



## **Council Meeting Agenda**

**Taranaki Fish and Game Council**

**7 December 2024**

**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**Saturday 7 December 2024**

**10:00am**

**Auto Lodge Motor Inn  
393 Devon Street East  
New Plymouth**

# TARANAKI 2024-25 Agenda Plan



NZC MEETING LOCATION	October 2024	December 2024	February 2025	March 2025	June 2025	August 2025
	Stratford	New Plymouth	Stratford	Stratford	Stratford	Stratford
<b>STANDING AGENDA ITEMS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Procedural Items: Apologies; Declaration of Conflict of Interest; Minutes of Previous Meeting; Matters/Actions Arising from Previous Meeting.</li> <li>NZ Council Business.</li> <li>Inter-regional Business: Shared Resources with Wellington; Organisational Regional Liaison.</li> <li>Decision Items.</li> <li>Strategic Matters: Risk Management; Strategic Plan (5 yr); Iwi Engagement; Sports Fish &amp; Game Bird Management Plan).</li> <li>Policy and Legislation.</li> <li>Health and Safety Report.</li> <li>Information Reports/Operational Matters: Species Management; Habitat Management and Advocacy; Participation; Public Awareness/Communication; Licence Sales and Management, Operational Summary, Financial Summary).</li> <li>Correspondence.</li> </ul>						
<b>STANDING STRATEGIC ITEMS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policies for Review</li> </ul>						
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# AGENDA TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday 7 December 2024

Auto Lodge Motor Inn, 393 Devon Street East, New Plymouth

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## Agenda Item 1    **Welcome**

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### Summary

Welcome to Councillors and public.

### Welcome Message – korero powhiri

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

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### Present and In Attendance

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### Summary

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

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## Agenda Item 2    Apologies

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### Summary

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

Decision Required
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### Recommendation/Action

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

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## Agenda Item 3      **Conflict of Interest**

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### **Summary**

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

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

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

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

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

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Conflict of Interest Identified</b>	<b>Date Declared</b>
Chris Donald	Member of Inglewood Rod, Hunting and Clay Target Club	14 June 2014
Alan Flynn	• None noted	
John Nancarrow	• Member of Inglewood Rod, Hunting and Clay Target Club	17 August 2024
Romon Sargeson	• None noted	
Gerard Karalus	• None noted	
Rawenata Saunders	• None noted	
Chris Mattock	• None Noted	

<b>Staff</b>	<b>Conflict of Interest Identified</b>	<b>Date Declared</b>
Phil Teal	• Manager of Wellington Fish & Game Council	19 October 2024

*As at 2 November 2024*

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## Agenda Item 4      **Minutes of Meeting of Special Meeting 2 November 2024**

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### Summary

Consider the unconfirmed and draft Minutes of the Special Meeting of 2 November 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.

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

Move motion accepting confirming that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of 2 November 2024 are a true and correct reflection of the meeting (subject to any amendments noted).

***that the Taranaki Fish and Game Council adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 2 November 2024 be considered as a true and correct record of that meeting.***



## TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF SPECIAL (FIRST) MEETING OF THE NEW TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL, HELD AT 3/477A DEVON STREET EAST, STRANDON, NEW PLYMOUTH, SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2024 COMMENCING AT 9:05AM

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Chief Executive Phil Teal assumed the chair as per standing orders and called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

#### 1. WELCOME

Councillor Alan Flynn opened the meeting with a Karakia.

The Chief Executive welcomed new Councillors, incumbent Councillors and staff to the meeting.

#### 2. PRESENT

Chief Executive Phil Teal (via Zoom), Councillors Chris Donald, Alan Flynn, Gerard Karalus, John Nancarrow, Chris Mattock, and Romon Sargeson (via Zoom), Rawenata Saunders (late).

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Fish & Game Staff Jilli Steedman (via Zoom), Allen Stancliff, and Jack Harland.

#### 3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Rawenata Saunders for lateness.

MOVED SARGESON / NANCARROW

THAT APOLOGIES RECEIVED, BE SUSTAINED  
CARRIED

#### 4. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

The Chief Executive called for nominations for Chairman.

MOVED FLYNN / NANCARROW

THAT CHRIS DONALD BE NOMINATED AS CHAIRMAN OF TARANAKI  
FISH AND GAME COUNCIL  
CARRIED

There were no other nominations received.

Councillor Chris Donald was declared elected and congratulated by the Council [Acclamation]. Chris Donald expressed his thanks for Council's confidence.

Chris Donald assumed the chair and called for nominations for the appointment of the NZ Fish and Game Council appointee.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF NZ FISH AND GAME COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

MOVED FLYNN / NANCARROW  
THAT COUNCILLOR GERARD KARALUS BE NOMINATED AS NATIONAL  
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL  
CARRIED

There were no other nominations received.

Councillor Karalus was declared elected, and congratulated by Council.

Councillor Saunders arrived at the meeting at 9:15am,

6. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

It was noted that the conflict for the Chairman Chris Donald had not been updated to reflect the Inglewood Rod, Hunting & Clay Target Club's name change.

7. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 19 OCTOBER 2024**

MOVED NANCARROW / SARGESON  
THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 19 OCTOBER  
2024, IN STRATFORD, BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT  
RECORD.  
CARRIED

8. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PUBLIC EXCLUDED MEETING 19  
OCTOBER 2024**

MOVED KARALUS / SARGESON  
THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup>  
OCTOBER 2024, IN STRATFORD, BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND  
CORRECT RECORD  
CARRIED

9. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The Chief Executive noted that matters arising will be discussed at the next council meeting other than matters that require urgent attention.

10. **2025 COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

Councillor Mattock noted that the May meeting falls on Kings Birthday weekend.

Councillors agreed that this meeting should be held on 24 May 2025.

It was agreed that the AGM would be held in Whanganui on 13 December 2025.

The Chief Executive noted that it would be preferable to hold a joint Governance training module with Wellington Fish and Game in Palmerston North and it was agreed that this would be scheduled for mid to late January 2025.

MOVED NANCARROW / SARGESON  
THAT THE SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS WITH  
AMENDMENTS, BE AGREED AND ADOPTED  
CARRIED

**8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Councillor Karalus enquired as to whether there had been any progress with the farm property trust of which Taranaki Fish & Game would be a beneficiary, but not a Trustee as originally proposed.

Allen Stancliff presented a Fish & Game ranger challenge coin that Brad Dannefaerd had made as a collectable.

**9. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting and AGM will be held in New Plymouth on 7 December 2024.

**9. CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:40am.

**APPROVED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD**

CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

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### Summary

#### a. Action List Summary

Consider the Action List from the Minutes of the Meeting of 19 October 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.

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

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

## Actions from 19 October 2024 Meeting and 2 November 2024 Special Meeting

Action	Responsibility	Status
Update Conflicts of Interest Register – Chris Donald is a member of the Inglewood Rod, Hunting and Clay Target Club (to reflect the Club's name change) – 2 November 2024 Special Meeting	Phil	Completed
Confirm a joint meeting or workshop with Wellington Fish and Game Council in December 2024 or January 2025 in Palmerston North	Phil	Progressed and scheduled for Jan 2025 but needs final confirmation
Allen Stancliff be confirmed as the representative for Fish and Game on the Te Kopuka Committee – with Adam Daniel (Auckland/Waikato F&GC) as the reserve representative.	Allen	Completed
Adopt the Vehicle Use Policy	Phil	Completed

## Actions from previous Meetings

Action	Date	Responsibility	Status
Send confirmation letter to Inglewood RRR Club regarding liberalising fishing techniques on Lake Mangamahoe.	17 August 2024	Phil/Allen	Completed
Consider development of access information for perch fishing opportunities in Taranaki (including pamphlet). Consider in strategic planning considerations.	17 August 2024	Phil/Allen	Pending
Develop a management plan for raupo control on Hawken's Lagoon	25 May 2024	Phil/Allen	Pending

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## Agenda Item 6    **NZ Fish and Game Council Business**

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### Summary

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

- a. NZ Council Meeting – November 2024
  - Any matters arising from this or previous meeting(s)
- b. Changes in Approach to Budget Process
  - Implementation of a Zero Based Budget (ZBB)
- c. Other NZ Council Business

<b>FEEDBACK REQUIRED</b>
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### Recommendation/Action

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

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**Agenda Item 7    Public Forum**

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**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

<b>No Decision Required</b>
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**Recommendation/Action**

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

### 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.

#### b. Response to Letter from Minister of Hunting and Fishing 4 November 2024

Chairman to provide an overview of feedback sought by the Minister.

Consider and develop response by **16 December 2024** to the Minister:

1. What opportunities are there to make efficiencies, reduce duplication and ensure economies of scale across Fish and Game (e.g. shared services) to improve value for money for licence holders? How could these be best achieved?
2. What do you think about the Governance Review recommendation to merge regions, and on what basis would this be appropriate?
3. What would better support you as councillors and as Fish and Game generally:
  - a. would a reduced number of councillors on each council improve effectiveness and decision making?
  - b. would a modest honorarium for councillors recognise and support your voluntary role?
  - c. how can the relationship between your Council and the NZC be improved to support the organisation and licence holders? Is the current way of nominating your representative to the NZC working? How can there be stability for the NZC over the whole term?
  - d. what other measures would support your Council to be more effective and trusted (e.g. wider eligibility to stand and vote in elections, a fit and proper person test)?
  - e. should the criteria under which the Minister currently has the power to remove elected members be reviewed?

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

### Feedback Required

#### Recommendation/Action

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

***Council to identify key points to provide feedback to the Minister of Hunting and Fishing (letter dated 4 November 2024).***



# Hon Todd McClay

Minister of Agriculture  
Minister of Forestry  
Minister for Hunting and Fishing  
Minister for Trade  
Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs



4 November 2024

Phil Teal  
Acting Chair  
By email: [pteal@fishandgame.org.nz](mailto:pteal@fishandgame.org.nz)

TM02437 / 24-B-0525

Dear members of Taranaki Fish and Game Council,

I would like to welcome you as a Council. I recognise and thank you for giving your time on a voluntary basis and look forward to working with you to advance the interests of anglers and hunters.

Parliament have entrusted you with a pivotal role. The decisions you make will have a direct impact in your region for licence holders, the environment and wider communities, and will reflect more broadly on Fish and Game. Your efforts should be focussed on making it easier for licence holders to hunt and fish, and your decisions based on sound evidence.

As a public sector agency, I expect that you will act professionally, and observe appropriate standards of ethics and conduct, equivalent to the Standards of Integrity and Conduct (the Code) issued by the Public Service Commissioner. I expect you to review your internal policy and practices to ensure they align with the Code, and to provide copies to the New Zealand Fish and Game Council (NZC) as my statutory advisors. Where significant issues persist after your Council has exhausted its internal avenues, I expect these to be raised with me.

More widely, I believe there are improvements that we could make to address some long-standing challenges. Fish and Game could be modernised and made more effective to help it refocus on its primary responsibilities and prepare for future challenges. I am committed to working with you over the course of your term to make improvements.

While the 2021 Governance Review was useful, it also had limitations, and time has passed since its recommendations were made. I therefore want to seek your views on a number of questions to help inform our next steps together:

1. What opportunities are there to make efficiencies, reduce duplication and ensure economies of scale across Fish and Game (e.g. shared services) to improve value for money for licence holders? How could these be best achieved?
2. What do you think about the Governance Review recommendation to merge regions, and on what basis would this be appropriate?
3. What would better support you as councillors and as Fish and Game generally:
  - a. would a reduced number of councillors on each council improve effectiveness and decision making?
  - b. would a modest honorarium for councillors recognise and support your voluntary role?

- c. how can the relationship between your Council and the NZC be improved to support the organisation and licence holders? Is the current way of nominating your representative to the NZC working? How can there be stability for the NZC over the whole term?
- d. what other measures would support your Council to be more effective and trusted (e.g. wider eligibility to stand and vote in elections, a fit and proper person test)?
- e. should the criteria under which the Minister currently has the power to remove elected members be reviewed?

I welcome your views as a Council and encourage you to consider and reflect the views of licence holders, Māori interests, and other interested parties in your region in your responses.

Please provide your responses to my office by 16 December 2024.

I intend to visit your region to meet with your Council early in the new year. I look forward to discussing opportunities for the future further then.

Warm regards,



Hon Todd McClay  
**Minister for Hunting and Fishing**

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## Agenda Item 9    **Inter-Regional Business - Governance**

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### Summary

**a. Regional Chairs' Forum Update**

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

**b. Shared Resources Update**

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

**c. Progressing Formal Arrangement - Taranaki – Wellington Amalgamation**

Update on progressing a formal amalgamation with the Minister.

Identify topics for discussion and format for January 2025 workshop.

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

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

*Identify any issues that need to be addressed at a joint meeting and other topics for joint workshop with Wellington Fish and Game Council in January 2025.*

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## Agenda Item 10 Strategic Matters

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### Summary

#### a. Risk Management Review

Update risk management issues associated with:

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

The Risk Management Matrix will be referred to in February when considering strategic planning.

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#### Recommendation/Action

Update as required. No specific changes to the Council's Risk Management Register.

#### b. Iwi Engagement

- Te Kopuka has received confirmation of Allen Stancliff as Fish and Game's representative – as a sign of commitment to the approach being taken.

Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game staff have indicated a desire to attend meetings if required.

- 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
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#### Recommendation/Action

No action is required.

### 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 but confirmation received that DOC are progressing this review.

#### b. Resource Management Act Review

Earlier this year, the Coalition Government outlined a reform plan to replace the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) with two new acts: one focused on environmental management and the other on urban development and infrastructure. This transition includes the introduction of several bills aimed at streamlining the resource management system.

The Resource Management (Freshwater and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2024 came into force on 25 October 2024. The Act amends the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) and several national direction instruments.

The Act has nine key changes and include:

1. Exclude the hierarchy of obligations in the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM) from resource consenting while a review and replacement of the NPS-FM is undertaken.
2. Repeal the low slope map and associated requirements from stock exclusion regulations.
3. Repeal the permitted and restricted discretionary activity regulations and associated conditions for intensive winter grazing from the National Environmental Standards for Freshwater (NES-F) and replaces these with new regulations for setbacks from waterways and critical source areas.
4. Suspend for three years requirements under the NPS-IB for councils to identify new Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) and include them in district plans. The Bill also extends some SNA implementation timeframes.
5. Speed up and simplifies the process for preparing and amending national direction, including national environmental standards, national planning standards, national policy statements and the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement.
6. Clarify councils' ability to consent discharges that would result in significant adverse effects, provided receiving waters are already subject to such effects, and conditions reduce effects over time.
7. Pause the rollout of freshwater farm plans until work to improve the system is finalised.
8. Restrict notification of freshwater planning instruments (regional policy statements and plans that give effect to the NPS-FM 2020) until a new NPS-FM takes effect or 31 December 2025. This applies from 22 October 2024.

A second RMA amendment bill will be introduced to Parliament in December and is due to become law in mid-2025.

An Expert Advisory Group (EAG) has been established to prepare a blueprint to replace the RMA. The EAG will base this blueprint on principles agreed to by Cabinet and the Government's resource management reform objectives and aims to provide recommendations before Christmas 2024. Detailed policy work and legislative drafting will begin after Cabinet has agreed to key aspects of the new legislation in early 2025. The Government aims to introduce bills in Parliament in mid-2025 and pass these into law by mid-2026. The Select Committee process will be the main mechanism for public consultation.

#### c. Fast Track Approvals Bill

- Fast Track Approvals Bill – introduced into Parliament in early March 2024. Submissions heard at Select Committee proceedings and the Environment Committee released its report on the Fast-track Approvals Bill to the House of Representatives on 18 October 2024.

