



Council Meeting Agenda

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

17 August 2024

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Saturday 17 August 2024

10:00am

TET Multi Sports Centre, Stratford

TARANAKI 2023-24 Agenda Plan



NZC MEETING	October 2023	December 2023	February 2024	March 2024	June 2024	August 2024
LOCATION	Opunake	Raetihi	Zoom Meeting	Stratford	Stratford	Stratford
STANDING AGENDA ITEMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedural Items: Apologies; Declaration of Conflict of Interest; Minutes of Previous Meeting; Matters/Actions Arising from Previous Meeting. NZ Council Business. Inter-regional Business: Shared Resources with Wellington; Organisational Regional Liaison. Decision Items. Strategic Matters: Risk Management; Strategic Plan (5 yr); Iwi Engagement; Sports Fish & Game Bird Management Plan). Policy and Legislation. Health and Safety Report. Information Reports/Operational Matters: Species Management; Habitat Management and Advocacy; Participation; Public Awareness/Communication; Licence Sales and Management, Operational Summary, Financial Summary). Correspondence. 						
STANDING STRATEGIC ITEMS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policies for Review 						
OTHER STRATEGIC ITEMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Risk Management Plan Annual Report Draft Gamebird Notices & Regulations Regional Strategic Priorities Review Strategic Plan Budget Summaries & CF Applications Draft Annual Work Plan Licence Fee Recommendation Draft Anglers Notice & SFLFFN Annual Work Plan Approved 						
STANDING OPERATIONAL ITEMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health & Safety Report Species Management Update Habitat Management and Advocacy Update Participation Public Awareness/Communications Licence Sales / Licence Management Operational Report - CE Communications Update Financial Reports 						
OTHER OPERATIONAL ITEMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation Board Liaison Meeting Schedule Conservation Board Liaison Conservation Board Liaison Conservation Board Liaison 						

Agenda Item 1 **Welcome and Karakia**

Summary

Welcome to Councillors and public.

Karakia – Opening

Let us look after the water	Kia tiaki tatou i te wai
that flow from Mount Ruapehu and Mount Taranaki	ka rere mai i Maunga Ruapehu me Taranaki Maunga
for the health of the fish and birds	Mo te oranga o nga ika me nga manu
and hunters and anglers	me nga kaiwhakangau me nga kaihao
Let us work together with unity to make good decisions	kia mahi tatou me te kotahitanga ki te whakatau pai

Present and In Attendance

Summary

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

Agenda Item 2 Apologies

Summary

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

Decision Required

Recommendation/Action

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

Agenda Item 3 **Conflict of Interest**

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.

Decision Required

Recommendation/Action

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

Councillor	Conflict of Interest Identified	Date Declared
Chris Donald	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member of Inglewood Rod, Gun and Recreation Club 	14 June 2014
David Potroz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member of Inglewood Rod, Gun and Recreation Club. Application from brother to Hunting & Habitat Scheme 	14 June 2014 9 December 2023
Paul Blewman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None noted 	
Alan Flynn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None noted 	
John Nancarrow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None noted 	
Romon Sargeson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None noted 	
Craig McEwen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None noted 	
Gerard Karalus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None noted 	

As at 25 May 2024

Agenda Item 4 Minutes of Meeting of 25 May 2024

Summary

Consider the unconfirmed and draft Minutes of the Meeting of 25 May 2024 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.

Decision Required

Recommendation/Action

Move motion accepting confirming that the Minutes of the Meeting of 25 May 2024 are a true and correct reflection of the meeting (subject to any amendments noted).

that the Wellington Fish and Game Council adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 25 May 2024 be considered as a true and correct record of that meeting.

TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL,
HELD AT TET MULTI SPORTS STADIUM, STRATFORD ON 25 MAY 2024 COMMENCING
AT 10:00AM

1. The Chairman, Chris Donald called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

The Chairman welcomed Councillors, staff and Rawenata Saunders to the meeting. The Chairman advised the Councillors that he was unable to attend the full meeting and would tender his apologies for after 12:30pm. He noted that the agenda items would be prioritised to cover those items that needed Council discussions and resolutions.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Staff: Phil Teal (Chief Executive), Jill Steedman (Secretary), Allen Stancliff (Senior Field Officer).

2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Paul Blewman and John Nancarrow, and also Bridget Sullivan. Chairman Donald reiterated his apology for part attendance (up until 12:30pm).

MOVED POTROZ / SARGESON
THAT THE APOLOGIES RECEIVED, BE ACCEPTED
CARRIED

3. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no additions noted to the Conflicts of Interest register that had not already been declared at previous meetings.

4. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 16 MARCH 2024**

After brief discussion it was:

MOVED SARGESON / POTROZ
THAT THE TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE
MEETING HELD 16 MARCH 2024 AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
CARRIED.

5. **MATTERS ARISING**

Action List Summary

It was noted that spraying of raupo at Hawkens lagoon had been carried out and that Councillor Sargeson and Rowan Hayes had enlarged the open water area by hand. Councillor Sargeson suggested that a longer-term plan was needed to provide a structured approach to undertaking actions at the site.

A joint meeting between Taranaki and Wellington Fish & Game Councils will be sought in June/July 2024.

6. NZ COUNCIL BUSINESS

NZ Fish and Game Council appointee, Gerard Karalus gave a verbal summary of the latest NZ Council meeting held on 18/19 April 2024.

MOVED KARALUS / POTROZ

THAT THE NZ FISH AND GAME COUNCIL APPOINTEE'S REPORT BE RECEIVED
CARRIED

7. PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairman introduced Rawenata Saunders to Council. Rawenata described his main interest was sports fishing in particular fly fishing and fly tying. He is interested in attending more of our meetings.

8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman provided a verbal overview report of key issues since the previous meeting.

There was discussion on the request, from the Minister of Hunting and Fishing, for Councils to provide details on financial and operational resources. A response has been completed and sent to the Minister.

The Chairman held a zoom meeting with Jacob Morison, with the CE Phil Teal and Allen Stancliff in attendance. Jacob advised that he has decided to extend his stay in the UK by another year. As his approved leave of absence (sabbatical) was for only approved for one year, he has indicated that he will tender his resignation.

MOVED DONALD / POTROZ

THAT THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON REGIONAL BUSINESS BE RECEIVED
CARRIED

9. INTER-REGIONAL BUSINESS

a. Mr Teal gave an update on the progress of shared resources between Taranaki and Wellington Fish and Game Councils.

b. The Chairman gave a brief report of interactions of the Fish and Game Regional Chair's group. He outlined that several Chairs and councillors had indicated that they would be stepping down – and how new governors would be quickly informed about the issues and be more acceptance of change required for the organisation. Chairman Donald noted the resignation of Eastern Region Chairman, Ngahi Bidois.

MOVED POTROZ / KARALUS

THAT THE REPORT ON INTER-REGIONAL BUSINESS BE RECEIVED
CARRIED

10. LICENCE FEE RECOMMENDATION

Councillor Karalus noted that contestable fund applications from Taranaki Fish and Game Council were approved by the NZ Council in budget considerations but the budget provision for covering the Management function would be taken from reserves.

Discussion ensued on the declining licence sales trends across the country and options to retain licence sales: networking with retail sector, promoting the food value, and maintaining the cost of a licence which is affordable to licence holders.

Further discussion was held on the concept of regional reserves being used on a pro-rata basis to fund some nationally managed projects. Options for progressing a review of the

overall budgeting system were discussed: nationalising licence income, barriers to future structure arrangements (e.g. disconnecting with volunteer contributions).

Discussion was held on the shared resource model

MOVED POTROZ / FLYNN

THAT;

1. TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL SUPPORT THE PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION TO THE MINISTER OF HUNTING AND FISHING.
2. TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL CONSIDERS THAT NZ COUNCIL HAS TAKEN A PRUDENT AND PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO THE BUDGET PROCESS AND IN SETTING THE LICENCE FEE ACCORDINGLY.
3. TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL CONSIDERS THAT NZ COUNCIL NEED TO URGENTLY CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:
 - a. UNDERTAKE A ZERO-BUDGET ASSESSMENT OF THE COSTS FOR RUNNING EACH REGION AND NZ COUNCIL.
 - b. UNDERTAKE (WITH URGENCY) COST BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS OF COST EFFICIENCY SUGGESTIONS - AND IMPLEMENT IF MATERIALLY BENEFICIAL.
 - c. DEFINING A SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL AND STRUCTURAL MODEL FOR THE ORGANISATION TO ENSURE CORE SERVICE OUTPUTS ARE DELIVERED, AND THAT REGIONAL AND ORGANISATIONAL STRATEGIC (NON-CORE) PROJECTS CAN BE PROGRESSED.
 - d. PROGRESS THE LICENCE PRICE OPTIMISATION PROJECT WITH URGENCY.

CARRIED

11. 2024 / 2025 DRAFT ANGLERS NOTICE

Councillors considered the request from the Inglewood Rod, Gun and Recreation Club to change the fishing methods at Lake Mangamahoe to include spin and bait fishing methods. Reasons for proposed changes to the fly fishing only restriction were outlined: making (spin and bait) fishing opportunities available for young anglers – and advocating for improved access to the resource. Reasons for retaining the status quo related to the sustainability of the fishery with increased harvest pressure, traditional method use, and maintaining the high value fishery in current state.

MOVED SARGESON / DONALD

THAT THE REGULATIONS FOR LAKE MANGAMAHOE BE AMENDED TO ALLOW FOR SPIN AND BAIT FISHING

MOTION LOST (2 FOR - 4 AGAINST)

MOVED FLYNN / MCEWEN

THAT TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL RETAIN THE SAME TARANAKI ANGLERS' NOTICE CONDITIONS FOR THE 2024/25 SEASON AS 2023/24.

CARRIED (4 FOR - 2 AGAINST)

14. HEALTH AND SAFETY

After brief discussion it was

MOVED POTROZ / SARGESON

THAT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2024, BE RECEIVED
CARRIED

15. SPECIES MANAGEMENT

a. Game Bird Population Counts

A short verbal overview of counts undertaken for mallard duck and pukeko during April 2024 was given by staff.

b. Paradise Shelduck Special Summer Season.

MOVED SARGESON / POTROZ

THAT THE REPORT ON THE 2024 SPECIAL PARADISE SEASON, DATED 10 MAY, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

c. Research update

There was discussion on the potential effects of Climate Change on trout distribution and other native fish.

19. LICENCE SALES & LICENCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

a. Licence sales update

MOVED POTROZ / SARGESON

THAT THE REPORT ON LICENCE SALES FOR THE 2023/24 FISH SEASON AND FOR 2024 GAME SEASON TO 9 MAY 2024, BE RECEIVED

CARRIED

b. Licence Management System – March and April 2024

Mr Teal provided a brief overview of the performance of the Licencing Management Systems.

c. Licence Price Optimisation Research

Mr Teal noted that providers to undertaken the licence price optimisation research had been selected, and some preliminary data analysis undertaken internally.

MOVED KARALUS / SARGESON

THAT THE UPDATED REPORT FROM THE LICENCING OPERATIONAL GROUP FOR CONTRACT MANAGEMENT OF PROVIDER OF SERVICES TO MANAGE LICENCING PLATFORM AND DATABASE MANAGEMENT, BE RECEIVED

CARRIED

20. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

The Operational Summary for March and April was presented and Mr Stancliff answered specific questions from Councillors on the successful rangers' refresher course undertaken.

Mr Stancliff noted that there was no evidence of non-compliant activities at Settlers Dam following the release of trout into the waterbody.

MOVED POTROZ / SARGESON

THAT THE OPERATIONAL SUMMARY REPORT TO 30 APRIL 2024 AND PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT TO 10 MAY 2024, BE RECEIVED

CARRIED

21. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Financial Reports – Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet to 30 April 2024 were discussed.

MOVED POTROZ / MCEWEN

THAT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL YEAR – PROFIT AND LOSS AND BALANCE SHEET TO 30 APRIL 2024, BE RECEIVED

CARRIED

22. CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED POTROZ / MCEWEN

THAT THE CORRESPONDENCE SCHEDULES TO 15 MAY 2024, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

13. POLICY AND LEGISLATION

a. Wildlife Act Review

There has been no update as to the priority or timetable in progressing this review.

b. Resource Management Act Review

Repeal of the Natural and Built Environment Act 2022 (NBEA 2022) in December 2023 resulted in the statute reverting back to the Resource Management Act 1991.

The Select Committee considering the Fast Track Consenting Bill received ~27,000 submissions in total with 2900 asking to be heard in person. NZ Council presented their submission in person on 18 April 2024.

c. Arms Act Review

The Government announced in February 2024 that firearms legislation will be reviewed. This includes rewriting the Arms Act 1983, transferring responsibility for that act to the Ministry of Justice, and transferring the Firearms Safety Authority to another department such as the Department of Internal Affairs.

The only part of those reforms to make it into the Government's 100-day plan was the repeal and replacement of Part 6 of the Arms Act. The Government has said other firearms reforms will also likely be introduced this year.

d. Organisational Policies

Policies that are currently being developed by NZ Council and open for regional consultation and feedback are:

- National Health and Safety Policy for Rangers
- National Health and Safety Policy
- Protected Disclosures Policy
- Research Application Process and Application Form

Councillors agreed that policies should be consistent across the whole organisation.

MOVED KARALUS / POTROZ

THAT TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL SUPPORTS ALL THE DRAFT POLICIES PRESENTED AT THIS MEETING

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27pm for lunch

Chairman Chris Donald left the meeting.

The meeting was reconvened 1:05pm

Councillor David Potroz assumed the chair as Acting Chairman to complete the remaining business.

12. STRATEGIC MATTERS

a. Strategic Statements

These have been developed for and confirmed at the previous Taranaki Fish and Game Council meeting. It was confirmed that they are aligned with Wellington Fish and Game Council

b. Risk Management Review

There was an update of risk management issues associated with avian influenza (HPAI – High Pathogenic Avian Influenza) – the H5N1 variant hadn't reached New Zealand or Australia and a working group of MPI (Biosecurity), DOC, and Fish and Game had been convened to develop appropriate responses.

c. Iwi Engagement

- Developing a strategic approach to engaging with Mana Whenua and how to incorporate a co-operative process in decision-making.
- Undertaking a detailed register of interest in Mana Whenua groupings and contacts (initiated).
- Develop an education programme to upskill staff and governors on tikanga and processes for engagement.

d. Governance Review – Number for Election

After brief discussion on the upcoming Fish and Game election in 2024

MOVED FLYNN / POTROZ

THAT TARANAKI FISH AND GAME CONFIRM THAT THE NUMBER OF COUNCIL POSITIONS REMAIN AT 8 FOR THE NOVEMBER 2024 ELECTION CARRIED

e. Strategic Plan – five Year Outlook

Deferred – no changes suggested for 2024/2025 Financial Year.

f. Sports Fish and Game Bird Management Plan Review

- NZ Council is developing a template for preparing Sports Fish and Game Bird Management Plans
- Potential changes to requirements with new legislation
- Consultation with Mana Whenua and other stakeholders will be required prior to plan drafting.

16. HABITAT ADVOCACY AND MANAGEMENT

a. Regional Planning advocacy

Horizons Regional Council are continuing with the Oranga Wai consultation – the next generation of Regional Plan changes to reflect NPS FM 2020 – focusing on water quantity and water quality parameters. The timetable to complete the Plan Change revision for public notification has been formally confirmed as put back to September 2027 from the December 2024 deadline.

Horizons Regional Council are continuing with their Plan Change 2 of the Regional Plan (One Plan) to introduce an additional tool – Nitrogen Loss Risk Scorecard - to deal with the issue of nitrogen leaching from intensive farm use. This is in addition to using Overseer modelling which provides an estimate of nitrogen leaching loss at root level – but is subject to regular review (and improvement) with empirical trials to verify estimates. Uncertainty in the model estimates are typically in the order of 20-30% so the absolute number must be used with caution in regulatory frameworks.

Taranaki Regional Council have also embarked on reviewing their regional plan to give effect to the NPS FM 2020 – but the deadlines have been indeterminately relaxed until at least 2025 but may end up being in line with Horizons deadline of 2027.

b. Resource Consent advocacy

Nothing to report on material resource consent applications or submissions.

- c. Habitat and Enhancement Projects
Nothing to report on habitat enhancement projects.

17. PARTICIPATION

a. Access Management

- Access Point descriptions included on new website.
- Will consider appropriate update of access sign inventory in next financial year.
- Preparation was undertaken for access to hunters for forestry blocks.

b. Information to Clients

- Weekly angling email newsletter – the Lower North Island Low Down – was posted weekly until early April.
- Weekly hunting email newsletter – the Game Bird Hunting Bulletin – was posted weekly prior to the season – will continue until end of June and then once in mid-July to focus on upland game hunting opportunities.
- The website has been substantially refreshed and released in February 2024 – updating items as they come to hand.
- 2024 Game Season Magazine distributed.
- 2024 Game Season Regional Newsletter distributed - sent out to previous year's Taranaki licence holders and lapsed hunters – and also to all RD addresses.

c. Licence Holder Engagement

The Summer Paradise Shelduck Season was publicised for the Taranaki Region – Area C

18. PUBLIC AWARENESS / COMMUNICATIONS

a. Iwi Engagement

Meeting on the Whanganui River Strategy - Te Awa Tupua. Te Heke Ngahuru project director Kahureremoa Aki noted that it is intended that public meetings over the next few months would mark the beginning of “a very active process”.

Submission supporting the Taranaki Maunga Collective Redress Bill was advised. There are trout present in rivers within Te Papakura O Taranaki, including a remnant, stunted population of rainbows in the Ahukawakawa Swamp in the headwaters of the Hangatahua (Stony) River, but there is nothing specific in the legislation about removing introduced species including trout.

b. Public Awareness

Contributions were made to;

- NZ Council co-ordinated public awareness campaign – *Re Wilding*
- NZ Council co-ordinated public awareness project to define the public good undertaken by Fish and Game

c. Communication

Press releases were made for the opening of the 2024 Game Season

d. Promotions

Reel Recovery Programme undertaken in Raetihi area in March 2024.

23. RECOGNITION AWARDS

Councillors thought in addition to the annual Presentation of the Bruce McKenzie Award for outstanding service to Taranaki Fish & Game that a medal be presented to those who are deserving recognition for volunteer work or exceptional service.

Nominations for the Bruce McKenzie Award will be received at Council's next meeting in August.

24. CONSERVATION BOARD LIAISON

Consider formal (re) engagement with Taranaki / Whanganui Conservation Board.
Noted under legislation that this should occur.

25. GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor Potroz thanked Senior Field Officer, Allen Stancliff, for attend the latest meeting of the Inglewood Rod, Gun and Recreations Club.

26. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on 17 August 2024, in Stratford.

27. CLOSURE OF MEETING

Karakia from Alan Flynn.

There being no further business the acting Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2:00pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

CHAIRMAN _____

DATE _____

Agenda Item 5 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Summary

a. Action List Summary

Consider the Action List from the Minutes of the Meeting of 25 May 2024 and consider the actions undertaken – including completed actions, partially completed actions, and actions pending.

b. Other Matters Arising

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.

For Information Only

Recommendation/Action

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

Actions from 25 May 2024 Meeting

Action	Responsibility	Status
<p>Inform NZ Council of support for the approach to the Licence Fee Recommendation,</p> <p>In addition request that: NZ Council need to urgently consider the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> undertake a zero-budget assessment of the costs for running each region and NZ Council. undertake (with urgency) cost benefit assessments of cost efficiency suggestions - and implement if materially beneficial. defining a sustainable financial and structural model for the organisation to ensure core service outputs are delivered, and that regional and organisational strategic (non-core) projects can be progressed. progress the licence price optimisation project with urgency. 	Phil	Completed
Inform NZ Council that no changes recommended to the Anglers Notice for Taranaki region for the 2024/2025 Season.	Phil	Completed
Inform NZ Council and Electionz.com that the number of candidates for Taranaki Council for the upcoming election will remain at eight (8)	Phil	Completed
<p>Provide feedback to NZ Council on regional consultation on policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Health and Safety Policy for Rangers National Health and Safety Policy Protected Disclosures Policy Research Application Process and Application Form 	Phil	Completed

Actions from previous Meetings

Action	Date	Responsibility	Status
Arrange a Special meeting with Wellington Fish and Game Council in May or June to re-engage on a Councillor to Councillor basis	16 March 2024	Phil/Governors	Completed
That the Taranaki and Wellington Liaison Working Group meet to largely align the two Council's Strategic Priority Statements	16 March 2024	Phil/Governors	Completed
That the Taranaki and Wellington Liaison Working Group meet to largely align the two Council's Strategic Priority Statements	15 February 2024	Phil/Governors	Completed
Consider the possibility for Wellington and Taranaki Fish and Game Councils to hold a meeting at the same location.	9 December 2023	Phil	Partially complete – agreed in principle

Summary

NZ Council Appointee to cover key issues from NZ Council Meeting and business conducted.

- a. NZ Council Meeting – 18 and 19 June 2024 on-line
 - Confirmation of Licence Fee Recommendation
 - Summary attached of the 2024/25 Budgets based on the Ministers approval of the Licence fee of \$156 for Fish and \$116 for Game (incl \$5 GBHT) and the allocations of REM applications.

- b. Other NZ Council Business
 - Briefing of Meeting with Minister of Hunting and Fishing
 - Cost Optimisation Project Progress

For Information Only

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.



Fish & Game New Zealand Submission

Date:	3 July 2024
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Minister for Hunting and Fishing

Subject:	2024-2025 SPORTS FISHING AND GAME HUNTING LICENCE FEES
Action sought:	Approval for Fish and Game Licence Fees for the 2024/25 seasons.
Deadline:	As soon as practical before 11 July 2024 to allow for drafting and Ministerial approval of the Sports Fishing Licences Fees and Forms Notice 2023, 28 days before sports fishing licences go on sale on 15 August 2024. The Sports Fishing Licences Fees and Forms Notice is submitted to the Minister for Hunting and Fishing upon approval of this notice, and the Anglers Notice submitted to the Minister for Hunting and Fishing.

Paper type:	Risk assessment:	Level of risk:	F&G priority:
Statutory	Negative angler/hunter or political reaction	Medium	High

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)			
Name	Position	Telephone	
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2024/2025 SPORTS FISHING AND GAME HUNTING LICENCE FEES

Proposal

1. This paper seeks your approval for the 2024/25 sports fishing and game hunting licence fees and proposed budget for the 13 Fish & Game Councils for the financial year 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025.

Summary

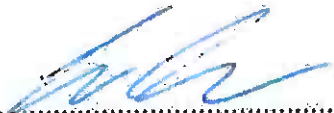
2. Section 26Q(1)(d)(ii) of the Conservation Act 1987 requires the recommendation of appropriate licence fees to recover costs attributable to the management of sports fish and game and game bird habitat stamp fees. All Fish and Game Councils draw from the same fund, which is generated each year by pooling all of the collected licence fees. The New Zealand Fish and Game Council (NZ Council), in consultation with all Fish and Game Councils, determines the budget for every Council.
3. The process for setting licence fees is the NZ Council makes an interim decision on licence fees and categories. The NZ Council then consults with the 12 regional Fish and Game Councils. After considering the views and recommendations of the regional councils, the NZ Council finalises its recommendation (to you as Minister of Conservation) about the appropriate fee for fishing and hunting licences in the new financial year.
4. The proposed budget for the 13 Fish and Game Councils for 2024/25 is \$13,255,720 (Last year \$13,300,779) a reduction in budget of \$45,059. (exclusive of GST). Anticipated Net Licence Revenue and Interest/other income is \$12,723,303 (last year \$12,623,224.)
5. Use of Reserves of \$532,417 is made up of two categories. Firstly, Regions have requested to use reserves for specific projects – these total \$359,376 and secondly, the NZC Council is proposing \$173,042 to come from Regional Reserves to cover the shortfall in Revenue and Costs.
6. After completing this process, the proposed 2024/25 adult whole season licence (inclusive of GST) is: \$156 for sports fish (\$3 increase): \$116 for game (\$3 increase) inclusive of the \$5 Game Bird Habitat Stamp fee (no increase).
7. This year, the NZ Council is recommending fee increases across both sports fishing and game hunting licences.
8. The NZ Council also recommends the increase of the Designated waters Licence for Non Residents from \$40 to \$60 per day.
9. No other changes are proposed to the other sports fishing or game bird hunting licence fees, or game bird hunting licence types. The lists of waters to which the existing designated waters, controlled-period and Sea-run Salmon licences types apply to are provided in a separate submission for your approval.
10. Once sports fish and game licences and licence fees are approved, the Department of Conservation will work with the Parliamentary Counsel Office to prepare the Sports Fish Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice and the Game Licences, Fees and Forms Notice. These Notices are then submitted to you for final approval pre-publication.
11. Should the Minister decline a licence fee increase, then NZC proposes Councils use a total of \$432,783 from reserves to fund the shortfall between Revenue and Costs. Currently, the organisation has a forecast of \$6.7 million of reserves as at 31 August 2024. NZC policy is to retain 20% (\$2.65 million) of the operating budget as reserves. The NZC consider it prudent to maintain Reserves over 20% in order to continue management of fish, game and habitat in the case of threats from the likes of biosecurity incursions, pandemics and similar challenges such as loss of Licence income. Based on the use of \$432,783 from reserves, then one region falls below the 20% and would be topped up by NZC as per policy.

