



# **TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL**

## **AGENDA PAPERS COUNCIL MEETING**

**SATURDAY  
9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

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

**Taranaki Region**

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**TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL**  
**AGENDA**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023

To be held at

Ruapehu Fish and Game Club Room  
Seddon Street, Raetihi

Commencing at 10:00am

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Agenda Item 1      **Welcome and Karakia**

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**Summary**

Welcome to Councillors and public.

**Karakia to Open: Tūtawa Mai**

Tūtawa mai i runga,  
Tūtawa mai i raro,  
Tūtawa mai i waho,  
Tūtawa mai i roto,  
Kia tau ai te mauri tū,  
te mauri ora ki te katoa.  
Hāumi e, hui e, taiki e!

I summon from above, below,  
within, from the outside  
environment, to calm and  
settle the vital inner essence,  
the well-being of everyone,  
Be joined, together,  
united!





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Agenda Item 2    **Present and In Attendance**

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**Summary**

Record noted of all those who attend meeting in full or in part.



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Agenda Item 3    **Apologies**

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**Summary**

Confirm apologies notified to Chairman from those Councillors and public for non-attendance or lateness.

<b>Decision Required</b>
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**Recommendation/Action**

Move motion accepting apologies from those that inform the Council of their non-attendance or lateness to meeting.



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Agenda Item 4      **Conflict of Interest**

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**Summary**

Consider the Conflicts of Interest Register to ensure it clearly identifies any perceived or actual conflicts of interest of members in general.

Confirm that there are no additional conflicts of interest to declare –either in general or specific items in the current agenda.

Confirm how the Council will handle any new conflicts of interest identified – including speaking rights, voting rights, exclusion from meeting on specific items, or exclusion of receiving any specific material relating to that item identified.

<b>Decision Required</b>
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**Recommendation/Action**

Move motion accepting any additions to the Conflicts of Interest Register that are declared.

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Conflict of Interest Identified</b>	<b>Date Reviewed</b>
Chris Donald	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member of Inglewood Rod, Gun and Recreation Club</li> </ul>	14 June 2014
David Potroz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member of Inglewood Rod, Gun and Recreation Club.</li> </ul>	14 June 2014
Paul Blewman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None noted</li> </ul>	
Alan Flynn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None noted</li> </ul>	
John Nancarrow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None noted</li> </ul>	
Romon Sargeson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None noted</li> </ul>	
Craig McEwen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None noted</li> </ul>	
Gerard Karalus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None noted</li> </ul>	

*As at 8 August 2023*

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Agenda Item 5      **Minutes of Meeting of 14 October 2023**

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**Summary**

Consider the unconfirmed and draft Minutes of the Meeting of 14 October 2023 of the Taranaki Fish and Game Council.

Confirmation by two members of the Council present at that meeting that they are a true and correct record of that meeting.

Note any specific additions or alterations required for clarity or correctness.

<b>Decision Required</b>
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**Recommendation/Action**

Move motion accepting confirming that the Minutes of the Meeting of 14 October 2023 are a true and accurate reflection of the meeting (subject to any amendments noted).



## TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL,  
HELD AT SINCLAIR ELECTRICAL & REFRIGERATION & EVENTS CENTRE,  
TASMAN STREET, OPUNAKE ON 19 AUGUST 2023 COMMENCING AT 10:00AM

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1. The Chairman, Chris Donald called the meeting to order at 10:10 and invited a Karakia from the CE Phil Teal.

Council acknowledged the passing of life member Dave Dannefaerd, who had contributed immensely to promoting the traditions of hunting and fishing and protecting the resource. It was agreed to make a donation to his chosen designated charity.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Teal's first formal meeting under the shared resources arrangement with Wellington Fish and Game Council.

### **2. PRESENT**

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

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Staff: Phil Teal (CE), Jilli Steedman (Administration Manager) and Allen Stancliff (Senior Field Officer).

Licence holder: Murray Dobbin (part).

### **3. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors John Nancarrow and Paul Blewman  
MOVED POTROZ / SARGESON  
THAT THE APOLOGIES RECEIVED, BE SUSTAINED  
CARRIED

### **4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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

### **5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 19 AUGUST 2023**

MOVED POTROZ / SARGESON  
THAT THE TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE  
MEETING HELD ON 19 AUGUST 2023 AT BUSHY PARK KAI IWI, AS A TRUE AND  
CORRECT RECORD.  
CARRIED.

### **6. MATTERS ARISING**

Councillors appreciated the CE Phil Teal and Allen Stancliff attending the signing of the Taranaki Maunga Deed of Settlement between Nga Iwi o Taranaki and the Crown. The

signing took place at Owae Marae in Waitara on 1 September 2023 at 10am. Also, CE Phil Teal and Councillor Blewman's attendance at the formal release of Te Heke Ngahuru ki Te Awa Tupua Strategy held at Putiki Marae in Whanganui on 15 September 2023.

Allen Stancliff noted that the report prepared for Manawa Energy on trout stocking in the lower Patea River below Patea dam had received no comments from Manawa Energy and will now go out for consultation before going to the Expert Panel.

## **7. STRATEGIC REVIEW**

### **Draft Sports Fish and Game Management Plan**

The CE noted that NZC will develop a draft Consultation Policy that is planned to go to the next formal Managers Meeting on 2 November 2023.

### **5-year Strategic Plan**

The Chairman noted that a review of the 5-year Strategic Plan is due in February 2024 and will influence the 24/25 budget.

MOVED KARALUS / POTROZ

THAT THE STRATEGIC REVIEW PAPERS BE RECEIVED  
CARRIED

## **9. RISK REGISTER**

A brief overview of risks were presented.

MOVED SARGESON/POTROZ

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

## **10. NZ COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **10A National Councillors Report**

Councillor Karalus noted that the last meeting of NZC was held on 18 & 19 August 2023. He appreciated the summary of this meeting sent by NZC CEO Corina Jordan.

He noted:

➤ A research application that has been received "*Economic Survey of Trout and Salmon Angling in Aotearoa New Zealand*".

➤ Two applications from Wellington Fish & Game for Greater Wellington Regional Council's plan change and a Horizons Regional Council plan change

MOVED KARALUS / POTROZ

THAT THE NATIONAL COUNCILLORS VERBAL REPORT, BE RECEIVED.  
CARRIED

### **10B Engaging with Mana Whenua**

Councillors considered the document "*Engaging with Mana Whenua – Exploring Best Practice for Fish and Game*" prepared for NZ Council by Kahu Environmental. Council considered this was a useful document moving forward to give guidance in how to engage with Mana Whenua.

10C Draft NZ Fish and Game Strategy

Councillors received the most recent iteration of this document prepared by NZ Council.

10D Research: Economic Assessment of the Mackenzie Hydro Canal Fishery

Councillors noted this research was a good thing to do, given the popularity of the fishery.

10E NZ Council Cost Optimisation Project – Financial Review

Councillors supported a financial health check of the organisation being undertaken. It was acknowledged that changes from central Government were inevitable and there was a requirement to be able to show licence holders and external parties that Fish and Game was being operated efficiently, fit for purpose, and actively managing risks to ensure financial sustainability across the organisation.

It was agreed to provide access to Xero accounting data to NZ Council's external contractor in order to undertake appropriate analyses. It was acknowledged that the outcomes listed on the project brief were very broad and could be better defined.

It was also noted that any findings should be generic in nature, and should not unduly focus on cost savings made from the shared resources arrangement of Wellington and Taranaki councils – as this might affect budget allocations in the subsequent year(s), whereas other Fish and Game regions were effectively continuing on as business as usual.

Murray Dobbin joined the meeting at 12:30

Break for Lunch 12:35pm

Reconvened 1:15pm

Murray Dobbin spoke to Councillors and expressed his condolences regarding the sad passing of David Dannefaerd, who made a huge impact on water quality improvement in Taranaki. The duck shooting season around Opunake was much the same but with more water. He worried about steel shot being required for .410 gauge guns and said he would have to purchase the much more expensive bismuth. Murray commended Fish & Game on the great work being done on restoring the Waiaua River fishery, noting locals wanting him to pass on their appreciation. Lastly, Murray spoke of Allen Stancliff's dedication and work ethic and thought he was an "Intergenerational Icon".

**11. HEALTH AND SAFETY**

No new issues or near misses.

It was noted that fire extinguishers in the New Plymouth vehicles and office have all been re-certified (office) or replaced (both vehicles).

MOVED POTROZ / MCEWEN

THAT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY SUMMARY REPORT FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2023 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

## 12. LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY REVIEW

### 12A Draft Setting of National Policy

Councillors discussed the draft Policy on Setting National Policy and agreed with the strike-out amendments included within it.

Specifically,

- Council supported the time frames being defined as “reasonable time” for NZ Council to make regional consultations, and  
Council supported NZ Council being able to make National Policy that *does not require that there be complete agreement ~~but a majority decision~~ by all Fish and Game Councils in arriving at that policy.*  
Council acknowledged that while from time to time there might exist divergence of views between regional and national perspectives, it would be hoped that NZ Council would not embark on developing National Policy that does not have support from the wider organisation. Council concluded that development of National Policy needs to be transparent with open-minded consultation and supports processes that allow development of National Policy in a timely manner.

MOVED POTROZ / SARGESON

THAT THE DRAFT POLICY ON SETTING NATIONAL POLICY BE RECEIVED AND POSITIVE FEEDBACK PROVIDED TO NZC  
CARRIED

### 12B Draft Conflicts of Interest Policy

Councillors thought this a comprehensive policy and were pleased it dealt with pre-determination.

Council considered that a proactive and transparent approach in dealing with Conflicts of Interests is appropriate and that the principles and clauses noted in this draft policy for NZ Council were suitable for dealing with conflicts of interests.

MOVED FLYNN / KARALUS

THAT THE DRAFT CONFLICTS OF INTEREST POLICY, BE RECEIVED AND POSITIVE FEEDBACK PROVIDED TO NZC  
CARRIED

### 12C Draft Staff Code of Conduct Policy

Councillors discussed this policy and agreed that this policy makes it explicit what is required.

MOVED POTROZ / SARGESON

THAT THE DRAFT STAFF CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY BE RECEIVED AND POSITIVE FEEDBACK PROVIDED TO NZC.  
CARRIED

12D Government Confirmation of Review of Wildlife Act

It was confirmed that the Labour-led government would proceed with a review of the Wildlife Act as early as March 2024 and that this would be risks to Fish & Game responsibilities including in respect of the management of native game birds.

12E Final Approved Remuneration Policy

Councillors received this document.

**13. PROPOSED 2023/24 MEETING DATES**

Councillors noted the distance some Councillors need to travel to meetings. It was suggested that having most of our meetings in a location that requires the least amount of travel was desirable. It was noted that Stratford would be the best option for holding meetings. It was decided to hold the first meeting of 2024 on 10<sup>th</sup> February in Stratford and the AGM in either New Plymouth or Whanganui.

MOVED POTROZ / SARGESON

THAT THE PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR TARANAKI FISH AND GAME BE ADOPTED WITH VENUES TO BE DECIDED AT FUTURE MEETINGS

CARRIED

**14. PRELIMINARY GAME SEASON REGULATION CONSIDERATIONS**

14A Application for Upland Game Property with Special conditions

There has been one application to operate an Upland Game Property with Special Conditions near Whanganui.

MOVED KARALUS / POTROZ

THAT TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPLICATION IN PRINCIPLE, SUBJECT TO FURTHER ANALYSIS AND ITS INCLUSION IN THE DRAFT 2024/25 GAME GAZETTE NOTICE REPORT PRESENTED TO COUNCIL'S 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023 MEETING

CARRIED

14B Preliminary recommendations for 2024 Game Season

Allen Stancliff spoke to this report and noted that there would be further analysis of how many hunters got close to the 2023 opening weekend bag limit of 15 for grey/mallard duck. Councillor Sargeson noted that Bob White Quail and Red Legged Partridge were not included in the draft schedule. These species would be included in the final draft notice and recommendations presented at Council's December 2023 meeting.

**15. LICENCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – VERBAL UPDATE**

The CE noted that ESL are working well with a successful introduction of the Designated Waters and Salmon Endorsement licences. He noted a licence category review would be undertaken in two stages.

**16. REGIONAL PLAN REVIEWS – UPDATE**

The CE noted progress of regional plan reviews by the Horizons and Taranaki Regional Councils. Allen Stancliff and Ami Coughlan (Wellington Fish & Game) attended a workshop at the Taranaki Regional Council on the next steps for freshwater for their Natural Resources Plan, due for notification in late 2024.

Councillors agreed that it is worthwhile putting in individual submissions.

**17. LICENCE HOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

**17A Licence Holder Communications**

A weekly electronic newsletter, called "Lower North Low Down" is now being sent every Thursday to all Taranaki & Wellington full season fishing licence holders (including a few years' worth of lapsed licence holders).

There will be a joint (Taranaki & Wellington Fish & Game) 8-page fishing newsletter sent out in November.

**17B Novice Recruitment Initiatives**

The CE advised that there will be a Women on the Fly 40-person workshop held in November.

A report by Otago University, initiated by Fish and Game, has been prepared on ways to better understand women's participation in, and perspectives of, freshwater fishing in Aotearoa New Zealand

**18. LICENCE SALES REPORT**

Brief discussion ensued on licence sales with it noted that licence sales for 2023/2034 Fishing Season across the country were soft (down over 5% compared with previous year) with it speculated this might be being driven by cost of living conditions.

The CE would like to include a cumulative sales graph for Taranaki region in future agendas.

MOVED POTROZ / MCEWEN

THAT THE LICENCE SALES REPORT TO 30 SEPTEMBER, BE RECEIVED

CARRIED

**19. WORK PLAN & BUDGET PROGRESS REPORT TO 31 AUGUST 2023**

Councillors would find it helpful if the most current inclusions in this report were easily identifiable.

MOVED SARGESON / POTROZ

THAT THE WORK PLAN AND BUDGET PROGRESS REPORT TO 31 AUGUST 2023 BE RECEIVED

CARRIED

**20. PROFIT & LOSS AND BALANCE SHEET**

MOVED KARALUS / MCEWEN

THAT THE PROFIT & LOSS AND BALANCE SHEET, BE RECEIVED

CARRIED

**21. 2022/23 GAME BIRD DISPERSAL REPORT**

MOVED POTROZ / FLYNN

THAT THE 2022/23 GAME BIRD DISPERSAL REPORT, BE RECEIVED

CARRIED

**22. 2022/23 HATCHERY & TROUT LIBERATIONS REPORT**

Councillors asked that their appreciation for the volunteers' excellent work be passed on to them.

MOVED POTROZ / FLYNN

THAT THE 2022/23 HATCHERY & TROUT LIBERATIONS REPORT, BE RECEIVED  
CARRIED

**23. COMPLIANCE REPORT**

Allen Stancliff spoke to his report, noting that there was 100% compliance for the 2023 Game Bird Season, with only 2 offences for fishing that were dealt with by diversion.

MOVED SARGESON / POTROZ

THAT THE 2022/23 COMPLIANCE REPORT, BE RECEIVED  
CARRIED

**24. CORRESPONDENCE**

Councillors asked that the NIWA Angler Usage report be sent to them.

MOVED POTROZ / MCEWEN

THAT THE INWARD & OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE SCHEDULES TO 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER  
2023, BE RECEIVED  
CARRIED

**25. GENERAL BUSINESS**

The Whanganui office is in receipt of a replacement photocopier (refurbished) which is working well.

Alan Flynn wanted to commend staff on the email newsletter Lower North Low Down.

David Potroz advised councillors of the Inglewood Rod Gun & recreation Club's "Big 4" competition with the weigh-in happening on Monday at 4:00pm.

The Lake Rotomanu Family Fishing Day will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

**26. NEXT MEETING**

The next ordinary meeting and AGM will be held in Raetihi on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023.  
2023.

**27. CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 3:40pm.

**APPROVED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD**

**CHAIRMAN** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

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Agenda Item 6      **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

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**Summary**

Consider the Action List from the Minutes of the Meeting of 14 October 2023 and consider the actions undertaken – including completed actions, partially completed actions, and actions pending.

Consider any other items that are noted in the Minutes where further updates and clarification are sought – where they are not addressed in other agenda items for the meeting.

<b>For Information Only</b>
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**Recommendation/Action**

Note any specific clarifications relating to follow up actions undertaken that relate to items discussed at the previous meeting.



## Actions from 14 October 2023 Meeting

Action	Responsibility	Status
Make a donation to David Dave Dannefaerd chosen designated charity and acknowledge his contributions to Fish and Game	Allen S	Completed
Confirm to NZ Council that Taranaki Council would give access to Xero accounting data to a consultant undertaking a financial health check of the organisation. Council did not want budget allocations to be affected for Taranaki and Wellington based on the only regions undertaking a shared resources arrangement	Phil T	Completed
Confirm to NZ Council that Taranaki Council supported changes to policy relating to developing National Policy. Council concluded that development of National Policy needs to be transparent with open-minded consultation and supports processes that allow development of National Policy in a timely manner.	Phil T	Completed
Confirm to NZ Council that Taranaki Council supported robust Conflict of Interest Policy. Council considered that a proactive and transparent approach in dealing with Conflicts of Interests is appropriate and that the principles and clauses noted in this draft policy for NZ Council were suitable for dealing with conflicts of interests.	Phil T	Completed
Confirm to NZ Council that Taranaki Council supported contemporary Codes of Conduct for staff and agreed that this policy makes it explicit what is required.	Phil T	Completed
Confirm meeting dates for Taranaki Council with a preferred location being more consistently Stratford	Jilli S	Completed
NIWA National Angler Survey Report - Angler Usage report be distributed to Councillors in electronic format,	Phil T, Jilli S	Partially Completed

## Actions from previous Meetings

Action	Date	Responsibility	Status
None recorded to date. New format			

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Agenda Item 7     **Chairman's Report**

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**Summary**

Consider the report presented by the Chairman that summarises the issues and actions that have occurred since the previous meeting.

This will focus on issues relevant to governance functions but provide an overview of key operational outcomes where appropriate.

<b>Decision Required</b>
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**Recommendation/Action**

Council to move to receive the report presented by the Chairman for the previous period since the last meeting of Council.



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## Agenda Item 8    **NZ Fish and Game Council Business**

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### Summary

#### 1. **NZ Fish and Game Council Meeting 24 -25 November 2023**

Consider the report from the Taranaki Fish and Game Council appointee on the NZ Fish and Game Council meeting on 24 -25 November 2023 held in Wellington.

For Information Only

#### 2. **2023-2028 Organisational Strategy**

The latest version of the NZ Council Organisational Strategy is presented. This will be considered at Strategic Directions discussions planned for the February 2024 Taranaki Council Meeting to indicate how Taranaki Council can give effect to implementing the organisational strategy from a regional perspective.

For Information Only

#### 3. **Magazine Review**

Confirmation that a review of the Fish and Game NZ Magazine is being considered as the principal communications channel to licence holders. It is noted that there are significant cost rises for production and postage, and revenue streams to offset costs have also changed. Other alternatives to the physical hardcopy magazine format are being considered but with a view to likely continuance of production for Game 2024 and Fish 2024/2025 editions.

For Information Only

#### 4. **Launch of Re-Wilding Communications Campaign**

Confirm the launch of the social licence communications campaign in early November 2023, and how regions can leverage public awareness to contribute to the wider campaign goals.

For Information Only

**5. Other NZ Council Business**

Consideration of Other Items that relate to NZ Fish and Game Council not already covered by the Taranaki Council appointee to NZ Council in the Report on the NZ Council Meeting.

**For Information Only**

**Decision Required**

**Recommendation/Action**

Council to move motion to receive the report from the Taranaki Council appointee to NZ Council on NZ Fish and Game Council business for the previous period – including meetings and key issues/actions.

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# Fish & Game Organisational Strategy 2023-2028



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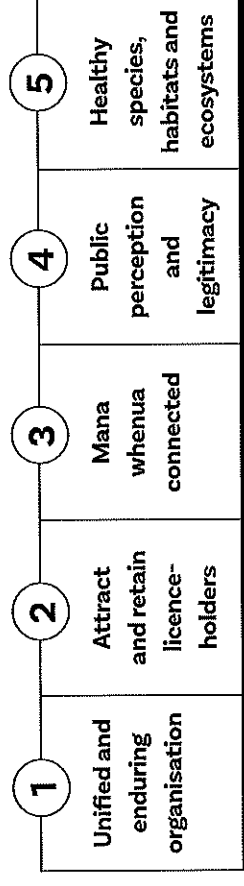
## Introduction

The purpose of the New Zealand Fish & Game Council (NZ Council) is prescribed in s.26 B of the Conservation Act 1987...

“to represent nationally the interests of anglers and hunters and provide co-ordination of the management, enhancement and maintenance of sports fish and game.”

This is manifested within this Organisational Strategy 2023-2028 with vision, purpose, values and strategic priorities described in simple terms for use with a variety of internal, stakeholder, and external audiences.