The report makes recommendations on the Bill based on analysis of almost 27,000 submissions received by the Committee between March and April 2024. The Fast-track Approvals Bill will return to Parliament in November and December for its final readings and could become law in late 2024.

- On 6 October, the Government announced its decision to list 149 infrastructure and development projects in the FTA Bill. The projects were grouped by region and sectors, such as housing and land development, renewable energy, aquaculture and farming and infrastructure. Applicants included the Crown, local government, iwi and business.

#### 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. Associate Justice Minister Nicole McKee said the Arms Act had been in place for over 40 years, and would be rewritten by 2026.
- McKee said the first two phases of the firearms reforms were underway, including [strengthening firearms prohibition orders and changes to shooting club regulations](#). The consultation process for the government's firearms registry review has included 17 firearms interest groups in a targeted consultation process for the review, and eight other groups who may take a differing view.

#### e. Organisational Policies

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

Feedback
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Recommendation/Action

No Action Required

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## Agenda Item 12 Health and Safety Report

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### Summary

Consider the Health and Safety Report September 2024 and October 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.

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### Recommendation/Action

*Council to move to receive staff report on Health and Safety for September 2024 and October 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 – September and October 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	All restrictions recommended by the Government were lifted on 15 August 2023.

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. Vehicle Use Policy confirmed.
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 maintained

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 – September 2024	Weekly meetings with feedback sought and required actions noted.
Health & Safety Staff Meeting – October 2024	Weekly meetings with feedback sought and required actions noted.
Reviewed Vehicle Inspection Forms for October 2024	Regular checks for updates encouraged. Any work on vehicle is also encouraged to be completed and up to safe requirements. Service for Recall items on Ford Rangers completed.
Review Health & Safety Manual for Council information	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.

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 September 2024 and October 2024**

## 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.

### b. Game Notice Recommendations

Staff have analysed the monitoring data, and provide guidance on game season regulations for 2025 Game Season.

### c. Black Swan Numbers at Lake Wairarapa

Numbers of black swan on adjacent farmland are causing some concerns for landowners next to the lake.

There has been a request to the Statutory Reserve Board to allow for a controlled Canada goose cull in January organised by local landowners. They are likely to receive permission to do so, and have subsequently requested permission to cull black swan at the same time.

Black swan are managed as a Central New Zealand population – including Wellington, Taranaki, and Nelson/Marlborough regions.

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**Recommendation/Action**

No action required

*No action required.*

## TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

### 2025/26 GAME SEASON GAZETTE NOTICE

This report provides an assessment of population monitoring and harvest information to support the recommended conditions for the 2025/26 Game Season. Recommended season conditions for Paradise shelduck and Black swan will be re-confirmed following results of the January 2025 trend counts.

#### Background

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

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

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

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

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

This consistency from year to year also provides hunters with confidence that they are adhering to season regulations and can invest in equipment and/or habitat development and predator control programmes to improve the game bird resource. This paper is therefore presented from the perspective of whether there is any good reason to depart from the status quo for each gamebird species.

However, having said that, given the decision to amalgamate the Taranaki and Wellington Fish & Game regions, it is also important to have regulations as consistent as possible across the wider region. For this reason, Taranaki adopted a daily bag limit of 12 grey/mallard duck for the 2024 game season, an increase of two birds from the usual 10-bird limit. This follows a 15-bird limit for opening weekend of the 2023 season.

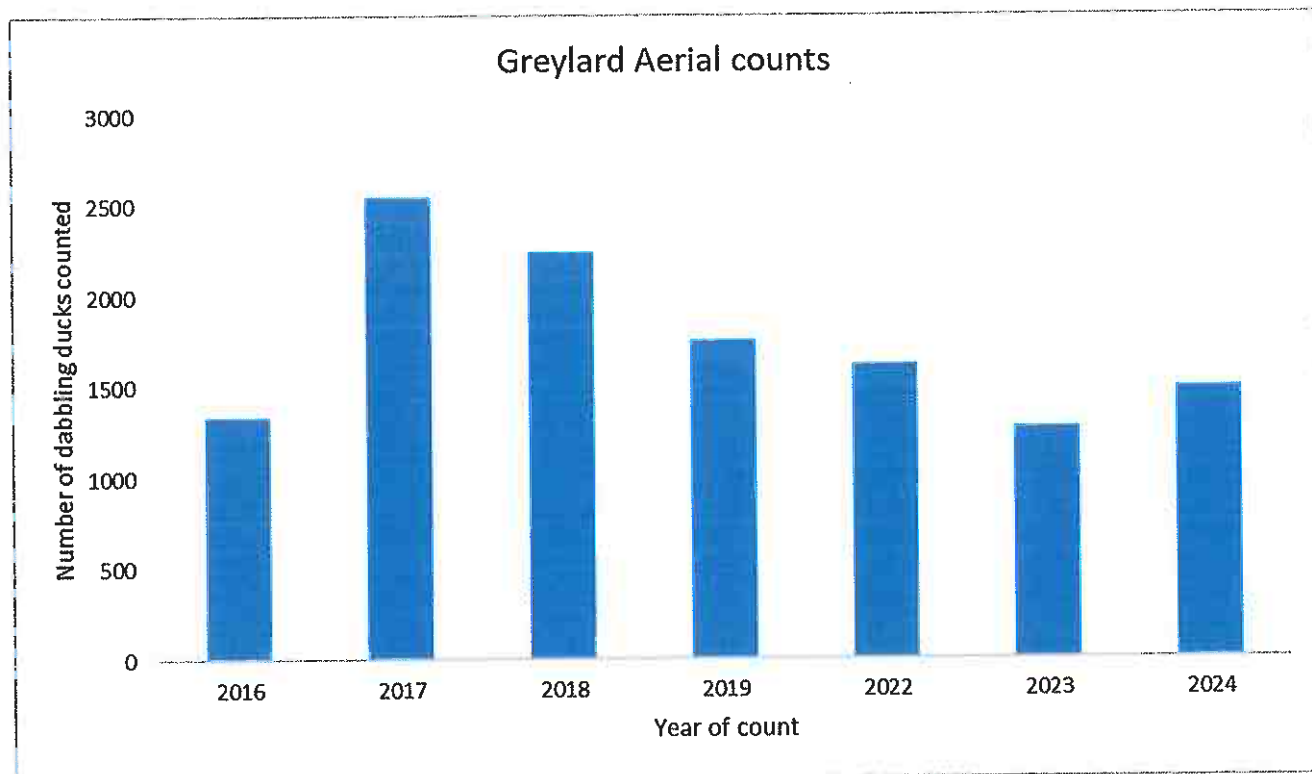
## Current Population Status

### Grey and Mallard Duck (Greylard/rakiraki)

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

From 2016 - 2019 annual aerial counts along 20 randomly selected transects were undertaken around the Taranaki ringplain in early April using a helicopter. After missing two years of flights (2020 and 2021) owing to Covid-19 lockdowns and covid-related budget cuts, aerial helicopter transect flights resumed in April 2022. The 2024 count of 1,491 birds, was higher than the 1,273 greylards counted in 2023 (Figure 1), but still below the average of 1,751 birds for the seven years of counts. Conditions for the 2024 count were very good, as flying in the morning reduced glare from the water on ponds and the pilot kept to the 500 feet observation level, meaning that the count accuracy was likely better than in 2023.

However, what was evident was that traditional farm dairy oxidation ponds on the coastal and south Taranaki ringplain which provide habitat for ducks are gradually being replaced with vertical-sided round metal ponds or steep-sided polythene-lined ponds as farms upgrade their effluent disposal systems. This highlights the importance of working with willing landowners to create open water wetlands to off-set the loss of habitat.



**Figure 1.** Total Greylards counted during helicopter aerial transects in the Taranaki ringplain, 2016 -- 2024 (note: no counts undertaken in 2020 and 2021).

Hunter survey results for the 2024 season indicate that there was a decrease in hunter success rate for greylard duck from 2023 (Figure 2) and as hunting hours remained stable, this resulted in a decrease in overall harvest compared with 2023 (Figure 3).

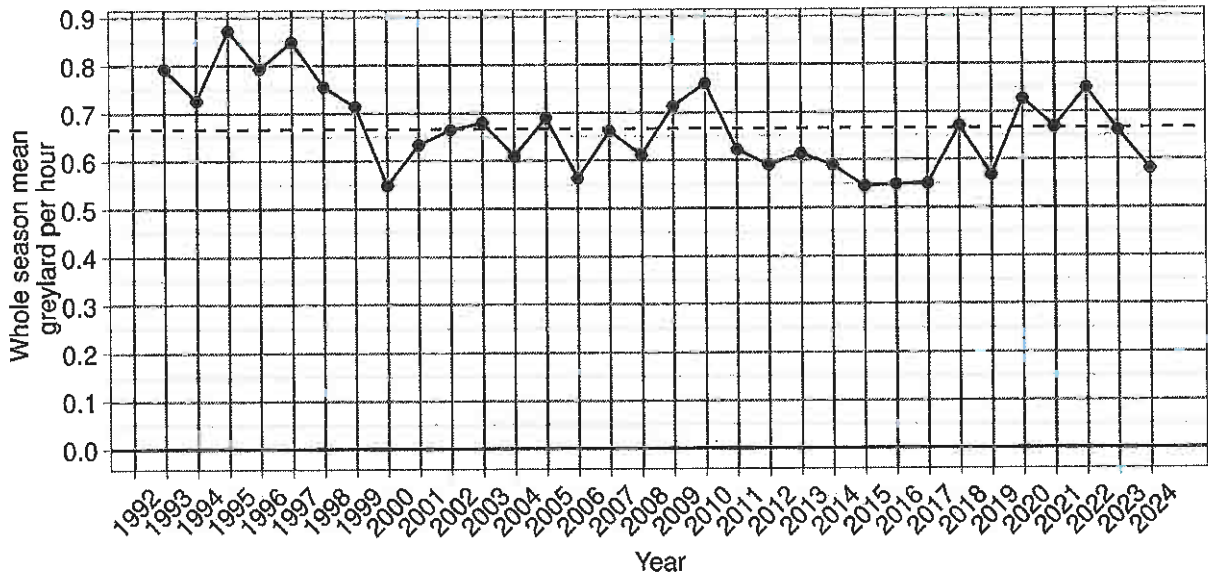


Figure 2. Average hunter harvest rate of greylards (ducks per hour) from the National Hunter Survey 1993 to 2024 seasons.

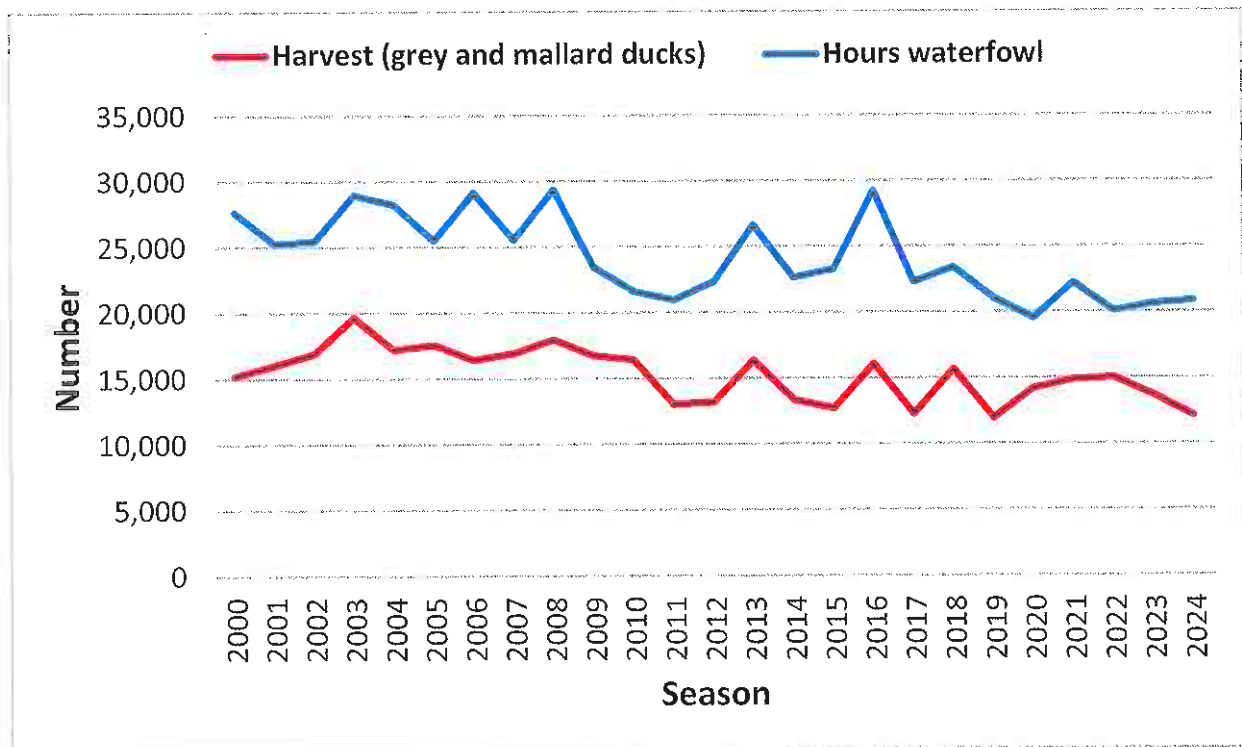


Figure 3. Total hunting effort (hours) and harvest of greylards in the Taranaki region 2000 to 2024.

A 15-bird opening weekend bag limit for greylard duck in 2023 and a 12-bird limit in 2024 (rather than the usual 10) did not result in an increase in the average opening weekend bag taken by hunters (Figure 4). In fact, the 2024 average opening weekend bag was below average, which may well have been due to the fine, clear and calm weather conditions which firmly favoured the ducks.

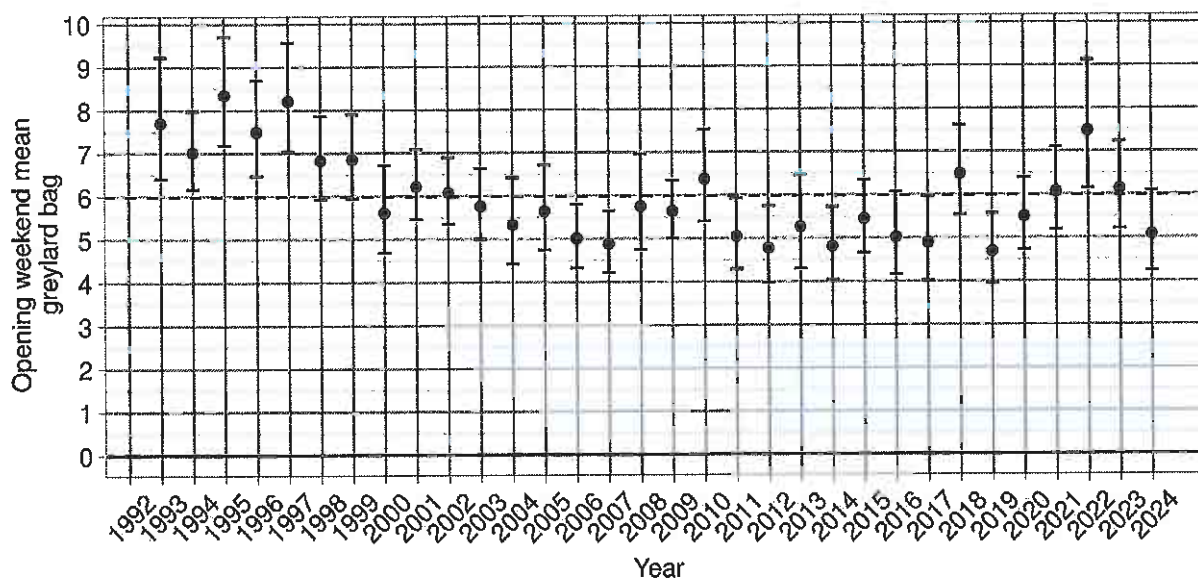


Figure 4. Average opening weekend bag for greylard duck in the Taranaki region 1993 to 2024.