Recommended Action

It is recommended that you

**Minister's
decision**

- (a) **Note** The proposed 2024/25 adult whole season licence fee of \$156 (Fish) and \$116 (Game) represents a minor increase to all licence categories from last year.
- (b) **EITHER**
- (i) **Approve** The schedule of proposed fees for the different sports fishing licence categories (except designated waters licences) on page 4 of this submission; and yes / no
- (ii) **Approve** The schedule of proposed fees for the different game hunting licence categories on page 4 of this submission. yes / no
- OR**
- (iii) **Approve** The continuation of the current fees for all sports fishing and game hunting licence categories (other than designated waters licences) given on page 4 of this submission. yes / no
- (c) **EITHER**
- (i) **Approve** The schedule of proposed fees for designated waters fishing licence categories listed on page 4 of this submission. yes / no
- OR**
- (ii) **Approve** A continuation of the current fees for designated waters fishing licences listed on page 4 of this submission. yes / no
- (d) **Approve** The continuation of all existing types of game bird hunting licences. yes / no
- (e) **Approve** A Game Bird Habitat Stamp fee of \$5 (incl GST) for the 2025/26 game season when sold as part of a game licence, and \$10 otherwise. yes / no
- (f) **Note** Council Reserves of between \$173,042 and \$432,783 will be used to cover the shortfall of Revenue and Costs for the 2024/25 year, depending on the decisions made above.
- (g) **Agree** That drafting instructions be provided to Parliamentary Counsel Office for the notices required to give effect to the decisions in this paper. yes / no


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The Hon Todd McLay
Minister for Hunting and Fishing

**Schedule 1 of F&G NZ's Proposed Licences & Fees for 2024/25
(Inclusive of GST)**

Sports Fish Licence		2023/24	2024/25	
Category of licence	Class of applicant	Current fee \$	Proposed fee \$	Fee difference
Whole season (1 Oct – 30 Sep)	Adult	153	156	\$3.00
	Junior	31	31	Nil
	Child	free	free	Nil
Family		198	203	\$5.00
Non-resident Whole season	Adult	264	270	\$6.00
	Junior	50	51	\$1.00
	Child	50	51	\$1.00
Winter (1 Apr – 30 Sep)	Adult	92	94	\$2.00
Loyal senior	Adult	130	133	\$3.00
Local area	Adult	122	125	\$3.00
Short-break	Adult	55	56	\$1.00
Long-break	Adult	107	109	\$2.00
Day	Adult	24	25	\$1.00
	Junior	5	6	\$1.00
Non-resident Day	Adult	37	38	\$1.00
	Junior	22	23	\$1.00
	Child	22	23	\$1.00
Controlled-period	All classes	free	free	Nil
Sea-Run Salmon	All classes	5	5	Nil

Designated Waters Licence		2023/24	2024/25	
Category of licence	Class of applicant	Current fee \$	Proposed fee \$	Fee difference
Designated Waters Season (Resident)	All classes	5	5	Nil
Designated Waters Day (Non-resident)	All classes	40	60	\$20.00

Game Bird Licence*		2024	2025	
Category of licence	Class of applicant	Current fee \$	Proposed fee \$	Fee difference
Whole season (primarily 1st Sat in May to 31 Aug)	Adult	113	116	\$3.00
	Junior	26	27	\$1.00
	Child	5	5	Nil
Day (available from 2nd Monday of season)	Adult	26	27	\$1.00
	Junior	10	10	Nil

❖ All other licence category fees are set as a percentage of the fish or game adult whole season fee and rounded to the nearest \$, hence in some instances the fee difference remains nil.

* Game bird hunting licence fee includes the \$5.00 NZ Game Bird Habitat Stamp.

Notes:

- A **junior** means a person aged 12 years or over, but under 18 years at the start of the season.
- A **child** means a person aged under 12 years at the beginning of the season.
- **Designated Waters** and **Controlled-period** licence means an endorsement on an adult or junior whole season or family fish licence with special conditions for fishing specified waters.
- **Whole Season** for sports fish extends from 1 October through to 30 September the following year.
- **Whole Season** for game birds can extend from the first Saturday in May to beyond the traditional closing dates for upland game hunting at the end of August due to special season conditions between February to April the following year for some species e.g. Paradise shelduck and Pukeko.
- A **Game Bird Habitat Stamp** fee of \$5.00 (incl GST) is payable on all categories of game hunting licence and is included in the fees shown in the game hunting licence table above.



Fish & Game New Zealand Submission

Date:	1 July 2024
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Minister for Hunting and Fishing

Subject:	2024-2025 SPORTS FISHING LICENCE TYPES APPROVAL
Action sought:	Approval for the continuation of existing types of fishing licences, and existing designated waters, controlled, and sea-run salmon fisheries for the 2024-2025 season. Also sought is approval of additional designated waters and controlled fisheries.
Deadline:	To allow the Minister time to consider the approval or non-approval of additional waters to the designated waters and controlled-period fisheries licences as soon as practical before 11 July 2024. This is normally 28 days before sports fishing licences go on sale on 15 August 2024. The Sports Fishing Licences, Fees, and Forms Notice and Anglers Notice 2024 will be drafted by PCO and submitted to the Minister for Hunting and Fishing following decisions from this submission.

Paper type:	Risk assessment:	Level of risk:	F&G priority:
Statutory	Negative angler/hunter or political reaction	Medium	High

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2024/2025 SPORTS FISHING TYPES

Proposal

1. This paper seeks your approval for the continuation of existing types of sports fishing licences, and the existing designated waters fisheries, controlled fisheries and sea-run salmon waters for the 2024-2025 season. Also sought is your approval of additional designated waters and controlled fisheries.

Summary


2. Each year we require your approval for the continuation of all existing sports fishing licence types, and the already existing designated waters, controlled fisheries and sea-run salmon waters.
3. Any additional waters proposed to be added to the list of designated waters, controlled period fisheries and sea-run salmon waters must be approved by the Minister, under section 48A(2A)(a) and (b) of the Conservation Act 1987. You have discretion as to the scope and effect of different licence types, which in this case includes which waters are covered and not covered by these licences.
4. This paper aims to provide you with the information to allow you to either accept or reject those proposals as listed below.

Recommended Action

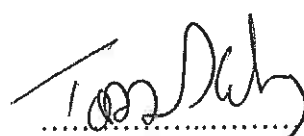
It is recommended that you:

		Minister's decision
(a)	Approve The continuation of all existing types of sports fishing licences	(yes / no)
(b)	Approve The continuation of all existing designated waters fisheries, controlled fisheries, and sea-run salmon waters, as listed in appendices 1, 3, and 5 of this submission.	(yes / no)
(c)	Approve The renaming of the Hope River fishery as the Lewis Pass fishery	(yes / no)
(d)	Approve The addition of the Upper Mataura River and tributaries upstream of the Ardlussa bridge as a trial Designated Waters fishery for the months of February and March	(yes / no)
(e)	Approve The addition of the Waikaia River and tributaries as a Designated Waters fishery for the months of February and March	(yes / no)
(f)	Approve The addition of the Upper Grey River and tributaries upstream of the confluence of Clarke River as a Designated Waters fishery.	(yes / no)
(g)	Approve The addition of the Waitahu River and tributaries upstream of the confluence of Inangahua River as a Designated Waters fishery.	(yes / no)

- (h) **Approve** The addition of the Rough (Otututu) River and tributaries upstream of the confluence of Mirfins Creek as a Designated Waters fishery. (yes / no)
- (i) **Approve** The addition of the Larry's Creek and tributaries upstream of the confluence of Inangahua River as a Designated Waters fishery. (yes / no)
- (j) **Approve** The addition of the Wangapeka River and tributaries upstream of the Newport Road Bridge as a Designated Waters fishery. (yes / no)
- (k) **Approve** The Hurunui River North Branch Designated Waters Fishery becoming a trial Controlled fishery yes / no)
- (l) **Approve** The Hurunui River South Branch Designated Waters Fishery becoming a trial Controlled fishery yes / no)
- (m) **Agree** That drafting instructions be provided to Parliamentary Counsel Office for the notice required to give effect to the decisions in this paper. yes / no)



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 Hon Todd McLay
 Minister for Hunting and Fishing

New Zealand Fish and Game

Budget Tables for 2024/25 (pre NZC Meeting Aug 25)

Table 1: Overall Forecast Position for Fish and Game	
Based on Fish \$156 & Game \$116	
For the Year ended 31 August 2025	
Net Licence Sales	12,329,235
Interest & Other	394,068
Total Income	12,723,303
Less Approved Budget	13,255,720
Total Surplus/(Deficit)	(532,417)

Table 2: Licence Forecast LEQ 2024/25									
	Actual 2021/22		Actual 2022/23		Est 2024	Budget 2023/24		Projected 24/25	
	Fish	Game	Fish	Game	Fish	Fish	Game	Fish	Game
Northland	217	1,582	455	1,552	454	370	1,552	454	1,537
Auckland/Waikato	3,231	6,309	3,550	6,518	3,658	3,729	6,201	3,658	6,518
Eastern	8,695	3,024	8,643	2,854	8,456	8,663	3,012	8,363	2,769
Hawkes Bay	2,476	1,916	2,525	1,750	2,335	1,879	1,916	2,240	1,667
Taranaki	861	1,114	1,034	1,086	987	938	1,113	964	1,072
Wellington	3,239	3,409	2,990	3,290	2,989	2,807	3,409	2,989	3,231
Nelson-Marlb	3,460	900	4,410	862	4,364	4,599	887	4,341	843
Nth Canterbury	10,980	2,428	11,084	2,557	10,964	11,148	2,381	10,904	2,557
West Coast	1,744	370	2,253	364	2,169	2,208	358	2,127	361
Central SI	11,638	2,235	12,946	2,267	12,536	12,937	2,233	12,331	2,267
Otago	14,923	4,080	15,828	3,989	15,549	15,614	4,029	15,410	3,944
Southland	8,099	4,727	9,084	4,625	8,758	9,167	4,672	8,595	4,574
NZC only									
National									
TOTAL	69,563	32,094	74,802	31,714	73,219	74,060	31,763	72,376	31,340

Table 3: Total Income Summary 2024/25											
	Fish Licence Income \$			Game Licence Income \$			TOTAL Licence Income \$				
	Fish \$	COS \$	Net Fish \$	Game \$	COS \$	Net Game \$	TOTAL F & G	Total COS \$	Net Licence		
									Income \$	Interest/C	Net Income
Northland	51,586	2,463	59,129	148,354	5,934	142,420	209,940	8,398	201,542	10,104	211,647
Auckland/Waikato	496,216	19,849	476,367	629,129	25,165	603,964	1,125,344	45,014	1,080,331	17,758	1,098,099
Eastern	1,134,459	45,378	1,089,081	267,769	10,691	256,578	1,401,728	56,069	1,345,659	34,340	1,379,998
Hawkes Bay	303,861	12,154	291,706	160,902	6,436	154,466	464,763	18,591	446,172	35,630	481,802
Taranaki	130,769	5,231	125,538	108,471	4,139	99,332	234,240	9,370	224,870	9,032	233,903
Wellington	405,464	16,219	389,246	311,862	12,474	299,387	717,326	28,693	688,633	10,984	699,617
Nelson-Marlb	588,866	23,555	565,311	81,368	3,251	78,113	670,234	26,809	643,425	7,419	650,844
Nth Canterbury	1,479,151	59,166	1,419,985	246,806	9,872	236,934	1,725,957	69,038	1,656,919	13,367	1,670,286
West Coast	288,532	11,541	276,991	34,844	1,394	33,451	323,377	12,935	310,441	15,470	325,912
Central SI	1,672,727	66,909	1,605,818	218,815	8,753	210,062	1,891,542	75,662	1,815,880	44,444	1,860,324
Otago	2,090,400	83,616	2,006,784	380,682	15,227	365,454	2,471,082	98,843	2,372,238	57,968	2,430,204
Southland	1,165,930	46,637	1,119,293	441,490	17,660	423,831	1,607,421	64,297	1,543,124	39,923	1,583,047
NZC only										97,620	97,620
National											
TOTAL	9,817,962	392,718	9,425,243	3,024,991	121,000	2,903,997	12,842,953	513,718	12,329,235	394,068	12,723,303

Table 4: National Approved Budget

	Base Funds 2024/25	Approved CF Licence Fee ongoing	Approved CF from Licence Fee - One off	Approved CF from Reserves - One off	Approved Budget 2024/25 (Inc from Reserves)
Northland	581,107	10,974	0	0	592,081
Auckland/Waikato	881,824	0	0	0	881,824
Eastern	1,278,944	26,600	0	15,000	1,320,544
Hawkes Bay	380,624	54,000	0	100,000	534,624
Taranaki	419,692	8,124	21,209	0	449,025
Wellington	830,600	17,788	0	0	848,388
Nelson-Marlb	564,125	0	0	0	564,125
Nth Canterbury	973,187	36,748	29,000	30,000	1,068,935
West Coast	341,601	34,350	0	25,000	400,951
Central SI	850,235	95,000	23,750	29,601	998,586
Otago	1,240,967	0	0	23,000	1,263,967
Southland	803,632	19,427	0	136,775	959,834
NZC only	1,203,086	77,400	0	0	1,280,486
National 1	1,325,600	243,750	523,000	0	2,092,350
TOTAL	11,675,224	624,161	596,959	359,376	13,255,720

Table 5: Use of Reserves, Levy/Grant and Surplus/(Deficit) Forecast 2024/25

	Forecast Total Income	Approved Base Funds	Approved from Reserves	Approved from Reserves Post Budget	Approved top up of reserves	Less use of Reserves -1.34%	Levy/(Grant)	Prior period Levy	Forecast Surplus or (Deficit)
Northland	211,647	592,081	0	0		7,944	(372,490)		(7,944)
Auckland/Waikato	1,098,099	881,824	0	0		11,832	228,107		(11,832)
Eastern	1,379,998	1,305,544	15,000	0		17,518	91,972		(32,518)
Hawkes Bay	481,802	434,624	100,000	0		5,832	53,009	57,596	(183,428)
Taranaki	233,903	449,025	0	0		6,025	(209,098)		(6,025)
Wellington	699,617	848,388	0	0		11,384	(137,387)		(11,384)
Nelson-Marlb	650,844	564,125	0	0		7,569	94,288		(7,569)
Nth Canterbury	1,670,286	1,038,935	30,000	0		13,940	645,291		(43,940)
West Coast	325,912	375,951	25,000	0		5,044	(44,995)		(30,044)
Central SI	1,860,324	968,985	29,601	0		13,002	904,341		(42,602)
Otago	2,430,204	1,240,967	23,000	0		16,651	1,205,888		(39,651)
Southland	1,583,047	823,059	136,775	0		11,044	771,032		(147,819)
NZC only	97,620	1,280,486	0	0		17,181	(1,165,685)		(17,181)
National	0	2,092,350	0	0	0	28,075	(2,064,275)	(57,596)	29,521
TOTAL	12,723,303	12,896,344	359,376	0		173,042	0		(532,417)

Table 6: Reserves Forecast as at 31 August 2025 - Based on Fish \$156 and Game \$116

	Forecast Reserves Aug 2024	Surplus /(Deficit)	Forecast Reserve 31/8/25	Reserves required 20% of Budget	Top up Required to achieve 20% Reserves	Adjusted Reserves to no less than 20% 31/8/24	Reserves % of Base Fund
Northland	201,388	(7,944)	193,444	118,416	0	193,444	33%
Auckland/Waikato	354,140	(11,832)	342,308	176,365	0	342,308	39%
Eastern	684,429	(32,518)	651,911	264,109	0	651,911	49%
Hawkes Bay	710,136	(163,428)	546,708	106,925	0	546,708	102%
Taranaki	180,020	(6,025)	173,995	89,805	0	173,995	39%
Wellington	218,925	(11,384)	207,541	169,678	0	207,541	24%
Nelson-Marlb	147,873	(7,569)	140,304	112,825	0	140,304	25%
Nth Canterbury	266,415	(43,940)	222,475	213,787	0	222,475	21%
West Coast	308,343	(30,044)	278,299	80,190	0	278,299	69%
Central SI	885,820	(42,602)	843,218	199,717	0	843,218	84%
Otago	1,155,321	(39,651)	1,115,670	252,793	0	1,115,670	88%
Southland	795,714	(147,819)	647,895	191,967	0	647,895	68%
NZC/NAT	797,735	12,340	810,075	674,567	0	810,075	24%
TOTAL	6,706,259	(532,417)	6,173,842	2,651,144	0	6,173,842	

Table 8 : Contestable Fund Applications Detail 2024-25

173,043

Summary of Decisions from NZC meeting

App No	Region Base Funding 2024/25	Project Description	Project Code	L R C	B O C	Additional \$ Sought	\$ amount \$ Adjusted	Staff Recommendation	NZC Recommendation	APPROVED Ongoing License Fee	APPROVED One Off Licence Fee	APPROVED Restore Reserves	APPROVED Capital Ex	APPROVED from Reserves
	Northland													
	\$ 581,107													
NTH 001		1910 Salaries	1910	L	B	10,974	10,974	4	4	10,974	0	0	0	0
NTH 002		1984 Insurance	1984	L	B	2,000	2,000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL Northland					12,974	12,974			10,974	0	0	0	0
	Auckland/Waikato													
	\$ 881,824	No CF bids				0	0			0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL Auckland/Waikato					0	0			0	0	0	0	0
	Eastern													
	\$ 1,278,944					0	0			0	0	0	0	0
EAST 001		1910 Salaries	1910	L	B	26,600	26,600	4	4	26,600	0	0	0	0
EAST 002		1114 Lake Tarawera	1114	R	O	15,000	15,000	4	4	0	0	0	0	15,000
	TOTAL Eastern					41,600	41,600			26,600	0	0	0	15,000
	Hawke's Bay													
	\$ 380,624					0	0			0	0	0	0	0
HBAY 001		1910 Salaries	1910	L	B	54,000	54,000	4	4	54,000	0	0	0	0
HBAY 002		1454 Education Centre Development	1454	R	O	100,000	100,000	4	4	0	0	0	0	100,000
	TOTAL Hawke's Bay					154,000	154,000			54,000	0	0	0	100,000
	Taranaki													
	\$ 419,692					0	0			0	0	0	0	0
TARA 001		1912 Continuation of Management C	1912	L	O	21,209	21,209	4	4	0	21,209	0	0	0
TARA 002		1911 Salaries	1911	L	B	8,124	8,124	4	4	8,124	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL Taranaki					29,333	29,333			8,124	21,209	0	0	0
	Wellington													
	\$ 830,600					0	0			0	0	0	0	0
WELL 001		1911 Salaries	1911	L	B	17,788	17,788	4	4	17,788	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL Wellington					17,788	17,788			17,788	0	0	0	0
	Nelson/Marlborough													
	\$ 564,125	No CF Bids				0	0			0	0	0	0	0
N/A						0	0			0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL Nelson/Marlborough					0	0			0	0	0	0	0
	North Canterbury													
	\$ 973,187					0	0			0	0	0	0	0
NC 001		1911 Salaries	1911	L	B	31,748	31,748	4	4	31,748	0	0	0	0
NC 002		1161 Put & Take Fishery	1161	L	B	23,000	5,000	4	4	5,000	0	0	0	0
NC 003		1232 Te Waihora Maimai Agt	1232	L	O	9,000	9,000	4	4	0	9,000	0	0	0
NC 004		Asset Replacement Fund	ARE	L	O	40,000	20,000	4	4	0	20,000	0	0	0

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NZC 005		1920	Staff Expenses	L	B	20,000	10,000	4	4	10,000	0	0	0	0
NZC 007		1430	Advocacy for Fish & Game	L	B	37,400	37,400	4	4	37,400	0	0	0	0
NZC 009		1700	Governance Advisor	L	B	20,000	20,000	3	4	20,000	0	0	0	0
TOTAL NZC						110,400	90,400			77,400	0	0	0	0
National						0	0			0	0	0	0	0
						\$1,325,600								
NAT 001		1614	Licence Audit Fee	L	B	2,500	2,500	4	4	2,500	0	0	0	0
NAT 002		1822	Maritime Compliance	L	B	10,000	10,000	4	4	10,000	0	0	0	0
NAT 003		1422	Information Technology - Natio	L	B	18,000	18,000	4	4	18,000	0	0	0	0
NAT 004		1240	RMA Fund	L	O	200,000	200,000	4	4	0	200,000	0	0	0
NAT 005		1711	Election Costs	L	O	15,000	15,000	4	4	0	15,000	0	0	0
NAT 005		1711	Election Costs	L	B	7,500	7,500	4	4	7,500	0	0	0	0
NAT 006		1332	Fish and Game Magazine	L	O	235,000	235,000	4	4	0	235,000	0	0	0
NAT 007		1170	Reg Guides	L	B	4,100	4,100	4	4	0	0	0	0	0
NAT 008		1630	Licence Production	L	B	40,000	40,000	4	4	40,000	0	0	0	0
NAT 009		1810	Managers meetings	L	B	33,000	8,000	3	4	8,000	0	0	0	0
NAT 010		1820	Health & Safety - Risk Mngt Sy	L	B	5,000	5,000	3	4	5,000	0	0	0	0
NAT 010		1820	Health & Safety - Risk Mngt Sy	L	O	3,000	3,000	3	4	0	3,000	0	0	0
NAT 011		1423	Website and Social Media	L	B	30,000	30,000	4	4	30,000	0	0	0	0
NAT 012		1430	National Liaison - Advocacy	L	B	40,000	10,000	4	4	10,000	0	0	0	0
NAT 013		1442	Marketing and Social Licence	L	B	80,000	20,000	4	4	20,000	0	0	0	0
NAT 014		1460	Research	L	B	41,000	41,000	4	4	41,000	0	0	0	0
NAT 015		1815	Co-ordination HR - travel	L	B	5,000	5,000	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
NAT 016		1820	Strategic Pay reports	L	B	6,000	3,000	4	4	3,000	0	0	0	0
NAT 016		1820	Strategic Pay reports	L	B	0	(50,000)	4	4	(50,000)	0	0	0	0
NAT 017		1620	Reduction of Baseline - Regula	L	B	50,000	50,000	4	4	0	50,000	0	0	0
NAT 018		1830	Scoping of Digital Licence - Us	L	O	10,000	10,000	4	4	0	0	0	0	0
NAT 019		1835	Consultant Amalgamation - Re	L	O	20,000	20,000	4	4	0	20,000	0	0	0
NAT 020		1840	Cost optimisation follow up	L	O	20,000	20,000	4	4	0	0	0	0	0
NAT 021		1850	Culture and PD for all F & G	L	B	5,000	5,000	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
NAT 022		1100	National H & Safety training an	L	B	5,000	5,000	3	3	5,000	0	0	0	0
NZC 006 NAT 023		1910	Sports Fish & Game bird state	L	B	85,000	63,750	4	4	63,750	0	0	0	0
NZC 008 NAT 024		1700	Salaries - HR/HS Advisor	L	B	30,000	30,000	4	4	30,000	0	0	0	0
NZC 010 NAT 025		1910	Governor Training and inductio	L	B	75,000	75,000	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
NZC 010 NAT 025		1910	Salaries - Research	L	B	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL National						1,075,100	885,850			243,750	523,000	0	0	0
TOTAL						\$ 2,200,596	\$ 1,834,596			\$ 624,161	\$ 596,959	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 359,376

Agenda Item 7 Public Forum

Summary

Invite public for an opportunity to speak to any issues – this may be up to 5 minutes allotted per speaker but is at the Chairman's discretion to allow more time

No Decision Required

Recommendation/Action

Note any issues brought to the attention of Council during the Public Forum

Agenda Item 8 Regional Business - Governance

Summary

a. **Chairman's Report for Previous Period**

Chairman to provide an overview report of key issues since the previous meeting.

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

For Information Only

Recommendation/Action

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

Agenda Item 9 Inter-Regional Business - Governance

Summary

a. Shared Resources Update

Update on the progress of shared resources between Wellington and Taranaki Fish and Game Councils.

b. Regional Chairs' Forum Update

Brief report from the Chairman of any interactions of the Fish and Game Regional Chairs' Group.

c. Discussion on Topics for Formalising Taranaki – Wellington Arrangement

In order to progress the formal process of amalgamation with the Minister, it was agreed by the joint governor working group that each Council confirm detailed positions and significant issues to confirm points of agreement and/or differences.

Topics:

1. Governance Structure:

- A. Geographic representation
- B. Numerical proportional representation:
- C. Representation of Game Hunting or Sports Fishing Pursuits
- D. Total Number of Councillors:
- E. Payment of Non-Elected Governors

2. Coverage of Staff Operations

- A. Effectiveness and efficiency of operations
- B. Presence of staff in an area for organisational awareness (and social license).

3. Identification of Significant Assets and Management Obligations.

4. Identification of Significant Legacy (extension) Projects of Current Councils

5. Key Project or Management Issues (Emphasis)

6. How are we going to be placed to meet future challenges and opportunities?

- How is Fish and Game going to plan to meet our responsibilities for iwi engagement – collaborations and/or resource governance
- Membership on NZ Council - will there be loss of a 'voice'
- Consistency in reporting and governance material
- Maintain funding from Fish and Game budgeting model
- Identifying differences in culture – urban v rural focus etc.