This organisational strategy is built across 5 key pillars representing not only the statutory functions of Fish & Game but also the aspirations of the organisation as it looks to the future.



This strategy was developed in 2022 following a ministerial review conducted in 2021 which noted that Fish & Game New Zealand plays an important role in environmental advocacy and stewardship. The review also noted that the organisation is relatively unchanged since establishment in 1990 and identified significant opportunity to strengthen governance and good management practice.

Budget allocations against priorities and actions are provided as a separate document.



## 2

# Strategy 2023 – 2028

The New Zealand Fish & Game Council oversees the management of New Zealand's sport fish and game resources. Fish & Game New Zealand is a not for profit public entity with statutory powers and is funded through licence fees.

This strategy seeks to implement the ministerial review findings, which are critical to the organisation's future. Where possible these recommendations have been linked to planned operational activity to give assurance that they are being addressed.

The strategy outlined here is intended to provide a strengthened, fit-for-purpose organisation more connected with licence holders, wider stakeholders, and Mana Whenua, to sustainably manage freshwater fish and game, to protect and enhance freshwater habitats and the values precious to all New Zealanders.

## Vision

Our vision is a New Zealand where freshwater habitats and species flourish, where hunting and fishing traditions thrive and all kiwis enjoy access to sustainable wild fish and game resources.






## Purpose

Fish & Game New Zealand sustainably manages sports fish and game bird populations, protects freshwater habitats, ensuring access for current and future generations of hunters and anglers.



# Priorities and objectives

What success looks like for our strategic priorities

 <p><b>UNIFIED AND ENDURING ORGANISATION</b></p> <p>A national and regionally cohesive organisation built on a culture of shared values, trust and engagement. Delivering on vision and purpose for stakeholders and Mana Whenua. Maintaining the statutory mandates that enable effective service delivery.</p>	 <p><b>ATTRACT AND RETAIN LICENCE HOLDERS</b></p> <p>Deliver well-valued and cost-effective experience for licence holders by understanding their needs, providing simple and effective communication, making fishing and game bird hunting more attractive to a wider group of future participants.</p>	 <p><b>MANA WHENUA CONNECTED</b></p> <p>Māori values are understood and reflected within Fish &amp; Game with aligned advocacy and a positive collaborative approach that builds upon Te Tiriti obligations defined in the Conservation Act.</p>	 <p><b>PUBLIC PERCEPTION AND LEGITIMACY</b></p> <p>Understanding and reshaping public perception of Fish &amp; Game New Zealand, angling and game bird hunting through positive messaging of natural environment protection, wild food harvesting and well-being through outdoor recreation.</p>	 <p><b>HEALTHY SPECIES, HABITATS, AND ECOSYSTEMS</b></p> <p>Sport fish and game bird species are monitored and sustainably managed, freshwater habitats are protected, and access to sustainable wild harvest opportunities are secured for future generations.</p>
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# Values

That guide how we work

<p><b>TRUST</b></p> <p>We are trusted as consistent and capable providers of service to Fish &amp; Game stakeholders and Mana Whenua.</p>	<p><b>INCLUSION</b></p> <p>We recognise and respect the diverse range of perspectives and cultural interests of our stakeholders.</p>	<p><b>CONNECTION</b></p> <p>We are deeply connected, understanding the needs of anglers, hunters, regulators and public interest groups.</p>	<p><b>SERVICE</b></p> <p>We are enthusiastic, professional, kind, and accountable to each other and our community.</p>
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# 3 Our organisational strategy 2023 – 2028



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## OUR VISION

Our vision is a New Zealand where freshwater habitats and species flourish, where hunting and fishing traditions thrive and all Kiwis enjoy access to sustainable wild fish and game resources.

## OUR PURPOSE

Fish & Game New Zealand maintains and enhances sports fish and game birds, and their habitats, ensuring access for current and future generations of New Zealanders.

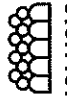
## OUR VALUES



TRUST



CONNECTION



INCLUSION



SERVICE

## Our priorities and objectives

What success looks like for our strategic priorities



### UNIFIED & ENDURING ORGANISATION

A national and regionally cohesive organisation built on a culture of shared values, trust and engagement. Delivering on vision and purpose for stakeholders and Mana Whenua. Maintaining the statutory mandates that enable effective service delivery.



### ATTRACT & RETAIN LICENCE-HOLDERS

Deliver well-valued and cost-effective experience for licence holders by understanding their needs, providing simple and effective communication, making fishing and game bird hunting more attractive to a wider group of future participants.



### MANA WHENUA CONNECTED

Māori values are understood and reflected within Fish & Game with aligned advocacy and a positive collaborative approach that builds upon Te Tiriti obligations defined in the Conservation Act.



### PUBLIC PERCEPTION & LEGITIMACY

Understanding and reshaping public perception of Fish & Game New Zealand, angling and game bird hunting through positive messaging of natural environment protection, wild food harvesting and well-being through outdoor recreation.



### HEALTHY SPECIES, HABITATS, & ECOSYSTEMS

Sport fish and game bird habitats are healthy. Species are monitored and maintained and sustainable wild harvest opportunities are secured for future generations.

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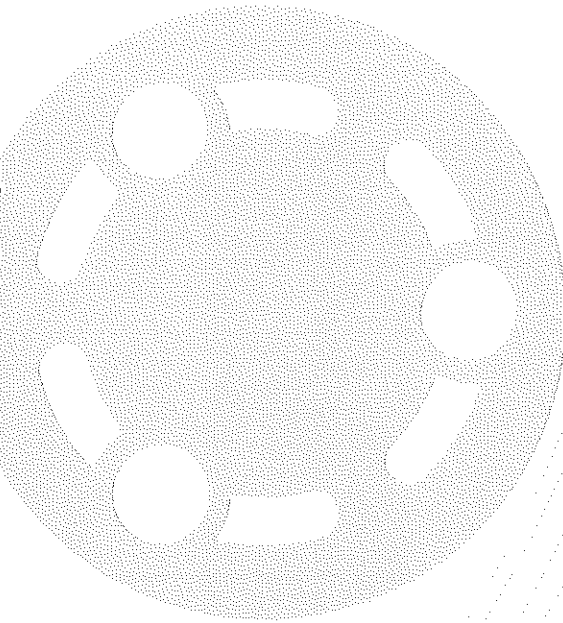
## Strategic priorities



## 4.1 Unified & enduring organisation

### OBJECTIVE

A national and regionally cohesive organisation built on a culture of shared values, trust and engagement. Delivering on vision and purpose for stakeholders and Mana Whenua. Maintaining the statutory mandates that enable effective service delivery.



### THIS MEANS WE WILL...

- Increase cross-regional and national engagement within Fish & Game
- Implement a governance structure of both elected and appointed members
- Design and implement a comprehensive communications plan connecting across Fish & Game, licence-holders and wider stakeholders
- Advocate to retain the statutory powers that enable Fish & Game to deliver on its Vision and Purpose
- Adopt a full suite of binding governance and corporate policies including roles and responsibilities and resource allocation
- Establish a programme of professional development for elected members and Fish & Game staff
- Develop Fish & Game culture through recognition, ownership and collective accountability to shared values.

### KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Professional development implemented and on-going
- Policies and procedures available
- Fish & Game team engagement and satisfaction.

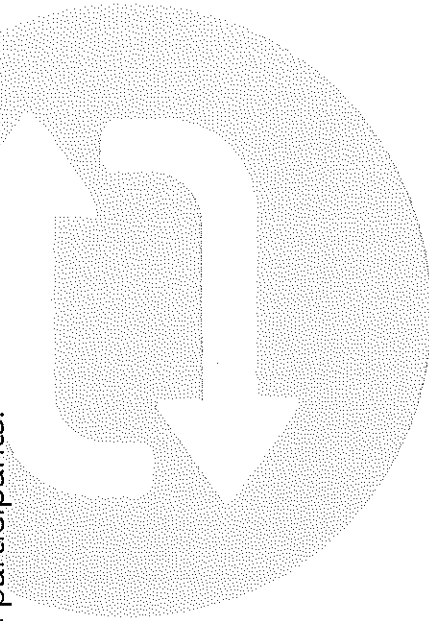
### WHO NEEDS TO BE INVOLVED?

- Governance
- Management
- Team
- Regional Fish & Game Councils.

## 4.2 Attract & retain licence-holders

### OBJECTIVE

Deliver a valued and cost-effective experience for licence holders by understanding their needs, providing simple processes and effective communication. This will ensure sustainable revenue to support delivery of Fish & Game programmes, making freshwater fishing and game bird hunting more attractive to a wider group of future participants.



### THIS MEANS WE WILL...

- Review the existing R3 programme (Recruit, Retain, Re-activate) for effectiveness to-date
- Review the licensing and pricing model to maximise user value and provide sustainable revenue for Fish & Game operations
- Conduct attitudinal and usage research with licence-holders to identify needs, wants and perceived value
- Conduct social research with wider public to determine perceptions, barriers and enablers to participation
- Provide database analytics on member churn and reactivation rates and associated demographics
- Develop and implement a data driven national marketing programme
- Seek alternative sources of income to support Fish & Game programmes
- Provide access to sustainable wild harvest opportunities for current and future generations of hunters and anglers.

### KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- R3 evaluation
- Marketing plans
- Enhancement of access to freshwater environments
- Data analytics
- Revenue levels
- Licence holder satisfaction

### WHO NEEDS TO BE INVOLVED?

- National and regional councils
- Potential target participation groups
- Licence-holders
- Potential non-licence fund

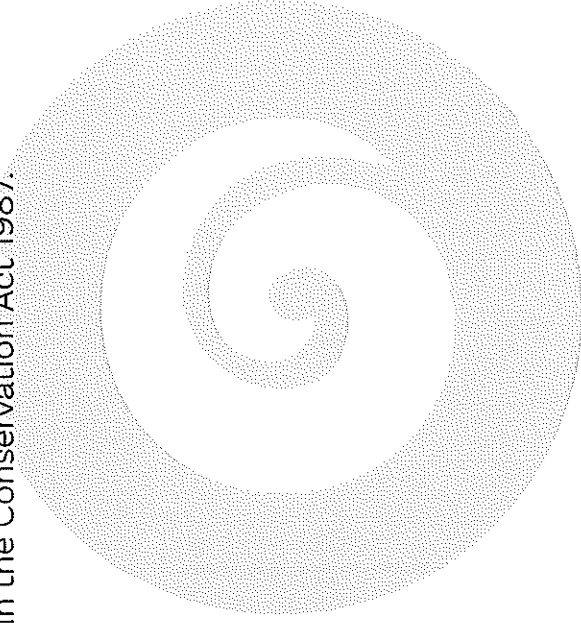




## 4.3 Mana Whenua connected

### OBJECTIVE

Māori values are understood and reflected within Fish & Game, with aligned advocacy and a positive collaborative approach that builds upon our responsibility to give effect to the principles of Te Tiriti set out in the Conservation Act 1987.



### THIS MEANS WE WILL...

- Identify and recognise existing Treaty Settlements and their implications for Fish & Game's work
- Recognise the variation in experiences, expectations and capacity between whānau, marae, hapū, and settled and unsettled iwi
- Co-develop guidelines for Mana Whenua input to Fish & Game management plans
- Co-develop a Kawenata (charter / policy) on Mana Whenua relationships and conflict resolution
- Deliver leadership and staff cultural education on Tikanga and Fish & Game obligations to Mana Whenua
- Identify and reconcile historic grievances between Mana Whenua and Fish & Game at a regional level
- Actively collaborate on projects with Mana Whenua on areas of common interest.

### KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Kawenata
- Cultural training delivered and ongoing
- Number of collaborative projects
- Mana Whenua engagement and satisfaction.

### WHO NEEDS TO BE INVOLVED?

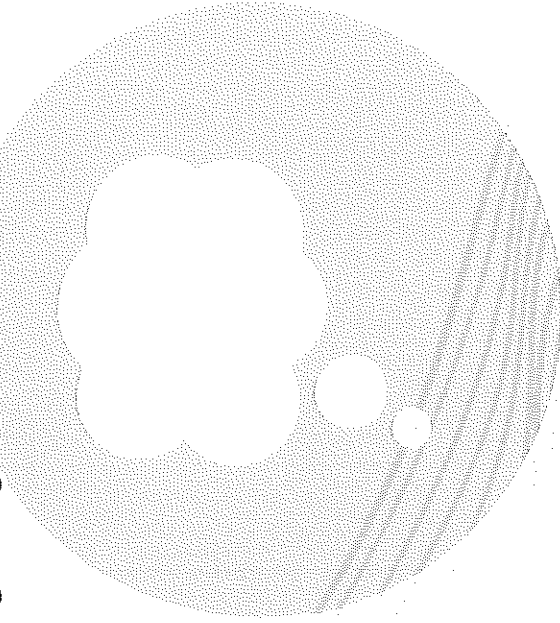
- Regional Mana Whenua (to the extent they wish to be involved)
- Māori organisations operating at the national level
- National Fish & Game leadership
- Regional Fish & Game councils.



## 4.4 Public perception & legitimacy

### OBJECTIVE

Understanding and re-shaping public perception of Fish & Game New Zealand, angling and game bird hunting through positive messaging of natural environment protection, wild food harvesting, and well-being through outdoor recreation.



### THIS MEANS WE WILL...

- Conduct social research with NZ public to gain baseline data on perception and attitudes to Fish & Game, angling and game bird hunting
- Conduct economic research to quantify the total value of angling and game bird hunting in New Zealand
- Design and deliver a targeted multi-level campaign to inform public perception, encourage participation and influence policy
- Visibly engage in regional public good projects aligned with Fish & Game strategy and objectives, such as catchment groups, and wetland management.

### KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Economic impact report
- Baseline public perception data
- Social campaign designed and launched
- Number of regional public good initiatives.

### WHO NEEDS TO BE INVOLVED?

- Fish & Game national and regional councils
- Public relations provider
- Economic research provider
- Social research provider.

## 4.5 Healthy species, habitats, & ecosystems

### OBJECTIVE

Sport fish and game bird species are monitored and sustainably managed, freshwater habitats are healthy, and access to wild harvest opportunities are secured for current and future generations.



### THIS MEANS WE WILL...

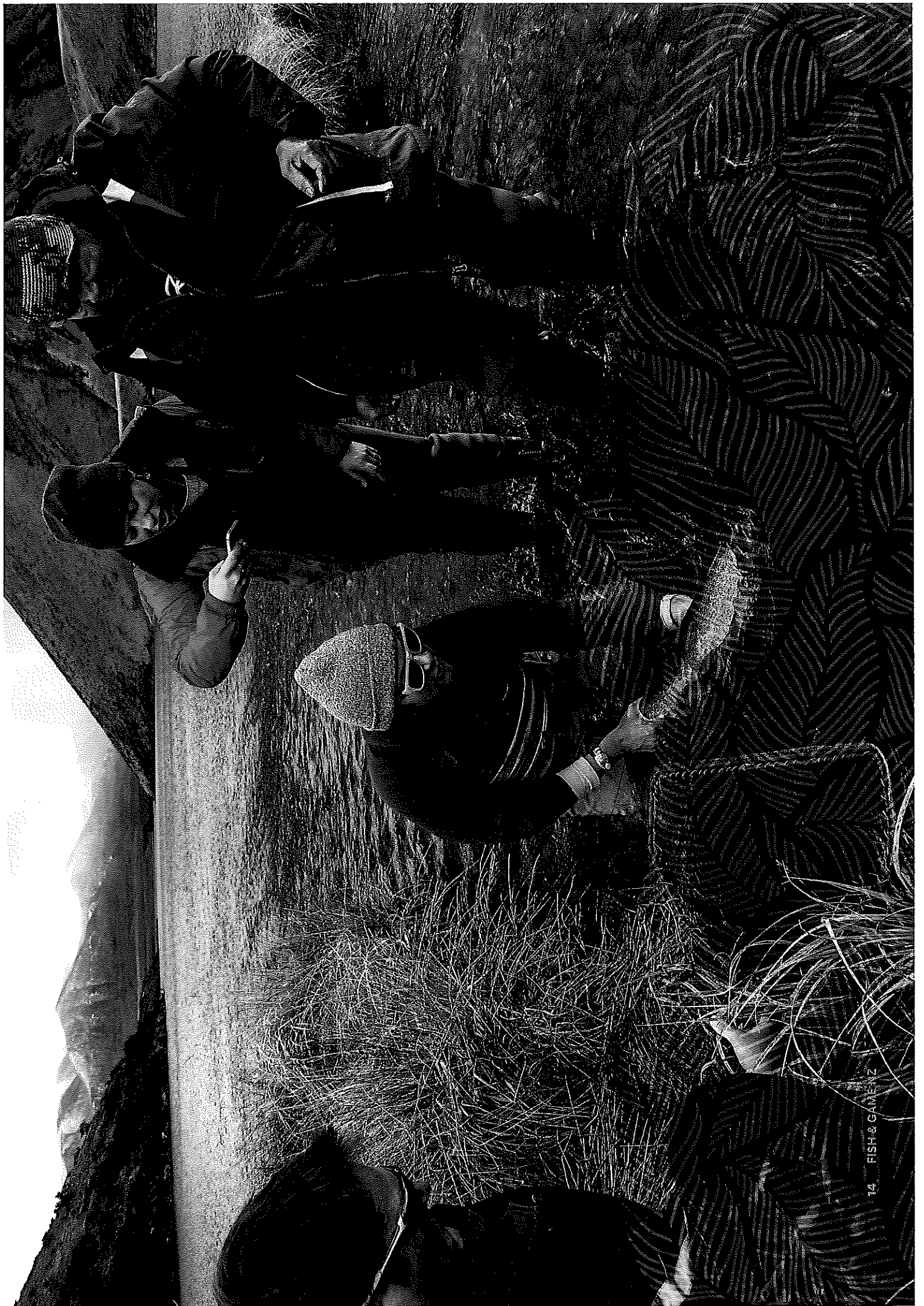
- Deliver species monitoring, applying fisheries and game bird management standard operating procedures
- Maintain fishing and hunting regulations and provide seasonal notices for anglers and hunters
- Advocate for the protection and enhancement of freshwater fish and game bird habitats
- Understand and manage the relationship between indigenous and valued introduced freshwater fish and gamebird populations
- Understand the impacts of climate change on habitats and species and mitigate through long term action plans
- Advocate for the maintenance and protection of outstanding water bodies through water conservation orders
- Protect and enhance access to freshwater environments and wild harvest opportunities
- Undertake compliance activities.

### KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Sports fish and indigenous species eco-system balance
- Regulations notified
- Advocacy initiatives.

### WHO NEEDS TO BE INVOLVED?

- Fish & Game national and regional councils
- Mana Whenua
- Department of Conservation
- Ministry for the Environment.



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**Fish & Game New Zealand sustainably manages, sports fish and game birds populations, protects freshwater habitats, and enhances access to healthy freshwater environments, in the best long-term interests of present and future generations of anglers and hunters, nature-lovers, conservationists and mana whenua.**



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Agenda Item 9      **Draft Recommendations for 2024 Game Season Conditions**

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**Summary**

Consider the report presented by staff on the recommendations for season bag limits, duration, and special hunting conditions for each game bird species.

The recommendation is collated by NZ Council and presented to the Minister of Conservation (via the Department of Conservation officials) for consideration of game season conditions for Taranaki Region in the 2024 Game Gazette.

These recommendations need to be finalised by 1 February 2024 but any material changes to the Game Notice should be alerted to Department of Conservation officials prior to the end of the calendar year – with justification provided for reasons for the changes recommended with supporting documentation.

Recommendations can be made subject to confirmation following January 2024 Trend Counts (black swan and paradise shelduck), but convention would normally have provisional conditions noted.

One significant change to be considered for 2024 Season Conditions is inclusion of an area specified for Upland Game Property with Special Conditions.

<b>Decision Required</b>
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**Recommendation/Action**

Council to move to recommendations to the Minister of Conservation for the 2024 Game Season for the Taranaki Region – this can be done *in toto* or on species-by-species basis using staff recommendations and information presented.

## TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

### DRAFT 2024/25 GAME SEASON GAZETTE NOTICE

#### **Background**

Since 2016 the Council has had a policy of retaining consistent game regulations from year to year unless new information supports a need to make significant changes to protect the resource.

This reflects that detailed analysis of long-term harvest data from the Eastern Region indicates that large changes in bag or season length would be required to make any meaningful difference to the duck harvest.

There is also increasing evidence that maximising bag limits does not necessarily maximise hunter satisfaction. To maximise sustainable harvest also requires precise and accurate monitoring. However, with such patchily distributed and highly mobile species like ducks, it is both difficult and very resource intensive to achieve robust estimates. This is further complicated by the timing of the gazettal process which requires that Council agree next season's recommendations in December before we can measure this spring's production.

Second, total harvest is directly related to total effort and analysis by Eastern Fish and Game found annual changes in effort were best explained by changes in the duck population size. In other words, in years of low duck numbers, hunters spend less time in the field and the total harvest is inherently smaller irrespective of any regulation changes. Hunter behaviour in Taranaki is expected to display a similar trend.