Given this analysis, and the intention to align regulations between the Wellington and Taranaki regions where practicable, it is recommended that the Council revert to the usual 10-bird limit for greylard duck for the whole of the proposed 8-week season in 2025.

#### Shoveler Duck

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

Across the Taranaki region 459 shoveler duck were counted at 27 sites on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024, which was higher than the 422 counted in 2023 and 26% higher than the long-term average (363 ducks). Results of the 2024 national count indicate that the population is stable over the long-term despite a decrease in the last two years.

The low level of harvest during the 2024 game season (an estimated 22 birds, Figure 5) was consistent with recent seasons and the low numbers suggest shoveler are not generally targeted by Taranaki hunters and/or are not particularly prevalent in Taranaki during the game season. Given the low level of harvest, it is recommended that the status quo of a 2-bird bag limit and 8-week season be retained for 2025, which is the same as recommended for the Wellington region.

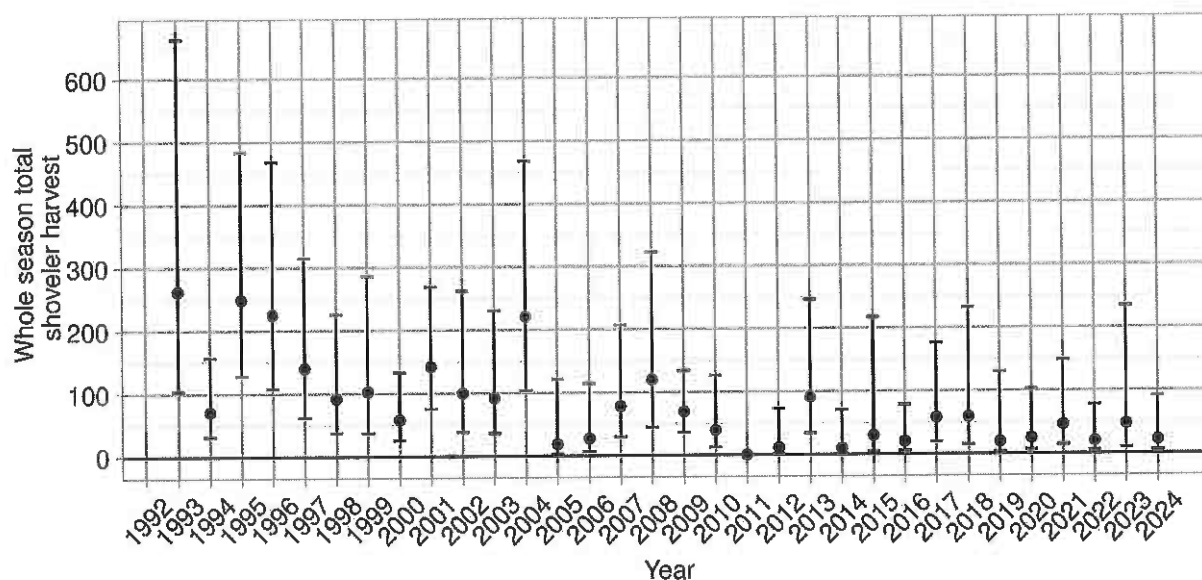


Figure 5. Estimated Shoveler duck harvest in the Taranaki Region 1993 to 2024 seasons (National Hunter Survey).

### Paradise Shelduck

The paradise shelduck (Pūtangitangi) moult count in January 2024 in the Waimarino area (2,849 paradise shelduck) represented 204 birds per moult site which is lower than in recent years, but similar to 2023 (Figures 6 & 7). Counts around the Taranaki ringplain showed a decrease in total birds from 14,063 to 12,569, but only a slight decrease in birds per site (327 to 314 per moult site) and the total count was still above the long-term average of 11,905 birds. The Whanganui count remained at a low level, with this year being the lowest recorded count of 1,566 birds, or 157 birds per moult site.

The counts suggest that the population is stable but at the 'low end' of the historical range of abundance in the Waimarino. The continued downward trend in the Whanganui count is of concern and suggests possible overharvest. The count in Taranaki looks to be decreasing but is still at a relatively high level.

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

In respect of the harvest, the estimated total regional harvest of 7,411 paradise in 2024, was an increase on the 6,044 birds in 2023, but the long-term trend is still one of decline (Figure 8). Reasons for the gradual reduction in harvest could be related to declining numbers in the Waimarino/ Whanganui/ Waverley area. However, the whole season harvest rate of 0.36 birds per hour for paradise shelduck was an increase on 2023 (0.24 birds per hour) and just above the long-term average of 0.35 birds per hour (Figure 9).

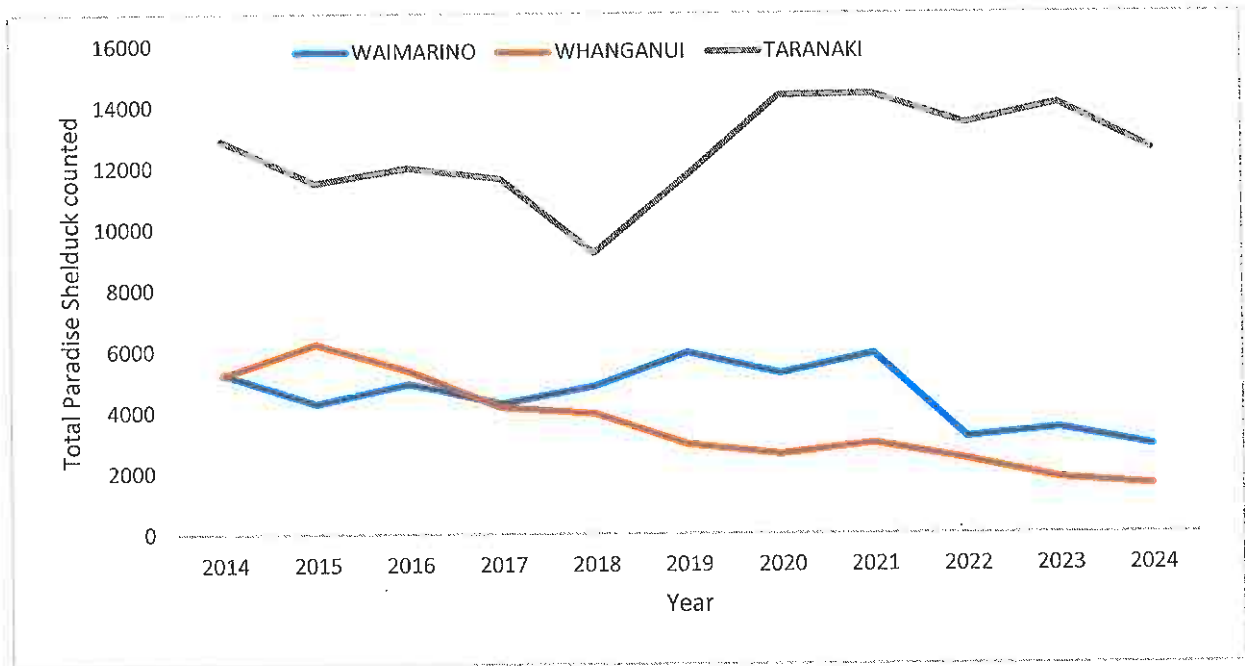


Figure 6. Total January trend count of Paradise shelduck in the Waimarino, Whanganui and Taranaki areas from 2014 to 2024.

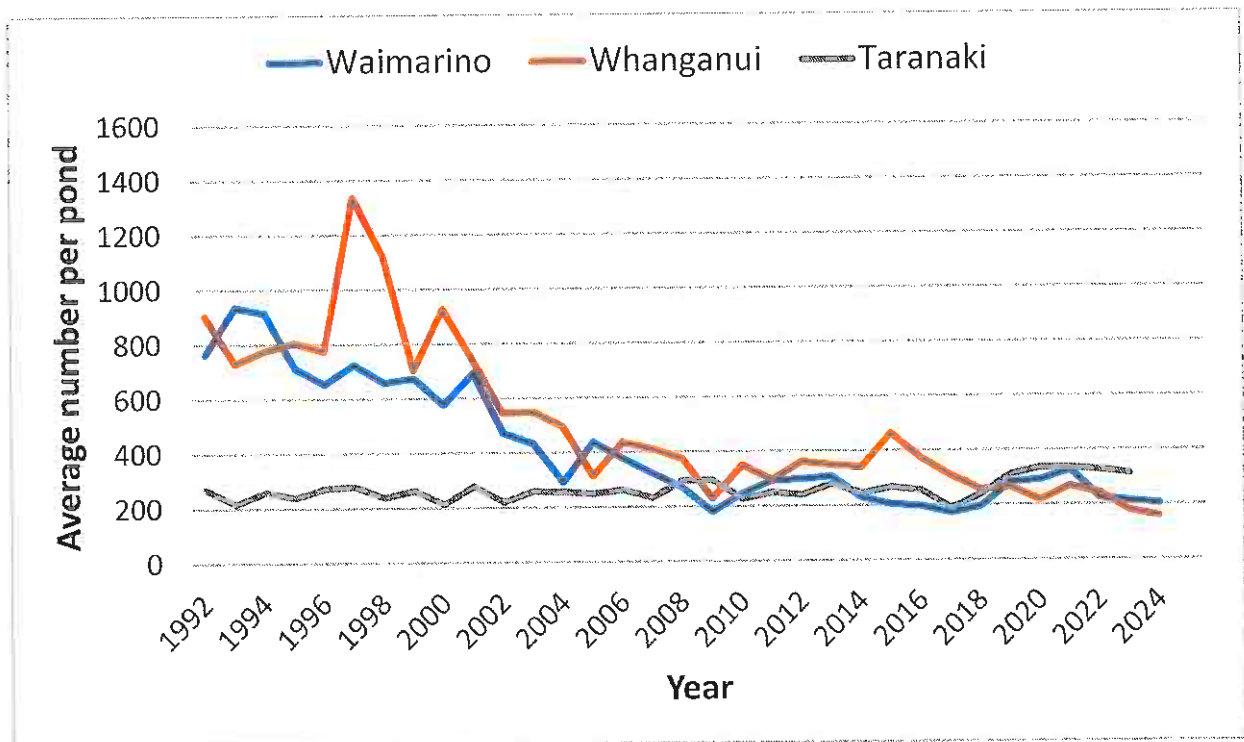


Figure 7. Average number of Paradise shelduck per moult site counted across the Waimarino, Whanganui and Taranaki areas from 1992 to 2024 moult counts.



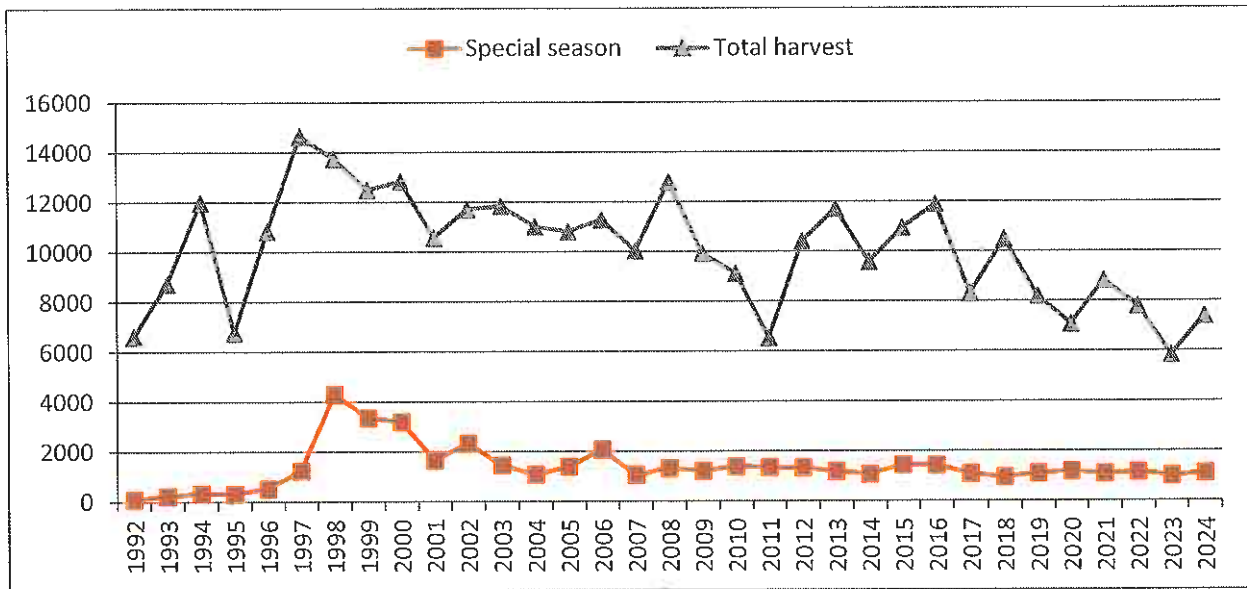


Figure 8. Estimated special season harvest and total annual Paradise shelduck harvest across the Taranaki region, 1992 to 2024.

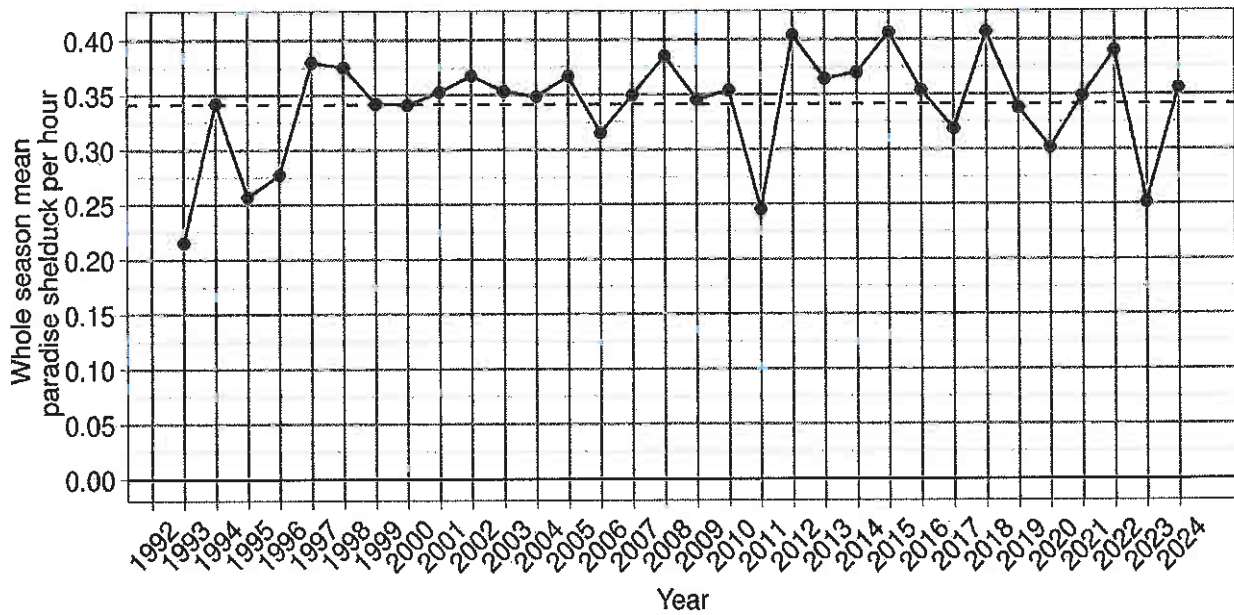


Figure 9. Whole season harvest rate for Paradise shelduck (birds per hour) in the Taranaki Region, 1993 - 2024. Data excludes harvest during the special summer season.