For Information Only

Recommendation/Action

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

Discussion on topics for how Fish and Game can define any process for amalgamation and any issues that need to be addressed at a joint meeting of Councils.

Agenda Item 9C

Progressing the Amalgamation of Taranaki and Wellington Fish and Game Councils

Several councillors from Taranaki and Wellington Fish and Game Councils met on Sunday 28 July 2024 via a zoom videoconference to discuss the shared resources arrangement between the two Councils and the next steps required to formalise amalgamation.

It was observed that other regions seemed largely resistant to change despite the increasing tensions that resource allocations within the organisation were becoming – with total income being increasingly constrained.

The Minister of Hunting and Fishing is meeting with NZ Fish and Game Council on 23 August 2024 and the NZ Council chairman has asked NZ Councillors for specific questions that can be pre-circulated to the Minister before the meeting.

The governors of Taranaki and Wellington Fish and Game considered that the Minister should be alerted to a willingness for the two regions to amalgamate – especially while there is currently a co-operative association and this was not a ‘forced’ merger of the two entities being undertaken as a crisis response. There was general agreement that this made sense to continue with moving forward the process towards a formal arrangement.

It was agreed that the Minister would be asked:

Make the necessary legislative changes to enable an amalgamation between Wellington and Taranaki Fish and Game Councils to progress.

In order to maintain some element of Fish and Game control over the form of any potential future entity, it was agreed that consideration was required by existing Councils as to the potential operational structure, constitution and governance structure desired. It was agreed that rather than focus on the rest of the organisation, that the two Councils should define what they want to see – and that this proposal (as an MOU) be presented to the Minister.

Before the two Councils formally request the Minister for an amalgamation process to commence – it was seen as worthy to outline the formal process that we need to follow so that it is not a ‘rush’ that has unintended consequences.

Before the two Councils meet jointly – it was agreed that detailed positions be defined to confirm points of agreement and/or difference, as well as outline significant issues or legacy projects currently associated with each region.

Topics For Discussion

1. Governance Structure:

Confirm the principles to be followed:

A. Geographic representation

- Currently there are three wards in the Taranaki region
- Currently there are three wards in the Wellington regions
- Is there a chance to re-define wards – e.g Waimarino extended into communities of similar interest?

B. Numerical proportional representation:

- Currently there are 1000 game licence holders and 2000 fish licence holders in the Taranaki region
- Currently there are 3800 game licence holders and 5500 fish licence holders in the Wellington region

C. Representation of Game Hunting or Sports Fishing Pursuits

- Currently there is no mechanism to ensure proportional representation of angling or hunting linked to licence holder interest.

D. Total Number of Councillors:

- At 'large' councillors are determined by highest polling candidates – in Taranaki region it is the next five highest polling candidates and in Wellington region it is nine of the next highest polling candidates
- Co-opting members onto Council – there is provision for co-opting on specific skill sets onto Council but there is currently no voting rights conferred.

Specific engagement on mana whenua issues, accounting, technical, or specific project knowledge are potential reasons for co-opting members.

The Ministerial Review had indicated that appointments by the Minister may be considered to increase diversity and iwi representation would be determined in the future.

E. Payment of Non-Elected Governors

- There has been no support to change the voluntary nature of regional Fish and Game Councils relating to membership and participation at meetings.

2. Coverage of Staff Operations

A. Effectiveness and efficiency of operations

- How best to distribute skill set and operational efficiency.
- Field officer distribution and administration function moving forward.

B. Presence of staff in an area for organisational awareness (and social license).

- Being seen to be 'out there' in the community and available to maintain relevance.

3. Identification of Significant Assets and Management Obligations.

A. Taranaki Region:

- Habitat fund derived from sale of property

B. Wellington Region:

- Landowner of property title – Lake Omanu (Foxton)
- Landowner of property title - Yules Lagoon (Kahutara)
- Landowner of property title - Simmonds Lagoon (Featherson) – 60ha
- Accumulated for Upper Rangitikei River Trout Fishery Management – Genesis Power mitigation

4. Identification of Significant Legacy (extension) Projects of Current Councils

A. Taranaki Region:

- Trout Hatchery Hawera - using volunteers for labour content to supplement fisheries.
- Retaining and fostering connection with volunteer contributions
- Lake Rotomanu Water Quality Improvement – advocating for increased flushing

B. Wellington Region:

- Retaining and fostering connection with volunteer contributions
- Fish Out Days for Novice Recruitment – Wellington, Otaki, Palmerston North, Marton, Wairarapa
- Support of Clubs and recruitment initiatives such as Women on the Fly

5. Key Project or Management Issues (Emphasis)

A. Taranaki Region:

- Office Requirements for operations – currently rented.

B. Wellington Region:

- Office Requirements for Operations – currently rented.
- Lake Wairarapa access for hunting – 500 hunters currently hunt lake Wairarapa – currently manage stand allocation and hunter access. New Management regime in 2024 with Wairarapa Moana Statutory Reserve Board.
- Novice engagement and R3 Programme
- Access Management – forests and wetlands
- Communications Plan – maintaining social license, licence holder engagement

C. Points of Difference

- Sports Fish and Game Bird Management Plan – sets ten-year goals with key issues facing region.
- What will the strategic focus be?
- Prioritising strategic issues moving forward

6. How are we going to be placed to meet future challenges and opportunities?

- How are we going to plan to meet our responsibilities for iwi engagement – responses to fish and game management collaborations and/or fishery/waterfowl governance
- Membership on NZ Council - will there be loss of a 'voice'
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- Maintain funding from Fish and Game budgeting model
- Identifying differences in culture – urban v rural focus etc.

Summary

a. Presentation of draft Operational Work Plan based on the budgets submitted to NZ Council

No significant changes to expected to outcomes and outputs already agreed to in the budget process.

The format of the Operational Work Plan reiterates the priorities of Council identified in strategic statements and existing work programmes.

The Operational Work Plan includes reference to strategic statements that link wider organisational strategies – and this will be relevant in outcome reporting for annual reporting purposes. This format will also provide for conventional output reporting – but it is noted that there is a signalled change in audit emphasis from the Office of Auditor General to focus on Outcome Reporting rather than Output Reporting.

For Decision

Recommendation/Action

Council to adopt the Operational Work Plan for the 2024/2025 Financial Year

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN

FOR THE YEAR

1 SEPTEMBER 2024 TO 31 AUGUST 2025

Presented 16th March 2024

Adopted

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1 INTRODUCTION

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

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

2 PURPOSE OF TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL

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

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

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

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

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

3 OPERATION OF TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL

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

The Council's Regional Office is based in New Plymouth. The Council has four members of staff – a Regional Manager shared with the Wellington Region, Secretary and two Field Officers.

4 **DIRECTORY**

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Name	Locality	Home Phone	Mobile Phone
Chris Donald (Chairman)	Waitara		027 4777518
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Paul Blewman	Hamilton		021 775617
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Craig McEwen	Egmont Village		027 3180549
Romon Sargeson	Waiouru	06 387 6540	027 6659990
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Name		Home Phone	Mobile Phone
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INSURANCE Whanganui Insurance Brokers, Whanganui
AON New Zealand

5. STATEMENT OF OPERATIONAL SERVICE PERFORMANCE

The Operational Work Plan (OWP) outlines the management activities planned for the 2024/2025 financial year that reflect the current regional strategic outcomes. The regional strategic outcomes reflect the organisation's strategic outcomes identified by the NZ Fish and Game Council – and are therefore incorporated into the regional OWP.

OWPs are required under Section 26Q(1)(e)(ii) of the Conservation Act 1987.

The strategic priorities are arranged around the following five pillars and provides guidance for emphasis of actions in the various functional work groupings:

1. Unified and Enduring Organisation

A national and regionally cohesive organisation built on a culture of shared values, trust and engagement.

Taranaki Fish and Game Council will give effect to this by:

- Having a co-operative agreement with Wellington Fish and Game Council to operate with shared resources (with a view to a formal legal arrangement)
- Implement a regional Communications Plan to communicate with stakeholders

2. Mana Whenua Connected

Create positive and collaborative relationships with mana whenua to ensure legislative responsibilities and co-operative intent to manage resources are met.

Taranaki Fish and Game Council will give effect to this by:

- Developing a strategy for effective mana whenua engagement and work proactively with mana whenua on managing resources of mutual interest

3. Healthy Species, Habitats, & Ecosystems

A. Sustainable Harvest

Sports fish and game bird populations are monitored to provide information to support management of continued sustainable wild harvest opportunities.

Taranaki Fish and Game Council will give effect to this by:

- Implementing a programme of monitoring of trout and game bird populations to ensure population change is within sustainable limits to define season harvest regulations.

B. Maintain Habitat (or Where Degraded Improve)

Sports fish and game bird habitats are maintained (or enhanced where degraded) in order to provide access to a sustainably harvest of resource for hunters and anglers.

Taranaki Fish and Game Council will give effect to this by:

- Implementing a programme of monitoring of trout and game bird habitats are undertaken to ensure habitat is maintained – or where degraded improved – through active management or proactive advocacy

C. Access To the Resource Maintained or Improved

Access to the resource for hunters and anglers is proactively advocated.

Taranaki Fish and Game Council will give effect to this by:

- Maintaining an inventory of access signage, electronic mapping points for access, and proactively negotiating access to public land

4. Attract & Retain Licence Holders

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

Taranaki Fish and Game Council will give effect to this by:

- Undertaking a programme of recruitment and retention of potential and existing participants – including identifying potential barriers to participation (e.g. supporting novice fishing and hunting events)
- Implementing a Communications Plan specific to licence holders (or potential licence holders) to meet their needs of successful participation in the pursuits and providing information on how to access the resource.

5. Public Perception & Legitimacy

Enhancing the social licence to operate of angling and game bird hunting through positive messaging of natural environment protection, wild food harvesting, and wellbeing through undertaking outdoor recreational pursuits

Taranaki Fish and Game Council will give effect to this by:

- Supporting social licence campaigns co-ordinated by NZ Council to confirm and strengthen a social licence to operate hunting and fishing activities.
- Undertaking a programme of activities that create public awareness of the positive outcomes achieved by Fish and Game and the activities that hunters and anglers undertake.

5.1 Structure of the Operational Work Plan

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Reporting on Project Outputs

Completion dates for projects and associated reporting dates are noted for each project where this is feasible or practical to provide specific, measurable targets for activities. Internal tasks that are required to keep the organisation operating smoothly may not have specific targets or completion dates. Council receives regular updates on progress of projects – with a compilation of Annual Project Reports being presented to the Council on the activities undertaken in the completed Financial Year.

Direct External Costs and Internal Resource Allocation

Budgets are developed for each project cluster that reflect external direct costs and internal staff resources which allows for monitoring of projects for variance of expected resource allocations required to complete the project.

OUTPUT CLASS: Species Management

Objective	Planned Result	Performance Measures
<p>Obtain relevant and robust data to inform and enable effective management decisions to maximise opportunities and satisfaction while ensuring the sustainability of sports fish and gamebird populations across the region.</p> <p>Strategic Outcome Supported:</p> <p>Healthy Species, Habitats, & Ecosystems</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assess juvenile trout recruitment in the Manganui River and tributaries to compare with baseline information from other catchment surveys (yr 1 of 2). 2. Undertake a resource inventory of the Manganui River catchment to determine current status of the trout fishery and identify threats and opportunities (yr 1 of 2) 3. Monitor and report information on the status of the region's trout fisheries sufficient to measure overall angler success (through a diary scheme), set effective regulations and inform management directions. 4. Implement an effective grey and mallard duck banding programme in the Whanganui area to obtain an estimate of the population size and level of hunting harvest which will guide future monitoring requirements and regulation setting (yr 6). 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. 6. Review game bird monitoring programme for the region taking into account banding results and including regulation setting requirements. 	<p>Reports produced on the status of the region's trout fisheries and including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angler catch rates across the region; • Juvenile recruitment in the Manganui River catchment; • Manganui River resource inventory (draft report). <p>Number of ducks banded, and bands returned by hunters</p> <p>Population status and harvest detailed for each gamebird species and used to guide the setting of game bird hunting regulations.</p>

<p>Supplement trout fishing opportunities with appropriate stocking that is valued, cost effective in terms of the return to the angler and which retains community support.</p> <p>Strategic Outcomes Supported: Attract & Retain Licence Holders Public Perception & Legitimacy Healthy Species, Habitats, & Ecosystems</p> <p>Provide effective compliance to protect resource sustainability (including revenue base) and user experience to maintain licence holder satisfaction.</p> <p>Strategic Outcomes Supported: Public Perception & Legitimacy Attract & Retain Licence Holders</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Participate in the National Hunter Survey to derive robust estimates of annual game bird harvest and hunter success. 8. Recommend effective regulations that are timely, easily understood and which maximise licence holder opportunity while ensuring resource sustainability and public support. 9. Provide advice and support practical and effective predator control opportunities that assist game bird populations. 10. Undertake an annual trout stocking programme which concentrates on creating and maintaining valued lake fisheries. 11. Undertake release of up to 200 17-month brown and rainbow trout into the lower Patea River and assess angler returns to gauge the potential for a long-term programme (yr 6) 12. Operate Hawera hatchery in an effective, cost efficient and sustainable manner utilising volunteer support to meet the identified stocking objectives. 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. 14. Undertake safe and effective compliance coverage across the Taranaki Region, including a target of 100 licence checks of anglers and also of hunters. 15. Process detected offences in a fair and timely way consistent with national prosecution guidelines. 	<p>Estimate of gamebird harvest for 2025 game season derived for each species.</p> <p>Appropriate and effective regulations in place for fishing and hunting seasons.</p> <p>Completion of annual stocking programme including release into the lower Patea River</p> <p>Hawera hatchery operation is effective and within budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of fish produced • Cost per fish • Volunteer satisfaction. <p>Ranger warrants renewed as appropriate, rangers trained, safe and effective.</p> <p>Number of compliance checks, level of compliance exceeds 95% and outcomes reported of any non-compliance detected.</p>
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<p>Proactively manage problem aggregations of gamebirds in the interests of both hunters and property owners and managers.</p> <p>Strategic Outcomes Supported: Public Perception & Legitimacy</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>Implementation of special season including number of permits issued and harvest, along with number of permits to disturb issued.</p>
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Output Class: **Habitat Protection and Management**

Objective	Planned Result	Performance Measures
<p>Protect/ improve habitat for sports fish & game as a fundamental and effective means to sustain the fish & game resource in the interests of licence holders and with biodiversity benefits for the wider community.</p> <p>Strategic Outcomes Supported: Public Perception & Legitimacy Healthy Species, Habitats, & Ecosystems</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide valued advice and support to licence holders, landowners and the wider community regarding the importance of and how to protect and enhance habitat and also undertake predator control/ management to benefit both fish & game and wider indigenous biodiversity resources. 2. Promote, encourage and support landowners to create, enhance and protect wetlands by providing sound technical advice and assistance to make successful applications to the GBHT and Hunting & Habitat Funds. 3. Proactively take opportunities to make effective representation in statutory and other community processes to best achieve sports fish and game bird habitat protection and enhancement. 4. Investigate the establishment of an environmental award to acknowledge and highlight outstanding contributions to the protection of sports fish or gamebird habitat. 	<p>Number of GBHT and H&H applications, also number of wetland projects completed over the year.</p> <p>Level of involvement in statutory and community processes advocating for freshwater and game bird habitat. Progress with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taranaki Natural Resources Plan • Mangorei and Motukawa consents • Lake Rotomanu water quality • Environmental award

<p>Work collaboratively and proactively with landowners, other groups and iwi recognising the synergistic benefits and wider outcomes that can be achieved by this approach.</p> <p>Strategic Outcomes Supported:</p> <p>Mana Whenua Connected</p> <p>Public Perception & Legitimacy</p> <p>Healthy Species, Habitats, & Ecosystems</p> <p>Development of an effective Natural Resources Plan that protects freshwater and wetland habitats and which will also minimise Council costs in consent processes and free up resources for other management responses.</p> <p>Strategic Outcomes Supported:</p> <p>Public Perception & Legitimacy</p> <p>Healthy Species, Habitats, & Ecosystems</p>	<p>5. Seek effective environmental outcomes as part of the consenting of the Mangorei and Motukawa hydro schemes.</p> <p>6. Promote and explore opportunities to improve water quality in Lake Rotomanu.</p> <p>7. Engage proactively and collaboratively with iwi & community groups to identify and protect/ enhance shared resource values including contributing to water related matters through the Taranaki Maunga Settlement process.</p> <p>8. Represent Fish & Game and provide valued input to the Te Awa Tupua process.</p> <p>9. Explore options with other parties to remove a weir in the Waingongo River at Eltham.</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&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 & game bird habitat in the Taranaki Natural Resources Plan development process.</p> <p>Valued contribution to Te Kōpuka nā Te awa Tupua Other iwi initiatives, including aligning submissions to applications for resource consent.</p> <p>Co-ordination of a funding application to WRET if there is sufficient landowner support.</p> <p>Active involvement in the Regional Plan development process in the interests of hunters and anglers</p>
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Output Class: **Participation**

Objective	Planned Result	Performance Measures
<p>Add value to licence holders by increasing their opportunity, success and satisfaction and so retain them in the sport.</p> <p>Strategic Outcomes Supported:</p> <p>Attract & Retain Licence Holders</p> <p>Encourage past and prospective hunters and anglers into the sport through initiatives which make it easy to 'have a go' and/or provide support.</p> <p>Strategic Outcome Supported:</p> <p>Attract & Retain Licence Holders</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain and improve the Taranaki pages on the new Fish & Game website so "how to" and "where to go" information is readily available, easily understood and up to date. 2. Work with National Office to populate new website with information including an 'Introduction to duck hunting in the Taranaki Region'. 3. Continue posting on the Council's Facebook page in line with any National Policy to regularly inform licence holders using this forum. 4. Develop and utilise licence holder email list to keep hunters and anglers up to date. 5. Complete monthly contributions to the Reel Life and Both Barrels Ezines and weekly contributions to the Wellington Fish & Game Region's "Lower North Island Lowdown" angling email consistent with national R3 recommendations. 6. Provide a quality 2-page regional supplement in each edition of Fish & Game Magazine. 7. Publication of valued hunting and fishing newsletters in conjunction with Wellington Fish & Game and sent to regional licence holders and hunting landowners. Hunting newsletter also distributed to all rural box holders in the region. 8. Proactively provide timely and useful information to licence holders when requested. 9. Replace/ erect 2 -3 new signs which provide anglers with helpful on-site information re access and regulations consistent with identified priorities. 	<p>Review, refine and produce web pages, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to duck hunting in the Taranaki region • Waingongoro River access • Kaipokonui River access <p>Contact with licence holders through implementation of social media pages and email list.</p> <p>Production of quality online and magazine supplements and newsletters</p> <p>Provision of signage to guide and inform anglers.</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. 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. 11. When fish are available, release 2-year rainbow trout into Sattler's Dam to provide opportunities for kids and families. 12. Review, negotiate, publicise and issue access permits to publicly available hunting areas and actively seek and develop new opportunities. 13. Identify and explore mentoring schemes to support new hunters. 14. Develop web based introductory package for anglers highlighting access opportunities and methods to get started. 15. Proactively take opportunities to make effective representation in statutory and other community processes to maintain or enhance hunting or angling access and opportunity. 16. Assess satisfaction and success of Taranaki Region anglers using catch rates from a voluntary diary scheme and online satisfaction survey. 17. Locate and publicise quality trout, perch and game bird recipes that enable anglers and hunters to make good use of these species. 18. Assess satisfaction of Taranaki Region hunters using nationally agreed questions in the national hunter survey. 19. Implement actions to influence hunter behaviour as identified in hunter behaviour strategy to maximise 	<p>Identification, development and delivery of family fishing opportunities consistent with R3 objectives</p> <p>Provision of game bird hunting access and permits.</p> <p>Identification of possible mentoring options for new hunters</p> <p>Web based package is available, and new anglers are aware of it and can easily access the information.</p> <p>Kaupokonui and Waingongoro River access information updated on website and options to assist further access identified.</p> <p>Report on level of angler satisfaction with the region's trout fisheries</p> <p>Provision of high-quality trout, perch and game bird recipes</p> <p>Report on level of hunter satisfaction with the region's game season.</p>
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	<p>enjoyment and participation and also public support for gamebird hunting.</p> <p>20. Provision of ready and valued support and assistance to licence agents such that they are kept up to date, resourced and operate as effective agents.</p>	<p>Programme to improve hunter behaviour is in place.</p>
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Output Class: Iwi and Public Interaction and Engagement

Objective	Planned Result	Performance Measures
<p>Work proactively and collaboratively with iwi at all levels consistent with Treaty of Waitangi obligations and responsibilities regarding the protection and use of natural resources .Strategic Outcomes Supported:</p> <p>Mana Whenua Connected</p> <p>Strong relationships and involvement with DOC and local and regional councils to effectively represent the interests of hunters and anglers in formal decision-making processes</p> <p>Strategic Outcomes Supported:</p> <p>Public Perception & Legitimacy</p> <p>Healthy Species, Habitats, & Ecosystems</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proactively engage, work and collectively share with iwi and hapu within the region on matters affecting wetland and freshwater resources or their use. 2. Liaise with Department of Conservation and Conservation Boards and proactively engage and work with Regional and District councils and community & industry groups. 3. Recognise and pursue opportunities to contribute to the wider community including 'Wild for Taranaki' and 'Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust' 4. Take opportunities to promote the value of protecting freshwater, wetland and upland game habitats and the wider benefits from this. 5. Represent the interests of hunters and anglers and promote the validity of fishing and gamebird hunting including as a means of collecting natural 	<p>Engagement and involvement with iwi and hapu in statutory processes and also at a local level</p> <p>Engagement with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOC • Regional Councils • Wild for Taranaki • Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust • Federated Farmers

<p>Engender support for hunting and fishing and the activities of Fish & Game by the general public and others who recognise that these activities contribute to a better environment and healthy lifestyle and in turn who support protecting these resources and the opportunity to participate.</p> <p>Strategic Outcomes Supported: Public Perception & Legitimacy</p> <p>Healthy Species, Habitats, & Ecosystems</p>	<p>organic foods and engaging in a physical healthy lifestyle.</p> <p>6. Maintain a positive profile in the media which encourages prospective participants and fosters support and understanding among the general public.</p> <p>7. Implement revised media strategy and including incorporating any National Policy.</p>	<p>Media profile including media releases and responses, including</p> <p>Implementation of revised media strategy</p>
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Output Class: **Council Administration**

Objective	Planned Result	Performance Measures
<p>Sound and effective governance which facilitates a co-operative and supportive relationship between Council, staff and licence holders that enables effective management of resources in the best interests of the licence holder and the fish & game resource.</p> <p>Strategic Outcomes Supported: Public Perception & Legitimacy Unified and Enduring Organisation</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not less than six meetings of Council are held, and meetings are conducted consistent with provisions of the Standing Orders. 2. Council undertakes governance training provided nationally, preferably in conjunction with Wellington Fish & Game Council. 3. Identification and implementation of options and strategies to increase the diversity of Council and iwi involvement. 4. The 5-Year Strategic Plan is reviewed and agreed by Council by March 2025. 5. Formulation and adoption of an Annual Operational Plan and Budget for 2025/26 consistent with the 5-Year Strategic Plan. 	<p>Effective Council governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of meetings • Governance training for Council • Options to increase Council diversity and iwi involvement are pursued • Review of 5-year plan and development of 2025-26 annual plan • Number of new policies and policies reviewed • Sound financial management • % completion annual plan • Audited annual report

<p>Operate consistent with National Policy and make valued contributions to the management of the resource and F&G nationally in the interests of all licence holders.</p> <p>Strategic Outcomes Supported: Public Perception & Legitimacy Unified and Enduring Organisation</p> <p>Make best use of new systems, processes and technology to maximise administrative efficiencies and minimise costs so resources are available for use elsewhere.</p> <p>Strategic Outcomes Supported: Unified and Enduring Organisation</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Presentation by Council of its audited annual report for 2023/24 not later than 31 December 2024. 7. Effective regional policies are developed, adopted and reviewed as required and are consistent with any National Policy requirements. 8. Progress reporting of licence sales, work progress and financial position is timely and accurate and supports sound financial and operational management and oversight. 9. Effective administration such that the Council is within annual budget (\pm 5%), operates consistent with best practice and at least 90% of its annual plan is completed. 10. Staff management requirements including performance reviews completed, new KPIs and objectives for staff defined, and regular staff meetings. 11. Implement any outcomes and directions from Fish & Game Ministerial Review and /or National Council reviews. 12. Progress amalgamation discussions with the Wellington Fish & Game Council and implement agreed measures which don't require legislative change. 13. Effective liaison with NZ Fish & Game Council and other Fish & Game regions including valued input and comment on Fish & Game issues and attendance at Fish & Game Managers meetings. 14. Contribute to National Office by providing valued advice, assistance and feedback on national issues and processes as requested. 	<p>National review directions and requirements are effectively implemented</p> <p>Contribution to wider F&G organisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managers meetings • Input to National policy consultation • Advice to National office and other regions
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<p>Demonstrate a commitment to Health & Safety and ensuring the welfare of staff and others through effective policy, systems, resourcing and oversight</p>	<p>15. Refine financial administration, reporting and analysis working with NZF&G Council and staff.</p> <p>16. All processes and activities are undertaken consistent with Council Health & Safety Policy and Manual.</p> <p>17. Staff are actively involved in implementing HSAW policy and ensuring a safe workplace, including by undertaking at least 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>Effective and robust Health & Safety system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular agenda reports • Policy, Manual and HCP's up to date • Audits and reviews completed as required. • Number of near misses
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APPENDIX A.