Collectively, all these factors suggest that rather than trying to maximise bag limits every year Council is better to set consistent season conditions which they can be confident do not impact on resource sustainability while providing sufficient opportunity and setting realistic expectations which ultimately result in greater overall hunter satisfaction.

This consistency from year to year also provides hunters with confidence that they are adhering to season regulations and can invest in equipment and/or habitat development and predator control programmes to improve the game bird resource.

This paper is presented from the perspective of whether there is any good reason to depart from the status quo for each gamebird species.

#### **Current Population Status**

##### **Grey and Mallard Duck (Greyland/rakiraki)**

Given the degree of interbreeding and hybridisation between mallard and grey duck these species are treated as a single population for this discussion.

From 2016 - 2019 annual aerial counts along 20 randomly selected transects were undertaken around the Taranaki ringplain in early April using a helicopter. After missing two years of flights (2020 and 2021) owing to Covid-19 lockdowns and covid-related budget cuts, aerial helicopter transect flights were resumed in April 2022. The 2023 count was the lowest tally so far with 1,273 greylards counted (Figure 1), 344 less than the 2022 count. There were two limitations to the accuracy of the 2023 counts which relate to the survey conditions. First, the timing of flights meant the angle of the sun on ponds made it difficult to see all birds present on the water and this may have decreased the count this year. Second, the helicopter flew higher during the survey than previous years which made counting more difficult and likely contributed to the reduced overall count.

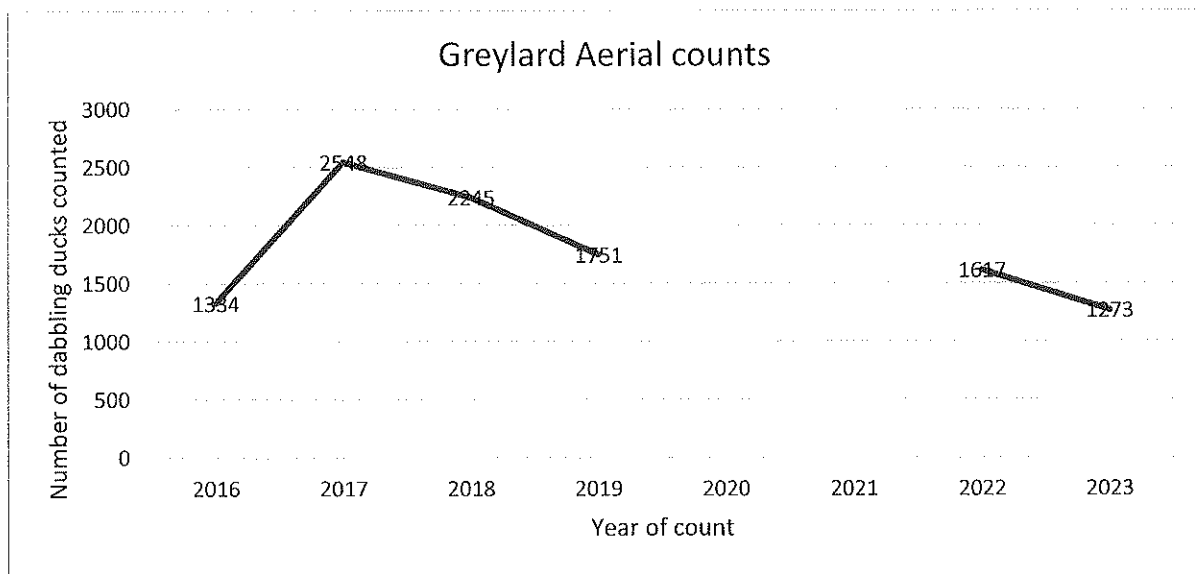


Figure 1. Total Greylards counted during helicopter aerial transects in the Taranaki ringplain, 2016 - 2023.

The hunter survey results for last season (2023) indicate that there was a decrease in hunter success rate from 2022 although it was still on the average (Figure 2). There was a slight increase in hunting hours and a small decrease in overall harvest compared with 2022 (Figure 3).

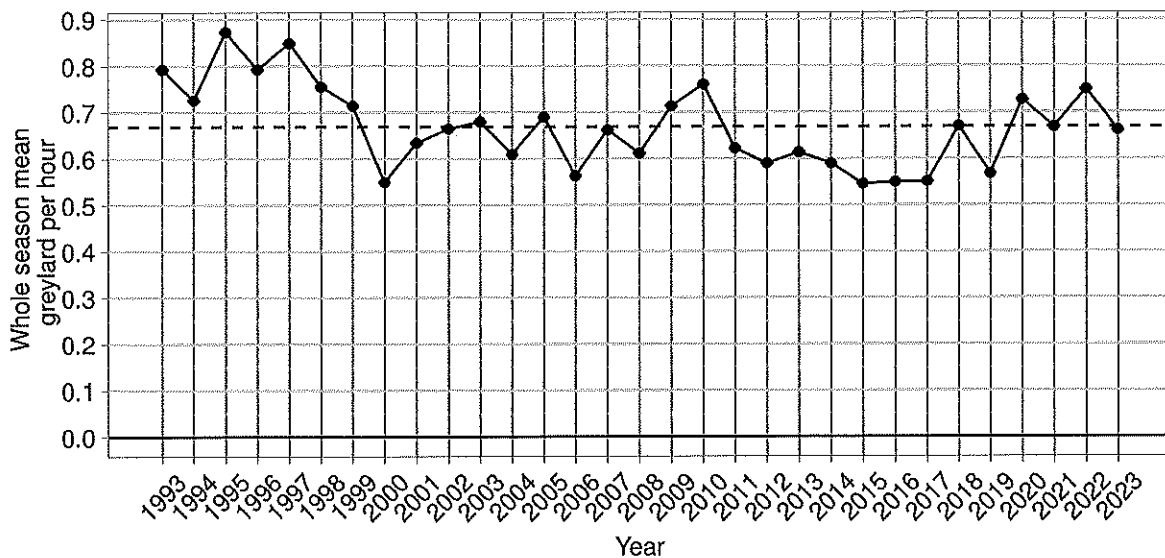




Figure 2. Average hunter harvest rate of greylards (ducks per hour) from the National Hunter Survey 1993 to 2023 seasons.

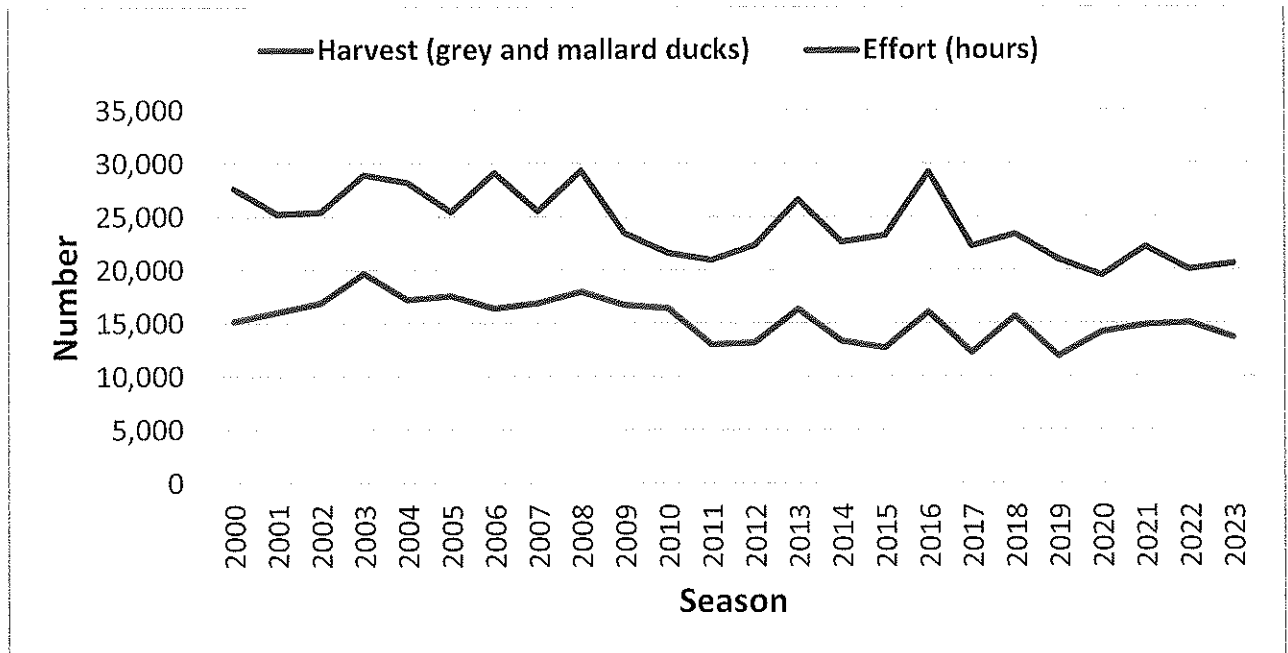


Figure 3. Total hunting effort (hours) and harvest of greylards in the Taranaki region 2000 to 2023.

Although the bag limit for greylard duck was increased from 10 to 15 for opening weekend 2023, this did not result in an increase in the average opening weekend bag taken by hunters (Figure 4).

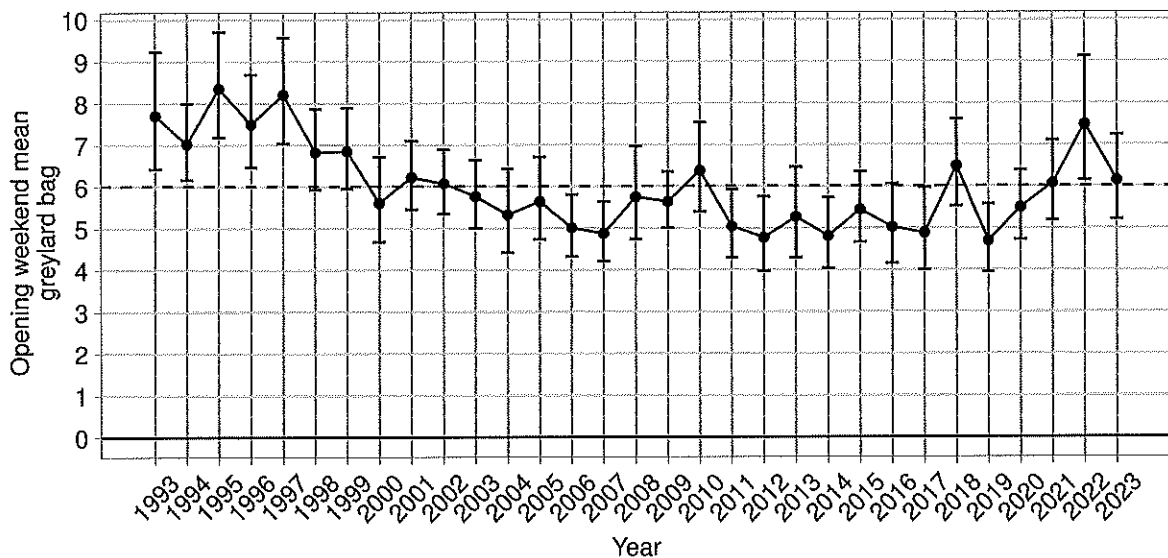
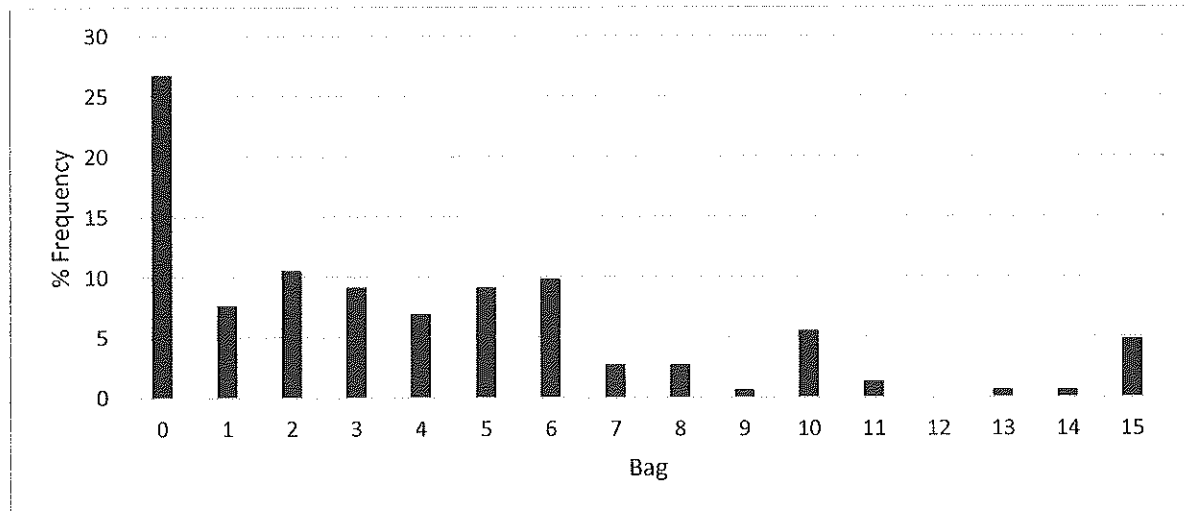


Figure 4. Average opening weekend bag for greylard duck in the Taranaki region 1993 to 2023.

Analysis of individual survey results from Taranaki hunters hunting in Taranaki on opening weekend 2023 (Figure 5) indicated that the increase in daily bag limit from 10 to 15 resulted in a 7.7% increase in harvest (an extra 44 ducks in the total of 572 ducks harvested by survey respondents). A daily bag limit of 12 (as recommended by the Wellington F&G for the whole of the 2024 season) would have resulted in a 3.5% increase, or 20 additional ducks harvested by the survey respondents. While this

analysis has not been done for the whole season, a 12-bird limit is likely to result in only a minor increase in harvest.

Given this analysis, and the intention to align regulations between the Wellington and Taranaki regions where practicable, it is recommended that the Council set a 12-bird limit for greylard duck for the whole of the proposed 8-week season in 2024.



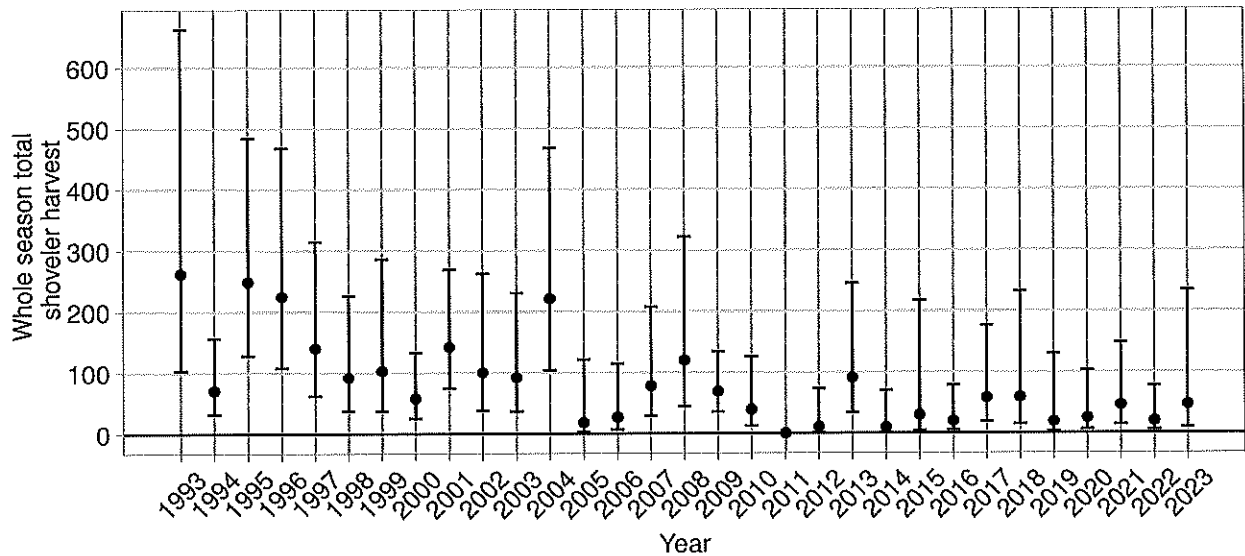
*Figure 5. Daily greylard bags achieved by Taranaki hunters on opening weekend 2023 in Taranaki (from hunter survey results n=142). Many of the hunters who didn't shoot any greylards were targeting paradise shelduck.*

### Shoveler Duck

Monitoring of known aggregations of Australasian Shoveler Duck (Kuruwhengi) has occurred in early August each year since 2000. At this time, birds congregate to select mates before dispersing to secluded breeding sites. Monitoring occurs concurrently throughout New Zealand to reflect the view that the population is a single national population with birds moving throughout NZ.

Across the Taranaki region 422 shoveler duck were counted on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023, which was 18% higher than the long-term average (359 ducks) and 100 more than last year's count of 322. The 2023 national count (12,272 birds at 256 survey sites) increased 34% on the 2022 count. However, the long-term trend indicates a very small decrease in count, which is likely to reflect what is happening in the observed population at survey sites.

The low level of harvest during the 2023 game season was consistent with recent seasons (Figure 6) and the low numbers suggest shoveler are not generally targeted by Taranaki hunters and/or are not particularly prevalent in Taranaki during the game season. Given the low harvest, it is recommended that the status quo of a 2-bird bag limit and 8-week season be retained for 2024.



**Figure 6.** Estimated Shoveler duck harvest in the Taranaki Region 1993 to 2023 seasons (National Hunter Survey).

### Paradise Shelduck

The paradise shelduck (Pūtangitangi) moult count in January 2023 in the Waimarino region (3,409 paradise shelduck) represents 213 birds per moult site which is lower than recent years (Figure 7). Counts around the Taranaki ringplain showed a slight increase in total birds but a slight decrease in birds per site (327 per moult site and 14,063 in total). The Whanganui count remains at relatively low levels, with this year being the lowest recorded count of 1,784 birds, or 178 birds per moult site.

The counts suggest that the population is stable but at the ‘low end’ of the historical range of abundance in the Waimarino. The continued downward trend in the Whanganui count is of concern and suggests possible overharvest.

The operational amalgamation between Taranaki and Wellington will allow monitoring of the Waimarino and Whanganui paradise shelduck populations to be added into the Wellington aerial counts in January 2024. Aerial counts of existing and potential moult sites should help to answer the question as to whether there are moult sites that are not being counted, or whether the current count accurately reflects what is happening in the population. If counts in Whanganui continue to decrease, then a review of season length and bag limits will need to be undertaken.

For comparison the estimated total harvest of 6,044 paradise in 2023 (Figure 8) was lower than in 2022 (8,964 birds) and well below the long-term average of 9,927 birds. Reasons for the reduction in harvest are not readily apparent but could be related to declining numbers in the Whanganui/Waverley area. The whole season harvest rate (birds per hour) was much lower than average in 2023 and very similar to 2011 (Figure 9).

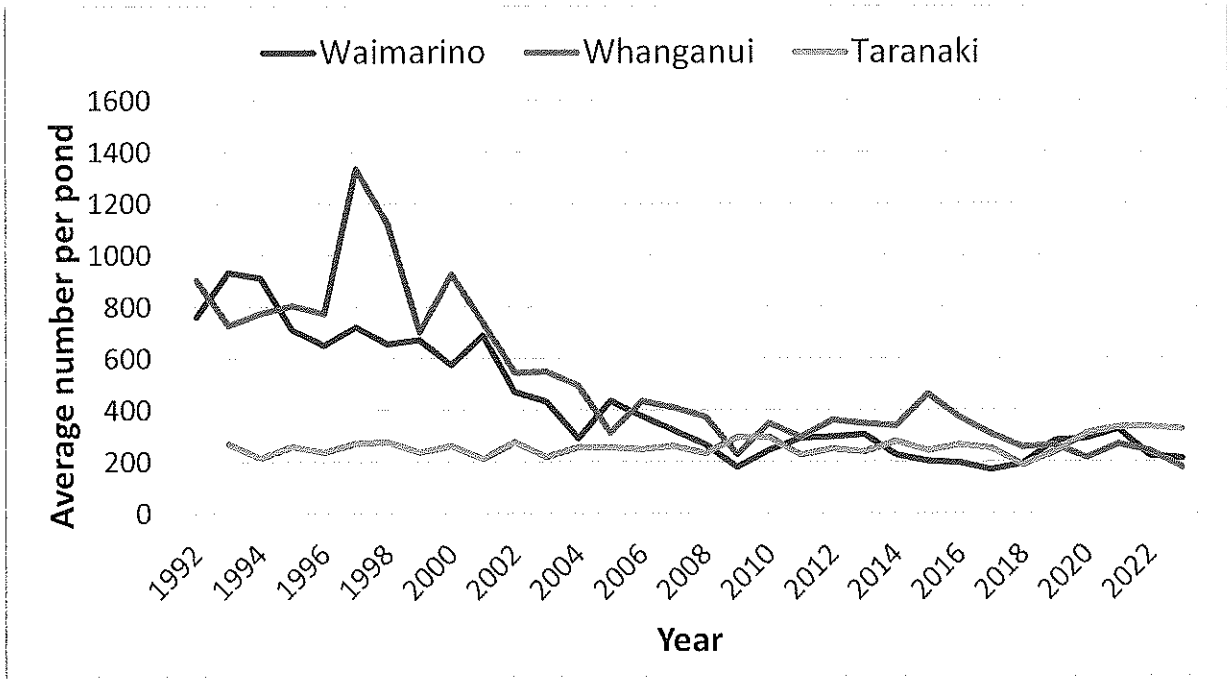


Figure 7. Average number of Paradise shelduck per moult site counted across the Waimarino, Whanganui and Taranaki areas from 1992 to 2023 moult counts.