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

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

In respect of the special season in Area C, the Council resolved to extend season to 3 weekends including Taranaki anniversary day (total 7 days) in 2023. The 2025 dates are already set in the 2024 Gazette Notice and are 22/23 February, 1/2 March and 8/9/10 March 2025.

In 2026, Taranaki Anniversary Day falls on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, so the special season dates will be 21/22 February, 28<sup>th</sup> February/1<sup>st</sup> March, and 7/8/9/ March 2026. Including an extra weekend in 2023 and 2024 resulted in the same hunting effort being spread out over a longer timeframe with a similar harvest. A 7-day season does allow for greater dispersal of paradise shelduck from moult sites and more hunter opportunity. Disturbance of mallards will occur a little closer to the main season, but the impact is unlikely to be significant.

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

- A 10-bird daily limit for Areas A, B & C for an 8-week main season (as is also recommended for the Wellington F&G Region);
- A 3-weekend special season in Area C for 2026 (21/22 February, 28<sup>th</sup> February/1<sup>st</sup> March, and 7/8/9/ March 2026).

### **Black Swan**

In 2016 the daily bag limit for black swan (Kakīānau) was increased from 1 bird to 2. Most Taranaki hunters choose not to harvest swan and the increase allowed the few who do to take an extra bird for the table. The harvest has generally fluctuated between 20 and 300 swan, with 150 harvested in 2024 (Figure 10). The 2016 increase in the daily bag limit doesn't appear to have significantly increased the harvest, which remains small overall.

Counts of black swan undertaken in January 2024 were above the long-term average in Whanganui (563 cf an average of 345 swan), Waimarino (45 cf an average of 33 swan) and Taranaki (490 cf an average of 374 swan). The total count of 1,098 swan was nearly 300 greater than in 2023 (805 birds) with Lakes Kaitoke (281 swan) and Marahau (102) showing significant increases.

Black swan are relatively mobile and it is thought that a single population extends over central New Zealand, if not further afield. The January 2024 trend counts in Wellington, Nelson/Marlborough (including Farewell Spit) showed a decrease from 2023, but remain at a relatively high level (Figure 11).

On the basis that the Taranaki harvest is small, and that the counts are also relatively small, it is recommended that the status quo (2 bird daily limit for an 8-week season) remain.

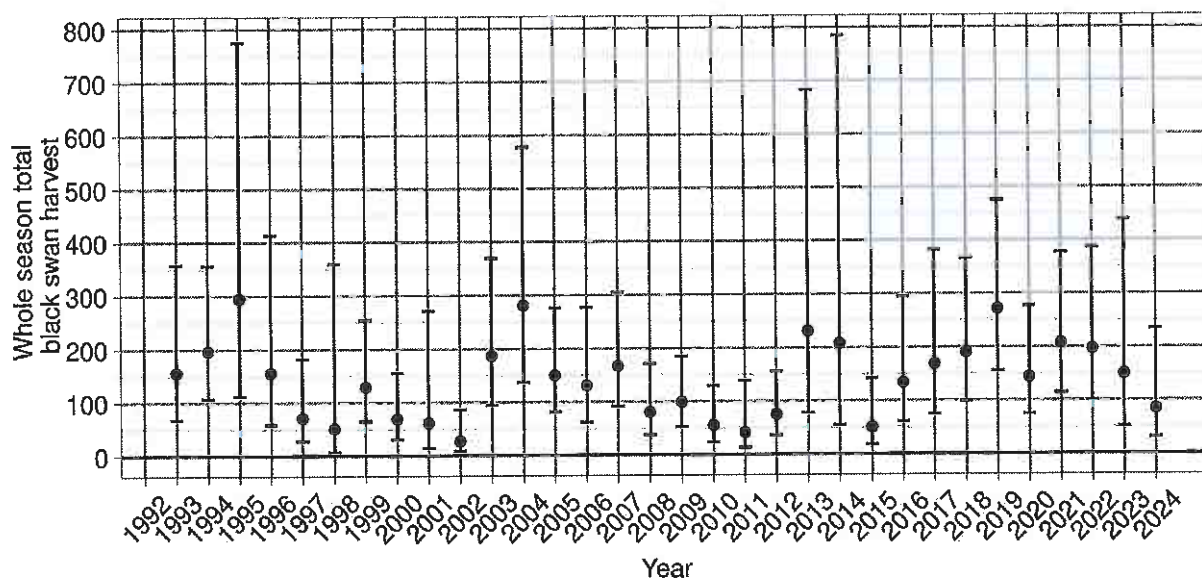


Figure 10. Estimated black swan harvest in the Taranaki Fish and Game region 1993 to 2024.

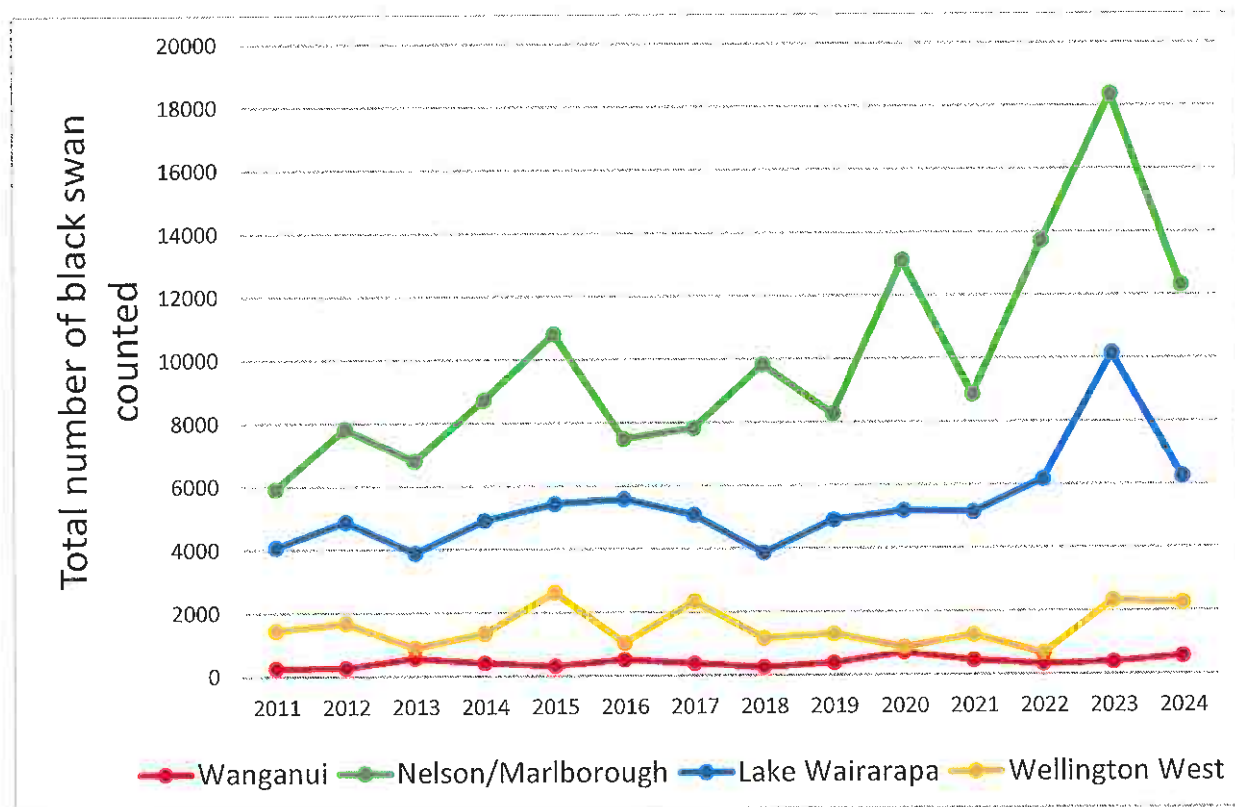


Figure 11. January black swan trend counts for the Taranaki, Wellington and Nelson/Marlborough regions 2010 to 2024.

**Pūkeko**

Early April counts of pūkeko have been made along 17 randomly selected transects around the Taranaki ringplain since 2005, although no counts were undertaken in 2020 owing to the covid-19 lockdown. Total counts have varied between 91 and 336 birds, with an average of 178. The April 2024 count was 274 pūkeko which was the highest since 2017.

The 19-year trend analysis (Figure 12) indicates that the population remains stable or slowly increasing, although birds are patchy in distribution with greater numbers in the wetter north and central Taranaki areas.

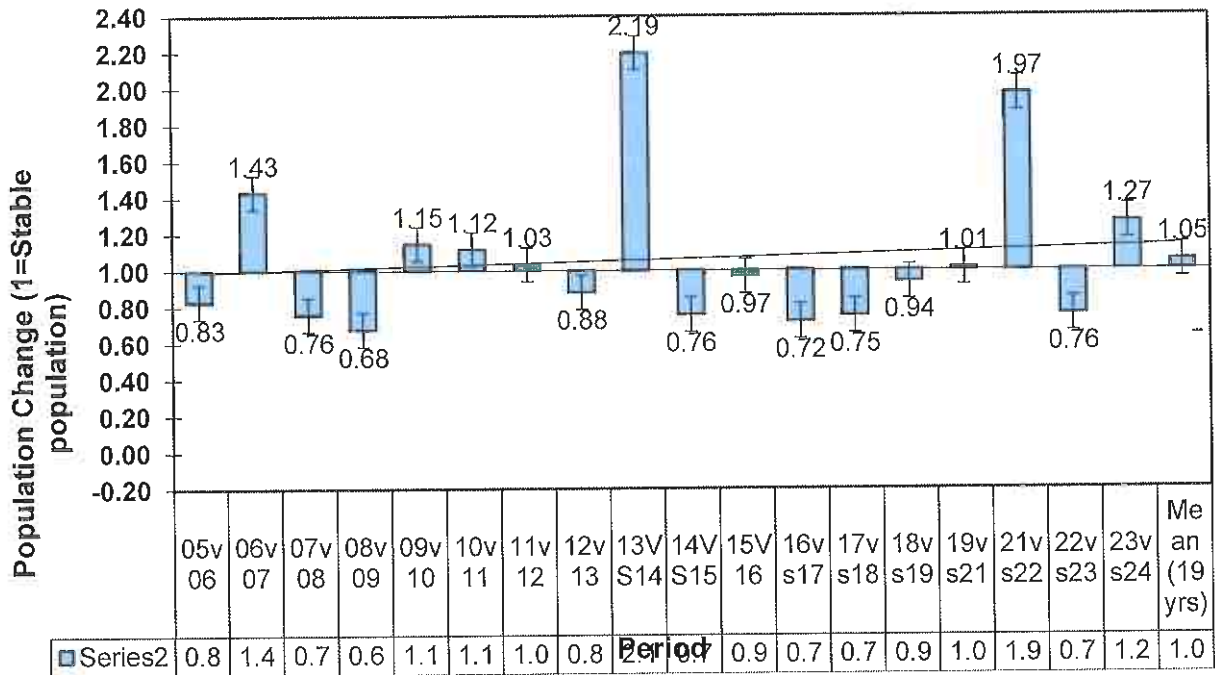


Figure 12. Route regression analysis of pūkeko counts along 17 randomly selected road transects around the Taranaki ringplain, 2005 to 2024.

Counts in Whanganui were restarted in 2023 following initial counts from 2015 to 2017. These are also done in April and consist of 10 randomly selected road transects between Waverley and Turakina. The total count in Whanganui in 2024 was 55 birds compared with 122 in 2023. The Whanganui area was very dry prior to the count, and this may have been a significant influence. There is not yet enough data from Whanganui to conduct trend analysis.

During the 2023/24 year there were 49 permits issued to disturb pūkeko with 20 in urban areas and 29 in rural areas. The majority of these urban permits were issued for New Plymouth.

Harvest during the 2024 gamebird season showed a substantial decrease from last year with an estimated 629 pūkeko harvested compared with 1,422 in 2023 (Figure 13). This was also below the long-term average harvest of 1,143 birds. This year, the hunter survey did not find any harvest of pukeko occurring during the 2-month extended season, compared with 42% of the season total harvested during the extended season in 2023 (Figure 14).

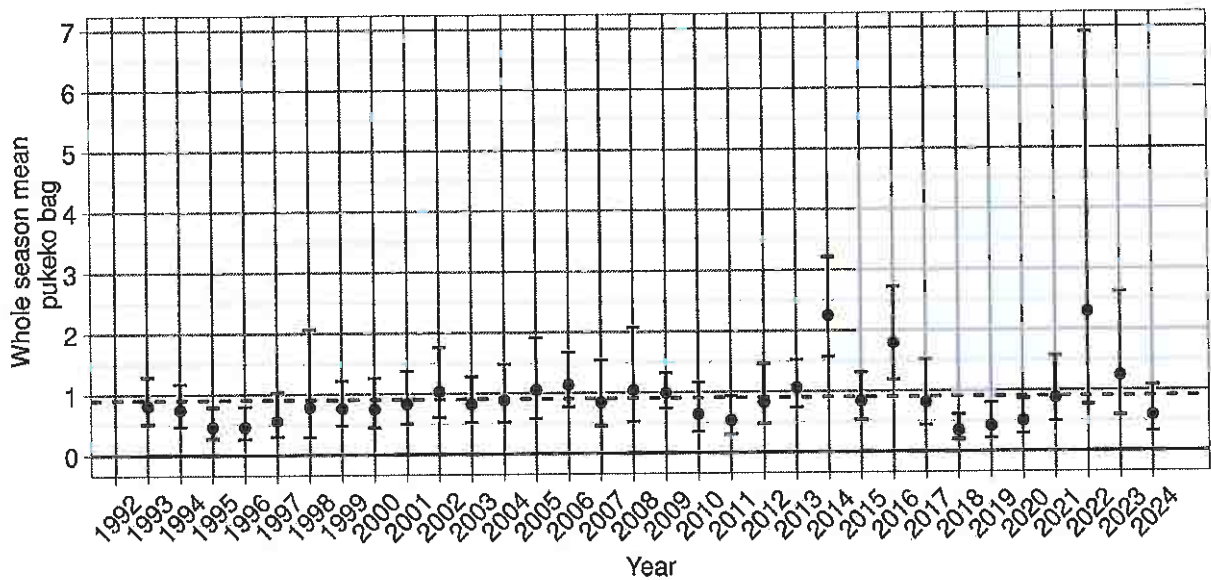


Figure 13. Estimated annual pukeko harvest in the Taranaki region 1993 to 2024.