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
BUDGETED STATEMENT OF PROJECT EXPENDITURE,
OVERHEADS AND TIME ALLOCATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	SPECIES MANAGEMENT	External costs	Hours	Internal Costs	Income	Nett Cost
	Population Monitoring					
1111	Fish Population Assessment	500	200	20,013	200	20,313
1112	Game Bird Population Assessment	15,000	320	32,021		47,021
		15,500	520	52,033	200	67,333
	Harvest Assessment					
1121	National Hunter Survey		20	2,001		2,001
1123	Special Game Bird Season		40	4,003	500	3,503
		-	60	6,004	500	5,504
	Hatchery Operations					
1141	Hatchery	10,000	60	6,004		16,004
		10,000	60	6,004		16,004
	Releases					
1161	Kids Fishing Days	6,000	150	15,010		21,010
1162	Other Liberations				3,238	(3,238)
		6,000	150	15,010	3,238	17,772
	Regulations					
1171	Season Regulations		50	5,003		5,003
			50	5,003		5,003
	Control					
1181	Game Bird Dispersal	2,000	120	12,008	750	13,258
		2,000	120	12,008	750	13,258
	HABITAT PROTECTION / MANAGEMENT					
	Resource Management Act					
1211	RMA Consents		500	50,032		50,032
			500	47,851		47,851
	Assisted Habitat					
1231	Sports Fish Habitat Management & Enhancement		100	10,006		10,006
1232	Gamebird Habitat Management & Enhancement		150	15,010		15,010
1233	Taranaki Hunting & Habitat Projects	15,000	150	15,010	15,000	15,010
1234	Manganuioteao River Riparian Project	5,000				5,000
		20,000	400	40,026	15,000	45,026

		External costs	Hours	Internal Costs	Income	Nett Cost
	Assessing & Monitoring					
1241	Sports Fish Habitat Monitoring		20	2,001		2,001
1242	Gamebird Habitat Monitoring		80	8,005		8,005
			100	10,006		10,006
	PARTICIPATION					
	Access					
1311	Angler Access		80	8,005		8,005
1312	Hunter Access		15	1,501		1,501
1313	Access Permit – Upland Game		5	500		500
1315	Signage	200				200
		200	100	10,006		10,206
	Satisfaction Survey					
1321	Licence Holder Satisfaction Surveys		40	4,003		4,003
			40	3,828		3,828
	Newsletter & Magazine					
1331	Fish & Game Magazine		40	4,003		4,003
1333	Regional Newsletter	5,500	100	10,006		15,506
1335	Web pages / Ezine	4,000	60	6,004		10,004
		9,500	200	20,013		29,513
	Training					
1351	Angler Support	500				500
1352	Hunter Support	500				500
		1,000				1,000
	Club Relations					
1362	Clubs		10	1,001		1,001
			10	1,001		1,001
	PUBLIC INTERFACE					
	Liaison					
1411	Liaison		30	3,002		3,002
1412	Iwi Liaison	1,000	60	6,004		7,004
		1,000	90	9,006		10,006
	Communication					
1421	Information to clients		100	10,006		10,006
			100	10,006		10,006
	Advocacy					
1431	Advocacy	500	100	9,570		10,070
		500	100	9,570		10,070
	Public Awareness					
1441	Hunting & Angling Promotions	3,300	140	14,009		17,309
		3,300	140	14,009		17,309

		External costs	Hours	Internal Costs	Income	Nett Cost
	COMPLIANCE					
	Ranging					
1511	Ranger Management	500	72	7,205		7,705
1521	Ranger Training	1,000	40	4,003		5,003
		1,500	112	11,207		12,707
	Compliance					
1531	Compliance	1,000	150	15,010	1,000	15,010
1535	Diversion	500	20	2,001		2,501
		1,500	170	17,011	1,000	17,511
	LICENCING					
	Agent Servicing					
1621	Licence Agent Servicing	500	50	5,003		5,503
1622	Commission	9,370				9,370
		9,870	50	5,003		14,873
	COUNCIL					
	Council Meetings					
1721	Council Meetings	9,500	280	28,018		37,518
		9,500	280	28,018		37,518
	PLANNING / REPORTING					
	Management / Strategic Planning					
1811	Management Planning	100	40	4,003		4,103
1812	Staff Management		40	4,003		4,003
			80	8,006		8,106
	Annual OWP / Budget / Fee Setting					
1821	Business & Operational Planning		40	4,003		4,003
			40	4,003		4,003
	Reporting Audit					
1831	OSH	500	65	6,504		6,504
1833	Auditor	7,076				7,076
		7,576	65	6,504		14,080
	National Liaison					
1841	Managers / National Office Liaison	100	160	16,010		16,110
		100	160	16,010		16,110
	TOTAL OUTPUT COSTS	99,146	3697	369,937	20,688	448,395

OVERHEADS

1911	Staff Salaries	278,913
1912	Management Contract	30,000
1915	Kiwi Saver Contributions	8,124
1921	ACC Levy	600
1922	Fringe Benefit Tax	1,250
1923	Staff Training	1,500
1925	Staff Expenses	200
1941	Office Rent	22,200
1951	Office Equipment Purchases <\$2,000	500
1953	Office Equipment Maintenance	1,500
1961	Telephone / fax	3,000
1962	Postage	1,000
1964	Stationery	1,200
1965	Photocopying	50
1972	Subscriptions	1,000
1974	Bank Charges	100
1975	Petty Cash	300
1976	Insurance General	1,650
1981	Field Equipment/PPE Purchases (<\$2,000)	4,000
1982	Field Equipment PPE / Clothing replacement	500
1983	Field Equipment/PPE Maintenance	500
1991	Whanganui Vehicle	7,500
1992	New Plymouth Vehicle	7,500
1996	Trailer Side X side	200
1997	Polaris	250
1999	Trailer Hatchery	400
	TOTAL OVERHEAD COSTS	373,937
1917	Wellington Fish & Game Admin	-4,000
		369,937
	STAFF HOURS (OUTPUT)	3,697
	INTERNAL COST PER HOUR	100.06

APPENDIX B.

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
BUDGETED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BUDGETED SUM</u>
<u>Income</u>	
Game Licences (Extrapolated LEQ of 1,072) @ \$116 (\$111) less GBHT Stamp \$5 per licence	103,471
Sports Fish Licences (Extrapolated LEQ of 964) @ \$156	130,769
<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>234,240</u>
 <u>Other Income</u>	
Species Management	4,688
Habitat Protection & Management	15,000
Compliance	1,000
Admin Contract	4,000
Interest	9,032
NZ Fish and Game Grant	209,098
<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>242,818</u>
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>477,058</u>
 <u>Expenditure</u>	
Species Management	33,500
Habitat Protection & Management	20,000
Angler / Hunter Participation	10,700
Public Interface	4,800
Compliance	3,000
Licencing	9,870
Councils	9,500
Planning / Reporting	7,776
<u>Total Project Expenditure</u>	<u>99,146</u>
<u>Other Expenditure</u>	
Employee related costs	320,587
Other Operating Expenses	53,350
<u>Total Other Expenditure</u>	<u>373,937</u>
Asset Replacement funding	10,000
<u>Total Other Expenditure</u>	<u>383,937</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>483,083</u>
Depreciation	12,739
Use of Reserves	(6,025)
Surplus (Deficit)	(12,739)

TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE 2024/2025

APPENDIX C

	Cost Price	Opening Book Value 1/09/2024	Additions Disposals	Gain/Loss on Disposal	Capital Profit	Month	Rate	\$	Accum Depreciation 31/8/2025	Closing Book Value 31/8/2025
Trout Hatchery Hawera	16,451								16,451	
2022 Ford Ranger 4WD PQT822	53,398	33,278				12	24% DV	7,987	28,107	25,290
2019 Ford Ranger 4WD MMJ387	45,861	12,240				12	24% DV	2,938	36,559	9,302
Polaris S X S Motorbike	15,648	1,125				12	30% DV	338	14,861	788
Trailer Polaris	3,955	1,813				12	10% DV	181	2,324	1,632
Heat Pump NP Office	1,348	505				12	14.4% DV	73	916	432
Euro Tilt Cabinets	1,054	20				12	14.4% DV	3	1,037	17
Office Furniture Wanganui	2,794	31				12	24% DV	7	2,770	24
Criterion WB141 Bookcase (Rimu)	985	4				12	18% DV	1	982	4
Ergoplus Corner Workstation New Plymouth	533	17				12	14.4% DV	2	518	17
HP Pro Desk 600 Computer & Software WGI	2,276	2				12	50% DV	1	2,275	1
Computer Whanganui Office (2020)	2,520	184				12	50% DV	92	2,428	92
Computer New Plymouth Office (2020)	2,340	171				12	50% DV	86	2,255	86
Computer New Plymouth Office (2021)	2,410	327				12	50% DV	164	2,247	164
Sharp MX-2314 photocopier	5,995	2,018				12	14.4% DV	291	4,268	1,727
Field Equipment	1,771	40				12	10% DV	4	1,735	36
Drone	1,460	1,153				12	10% DV	115	422	1,038
Nephelometer	3,690	7				12	21.6% DV	2	3,685	5
Diving Gear & Wetsuit	884	4				12	21.6% DV	1	881	3
Electric Fishing Machine	13,186	4,559				12	10% DV	456	9,083	4,103
	178,559	57,498						12,739	133,801	44,759

Agenda Item 11 Strategic Matters

Summary

a. Risk Management Review

Update risk management issues associated with:

- Avian influenza H5N1 Strain (HPAI – High Pathogenic Avian Influenza) – no change is risk level
- Golden Clam – samples found in accommodation lodge at Owhangō

For Information Only

Recommendation/Action

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

b. Iwi Engagement

- Developing a strategic approach to engaging with Mana Whenua and how to incorporate a co-operative process in decision-making.
- Undertake a detailed register of interest in Mana Whenua groupings and contacts (initiated).
- Develop an education programme to upskill staff and governors on tikanga and processes for engagement.

For Information Only

Recommendation/Action

No action required.

HIGHLY PATHOGENICITY AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) UPDATE

1 April – 30 June 2024

Phil Teal, Matt McDougall 17 July 2024
Summary of HPAI Readiness Working Group

HPAI Strain of Concern: H5N1

Current Risk of Entering NZ: The likelihood of the introduction of HPAI H5N1 on pathways that we manage is low (MPI).

Current Risk to Human Health: Very low (MoH)

Changes in Last Three Months: No changes in risk or detection

Summary of Actions:

1. Department of Conservation:

- Vaccines trialed: Results might be known by end of calendar year, but only very limited practical use as only considered for critically endangered birds

2. Ministry of Primary Industry:

- Investigations logged on map for any bird deaths >3 sick or dead wild birds in a group that are reported to Biosecurity New Zealand's Exotic Pest and Disease Hotline on 0800 80 99 66.
- Restructure – previous staff assigned different work streams
- Communications: public information pages posted on website confirmed

3. Fish and Game Actions:

- Communications: public information page developed for website.

Australian HPAI H7 Strain Outbreak:

Substantial media publicity on avian influenza outbreak in Australia – only H7 strains - affecting mainly poultry industry:

- **Victoria:** one site H7N3 HPAI strain confirmed (22 May 2024) and one site H7N9 HPAI strain on a poultry farm.
- **NSW:** two sites H7N8 HPAI confirmed in poultry (19 June 2024 and 22 June 2024). Suspected wild bird transfer (ducks are asymptotic)
- **ACT:** two sites H7N8 HPAI strain confirmed (27 June 2024 and 5 July 2024)

Egg production was considerably affected due to control areas and extermination of stock.

Actions Required:

- **No change to NZ risk assessment.**
- **Collaborative approach with MPI and DOC with monthly meeting - watching brief only.**

Risk Management Update – Golden Clams

17 July 2024

The owner of Forest Lodge in Ōwhango discovered a collection of freshwater gold clams left by guests and reported them to Horizons Regional Council. The clams are highly invasive and can cause significant ecological and infrastructural damage, and were found to be from Lake Karapiro. Biosecurity New Zealand subsequently destroyed the clams.



Summary

a. Wildlife Act Review

In September 2023 the Minister of Conservation announced the formal review of the Wildlife Act – which was to begin in March 2024.

There has been no update as to the priority or timetable in progressing this review.

b. Resource Management Act Review

- Repeal of the Natural and Built Environment Act 2022 (NBEA 2022) in December 2023 reverting back to the Resource Management Act 1991.
- RM Reform - Resource Management (Freshwater and Other Matters) Amendment Bill RM Review. Draft Bill excludes the hierarchy of obligations in the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM) from resource consenting. NZ Council staff have met with Select Committee to present additional submission.

c. Fast Track Approvals Bill

- Fast Track Approvals Bill – introduced into Parliament in early March 2024. Submissions heard at Select Committee proceedings and currently considering feedback for a report back to Parliament before any amendments are made to the detail of the First Reading of the Bill.

d. Arms Act Review

The Government announced in February 2024 that firearms legislation will be reviewed. This includes rewriting the Arms Act 1983, transferring responsibility for that act to the Ministry of Justice, and transferring the Firearms Safety Authority to another department such as the Department of Internal Affairs.

The Government has started consultation on firearms reforms and have indicated that draft legislation will also likely be introduced to Parliament this Calendar year.

e. Organisational Policies

Continuing to liaise with NZ Council and regions regarding defining best practice policy for operational and governance applications.

Regional Operational and Governance policies are being actively reviewed. Attached is list of policies being considered for development or due for review.

For Information Only

Recommendation/Action

No specific action required.



What gun owners want from the Government's firearms reform

Imogen Wells

June 18, 2024, • 07:41am

The Council of Licensed Firearm Owners spoke to Newsable about what members want to see in the Government's gun law reform.

The Government is planning to rewrite gun laws as part of the coalition agreement between ACT and National.

Stuff's daily news podcast, Newsable, spoke with the Council of Licensed Firearm Owners about what its members want in the reforms.

Spokesperson Hugh Devereux-Mack hopes to see the end of the gun registry and the consideration of compulsory membership of a gun range or club in order to get a firearms license.

"It is a step into making sure that New Zealand goes back to having some of the best firearms laws in the world," Devereux-Mack told Newsable.

Late last week, Associate Justice Minister Nicole McKee said New Zealand's new gun laws would be in place by 2026.

"Rather than the rushed 'government-knows-best' approach that we have seen in the past, we will be consulting with New Zealanders to allow their views to be heard," McKee said in a statement.

FAST FACTS

- *Associate Justice Minister Nicole McKee has announced the country's new gun laws will be in place by 2026*
- *Firearms reform was a campaign promise from the ACT Party and part of its coalition agreement with National*

POLICY FOLDER CONTENTS

TARANAKI REGION

1 Human Resources Policy

1.1 Recruitment Policy	Regional Policy Template
1.2 Induction Policy	Regional Policy Template
1.3 Staff Code of Conduct	Regional Policy Template
1.4 Conflicts of Interest – Staff	Regional Policy Template
1.5 Remuneration Policy	Regional Policy Template
1.6 Performance Management Policy	Regional Policy Template
1.7 Leave Management Policy	Regional Policy Template
1.8 Protected Disclosures Policy	Regional Policy Template
1.9 Remote Working Policy	Regional Policy Guidelines
1.10 Training and Development	Regional Policy Guidelines
1.11 Diversity and Inclusion at Work	Regional Policy Guidelines
1.12 Domestic Violence: Leave and support for our workforce	Regional Policy Template
1.13 Employment Relationships – Resolving Issues	Regional Policy Guidelines
1.14 Employment Rights	Regional Policy Guidelines
1.15 Use of Company Vehicle	Regional Policy Template
1.16 Leaving the Organisation	Regional Policy Guidelines

2 Governance

2.1 Governance Policy	Regional Policy Template
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Values b. Principles of Good Governance c. Organisational Chart d. Board Balance e. Induction of New Board Member f. Board Meetings - Rules and Standing Orders g. Board Work Plans h. Board Evaluation – Member Self-Assessment i. Policies and Procedures j. Insurance k. Stakeholder Relationships l. Strategic Planning m. Phases of Strategic Planning 	
2.2 Code of Conduct – Governors	Regional Policy Template
2.3 Conflicts of Interest – Governors	Regional Policy Template
2.4 Policy on Development of National Policy	National Policy
2.5 Delegation of Duties at All Levels	Regional Policy Guidelines

3 Health and Safety

3.1 Health and Safety Policy	Regional Policy Template
3.2 Developing Health and Safety Plans	Regional Guidelines
a. Identifying Risk and Hazards - Guidelines	
b. Health and Safety Plans – Guidelines	
3.3 Prevention of Bullying and Harassment Policy	Regional Policy Template
a. Process for Managing Bully and Harassment - Guidelines	Regional Guidelines
3.4 Drugs and Alcohol Policy	Regional Policy Template
a. Drug and Alcohol Procedures	Regional Guidelines
3.5 Fatigue Management Guide	Regional Policy Template
3.6 Maritime Safety Policy	Regional Policy Template
3.7 Honorary Ranger Health and Safety	National Policy
3.8 Ranger Health and Safety	Regional Policy Template

4 Procurement

4.1 Procurement Policy	Regional Policy Template
a. Procurement - Capital Expenditure	Regional Policy Template
b. Procurement – Consumables	Regional Policy Template
c. Procurement – Large/National Contracts – RFP processes and tenders	National Policy Template
d. Delegations	Regional Guidelines

5 Financial

5.1 Budget Allocation Policy	National Policy
5.2 Reserves Management Policy	National Policy
5.3 Risk Management Policy	National Policy
5.4 Sensitive Expenditure Policy	Regional Policy Template
5.5 Credit Card/Debit Card Use Policy	Regional Policy Template
5.6 Asset Management Policy	Regional Policy Template
5.7 Fraud and Theft Policy	Regional Policy Template
5.8 Cash Management Policy	Regional Policy Template
5.9 Financial Management (Practice Notes and Policy)	Regional Guidelines
a. Chart of Accounts and Accounting Practices	
b. Delegations for Expenditure	
c. Reporting Standards	
d. Separation of Financial Duties	
5.10 Business Continuity (Contingency Practice Notes)	Regional Policy Template
5.11 Travel Management (policy)	Regional Policy Template
5.12 Bequests and Donations (Policy)	National Policy
5.13 Council Controlled Operations and Trusts (Guidelines)	Regional Policy Guidelines
5.14 Capital Management (Policy) ARF and Depreciation	Regional Policy Template

6 Operational

6.1 Document Management (Policy) – Storage and Archiving and Destruction	Regional Policy Template
6.2 Privacy and Confidentiality of Data Policy	National Policy
a. Database Management - - Managing Licence Holder Records –	
b. Use of licence holder data - Internally – BAU	
c. Use of licence holder data - Internally – for campaigns	
d. Use of licence holder data - External Use – Third Party	
6.3 Email Management, Communication, and Retention (Policy)	National Policy
6.4 Use of Social Media and Electronic Communications in the Workplace (Pol)	Regional Policy Template
6.5 Communications Policy –	
a. Regional Issues	Regional Policy Template
b. National Issues	National Policy Template
6.6 Permissions To Operate An Upland Game Property with Special Condition	Regional Policy Template
6.7 Permissions to Disturb or Kill Game Birds (Policy and SOP)	Regional Policy Template
6.8 Permissions To Catch or Take Sports Fish (Policy and SOP)	Regional Policy Template
6.9 Permissions to Release Sports Fish (Policy and SOP)	Regional Policy Template
6.10 Permissions to Release Game Birds (Policy and SOP)	Regional Policy Template
6.11 Sports Fish Removal or Exclusion policy.	National Policy
6.12 Allocation of Hunting Stands – Regional	Regional Policy Template
6.13 Gamebird Hunting Regulation Setting Policy	Regional Policy Template
6.14 Angling Regulation Setting Policy	Regional Policy Template
6.15 RMA Advocacy Project Funding Policy	National Policy
6.16 Research Policy	National Policy
6.17 Compliance Policy	National Policy
6.18 Licence Agent Policy	Regional Policy Template
6.19 National Prosecution Policy	National Policy
6.20 Consultation Policy	Regional Guidelines
6.21 Salmon Management Policy	Regional Policy Template
6.22 Iwi Engagement – Guidelines	Regional Policy Guidelines
6.23 Sports Fish and Game Bird Management Plan – Guidelines	Regional Policy Guidelines

Agenda Item 13 Health and Safety Report

Summary

Consider the Health and Safety Report May 2024 and June 2024.

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

No accidents or notable incidents are reported that are required to be brought to the attention of Council.

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

For Information Only

Recommendation/Action

Council to move to receive staff report on Health and Safety for May 2024 and June 2024

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 – May and June 2024

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	Noting that a surge in cases occurred in May and June 2024.

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.

Fire Extinguishers for Office and Vehicles checked	Regular maintenance schedule. Inventory established
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4. Training, and awareness programme	
	<i>Status</i>
First aid certificates for field staff	Valid for field and technical staff.

5. Audits, reviews, and meetings	
	<i>Status</i>
Health & Safety Staff Meeting – May 2024	Fortnightly meetings with feedback sought and required actions noted.
Health & Safety Staff Meeting – June 2024	Weekly meetings with feedback sought and required actions noted.
Reviewed Vehicle Inspection Forms for April 2024	Regular checks for updates encouraged. Any work on vehicle is also encouraged to be completed and up to safe requirements.
Review Health & Safety Manual for Council information	Seeking advice from provider for review. NZ Council reviewing best practice policy to refine Health and Safety Policy
Review first aid kits to ensure practical items included in kits	Reviewed and options considered to make up bespoke first aid kits.

6. H&S incidents - Near misses or injuries	
	<i>Status</i>
None reported	Consider proactive actions as arise in response to near misses. Minor injury to wrist lifting heavy object.

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

Action:

Receive Health and Safety Summary Report for May 2024 and June 2024

Agenda Item 14 Species Management

Summary

a. Research Update

A brief report on research undertaken on:

1. Trout – Native Fish interactions
2. Potential effects of Climate Change on Trout Distribution and other Native Fish Distribution.

For Information Only

Recommendation/Action

No Action required

Summary

a. Regional Planning advocacy

Horizons Regional Council are continuing with the Oranga Wai consultation – the next generation of Regional Plan changes to reflect NPS FM 2020 – focusing on water quantity and water quality parameters. The timetable to complete the Plan Change revision for public notification has been officially put back to **September 2027** from the December 2024 deadline.

Horizons Regional Council are continuing with their Plan Change 2 of the Regional Plan (One Plan) to introduce an additional tool – Nitrogen Loss Risk Scorecard - to deal with nitrogen leaching from intensive farm use. Preliminary advice from the Environment Court for the PC1 Waikato case – which deals with similar issues – appears to be favouring the use of NLR scorecard as a non-regulatory tool. This is in addition to using Overseer modelling which provides an estimate of nitrogen leaching loss at root level – but is subject to regular review (and improvement) with empirical trials to verify estimates. Uncertainty in the model estimates are typically in the order of 20-30% so the absolute number must be used with caution in regulatory frameworks.

b. Resource Consent advocacy

GWRC were required to suspend work programme on Mangaterere River in early July as it was outside the resource consent conditions and an exemption was not warranted – given the risk of interrupting spawning runs.

Palmerston North CC had paused their resource consent application to upgrade the Wastewater Treatment Plant and disposal options – this was in response to the Long-Term Planning process to review long term expenditure.

TLAs within the Horizons region boundaries have been discussing consistency in management approaches and funding models. This is concurrent to Government initiatives and approaches to municipal water management.

c. Habitat Enhancement Projects

Advice provided to support applications to Game Bird Habitat Trust – staff to act as referee where appropriate.

There have been no applications for funding from the Hunting & Habitat Scheme.

For Information Only

Timeline Taranaki Regional Council Regional Plan Review

- **Timeline item 1 - complete**

Understanding the story so far

January 2021 - September 2022

Collating the story of what's happening with Taranaki freshwater to inform conversation with the community, special interest groups and iwi.

- **Timeline item 2 - complete**

Vision, values and Freshwater Management Units (FMUs)

April 2021 - December 2022

A chance for people across Taranaki to give feedback on what they value about freshwater, the region's draft FMUs and the visions that will be used to establish the long-term goals.

- **Timeline item 3 - complete**

Te Mana o te Wai

2023

Exploring how Te Mana o te Wai can be applied in Taranaki and how our planning framework can improve the way that tangata whenua and communities are involved in freshwater management decisions.

- **Timeline item 4 - complete**

Freshwater outcomes and change drivers

September to October 2023

Closing the loop on what we learned with our engagement so far and what it will mean for how we go forward with improving the quality of our water, the timelines and where the pinch points might be.

- **Timeline item 5 - active**

Setting targets

June to August 2024

Exploring potential targets for key areas linked to improving water quality.

- **Timeline item 6 - incomplete**

Limits

November to December 2024

Exploring the potential rules that may be introduced through the proposed Land and Freshwater Plan to drive the change to achieve the targets we set for freshwater.