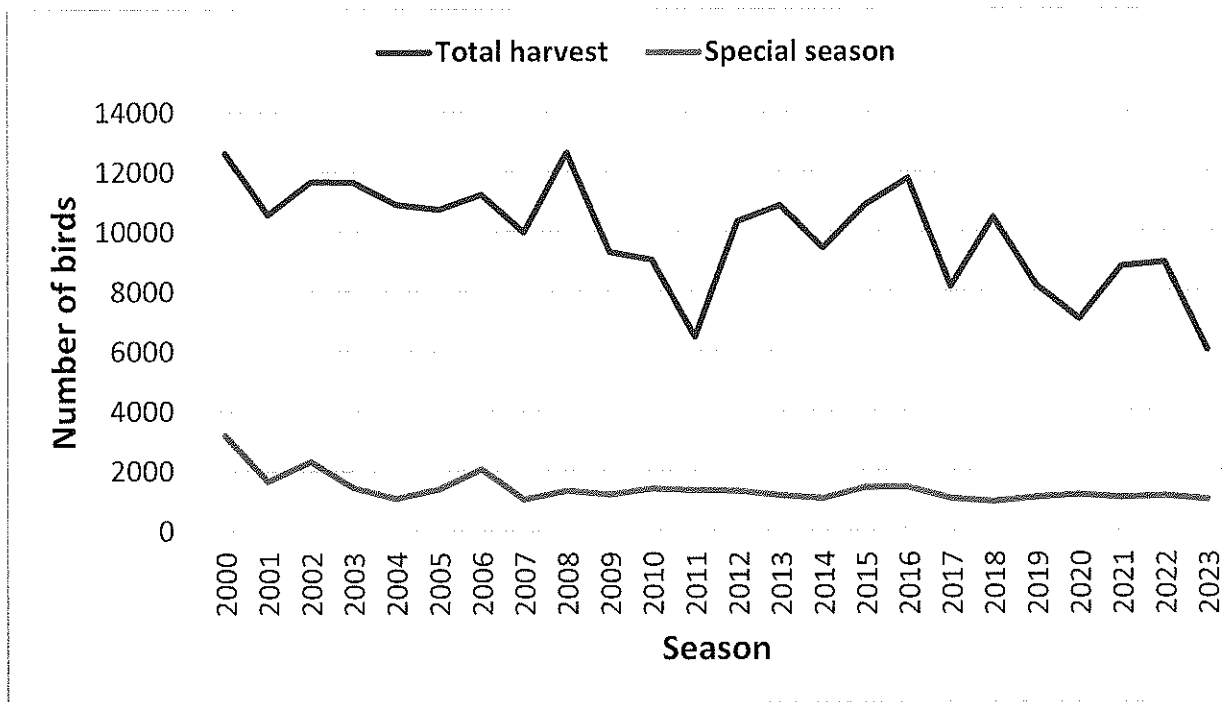
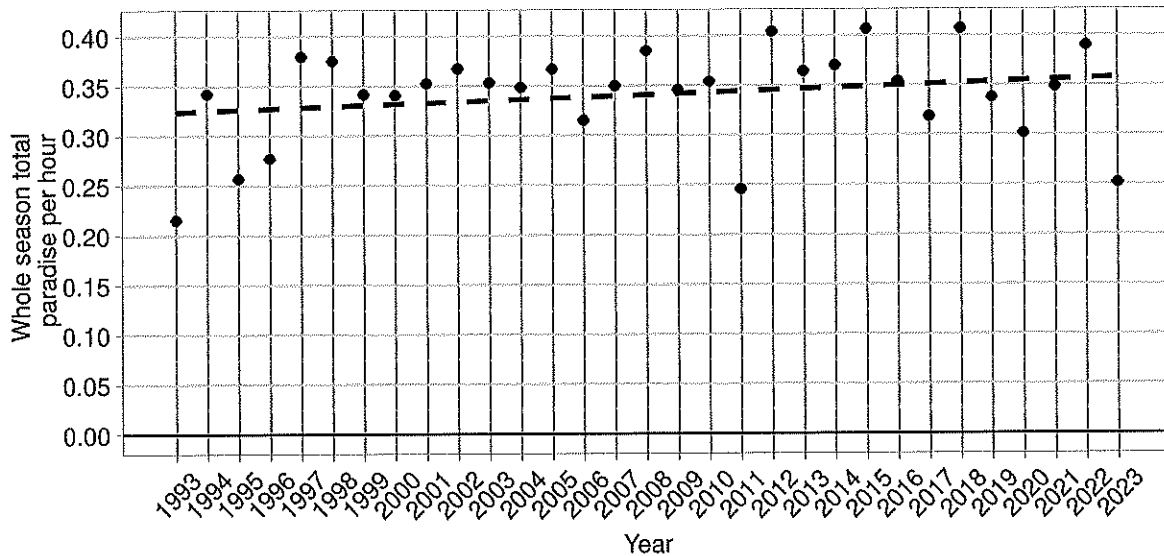


Figure 8. Estimated special season harvest and total annual Paradise shelduck harvest across the Taranaki region 2000 to 2023.



**Figure 9.** Whole season harvest rate for Paradise shelduck (birds per hour) in the Taranaki Region, 1993 - 2023. Data excludes harvest during the special summer season.

The special summer season for paradise shelduck in Area C continues to play an important role in the dispersal of post-moult birds that cause a nuisance to farmers by grazing and fouling areas of new grass, recovering hay paddocks and fodder crops like chicory. It also provides an additional hunting opportunity for licence holders and land occupiers. As Figure 8 shows, the harvest from the special summer season is consistently around 1,000 birds per year and remains a small but significant proportion of the total annual harvest.

Manipulating the harvest is complicated by the need to set the special season regulations more than a year in advance, however it is recommended that the Council retain the current special season conditions. With population numbers in Areas A and B at the lower end of abundance, any additional harvest from a special season is not supported in those areas. Any impacts from aggregations of birds are best managed by working directly with the impacted landowners.

In respect of the special season in Area C, the Council resolved to extend the 2023 season to 3 weekends including Taranaki anniversary day (total 7 days). The 2024 dates are already set in the 2023 Gazette Notice and are 24/25 February, 2/3 March and 9/10/11 March. In 2025, Taranaki Anniversary Day falls on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March, so the special season dates would remain aligned with the 2023 and 2024 dates. Including an extra weekend in 2023 resulted in the same hunting effort being spread out over a longer timeframe with a similar harvest. A 7-day season does allow for greater dispersal of paradise shelduck from moult sites and more hunter opportunity. Disturbance of mallards will occur a little closer to the main season, but the impact is unlikely to be significant.

On the basis that paradise shelduck populations generally appear stable, along with a moderate existing harvest, it is recommended that Council retain the status quo with an extension to the special season in Area C to include Taranaki Anniversary weekend. That is:

- A 10-bird daily limit for Areas A, B & C for an 8-week main season (as is also recommended for the Wellington F&G Region);

- A 3-weekend special season in Area C for 2025 including the last weekend in February and the first two weekends in March 2025, including Taranaki Anniversary Day.

### Black Swan

In 2016 the daily bag limit for black swan (Kakīānau) was increased from 1 bird to 2. Most Taranaki hunters choose not to harvest swan and the increase allowed the few who do to take an extra bird for the table. The harvest has generally fluctuated between 20 and 300 swan, with 150 harvested in 2023 (Figure 10). The 2016 increase in the daily bag limit doesn't appear to have significantly increased the harvest, which remains small overall.

Counts of black swan undertaken in January 2023 were above the long-term average across Whanganui (377 cf an average of 338 swan), Waimarino (44 cf an average of 32 swan) and Taranaki (424 cf an average of 367 swan).

Black swan are relatively mobile and it is thought that a single population extends over central New Zealand, if not further afield. The January 2023 trend counts in Wellington, Nelson/Marlborough (including Farewell Spit) and Whanganui have all shown increases, especially Lake Wairarapa where there was an 83% increase on the 2022 counts (Figure 11).

On the basis that the Taranaki harvest is small, and that the counts are also relatively small, it is recommended that the status quo (2 bird daily limit for an 8-week season) remain. The Wellington Region is recommending a daily bag limit of 5 for swan across the entire region.

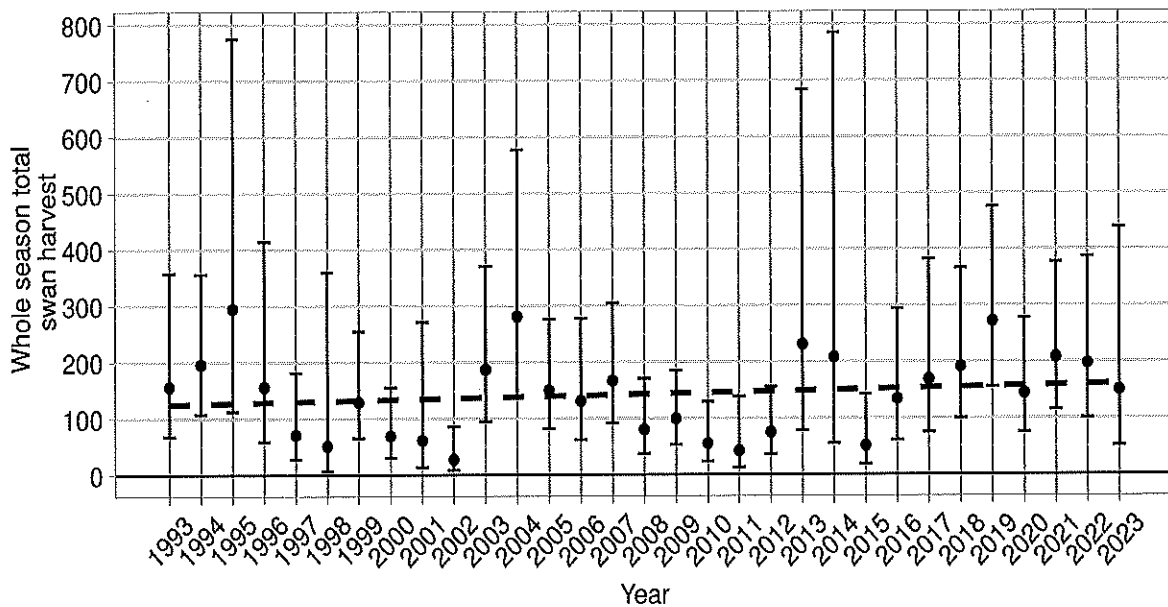


Figure 10. Estimated black swan harvest in the Taranaki Fish and Game region 1993 to 2023.

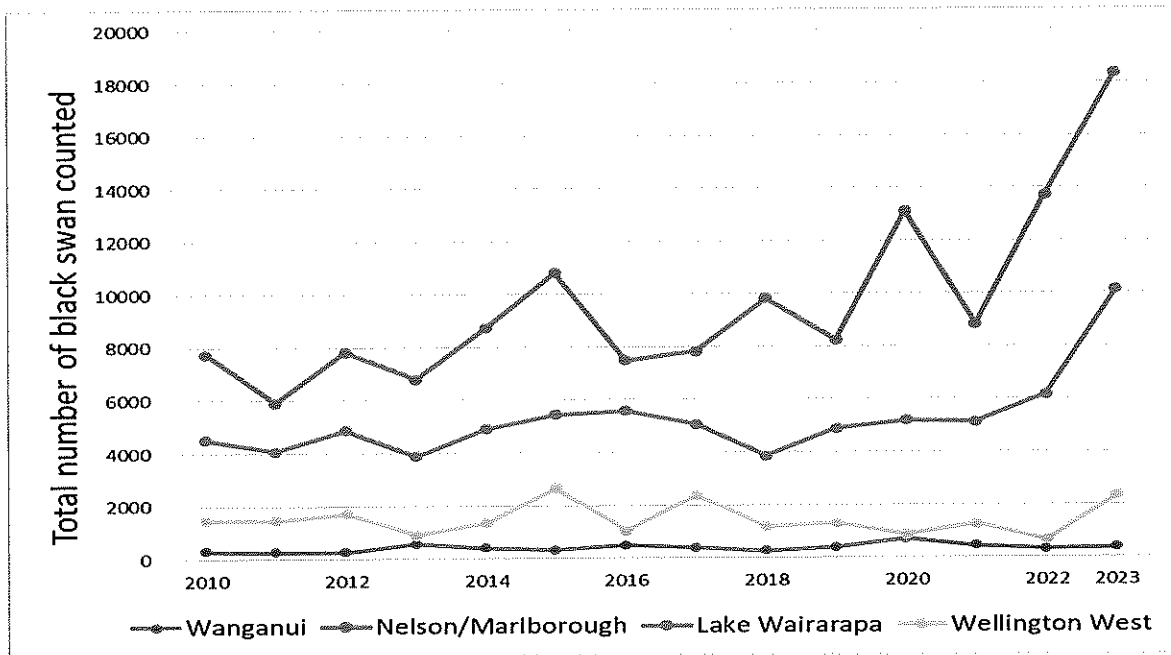


Figure 11. January black swan trend counts for the Taranaki, Wellington and Nelson/Marlborough regions 2010 to 2023.

### Pūkeko

Early April counts of pūkeko have been made along 17 randomly selected transects around the Taranaki ringplain since 2005, although no counts were undertaken in 2020 owing to the covid-19 lockdown. Total counts have varied between 91 and 336 birds, with an average of 178. The April 2023 count was 252 pūkeko. The 18-year trend analysis (Figure 12) indicates that the population remains stable or slightly increasing, although birds are patchy in distribution, with greater numbers in the wetter north and central Taranaki areas.

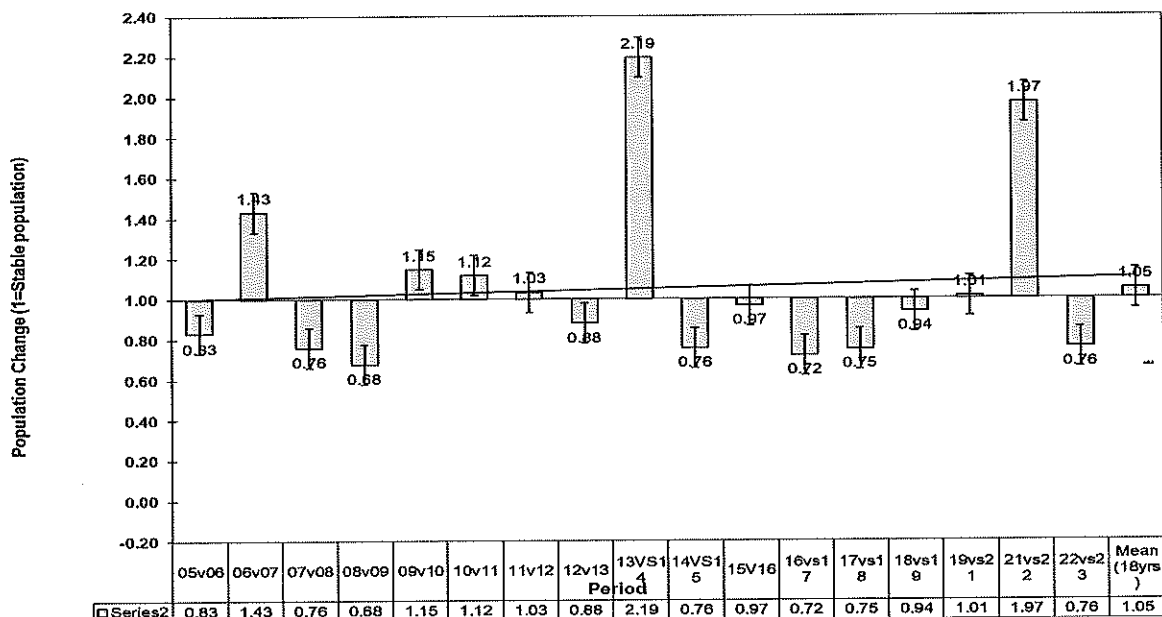


Figure 12. Route regression analysis of pūkeko counts along 17 randomly selected road transects around the Taranaki ringplain, 2005 to 2023.

Counts in Whanganui were restarted in 2023 for the first time since 2017 (counts had only been running from 2015 to 2017). These were also done in April and consisted of 10 randomly selected road transects between Waverley and Turakina. The total count in Whanganui was 122 which was the highest count so far. There is not yet enough data from Whanganui to conduct trend analysis.

During the 2022/23 year there were 41 permits issued to disturb pūkeko with 31 in urban areas and 10 in rural areas. The majority of these urban permits were issued for New Plymouth.

Harvest during the 2023 gamebird season had a substantial decrease from last year with an estimated 1,422 pūkeko harvested (Figure 13.) This is still above the long-term average harvest of 1,164 birds. Of the total number of birds shot, 42% of birds were harvested during the 2-month extended season (Figure 14).

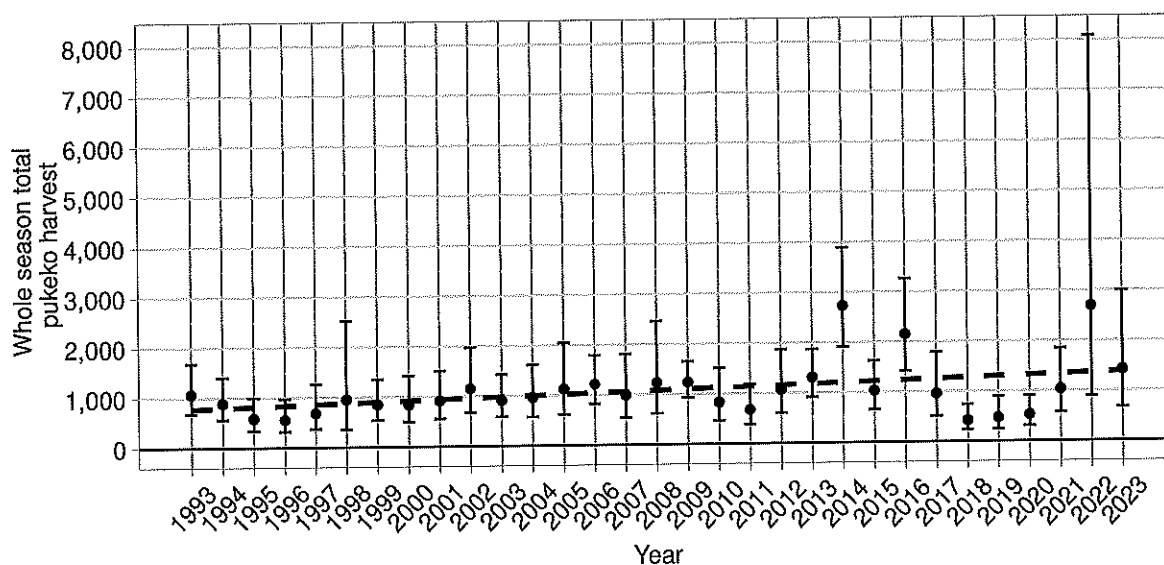


Figure 13. Estimated annual pūkeko harvest in the Taranaki region 1993 to 2023.