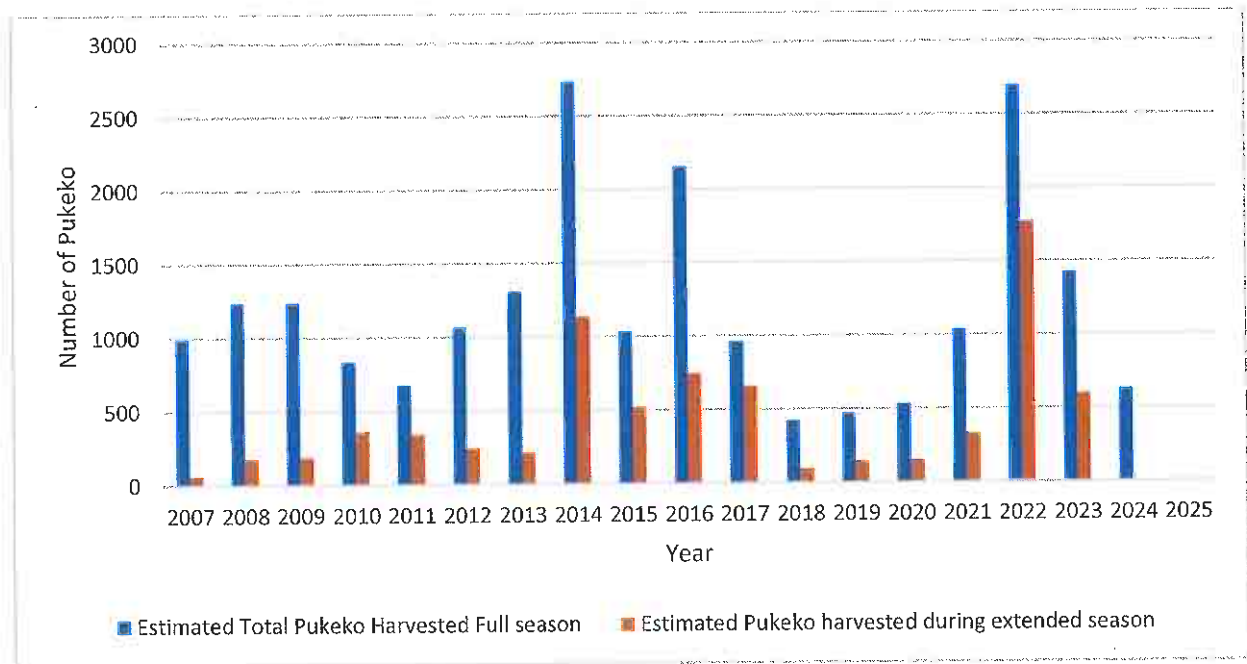


Figure 14. Estimated pukeko harvest during the Taranaki full season and the proportion taken during the extended season using gamebird hunter survey results.

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

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

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

**Pheasant**

The harvest of pheasant in the 2024 season was estimated at 116 birds, down from 252 birds in 2023 and the lowest estimate since 2011 (Figure 15). Hunting hours were (857, Figure 16) were a little higher than in 2023 (553 hours) but still well below average. The harvest rate of 0.14 pheasant/hour was the lowest since 2011 (Figure 17).

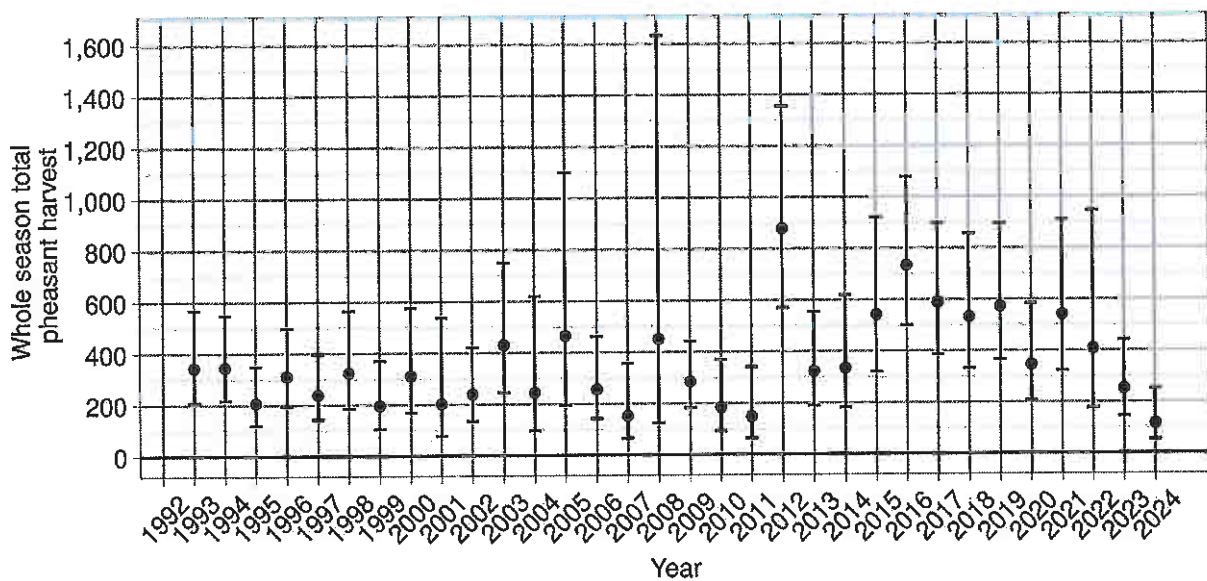


Figure 15. Estimated annual pheasant harvest in the Taranaki Region 1993 to 2024.

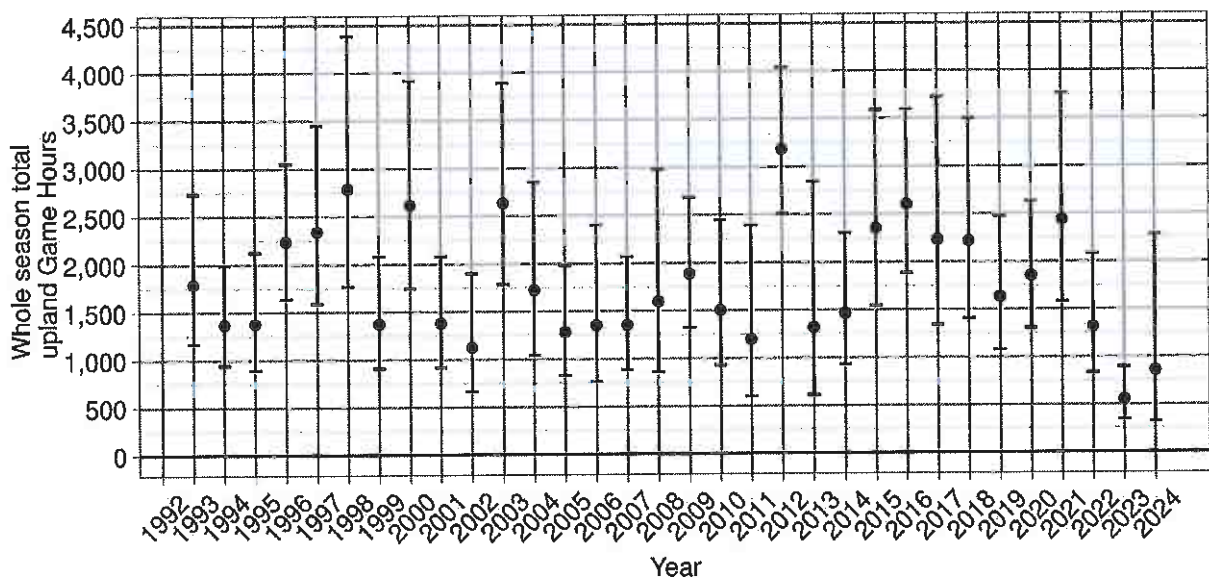


Figure 16. Estimated upland game hunting hours in the Taranaki Region 1993 to 2024.

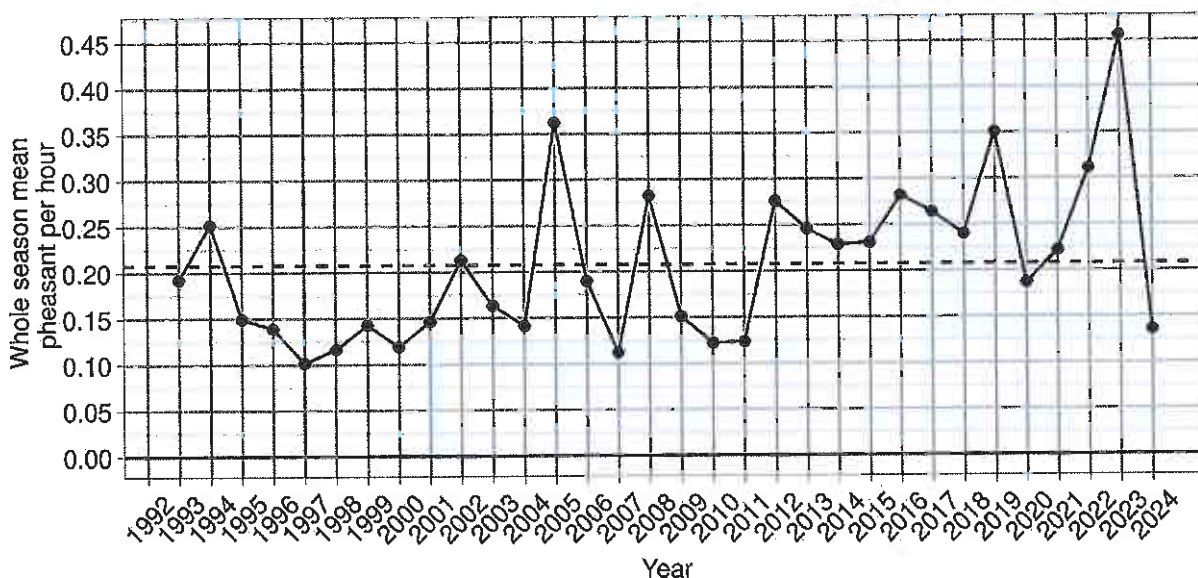


Figure 17. Harvest rate (birds per hour) of pheasant in the Taranaki Region 1993 to 2024.

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

### California Quail

California quail are restricted in distribution with few substantial coveys remaining, though there has been comment that they are being seen more frequently, similar to the apparent increase in pheasant numbers. With such low numbers, hunters generally perceive hunting them as difficult and/or inappropriate. Harvest totals are small (an estimated 22 birds in 2024; Figure 18) and variable, which in part is an artefact of the hunter survey design and the fact that just a few hunters shoot quail.

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

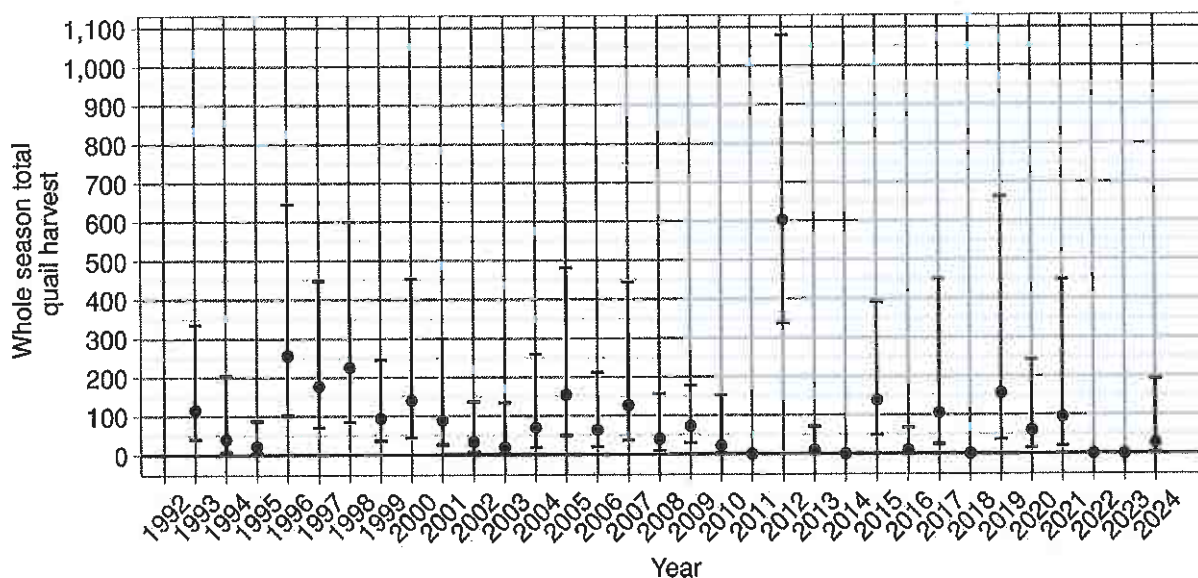


Figure 18. Estimated annual harvest of California quail in the Taranaki Region 1993 to 2024.

**Bobwhite and Red-legged Partridge**

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

**Upland game property with special conditions**

A Gazette listing for an upland game property with special conditions to enable syndicate (non-commercial) shoots for ring-necked pheasant on a property at 336A Kaurapaoa Road, Brunswick, Whanganui was approved for the 2024 season. The applicant met the requirement to release at least 400 pheasant and provide information to the Council pursuant to Clause 6.8 of the Notice. It is therefore recommended that the listing be approved for the 2025 game season.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That Taranaki Fish & Game Council approves the recommended 2025/26 Taranaki Region Game Gazette Notice (as listed below).

Allen Stancliff  
 Senior Field Officer  
 26 November 2024



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

## 1 Game That May be Hunted or Killed—Duration of 2025/2026 Season

Species	Season Duration (dates inclusive)	Daily Bag Limit	Hunting area
Grey/mallard duck	3 May to 29 June 2025	10	All areas
NZ shoveler duck	3 May to 29 June 2025	2	All areas
Paradise shelduck	3 May to 29 June 2025	10	All areas
	21 and 22 Feb 2026	10	Area C
	1 Feb and 1 March 2026	10	Area C
	7 to 9 March 2026	10	Area C
Black swan	3 May to 29 June 2025	2	All areas
Pūkeko	3 May to 31 August 2025	5	Area A&B
	3 May to 31 August 2025	10	Area C
California quail	3 May to 31 August 2025	5	All areas
Cock pheasant	3 May to 31 August 2025	2	All areas
Bobwhite (Virginian) quail	3 May to 31 August 2025	5	All areas
Red legged partridge	3 May to 31 August 2025	2	All areas
Pheasant, both sexes	3 May to 31 August 2025	No limit	Upland game properties with special conditions in clause 6 for this Region.

## 2 Definition of Areas

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

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

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

## 3 Shooting Hours

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

6.30am to 6.15pm.

#### **4 Decoy Limit**

No limit.

#### **5 Special Conditions**

##### **5.1 Special Paradise Shelduck Season**

**Area C only:** For the Special Paradise Shelduck Season on 21 February, 22 February, 28 February, 1 March, 7 March, 8 March and 9 March 2026, the hours of hunting are extended 6.30am to 8.00pm. In addition, all hunters, including land occupiers, must, within a month of the end of the season, provide the Taranaki Fish and Game Council with particulars of: the dates and locations where they hunted paradise shelduck; the hours hunted each day; the number of birds taken each day; and the number of birds not retrieved.

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

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

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

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

#### **6 Upland Game Properties with Special Conditions**

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

Paetawa station. 366a Kauarapaoa Road Whanganui being lots 1-2 DP 29356. Waipukurau SD. 1307.9440ha administered by Hienni investment Ltd.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 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 (originally 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. Awaiting decision from Environment Court.

Taranaki Regional Council have made the decision to proceed with the consultation process for reviewing the Regional Plan with a view to notification in 2025:

- Freshwater outcomes and change drivers September to October 2023  
Identifying the timelines and where the pinch points might be.
- Setting targets June to August 2024  
Exploring potential targets for key areas linked to improving water quality.
- Limits November to December 2024  
Exploring potential rules for the proposed Land and Freshwater Plan to drive the change to achieve the targets set for freshwater.
- Feedback on Draft Plan February to April 2025  
Iwi, special interest groups and stakeholder engagement and feedback on the proposed Land and Freshwater Plan.
- Plans notification - Mid-2025  
The proposed Land and Freshwater Plan will be publicly notified prior to a formal submissions and hearing process.

#### b. **Resource Consent advocacy**

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**

Nothing to report on habitat enhancement projects. Advice provided to support applications to Game Bird Habitat Trust – staff to act as referee where appropriate.

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#### **Recommendation/Action**

No action required.