- **Timeline item 7 - incomplete**

Feedback on Draft Plan

February to April 2025

Iwi, special interest groups and stakeholder engagement and feedback on the proposed Land and Freshwater Plan.

- **Timeline item 8 - incomplete**

Plans notification

Mid-2025

The proposed Land and Freshwater Plan will be publicly notified prior to a formal submissions and hearing process.

Agenda Item 16 Participation

Summary

a. Access Management

- Access Point descriptions included on new website.
- Updating access sign inventory.
- Active management of access requirements to multiple sites undertaken.

b. Information to Clients

- Weekly hunting email newsletter – the Game Bird Hunting Bulletin – was posted weekly prior to the season –until end of June with the focus to highlight upland game hunting opportunities in July and August.
- The website has been substantially refreshed – updated items.
- 2024/2025 Fish Season Magazine articles prepared.

c. Licence Holder Engagement

Engaged with anglers regarding Taranaki Regional Council consultation on targets for the Regional Planning processes.

For Information Only

Recommendation/Action

No action required.

Agenda Item 17 **Public Awareness/Communications**

Summary

a. Iwi Engagement

Attended hui on Te Kōpuka nā Te Awa Tupua on Whanganui River strategy.

b. Public Awareness

Contributed to NZ Council co-ordinated public awareness campaign – *Re Wilding*

Contributed to NZ Council co-ordinated public awareness project to define the public good undertaken by Fish and Game.

c. Communication

Press Releases – Taranaki Fish deaths.

d. Promotions

No specific promotion events attended in May or June.

For Information Only

Recommendation/Action

No action required.



The Whanganui River Symposium will describe some of the work being done to reform and enhance natural resource management. (Source: Local Democracy Reporting)

A two-day symposium in Whanganui next week will celebrate 10 years since the signing of Ruruku Whakatupua, the Whanganui River Deed of Settlement.

The symposium aims to bring iwi together with the wider community to reflect on a decade of development since the historic settlement.

Hapū and iwi of Te Awa Tupua signed Ruruku Whakatupua at Ranana on August 5, 2014 after a 150-year effort to have the relationship between the river and its people upheld.

Whanganui River tribes first petitioned the Crown over concerns about the welfare of the river in the 1870s.

Te Awa Tupua (Whanganui River Claims Settlement) Act became law in 2017, recognising the river and its tributaries as a living and indivisible whole, including all its physical and metaphysical elements.

The symposium He Pūkenga Wai, on August 5 and 6 will include formal addresses from Te Pou Tupua (the human face and voice of Te Awa Tupua), Keria Ponga and Turama Hawira, and one of the architects of the river's legal framework Te Pā Auroa, Gerrard Albert, a negotiator for the river settlement and chair of Te Kōpuka nā Te Awa Tupua.

Te Kōpuka is a statutory group made up of iwi and hapū, mayors and leaders of local and regional councils, environmental and conservation groups, the tourism, primary and recreational sectors, and other interest groups.



Te Kōpuka o Te Awa Tupua chair Gerrard Albert speaks at the launch of the Whanganui River wellbeing strategy at Pūtiki Marae. (Source: Local Democracy Reporting)

Whanganui indigenous rights advocate Sister Makareta Tawaroa will also speak, along with Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa chair Liana Poutu, Tuhoe Iwi Authority chief executive Kirsti Luke, Te Wānanga o Raukawa pou whakatupu mātauranga Ani Mikaere and Whakaata Māori director of reo Dr Hinurewa Poutu.

The symposium begins at dawn on Monday with ruruku at the river.

Nancy Tuaine, kaihautū/chief executive of river authority Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui, said Monday was set aside for iwi.

"The first day is dedicated to those who have been part of this transformative journey.

"Inspirational speakers who have driven systemic change in line with Ruruku Whakatupua will present alongside local projects tailored to our specific environments."

Day two of the event was open to anyone keen to learn more about Te Awa Tupua and the decade of efforts since the signing to advance the health and wellbeing of the river system.

"It will explore the range of experiences and innovative practices our community is implementing to reform and enhance natural resource management."

Tuaine said keynote presentations would "demystify Te Awa Tupua" and explain the symbolism within Te Pā Auroa framework.

The aim was to drive greater action as a community to care for the awa.

"The symposium invites all those engaged in freshwater planning, natural resource management, or simply curious about the Te Awa Tupua framework to join the celebration and gain insight into this pioneering model," Tuaine said.

Workshops following the main presentations would describe some of the community projects, reforming practices and behaviours being implemented to bring about change, she said.

One of the projects is a seed preservation programme led by Kimmy Ranginui to help revitalise the fauna and flora of Te Awa Tupua. In 2018, Ranginui travelled to the Millennium Seed Bank in Wakehurst, England, for training on seed conservation techniques. Since then, she has harvested more than 700,000 seeds and run storage and germination programmes to preserve seed stock from the river.

Opportunities to flow from first river given ‘personhood’ status

16 July 2024

Griffith University’s [Australian Rivers Institute \(ARI\)](#) has announced the establishment of a formal international partnership with Ngā Tāngata Tiaki O Whanganui during a seminar followed by the signing of a Letter of Intent.

Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui, the Whanganui Iwi, is the tribal entity responsible for the promotion and protection of the wellbeing of the Whanganui River on New Zealand’s North Island.



Chief Executive Officer of Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui Nancy Tuaine and Australian Rivers Institute Director Professor David Hamilton.

Whanganui Iwi, the tribes of the Whanganui River, achieved a world-leading settlement with the New Zealand Government in 2017 with the passing of *Te Awa Tupua (Whanganui River Claims) Settlement Act 2017*.

The legislation enshrined indigenous values as the overarching basis for making decisions in relation to the river and granted the first legal ‘personhood’ status for a New Zealand river.

The development attracted global attention, as Whanganui became the first river in the world to be recognised as a living being with the corresponding rights, duties and liabilities of a legal person.

The new partnership will deliver mutual benefits and learnings for ARI’s researchers and the Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui respectively, by the facilitation of cooperative research and collaboration aimed at enhancing the health and wellbeing of the Whanganui catchment.

Further partnership outputs are expected to include:

- Sharing the framework and insights of Te Awa Tupua (Whanganui River Claim) Settlement including the legal personhood status, and Tupua Te Kawa, the legislation of innate indigenous values across the catchment of the Whanganui River;
- Exploring specific interest in utilising Griffith’s Building Catchment Resilience (BCR) tool to enhance the health and wellbeing of the Whanganui catchment;



- Exploring development of a comprehensive restoration plan for the Whanganui catchment;
- Supporting Whanganui Iwi and hapū (tribes) and others in the use and outputs of the Building Catchment Resilience tool;
- Providing exchange of data between the parties to help build the BCR model;
- Facilitating exchange of personnel.

Dr Leslie 'Phil' Duncan thanks the Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui team.

Nancy Tuaine, the Kaihautū (Chief Executive Officer) of Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui, and a small team have travelled to Griffith University to sign the Letter of Intent and develop the work programme to progress the work of the partnership.

Nancy took the opportunity to discuss the BCR tool after ARI Director [Professor David Hamilton](#) presented it at the Waikato River Symposium in 2023.



After the conference, the two formulated mutual plans to work together and learn from each other around using the model to support the long-term health and well-being of the Whanganui River catchment.

“To Whanganui Iwi and hapū (tribes), the health and wellbeing of one element of the River is intrinsically connected to the health and wellbeing of the whole River, and to the people of the River,” Nancy said.

“For decades, people in past governments have rejected this view and have treated the River as a commodity, breaking it down in parts and overriding our concerns, causing harm to our waterways and ecosystems. In a world first, the Te Awa Tupua (Whanganui River Claims Settlement) Act 2017 has given the River its voice back, and it is calling on the wider community to now view it holistically, as a living and indivisible whole.

“By working together and making collective decisions to keep the River clean and healthy, we represent a long-overdue paradigm shift, and a move towards restorative justice and sustainable practices for healthy waterways.”

Nancy Tuaine, Kaihautū of Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui
Nancy Tuaine talks through the Whanganui’s journey to ‘personhood’.

“This is important relationship for us because it is a research co-partnership involving First Nations people and river scientists,” Professor Hamilton said.

“For researchers in ARI, we hope it can enrich our appreciation of roles, responsibilities and history of indigenous people with Country.

“We are looking forward to working with Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui to provide a range of nature-based solutions that the tribal authority can consider for restoring the Whanganui River.

“We are very excited about the opportunity to work with Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui for mutual learnings about the biophysical, social, cultural and economic aspects of the Whanganui River.

“This relationship signals the significance of First Nations people in water management and coincides with the release here of the 2024 Inquiry Report on the National Water Reform, which recommends an increase in the involvement and participation of First Nations in water management.”

'Poor' state of Taranaki rivers to be aired in public

[By Craig Ashworth, Local Democracy Reporting](#)



Officials used to emphasise the impact of waterfowl in estuaries but now concede the vast bulk of Taranaki's waterway pollution comes from farms. (Source: Local Democracy Reporting)

The fight for the future of Taranaki's polluted rivers and streams goes public today at Ōkato and Ōpunakē in the first of 16 community consultation sessions around the Maunga.

Taranaki Regional Council also plans to take its proposed Land and Freshwater Plan to marae across the region from next month.

Until now, the battle over fixing the region's broken waterways has been taking place in the council chambers – a public space, but rarely visited by regular citizens. A new generation of council officers overturned decades of council spin in March with an honest account of waterway degradation.

Councillors were told bug life is dying off in two-thirds of monitored streams, it will take at least 30 years to make rivers swimmable, and some hill-country rivers will probably never meet sediment standards.

Now the show hits the road, to **hear from locals** about their awa for the first time since the council's startlingly blunt reassessment.

In one corner is the farmer lobby, furious that Taranaki's freshwater rules are being reset before their new Government has time to rewrite resource management laws.



Health risks from pollution seem unimportant when Taranaki Regional Council's warning signs are overgrown at the height of summer. 1 (Source: Local Democracy Reporting)

The National-led Government has said it will overturn freshwater regulations and resource management law to favour easier development.

In an impressively consistent campaign, the arguments of the Federated Farmers rep at the TRC table are in lockstep with the Feds' media statements and with the Act Party's associate agriculture and environment minister Andrew Hoggard – himself national Feds president until a year ago.

It's crunch time for farmer resistance, as the council has just announced new draft targets to improve waterways including standards on sediment, excess nutrients, E. coli bacteria and now also water allocation.

In the opposite corner are hapū and iwi, water users like fishers and surfers in polluted coastal waters, environmentalists – and a majority of the public, according to the council's own surveys.

They say enough complacency: toughen the local rules so rivers and streams get clean and healthy.

Iwi representatives on the powerful Policy and Planning Committee and the first councillor in the new Māori seat Bonita Bigham have consistently urged stronger action on freshwater.

At last week's Policy and Planning meeting senior staff urged councillors to get out and hear directly what people expect for their waterways, which the council is meant to protect.

In November the council revealed all of Taranaki's 17 tested river swimming spots graded "poor" for the risk of getting sick from the poo bug E. coli – the lowest possible rating.



These warnings are highly visible, but the TRC and public health signs contradict each other over food gathering. (Source: Local Democracy Reporting)

In March TRC environment quality director Abby Matthews said the state of waterways is unacceptable and people have had enough.

"They want to see the rivers in the state where they're more swimmable more often." The farmer lobby has made its opposition as crystal clear as the streams aren't.

Federated Farmers Taranaki president and representative to TRC Leedom Gibbs accused officers of coercive consultation to get the results they want.

"The consultation that was done in September, it was very hard to not agree with statements... There's not a lot of room in there to say 'but'."

Donald McIntyre – a regional councillor for 16 years and Federated Farmers Taranaki president while a councillor– warned staff they would struggle with farmers sick of "silly rules".

"Over the last two or three years, that goodwill has been burnt pretty severely... So people have switched off."

Council policy director Lisa Hawkins told councillors the community sessions were brought forward to avoid the calving season and industry groups were being invited to four whole-day seminars on the changes.

After quarter of a century at the council table, ninth-term councillor and former senior Fonterra scientist Neil Walker still pleads special rights for farmers over everyone else.

"You get lots of people who have, shall we say opinions about things, but it doesn't actually affect what they do, and other people whose livelihoods depend upon them.

Hearing from the people affected

"And we have to be very discriminating to be sure that we're actually getting real opinions from the people who would be affected, rather than just general opinions from people at the street."

Taranaki, Ngāruahine, Ngā Rauru, Ngāti Tama and Ngāti Mutunga iwi have put their hands up for hui with likely dates later in July being finalised.

Iwi participation is being led by two independent pou taiao (environment planners) chosen by the eight iwi authorities of Taranaki, paid for by council, and administered by Te Kotahitanga o te Ātiawa.

An Auditor-General's report has found hugely improved relationships between Taranaki Māori and their regional council — particularly around freshwater — but that more is needed.

"In our view, there are opportunities for the Council to draw on the strong relationships some of its staff have when developing a council-wide approach to working with iwi and hapū on freshwater."



Restoring Taranaki's rivers to be safe for swimming will take at least three decades thanks to the excess nutrients already banked in farm soils and leaching through to streams. (Source: Local Democracy Reporting)

Forty-year TRC veteran resource management director Fred McLay replayed his oft-repeated mantra that the council was "on a journey" with Māori.

"I feel personally proud and happy about where we've got to."

Mitch Ritai of Ngāti Mutunga and Tuhi-Ao Bailey of Taranaki — the Tokomaru and Kurahaupō waka representatives on the committee — both said the report reflected improvement they had seen in council relationships with iwi.

But Ritai warned against the advances being skin deep — and hapū need more of a say.

"We have a really good relationship at a higher level. It's just as it starts to go down through the different layers of the organisation, we don't see that same level of rapport, that same level of partnership."

"I truly appreciate the amount of effort that's gone into developing the relationship... a lot more cohesion, a lot more collaboration, and it's that type of working together that's going to help us as a region move forward, so tēnā koutou."

[End]

Press Release: Taranaki Regional Council



High temperatures and low river flows likely caused fish deaths

4:07PM, 11 June 2024

Record high water temperatures and low river levels likely contributed to the deaths of more than 80 fish in two South Taranaki waterways earlier this year, says Taranaki Regional Council.

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A report to the Council's Operations and Regulatory Committee revealed 27 fish died in the Waingongoro River and a further 55 fish were found dead in the Kaūpokonui River in January.

An investigation was launched after members of the public alerted Taranaki Fish and Game to the deaths. The affected species included tuna (long-fin eel) and trout.

The investigation revealed that water temperatures in both the rivers were the highest on record and were elevated for several days around the time the dead fish were discovered. Temperatures were up to 5°C warmer than usual for the time of year.

River levels were also particularly low for the months of December and January while oxygen levels in the water were extremely high, reaching levels that are toxic to fish. The investigation found no evidence of a pollution incident.

Abby Matthews, the Council's Director for Environmental Quality, says it was difficult to identify any single cause of the fish deaths.

"It's likely that the combination of high temperatures, low flows and oxygen toxicity all contributed to these events. We'd like to thank the public who brought this to our attention so we could respond quickly. It's important we investigate issues such as this and try to find the cause.

"Unfortunately these types of environmental extremes are likely to become more common with the effects of climate change."

Ms Matthews added that the total number of fish deaths is likely to be higher than the number reported given that some could have been scavenged or washed out to sea prior to the investigation.

The Council is currently seeking views on freshwater targets for the region's rivers and streams. To have your say, head to www.trc.govt.nz/helpshapetherules to see information on targets for E. coli, nutrients and sediment and targets and limits for water take and take part in surveys.

To report pollution or incidents involving Taranaki waterways, please call the Council on 0800 736 222 or email info@trc.govt.nz.

Date: 11 June 2024

Subject: Assessment of Fish Mortalities within the Waingongoro and Kaūpokonui Rivers

Author: A J Matthews, Director – Environment Quality

Approved by: S J Ruru, Chief Executive

Document: 3275521

Purpose

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to present the findings of a recent investigation into fish mortalities in the Waingongoro and Kaūpokonui Rivers, which occurred in January 2024.

Executive summary

2. On 22 and 24 January 2024, the Taranaki Regional Council (the Council) was made aware of fish

mortalities in the Waingongoro and Kaūpokonui Rivers. These events were brought to the attention of

Council officers through public enquiries communicated via Taranaki Fish and Game.

3. An investigation was initiated, with staff surveying the lower reaches of each stream on 25 January.

Four species (longfin eel, redfin bully, brown trout and rainbow trout) were identified, with a total of 82

mortalities observed, extending from the mouth of each river to around 1-2km upstream. State of the

environment monitoring data were also analysed to determine the environmental conditions at the

time of these events.

4. While the cause of these mortalities is not entirely certain, environmental conditions at the time were

likely to be a significant stressor. Both rivers experienced low flows and elevated water temperatures,

with record maximum temperatures measured in both rivers throughout December and January 2024.

Super-saturation levels of dissolved oxygen above 115% are considered toxic to fish; these levels were

exceeded over a two week period during January, just prior to these events. Proliferations of

periphyton and cyanobacteria were also noted in these catchments in the days leading up to these

events.

5. Both catchments would benefit from additional riparian shading to help lower stream temperatures.

We are exploring opportunities to build upon Council's successful riparian programme to ensure

freshwater habitat is maximised, and developing a strategy to address barriers which may have

prevented fish from seeking refuge further upstream. We will be seeking our community's views on these opportunities through a series of engagement events to inform the development of Council's proposed Land and Freshwater Plan throughout June – August 2024.

6. In January 2024, NIWA reported that a marine heatwave was causing hot and humid conditions, with record or near-record temperatures recorded across parts of New Zealand. Future climate projections for Taranaki include an increase in hot, dry summers and lower mean annual low flows in rivers and streams as a result of a warming climate in coming years. Opportunities to adapt to a changing climate

and mitigate effects arising from water and land use activities, are being actively investigated as part of the Council's science and policy work programmes. New investment to build our knowledge and ability to respond to the effects of climate change has been provided through Council's Long-term Plan 2024-2034.

7. The memorandum sets out a number of recommendations including: improvements to data collection and reporting; development of Council's proposed Land and Freshwater Plan; identifying and prioritising areas for freshwater improvement; and engagement with tangata whenua, Taranaki Fish and Game and central government agencies to develop a response procedure, should events such as these occur in future.

Recommendations

That Taranaki Regional Council:

a) receives the memorandum Assessment of fish mortalities within the Waingongoro and Kaūpokonui

Rivers observed in January 2024

b) notes the findings and recommendations therein.

Background

8. On 22 and 24 January 2024, the Council received notification via Taranaki Fish and Game that members of the public had encountered significant fish mortalities in the lower reaches of the Waingongoro and Kaūpokonui Rivers, respectively.

9. Following notification from Taranaki Fish and Game, observational surveys were undertaken by Council

Officers on 25 January 2024, extending from the mouths of the Waingongoro and Kaupokonui Rivers

to approximately 1-2km upstream. In total, 27 dead fish were recorded in the Waingongoro River and 55 dead fish in the Kaūpokonui River. Species included longfin eels, redfin bullies, and both rainbow and brown trout. Both live and dead fish were observed and recorded and, where possible, were collected for species identification.

10. Mass fish deaths are generally associated with water quality changes, pesticide/chemical pollution, or disease/infection. Because they are mobile, fish will tend to avoid adverse environmental conditions and swim to another area to avoid harm. However, if a large proportion of the waterway is affected, there are barriers to movement, or the adverse conditions appear very rapidly, then fish may be unable to relocate. Mass mortalities can occur in both freshwater systems and estuarine systems and are generally more likely to occur during the summer months. In many cases, despite investigation, the exact cause remains unknown.

11. Fish mortality events have been known to occur in Taranaki however, in the past these have been linked to significant pollution events. For example, in February 2020, an unauthorised discharge of ammonia entered the Tawhiti Stream via the Silver Fern Farms Ltd stormwater network. The discharge led to the deaths of numerous fish (including shortfin and longfin eels) along a 13 km reach of the Tawhiti Stream. The company was prosecuted, with a fine of \$337,500 imposed. In February 2011, dead fish were found in the Mangaone Stream (Waiwhakaiho catchment) following the discharge of hydrolysed urea from an AA Contracting Cleanfill site. Prosecution of Ravensdown Fertiliser Co-operative Limited, AA Contracting Ltd and a local contractor resulted in fines totalling \$127,500.

12. Although it cannot be completely ruled out, there were no obvious pollution events or direct discharges identified within either catchment in January 2024. As these fish deaths occurred concurrently in two catchments with similar water quality characteristics, it appears unlikely that they can be attributed to separate and isolated pollution events.

Discussion

13. Council officers were able to draw on river flow, water quality and ecological data to determine the

likely drivers of these events, highlighting the importance of Council's state of the environment monitoring programmes. The collection of continuous river water quality and flow data, in particular, were critical to informing this investigation.

14. Around the time of these events, river flows were relatively low. Flows in both rivers reached or fell below mean annual low flow values throughout January 2024.

15. Both the Waingongoro and Kaūpokonui Rivers displayed a deviation of up to 5°C of heating beyond median water temperatures for the month of January. Water temperatures exceeded the highest recorded water temperatures in both rivers over multiple consecutive days. The Waingongoro River exceeded the previous highest recorded water temperature of 26.05 °C from 19 - 22 January, reaching 26.77 °C on 20 January. The Kaūpokonui River exceeded the previous highest recorded water temperature of 26.88 °C on 12 days including 17 – 22 January 2024, peaking at 28.98°C 20 January. The highest recorded temperatures reached the lower end of the lethal range (27.0 to 39.7°C) for some New Zealand freshwater fish, and exceeded the preferred temperature range (16.1 - 26.9°C) for the majority of species.

16. Dissolved oxygen (DO) reached super saturation levels during the day, then dropped back to within a normal range at night. Super saturation levels of DO above 115% can cause significant death rates and are considered hyperoxic to fish. This level was breached on 15 days during January 2024.

17. Increased algal and periphyton growth can result in elevated photosynthesis during the height of the day, causing dissolved oxygen levels to spike. Periphyton observations were made at both river mouths and along the Kaūpokonui River in January 2024. Both periphyton and cyanobacteria were present, following a significant accrual (algal growth) period of nearly two months since the last significant flow event.

18. Riparian planting within the Waingongoro and Kaūpokonui catchments is segmented and patchy in places. Additional shading would help to minimise excessive heating, particularly in areas where the flow is very slow moving.

19. The presence of upstream barriers may have prevented fish travelling further up the catchment to seek refuge from the extreme conditions. Barriers preventing fish from reaching improved habitat conditions could be a significant factor in this event, and this will be further investigated as we develop a regional strategy and action plan to improve fish passage.

20. The fish mortality events which occurred in the Waingongoro and Kaūpokonui Rivers are likely the result of a number of environmental factors occurring concurrently. These factors included record high water temperatures, coupled with high pH, super-saturated dissolved oxygen concentrations, and low river flows. The proliferation of periphyton/cyanobacteria observed at the time of these events indicated that these conditions had persisted in the days/weeks prior.

21. It is noted that in January 2024, NIWA reported that a marine heatwave was causing hot and humid conditions, with record or near-record temperatures recorded across parts of New Zealand. Although NIWA scientists considered this to be an unusual event given the cooler and windier conditions we might expect during El Niño, climate modelling suggests we can expect to see more frequent and extreme heatwaves in future. Climate projections for Taranaki include an increase in hot, dry summers and lower mean annual low flows in rivers and streams in coming years (NIWA, 2022).

22. Opportunities to adapt to a changing climate, and mitigate effects arising from water and land use activities are being actively investigated as part of the Council's science and policy work programmes.

This includes: the ongoing development of our proposed Land and Freshwater Plan to better manage water use; identifying practical ways to reduce land use impacts on water quality; removal/remediation of upstream barriers which may be preventing fish from finding refuge in the upper catchment; and improvements in the quality and extent of riparian cover. Council's Long-term Plan 2024-2034 also includes dedicated investment to advance our knowledge and ability to respond to the effects of climate change.

23. The memorandum sets out a number of recommendations, including:

- improvements to data and information collection and provision;
- the future collection of specimens for autopsy purposes to identify potential cause(s) of mortality;

- developing and implementing a fit-for-purpose water allocation framework through Council's proposed Land and Freshwater Plan;
- identifying new or expanded riparian areas for planting and shading; and
- prioritising upstream barriers for fish passage improvement, through the development of a Fish Passage Action Plan.

24. Finally, developing a response procedure for fish mortality events will also help to ensure appropriate notification and engagement with other parties, should events such as these occur in future. This would include iwi/hapū and key stakeholders such as the Department of Conservation, Taranaki Fish and Game, and the Ministry for Primary Industries. Such a procedure would need to be developed in consultation with those partners and parties.

Agenda Item 18 Licence Sales & Licence Management System Performance

Summary

a. Fish Licence Sales Update – until 4 July 2024

- **Licence Sales Report for 2023/2024 Fishing Season YTD**
Confirmation of licence sales indicating YTD – comparison with previous year.
 - ↓ LEQ sales down 1.3% compared to previous year (1,007 c.f. 1,021)
 - ↑ Total Number of Sales of licences up 16% compared to previous year (1,914 c.f. 1,647)
 - ↓ Nationally licence sales value LEQ is down 1.6% (72,170 c.f. 73,380).

b. Game Licence Sales Update – until 4 July 2024

- **Licence Sales Report for 2023/2024 Game Season YTD until 4 July 2024**
Confirmation of licence sales indicating YTD – comparison with previous year.
 - ↓ LEQ sales down 8% compared to previous year (992 c.f. 1,080)
 - ↓ Total Number of Sales of licences down 7.7% compared to previous year (1,135 c.f. 1,230)
 - ↓ Nationally licence sales value LEQ is down 2.2% (30,914 c.f. 31,612).