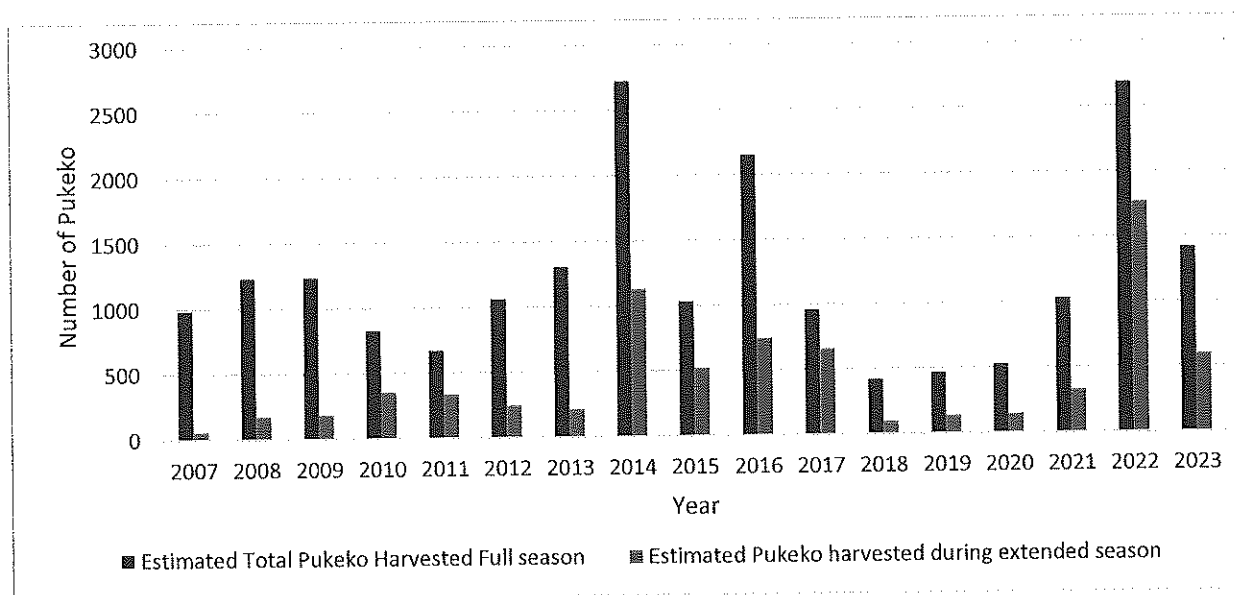


Figure 14. Estimated pūkeko harvest during the Taranaki full season and the proportion taken during the extended season using gamebird hunter survey results.



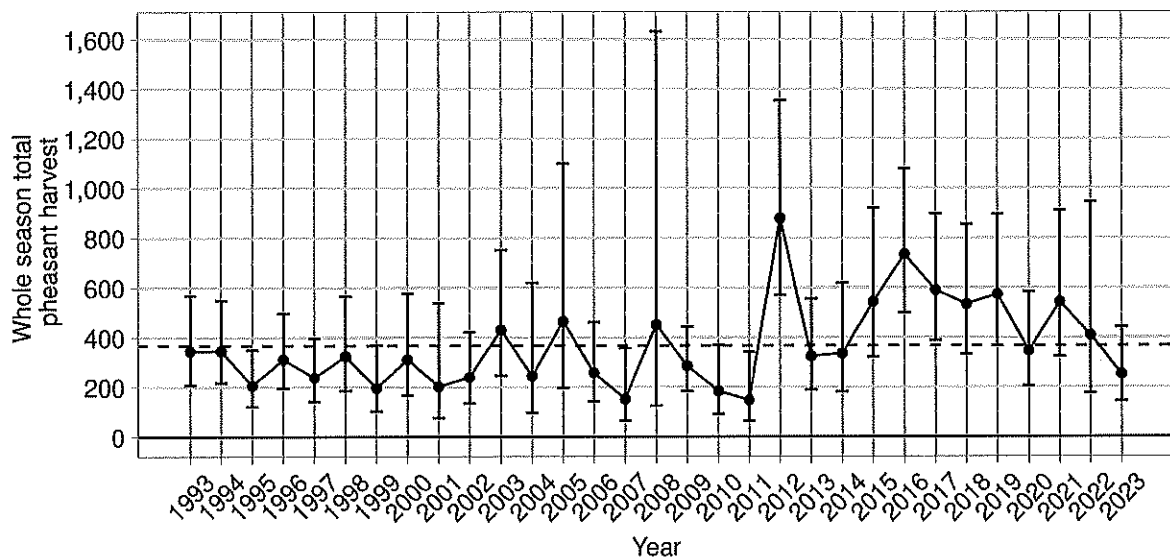
Area C currently has a 10-bird daily bag limit for pūkeko along with a 4-month season through to the last Sunday in August. The extended season enables hunters to target localised aggregations of pūkeko scattered over the ringplain and in problem areas around New Plymouth to address their impacts on agriculture and horticulture as well as to create additional hunting opportunity after the main duck season has ended. Past monitoring suggests that the Whanganui and Waimarino populations might struggle under this level of harvest if it was mis-directed, but in the case of the Taranaki ringplain population it appears that the harvest may be self-limiting. In other words, as the larger mobs are controlled, hunters may be less inclined to target pūkeko.

Given that monitoring indicates that pūkeko populations in Area C remain stable, it is recommended that Council continues with a 10-bird limit in Area C and a 5-bird limit in Areas A and B.

The Wellington Region is recommending a 5-bird limit for pūkeko with the same season length extension as Taranaki and their 5-bird limit aligns with that recommended for Whanganui and the Waimarino.

### Pheasant

The harvest of pheasant in the 2023 season was estimated at 252 birds (Figure 15), which was down on last year and also below the long-term average of 393 birds. Although hunting hours were significantly lower than average in 2023 (553 hours of 1,784 average; Figure 16), the harvest rate of 0.46 pheasant/hour was double the average (Figure 17).



**Figure 15.** Estimated annual pheasant harvest in the Taranaki Region 1993 to 2023.

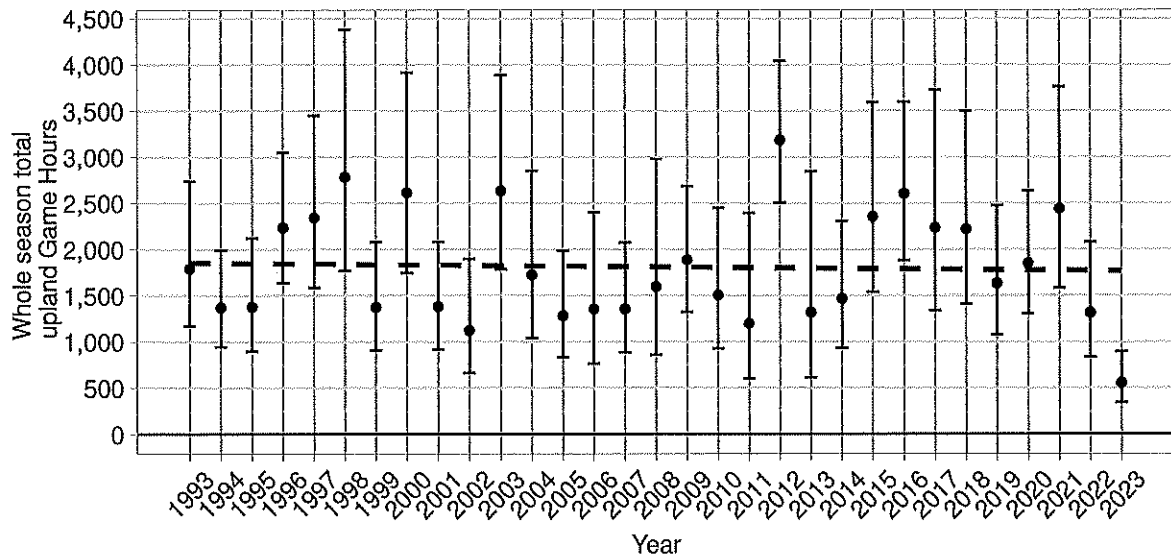


Figure 15. Estimated upland game hunting hours in the Taranaki Region 1993 to 2023.

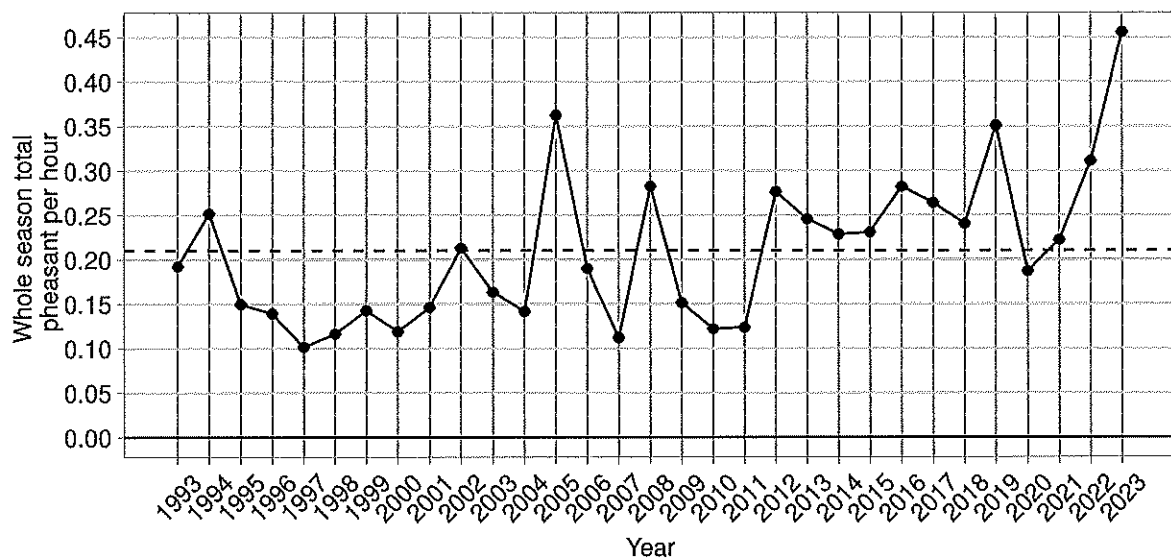


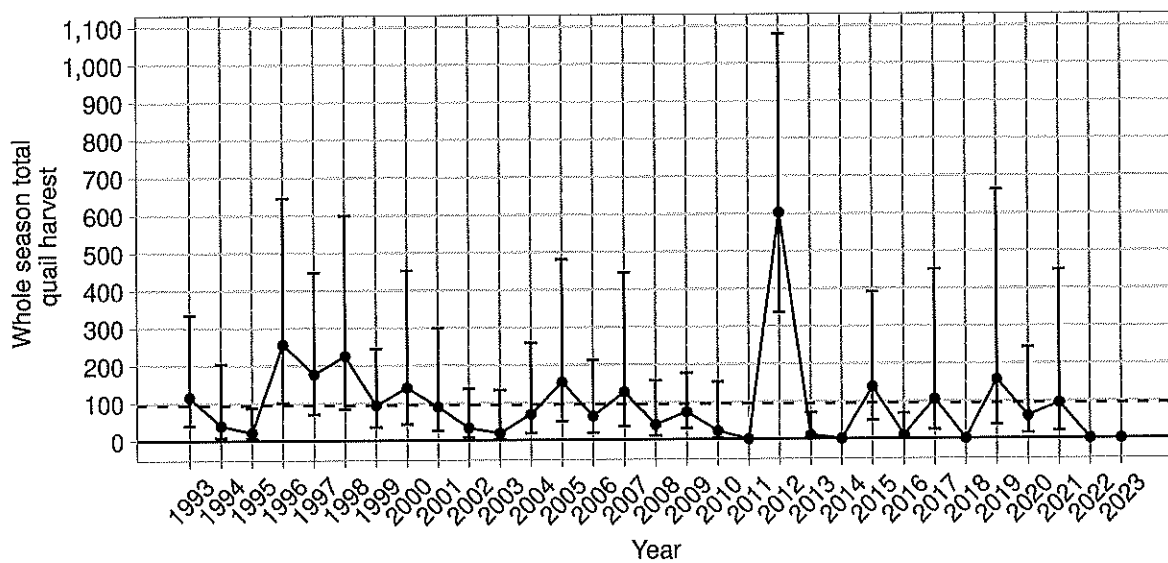
Figure 16. Harvest rate (birds per hour) of pheasant in the Taranaki Region 1993 to 2023.

While we do not have an estimate for the current size of the pheasant population, they have been very visible around much of the region in recent years. This may well reflect that large-scale predator control programmes and the planting of manuka, woodlots and riparian areas are potentially having a positive impact. As it is apparent that many populations still go largely un-hunted, the current level of effort and harvest suggests there is no need to further restrict the harvest, nor does there appear any justification to liberalise the regulations. Results of the gamebird hunter survey reported to Council in December 2018 indicate very strong support for the status quo of a 2-bird daily limit and four-month season. It is therefore recommended that these conditions be retained. The same conditions are being recommended for the Wellington Region.

## California Quail

California quail are restricted in distribution with few substantial coveys remaining, though there has been comment that they are being seen more frequently, similar to the apparent increase in pheasant numbers. With such low numbers, hunters generally perceive hunting them as difficult and/or inappropriate. Harvest totals are small (an estimated 0 birds in 2023; Figure 17) and variable, which in part is an artefact of the hunter survey design and the fact that just a few hunters shoot quail.

Such low levels of harvest indicate that the daily bag limit of 5 is for the most part irrelevant, however it does allow hunters to make use of the opportunity provided by large coveys where these still exist. As such, it is recommended that the status quo of a 5-bird limit for a 4-month season remains. The same season length and bag limit is being recommended for the Wellington Region.



*Figure 17. Estimated annual harvest of California quail in the Taranaki Region 1993 to 2023.*

## Bobwhite and Red-legged Partridge

Some backyard breeders have permits from the Department of Conservation to breed and release these species and there could also potentially be escapees from game preserves. The Council has therefore provided an opportunity for game bird hunters to harvest these species where they exist in the region.

## Upland game property with special conditions

Robert Browning has applied for a *Gazette* listing for an upland game property with special conditions to enable syndicate (non-commercial) shoots for ring-necked pheasant on a property at 336A Kuarapaoa Road, Brunswick, Whanganui.

### Summary of the proposal

- A *Gazette* listing is sought for a non-commercial upland game property run on a private syndicate model with 6 to 8 members;
- The Applicant has obtained a Wildlife Act Authority from DOC (97702-FAU) to obtain and release up to 1,000 captive-reared ring-necked pheasant annually for five years from 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (authority expires on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2027);
- The property of some 4,000 acres is located at 336A Kauarapaoa Rd, Brunswick, RD14, Whanganui. The Applicant has permission to use it for 5 years;
- Up to 500 birds will be purchased annually at 7 weeks old and on-grown in pens on the property until release;
- The property will operate during the gazetted season for pheasant (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in May to last Sunday in August);
- The Applicant seeks to harvest over the usual gazetted limit of 2 birds per hunter per day, including hen pheasants;
- All shooters on the property will be licenced game bird hunters.

At its meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019, the Council considered a paper on upland game properties with special conditions and resolved to *“support non-commercial upland game properties operated by families, private syndicates or friends to provide an immediate and guaranteed hunting opportunity”*.

Should Council approve this application, then the Game Gazette Notice listing can be based on regulations in place for such properties in the Auckland/Waikato Fish & Game Region (see draft Notice below).

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Taranaki Fish & Game Council approves the bag limits and season conditions laid out in the following draft 2024/25 Game Gazette Notice, subject to changes made by prior resolution, for recommendation to the NZ Fish & Game Council.
2. That Taranaki Fish & Game Council approves the application for an upland game property with special conditions.

Allen Stancliff  
Senior Field Officer  
23 November 2023

## TARANAKI FISH AND GAME REGION<sup>1</sup>

### 1 Game That May be Hunted or Killed—Duration of 2024/2025 Season

Species	Season Duration (dates inclusive)	Daily Bag Limit	Hunting area
Grey/mallard duck	4 May to 30 June 2024	12	All areas
NZ shoveler duck	4 May to 30 June 2024	2	All areas
Paradise shelduck	4 May to 30 June 2024	10	All areas
	22 and 23 Feb 2025	10	Area C
	1 and 2 March 2025	10	Area C
	8 to 10 March 2025	10	Area C
Black swan	4 May to 30 June 2024	2	All areas
Pūkeko	4 May to 25 August 2024	5	Area A&B
	4 May to 25 August 2024	10	Area C
California quail	4 May to 25 August 2024	5	All areas
Cock pheasant	4 May to 25 August 2024	2	All areas
Bobwhite (Virginian) quail	4 May to 25 August 2024	5	All areas
Red legged partridge	4 May to 25 August 2024	2	All areas
Pheasant, both sexes	4 May to 25 August 2024	No limit	Upland game properties with special conditions in clause 6 for this Region.

### 2 Definition of Areas

**2.1 Area A:** That area within the following boundary commencing at Waiaruhe Road; then by that road, Owhakura Road, Whangaehu Valley Road and Fields Track to Kakatahi; then by straight lines to Pipiriki and Tawhata; then by Tawhata Road to the boundary; then by the generally eastern boundary of the region to Waiaruhe Road.

**2.2 Area B:** That area within the following boundary commencing at Waiaruhe Road; then by that road, Owhakura Road, Whangaehu Valley Road and Fields Track to Kakatahi; then by straight lines to Pipiriki and Makakaho Junction down the eastern bank of the Waitotara River to the sea; then by the sea coast and generally eastern boundary of the region to Waiaruhe Road.

**2.3 Area C:** The balance of the region contained by the westerly boundaries of Area A and B and the sea coast between the Mokau River and Waitotara River mouths.

<sup>1</sup>Reference to Description: *Gazette*, No. 83, of 27 May 1990, at page 1861

**3 Shooting Hours**  
6.30am to 6.15pm.

**4 Decoy Limit**  
No limit.

**5 Special Conditions**

**5.1 Special Paradise Shelduck Season**

**Area C only:** For the Special Paradise Shelduck Season on 22 February, 23 February, 1 March, 2 March, 8 March, 9 March and 10 March 2025, the hours of hunting are extended 6.30am to 8.00pm. In addition, all hunters, including land occupiers, must hold a 2025 Taranaki Special Paradise Shelduck Season Hunting Permit that has been issued by the Taranaki Fish and Game Council (or authorised agent) to that named person.

**5.2** No person shall hunt, as specified, within 100m of any urban sewage oxidation pond.

**5.3** No person may wilfully leave on the hunting ground any game bird(s) shot or parts of any game birds shot.

**5.4** No person may shoot game from a boat on the Whanganui River downstream of Kemps Pole (Kauarapaoa Stream confluence).

**5.5** Any licensed game bird hunter who has a Department of Conservation permit to take or kill wildlife for the purpose of hawking may hunt with an Australasian Harrier (*Circus approximans*) to take gamebirds. This is subject to the season length and bag limit for each gamebird species in clause 1 of this notice for this region and subject to any conditions imposed by the Director-General of Conservation under such a permit.

**6 Upland Game Properties with Special Conditions**

**6.1** This clause applies to the following specified property only:

Paetawa station. 366a Kauarapaoa Road Whanganui being lots1-2 DP 29356. Waipukurau SD. 1307.9440ha administered by Hienni investment Ltd.

**6.2** Where hunting takes place in any specified property defined in this notice, no person shall have in that person's possession outside that specified property any game taken from that specified property, unless affixed to the game is a label with the name of the specified property where that game was taken or killed written legibly on it, and the additional words on the label, "for personal consumption, not for sale or profit" written legibly on it.

**6.3** A person must not clip the wings of a bird released on any specified property after the bird is 8 weeks old.

**6.4** A person must not clip the beak of any bird released on any specified property at any time.

**6.5** A person must not hunt a pheasant before it is 18 weeks old.

**6.6** A person must not hunt waterfowl on a specified property on the same day that a pheasant hunt takes place on that property.

**6.7** The unlimited daily bag limit for the specified property shall only apply when at least 400 pheasants have been released on to that specified property within 5 months of the opening day of the season, otherwise the daily bag limit shall be 2 birds.

**6.8** A property owner listed in subclause (1) or a lessee of that property owner must keep a register of:

(a) the names and addresses of hunters and all other persons who take game from that property;

(b) the number and type of birds taken by those persons;

(c) the description of that person's role in the hunting and killing of game birds on that day.

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Agenda Item 10    **Hunting and Habitat Scheme Applications**

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**Summary**

Consider any applications for grants from the Hunting and Habitat Scheme administered by Taranaki Fish and Game Council.

These are considered on an annual basis.

<b>Decision Required</b>
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**Recommendation/Action**

Council to move to grant applications for monies from the Hunting and Habitat Scheme where they meet criteria and application has been considered to have merit.



## TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

### 2023/24 Hunting & Habitat Fund Applications

The Council operates a Hunting & Habitat Scheme (H&H) to fund projects which create gamebird habitat and/ or hunting opportunities in the Taranaki region. A set of criteria against which to assess applications was adopted by Council on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2014 and revised in May 2016 (Table 2 attached). The usual process is that an application to the Gamebird Habitat Trust (GBHT) is required first, and the H&H fund may then be used to top up the amount received, with a maximum funding limit as laid out in the criteria.

The two Taranaki applications that were submitted to the GBHT this year both received grants, but only one (Kinatai Wetland) is being put forward for additional H&H funding. It was thought that the H&H fund could contribute towards consenting costs for raising two farm culverts to create shallow open water areas in the Forsyth Wetland on an Auroa Road property. However, discussions with the TRC indicated that consenting costs would be around \$10,000, 2<sup>1/2</sup> times the cost of doing the work. It was therefore decided to wait until the incoming government revised the rules governing wetland creation and enhancement projects.

#### Kinatai Wetland – Andy Whitehead

This project involves creating an area of open water in an old oxbow of Oaonui Stream on a farm property at 93 Lower Kina Road, primarily as habitat for pied stilt, but also as spring breeding habitat for mallard duck. About half a hectare of habitat will be fenced and planted and parts of the oxbow bed excavated to increase the area of open water and the length of time that it persists in what is an ephemeral wetland. There is very little wetland / open water habitat left in this part of the ringplain.

