\$36,661	\$34,276	\$0	\$34,276

1720: Council Meetings: Effective governance and efficient Council support

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results	
(i) Provide effective direction and support to the management of Council's business.	Hold at least 6 meetings of the Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council prior to 31 August 2017.	Agendas, reports, information and minutes all prepared on time.	
 (ii) Keep Council informed of relevant national and regional matters. (iii)Prepare information reports and agenda for Council meetings and any minutes resulting from these meetings. 	Distribute agendas 8 working days prior and draft minutes as soon as practicable after meeting.	Six council meetings held plus one extraordinary meeting and one annual meeting prior to 31 Augus 2017.	



PLANNING AND REPORTING

Goal

To ensure cost efficient and appropriate business management of fish and game resources.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

			Budget			Actual		
Code	Project Cluster	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	
1810	Management Plan	\$6,340	\$0	\$6,340	\$2,569	\$0	\$2,569	
1820	Annual Planning	\$12,057	\$0	\$12,057	\$8,696	\$0	\$8,696	
1830	Reporting	\$25,491	\$0	\$25,491	\$16,410	\$0	\$16,410	
1840	National Liaison	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$2,914	\$0	\$2,914	
	Total	\$44,388	\$0	\$44,388	\$30,589	\$0	\$30,589	

1811: 2015-2025 Sports Fish & Game Bird Management Plan

Project and Objectives		Performance Measures	Actual Results
1811	Management Plan Preparation To complete revision of the Hawke's Bay Region Sports Fish & Game Bird Management Plan.	Complete review and revision of the Hawke's Bay Region Sports Fish and Game Bird Management Plan by 31 August 2017.	Management plan chapters drafted but final draft report not completed by 31 August. Draft plan will be presented to Council at the October 2017 meeting.

1820: Annual Planning

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1821 OWP preparation To prepare an operational work plan for the 2017-2018 year.	The adoption of a proposed operational work plan for 2017-2018 by the Council by 31 August 2017.	2017/18 Operational Work Plan approved on 8 August 2017.



1830: Reporting and Audit

Project and Objectives		Performance Measures	Actual Results
1831	Performance Report To complete the Performance (Annual) Report and Statement of Service Performance for the 2015-2016 year.	Complete Annual Performance Report for 2015-2016 financial year.	Performance report (Annual Report) and SOSP presented and adopted at the annual meeting on 29 November 2016.
1832	Audit To have the Performance Report for the 2015-2016 year audited in accordance with the Public Audit Act 2001.	The audit of the annual Performance Report for the 2015-2016 financial year in time for the public annual general meeting.	2015-16 Performance Report was presented at the Public Annual General Meeting held at the Game Farm on 29 November 2016.
1835	Annual Meeting To conduct a public annual general meeting no later than 1 December 2016.	Adoption of the audited 2015-2016 annual report by Council, and presentation to a public annual general meeting not later than 1 December 2016, as well as to the Minister of Conservation.	2015-16 Performance Report was presented at the Public Annual General Meeting held at the Game Farm on 29 November 2016 Annual Report sent to the Minister 30 th November 2016.

1840: National Liaison

Project and Objectives		Performance Measures	Actual Results
1841	New Zealand Fish & Game	Attend all meetings of the	All managers meetings
liaisor	n .	Regional Fish & Game	attended.
	The maintenance of effective	Council managers and	
	liaison with New Zealand Fish &	participate where required	
	Game to meet all statutory	with working parties	
	requirements. Contribute to the	established by the New	
	efficient management of Fish &	Zealand Council.	
	Game nationally through		
	participation with working		
	parties, networks and national		
	research and monitoring.		

AUDITORS REPORT



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE READERS OF HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

The Auditor-General is the auditor of Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council (the Fish and Game Council). The Auditor-General has appointed me, Richard Owen, using the staff and resources of Owen McLeod & Co, to carry out the audit of the financial statements and statement of performance of the Fish and Game Council on his behalf.

Opinion on the financial statements and the statement of performance

We have audited:

- the financial statements of the Fish and Game Council on pages 8 to 23, that comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 August 2017, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date and the notes to the financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the statement of performance of the Fish and Game Council on pages 24 to 54.

In our opinion:

- the financial statements of the Fish and Game Council: on pages 8 to 23:
 - present fairly, in all material respects:
 - its financial position as at 31 August 2017; and
 - its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
 - comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Public Sector).
- the statement of performance of the Fish and Game Council on pages 24 to 54:
 - presents fairly, in all material respects, the Fish and Game Council's performance for the year ended 31 August 2017, including for each class of reportable outputs:
 - its standards of performance achieved as compared with the forecasts included in the description of the annual operating work plan/business plan for the financial year; and
 - its actual revenue and expenses as compared with the forecasts included in the description of the annual operating work plan/business plan for the financial year; and
 - complies with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

Our audit was completed on 20 November 2017. This is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

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The basis for our opinion is explained below. In addition, we outline the responsibilities of the Council and our responsibilities relating to the financial statements and the statement of performance, we comment on other information, and we explain our independence.

Basis for opinion

We carried out our audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Professional and Ethical Standards and the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Responsibilities of the auditor section of our report.

We have fulfilled our responsibilities in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of the Council for the financial statements and the statement of performance

The Council is responsible on behalf of the Fish and Game Council for preparing financial statements and a statement of performance that are fairly presented and comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

The Council is responsible for such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable it to prepare financial statements and a statement of performance that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements and the statement of performance, the Council is responsible on behalf of the Fish and Game Council for assessing the Fish and Game Council's ability to continue as a going concern. The Council is also responsible for disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting, unless there is an intention to merge or to terminate the activities of the Fish and Game Council, or there is no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Council's responsibilities arise from the Public Finance Act 1989, the Crown Entities Act 2004, and the Conservation Act 1987.

Responsibilities of the auditor for the audit of the financial statements and the statement of performance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and the statement of performance, as a whole, are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit carried out in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements are differences or omissions of amounts or disclosures, and can arise from fraud or error. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of readers taken on the basis of these financial statements and the statement of performance.

For the budget information reported in the financial statements and the statement of performance, our procedures were limited to checking that the Information agreed to the Fish and Game Council's description of the annual operating work plan/business plan.

We did not evaluate the security and controls over the electronic publication of the financial statements and the statement of performance.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. Also:

- We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and the statement of performance, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- We obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fish and Game Council's internal control.
- We evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Council.
- We evaluate the appropriateness of the reported performance information within the Fish and Game Council's framework for reporting performance.
- We conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Council and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fish and Game Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements and the statement of performance or, if such disclosures are Inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fishing and Game Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- We evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements and the statement of performance, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements and the statement of performance represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Council regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Our responsibilities arise from the Public Audit Act 2001.

Other Information

The Council is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included on pages 1 to 7, but does not include the financial statements and the statement of performance, and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements and the statement of performance does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of audit opinion or assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements and the statement of performance, our responsibility is to read the other information. In doing so, we consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements and the statement of performance or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on our work, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Independence

We are independent of the Fish and Game Council in accordance with the independence requirements of the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the independence requirements of the Professional and Ethical Standard 1 (Revised): Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

Other than the audit, we have no relationship with, or interests in, the Fish and Game Council.

Richard Owen
Owen McLeod & Co
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Hamilton, New Zealand