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Recommendation/Action

Council move to receive Licence Sales Report for 2023/2024 Fishing Season YTD (4 July 2024) and for 2024 Game Season YTD (4 July 2024)

c. Licence Management System – May and June 2024

The Licencing Operational Group overview the performance of the Licencing Management system outlining:

- No issues with continuity of service
- A list of bugs and fixes required under agreed contract.
- Completing requirements of development phase of contract

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. This contract is valid until 31 August 2025 – with a right of renewal for two years.

Consideration to scoping and developing an RFP for the next iteration of the Licence Management System and associated support software – which may include: CRM function (customer relationship management software), digital licence, Fish and Game App.

d. Licence Price Optimisation Research

Confirm with NZ Council to keep this as a priority.

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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.

National Fish Licence Sales YTD to 4 July

	FWF	FWA	FWNA	FSLA	FLAA	FWIA	FLBA	FSBA	FDA	FDNA	FWNJ	FDNJ	FWNC	FDNC	SRSE	DWLR	DWLN	Total Fish	Fish LEQ
Difference for Wellington Region																			
2022/2023 Season	400	1502	170	300	184	103	11	57	322	166	238	5	117	2	52	0	0	4282	2952.9
2022/2024 Season	378	1455	135	297	250	128	13	97	566	317	383	3	182	9	43	326	76	5574	3002.6
Difference	-22	-47	-35	-3	56	25	2	40	246	151	175	-2	65	7	-9	326	76	1292	50
Difference Percentage	-6	-3	-21	-1	29	24	18	70	76	91	84	-40	56	350	-17	New	New	30	1.7

	FWF	FWA	FWNA	FSLA	FLAA	FWIA	FLBA	FSBA	FDA	FDNA	FWNJ	FDNJ	FWNC	FDNC	SRSE	DWLR	DWLN	Total Fish	Fish LEQ
Difference for Taranaki Region																			
2022/2023 Season	124	431	104	82	43	30	3	61	153	239	90	3	40	5	15	0	0	1647	1021.483
2022/2024 Season	103	417	98	84	44	38	6	90	189	272	108	4	57	3	11	22	0	1914	1006.98
Difference	-21	-14	-6	2	1	8	3	29	36	33	18	1	17	-2	-4	22	0	267	-14.50237
Difference Percentage	-17	-3	-6	2	2	27	100	48	23	14	20	33	43	-40	-27	New	New	16	-1

	FWF	FWA	FWNA	FSLA	FLAA	FWIA	FLBA	FSBA	FDA	FDNA	FWNJ	FDNJ	FWNC	FDNC	SRSE	DWLR	DWLN	Total Fish	Fish LEQ
Difference for NZ Total																			
2022/2023 Season	17,926	25,333	4,306	5,612	4,269	2,023	317	3,890	17,483	9,937	4,818	189	2,277	291	12,891	0	0	123,019	73,380
2022/2024 Season	16,606	24,450	4,371	5,684	4,310	1,831	410	4,850	19,153	11,964	5,400	217	3,216	400	11,532	11,568	2,771	141,767	72,179
Difference	-1,319	-883	65	72	41	-192	93	960	1,690	2,027	582	28	939	109	-1,359	11,568	2,771	18,748	-1,202
Difference Percentage	-7	-3	2	1	1	-9	29	25	10	20	12	15	41	37	-10	New	New	15	-2

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National Game Licence Sales YTD to 4 July

Channel	GWA	GWJ	GWC	GDA	GDJ	Total	Game LEQ
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Difference for Taranaki Region

Total	1055	88	46	41	0	1230	1080
2022-2023	968	98	45	24	0	1135	992
2023-2024	-87	10	-1	-17	0	-95	-89
Difference in Numbers	-8	11	-2	-41	0	-8	-8
Difference by Percentage	↓	≈	≈	↓	≈	↓	↓

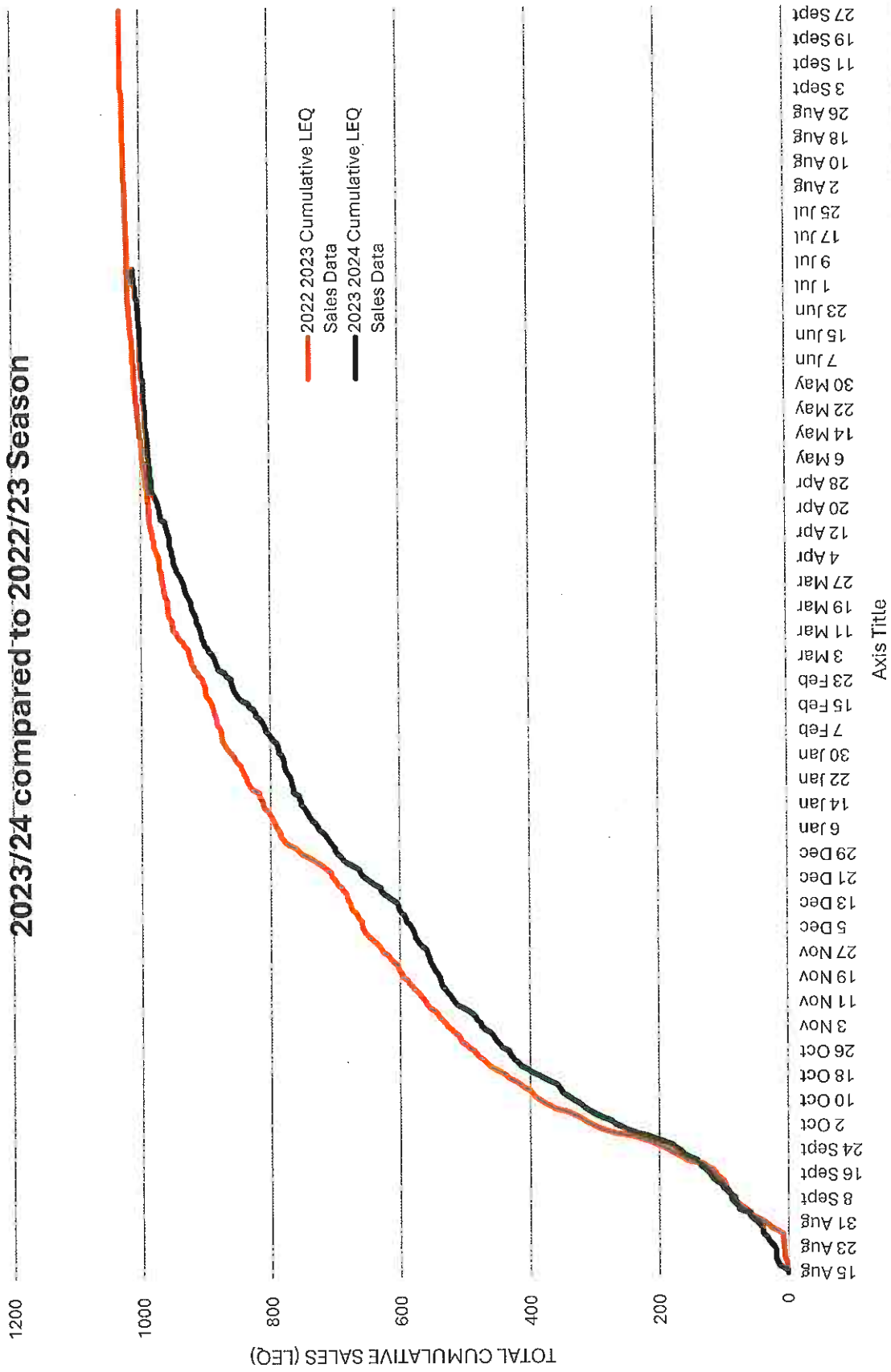
Difference for Wellington Region

Total	3199	327	170	119	5	3820	3287
2022-2023	3131	344	134	180	10	3799	3233
2023-2024	-68	17	-36	61	5	-21	-53
Difference in Numbers	-2	5	-21	51	100	-1	-2
Difference by Percentage	↓	≈	↓	↑	≈	≈	↓

Difference for NZ TOTAL

Total	30868	2992	1246	798	28	35932	31612
2022-2023	30108	3103	1275	1031	44	35562	30914
2023-2024	-760	111	30	233	16	-370	-698
Difference in Numbers	-2	4	2	29	57	-1	-2
Difference by Percentage	↓	↑	↑	↑	≈	≈	↓

TARANAKI REGION - Cumulative Fish Licence Sales (LEQs) 2023/24 compared to 2022/23 Season



National Game Licence Sales YTD to 4 July

	Channel	GWA	GWJ	GWC	GDA	GDJ	Total	Game LEQ	Game Var	Game \$	Inc/Dec
Northland	Agency Online	1,246	134	46	10	0	1,436				
	Public Online	256	36	15	23	1	331				
	Total	1,602	170	61	33	1	1,767	1,542		\$136,755	Budget
2022-2023	Agency Online	1,178	123	30	21	1	1,353				1552
	Public Online	292	42	14	32	2	382				67.8%
	Total	1,470	165	44	53	3	1,735	1,513	-1.9%	\$142,046	\$5,291
Auckland Waikato	Agency Online	5,019	448	175	26	0	5,668				
	Public Online	1,329	187	74	128	6	1,724				
	Total	6,348	635	249	154	6	7,392	6,503		\$576,783	
2022-2023	Agency Online	5,091	450	171	48	1	5,761				6201
	Public Online	1,186	189	92	166	3	1,636				103.9%
	Total	6,277	639	263	214	4	7,397	6,443	-0.9%	\$605,086	\$28,303
Eastern	Agency Online	2,326	219	99	30	0	2,674				
	Public Online	446	66	38	75	2	627				
	Total	2,772	285	137	105	2	3,301	2,849		\$252,654	
2022-2023	Agency Online	2,186	191	117	29	0	2,523				3012
	Public Online	394	84	34	88	1	601				88.2%
	Total	2,580	275	151	117	1	3,124	2,856	-6.8%	\$249,458	\$1,196
Hawke's Bay	Agency Online	1,293	93	33	25	0	1,444				
	Public Online	407	71	26	48	0	552				
	Total	1,700	164	59	73	0	1,996	1,746		\$154,904	
2022-2023	Agency Online	1,440	126	49	28	1	1,644				1916
	Public Online	386	81	24	60	5	556				98.3%
	Total	1,826	207	73	88	6	2,200	1,884	7.9%	\$176,898	\$21,994
Taranaki	Agency Online	841	63	28	12	0	944				
	Public Online	214	25	18	29	0	286				
	Total	1,055	88	46	41	0	1,230	1,080		\$95,817	
2022-2023	Agency Online	776	68	31	7	0	882				1113
	Public Online	192	30	14	17	0	253				89.1%
	Total	968	98	45	24	0	1,135	892	-8.2%	\$93,136	-\$2,682
Wellington	Agency Online	2,573	243	118	41	1	2,976				
	Public Online	626	84	52	78	4	844				
	Total	3,199	327	170	119	5	3,820	3,287		\$291,511	
2022-2023	Agency Online	2,562	235	94	47	2	2,940				3499
	Public Online	569	109	40	133	8	859				94.8%
	Total	3,131	344	134	180	10	3,799	3,233	-1.6%	\$303,654	\$12,143
Nelson/Marl	Agency Online	719	54	13	6	0	792				
	Public Online	116	21	7	20	0	164				
	Total	835	75	20	26	0	956	855		\$75,817	
2022-2023	Agency Online	713	57	23	19	0	812				887
	Public Online	108	26	10	21	3	168				98.3%
	Total	821	83	33	40	3	980	845	-1.1%	\$79,362	\$3,544
North Canterbury	Agency Online	2,119	155	76	16	0	2,366				
	Public Online	369	46	25	40	5	485				
	Total	2,488	201	101	56	5	2,851	2,639		\$225,162	
2022-2023	Agency Online	2,145	143	81	28	0	2,397				2381
	Public Online	357	52	32	64	4	509				107.4%
	Total	2,502	195	113	92	4	2,906	2,568	0.8%	\$240,229	\$15,067
West Coast	Agency Online	164	11	6	5	0	186				
	Public Online	187	19	21	16	1	244				
	Total	351	30	27	21	1	430	361		\$32,023	
2022-2023	Agency Online	163	17	7	2	0	189				358
	Public Online	185	20	24	18	0	247				100.3%
	Total	348	37	31	20	0	436	359	-0.5%	\$33,723	-\$1,700
Central South Is	Agency Online	1,634	142	35	9	0	1,820				
	Public Online	557	62	33	68	5	725				
	Total	2,191	204	68	77	5	2,545	2,246		\$199,237	
2022-2023	Agency Online	1,509	135	43	10	0	1,697				2233
	Public Online	447	65	26	97	6	641				90.3%
	Total	1,956	200	69	107	6	2,338	2,016	-10.3%	\$189,326	-\$9,910
Otago	Agency Online	3,116	237	94	15	1	3,463				
	Public Online	790	88	45	48	1	972				
	Total	3,906	325	139	63	2	4,435	3,982		\$353,200	
2022-2023	Agency Online	3,087	229	80	12	0	3,408				4029
	Public Online	766	109	58	53	5	991				97.6%
	Total	3,853	338	138	65	5	4,399	3,932	-1.1%	\$369,228	\$16,028
Southland	Agency Online	3,711	350	117	8	1	4,187				
	Public Online	810	138	52	22	0	1,022				
	Total	4,521	488	169	30	1	5,209	4,623		\$410,005	
2022-2023	Agency Online	3,615	375	123	14	2	4,129				4672
	Public Online	761	147	59	17	0	984				96.0%
	Total	4,376	522	182	31	2	5,113	4,484	-3.0%	\$421,070	\$11,065
TOTAL	Agency Online	24,761	2,149	840	203	3	27,956	25,222		\$2,237,109	
	Public Online	6,107	843	406	595	25	7,976	6,390		\$566,780	
	Total	30,868	2,992	1,246	798	28	35,932	31,612		\$2,803,888	
2022-2023	Agency Online	24,465	2,140	849	265	7	27,735	24,935		\$2,341,695	31763
	Public Online	5,643	954	427	766	37	7,827	5,979		\$561,521	87.3%
	Total	30,108	3,103	1,276	1,031	44	35,562	30,914		\$2,903,216	\$99,348
National Variance against 2023 YTD								-698	-2.2%	\$99,348	\$99,348
2023-24 Summary YTD Actual vs Total Budget											
2023-24 Annual Budget								31,763	100.0%	\$2,982,919	
2023-24 YTD Actual								30,914	97.3%	\$2,903,216	
Remaining to meet budget								-849	-2.7%	-\$79,703	

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Northland	Public Online	33	84	102	2	8	16	3	20	91	117	13	2	8	1	65	2	0	0	0	0	567				
	Agency Online	12	31	3	6	4	7	2	1	2	1	6	0	0	0	9	0	0	9	0	0	93				
	Total	45	115	105	8	12	23	5	21	93	118	19	2	8	1	74	2	0	9	0	0	660	444		\$66,024	
2022-2023	Public Online	31	88	84	6	8	20	3	26	83	130	21	3	25	4	82	4	2	0	0	0	620				
	Agency Online	13	35	11	9	2	6	0	4	9	0	6	1	3	0	6	0	0	9	7	0	121				
	Total	44	123	95	15	10	26	3	30	92	130	27	4	28	4	88	4	2	9	7	0	741	449	1.0%	\$59,714	\$3,690
2023-2024	Public Online	370	926	190	167	115	118	6	124	831	468	198	8	136	6	536	6	1	0	0	0	4,206				
	Agency Online	183	513	50	96	44	60	7	63	207	37	58	1	18	1	86	2	1	25	0	0	1,452				
	Total	553	1439	240	263	159	178	13	187	1038	505	256	9	154	7	622	8	2	25	0	0	5,658	3,453		\$435,362	
2022-2023	Public Online	360	917	182	171	124	120	13	185	1,034	522	228	13	183	11	659	7	7	0	0	0	4,736				
	Agency Online	209	546	45	98	50	45	10	59	184	40	63	2	19	0	116	0	2	13	26	0	1,527				
	Total	569	1463	227	269	174	165	23	244	1218	562	291	15	202	11	775	7	9	13	26	0	6,263	3,564	3.2%	\$474,161	\$38,799
2023-2024	Public Online	1,325	1,029	194	271	664	283	37	592	2,282	744	232	12	319	17	926	7	20	0	0	0	8,954				
	Agency Online	993	878	115	240	774	153	24	197	689	409	180	10	69	14	68	2	11	69	0	0	4,895				
	Total	2318	1907	309	511	1438	436	61	789	2971	1153	412	22	388	31	994	9	31	69	0	0	13,849	8,480		\$1,069,275	
2022-2023	Public Online	1,260	1,029	183	259	562	240	54	727	2,783	904	289	23	399	22	1,197	8	14	0	0	0	9,953				
	Agency Online	926	775	117	238	852	144	23	258	755	460	181	6	126	20	119	0	6	48	24	47	5,125				
	Total	2186	1804	300	497	1414	384	77	985	3538	1364	470	29	525	42	1316	8	20	48	24	47	15,078	8,357	-1.5%	\$1,111,903	\$42,629
2023-2024	Public Online	230	506	175	99	62	49	11	75	311	231	102	3	41	4	215	7	4	0	0	0	2,125				
	Agency Online	150	427	67	137	90	22	4	28	104	285	74	1	7	4	42	0	0	10	0	0	1,452				
	Total	380	933	242	236	152	71	15	103	415	516	176	4	48	8	257	7	4	10	0	0	3,577	2,487		\$313,610	
2022-2023	Public Online	205	499	137	92	77	83	6	156	473	373	166	7	104	2	367	2	1	0	0	0	2,750				
	Agency Online	103	364	80	127	61	49	2	30	125	346	73	1	22	7	41	0	2	8	16	43	1,500				
	Total	308	863	217	219	138	132	8	186	598	719	239	8	126	9	408	2	3	8	16	43	4,250	2,409	-3.1%	\$320,526	\$6,917
2023-2024	Public Online	87	233	94	30	25	19	1	44	125	229	42	3	35	5	173	4	1	0	0	0	1,150				
	Agency Online	37	198	10	52	18	11	2	17	28	10	48	0	5	0	46	0	0	15	0	0	497				
	Total	124	431	104	82	43	30	3	61	153	239	90	3	40	5	219	4	1	15	0	0	1,647	1,021		\$128,796	
2022-2023	Public Online	58	216	91	33	25	24	2	55	147	258	57	4	45	3	296	3	0	0	0	0	1,317				
	Agency Online	45	201	7	51	19	14	4	35	41	14	51	0	12	0	70	0	0	11	22	0	597				
	Total	103	417	98	84	44	38	6	90	188	272	108	4	57	3	366	3	0	11	22	0	1,914	1,007	-1.4%	\$133,972	\$5,177
2023-2024	Public Online	232	832	152	154	111	72	6	39	265	126	120	5	84	2	481	2	2	0	0	0	2,685				
	Agency Online	168	670	18	146	83	31	5	18	57	40	88	0	33	0	188	0	0	52	0	0	1,597				
	Total	400	1502	170	300	194	103	11	57	322	166	208	5	117	2	669	2	2	52	0	0	4,282	2,953		\$372,327	
2022-2023	Public Online	224	801	124	155	146	87	10	71	491	278	223	3	135	7	755	3	2	0	261	76	3,852				
	Agency Online	154	654	11	142	104	41	3	26	77	39	160	0	47	2	154	0	0	43	65	0	1,722				
	Total	378	1455	135	297	250	128	13	97	568	317	383	3	182	9	909	3	2	43	326	76	5,574	3,003	1.7%	\$399,476	\$27,149
2023-2024	Public Online	345	616	231	128	84	48	5	57	540	264	144	9	94	2	629	4	3	0	0	0	3,203				
	Agency Online	423	912	349	204	88	62	5	40	137	292	119	4	30	1	174	1	2	438	0	0	3,281				
	Total	768	1528	580	332	172	110	10	97	677	556	263	13	124	3	803	5	5	438	0	0	6,484	4,356		\$549,259	
2022-2023	Public Online	323	558	239	134	118	62	5	85	572	389	171	8	149	5	687	8	6	0	775	204	4,498				
	Agency Online	413	926	312	229	104	51	11	35	169	186	115	1	23	2	174	1	1	280	1,081	386	4,500				
	Total	736	1484	551	363	222	113	16	120	741	575	286	9	172	7	861	9	7	280	1856	590	8,998	4,322	-0.8%	\$574,973	\$25,714
2023-2024	Public Online	1,132	1,891	162	314	110	129	8	196	1,374	495	371	8	174	7	1,786	7	15	2,384	0	0	10,563				
	Agency Online	1,656	2,858	187	813	71	128	11	169	350	94	309	6	33	1	393	4	0	4,017	0	0	11,100				
	Total	2788	4749	349	1127	181	257	19	365	1724	589	680	14	207	8	2179	11	15	6401	0	0	21,663	10,935		\$1,378,743	
2022-2023	Public Online	959	1,804	187	286	104	103	18	285	1,560	708	429	12	331	25	1,680	3	3	2,262	1,359	468	12,586				
	Agency Online	1,623	2,867	232	834	78	136	30	181	440	146	306	6	42	2	372	8	5	3,637	2,245	5	13,195				
	Total	2582	4671	419	1120	182	239	48	466	2000	854	735	18	373	27	2052	11	8	5899	3604	473	25,781	10,873	-0.6%	\$1,446,557	\$67,815
2023-2024	Public Online	320	398	230	86	74	47	9	85	327	303	106	6	28	5	325	5	7	0	0	0	2,361				
	Agency Online	127	247	16	53	77	19	0	21	75	188	64	0	8	20	10	1	8	93	0	0	1,027				
	Total	447	645	246	139	151	66	9	106	402	491	170	6	36	25	335	6	15	93	0	0	3,388	2,198		\$277,202	
2022-2023	Public Online	280	366	279	82	88	20	9	138	416	322	102	7	115	8	426	4	3	0	618	175	3,458				
	Agency Online	113	191	12	50	71	8	1	19	55	218	41	1	9	15	12	0	13	64	97						

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Central South Is.	Public Online	1,569	1,766	431	314	414	205	52	797	3,594	1,026	446	12	364	21	1,772	18	15	2,370	0	0	15,186																									
2022-2023	Agency Online	1,758	1,930	70	668	496	156	37	422	1,608	418	397	6	212	10	451	5	5	2,526	0	0	11,175																									
	Total	3327	3696	501	982	910	361	89	1219	5202	1444	843	18	576	31	2223	23	20	4896	0	0	26,361	12,533		\$1,580,250																						
2023-2024	Public Online	1,440	1,659	401	311	390	177	67	1,053	3,864	1,412	526	29	545	34	1,980	16	14	2,237	0	0	16,155																									
	Agency Online	1,592	1,829	75	685	534	76	38	447	1,416	571	408	6	218	25	363	1	20	2,305	244	3	10,856																									
	Total	3032	3488	476	996	924	253	105	1500	5280	1983	934	35	763	59	2343	17	34	4542	244	3	27,011	12,133	-3.2%	\$1,614,251	\$34,002																					
otago	Public Online	2,107	2,358	537	363	397	190	34	350	2,557	1,991	533	40	357	81	1,757	15	40	0	0	0	13,707																									
2022-2023	Agency Online	2,191	3,061	202	698	156	114	19	150	677	1,017	392	20	78	67	15	9	21	626	0	0	9,513																									
	Total	4298	5419	739	1061	553	304	53	500	3234	3008	925	60	435	148	1772	24	61	626	0	0	23,220	15,503		\$1,954,765																						
2023-2024	Public Online	1,938	2,388	595	375	361	152	41	417	2,721	2,439	590	44	417	134	1,960	18	85	0	1,531	644	16,850																									
	Agency Online	2,074	2,955	212	755	153	87	19	154	519	739	387	12	66	41	11	12	36	512	1,397	138	10,279																									
	Total	4012	5343	807	1130	514	239	60	571	3240	3178	977	56	483	175	1971	30	121	512	2928	782	27,129	15,250	-1.6%	\$2,028,856	\$74,090																					
Southland	Public Online	846	966	678	116	126	58	13	237	925	997	327	28	106	20	967	13	11	0	0	0	6,434																									
2022-2023	Agency Online	1,632	2,003	43	455	178	26	16	148	307	155	449	5	38	2	79	1	2	257	0	0	5,796																									
	Total	2478	2969	721	571	304	84	29	385	1232	1152	776	33	144	22	1046	14	13	257	0	0	12,230	9,015		\$1,136,693																						
2023-2024	Public Online	813	915	697	122	145	37	26	258	928	1,319	350	21	142	27	969	11	17	0	894	579	8,270																									
	Agency Online	1,452	1,867	58	440	134	49	15	146	291	151	457	7	39	4	93	3	2	193	906	3	6,310																									
	Total	2265	2782	755	562	279	86	41	404	1219	1470	807	28	181	31	1062	14	19	193	1800	582	14,580	8,679	-3.7%	\$1,154,627	\$17,934																					
TOTAL	Direct	8,596	11,605	3,176	2,044	2,190	1,234	185	2,616	13,222	6,991	2,634	136	1,746	171	9,632	90	119	4,754	0	0	71,141	38,006		\$4,792,103																						
2022-2023	AOL	9,330	13,728	1,130	3,568	2,079	789	132	1,274	4,241	2,946	2,184	53	531	120	1,561	25	50	8,137	0	0	51,878	35,374		\$4,460,201																						
	Total	17,926	25,333	4,306	5,612	4,269	2,023	317	3,890	17,463	9,937	4,818	189	2,277	291	11,193	115	169	12,891	0	0	123,019	73,380		\$9,252,304																						
2023-2024	Direct	7,891	11,240	3,199	2,026	2,148	1,125	254	3,456	15,072	9,054	3,152	174	2,590	282	11,058	87	154	4,499	5,438	2,146	85,045	37,927		\$5,045,998																						
	AOL	8,717	13,210	1,172	3,658	2,162	706	156	1,394	4,081	2,910	2,248	43	626	118	1,531	25	87	7,123	6,130	625	56,722	34,251		\$4,556,925																						
	Total	16,608	24,450	4,371	5,684	4,310	1,831	410	4,850	19,153	11,964	5,400	217	3,216	400	12,589	112	241	11,622	11,568	2,771	141,767	72,179		\$9,602,923																						
National Variance against 2022/2023 YTD																																															
2023-24 Summary YTD Actual vs Total Budget																																															
2023-24 Annual Budget																							74,060	100.0%																						\$9,853,149	
2023-24 YTD Actual																							72,179	97.5%																							\$9,602,923
Variance to Budget																							-1,881	-2.5%																							-\$250,228

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

Agenda Item 19 Operational Summary

Summary

Summary of activities undertaken in May and June 2024

Confirmation of the Work Plan Report outlining operational activities undertaken to 30 June 2024 and project expenditure to 30 June 2024

Nothing material required to be highlighted

For Information Only

Recommendation/Action

Council receive staff report on Operational progress to 30 June 2024 and expenditure to 30 June 2024.