The project area is located close to the Ngati Tara Oaonui (Sandy Bay) Conservation Area and is a good collaborative project to protect and enhance both waterfowl and indigenous biodiversity values, with an obvious advocacy benefit. Final sign-off from the Trust that owns the land is currently being sought and no work will occur until this is obtained. The TRC have confirmed that the project can be undertaken as a permitted activity.

The GBHT allocated \$5,000 (gst incl.) to this project in its 2023 funding round.

**Table 1 Projects seeking Hunting & Habitat funding**

Application	Wetland habitat created (ha) (water area)	Total cost (as per GBHT application) (gst incl.)	From GBHT (gst incl.)	Proposed approval from H&H Fund (gst incl.)	GBHT + H&H funding as % of total cost
Kinatai Wetland Andy Whitehead	0.5 (0.25)	\$16,800	\$5,000	\$1,720	40%

Approving this application (\$1,720) will reduce the H&H fund from \$303,299 to \$301,579.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the following application for funding (GST incl.) from the Hunting & Habitat Scheme:

1. Whitehead - \$1,720

Allen Stancliff  
Senior Field Officer  
28 November 2023

**Table 2. H&H Scheme Funding conditions for each objective**

Funding level	Objective		
	Promote game bird hunting and / or wetland/ upland game bird habitat protection or enhancement	Benefit game bird populations (and hunting opportunities on this or nearby properties)	Provide hunting opportunities
Up to 100%	Taranaki Fish and Game programme or property (or property under long-term lease if covenant option to protect habitat values) which has or will create <u>extensive</u> ;		
50% up to a maximum contribution of \$20,000 (GST excl)	High profile such as a demonstration farm or public space where there is an obvious advocacy benefit No minimum size but must demonstrate good/ best practice	Size of wetland >10,000M <sup>2</sup> (1 ha) or upland habitat protected > 50,000M <sup>2</sup> (5 ha) Predator control programme Area fenced out	For 10 or more licenced hunters. Either balloted, TF&GC managed <sup>1</sup> , or formal club arrangement. Must include opportunity for at least 2 junior hunters
25% up to a maximum contribution of \$10,000 (GST excl)		Wetland 2,500M <sup>2</sup> – 10,000M <sup>2</sup> or upland habitat 25,000M <sup>2</sup> – 50,000M <sup>2</sup> created Predator control programme Area fenced out	

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



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## Agenda Item 11    **Legislative and Policy Review**

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### Summary

Consider the programme of legislative review.

1. **Wildlife Act 1953 – Review announced by Minister of Conservation**

In 2022, the Department of Conservation began a first principles review of the Wildlife Act 1953. DOC held 40 hui with tangata whenua, key stakeholders and statutory bodies to better understand the problems with the current Act and how to improve it. The Department of Conservation indicated feedback from this engagement that there is widespread support for reforming the Wildlife Act and a shared vision for native species. An independent Strategic Oversight Group also provided advice and valuable input into the DOC review. Group members have diverse skills and expertise in te ao Māori, conservation, law, environmental policy, tourism, science, game animal management and governance.

On 9 September 2023 the Minister of Conservation announced that the review would formally commence and that key dates in March 2024 that consultation on high level objectives that form the basis of legislation development would be undertaken.

A change in the Minister of Conservation may change the focus and timetable of any review, but there is still internal momentum from the Department on this workstream.

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Consider the programme of policy review

1. **Developing a programme of policy review relating to governance and operational policy.**

This will include development of national policy, and a template approach for regional adoption on good contemporary policy.

This includes HR policies, Health and Safety policies, governance policies, and other operational policies.

These will be presented to Taranaki Council at each meeting as they are progressed.

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### Recommendation/Action

No action required.

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**Agenda Item 12    Health and Safety Report**

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**Summary**

Consider the Health and Safety Report for October and November.

Regular discussions on Health and Safety topics are undertaken at weekly staff meeting.

Review of Health and Safety Policy being co-ordinated by NZ Council.

<b>Decision Required</b>
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**Recommendation/Action**

Council to move to receive staff report on Health and Safety for October and November 2023

# HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

## Taranaki Fish and Game Council

As part of the commitment to Health and Safety and providing a safe workplace the Taranaki Fish & Game Council requires at each meeting describing:

1. Implementation and adherence with the Health and Safety manual/policy.
2. Risk Management (identification and treatment) – new issues or hazards that have arisen and addressed, emergency procedures, dealing with on-site contractors and members of public,
3. Risk Management – On-going issues or hazards
4. Training, and awareness raising programme – information sharing and training of staff and volunteers,
5. Audits, reviews, and meetings – making sure the planning is implemented
6. H&S incidents – near misses or injuries sustained, plus updates on past events,
7. Follow up from Council Meeting - Subjects raised under H&S agenda item for staff and ranger meetings
8. Recommendations

### Bi- Monthly Update – October 2023 and November 2023

1. Implementation and adherence with the Health and Safety manual/policy.	
<i>Status</i>	
Development of Health and Safety Manual/Policy	Manual developed and in use.

2. Risk Management - New Issues or Hazards	
<i>Status</i>	
COVID19 Coronavirus Transmission	All restrictions recommended by Government were lifted on 15 August 2023
Fire Extinguishers for Office and Vehicles checked	Regular maintenance schedule.  Inventory established

3. Risk Management - On going Issues	
<i>Status</i>	
Drift Dive/Electric Fishing/Spawning Survey Field Intention Sheets developed for each site	Entry/exit points to be identified – completed
Safe vehicle use	All personnel reminded of safe use practices compliant with road code.

Safe vehicle	All personnel undertake vehicle check on monthly basis.  First Aid kits for vehicles checked – update as required.
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<b>4. Training, and awareness programme</b>	
	<i>Status</i>
First aid certificates for field staff	Valid for field and technical staff.

<b>5. Audits, reviews, and meetings</b>	
	<i>Status</i>
Health & Safety Staff Meeting – October 2023	Weekly meetings with feedback sought and required actions noted.
Health & Safety Staff Meeting – November 2023	Weekly meetings with feedback sought and required actions noted.
Reviewed Vehicle Inspection Forms for November 2023	Regular checks for updates encouraged. Any work on vehicle is also encouraged to be completed and up to safe requirements. Trailer warrants updated.
Review Health & Safety Manual for Council information	Seeking advice from provider for review.
Review first aid kits to ensure practical items included in kits	Reviewed and options considered to make up bespoke first aid kits.

<b>6. H&amp;S incidents - Near misses or injuries</b>	
	<i>Status</i>
None reported	Consider proactive actions as arise in response to near misses.

<b>7. Follow Up from Council Meeting</b>	
	<i>Status</i>
No follow up required	Consider list as required and updated

**Action:**

**Receive Health and Safety Summary Report for October and November 2023**





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Agenda Item 13    **Proposed 2023/2024 Meeting Dates - updated**

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**Summary**

Confirmation of a list of dates for Council meetings proposed for 2023/2024 Calendar years.

This is an update only.

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**Recommendation/Action**

No action required. Note any changes to the Council meeting schedule for 2023/2024.

**TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**

The Chairman  
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

**COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Council needs to decide when and where to hold its 2024 meetings.

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

Taranaki Fish and Game Council has scheduled 6 ordinary meetings per year, starting at 10am on a Saturday. These dates are now set to meet National Council deadlines for regulation and fee setting process. However, it is necessary that they also avoid public or school holidays, which in 2024 are;

Public Holiday	Date	School Holidays
Wellington Anniversary	22 January 2024	21 December 2023 – 28 January 2024
Waitangi Day	6 February 2024	15 - 26 April – 2024
Taranaki Anniversary	11 March 2024	8 – 19 July 2024
Good Friday	29 March 2024	30 September – 11 October 2024
Easter Monday	11 April 2024	21 December 2024 – 28 January 2025
Anzac Day	25 April 2024	
King's Birthday	3 June 2024	
Matariki	28 June 2024	
Labour Day	28 October 2024	

Council discussed their preference for the location of meetings at the October 2023 meeting and thought that a central location to hold their meetings was preferred, with Stratford being the most central. A recommended schedule of meeting dates is as follows, noting the requirement for the new council to meet within 3 weeks of the returning officer declaring the election results on 30 October 2024.

**MEETING DATES AND VENUES FOR 2024**

<i>Proposed Taranaki Fish &amp; Game Council Meeting Dates</i>		<i>New Zealand Fish &amp; Game Council meeting dates (draft)</i>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
10 February 2024	5 year plan review	Stratford	16 & 18 February 2024
16 March 2024	Agree draft budget	Stratford	19 & 20 April 2024
25 May 2024	Licence fee Anglers notice	Stratford	18 & 19 June 2024
17 August 2024	Adopt Ann Plan	Stratford	23 & 24 August 2024
2 November 2024	First Meeting of New Council End of year Reports	Stratford	13 & 14 December 2024
7 December 2024	AGM & Game Gazette recommendation	New Plymouth	

**RECOMMENDATION** That the schedule of meeting dates and venues be adopted.

Jilli Steedman  
SECRETARY  
30 November 2023

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**Agenda Item 14 Strategic Review – 5 Year Strategic Plan**

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**Summary**

Review progress of 5 Year Strategic Plan – identifying potential issues to be resolved or change in focus.

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**Recommendation/Action**

No action required.

2022/23 – 2026/27 Strategic Plan

Approved: 18<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

	<p><i>is an effective way to increase angling opportunity. In particular stocking man-made lakes and impoundments close to urban centres can be highly valued by family and other groups contributing to a healthier lifestyle and enhancing support for fishing and F&amp;G whilst not impacting unreasonably on indigenous fish species. It is also an important tool to introduce budding anglers to fishing and protecting the licence base</i></p>		<p>ensure that hatchery operation is efficient, effective and sustainable re meeting future stocking requirements. Will be influenced by the National Council stocking review, R3 needs also community/ iwi aspirations.</p>	
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Work Area (why are we undertaking this objective?)	Key Result (what are we actually doing and how this contributes to objective?)	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
<p>Gamebird monitoring and investigations</p> <p>To obtain necessary information and undertake effective management actions to sustainably manage gamebird populations across the region to maximise hunter satisfaction so they remain in the sport.</p>	<p>Mallard Duck monitoring</p> <p>Obtaining an accurate estimate of the duck population annually to set season regulations is fraught with difficulties and is resource intensive.</p> <p>Furthermore the regulation setting timetable means substantial population changes may occur between any monitoring and regulation setting and the new hunting season. However potentially hunting mortality may either be negligible, compensatory and/ or naturally reduce when populations</p>	<p>Implement banding protocol for Whanganui area.</p> <p>Review site selection and undertake full banding 2022 – 2024 including recovery of bands.</p> <p>Complete report of banding results August 2024</p>	<p>Review monitoring programme for the region taking into account banding results and including regulation setting requirements</p>			
		<p>Undertake annual aerial counts of dabbling duck transects across the Taranaki ringplain</p> <p>Count data is summarised in annual discussion paper re recommended Game Gazette conditions.</p>			<p>Review effectiveness and value of the monitoring programme.</p>	
		<p>Participate in and meet data entry requirements for the National Hunter Survey</p> <p>Target for number of interviews is achieved and data summarised in annual discussion paper re recommended Game Gazette conditions</p>				

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



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



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

Work Area (why are we undertaking this objective?)	Key Result (what are we actually doing and how this contributes to objective?)	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Compliance</b> Protect resource sustainability and user experience to maintain licence holder satisfaction	<b>Compliance</b> Make best use of available resources to implement the objectives of the Compliance Policy so as to best protect the sports fish & game resource and its use	Review Compliance Strategy	Consider other options to undertake compliance if and when these become available			
	<b>Honorary Rangers</b> Safe use of honorary rangers to provide effective and valued compliance coverage across the Taranaki region	Undertake effective opening day ranging across the region and at other key times or in response to identified issues.  Annual compliance report presented to Council				

Work Area (why are we undertaking this objective?)	Key Result (what are we actually doing and how this contributes to objective?)	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
<p>Iwi and public interaction Implementing the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi (partnership, protection and participation) requires Council work proactively and collaboratively with iwi regarding the management of natural resources and their use and protection. It is recognised that there may be a natural tension</p>	<p>Iwi Liaison Proactively foster close and productive working relationships with iwi at all levels and collectively share expertise and knowledge to achieve greater protection of freshwater and wetland habitats and species. To also enable robust and helpful discussion and decision making on issues affecting licence holders and iwi including use of shared resources, protection</p>	<p>Take opportunities to involve and work with iwi at all levels on shared matters affecting natural resources and their use, including welcoming iwi participation in Council.  Represent F&amp;G and provide valued input to Te Awa Tupua process  Identify opportunities and actively work with individual iwi and hapu on local shared issues  Identify possible options to increase iwi involvement in Council  Take opportunities to work on joint habitat improvement and river restoration projects</p>			<p>Actively involve iwi at all levels in the development of the Sports Fish and Game Management Plan (dependant on completion of regional amalgamations).</p>	

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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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

	<p>Council which facilitates effective Council governance and operation</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Safety</b>          Maintain effective systems to ensure a safe and healthy working environment and the safety of staff and visitors</p>	<p>Implement and review Health &amp; Safety Policy, Manual and systems and processes as per identified timetable.</p> <p><i>Annual audit and other identified requirements are reported to Council</i></p>
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## Agenda Item 15 Risk Register

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### Summary

Consideration of risks that have arisen or are no longer relevant.

Inclusion of risks in a risk matrix to enable consideration at a strategic discussion forum – how can the Council control the risks in the short term or long term.

Consideration of actions for high risk, high impact, and with immediacy of action required.

1. Political landscape at Central Government has changed following the 2023 General Election
2. Golden Clam Issue in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions partially resolved with compromise actions undertaken by MPI Biosecurity.

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### Recommendation/Action

No action required. Note any changes to the Council's Risk Register.

RISK REGISTER & RISK TREATMENT ACTION PLAN – TARANAKI FISH & GAME – DECEMBER 2023

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



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





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## Agenda Item 16    **Bi-Monthly Report from Licencing Operational Group**

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### **Summary**

The Licencing Operational Group present a summary report on the performance of the Licencing Management system outlining:

- Any issues with continuance of service
- A list of bugs and fixes required under agreed contract.
- Progress on completing requirements of development phase of contract.
- Brief summary of licence sales trends across the country

Each regional Fish and Game Council is a signatory to the agreement for ESL to provide services to manage electronic licence sales (Public on Line and Agent on Line) and data capture. A summary of activity is presented for the period September and October 2023.

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### **Recommendation/Action**

Council move to receive the update report from the Licencing Operational Group for contract management of provider of services to manage the licensing platform and database management.

# Bi-Monthly Performance Report Licence Management System

## September and October 2023

Reporting Date 6 November 2023

### Sales Summary

2023/2024 Fish Licence Sales – 17 August 2023 to 6 November 2023

Over the period there were normal sales patterns and volumes as expected. Compared to the previous year, licence sales were down by 8.2% by LEQ value and 7.0% down on volume of licence holder purchase transactions.

### Operational Summary

Percentage of Time System was Operational **99.96%**

#### Reasons for Disruption to Service:

- **System Disruption and Downtime (0.04%)**  
6 November 2023 - Payment Gateway Issue - Unable to sell licences via credit card due to issues with Paystation – down for 240 minutes. Resolved in 6 hours.
- **Planned and Regular Maintenance (0.0%)**  
No downtime experienced.

### Contract Activity Summary

#### Development Contract

- 43 fixes remain logged
- 1 fix resolved – to enable purchase of Designated Water Licence on same day of intended use.
- 12 fixes have been developed with intention to release into system in November.

#### Operational Contract

- Still operating under Development Contract

#### Supplementary Contracts:

- Designated Water Licence - Completed and fully operational – still to final sign off from Fish and Game

- Sea-Run Salmon Endorsement Licence - Completed and fully operational - still to final sign off from Fish and Game

## Detailed Reporting

### Sales Summary

Over the period there were normal sales patterns and in expected range (as at 6 November 2023)

	Number	Public On-Line Sales	Agent Sales	LEQs at end period	Previous Year		
Sports Fishing Licences 2023 -24	43,020	48%	52%	36,579	39,850	▼	8.2%
Designated Waters Resident 2023 -24	8,562	43%	57%	0			
Designated Waters Non-Resident 2023-24	253	81%	19%	0			
Salmon Licences 2023-24	7,105	32%	68%	0			
Game Bird Hunting Licences 2023	0	0%	0%	0	0	■	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,940</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>55%</b>				

Sports Fishing Licences 2023/2024 Regional Sales (as at 6 November 2023)

Region	Number	Public On-Line Sales	Agent Sales	LEQs at end period	Previous Year		
Northland	186	71%	29%	151	145	▲	4.5%
Auckland/Waikato	2,145	63%	37%	1,687	1,796	▼	6.0%
Eastern	4,956	54%	46%	4,141	4,632	▼	10.6%
Hawke's Bay	1,255	58%	42%	981	1,312	▼	25.2%
Taranaki	742	62%	38%	483	537	▼	10.2%
Wellington	1,913	55%	45%	1,540	1,751	▼	12.0%
Nelson/Marlborough	2,553	43%	57%	2,190	2,319	▼	5.6%
North Canterbury	6,687	37%	63%	5,928	6,353	▼	6.7%
West Coast	1,062	73%	27%	876	932	▼	6.0%
Central South Island	6,993	47%	53%	5,712	6,047	▼	5.5%
Otago	8,714	47%	53%	7,827	8,345	▼	6.2%
Southland	5,814	41%	59%	5,063	5,681	▼	10.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,020</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>36,579</b>	<b>39,850</b>	▼	<b>8.2%</b>

Further detail on National Fish Licence Sales YTD and variances against the 2022/23 YTD are attached in Appendix 2.

### Operational Summary

The system was operational for 99.96% of the time. For 0.04% of the total time (240 minutes) there was a system disruption and downtime of transaction processing.

- **KPI performance**

Monthly reporting at frequency provided by the provider (ESL) on KPIs

Reporting of KPI performance targets to regions – these are being developed to provide simple reference and summary to regions.

Nothing of note to report.

- **Disruption to service**

On 6 November 2023 from 1:00am to 6:00am there was an issue dealing with Paystation that did not process credit card transactions. Description of issue – noted in appendix.

This was reported to regional Managers/CEs and administrative support as an operational issue on 6 November 2023.

This downtime coincided with a period of low transaction rate and can be considered minor disruption of service.

- **Maintenance**

A regular maintenance programme of removing duplicate records was undertaken.

## Contract Activity Summary

System performance and improvements - reporting to regions of progress of upgrades and improvements to system bi-monthly

### Development Contract

- **33 Fixes and Bug Fixes** - this list was the fixes that have been ticketed into groups and indicated the triage of importance. 12 fixes have been developed and planned for release in mid-November.
- **9 Fixes and Bug Fixes** - Associated with Designated Waters Licence system introduction
  - A. Critical: None
  - B. High:
    - a. Fix required on Controlled Fisheries Management function
    - b. Agency Reconciliation Report – doesn't appear to accurately reflect or include DW licence income.
  - C. Non-Urgent but desirable:
    - a. 32 fixes or bug fixes in Licence Management System
    - b. 8 fixes or bug fixes relating to Designated Water Licence System

- **1 fix completed over period**
  - a. Resolved issue to enable purchase of Designated Water Licence on same day of intended use

### **Operational Contract**

- **Still operating under Development Contract**

The system is operating under a MVP system (Minimum Viable Product) that performs the key tasks to sell licences but does not fully meet the requirements of the original contract.

Until full completion of the development phase of the original contract is complete, then the contract will be considered to remain in the development phase. Work still to be completed include:

- Fixes to bugs that can reasonably be expected as part of the service
- Booking Systems for river reaches
- Booking system for access permits - forests and other sites
- Booking system for maimai and wetland sites

Once Fish and Game is satisfied that the development phase is complete, then it will be deemed to be in operational phase. Any subsequent fixes, amendments, or developments will be considered an additional cost to complete.

### **Supplementary Contracts:**

- **Designated Water Licence - Completed and fully operational**

Confirm that transactions have been completed from 17 August to 6 November 2023 – 8,815 transactions completed.

- **Sea-Run Salmon Endorsement Licence - Completed and fully operational**

Confirm that transactions have been completed from 17 August to 6 November 2023 – 7,105 transactions completed.



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**Agenda Item 17    Licence Sales Reports - Fishing Season 2023/2024 YTD**

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**Summary**

1. Licence Sales Report for 2023/2024 Fishing Season YTD
2. Licence Sales Reports for 2022/2023 Fishing Season Final
3. Licence Sales Reports for 2023 Game Season

Confirmation of licence sales indicating YTD – comparison with previous year.