### Summary

#### a. Access Management

- Access Point descriptions and information updated for new season on website.
- Updating access sign inventory.
- Active management of access requirements to multiple sites undertaken.
- **Supporting NZ Council initiated campaign with an access focus.**
- **Access Charter launched by Minister of Hunting and Fishing**

This charter outlines the principles and commitments to ensure that recreational hunting and fishing on public conservation land and waters is recognised and safeguarded for current and future generations. It balances the rights and responsibilities of recreational users with the imperative to conserve New Zealand's natural heritage.

Principles:

1. **Public right of access:** The public has a right to access public conservation land and waters, including for recreational hunting and fishing. We will guarantee this access, and where there needs to be restrictions that limit access, we will clearly explain why. Recreational hunting and fishing access will be underpinned by a fair system that ensures equitable opportunities for all New Zealanders.
2. **Uniform standards and procedures:** A common and consistent approach to access for hunting and fishing should occur across all regions. This will ensure fairness, transparency and predictability, facilitating compliance and fostering trust among users.
3. **Safety and responsibility:** Safety must always come first. You must understand and follow all rules and regulations, including firearm and fishing rules, and general safety guidelines.
4. **Cultural respect:** Public conservation land often holds cultural and historical significance for all New Zealanders. The charter respects and encourages you to honour the values and customs of local iwi and hapū.
5. **Balancing recreation with conservation:** We will allow hunting and fishing activities in areas that support or do not adversely affect conservation efforts.

#### b. Information to Clients

- Assisted in early bird licence purchase e mail communications.
- The website has been substantially refreshed – updated items.
- 2024/2025 Fish Season Magazine articles prepared and magazine distributed in August.
- Newsletter – Early Summer produced and distributed.

#### c. Licence Holder Engagement

No specific activity this period

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#### Recommendation/Action

No action required.

**Confirm support for Access Campaign**

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## Agenda Item 16 Public Awareness/Communications

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### Summary

#### a. Iwi Engagement

Attended Te Kopuka meetings as required.

#### b. Public Awareness

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

#### c. Communication

Press Releases on Children's Fishing Opportunities at Lake Rotomanu.

#### d. Promotions

Children's Fishing Day promotion event – Lake Rotomanu – preparation and attendance in October/early November.

Children's Fishing Day promotion event – Stratford – preparation November

Otago Promotion of Celebrating 150 years of Trout Fishing Licence

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#### Recommendation/Action

No action required.

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## Agenda Item 17 Licence Sales & Licence Management System Performance

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### Summary

#### a. Fish Licence Sales Update – until 31 October 2024

- **Licence Sales Report for 2024/2025 Fishing Season YTD**

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

↓ LEQ sales down 1.4% compared to previous year (1,016 c.f. 1,031)

↑ Total Number of Sales of licences up 30% compared to previous year (1,979 c.f. 1,683)

↓ Nationally licence sales value LEQ is down 1.8% (73,044 c.f. 74,367).

#### b. Game Licence Sales Update – until 31 October 2024

- **Licence Sales Report for 2023/2024 Game Season YTD until 31 October 2024**

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

↓ LEQ sales down 8.4% compared to previous year (991 c.f. 1,082)

↓ Total Number of Sales of licences down 7.8% compared to previous year (1,136 c.f. 1,233)

↓ Nationally licence sales value LEQ is down 2.2% (30,978 c.f. 31,674).

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### Recommendation/Action

*Council move to receive Licence Sales Report for 2024/2025 Fishing Season YTD (31 October 2024) and for 2024 Game Season YTD (31 October 2024)*

#### c. Licence Management System – September and October 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

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#### d. Licence Price Optimisation Research

This project is being undertaken by an external provider

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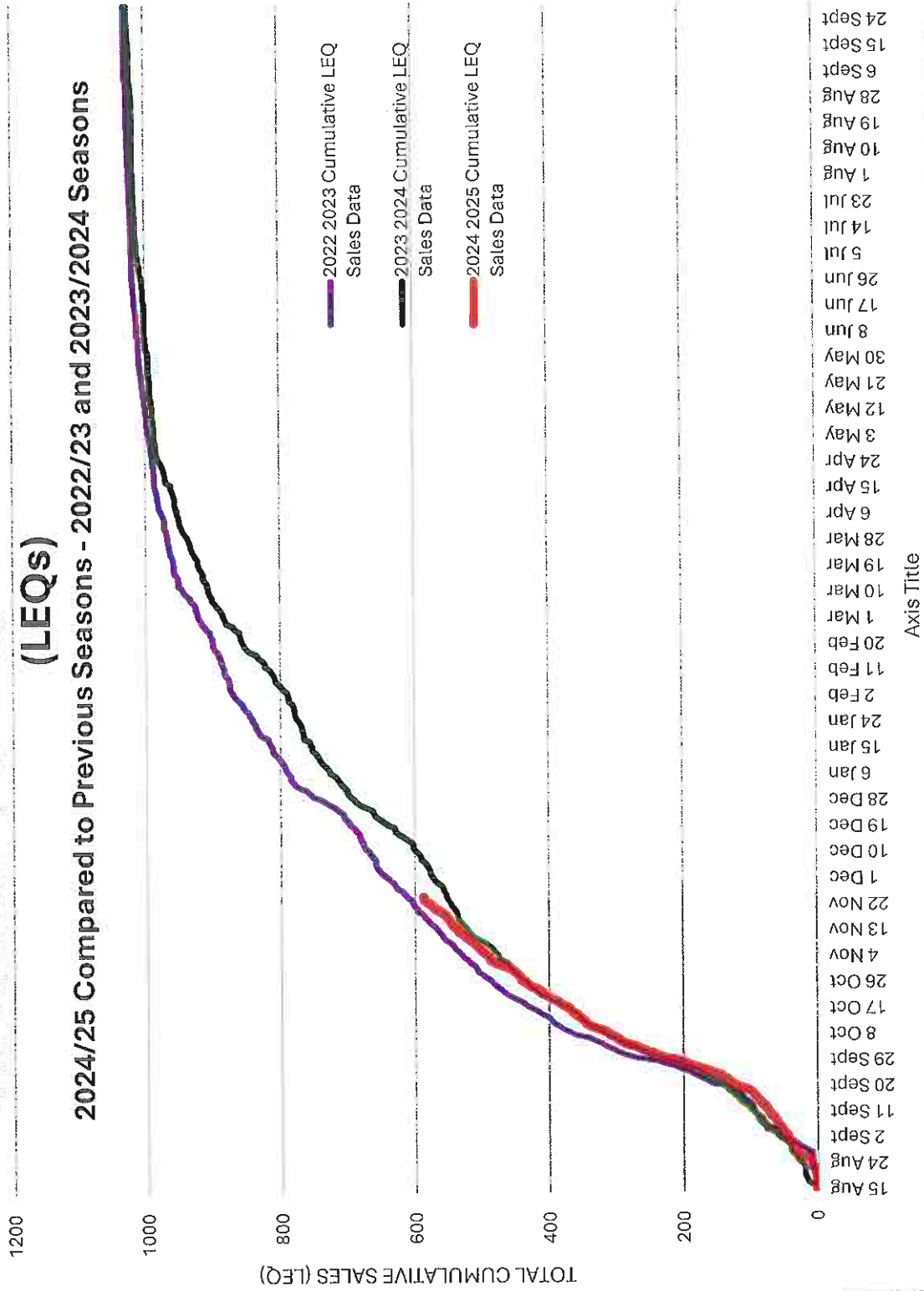
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*Council move to receive the update report from the Licencing Operational Group for contract management of provider of services to manage the licencing platform and database management.*

Fish Licence Sales YTD 30 October 2024		Channel	FWF	FWA	FWNA	FSLA	FLAA	FWIA	FLBA	FSBA	FDA	FDNA	FWJ	FWNJ	FDJ	FDNJ	FWC	FWNC	FDNC	SRSE	DWLR	DWLN	Total Fish	Fish LEQ	
Taranaki	Public Online	34	107	21	20	12	0	0	0	12	19	22	17	1	8	0	158	0	0	0	0	0	0	431	
	Agency Online	31	125	4	44	8	0	0	0	4	8	1	22	0	0	0	16	0	0	9	16	0	0	288	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>453.62</b>
	Public Online	39	128	22	36	9	0	0	0	8	21	21	39	0	15	0	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	468	
2023-2024	Agency Online	22	102	0	45	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	23	0	0	0	22	0	0	3	5	0	0	232	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>454.71</b>	
	Public Online	103	407	21	123	43	0	0	0	7	29	22	48	1	8	0	115	0	0	0	0	154	12	1,093	
Wellington	Agency Online	90	437	1	119	37	0	0	0	4	6	0	62	0	1	0	51	0	0	28	45	0	0	881	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,974</b>	<b>1,438.8</b>	
	Public Online	128	430	13	147	67	0	0	0	7	37	5	122	0	9	0	201	0	0	0	145	0	0	1,311	
2023-2024	Agency Online	81	350	3	135	55	0	0	0	0	13	0	99	0	1	0	79	0	0	21	50	1	0	888	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2,189</b>	<b>1,473.9</b>	
	Public Online	128	430	13	147	67	0	0	0	7	37	5	122	0	9	0	201	0	0	0	145	0	0	1,311	

# TARANAKI REGION - Cumulative Fish Licence Sales (LEQs)

2024/25 Compared to Previous Seasons - 2022/23 and 2023/24 Seasons





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## Agenda Item 17 Licence Sales & Licence Management System Performance

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### Summary

#### a. Fish Licence Sales Update – until 31 October 2024

- Licence Sales Report for 2024/2025 Fishing Season YTD  
Confirmation of licence sales indicating YTD – comparison with previous year.
  - ≈ LEQ sales similar to previous year (454.7 c.f. 453.6)
  - ≈ Total Number of Sales of licences similar to previous year (700 c.f. 719)
  - ↓ Nationally licence sales value LEQ is down 3.1% (33,113 c.f. 34,166).

#### b. Game Licence Sales Update – until 31 October 2024

- Licence Sales Report for 2023/2024 Game Season YTD until 31 October 2024  
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# Monthly Performance Report – Licence Management System

October 2024

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### A. Licence System Performance

1. **Total number of licences sold in the period:** 29,861
2. **System Availability:** 100% uptime vrs KPI 99.9%

### B. Licence System Maintenance

1. **Bug Fixes and Improvements:** 6 x system improvements (Bug fixes/Enhancements) were successfully released during October
2. **Security Matter:** On October 15<sup>th</sup> ESL advised Fish and Game of security/privacy risk for customers making waterway bookings. During the booking process the potential for a customer to view the personal details of other bookings existed. A fix to remediate this issue was applied on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
3. **Removing Duplication:** No auto de-duplication updates were run in October.
4. **Updating Customer Contacts:** Received updated customer contact details from Hothouse with these changes applied to the licence holder details.

### C. System Development

1. **Booking Systems:** Two additional North Canterbury Waterways are now in operation. A modification required to release bookings from 12 noon rather than 12am will be released by the end of November. A further improvement to the display of the current days to include the "Consecutive days" plus 1 day is being planned.

### D. Business Services

1. **Call Centre Activity:** A total of 684 telephone and email support requests were received during the month. 487 of these calls were received as general enquiries from the public.
2. **Response times:** All support requests responded to within SLA. 18 voicemail messages (unanswered calls) were received. Calls received within business hours were responded to within 1 hour. Calls over weekend or after hours responded to following business day.
3. **Invoicing Agents:** Agent invoices reconciled and dispatched within the first 10 days of the month. 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Accountant reviewed and confirmed compliance.
4. **Licence Delivery Process:** Sent Hothouse monthly client contact list.
5. **Licence Refunds and Cancellation:** Six POL refunds were processed within the month. One cancellation processed outside of month for compliance reasons.
6. **Variable Charges:** Two invoices raised for recovery of ABCorp charges. One invoice was raised for recovery of post and courier charges.

### E. Contract Performance

1. **System Upgrade:** MVP completed
2. **System Development:** Two further waterways added to manage bookings on North Canterbury waters.
3. **Business Services Function:** Compliant with KPIs
4. **Scoping Additional Functionality:**

Developing proposals to enhance the current licence system with deployment of these planned for 2025.

- a. **CRM** – Developing options and a commercial proposal to incorporate CRM functionality to support the Licence System
  - b. **Business Reporting Dashboards** - Developing options to incorporate Microsoft Business Intelligence reporting to enhance the Licence System with dashboards and executive management reports.
  - c. **Digital Licence** - Developing an option to support digital Licences by providing a platform for value-added applications using a mobile device.
5. **Annual Audit:** Completed during October 2024. The audit process was well managed and effective. No Audit issues noted. The Management Letter of representation was sent to Fish and Game first week of November.

## DETAILED REPORTING

### A. Licence System Performance

#### 1. Total number of licences sold in period

Licence Type	Number Sold
Fish Licences 2024/2025	29,855
Game Licences 2024	6
Designated Water Licences	2904
Salmon Endorsement Licence	2930

#### 2. System Availability

System Availability – uptime 100% vs. SLA objective of 99.9%

System Availability is obtained from a third-party monitoring service (Pingdom).

Availability is calculated as (Total available hours 24hrs x days in the month) – (down time) / (Total available hours) expressed as a %

#### System Reliability

#### 1. Licence System Maintenance

##### Bug Fixes and Improvements:

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#### 3. Removing Duplication:

No Auto deduplication undertaken in the month

#### 4. Updating Customer Contact Details:

- Received updated customer contact details from Hothouse with these changes applied to the licence holder details in the Licence System.

## B. System Development

1. **Salmon Licence Endorsement:** Business as usual
2. **Designated Waters Licence:** Business as usual
3. **Booking Systems:** North Canterbury is now using the booking system to manage back country river access.
4. **Continuous Improvements:**
  - a. The next release of system improvements is scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup> of November
  - b. ESL is evaluating an improvement in the Returning Customer purchase experience in response to recent customer complaints.
  - c. A further improvement to the Booking System to the display of the current days to include the "Consecutive days" plus 1 day. These days will be greyed out but will be presented to the customer to allow them to see the "Days to Display" + Consecutive days, plus 1 day. Availability of this change is yet to be confirmed.

## C. Business Services

1. **Call Centre Activity:** A total of 684 support requests were received via telephone, email or voice mail.
  - a. 487 requests were identified as "Public Misc" which are general enquiries seeking advice, some of these enquiries are passed to the Regions for their action.
  - b. 60 Requests were received over weekends.
  - c. Any Licence related complaints are referred directly to the Region concerned.
  - d. Received several complaints from returning customers. Their issue relates to recovering their past licence details. A small improvement to guide the user is being considered.

Request Type	Number of Requests
Agent Misc	36
Buy A Licence	28
Change of Address	8
Duplicate Payment	2
eSOMS Support	3
FNG duplication Report	25
Habitat Stamp	2
Invoice Enquiries	1
Licence Re-issue	25
Lost Licence	1
National/Regional Office Correspondence	35
Public Misc	487
Purchase Order	1
Refund Request	11
Remittance Advice	8
Returned Mail	4
Salmon Endorsement Query	6
Taupo Enquiry	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>684</b>

### 2. Response times:

- a. All unanswered calls go to voicemail.
- b. 18 voicemail calls received and responded to within 1 hour or next business day if received after hours/weekends.
- c. Emails responded to within 24 hours with an average response of 4 hours 10min.
- d. Requests received over the weekend/public holidays are responded to the next business day.

**3. Invoicing Agents:**

- a. Agent invoices sent on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October, within the first 10 days of the month as required under SLA.
- b. All invoices reviewed by an independent accountant.

**4. Licence Delivery Process:**

**Liaison with external providers:**

- **Hothouse Communications**
  - Monthly report on follow-up contacts (de duplicated) supplied.