Taranaki Fish & Game Council
Budget Report to 30 June 2024
And

Project Progress to 25 July 2024

OUTPUT	Budget external costs	YTD external costs (30/6/24)	Comments on significant variations	Budget Hours	YTD hours
Population Monitoring	17,227	15,337		520	287.25
Harvest Assessment				60	40.75
Hatchery	10,000	14,270		60	49.25
Liberations	6,000	6,273		150	97
Season Regulations				50	31.5
Gamebird Dispersal	2,500	451		120	80
RMA		3		500	164.5
Habitat Management & Enhancement	20,000	5,629		400	40.25
Assessing & Monitoring				100	33
Hunter / Angler Access	1,000			100	14.25
Satisfaction Survey				40	3.5
Magazine / Newsletter / Ezine	9,500	11,548		200	76.25
Hunter / Angler support	1,000				
Clubs	300	300		10	7.25
Statutory Liaison				30	13
Iwi Liaison	100	103		60	40
Information to Clients				100	55.5
General Advocacy	1,100	6		100	55
Hunting & Angling Promotions	3,300	2,420		140	50.25
Ranger Management	1,000	4,047		112	72.75
Compliance	2,100			170	83
Licencing & Commission	12,565	9,546		50	22.5
Council Meetings & Administration	9,500	4,618		280	100.75
Management, Strategic & Policy	1,000			80	11
Business Planning				40	12.25
OSH & Other Reporting	6,340	463		65	34.5
National Liaison	100			160	55.25
Total Expenditure	104,632	75,013		3697	1530.5

Project Income	Budget Income	YTD Income
Fish Population Assessment	200	478
Harvest Assessment – Summer Season	500	400
Liberations		1,790
Gamebird Dispersal	750	600
Taranaki Hunting & Habitat Scheme	15,000	
Compliance	1,000	
Total Income	17,450	3,268
Net Expenditure	87,182	71,745

	Budget	YTD
Overheads		
1910 Salaries & Management Contract	278,880	192,422
1920 Staff Expenses	3,500	2,208
1940 Office Premises	22,200	18,569
1950 Office Equipment	2,000	2,596
1960 Communications / Consumables	7,250	4,910
1970 General	2,870	2,745
1980 General Equipment	6,000	
1990 Vehicles	15,375	16,632
Total Overheads	338,075	240,082

Other Income & Expenses	Budget	YTD
Interest	6,441	12,118
Wellington Fish & Game Admin	4,000	7,905
Donations & Other Income		
Total Other Income & Expenses	10,441	20,023

Nett Project, Overhead and Other Expenditure/Income	Budget	YTD
	414,816	291,804 (70%)

MOVEMENTS IN RESERVES

From	To	Reason	Amount	Date Paid

SPECIES MANAGEMENT

2023/2024 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
<p>Objective: Obtain accurate and pertinent information to guide and enable effective management decisions to maximise user success and satisfaction while ensuring the sustainability of sports fish and gamebird populations across the region</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assess juvenile trout recruitment in Waiongana/ Mangaoraka Stream to compare with baseline information from other catchment surveys. 2. Complete resource inventory of the Waingongoro River catchment to determine current status of the trout fishery and identify threats and opportunities (yr 2 of 2) 3. Monitor and report information on the status of the region’s trout fisheries sufficient to measure overall angler success (through a diary scheme), set effective regulations and inform management directions. 	<p><i>Electrofishing survey of 11 sites in the Waiongana/ Mangaoraka Stream catchment surveyed on 11/12 December 2023.</i></p> <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. A F&G fisheries team meeting was attended on 2/11/2023.</i></p> <p><i>Staff helped Riverwise Consulting with fish salvage from the site where the Mangorei Stream Scout Road weir was about to be removed (31/01/2024).</i></p> <p><i>Liaised with TRC scientists (13/02/2024) regarding causes of fish kills in the lower reaches of some south Taranaki streams during a period of extreme heat (18–22 January 2024). It was likely a combination of high water temperature, high pH and oxygen supersaturation.</i></p> <p><i>Staff were notified on 5/03/2024 that there had been an erosion event in the Pyramid Stream headwater tributary of the Hangatahua (Stony). This resulted in the river running grey with ash for several weeks along with significant sand inundation. The river has now cleared and is in recovery mode.</i></p> <p><i>Following notification by an angler via Wellington SFO Matt Kavermann (18/04/2024) there was liaison with Ngati Rangi Iwi, DOC & Horizons RC regarding a substantial kill of koura in Waitangi Stream near Karioi.</i></p> <p><i>Trout spawning surveys carried out in Mangamahoe Stream and the lake inlet (21/06/2024 & 10/07/2024) and Mangorei Stream (10/07/2024).</i></p> <p><i>Collated (limited) angler diary returns.</i></p>

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).

With help from Eastern & Wellington F&G staff and volunteers, 383 ducks were banded on 20/21 February 2024 at two Whanganui sites. There were also an additional 92 banded ducks recaptured on day one and 18 on Day 2. Unfortunately, a feral cat was trapped at the main banding site and no ducks were caught there on day 2.

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.

The final report on the August 2023 National Shoveler Survey was received from the Eastern Region's Matt McDougall on 14/10/2023. Trend counts for paradise shelduck and black swan carried out in the Waimarino, Whanganui and Taranaki areas in January 2024.

Aerial monitoring of dabbling duck along 20 randomly selected transects around the Taranaki ringplain was carried out with Wellington F&G SFO Matt Kavermann (8/04/2024). Pukeko monitoring was carried out on the Taranaki ringplain (15,16 & 19/04/2024) and Whanganui (22/04/2024).

6. Participate in the National Hunter Survey to derive a robust estimate of annual game bird harvest and hunter success.

*2023 game season results received and incorporated into the draft 2024/25 Game Gazette Notice Report for Council's 9/12/2023 meeting. Interviews for Opening weekend 2024, which included questions on hunter satisfaction, were conducted. **Fortnightly interviews conducted during the season.***

7. Recommend effective regulations that are timely, easily understood and which maximise licence holder opportunity while ensuring resource sustainability and public support.

*Early draft of 2024/25 Game Gazette Notice Report prepared for Council's 14/10/2023 meeting, with final draft presented on 9/12/2023. There was liaison with DOC head office (Michael Gee) regarding wording changes to the requirement to hold a permit for the special paradise hunting season (2/2/2024). A 2024/25 draft Anglers Notice Report, including a review of regulations for the Lake Mangamahoe fishery, was prepared for Council's 25 May 2024 meeting. **No changes made to the 2024/25 Notice (same as 2023/24).***

8. Provide advice and support practical and effective predator control opportunities that assist game bird populations.

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.

9. Undertake an annual trout stocking programme which concentrates on creating and maintaining valued lake fisheries.

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. A 2022/23 Hatchery & Trout Liberations report was prepared for Council's 14/10/2023 meeting.

Hawera hatchery rainbows were released into the Lower Patea River (120) and the Hangatahua River (100) on 13/11/2023. Councillor Flynn and Ranger Alan Candy released 300 Hawera rainbows into the Patea River's scout den pool on 1/12/2023 for a kids' fishing promotion. Hawera hatchery rainbows were released into Lake Mangamahoe (101) and the Hangatahua River (113) on 20/12/2023, being the last of the 2022 year class.

A F&G hatchery teams meeting was attended (9/11/2023).

A proposed 2024 trout release programme was prepared for Council's 16 March 2024 meeting.

DOC's Tongariro National Trout Centre confirmed there were 100 rainbows available for release into Sattler's Dam and a release of 120 took place on 26/03/2024.

A release of 400 fin-clipped Hawera hatchery rainbow trout fingerlings was made into the Waiaua River on 24/04/2024.

An order of 500 2-year-old rainbows from the Eastern F&G Region for 2025/26 was confirmed (1/03/2024).

A total of 303 fin-clipped Hawera hatchery rainbow trout were released into Lake Mangamahoe on 14/05/2024 and a further 702 rainbows released in the Wellington Region (Marton reservoir & Rangitikei River quarry ponds) on 16/05/2024.

Fish transport trailer refurbished after failing a warrant.

<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>120 released on 13/11/2023. It was confirmed (28/02/2024) that Manawa Energy will fund the release of up to 200 17-month Hawera hatchery brown and rainbow trout into the lower Patea River for the next five years (2024 – 2028) with a review of results in 2029.</p> <p><i>Monitoring difficult, as access to the Patea Dam tailrace has been shut off for H&S reasons.</i></p> <p>A dinner for Hawera hatchery volunteers was held on 11/09/2023. 300kg feed ordered from Biomar and received 12/02/2024. The 2023 year-class survived the January 2024 heat and 2,572 rainbow trout fingerlings were fin-clipped on 28/03/2024. <i>The brown trout were smaller and were clipped on 21/05/2024, with a count of 836 fish.</i> The hatchery freezer stopped working on 2/04/2024 and a new 688 litre freezer was installed on 24/04/2024. <i>3,000 eyed ova (2,000 rainbow & 1,000 brown) arrived at the Hawera hatchery from Eastern F&G on 23/05/2024, with hatching complete by 31/05/2024.</i> <i>400kg of feed ordered from Biomar and received early July 2024.</i> <i>A dinner for Hawera hatchery volunteers was held on 24/06/2024.</i></p>
<p>Provide effective compliance to protect resource sustainability (including revenue base) and user experience to maintain licence holder satisfaction.</p>	
<p>13. Review and renew ranger warrants and maintain a skilled honorary ranger team of at least 12 rangers consistent with requirements and objectives of the Compliance Policy and Strategy and also R3 principles.</p> <p>14. Undertake safe and effective compliance coverage across the Taranaki Region, including a target of 100 licence checks of anglers and also of hunters.</p>	<p>A Ranger training day held in New Plymouth on 30/09/2023 was attended by 9 Honorary Rangers and 1 staff. A CERT 1-day refresher was held on 13/04/2024 at New Plymouth attended by 5 rangers and 1 staff. <i>Police vetting and ranger warrant renewal forms were completed for 11 Honorary Rangers and one staff on 18/07/2024. Three rangers decided not to renew their warrants due to a range of factors.</i></p> <p>Compliance checks were undertaken for the opening of the 2023 fishing season. A report of an angling offence on the Manganuioteao River was received on</p>

	<p>24/10/2023. It appears the angler gave false details.</p> <p>A parent was spoken to about a junior angler fishing in the scout den pool without a licence (19/12/2023).</p> <p>Compliance checks were undertaken for the opening of the summer hunting season for paradise shelduck (24/02/2024).</p> <p>2024 game season ranging was undertaken for the Waimarino & Taranaki ringplain areas. Wellington F&G SFO Hamish Carnachan carried out a compliance letter mail drop in the Ohakune area prior to the season. Five teams comprising 9 honorary rangers, 1 staff and the Raetihi sole-charge Policeman carried out ranging on opening weekend with 50+ hunters checked and no significant non-compliance detected.</p> <p><i>Notified on 28/05/2024 of 21 dead ducks (16 paradise, 5 mallards) on a brassica crop near Whanganui which appeared to be poisoned with wheat laced with alphachloralose. An adjacent landowner also picked up 4 harrier hawks, 3 of which were revived after transporting to Wildbase. Farmer who spread the grain was interviewed by Wellington SFO Matt Kavermann.</i></p>
<p>Proactively manage problem aggregations of gamebirds in the interests of both hunters and property owners and managers.</p>	
<p>15. Process detected offences in a fair and timely way consistent with national prosecution guidelines.</p> <p>16. Manage problem aggregations of gamebirds through implementation of a special Paradise shelduck season in Area C and proactively responding to and assisting landholders.</p>	<p><i>Two fishing offences from the 2022/23 season, processed via diversion, were finalised. An angler found preparing to go fishing in the Manganuioteao River without a current licence is being issued with a formal warning.</i></p> <p><i>64 permits to disturb were issued during the reporting period: 44 for pukeko (25 rural, 19 urban), 18 for paradise shelduck (5 including mallard and one including pukeko) and 2 for mallard duck. Nine of 15 gas guns were collected from farmers prior to the start of the special paradise season. Permits were prepared for the paradise season, posted to land occupiers and distributed to two licence agents.</i></p>

HABITAT PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT

Protect/ improve habitat for sports fish & game as a fundamental and effective means to sustain the fish & game resource in the interests of licence holders and with biodiversity benefits for the wider community.

1. Provide valued advice and support to licence holders, landowners and the wider community regarding the importance of and how to protect and enhance habitat and also undertake predator control/ management to benefit both fish & game and wider indigenous biodiversity resources.

2. Promote, encourage and support landowners to create, enhance and protect wetlands by providing sound technical advice and assistance to make successful applications to the GBHT and Hunting & Habitat Funds, including 1 billion trees programme.

Peko Contracting was re-contacted (26/02/2024) regarding raupo spraying at F&G's Hawken wetland. Spraying completed before 2024 game season, but raupo required hand cutting to create sufficient open water for hunting.

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.

A meeting was attended with TRC consents and ecology staff (9/11/2023) to discuss consenting requirements for the 2 Taranaki wetland projects allocated GBHT funding. While one could be done as a permitted activity, it was estimated that consents for the other would cost \$10K, making the project uneconomic.

A site visit was made to the Eco-Blue wetland (9/11/2023) to sign off the initial 75% payment for their one-billion trees plantings.

*A site visit was made to the Ohakune / Raetihi Road wetland (10/01/2024) which was allocated GBHT & H&H funding in 2021. **The project is now part-way through with 3 open water areas created so far.***

A visit was made (15/12/2023) to discuss progress with a farm trust that could provide ongoing contributions to the H&H fund. F&G

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.

will not be a trustee as originally proposed but will be a beneficiary.

An update on the two Taranaki one-billion trees projects (total 3,750 trees) was provided to the GBHT (29/02/2024).

Met with Beca (Meghan Stenner) 15/03/2024 regarding the restoration of Tangaroa Stream in the Waitara River estuary.

Made a site visit to upper Mangorei Road property to provide advice on converting disused farm oxy ponds into duck ponds (5/06/2024).

Information was provided to the GBHT on the Takahuri wetland project at Kaiwhaiki, for a 5-year review.

No Taranaki applications were forwarded to the GBHT this year, but two potential applications may come to the H&H Scheme.

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).

Management plans for the quarry were reviewed (13/06/2024).

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. Repairs to the Fonterra weir in Kaupokonui Stream were completed on 14/03/2024.

A meeting was attended (17/11/2023) with NPDC staff to discuss their proposed stormwater strategy, which will to deliver environmental benefits including fish passage improvements, while reducing the risk of flooding and erosion. A submission was made on the NPDC's 2024-2034 LTP (19/04/2024).

There was consultation with Ernslaw-One (1/11/2023; Lynette Baish) regarding renewal of consents to use concrete fords in the Wahianoa

catchment in Karioi Forest. A response was sent (8/02/2024) seeking a commitment to modify at least one of the fords to provide for the upstream passage of rainbow trout. A response was received on 17/04/2024 and following further discussions it was agreed that Ernslaw would fund F&G to carry out an electrofishing survey to obtain more information on the Wahianoa trout population.

In conjunction with Wellington F&G an email was sent to Taranaki angling licence holders regarding Horizons Oranga Wai consultation on water quality targets (7/12/2023).

There were reports of the Opunake hydro sluice gate being opened (1/11/2023) to flush out sediment prior to re-starting the power scheme, but little appears to have happened since.

Comments were provided to Manawa Energy (12/02/2024) on three Patea HEPS fish passage and ecological monitoring reports required by consents. A stakeholders meeting was attended on 26/06/2024.

A Fonterra-convened Kaitiaki Group meeting was attended (2/02/2024) to discuss up-coming consents, including for Fonterra's Tawhiti Stream weir where F&G suggested that the current fish pass be expanded to a full-width rock ramp. A 2nd Kaitiaki Group meeting was attended on 3/05/2024.

A submission to the TRC's 2024-2034 LTP was made (11/04/2024).

Horizons RC (Nigal Jordan) contacted F&G re: "emergency" rock work in Mangateitei Stream for erosion repair near a walkway bridge (10/06/2024), but work was deferred after it was determined that the stream is an important trout spawning area and a consent would be required.

There were discussions with Lowe Corporation (Derek Bowman; 28/05/2024) about re-consenting of their water take and discharge from

<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 re-consenting of the Mangorei and Motukawa hydro schemes.</p>	<p><i>Tawhiti Stream and later with consultants Mitchell-Daysh (Luke Balchin), with comments on the AEE and potential impacts on the Hawera trout hatchery provided on 22/07/2024.</i></p> <p><i>Comments were provided to Ballance Agri-nutrients (Karl Henderson; 20/05/2024) regarding a proposal to change cooling tower biocides and the potential for impacts on Kapuni Stream.</i></p> <p><i>Comments were made (Terry Calmeyer, Inspire consultants, 15/05/2024) on a draft AEE for screening the two NPDC lake intakes at Lake Mangamahoe. A new screened intake will be positioned 30m from the F&G casting platform. Staff attended a Greenfern Industries stakeholder meeting (26/06/2024) to discuss consent compliance for the Normanby power scheme on the Waingongoro River. Gfi is currently not earning enough to finance construction of its vertical-slot fish pass on the weir.</i></p> <p><i>A pre-hearing meeting for STDC's limited-notified consents to take water from Kapuni Stream for Hawera supply was attended (12/07/2024).</i></p> <p><i>There have been discussions with TRC about F&G sponsoring the "Environmental Action in Water Quality Improvement" section of its annual awards.</i></p> <p><i>F&G submissions lodged to notified consents – awaiting TRC processing. TRC is proposing a joint hearing of both applications.</i></p>
<p>Work collaboratively and proactively with landowners, other groups and iwi recognising the synergistic benefits and wider outcomes that can be achieved by this approach.</p>	
<p>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. Submission made to NPDC's 2024-2034 LTP. Further follow-up with TRC was undertaken in early July</i></p>

<p>7. Engage proactively and collaboratively with iwi & community groups to identify and protect/ enhance shared resource values including contributing to water related matters through the Taranaki Maunga Settlement process.</p>	<p>2024 to confirm that F&G is an affected party.</p>
<p>8. Represent Fish & Game and provide valued input to the Te Awa Tupua process.</p>	<p>Manager & SFO attended signing ceremony for Taranaki Maunga Deed of Settlement at Owae Marae on 1/09/2023. A short submission was made in support of the Collective Redress Bill for Taranaki Maunga (15/05/2024).</p> <p>Te Kopuka zoom meetings were attended on 8/09/2023; 13/10/2023; 20/12/2023; 7/06/2024 & 26/07/2024. A zoom meeting with the A/WF&G Manager & staff was held on 31/10/2023 to discuss the Te Heke Ngahuru strategy document which has been released for public feedback. A meeting to receive feedback from the Whangamomona community was attended on 25/01/2024. A public on-line meeting was attended (30/01/2024) to receive feedback on the Te Heke Ngahuru strategy document. An on-line meeting to support a presentation of Te Heke Ngahuru to a joint meeting of the Tongariro and Taranaki/Whanganui Conservation Boards in Ohakune (22/02/2024) was also attended. An on-line working group meeting was attended (10/05/2024).</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>TRC consents for Timaru Stream weir removal were finalised in December 2024, but contractor availability is an issue.</p> <p>There have been discussions with TRC staff regarding the process to remove the Riverlands Eltham weir on the Waingongoro River. A submission was made to the TRC's 2024-2034 LTP.</p>
<p>Development of an effective Natural Resources Plan that protects freshwater and wetland habitats and which will also minimise Council costs in consent processes and free up resources for other management responses.</p>	

<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&G joint Orautoha Stream / Manganuioteao Riparian Project to protect water quality in this catchment and the many values it supports.</p>	<p><i>Horizons RC (Scotty Moore) got in touch (8/02/2024) regarding funding for a landowner wanting to do 600m of conventional fencing along the Manganuioteao River. Of the \$15k cost it was agreed that Horizons would fund 40% with WRET and Taranaki F&G each funding 30% (\$4,500 + gst). This work has now been completed & a final report and invoice received (18/06/2024).</i></p>
<p>11. Engage in and actively advocate for provisions which protect and/ or enhance sports fish & game bird habitat in the Taranaki Natural Resources Plan development process.</p>	<p><i>Ami Coughlan & 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&G initiated tick-box survey was also sent to Taranaki licence holders, which resulted in a further 109 submissions to the TRC. An Okato roadshow event was attended (17/06/2024) for the TRC's consultation on "targets & limits", along with a zoom meeting (3/07/2024) and a face-to-face meeting at the TRC (16/07/2024) also attended by Phil Teal and Ami Coughlan. A F&G initiated tick-box survey was sent to Taranaki licence holders, which resulted in 47 submissions to the TRC. A comprehensive written response has also been prepared.</i></p>

PARTICIPATION

2023/2024 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
<p>Objective: Add value to licence holders by increasing their opportunity, success and satisfaction and so retain them in the sport.</p>	
<p>1. Maintain and improve the Taranaki pages on the new Fish & Game website so how to and where to go information is readily available, easily understood and up to date.</p>	<p><i>Taranaki information reviewed with oversight from Roslyn Simmonds (A/W).</i></p>
<p>2. Work with National Office to populate new website with information including an 'Introduction to duck hunting in the Taranaki Region'.</p>	<p><i>New Fish & Game website went live 7/02/2024.</i></p>
<p>3. Continue posting on the Council's facebook page in line with any National Policy to regularly inform licence holders using this forum.</p>	<p><i>Six 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 192 followers and 125 likes.</i></p>

Objective: Encourage past and prospective hunters and anglers into the sport through initiatives which make it easy to have a go and/or provide support.

<p>4. Develop and utilise licence holder email list to keep hunters and anglers up to date.</p> <p>5. Complete Reel Life and Both Barrels supplements consistent with national R3 recommendations.</p> <p>6. Provide a quality 2-page regional supplement in each edition of Fish & Game Magazine.</p> <p>7. Publication of valued hunting and fishing newsletters sent to regional licence holders and hunting landowners. Hunting newsletter also distributed to all rural box holders in the region.</p> <p>8. Proactively provide timely and useful information to licence holders when requested.</p> <p>9. Replace/ erect 2 -3 new signs which provide anglers with helpful on-site information re access and regulations consistent with identified priorities.</p> <p>10. Continue to explore opportunities to install 3rd angling platform on Lake Mangamahoe.</p> <p>11. Provide organised fishing opportunities in Lake Rotomanu and the Patea River in Stratford consistent with R3</p>	<p><i>Licence list utilised for TRC NRP mailout and Lower NI Lowdown ezine and lapsed participant email (29/11/2023).</i></p> <p><i>Reel Life articles prepared 21/09/2023, 17/10/2023, 20/11/2023, 19/12/2023, 23/01/2024, 26/02/2024, 15/03/2024 & 23/04/2024. River and angling information were provided for the "Lower North Island Lowdown" ezine each Thursday until early April 2024. Articles for the "Both Barrells" Ezine were prepared on 14/03/2024; 21/04/2024, 17/05/2024, 21/06/2024 & 23/07/2024. Taranaki information was provided to the Wellington F&G weekly hunting email newsletter from 23/04/2024.</i></p> <p><i>2-page supplement prepared for hunting special issue 58 (2/02/2024) and proofed 28/02/2024. A 3-page supplement was prepared for fishing special issue 59 (1/07/2024)</i></p> <p><i>Joint 8-page Wellington – Taranaki regional fishing newsletter prepared and posted to licence holders. Joint 8-page Wellington – Taranaki regional hunting newsletter prepared and posted to licence holders and Taranaki rural box holders.</i></p> <p><i>Information provided on request. Checked Taranaki information in the 2024 game bird hunting guide (21/02/2024).</i></p> <p><i>Liaised with Ernslaw-One regarding angler access to Lake Namunamu. Confirmed that access is restricted until forest harvest is complete, with access for a fish release scheduled for April 2026 (3 years after the last one.</i></p> <p><i>Liaised with a local Waimarino angler regarding provision of stiles over fencing on Atihau land adjacent to Taonui Stream (25/06/2024). Atihau have given permission.</i></p> <p><i>A successful Lake Rotomanu family trout fishing day was held on 28/10/2023 in</i></p>
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objectives and branding and in association with volunteer groups for kids and families.

in conjunction with the Inglewood Rod, Gun & Recreation Club, Taranaki Hunting & Fishing and Hynds Pipe Systems.