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**Recommendation/Action**

Council move to receive Licence Sales Report for 2023/2024 Fishing Season YTD



# Taranaki Fish and Game Licence Sales Report

## Regional Sales - Complete Season - Fish 2022-2023

Sales Channel	FWFA	FWA	FWNA	FSLA	FLAA	FWIA	FLBA	FSBA	FDA	FDNA	FWJ	FWNJ	FDJ	FDNJ	FWC	FWNC	FDNC	SRSE	Fish Total	Fish LEQ	Fish \$
Public	87	233	96	31	25	22	1	45	135	235	44	3	37	7	187	4	5	0	1197	587.74	\$98,581.00
Agency	37	198	10	52	18	13	2	17	30	10	48	2	5	0	47	0	0	15	504	346.29	\$51,493.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1701</b>	<b>934.03</b>	<b>\$150,074.00</b>

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## Regional Sales - Complete Season - Game 2023

Sales Channel	GWA	GWJ	GWC	GDA	GDJ	Game Total	Game LEQ	Game \$
Public	215	25	18	30	0	288	225.78	\$24,470.00
Agency	841	63	28	14	0	946	856.1	\$92,052.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1056</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1234</b>	<b>1,081.88</b>	<b>\$116,522.00</b>

National Fish Licence Sales YTD to 19 November 2023																										
	Channel	FWF	FWA	FWNA	FSLA	FLAA	FWIA	FLBA	FSBA	FDA	FDNA	FWJ	FWNJ	FDJ	FDNJ	FWC	FWNC	FDNC	SRSE	DWLR	DWLN	Total Fish	Fish LEQ	Fish Var	Fish \$	Inc/Dec
Northland	Public Online	17	51	28	2	4	0	1	3	18	15	6	1	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	168				
	Agency Online	11	18	2	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	5	0	0	46				
	Total	28	69	30	5	6	0	2	3	18	15	7	1	0	0	25	0	0	5	0	0	214	177		\$22,284	
	Public Online	15	45	22	4	2	0	1	3	13	22	8	2	2	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	167				
2022-2023	Agency Online	11	24	8	8	1	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	8	7	0	75				
	Total	26	69	30	12	3	0	1	3	15	22	12	2	2	0	30	0	0	8	7	0	242	180	1.6%	\$23,895	\$1,610
	Public Online	230	612	55	146	65	0	0	31	177	71	91	2	29	2	144	0	0	0	0	0	1,655				
	Agency Online	138	393	10	89	38	0	0	25	46	6	29	0	6	0	31	1	0	17	0	0	829				
Auckland Waikato	Total	368	1005	65	235	103	0	0	56	223	77	120	2	35	2	175	1	0	17	0	0	2,484	1,976		\$249,205	
	Public Online	205	535	51	134	55	0	2	40	165	80	81	2	33	0	169	2	0	0	0	0	1,554				
	Agency Online	153	402	10	92	36	0	0	30	56	2	29	0	4	0	42	0	0	9	16	0	881				
	Total	358	937	61	226	91	0	2	70	221	82	110	2	37	0	211	2	0	9	16	0	2,435	1,876	-5.1%	\$249,590	\$384
Eastern	Public Online	869	650	50	231	397	0	5	142	395	91	91	1	51	0	283	1	1	0	0	0	3,258				
	Agency Online	783	658	20	204	580	0	1	59	181	40	88	2	13	2	34	0	3	49	0	0	2,717				
	Total	1652	1308	70	435	977	0	6	201	576	131	179	3	64	2	317	1	4	49	0	0	5,975	4,961		\$625,469	
	Public Online	765	576	39	214	316	0	7	125	443	102	105	5	38	1	306	0	1	0	0	0	3,043				
2022-2023	Agency Online	730	554	21	206	601	0	4	64	125	34	93	1	13	2	38	0	0	37	20	5	2,548				
	Total	1495	1130	60	420	917	0	11	189	568	136	198	6	51	3	344	0	1	37	20	5	5,591	4,498	-9.3%	\$598,462	-\$27,007
	Public Online	147	336	51	88	37	0	2	20	73	53	59	0	9	0	66	2	1	0	0	0	944				
	Agency Online	115	331	19	121	62	0	1	14	35	45	51	0	3	0	23	0	0	9	0	0	829				
Hawke's Bay	Total	262	667	70	209	99	0	3	34	108	98	110	0	12	0	89	2	1	9	0	0	1,773	1,462		\$184,358	
	Public Online	102	266	44	73	35	0	1	33	49	60	66	1	21	0	125	0	0	0	0	0	876				
	Agency Online	70	248	12	97	23	0	0	8	16	62	40	1	4	0	15	0	0	3	16	3	618				
	Total	172	514	56	170	58	0	1	41	65	122	106	2	25	0	140	0	0	3	16	3	1,494	1,102	-24.6%	\$146,613	-\$37,745
Taranaki	Public Online	54	159	35	24	16	0	0	8	27	30	17	0	7	0	62	0	1	0	0	0	440				
	Agency Online	27	153	2	49	12	0	1	5	11	0	26	0	1	0	21	0	0	9	0	0	317				
	Total	81	312	37	73	28	0	1	13	38	30	43	0	8	0	83	0	1	9	0	0	757	593		\$74,743	
	Public Online	38	122	28	27	15	0	0	14	29	34	20	1	8	0	177	0	0	0	0	0	513				
2022-2023	Agency Online	35	149	5	49	10	0	0	9	8	1	23	0	0	0	25	0	0	9	17	0	340				
	Total	73	271	33	76	25	0	0	23	37	35	43	1	8	0	202	0	0	9	17	0	853	539	-9.1%	\$71,678	-\$3,064
	Public Online	162	573	45	137	61	0	2	8	54	18	51	0	51	1	233	0	1	0	0	0	1,397				
	Agency Online	120	511	7	132	54	0	1	1	17	17	57	0	13	0	134	0	0	42	0	0	1,106				
Wellington	Total	282	1084	52	269	115	0	3	9	71	35	108	0	64	1	367	0	1	42	0	0	2,503	1,909		\$240,649	
	Public Online	122	501	39	136	64	0	0	12	70	54	78	1	34	0	345	0	0	0	175	25	1,656				
	Agency Online	108	498	1	127	44	0	0	8	17	1	79	0	8	0	72	0	0	32	51	0	1,046				
	Total	230	999	40	263	108	0	0	20	87	55	157	1	42	0	417	0	0	32	226	25	2,702	1,743	-8.7%	\$231,881	-\$8,768
Nelson/Marl	Public Online	245	411	84	116	43	0	1	14	104	38	77	5	15	0	195	2	0	0	0	0	1,350				
	Agency Online	322	667	84	186	58	0	0	6	34	57	75	1	4	0	102	0	0	330	0	0	1,926				
	Total	567	1078	168	302	101	0	1	20	138	95	152	6	19	0	297	2	0	330	0	0	3,276	2,526		\$318,510	
	Public Online	207	350	84	117	56	0	0	14	112	54	65	2	22	0	204	2	0	0	568	30	1,887				
2022-2023	Agency Online	318	676	78	209	69	0	3	7	39	40	64	0	8	0	89	0	0	202	855	67	2,724				
	Total	525	1026	162	326	125	0	3	21	151	94	129	2	30	0	293	2	0	202	1423	97	4,611	2,446	-3.2%	\$325,437	\$6,927
	Public Online	743	1,149	56	270	39	0	1	25	235	94	182	1	39	2	700	0	5	1,433	0	0	4,974				
	Agency Online	1,255	1,972	48	713	35	0	0	35	74	11	184	0	6	0	205	1	0	2,748	0	0	7,287				
North Canterbury	Total	1998	3121	104	983	74	0	1	60	309	105	366	1	45	2	905	1	5	4181	0	0	12,261	6,957		\$877,170	
	Public Online	557	1,052	55	249	33	0	4	47	247	87	171	2	59	4	508	0	0	1,293	982	32	5,382				
	Agency Online	1,257	2,019	53	737	49	0	3	35	98	20	173	0	7	0	202	0	0	2,628	1,926	0	9,207				
	Total	1814	3071	108	986	82	0	7	82	345	107	344	2	66	4	710	0	0	3921	2908	32	14,589	6,695	-3.8%	\$890,792	\$13,623
West Coast	Public Online	206	248	67	72	37	0	1	19	47	39	39	2	6	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	883				
	Agency Online	85	126	1	49	36	0	0	1	27	28	25	0	0	0	4	0	1	48	0	0	431				
	Total	291	374	68	121	73	0	1	20	74	67	64	2	6	0	104	0	1	48	0	0	1,314	1,079		\$136,068	
	Public Online	176	230	69	67	45	0	2	23	64	52	41	0	12	2	129	0	0	0	460	43	1,415				
2022-2023	Agency Online	66	112	2	44	34	0	0	1	10	54	19	0	1	4	2	0	2	39	80	0	470				
	Total	242	342	71	111	79	0	2	24	74	106	60	0	13	6	131	0	2	39	540	43	1,885	996	-7.7%	\$132,510	-\$3,557



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**Agenda Item 18    Work Plan and Budget Report to 31 October 2023 YTD**

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**Summary**

Confirmation of the Work Plan Report outlining operational activities undertaken in September and October 2023.

<b>For Information Only</b>
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**Recommendation/Action**

Council receive staff report on Work Plan and Budget Report for September and October 2023..

Taranaki Fish & Game Council  
Budget Report to 31 October 2023  
And

Project Progress to 31 October 2023

OUTPUT	Budget external costs	YTD external costs (31/10/23)	Comments on significant variations	Budget Hours	YTD hours
Population Monitoring	17,227			520	32.75
Harvest Assessment				60	3.25
Hatchery	10,000	3,374		60	14
Liberations	6,000	704		150	21.5
Season Regulations				50	8.5
Gamebird Dispersal	2,500	209		120	6
RMA				500	33.75
Habitat Management & Enhancement	20,000			400	13
Assessing & Monitoring				100	1.25
Hunter / Angler Access	1,000			100	3.25
Satisfaction Survey				40	
Magazine / Newsletter / Ezine	9,500	657		200	25.25
Hunter / Angler support	1,000				
Clubs	300	300		10	2.75
Statutory Liaison				30	2.75
Iwi Liaison	100	103		60	15
Information to Clients				100	11.25
General Advocacy	1,100			100	14
Hunting & Angling Promotions	3,300	562		140	29.5
Ranger Management	1,000	1,526		112	17.25
Compliance	2,100			170	10.25
Licencing & Commission	12,565	2,976		50	.25
Council Meetings & Administration	9,500	1,163		280	29.25
Management, Strategic & Policy	1,000			80	9
Business Planning				40	7.75
OSH & Other Reporting	6,340	89		65	27.25
National Liaison	100			160	31
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>104,632</b>	<b>11,663</b>		<b>3697</b>	<b>369.75</b>



Project Income	Budget Income	YTD Income
Fish Population Assessment	200	178
Harvest Assessment – Summer Season Liberations	500	
Gamebird Dispersal	750	40
Taranaki Hunting & Habitat Scheme	15,000	
Compliance	1,000	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>17,450</b>	<b>218</b>
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>87,182</b>	<b>11,445</b>

	Budget	YTD
<b>Overheads</b>	<b>278,880</b>	<b>27,940</b>
1910 Salaries & Management Contract	3,500	878
1920 Staff Expenses	22,200	3,786
1940 Office Premises	2,000	1,325
1950 Office Equipment	7,250	934
1960 Communications / Consumables	2,870	1,758
1970 General	6,000	
1980 General Equipment	15,375	7,048
1990 Vehicles	338,075	43,669
<b>Total Overheads</b>		

Other Income & Expenses	Budget	YTD
Interest	6,441	
Wellington Fish & Game Admin	4,000	2,857
Donations & Other Income		
<b>Total Other Income &amp; Expenses</b>	<b>10,441</b>	<b>2,857</b>

Nett Project, Overhead and Other Expenditure/Income	Budget	YTD
	414,816	55,114(13.29%)

MOVEMENTS IN RESERVES				
From	To	Reason	Amount	Date Paid

## SPECIES MANAGEMENT

2023/2024 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
<p><b>Objective:</b>  <b>Obtain accurate and pertinent information to guide and enable effective management decisions to maximise user success and satisfaction while ensuring the sustainability of sports fish and gamebird populations across the region</b></p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assess juvenile trout recruitment in Waiongana/ Mangaoraka Stream to compare with baseline information from other catchment surveys.</li> <li>2. Complete resource inventory of the Waingongoro River catchment to determine current status of the trout fishery and identify threats and opportunities (yr 2 of 2)</li> <li>3. Monitor and report information on the status of the region's trout fisheries sufficient to measure overall angler success (through a diary scheme), set effective regulations and inform management directions.</li> <li>4. Implement an effective grey and mallard duck banding programme in the Whanganui area to obtain an estimate of the population size and level of hunting harvest which will guide future monitoring requirements and regulation setting (yr 5 of 5).</li> <li>5. Monitor and report information on the status of the region's mallard and grey duck, paradise shelduck, shoveler, swan and pukeko populations sufficient to assess harvest, identify and manage any population impacts, set effective regulations and inform management directions. As part of this, review count methods for paradise shelduck, including the effectiveness, efficiency and cost of returning to aerial counts for some parts of the region.</li> <li>6. Participate in the National Hunter Survey to derive a robust estimate of annual game bird harvest and hunter success.</li> <li>7. Recommend effective regulations that are timely, easily understood and which maximise licence holder opportunity while ensuring resource sustainability and public support.</li> <li>8. Provide advice and support practical and effective predator control opportunities that assist game bird populations.</li> </ol>	<p><i>2023/24 season angler diaries sent to 29 anglers at the start of the new season. Staff helped Bart Jansma of Riverwise Consulting with an electric fishing survey of Kapuni Stream (11/10/2023). Trout fry were present at all but one site, with 47 rainbow fry and 2 brown trout fry captured.</i></p> <p><i>The final report on the August 2023 National Shoveler Survey was received from the Eastern Region's Matt McDougall on 14/10/2023.</i></p> <p><i>2023 game season results received and incorporated into the draft 2024/25 Game Gazette Notice Report.</i></p> <p><i>Early draft of 2024/25 Game Gazette Notice Report prepared for Council's 14/10/2023 meeting.</i></p>

**Supplement trout fishing opportunities with appropriate stocking that is valued, cost effective in terms of the return to the angler and which retains community support.**

<p>9. Undertake an annual trout stocking programme which concentrates on creating and maintaining valued lake fisheries.</p> <p>10. Undertake release of up to 200 16-month rainbow trout into the lower Patea River to assess the potential for a long-term programme (yr 5)</p> <p>11. Undertake monitoring of angler returns from the 2017-2021 releases of tagged brown and rainbow trout into the lower Patea River.</p> <p>12. Operate Hawera hatchery in an effective, cost efficient and sustainable manner utilising volunteer support to meet the identified stocking objectives.</p>	<p><i>Rainbow trout yearlings from the Hawera hatchery were released into Lake Mangamahoe (175 fish) and the Waiaua River (303) on 20/09/2023. 500 2-year-old rainbow trout from the Eastern Region's Ngongotaha hatchery were released into Lake Rotomanu on 19/10/2023.</i></p> <p><i>A 2022/23 Hatchery &amp; Trout Liberations report was prepared for Council's 14/10/2023 meeting.</i></p> <p><i>A dinner for Hawera hatchery volunteers was held on 11/09/2023.</i></p>
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**Provide effective compliance to protect resource sustainability (including revenue base) and user experience to maintain licence holder satisfaction.**

<p>13. Review and renew ranger warrants and maintain a skilled honorary ranger team of at least 12 rangers consistent with requirements and objectives of the Compliance Policy and Strategy and also R3 principles.</p> <p>14. Undertake safe and effective compliance coverage across the Taranaki Region, including a target of 100 licence checks of anglers and also of hunters.</p>	<p><i>A Ranger training day held in New Plymouth on 30/09/2023 was attended by 9 Honorary Rangers and 1 staff.</i></p> <p><i>Compliance checks were undertaken for the opening of the 2023 fishing season.</i></p>
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**Proactively manage problem aggregations of gamebirds in the interests of both hunters and property owners and managers.**

<p>15. Process detected offences in a fair and timely way consistent with national prosecution guidelines.</p> <p>16. Manage problem aggregations of gamebirds through implementation of a special Paradise shelduck season in Area C and proactively responding to and assisting landholders.</p>	<p><i>Two fishing offences from the 2022/23 season, processed via diversion, were finalised.</i></p> <p><i>10 permits to disturb were issued during the reporting period: 7 for pukeko (5 rural, 2 urban) and 3 for paradise shelduck (1 including mallard).</i></p>
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## HABITAT PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT

<p><b>Protect/ improve habitat for sports fish &amp; game as a fundamental and effective means to sustain the fish &amp; game resource in the interests of licence holders and with biodiversity benefits for the wider community.</b></p>	
<p>1. Provide valued advice and support to licence holders, landowners and the wider community regarding the importance of and how to protect and enhance habitat and also undertake predator control/ management to benefit both fish &amp; game and wider indigenous biodiversity resources.</p> <p>2. Promote, encourage and support landowners to create, enhance and protect wetlands by providing sound technical advice and assistance to make successful applications to the GBHT and Hunting &amp; Habitat Funds, including 1 billion trees programme.</p> <p>3. Proactively take opportunities to make effective representation in statutory and other community processes to best achieve sports fish and game bird habitat protection and enhancement.</p> <p>4. Investigate the establishment of an environmental award to acknowledge and highlight outstanding contributions to the protection of sports fish or gamebird habitat.</p> <p>5. Seek effective environmental outcomes as part of the reconsenting of the Mangorei and Motukawa hydro schemes.</p>	<p><i>Both Taranaki applications to the GBHT 2023 funding round were successful with one being allocated \$4k and the other \$5k (incl. gst). The Howatson wetland at Huiroa was visited (6/10/2023) to sign off the final 25% payment for their one-billion trees plantings. The Howatson's subsequently won a TRC Environmental Award for Environmental Leadership in Farming.</i></p> <p><i>Council's request to be heard was withdrawn in relation to applications by Horizon Trust to expand a quarry at Whenuku Road, adjacent to the Waingongoro River (12/10/2023). A review of trout stocking in the lower Patea River, required by consents, was finalised and sent to Manawa Energy (12/10/2023). A Fonterra Kapuni stakeholders meeting was attended on 27/09/2023.</i></p> <p><i>F&amp;G submissions lodged to notified consents – awaiting TRC processing.</i></p>
<p><b>Work collaboratively and proactively with landowners, other groups and iwi recognising the synergistic benefits and wider outcomes that can be achieved by this approach.</b></p>	
<p>6. Promote and explore opportunities to improve water quality in Lake Rotomanu.</p>	<p><i>Awaiting TRC processing of NPDC consent to divert water into Lake Rotomanu from the Waiwhakaiho River.</i></p>

<p>7. Engage proactively and collaboratively with iwi &amp; community groups to identify and protect/ enhance shared resource values including contributing to water related matters through the Taranaki Maunga Settlement process.</p> <p>8. Represent Fish &amp; Game and provide valued input to the Te Awa Tupua process.</p> <p>9. Explore options with other parties to remove weirs in Timaru Stream at SH45 and in the Waingongoro River at Eltham.</p>	<p><i>Manager &amp; SFO attended signing ceremony for Taranaki Maunga Deed of Settlement at Owae Marae on 1/09/2023.</i></p> <p><i>Te Kopuka zoom meetings were attended on 8/09/2023 &amp; 13/10/2023. A zoom meeting with the A/WF&amp;G Manager &amp; staff was held on 31/10/2023 to discuss the Te Heke Ngahuru strategy document which has been released for public consultation.</i></p> <p><i>TRC consents for Timaru Stream weir removal are nearly finalised and removal should occur in early 2024. There have been discussions with TRC staff regarding the process to remove the Riverlands Eltham weir on the Waingongoro River.</i></p>
<p><b>Development of an effective Natural Resources Plan that protects freshwater and wetland habitats and which will also minimise Council costs in consent processes and free up resources for other management responses.</b></p>	
<p>10. Investigate whether there is sufficient landowner support for an application to the Whanganui River Enhancement Trust (WRET) for funding assistance to continue the Horizons / F&amp;G joint Orautoha Stream / Manganuioteao Riparian Project to protect water quality in this catchment and the many values it supports.</p> <p>11. Engage in and actively advocate for provisions which protect and/ or enhance sports fish &amp; game bird habitat in the Taranaki Natural Resources Plan development process.</p>	<p><i>Ami Coughlan &amp; the SFO attended a TRC workshop (3/10/2023) to discuss proposed objectives and outcomes in relation to the 6 FMU's. Comments were provided in writing on 25/10/2023. A F&amp;G initiated tick-box survey was also sent to Taranaki licence holders, which resulted in a further 109 submissions to the TRC.</i></p>