**5. Licence Refunds and Cancellation:**

- **Refunds** – Six POL refunds processed
- **Cancellations** – 1 x Licence cancelled out of month for compliance reasons. Reconfirmed the Cancellation policy with Fish and Game and advised all Regions.
- **Re-Issues** – Nil licences reissued

**6. Variable Charges:**

**Invoices provided for ABCorp and NZ Post expenses:**

- a. ABCorp charges in accordance with the supply agreement.
- b. NZPost and courier charges re-imburement to ESL

**7. Annual Audit:**

- a. Completed during October 2024. The audit process was well managed and effective. No Audit issues noted. The Management Letter of representation was sent to Fish and Game first week of November.

## **F. Contract Performance**

**a. System Upgrade:**






- i. MVP development completed and in operation
- ii. Designated Waters development completed and in operation
- iii. Sea Run Salmon development completed and in operation.

**b. System Development:**

- i. Booking System enhancement – North Canterbury is now using the booking system to manage back country river access. A modification to release bookings for all rivers from 12 noon rather than 12am for all rivers will be released by the end of November.
- ii. A further improvement under consideration is to allow the release of booking data/time to be a system selectable variable that can be selected by waterway as a configuration variable.

- iii. 6 x system improvements (Bug fixes/Enhancements) were successfully released during October.

**c. Business Services Function:**

Function	SLA Compliance
Call Center Response Time	
Agent Invoicing	
Liaison with external providers	
Licence refunds and Cancelations	
Variable Charges	

**d. Scoping Additional Functionality:**

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Agenda Item 18    **Operational Summary**

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**Summary**

Summary of activities undertaken in September and October 2024

Nothing material required to be highlighted

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**Recommendation/Action**

*Council receive staff report on Operational progress to 31 October 2024*



Taranaki Fish & Game Council  
Budget Report to 31 October 2024  
And  
Project Progress to 15 November 2024

OUTPUT	Budget external costs	YTD external costs (31/10/24)	Comments on significant variations	Budget Hours	YTD hours
Population Monitoring	15,500	7		520	66.75
Harvest Assessment				60	4.25
Hatchery	10,000	3,004		60	3.25
Liberations	6,000	353		150	20.25
Season Regulations				50	12.25
Gamebird Dispersal	2,000	99		120	7
RMA				500	16.75
Habitat Management & Enhancement	20,000			400	4.25
Assessing & Monitoring				100	4
Hunter / Angler Access	200			100	5.5
Satisfaction Survey				40	1.25
Magazine / Newsletter / Ezine	9,500	233		200	14.25
Hunter / Angler support	1,000				
Clubs				10	5.5
Statutory Liaison				30	.25
Iwi Liaison	1,000			60	20
Information to Clients				100	11.25
General Advocacy	500	410		100	27
Hunting & Angling Promotions	3,300			140	49
Ranger Management	1,500	343		112	23.50
Compliance	1,500			170	22.50
Licensing & Commission	9,870	2,028		50	.5
Council Meetings & Administration	9,500	817		280	52.75
Management, Strategic & Policy	100	1,091		80	9.75
Business Planning				40	
OSH & Other Reporting	7,576	31		65	3.75
National Liaison	100			160	5.5
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>99,146</b>	<b>8,416</b>		<b>3697</b>	<b>420</b>

Project Income	Budget Income	YTD Income	Comments on significant variations
Fish Population Assessment	200		
Harvest Assessment – Summer Season	500		
Liberations	3,238		
Gamebird Dispersal	750		
Taranaki Hunting & Habitat Scheme	15,000		
Compliance	1,000		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>20,688</b>		
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>78,458</b>		

	Budget	YTD	Comments on significant variations
<b>Overheads</b>	<b>317,037</b>	<b>32,133</b>	
1910 Salaries & Management Contract	3,550	1,654	
1920 Staff Expenses	22,200	3,830	
1940 Office Premises	2,000	762	
1950 Office Equipment	5,250	1,498	
1960 Communications / Consumables	3,050	1,876	
1970 General	5,000	1,008	
1980 General Equipment	15,850	6,585	
1990 Vehicles	373,937	49,446	
<b>Total Overheads</b>			

Other Income & Expenses	Budget	YTD
Interest	9,032	
Wellington Fish & Game Admin	4,000	4,875
Donations & Other Income		
<b>Total Other Income &amp; Expenses</b>	<b>13,032</b>	<b>4,875</b>

Nett Project, Overhead and Other Expenditure/Income	Budget	YTD
	439,363	52,987

**MOVEMENTS IN RESERVES**

From	To	Reason	Amount	Date Paid

## SPECIES MANAGEMENT

2024/2025 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
<p><b>Objective: 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.</b></p>	
<p>1. Assess juvenile trout recruitment in the Manganui River and tributaries to compare with baseline information from other catchment surveys (yr 1 of 2).</p>	<p><i>Preparation underway for early December 2024 electric fishing survey</i></p>
<p>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)</p>	<p><i>Data being collated for resource inventory report. Electric fishing survey locations defined and landowner contact information obtained.</i></p>
<p>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>	<p><i>Diaries sent to 24 anglers for the start of the 2024/25 season. Fishery monitoring report prepared for Council's 19 October 2024 meeting. Electric fishing survey of Kapuni Stream carried out for Ballance Agrinutrients (24/10/2024).</i></p>
<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 6).</p>	<p><i>Waimarino/Whanganui duck banding report prepared for Council's 19 October 2024 meeting. Initial preparations made for February 2025 banding in Whanganui.</i></p>
<p>5. Monitor and report information on the status of the region's mallard and grey duck, paradise shelduck, shoveler, swan and pukeko populations sufficient to assess harvest, identify and manage any population impacts, set effective regulations and inform management directions. As part of this, review count methods for paradise shelduck, including the effectiveness, efficiency and cost of returning to aerial counts for some parts of the region.</p>	<p><i>2024 draft census report for Shoveler duck received 30/09/2024.</i></p>
<p>6. Review game bird monitoring programme for the region taking into account banding results and including regulation setting requirements.</p>	

<p>7. Participate in the National Hunter Survey to derive robust estimates of annual game bird harvest and hunter success.</p> <p>8. Recommend effective regulations that are timely, easily understood and which maximise licence holder opportunity while ensuring resource sustainability and public support.</p> <p>9. Provide advice and support practical and effective predator control opportunities that assist game bird populations.</p>	<p><i>Hunter survey results for the 2024 game season incorporated into draft 2025 Game Gazette Notice report for Council's 19 October 2024 meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Draft 2025 Game Gazette Notice report for Council's 19 October 2024 meeting.</i></p>
<p><b>Objective: 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.</b></p> <p>10. Undertake an annual trout stocking programme which concentrates on creating and maintaining valued lake fisheries.</p> <p>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)</p> <p>12. Operate Hawera hatchery in an effective, cost efficient and sustainable manner utilising volunteer support to meet the identified stocking objectives.</p>	<p><i>500 2-year rainbows (and one larger fish) from Eastern F&amp;G's Ngongotaha hatchery released into Lake Rotomanu (29/10/2024) for a family trout fishing day. 101 rainbow and 160 brown trout from the Hawera hatchery released into the Hangatahua (Stony) River on 4/11/2024.</i></p> <p><i>200 Hawera hatchery rainbows released on 22/10/2024.</i></p> <p><i>A hatchery and trout releases report was prepared for Council's 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024 meeting.</i></p>
<p><b>Objective: Provide effective compliance to protect resource sustainability (including revenue base) and user experience to maintain licence holder satisfaction.</b></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><i>Ranger training day held at Mangorei Hall on 21/09/2024 attended by five Rangers and two staff. Honorary ranger application received (12/09/2024) from an experienced angler based in Ohakune. New Field Officer, Jack Harland, has completed on-line CERT modules and awaiting further training with CERT principal trainer Brad Dannefaerd.</i></p>

<p>14. Undertake safe and effective compliance coverage across the Taranaki Region, including a target of 100 licence checks of anglers and also of hunters.</p> <p>15. Process detected offences in a fair and timely way consistent with national prosecution guidelines.</p>	<p><i>Compliance annual report prepared for Council's 19 October 2024 meeting. Fish season ranging conducted by staff and honorary rangers.</i></p>
<p><b>Objective: Proactively manage problem aggregations of gamebirds in the interests of both hunters and property owners and managers.</b></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>Annual disturbance report prepared for Council's 19 October 2024 meeting. 11 permits to disturb gamebirds issued to date: 8 for pukeko (6 rural, 2 urban) and 3 for paradise shelduck / mallard duck.</i></p>

## HABITAT PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT

Objective	Planned Result
<p><b>Objective: Protect / improve habitat for sports fish &amp; game as a fundamental and effective means to sustain the fish &amp; game resource in the interests of licence holders and with biodiversity benefits for the wider community.</b></p>	
<p>1. Provide valued advice and support to licence holders, landowners and the wider community regarding the importance of and how to protect and enhance habitat and also undertake predator control/ management to benefit both fish &amp; game and wider indigenous biodiversity resources.</p>	
<p>2. Promote, encourage and support landowners to create, enhance and protect wetlands by providing sound technical advice and assistance to make successful applications to the GBHT and Hunting &amp; Habitat Funds.</p>	<p><i>Site visit made to view completed earthworks at Andy Whitehead's Kinatai wetland development at Oaonui (14/11/1014), which has been allocated funding from the GBHT and H&amp;H funds.</i></p>
<p>3. Proactively take opportunities to make effective representation in statutory and other community processes to best achieve sports fish and game bird habitat protection and enhancement.</p>	<p><i>Approval was given to Horizons RC (Marius Alers; 11/09/2024) to remove fallen trees in the Mangateitei Stream and Mangawhero River at Ohakune.</i></p>

A Fonterra Kapuni stakeholders meeting was attended (18/09/2024). Fonterra is proposing to split the suite of resource consent applications currently lodged with Taranaki Regional Council into two "bundles" – Water related & effluent irrigation/air discharge.

An update was received from Taranaki By-Products (10/10/2024) regarding re-consenting of water takes and discharges from their Okaiawa rendering plant (Inaha Stream). Taranaki F&G submitted on these consents on 14/10/2020.

STDC (Harrison/Grierson) contacted Taranaki F&G (21/10/2024) regarding re-consenting options for the discharge from the Waverley town oxidation ponds. F&G's preferred option is for limited notification to allow input into consent conditions.

NPDC (Greg Larkin; BTW) contacted F&G regarding perch in the Pukekura Park bowl lake, which will be partially drained this summer to allow the erection of permanent seating. NPDC also contacted F&G re: re-consenting of coastal structures (25/12/2024).

Todd Nicholson (Whenuku Quarries) got in touch (11/10/2024 & 11/11/2024) regarding quarry and Waingongoro riparian management plans.

Awaiting processing by TRC.

4. Investigate the establishment of an environmental award to acknowledge and highlight outstanding contributions to the protection of sports fish or gamebird habitat.
5. Seek effective environmental outcomes as part of the re-consenting of the Mangorei and Motukawa hydro schemes.
6. Promote and explore opportunities to improve water quality in Lake Rotomanu.

**Objective: Work collaboratively and proactively with landowners, other groups and iwi recognising the synergistic benefits and wider outcomes that can be achieved by this approach.**

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.

Staff attended the annual 1-day Wild for Taranaki (WfT) biodiversity forum (23/10/2024) and a Wai Connection Inanga/fish passage 2-day seminar on 12/13 November 2024. The WfT online AGM was attended – the two new Trustees on the Board are Andrew Castle & Amanda Clinton-Gohdes.

<p>8. Represent Fish &amp; Game and provide valued input to the Te Awa Tupua process.</p> <p>9. Explore options with other parties to remove a weir in the Waingongoro 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&amp;G joint Orautoha Stream / Manganuioteao Riparian Project to protect water quality in this catchment and the many values it supports.</p>	<p><i>Attended Biosecurity Taranaki zoom meeting (25/09/2024).</i></p> <p><i>An online Te Kōpuka meeting was attended (19/09/2024) and a face-to-face meeting at Ohakune (27/09/2024). SFO Allen Stanciliff re-confirmed as F&amp;G Nominee at Council's 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024 meeting.</i></p>
<p><b>Objective: Development of an effective Natural Resources Plan that protects freshwater and wetland habitats and which will also minimise Council costs in consent processes and free up resources for other management responses.</b></p> <p>11. Engage in and actively advocate for provisions which protect and/ or enhance sports fish &amp; game bird habitat in the Taranaki Natural Resources Plan development process.</p>	<p><i>Reviewed TRC Policy &amp; Planning agendas for results of latest consultation.</i></p>

## PARTICIPATION

2024/2025 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
<p><b>Objective: Add value to licence holders by increasing their opportunity, success and satisfaction and so retain them in the sport.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintain and improve the Taranaki pages on the new Fish &amp; Game website so “how to” and “where to go” information is readily available, easily understood and up to date.</li> <li>2. Work with National Office to populate new website with information including an ‘introduction to duck hunting in the Taranaki Region’.</li> <li>3. Continue posting on the Council’s facebook page in line with any National Policy to regularly inform licence holders using this forum.</li> </ol>	<p>5 facebook posts have been published (18/10, 23/10, 25/10, 31/10, 06/11), these posts collectively reached 5.4k people. 83 new followers.</p>
<p><b>Objective: Encourage past and prospective hunters and anglers into the sport through initiatives which make it easy to ‘have a go’ and/or provide support.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Develop and utilise licence holder email list to keep hunters and anglers up to date.</li> <li>5. Complete monthly contributions to Reel Life and Both Barrels Ezines and weekly contributions to the Wellington Fish &amp; Game Region’s “Lower North Island Lowdown” angling email consistent with national R3 recommendations.</li> <li>6. Provide a quality 2-page regional supplement in each edition of Fish &amp; Game Magazine.</li> <li>7. Publication of valued hunting and fishing newsletters sent in conjunction with Wellington Fish &amp; Game and sent to regional licence holders and hunting landowners. Hunting newsletter also distributed to all rural box holders in the region.</li> </ol>	<p>List of child and junior licence holders was used to publicise the Lake Rotomanu family trout fishing day (via Hothouse 11/10/2024).</p> <p>A Taranaki contribution to the Reel Life ezine was made in September and on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024. Weekly contributions to the “Lower NI Lowdown” email were made from 25/09/2024.</p> <p>Articles were prepared for the joint Wellington/Taranaki regional angling newsletter.</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. Provide organised fishing opportunities in Lake Rotomanu and the Patea River in Stratford consistent with R3 objectives and branding and in association with volunteer groups for kids and families.</p> <p>11. When fish are available, release 2-year rainbow trout into Sattler's Dam to provide opportunities for kids and families.</p> <p>12. Review, negotiate, publicise and issue access permits to publicly available hunting areas and actively seek and develop new opportunities.</p> <p>13. Identify and explore mentoring schemes to support new hunters.</p> <p>14. Develop web based introductory package for anglers highlighting access opportunities and methods to get started.</p> <p>15. Proactively take opportunities to make effective representation in statutory and other community processes to maintain or enhance hunting or angling access and opportunity.</p> <p>16. Assess satisfaction and success of Taranaki Region anglers using catch rates from a voluntary diary scheme and online satisfaction survey.</p> <p>17. Locate and publicise quality trout, perch and game bird recipes that enable anglers and hunters to make good use of these species.</p>	<p><i>Information provided to licence holders on request. Staff attended the Inglewood Rod, Hunting &amp; Clay Target Club's opening week fish season weigh-in (6/10/2024) and their "Big 4" weigh-in (28/10/2024).</i></p> <p><i>Four angling signs cleaned and one replaced (1/10/2024)</i></p> <p><i>A successful family trout fishing day was held at Lake Rotomanu on 3/11/2024 in conjunction with the Inglewood Rod, Hunting &amp; Clay Target Club, Hynds Pipe Systems and Taranaki Hunting &amp; Fishing. A grant application for the Stratford kids trout fishing day was submitted to the Taranaki Electricity Trust (25/10/2024) in conjunction with the Stratford Fishing Club.</i></p> <p><i>Pamphlet highlighting fishing methods and location information for targeting Perch throughout the Taranaki Region drafted.</i></p> <p><i>Angler diaries distributed to 24 anglers.</i></p>
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<p>18. Assess satisfaction of Taranaki Region hunters using an online satisfaction survey.</p> <p>19. 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>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><i>Interim results of a 2024 national opening weekend hunter satisfaction survey presented to Council's 19th October 2024 meeting.</i></p>
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## IWI & PUBLIC INTERACTION