In conjunction with the Stratford Fishing Club, a funding application for the Stratford kids' trout fishing day was submitted to the Taranaki Electricity Trust on 12/10/2023, with a grant of \$2,718 approved on 17/11/2023. A successful Stratford kids' trout fishing promotion was held on 2/12/2023, with plenty of fishing activity in the following weeks.

Short-break fishing licences were provided to nine anglers from the Reel Recovery Retreat for a fishing weekend in the Waimarino on 2 – 3 March 2024.

12. When fish are available, release 2-year rainbow trout into Sattler's Dam to provide opportunities for kids and families.

Liaised with DOC's Tongariro National Trout Centre (16/02/2024) and confirmed availability of trout, with release occurring on 26/03/2024.

13. Review, negotiate, publicise and issue access permits to publicly available hunting areas and actively seek and develop new opportunities.

Contacted forest managers and confirmed access arrangements for the 2024 season.

Ernslaw-One forest access policy reviewed (4/06/2024).

14. Identify and explore mentoring schemes to support new hunters.

15. Develop web based introductory package for anglers highlighting access opportunities and methods to get started.

16. Proactively take opportunities to make effective representation in statutory and other community processes to maintain or enhance hunting or angling access and opportunity.

17. Complete review of Kaupokonui and Waingongoro catchment angler access information and implement identified opportunities to assist access.

18. Assess satisfaction and success of Taranaki Region anglers using catch rates from a voluntary diary scheme and online satisfaction survey.

Angler diaries sent to 29 anglers. Data collated from seven returns.

19. Locate and publicise quality trout, perch and game bird recipes that enable anglers and hunters to make good use of these species.

<p>20. Assess satisfaction of Taranaki Region hunters using an online satisfaction survey.</p>	<p><i>Liaised with staff nationally to develop up to four questions to be asked in the opening weekend hunter survey.</i></p>
<p>21. Implement actions to influence hunter behaviour as identified in hunter behaviour strategy to maximise enjoyment and participation and also public support for gamebird hunting.</p>	
<p>22. Provision of ready and valued support and assistance to licence agents such that they are kept up to date, resourced and operate as effective agents</p>	<p><i>Assistance to Licence agents provided as and when required.</i></p>

IWI & PUBLIC INTERACTION

2022/2023 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
<p>Objective: Work proactively and collaboratively with iwi at all levels consistent with Treaty of Waitangi obligations and responsibilities regarding the protection and use of natural resources.</p>	
<p>1. Proactively engage, work and collectively share with iwi and hapu within the region on matters affecting wetland and freshwater resources or their use.</p>	<p><i>Attended meeting with Pukerangiora hapu environmental staff (8/03/2024) to discuss re-consenting of the NPDC's water take from Ngatoro Stream for Inglewood supply.</i> <i>Liaised with Ngati Rangi Iwi regarding koura deaths in Waitangi Stream (18/04/2024).</i> <i>Liaised with Te Atiawa (Sera Gibson 3/07/2024) regarding F&G electric fishing sites where piharau ammocoetes have been found recently;</i> <i>Attended meeting with Te Atiawa (11/07/2024) regarding Manawa Energy consents for the Mangorei & Motukawa HEP Schemes and TRC plan consultation;</i> <i>Liaised with Nga Iwi o Taranaki (Maria Hokopaura) re: TRC plan consultation (5/07/2024);</i> <i>Attended meeting with Ngati Ruanui (Nicola Coogan, Graham Young) & Fonterra, Silver Fern Farms, Lowe Corp. & TRC to discuss Tawhiti Stream remediation (18/07/2024).</i></p>
<p>Objective: Strong relationships and involvement with DOC and local and regional councils to effectively represent the interests of hunters and anglers in formal decision-making process.</p>	
<p>2. Liaise with Department of Conservation and Conservation Boards and proactively engage and work with Regional and District councils and community & industry groups.</p>	<p><i>Liaised with DOC, Horizons RC & Iwi regarding a plan to deal with any eel death events in the Whanganui River catchment over summer and with DOC re: koura deaths in Waitangi Stream (18/04/2024) and koi carp removal from an Inglewood pond (9/05/2024).</i> <i>Liaised with DOC/TRC regarding unauthorised tracks and rubbish at Tapuarau (Hawkens) Lagoon (20/11/2023 & 18/03/2024).</i></p>

	<p><i>Liaised with DOC re: Umutekai hunting access.</i></p> <p><i>Attended Horizons RC "Jobs for Nature" governance group meeting (23/07/2024) to receive updates on progress with riparian fencing & planting and fish barrier identification and remediation in the Horizons region.</i></p> <p><i>Issued sports fishing authorities to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>SLR Consulting to carry out fish monitoring using electric fishing in the Patea catchment upstream of Patea Dam on behalf of Manawa Energy Ltd. (19/12/2023);</i> • <i>Vaipuhi and Waikokopu Consulting to investigate fish distribution and fish health in a section of the Mangaehuehu Stream, using fyke and G-minnow netting and electrofishing (15/01/2023).</i> • <i>NZDF (Clare Ridler) to carry out fish monitoring using electric fishing in the Waitangi Stream (3/04/2024).</i>
<p>Objective: Engender support for hunting and fishing and the activities of Fish & Game by the general public and others who recognise that these activities contribute to a better environment and healthy lifestyle and in turn who support protecting these resources and the opportunities to participate</p>	
<p>3. Recognise and pursue opportunities to contribute to the wider community including 'Wild for Taranaki' and 'Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust'.</p> <p>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</p>	<p><i>Wild for Taranaki's annual Biodiversity Forum was attended on 26/10/2023. In conjunction with Wellington F&G staff and volunteers (Ami Coughlan, Matt Kavermann & Colin Shore), a workshop to introduce volunteers to bird banding (e.g. Rapanui grey-faced petrel trust) was held in New Plymouth on 28/29 November 2023. Liaised with WfT (12/02/2024) regarding availability of volunteers to help with duck banding in Whanganui (2 responses but both cancelled). Feedback was provided to the Rotokare Trust (Fiona Gordon; 27/11/2023) regarding a proposal to establish new populations of brown mudfish.</i></p> <p><i>Attended WfT biodiversity quarterly catch-up (6/06/2024).</i></p> <p><i>Liaised with Jetboat NZ (Ross Goldsack; 14/05/2024) regarding one-off event speed limit uplift for the Tongaporutu River.</i></p> <p><i>Liaised with TRC staff about consenting requirements for wetland creation and enhancement work.</i></p>

<p>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>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. A press release was sent to the Hawera Star and Stratford Press (+ advert) to promote the Stratford kids' trout fishing day (7/11/2023) and a More FM Breakfast interview was done (14/11/2023). Publicity was undertaken for the summer paradise season, which included adverts in the Taranaki Daily News (1/02/2024) and Taranaki Farming Lifestyles publications (23/02/2024), articles in the Stratford Press (9/02/2024), South Taranaki Star & Daily News (12/02/2024) and a More FM Breakfast interview (13/02/2024).</p> <p>2024 Game season advertorial organised in the Ruapehu Bulletin, Whanganui Chronicle & Taranaki Farming Lifestyles publications. Game season articles sent to the Stratford Press, South Taranaki Star & Daily News (23/04/2024).</p>
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COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

2023/2024 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
<p>Objective: Sound and effective governance which facilitates a co-operative and supportive relationship between Council, staff and licence holders that enables effective management of resources in the best interests of the licence holder and the fish & game resource.</p> <p>1. Not less than six meetings of Council are held and meetings are conducted consistent with provisions of the Standing Orders.</p>	<p>Council meetings were held at Opunake on 14/10/2023, the AGM and ordinary meeting in Raetihi on 9/12/2023 & a meeting held via zoom on 15/02/2024. Council meetings were attended in Stratford on 16/03/2024 & 25/05/2024.</p> <p>A Councillor and staff attended the funeral of F&G life member David Dannefaerd on</p>

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Council undertakes governance training provided nationally, preferably in conjunction with Wellington Fish & Game Council. 3. Identification and implementation of options and strategies to increase the diversity of Council and iwi involvement. 4. The 5-Year Strategic Plan is reviewed and agreed by Council by March 2024. 5. Formulation and adoption of an Annual Operational Plan and Budget for 2024/25 consistent with the 5-Year Strategic Plan. 6. Presentation by Council of its audited annual report for 2022/23 not later than 31 December 2023. Report to be consistent with tier 2 Service Performance standards and requirements. 7. Effective regional policies are developed, adopted and reviewed as required and are consistent with any National Policy requirements. 8. Progress reporting of licence sales, work progress and financial position is timely and accurate and supports sound financial and operational management and oversight. 9. Effective administration such that the Council is within annual budget ($\pm 5\%$), operates consistent with best practice and at least 90% of its annual plan is completed. 10. Effective staff management including performance reviews completed and new objectives agreed for staff, and regular staff meetings such that staff are aware of what is generally occurring and have ready opportunity for input into decisions and management direction. 	<p><i>13/10/2023. Councillors attended the funeral of Pogat Moratti on 25/01/2024.</i></p> <p><i>Draft 2024/25 Annual Plan presented at Council's 16/03/2024 meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Audited annual report prepared and presented for adoption at the AGM on 9th December 2023.</i></p> <p><i>Included in all agendas</i></p> <p><i>Weekly staff meetings held each Monday morning.</i></p> <p><i>Field Officer Jacob Morison took 12 months unpaid leave from 25/09/2023. Resignation letter from Jacob received on 2/07/2024. Advert for new staff member placed on Seek on 8/07/2024.</i></p>
<p>Objective: Operate consistent with National Policy and make valued contributions to the management of the resource and Fish & Game nationally in the interests of all licence holders.</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Implement any outcomes and directions from Fish & Game Ministerial Review and /or National Council reviews. 12. Progress amalgamation discussions with the Wellington Fish & Game Council and implement agreed measures which don't require legislative change. 	

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

<p>13. Effective communication and liaison with NZ Fish & Game Council and other Fish & Game regions including valued input and comment on Fish & Game issues and attendance at Fish & Game Managers meetings.</p>	<p><i>Staff participated in the following national group meetings:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Gamebird Monitoring: 7/09/2023</i> • <i>CLE Group: 27/09/2023, 30/01/2024, 30/04/2024 & 13/05/2024</i> • <i>Hatchery Group: 9/11/2023</i> • <i>Fisheries Group meeting 15/02/2024.</i> <p><i>All staff attended the F&G Staff conference in Rotorua on 12 – 14 September 2023.</i></p> <p><i>The CEO attended managers zoom meetings on 7th, 21st and 25th September and 5th and 19th October 2023</i></p>
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Objective: Demonstrate a commitment to Health & Safety and ensuring the welfare of staff and others through effective policy, systems, resourcing and oversight.

<p>14. Contribute to National Office by providing valued advice, assistance and feedback on national issues and processes as requested.</p> <p>15. Refine financial administration, reporting and analysis working with NZF&G Council and staff.</p> <p>16. All processes and activities are undertaken consistent with Council Health & Safety Policy and Manual.</p> <p>17. Staff are actively involved in implementing HSAW policy and ensuring a safe workplace, including by undertaking two monthly staff meetings where HSAW is a specific agenda item.</p> <p>18. Compliance with HSAW requirements and policy including scheduled reviews and audits along with any issues identified or near misses routinely reported to each meeting of Council.</p>	<p><i>Taranaki provided a contribution to a “National Legacy Document”.</i></p> <p><i>Provided region’s response to request for information from the Minister of Hunting & Fishing.</i></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. Garmin “inreach” reactivated and carried by staff (along with epirob and gps) during summer fieldwork. H&S Plan prepared (14/03/2024) for Sattler’s Dam fish release and liaised with Raetihi Police re: potential for poaching. Excess LPG cylinders lodged in off-site lock-up (6/03/2024). Polaris SxS serviced 24/04/2024.</i></p>
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Recommendation

That the Budget Report to 30th June 2024 and Project Progress Report to 25 July 2024 be received.

Agenda Item 20 Financial Reports – Income Statement and Financial Transactions

Summary

Confirmation and clarification of financial reports -

Income Statement and from 1 September up to end June 2024 (2023/2024 Financial Year to date).

a. Income Statement to 30 June 2024

Nothing to highlight

b. Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2024

Nothing to highlight

c. BNZ Statement of Accounts to 27 June 2024

Nothing to highlight

For Information Only

Recommendation/Action

Council move to receive Financial Statements for Year-to-Date for the 2023/2024 Financial Year – Income Statement up to end June 2024 and Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2024.

Profit and Loss For Council

Taranaki Fish and Game Council
For the 22 months ended 30 June 2024

	SEPT 2023-JUN 2024	YTD BUDGET	2024 OVERALL BUDGET	VARIANCE	VARIANCE %
Revenue					
Licence Income					
Fish Licence Income	131,577	119,845	124,845	11,732 ↑	10% ↑
Game Licence Income	93,547	104,505	104,505	(10,958) ↓	-10% ↓
Less Commission and Fees	(8,724)	-	-	(8,724) ↓	- —
Total Licence Income	216,399	224,350	229,350	(7,951)	-4%
Grants	145,437	145,437	193,916	0 ↓	0% ↓
Interest Received	12,118	4,831	6,441	7,287 ↑	151% ↑
Other Income	11,172	4,783	21,450	6,389 ↑	134% ↑
Gross Profit	385,127	379,401	451,157	5,726	2%
Operating Expenses					
SPECIES MANAGEMENT					
Population Monitoring	15,337	17,227	17,227	(1,890) ↓	-11% ↓
Hatchery Operations	14,270	8,334	10,000	5,936 ↑	71% ↑
Releases	6,273	5,000	6,000	1,273 ↑	25% ↑
Control	451	2,083	2,500	(1,632) ↓	-78% ↓
Total SPECIES MANAGEMENT	36,331	32,644	35,727	3,687	11%
HABITAT PROTECTION / MANAGEMENT					
Resource Management Act	3	-	-	3 ↑	- —
Assisted Habitat	5,629	-	20,000	5,629 ↑	- —
Total HABITAT PROTECTION / MANAGEMENT	5,632	-	20,000	5,632	-
PARTICIPATION					
Access	-	900	1,000	(900) ↓	-100% ↓
Newsletters Magazine Web pages	11,548	9,500	9,500	2,048 ↑	22% ↑
Training	-	834	1,000	(834) ↓	-100% ↓
Clubs	300	300	300	- —	- —
Total PARTICIPATION	11,848	11,534	11,800	314	3%
PUBLIC INTERFACE					
Liaison	103	100	100	3 ↑	3% ↑
Advocacy	2,425	3,666	4,400	(1,241) ↓	-34% ↓
Total PUBLIC INTERFACE	2,529	3,766	4,500	(1,237)	-33%
COMPLIANCE					

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	SEPT 2023-JUN 2024	YTD BUDGET	2024 OVERALL BUDGET	VARIANCE	VARIANCE %
Ranging	506	500	500	6 ↑	1% ↑
Ranger Training	3,542	500	500	3,042 ↑	608% ↑
Compliance	-	2,100	2,100	(2,100) ↓	-100% ↓
Total COMPLIANCE	4,048	3,100	3,100	948	31%
LICENCING					
Licence Agents	-	1,744	2,244	(1,744) ↓	-100% ↓
Licencing	822	8,601	10,321	(7,779) ↓	-90% ↓
Total LICENCING	822	10,345	12,565	(9,523)	-92%
COUNCIL					
Council Meeting Expenses	4,618	7,916	9,500	(3,298) ↓	-42% ↓
Total COUNCIL	4,618	7,916	9,500	(3,298)	-42%
PLANNING & REPORTING					
Management / Strategic Planning	-	833	1,000	(833) ↓	-100% ↓
Reporting Audit	463	416	6,340	47 ↑	11% ↑
National Liaison	-	-	100	- —	- —
Total PLANNING & REPORTING	463	1,249	7,440	(786)	-63%
OVERHEADS					
Salaries	192,422	232,400	278,880	(39,978) ↓	-17% ↓
Staff Expenses	2,208	3,050	3,500	(842) ↓	-28% ↓
Office Premises	18,569	18,500	22,200	69 ↑	0% ↑
Office Equipment	2,596	1,665	2,000	931 ↑	56% ↑
Communications / Consumables	4,910	6,000	7,250	(1,090) ↓	-18% ↓
General	2,745	2,541	2,870	204 ↑	8% ↑
General Equipment	-	5,001	6,000	(5,001) ↓	-100% ↓
Vehicles	16,632	12,887	15,375	3,745 ↑	29% ↑
Total OVERHEADS	240,082	282,044	338,075	(41,962)	-15%
Depreciation	-	-	16,826	- —	- —
Total Operating Expenses	306,371	352,598	459,533	(46,227)	-13%
New Surplus/(Deficit)	78,756	26,803	(8,376)	51,953	194%

Balance Sheet

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

As at 30 June 2024

30 JUN 2024

Assets

Bank

BNZ Current Account	206,235.98
BNZ Term 3031	401,636.60
MRP	1,671.78
Total Bank	609,544.36

Current Assets

Accounts Receivable	33,225.23
Total Current Assets	33,225.23

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
Total Fixed Assets	74,327.45

Total Assets	717,097.04
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Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	14,139.20
Accruals and Prepaid Licences	(122.00)
BNZ Credit Card - Allen	652.65
Designated Waters Licence	107.16
Duck Stamp Levy Clearing	4,934.79
Employee Entitlements	39,136.79
GST	22,296.51
Income in advance	9,858.00
PAYE Clearing	5,082.38
Rounding	0.03
Sea Run Salmon Endorsement	45.73
Total Current Liabilities	96,131.24

Total Liabilities	96,131.24
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Net Assets	620,965.80
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Equity

Accumulated Funds	146,208.68
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Asset Replacement Funding	11,578.00
Back Country Fisheries Reserve	20,139.79
Current Year Earnings	78,755.96
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	620,965.80



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Statement of Accounts as at 27 June 2024

Your Accounts at a Glance

Account	Account Number	Maturity Date	Balance
 Non Profit Org A/C	02-0792-0332133-000		206,235.98
 MRP	02-0792-0332133-001		1,671.78

Your Other Accounts at a Glance

Account	Account Number	Maturity Date	Balance
 Term Deposit	36332133-03031	06 Aug 2024	401,636.60

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.

Agenda Item 21 Correspondence

Summary

Correspondence:

No items directly addressed to Council not already addressed in agenda.

For Information Only

Recommendation/Action

Council move to receive the correspondence to 30 June 2024 – not required

Inwards Correspondence

Date	Meeting	From	Staff Councillor	Subject
17.5.24	Aug-24	Terry Calmeyer – Enspire	Allen	Lake Mangamahoe Fish Screen draft AEE
17.5.24	Aug-24	Todd Nicholson – Horizons	Allen	Whenuku Road Quarry – Kaitiaki Group Forum
22.5.24	Aug-24	Josh Dowsing – TRC	Allen	Whenuku Quarry Management Plans
28.5.24	Aug-24	Karl Henderson – Balance Kapuni	Allen	Request to increase annual limit for Spectrus BD1500 and to add Spectrus BD1507
31.5.24	Aug-24	Kahureremoa Aki - Tekopuka	Allen	Whanganui River Symposium
5.6.24	Aug-24	Dan Casey	Allen	Greenfern Industries Stakeholder Meeting
10.6.24	Aug-24	Kahureremoa Aki - Tekopuka	Allen	Summary notes from Friday's Working Group
11.6.24	Aug-24	Nigal Jordan – Horizons	Allen	Mangateitei Stream rock work
11.6.24	Aug-24	Taranaki Regional Council	Allen	Help shape the rules – Meeting dates, times and venues
17.6.24	Aug-24	Lynette Baish – Ernslaw One	Allen	Ernslaw One Forest Access Policy Stakeholder Consultation
18.6.24	Aug-24	Amy Eggers – Horizons	Allen	Orautoha Riparian Project – Final year
19.6.24	Aug-24	Fred McLay – TRC	Allen	Kapuni water take – seeking comments
19.6.24	Aug-24	Taranaki Regional Council	Allen	Taranaki Freshwater workshop 16.7.24
21.6.24	Aug-24	Hayden Kinraid – mpi	Allen	Freshwater Biosecurity Partnership Programme Monthly Teleconference
25.6.24	Aug-24	Nicola Coogan – Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui	Allen	Tawhiti Stream
2.7.24	Aug-24	Steve Hainstock – Maritime NZ	Allen	Letter of grant for JBNZ river rally – Tongaporutu River
3.7.24	Aug-24	Kay McAlpine – TRC	Allen	TRC 2024-2034 Long Term Plan
8.7.24	Aug-24	Robert Browning	Allen	Copies of Invoices for 400 Pheasants for Paetawa Station
18.7.24	Aug-24	Logan Brown – Horizons	Allen	Fish passage and Riparian Programme 2023-24
17.7.24	Aug-24	Danielle Gibas – Wild for Taranaki	Allen	Puke Ariki Public Talk – 24 July – Freshwater
22.7.24	Aug-24	Luke Balchin – Mitchell Daysh	Allen	Low Corp consent application – Tawhiti Stream
22.7.24	Aug-24	Gamebird Habitat Trust Board	Allen	Five year review of successful grant projects, 2018
30.7.24	Aug-24	Tui Wright – horizons	Allen	Horizons Special Licence Permit
1.8.24	Aug-24	Kim Smith – NPDC	Allen	Devon Intermediate waste water renewal
1.8.24	Aug-24	Yanika Reed MPI	Allen	Freshwater Biosecurity Partnership Programme monthly teleconference
2.8.24	Aug-24	Kahureremoa Aki - Tekopuka	Allen	Working group notes

Outwards Correspondence

Date	Meeting	To	Staff Councillor	Subject
17.5.24	Aug-24	Richie Cosgrove	Allen	Both Barrells
20.5.24	Aug-24	Karl Henderson – Balance Kapuni	Allen	Reply to Request to increase annual limit for Spectrus BD1500 and to add Spectrus BD1507
20.5.24	Aug-24	Terry Calmeyer – Enspire	Allen	Lake Mangamahoe Fish Screen draft AEE
20.5.24	Aug-24	John Hollows – Ernslaw One	Allen	Waihianoa Fords
27.5.24	Aug-24	Peter Smith	Allen	Fishing offence – Manganuioteao river
4.6.24	Aug-24	Lynette Baish – Ernslaw One	Allen	Draft Forest Access Policy
13.6.24	Aug-24	Carl Hurley	Allen	Kaupokonui River query
13.6.24	Aug-24	Josh Dowsing – TRC	Allen	Whenuku Quarry Management Plans
19.6.24	Aug-24	Roslyn Simmonds – AWFG	Allen	Both Barrells June
4.7.24	Aug-24	Tarra Robins – TRC	Allen	Application by NPDC to renew consent – Lake rotomanu
22.7.24	Aug-24	Gamebird Habitat Trust Board	Allen	Rakautaua 2021 Wetland Grant
22.7.24	Aug-24	Gamebird Habitat Trust Board	Allen	Takahuri Wetland – 5 year review
23.7.24	Aug-24	Roslyn Simmonds – AWFG	Allen	Both Barrells July
29.7.24	Aug-24	Finnley Binsbergen – TRC	Allen	NZTA Te Henui Stream Motorway culvert fish pass
1.8.24	Aug-24	Tui Wright horizons	Allen	Horizons special licence permit
2.8.24	Aug-24	Ami & Phil	Allen	TRC Submission

Agenda Item 22 Recognition Awards

Summary

Consideration of recognising volunteer or exceptional service.

For Information Only

Recommendation/Action

No action required

Agenda Item 23 Conservation Board Liaison

Summary

Consider formal (re) engagement with Conservation Board.

Noted under legislation that this should occur.

For Information Only

Recommendation/Action

No action required. CE to request meeting timetables and agendas.

Agenda Item 24 **General Business**

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.

For Information Only

Recommendation/Action

No action required.

Agenda Item 25 **Confirmation of Next Meeting Date**

Summary

Confirmation of the next meeting will be held on 2 November 2024 at 10am, Stratford

Karakia – Closing

Thanks for your wisdom in making
decisions today

Good health to you all

**Nga mihi mo to whakaaro nui ki te
whakatau i tenei ra**

Kia ora koutou katoa