## PARTICIPATION

2023/2024 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
<b>Objective: Add value to licence holders by increasing their opportunity, success and satisfaction and so retain them in the sport.</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintain and improve the Taranaki pages on the new Fish &amp; Game website so how to and where to go information is readily available, easily understood and up to date.</li> <li>2. Work with National Office to populate new website with information including an 'Introduction to duck hunting in the Taranaki Region'.</li> <li>3. Continue posting on the Council's facebook page in line with any National Policy to regularly inform licence holders using this forum.</li> </ol>	<p><i>Taranaki information currently being reviewed with oversight from Roslyn Simmonds (A/W).</i></p> <p><i>Five posts were made during the reporting period relating to kids fishing days, fish releases, an electric fishing survey and trout season opening. The page now has 184 followers and 121 likes.</i></p>
<b>Objective: Encourage past and prospective hunters and anglers into the sport through initiatives which make it easy to have a go and/or provide support.</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Develop and utilise licence holder email list to keep hunters and anglers up to date.</li> <li>5. Complete Reel Life and Both Barrels supplements consistent with national R3 recommendations.</li> <li>6. Provide a quality 1-page regional supplement (plus features) in each edition of Fish &amp; Game Magazine.</li> <li>7. Publication of valued hunting and fishing newsletters sent to regional licence holders and hunting landowners. Hunting newsletter also distributed to all rural box holders in the region.</li> <li>8. Proactively provide timely and useful information to licence holders when requested.</li> <li>9. Replace/ erect 2 -3 new signs which provide anglers with helpful on-site information re access and regulations consistent with identified priorities.</li> <li>10. Continue to explore opportunities to install 3<sup>rd</sup> angling platform on Lake Mangamahoe.</li> <li>11. Provide organised fishing opportunities in Lake Rotomanu and the Patea River in Stratford consistent with R3 objectives and branding and in association with volunteer groups for kids and families.</li> </ol>	<p><i>Licence list utilised for TRC NRP mailout and Lower NI Lowdown ezine.</i></p> <p><i>Reel Life articles prepared 21/09/2023 &amp; 17/10/2023. River and angling information provided for the "Lower North Island Lowdown" ezine each Thursday.</i></p> <p><i>Joint 8-page Wellington – Taranaki regional fishing newsletter prepared and posted to licence holders.</i></p> <p><i>Information provided on request.</i></p> <p><i>A successful Lake Rotomanu family trout fishing day was held on 28/10/2023 in conjunction with the Inglewood Rod, Gun &amp; Recreation Club, Taranaki Hunting &amp; Fishing and Hynds Pipe Systems.</i></p>



IWI & PUBLIC INTERACTION

2022/2023 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
<p><b>Objective: Work proactively and collaboratively with iwi at all levels consistent with Treaty of Waitangi obligations and responsibilities regarding the protection and use of natural resources.</b></p>	
<p>1. Proactively engage, work and collectively share with iwi and hapu within the region on matters affecting wetland and freshwater resources or their use.</p>	
<p><b>Objective: Strong relationships and involvement with DOC and local and regional councils to effectively represent the interests of hunters and anglers in formal decision-making process.</b></p>	
<p>2. Liaise with Department of Conservation and Conservation Boards and proactively engage and work with Regional and District councils and community &amp; industry groups.</p>	
<p><b>Objective: Engender support for hunting and fishing and the activities of Fish &amp; Game by the general public and others who recognise that these activities contribute to a better environment and healthy lifestyle and in turn who support protecting these resources and the opportunities to participate</b></p>	
<p>3. Recognise and pursue opportunities to contribute to the wider community including 'Wild for Taranaki' and 'Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust'.</p> <p>4. Take opportunities to promote the value of protecting freshwater, wetland and upland game habitats and the wider benefits from this.</p> <p>5. Represent the interests of hunters and anglers and promote the validity of fishing and gamebird hunting including as a means of collecting natural organic foods and engaging in a physical healthy lifestyle.</p> <p>6. Maintain a positive and constructive profile in the media which encourages prospective participants and fosters support and understanding among the general public.</p> <p>7. Implement revised media strategy and including incorporating any National Policy</p>	<p><i>Wild for Taranaki's annual Biodiversity Forum was attended on 26/10/2023. In conjunction with Wellington F&amp;G staff, a workshop to introduce volunteers to bird banding (e.g. Rapanui grey-faced petrel trust) is being organised for 28/29 November 2023.</i></p> <p><i>Liaised with TRC staff about consenting requirements for wetland creation and enhancement work.</i></p> <p><i>2023 fish season information was provided to the Taranaki Daily News and was printed in the North Taranaki Midweek and South Taranaki Star on 4/10/2023. An angling advertorial was placed in the Whanganui Chronicle (25/09/2023) and also in the Ruapehu Bulletin's "Summertime Bulletin" (31/10/2023). An advert was placed in the Nth Taranaki Midweek (18/10/2023) publicising the Lake Rotomanu family trout fishing day.</i></p>

## COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

2023/2024 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
<p><b>Objective: Sound and effective governance which facilitates a co-operative and supportive relationship between Council, staff and licence holders that enables effective management of resources in the best interests of the licence holder and the fish &amp; game resource.</b></p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Not less than six meetings of Council are held and meetings are conducted consistent with provisions of the Standing Orders.</li> <li>2. Council undertakes governance training provided nationally, preferably in conjunction with Wellington Fish &amp; Game Council.</li> <li>3. Identification and implementation of options and strategies to increase the diversity of Council and iwi involvement.</li> <li>4. The 5-Year Strategic Plan is reviewed and agreed by Council by March 2024.</li> <li>5. Formulation and adoption of an Annual Operational Plan and Budget for 2024/25 consistent with the 5-Year Strategic Plan.</li> <li>6. Presentation by Council of its audited annual report for 2022/23 not later than 31 December 2023. Report to be consistent with tier 2 Service Performance standards and requirements.</li> <li>7. Effective regional policies are developed, adopted and reviewed as required and are consistent with any National Policy requirements.</li> <li>8. Progress reporting of licence sales, work progress and financial position is timely and accurate and supports sound financial and operational management and oversight.</li> <li>9. Effective administration such that the Council is within annual budget (<math>\pm 5\%</math>), operates consistent with best practice and at least 90% of its annual plan is completed.</li> <li>10. Effective staff management including performance reviews completed and new objectives agreed for staff, and regular staff meetings such that staff are aware of what is generally occurring and have ready opportunity for input into decisions and management direction.</li> </ol>	<p><i>Council meeting held at Opunake on 14/10/2023. A Councillor and staff attended the funeral of life member David Dannefaerd on 13/10/2023.</i></p> <p><i>Audited annual report in preparation.</i></p> <p><i>Included in all agendas</i></p> <p><i>Weekly staff meetings held each Monday morning. Field Officer Jacob Morison took 12 months unpaid leave from 25/09/2023.</i></p>

<b>Objective: Operate consistent with National Policy and make valued contributions to the management of the resource and Fish &amp; Game nationally in the interests of all licence holders.</b>	
<p>11. Implement any outcomes and directions from Fish &amp; Game Ministerial Review and /or National Council reviews.</p> <p>12. Progress amalgamation discussions with the Wellington Fish &amp; Game Council and implement agreed measures which don't require legislative change.</p>	
<b>Objective: Make best use of new systems, processes and technology to maximise administrative efficiencies and minimise costs do resources are available for use elsewhere.</b>	
<p>13. Effective communication and liaison with NZ Fish &amp; Game Council and other Fish &amp; Game regions including valued input and comment on Fish &amp; Game issues and attendance at Fish &amp; Game Managers meetings.</p>	<p><i>Staff participated in the following national group meetings:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Gamebird Monitoring: 7/09/2023</i></li> <li>• <i>CLE Group: 27/09/2023</i></li> <li>• <i>Hatchery Group</i></li> </ul> <p><i>All staff attended the F&amp;G Staff conference in Rotorua on 12 – 14 September 2023.</i></p> <p><i>The CEO attended managers zoom meetings on 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023</i></p>
<b>Objective: Demonstrate a commitment to Health &amp; Safety and ensuring the welfare of staff and others through effective policy, systems, resourcing and oversight.</b>	
<p>14. Contribute to National Office by providing valued advice, assistance and feedback on national issues and processes as requested.</p> <p>15. Refine financial administration, reporting and analysis working with NZF&amp;G Council and staff.</p> <p>16. All processes and activities are undertaken consistent with Council Health &amp; Safety Policy and Manual.</p> <p>17. Staff are actively involved in implementing HSAW policy and ensuring a safe workplace, including by undertaking two monthly staff meetings where HSAW is a specific agenda item.</p> <p>18. Compliance with HSAW requirements and policy including scheduled reviews and audits along with any issues identified or near misses routinely reported to each meeting of Council.</p>	<p><i>HSAW is included in each weekly staff meeting held on Monday mornings.</i></p> <p><i>Field staff passed RPAS (drone) practical test in Palmerston North on 6/09/2023.</i></p>

#### Recommendation

That the Budget Report to 31 October 2023 and Project Progress Report to 31 October 2023 be received.

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**Agenda Item 19    Financial Reports - Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet**

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**Summary**

Confirmation and clarification of financial reports - Profit and Loss Income Statement and Balance Sheet from 1 September up to end October 2023 (2023/2024 Financial Year to date).

<b>Decision Required</b>
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**Recommendation/Action**

Council move to receive Financial Statements for Year-to-Date for the 2023/2024 Financial Year – Profit and Loss (Income Statement) up to end October 2023 and Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2023.



# Profit and Loss For Council

Taranaki Fish and Game Council  
For the 2 months ended 31 October 2023

	SEP-OCT 2023	YTD BUDGET	2024 OVERALL BUDGET	VARIANCE	VARIANCE %
<b>Revenue</b>					
<b>Licence Income</b>					
Fish Licence Income	59,464	70,300	124,845	(10,836) ↓	-15% ↓
Game Licence Income	-	-	104,505	- —	- —
Less Commission and Fees	(2,155)	(1,721)	(10,321)	(434) ↓	-25% ↓
<b>Total Licence Income</b>	<b>57,309</b>	<b>68,579</b>	<b>219,029</b>	<b>(11,270)</b>	<b>-16%</b>
Grants	48,479	48,479	193,916	0 ↓	0% ↓
Interest Received	-	1,611	6,441	(1,611) ↓	-100% ↓
Other Income	3,075	1,616	21,450	1,459 ↑	90% ↑
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>108,864</b>	<b>120,285</b>	<b>440,836</b>	<b>(11,421)</b>	<b>-9%</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>					
<b>SPECIES MANAGEMENT</b>					
Population Monitoring	-	-	17,227	- —	- —
Hatchery Operations	3,374	1,666	10,000	1,708 ↑	103% ↑
Releases	704	1,000	6,000	(296) ↓	-30% ↓
Control	209	416	2,500	(207) ↓	-50% ↓
<b>Total SPECIES MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>4,287</b>	<b>3,082</b>	<b>35,727</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>39%</b>
<b>HABITAT PROTECTION / MANAGEMENT</b>					
Assisted Habitat	-	-	20,000	- —	- —
<b>Total HABITAT PROTECTION / MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>PARTICIPATION</b>					
Access	-	100	1,000	(100) ↓	-100% ↓
Newsletters Magazine Web pages	657	-	9,500	657 ↑	- —
Training	-	166	1,000	(166) ↓	-100% ↓
Clubs	300	300	300	- —	- —
<b>Total PARTICIPATION</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>11,800</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>69%</b>
<b>PUBLIC INTERFACE</b>					
Liaison	103	100	100	3 ↑	3% ↑
Advocacy	562	733	4,400	(171) ↓	-23% ↓
<b>Total PUBLIC INTERFACE</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>(168)</b>	<b>-20%</b>
<b>COMPLIANCE</b>					
Ranging	-	-	500	- —	- —

	SEP-OCT 2023	YTD BUDGET	2024 OVERALL BUDGET	VARIANCE	VARIANCE %
Ranger Training	1,526	-	500	1,526 ↑	- —
Compliance	-	-	2,100	- —	- —
<b>Total COMPLIANCE</b>	<b>1,526</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>1,526</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>LICENCING</b>					
Licence Agents	-	1,244	2,244	(1,244) ↓	-100% ↓
Licencing	822	-	-	822 ↑	- —
<b>Total LICENCING</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>1,244</b>	<b>2,244</b>	<b>(422)</b>	<b>-34%</b>
<b>COUNCIL</b>					
Council Meeting Expenses	1,163	1,583	9,500	(420) ↓	-27% ↓
<b>Total COUNCIL</b>	<b>1,163</b>	<b>1,583</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>(420)</b>	<b>-27%</b>
<b>PLANNING &amp; REPORTING</b>					
Management / Strategic Planning	-	166	1,000	(166) ↓	-100% ↓
Reporting Audit	89	83	6,340	6 ↑	7% ↑
National Liaison	-	-	100	- —	- —
<b>Total PLANNING &amp; REPORTING</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>7,440</b>	<b>(160)</b>	<b>-64%</b>
<b>OVERHEADS</b>					
Salaries	27,940	46,480	278,880	(18,540) ↓	-40% ↓
Staff Expenses	878	250	3,500	628 ↑	251% ↑
Office Premises	3,786	3,700	22,200	86 ↑	2% ↑
Office Equipment	1,325	333	2,000	992 ↑	298% ↑
Communications / Consumables	934	1,200	7,250	(266) ↓	-22% ↓
General	1,758	1,828	2,870	(70) ↓	-4% ↓
General Equipment	-	1,001	6,000	(1,001) ↓	-100% ↓
Vehicles	7,048	2,937	15,375	4,111 ↑	140% ↑
<b>Total OVERHEADS</b>	<b>43,669</b>	<b>57,729</b>	<b>338,075</b>	<b>(14,060)</b>	<b>-24%</b>
Depreciation	-	-	16,826	- —	- —
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>53,177</b>	<b>65,286</b>	<b>449,212</b>	<b>(12,109)</b>	<b>-19%</b>
<b>New Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>55,686</b>	<b>54,999</b>	<b>(8,376)</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>1%</b>

# Balance Sheet

## Taranaki Fish and Game Council

As at 31 October 2023

31 OCT 2023

### Assets

#### Bank

BNZ Current Account	96,707.42
BNZ Term 3031	390,561.77
MRP	1,649.11
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>488,918.30</b>

#### Current Assets

Accounts Receivable	109,724.44
Prepayments and Accrued Income	1,230.54
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>110,954.98</b>

#### Fixed Assets

Accum Dep Vehicles	(53,404.65)
Accum Dep Buildings	(16,451.00)
Accum Dep Office Equipment	(20,621.12)
Accum Dep Plant & Equipment	(18,050.93)
Buildings	16,451.00
Office Equipment	25,022.63
Plant & Equipment	26,474.26
Vehicles	114,907.26
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>74,327.45</b>

#### Total Assets

674,200.73

### Liabilities

#### Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	9,751.08
Accruals and Prepaid Licences	6,206.00
BNZ Credit Card - Allen	1,215.22
Designated Waters Licence	66.50
Employee Entitlements	39,136.79
GST	19,218.68
Income in advance	9,858.00
PAYE Clearing	(9,185.25)
Rounding	0.03
Sea Run Salmon Endorsement	37.41
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>76,304.46</b>

#### Total Liabilities

76,304.46

### Net Assets

597,896.27

### Equity

Accumulated Funds	146,208.68
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31 OCT 2023

Asset Replacement Funding	11,578.00
Back Country Fisheries Reserve	20,139.79
Current Year Earnings	55,686.43
Fisheries Project	7,386.30
Hunting & Habitat Scheme	327,679.74
Manganuioteao River Riparian Project	4,149.29
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	25,068.04
Total Equity	597,896.27

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## Statement of Accounts as at 31 October 2023

### Your Accounts at a Glance



Account	Account Number	Maturity Date	Balance
Non Profit Org A/C	02-0792-0332133-000		96,707.42
MRP	02-0792-0332133-001		1,649.11

### Your Other Accounts at a Glance



Account	Account Number	Maturity Date	Balance
Term Deposit	36332133-03031	08 Feb 2024	390,561.77

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

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**Agenda Item 20 Correspondence Schedules**

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**Summary**

Confirmation of Correspondence Schedules presented by staff.

Clarification can be sought on any particular item.

<b>For Information Only</b>
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**Recommendation/Action**

Council move to receive Correspondence Schedule for October and November 2023

### Inwards Correspondence

Date	Meeting	From	Staff Councillor	Subject
14.10.23	Dec-23	Inglewood Rod, Gun & Recreation Club	Cirs	Lake Mangamahoe
18.10.23	Dec-23	DOC	Allen	Aerial predator control – Kaitake Range and Taranaki Mouna – Project update
19.10.23	Dec-23	DOC	Allen	Aerial predator control – Kaitake Range and Taranaki Mouna – Prefeed Notification
27.10.23	Dec-23	Mott Macdonald – David Taylor	Allen	NPDC Stormwater Vision and Roadmap
30.10.23	Dec-23	Phil Waite STDC	Allen	Waiaua River erosion and Opunake Lake
30.10.23	Dec-23	RFS fire & Building Compliance	Jilli	Company changes
31.10.23	Dec-23	Wild for Taranaki – Andy Cronin	Allen	Notice of AGM and call for Trustee Nominations
1.11.23	Dec-23	Lynette Baish – Ernslaw One Limited	Allen	Karioi forest use of Fords consent renewal
10.11.23	Dec-23	Michelle Dwyer – Fonterra	Allen	Kaitiaki Group meeting
10.11.23	Dec-23	Carmel Veitch – NZC	Jilli / Phil	Independent Assurance Report – Eyede – Grant Thornton
16.11.23	Dec-23	Haidie Burchell-Burger TRC	Allen	Draft 23-10 Tawhiti Catchment Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2022-23
17.11.23	Dec-23	Lidia Abenza NPDC	Allen	Stormwater Vision and Roadmap feedback
17.11.23	Dec-23	Angela Collins TRC	Allen	Can I swim here? Week 2 results
20.11.23	Dec-23	James Stuteley DOC	Allen Paul Phil	Hawkens Lagoon – Tapuarau
23.11.23	Dec-23	Rosemary Miller DOC	Allen	Whanganui Awa Tuna deaths response plan
27.11.23	Dec-23	Kahureremoa Aki	Allen Phil	Summary notes and actions from Friday's Te Kōpuka hui

### Outwards Correspondence

Date	Meeting	To	Staff Councillor	Subject
5.10.23	Dec-23	Various	Allen	Email notification to past participants of Lake Rotomanu Family Trout fishing day, event to be held 28.10.23
9.10.23	Dec-23	Janine Clow NPDC	Allen	Waste minimisation plan – Lake rotomanu Family Trout Fishing day 2023
9.10.23	Dec-23	Rose Hogwood – NPDC	Allen	Venue hire agreement for annual Family Fishing event at Lake Rotomanu
9.10.23	Dec-23	North Taranaki Midweek	Allen	Article – Lake Rotomanu Family Fishing Day 2023
10.10.23	Dec-23	Robert Sowman	Allen	Howatson update
12.10.23	Dec-23	Leah Miller – TRC	Allen	Consent conditions for Horizons Trust – Whenuku road Quarry

17.10.23	Dec-23	Richie Cosgrove	Allen	Reel life October 2023
25.10.23	Dec-23	Taranaki Regional Council	Allen	Fish & Game comments on NRP consultation
31.10.23	Dec-23	Ruapehu Bulletin	Allen	Advert & Article – Summer Angling in the Ruapehu District
6.11.23	De-23	NZ Fish & Game Council	Phil / Chris	Taranaki comments on draft NZ Fish & Game conflicts of Interest Policy
6.11.23	Dec-23	NZ Fish & Game Council	Phil / Chris	Consultation on draft Staff Code of Conduct Policy
7.11.23	Dec-23	NZ Fish & Game Council	Phil / Chris	Taranaki comments on draft changes to policy on Setting National Policy
16.11.23	Dec-23	Michelle Dwyer – Fonterra	Allen	Application for Consent for an existing dam, weir and fish pass within the Tawhiti Stream
20.11.23	Dec-23	Richie Cosgrove	Allen	Reel Life November 2023
22.11.23	Dec-23	Robert Sowman	Allen	Eco Blue Wetland
28.11.23	Dec-23	Roslyn Simmonds	Allen	Updates to web pages





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**Agenda Item 21    General Business**

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**Summary**

Items of General Business should be alerted to the Chairman at beginning of the meeting.

The Chairman may undertake a brief round table open discussion of members regarding items not covered in the meeting agenda.

<b>For Information Only</b>
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**Recommendation/Action**

No action required.



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**Agenda Item 22    Confirmation Next Meeting 10 February 2024 - Stratford**

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**Summary**

Confirmation of the next meeting will be held on 10 February 2024.

Items to be considered is a discussion on strategic direction – with specific reference to regional context of implementation of organisational strategy.

<b>For Information Only</b>
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**Recommendation/Action**

No action required.



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## Agenda Item 23    Closure of Meeting

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Karakia to Close: Unuhia

Unuhia, unuhia.  
Unuhia ki te uru tapu nui,  
Kia wātea, kia māmā te ngākau,  
te tīnana, te wairua, ki te ara  
tangata. Kōia rā e Rongo,  
whakairihia ake ki runga.  
Kia tina! Tīna! Hui e! Taiki e!

Draw on, draw on. Draw on  
the supreme sacredness,  
this is Rongo, the god of  
peace, fully immersed.  
Draw together!  
Together! Draw together!  
Together!