2024/2025 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
<p><b>Objective: Work proactively and collaboratively with iwi at all levels consistent with Treaty of Waitangi obligations and responsibilities regarding the protection and use of natural resources.</b></p>	<p><b>Objective: Work proactively and collaboratively with Treaty of Waitangi obligations and responsibilities regarding the protection and use of natural resources</b></p>
<p>1. Proactively engage, work and collectively share with iwi and hapu within the region on matters affecting wetland and freshwater resources or their use.</p>	<p><i>Spent a day (5/11/2024) with Taranaki Iwi Taiao staff electric fishing two coastal streams. Attended WfT Biodiversity forum and Wai Connection 2-day seminar.</i>  <i>Staff attended Fonterra Kaitiaki Group meeting to discuss habitat and fish passage enhancement in the Tawhiti Stream catchment (1/11/2024).</i></p>
<p><b>Objective: Strong relationships and involvement with DOC and local and regional councils to effectively represent the interests of hunters and anglers in formal decision-making process.</b></p>	<p><b>Objective: Strong relationships and involvement with DOC and local and regional councils to effectively represent the interests of hunters and anglers in formal decision-making process.</b></p>
<p>2. Liaise with Department of Conservation and Conservation Boards and proactively engage and work with Regional and District councils and community &amp; industry groups.</p>	
<p><b>Objective: Engender support for hunting and fishing and the activities of Fish &amp; Game by the general public and others who recognise that these activities contribute to a better environment and healthy lifestyle and in turn who support protecting these resources and the opportunities to participate</b></p>	

<p>3. Recognise and pursue opportunities to contribute to the wider community including 'Wild for Taranaki' and 'Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust'.</p> <p>4. Take opportunities to promote the value of protecting freshwater, wetland and upland game habitats and the wider benefits from this.</p> <p>5. Represent the interests of hunters and anglers and promote the validity of fishing and gamebird hunting including as a means of collecting natural organic foods and engaging in a physical healthy lifestyle.</p> <p>6. Maintain a positive and constructive profile in the media which encourages prospective participants and fosters support and understanding among the general public.</p> <p>7. Implement revised media strategy and including incorporating any National Policy</p>	<p>Attended WFT Biodiversity forum &amp; AGM.</p> <p>A fish season advertorial was placed in the Whanganui Chronicle (20/09/2024) and in the Ruapehu Bulletin "Summertime Edition" (11/11/2024).</p> <p>An advert promoting the Lake Rotomanu family trout fishing day was placed in the Taranaki Daily News (26/10/2024) which also ran an article publicising the event. Information was also provided to two radio stations for their community notices.</p> <p>Advertising and an article was also organised in the Stratford Press for the Stratford kids trout fishing day (12/11/2024). Stratford DC also agreed to support the day with advertising through their channels, including their electronic notice boards.</p>
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## COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

2024/2025 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
<p><b>Objective: Sound and effective governance which facilitates a co-operative and supportive relationship between Council, staff and licence holders that enables effective management of resources in the best interests of the licence holder and the fish &amp; game resource.</b></p> <p>1. Not less than six meetings of Council are held, and meetings are conducted consistent with provisions of the Standing Orders.</p> <p>2. Council undertakes governance training provided nationally, preferably in conjunction with Wellington Fish &amp; Game Council.</p>	<p>A Council meeting was held in Stratford on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and the first meeting of the new Council was held in New Plymouth on 2/11/2024.</p>

<p>3. Identification and implementation of options and strategies to increase the diversity of Council and iwi involvement.</p> <p>4. The 5-Year Strategic Plan is reviewed and agreed by Council by March 2025.</p> <p>5. Formulation and adoption of an Annual Operational Plan and Budget for 2025/26 consistent with the 5-Year Strategic Plan.</p> <p>6. Presentation by Council of its audited annual report for 2023/24 not later than 31 December 2024</p>	<p>5-year strategic plan updated and received at Council's 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024 meeting.</p> <p>2024/25 Annual Report and Audit worked on.</p>
<p><b>Objective: Operate consistent with National Policy and make valued contributions to the management of the resource and Fish &amp; Game nationally in the interests of all licence holders.</b></p> <p>7. Effective regional policies are developed, adopted and reviewed as required and are consistent with any National Policy requirements.</p> <p>8. Progress reporting of licence sales, work progress and financial position is timely and accurate and supports sound financial and operational management and oversight.</p>	
<p><b>Objective: Make best use of new systems, processes and technology to maximise administrative efficiencies and minimise costs do resources are available for use elsewhere.</b></p> <p>9. Effective administration such that the Council is within annual budget (<math>\pm 5\%</math>), operates consistent with best practice and at least 90% of its annual plan is completed.</p> <p>10. Staff management requirements including performance reviews completed and new KPIs and objectives for staff defined, and regular staff meetings.</p>	<p>Job interviews conducted for new Field officer, with Jack Harland beginning work for the Council on 23/09/2024. Weekly staff meetings held each Monday morning.</p>

<p>11. Implement any outcomes and directions from Fish &amp; Game Ministerial Review and /or National Council reviews.</p> <p>12. Progress amalgamation discussions with the Wellington Fish &amp; Game Council and implement agreed measures which don't require legislative change.</p> <p>13. Effective communication and liaison with NZ Fish &amp; Game Council and other Fish &amp; Game regions including valued input and comment on Fish &amp; Game issues and attendance at Fish &amp; Game Managers meetings.</p> <p>14. Contribute to National Office by providing valued advice, assistance and feedback on national issues and processes as requested.</p> <p>15. Refine financial administration, reporting and analysis working with NZF&amp;G Council and staff.</p>	<p><i>Staff participated in the following national groups:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>RMA Group; zoom meetings to discuss SFGMP's (14/10/2024) and Access (29/10/2024), with information provided on current RMA advocacy in the region and where angler and hunter access has been lost, and gained;</i></li> <li>• <i>CLE Group: zoom meeting attended on 8/10/2024 to review opening weekend fish season ranging effort;</i></li> <li>• <i>Fisheries Group: zoom meeting attended 19/09/2024</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>Objective: Demonstrate a commitment to Health &amp; Safety and ensuring the welfare of staff and others through effective policy, systems, resourcing and oversight.</b></p>	

<p>16. All processes and activities are undertaken consistent with Council Health &amp; Safety Policy and Manual.</p> <p>17. Staff are actively involved in implementing HSAW policy and ensuring a safe workplace, including by undertaking two monthly staff meetings where HSAW is a specific agenda item.</p> <p>18. Compliance with HSAW requirements and policy including scheduled reviews and audits along with any issues identified or near misses routinely reported to each meeting of Council.</p>	<p><i>HSAW addressed at each weekly staff meeting. New Field Officer has attended SxS &amp; 4x4 vehicle training (16/17 October 2024) and is booked in to an electric fishing course (27/28 November 2024). Electric fishing machine re-certified by NZ Sparky (17/09/2024) prior to fieldwork.</i></p>
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**Recommendation**

That the Budget Report to 31 October 2024 and Project Progress Report to 15 November 2024 be received.

**Summary**

Confirmation and clarification of financial reports -

Profit & Loss Statement and from 1 September up to end October 2024 (2024/2025 Financial Year to date).

**a. Profit & Loss Statement to 31 October 2024**

Nothing to highlight

**b. Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2024**

**BNZ Statement of Accounts as at 31 October 2024**

Nothing to highlight

**c. Capital Expenditure Considerations**

Vehicle Replacement proceeded for Taranaki region – disposal of vehicle currently active.

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

***Council move to receive Financial Statements for Year-to-Date for the 2024/2025 Financial Year – Profit & Loss Statement, Balance Sheet and BNZ Statement of Accounts as at 31 October 2024.***

# Profit and Loss For Council

## Taranaki Fish and Game Council

For the 2 months ended 31 October 2024

	SEPT-OCT 2024	YTD BUDGET	2025 OVERALL BUDGET	VARIANCE	VARIANCE %
<b>Revenue</b>					
<b>Licence Income</b>					
Fish Licence Income	61,093	53,354	130,769	7,739 ↑	15% ↑
Game Licence Income	94	-	103,471	94 ↑	- —
Less Commission and Fees	(2,028)	(1,561)	(9,370)	(467) ↓	-30% ↓
<b>Total Licence Income</b>	<b>59,159</b>	<b>51,793</b>	<b>224,870</b>	<b>7,366</b>	<b>14%</b>
Grants	52,274	52,274	209,098	0 ↑	0% ↑
Interest Received	-	1,505	9,032	(1,505) ↓	-100% ↓
Other Income	4,875	792	24,688	4,083 ↑	516% ↑
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>116,308</b>	<b>106,364</b>	<b>467,688</b>	<b>9,944</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>					
<b>SPECIES MANAGEMENT</b>					
Population Monitoring	7	-	15,500	7 ↑	- —
Hatchery Operations	3,004	1,666	10,000	1,338 ↑	80% ↑
Releases	353	3,000	6,000	(2,647) ↓	-88% ↓
Control	99	333	2,000	(234) ↓	-70% ↓
<b>Total SPECIES MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>3,464</b>	<b>4,999</b>	<b>33,500</b>	<b>(1,535)</b>	<b>-31%</b>
<b>HABITAT PROTECTION / MANAGEMENT</b>					
Assisted Habitat	-	3,333	20,000	(3,333) ↓	-100% ↓
<b>Total HABITAT PROTECTION / MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,333</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>(3,333)</b>	<b>-100%</b>
<b>PARTICIPATION</b>					
Access	-	-	200	- —	- —
Newsletters Magazine Web pages	233	3,416	9,500	(3,183) ↓	-93% ↓
Training	-	166	1,000	(166) ↓	-100% ↓
<b>Total PARTICIPATION</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>3,582</b>	<b>10,700</b>	<b>(3,349)</b>	<b>-93%</b>
<b>PUBLIC INTERFACE</b>					
Liaison	-	166	1,000	(166) ↓	-100% ↓
Advocacy	410	1,733	3,800	(1,323) ↓	-76% ↓
<b>Total PUBLIC INTERFACE</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>1,899</b>	<b>4,800</b>	<b>(1,489)</b>	<b>-78%</b>
<b>COMPLIANCE</b>					
Ranging	-	250	500	(250) ↓	-100% ↓
Ranger Training	343	500	1,000	(157) ↓	-31% ↓



	SEPT-OCT 2024	YTD BUDGET	2025 OVERALL BUDGET	VARIANCE	VARIANCE %
Compliance	-	-	1,500	-	-
<b>Total COMPLIANCE</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>(407)</b>	<b>-54%</b>
<b>LICENCING</b>					
Licence Agents	-	250	500	(250) ↓	-100% ↓
<b>Total LICENCING</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>(250)</b>	<b>-100%</b>
<b>COUNCIL</b>					
Council Meeting Expenses	817	1,583	9,500	(766) ↓	-48% ↓
<b>Total COUNCIL</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>1,583</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>(766)</b>	<b>-48%</b>
<b>PLANNING &amp; REPORTING</b>					
Management / Strategic Planning	1,091	16	100	1,075 ↑	6,719% ↑
Reporting Audit	31	83	7,576	(52) ↓	-62% ↓
National Liaison	-	16	100	(16) ↓	-100% ↓
<b>Total PLANNING &amp; REPORTING</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>7,776</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>876%</b>
<b>OVERHEADS</b>					
Salaries	32,133	52,839	317,037	(20,706) ↓	-39% ↓
Staff Expenses	1,654	591	3,550	1,063 ↑	180% ↑
Office Premises	3,830	3,700	22,200	130 ↑	4% ↑
Office Equipment	762	333	2,000	429 ↑	129% ↑
Communications / Consumables	1,498	875	5,250	623 ↑	71% ↑
General	1,876	509	3,050	1,367 ↑	269% ↑
General Equipment	1,008	832	5,000	176 ↑	21% ↑
Vehicles	6,685	2,642	15,850	4,043 ↑	153% ↑
<b>Total OVERHEADS</b>	<b>49,446</b>	<b>62,321</b>	<b>373,937</b>	<b>(12,875)</b>	<b>-21%</b>
Depreciation	-	2,123	12,739	(2,123) ↓	-100% ↓
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>55,836</b>	<b>80,955</b>	<b>476,452</b>	<b>(25,119)</b>	<b>-31%</b>
<b>New Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>60,473</b>	<b>25,409</b>	<b>(8,764)</b>	<b>35,064</b>	<b>138%</b>

# Balance Sheet

## Taranaki Fish and Game Council

As at 31 October 2024

31 OCT 2024

### Assets

#### Bank

BNZ Current Account	161,798.48
BNZ Term 3031	413,520.64
MRP	1,694.77
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>577,013.89</b>

#### Current Assets

Accounts Receivable	112,132.90
Prepayments and Accrued Income	2,574.41
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>114,707.31</b>

#### Fixed Assets

Accum Dep Vehicles	(68,262.08)
Accum Dep Buildings	(16,451.00)
Accum Dep Office Equipment	(21,745.03)
Accum Dep Plant & Equipment	(18,895.31)
Buildings	16,451.00
Office Equipment	25,022.63
Plant & Equipment	26,474.26
Vehicles	114,907.26
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>57,501.73</b>

#### Total Assets

749,222.93

### Liabilities

#### Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	14,581.48
Accruals and Prepaid Licences	6,954.00
BNZ Credit Card - Allen	2,052.38
Designated Waters Licence	36.42
Duck Stamp Levy Clearing	4.35
Employee Entitlements	43,263.59
GST	17,790.67
Income in advance	9,963.00
PAYE Clearing	(5,157.72)
Rounding	0.05
Sea Run Salmon Endorsement	12.45
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>89,500.67</b>

#### Total Liabilities

89,500.67

#### Net Assets

659,722.26

### Equity

31 OCT 2024



Accumulated Funds	141,427.68
Asset Replacement Funding	21,578.00
Back Country Fisheries Reserve	20,139.79
Current Year Earnings	60,472.87
Fisheries Project	7,386.30
Hunting & Habitat Scheme	321,960.74
Manganuioteao River Riparian Project	4,649.29
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	82,107.59
Total Equity	659,722.26

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## Statement of Accounts as at 31 October 2024

### Your Accounts at a Glance

Account	Account Number	Maturity Date	Balance
 Non Profit Org A/C	02-0792-0332133-000		161,798.48
 MRP	02-0792-0332133-001		1,694.77

### Your Other Accounts at a Glance

Account	Account Number	Maturity Date	Balance
 Term Deposit	36332133-03031	02 Feb 2025	413,520.64

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

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## Agenda Item 20 Correspondence

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### Summary

Correspondence:

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

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Recommendation/Action

*Council move to receive the correspondence to 22 November 2024*

### Inwards Correspondence

Date	Meeting	From	Staff Councillor	Subject
9.10.24	Dec-24	Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust	Allen	Rotokare Bush Telegraph – Sept 2024 edition
9.10.24	Dec-24	Wild for Taranaki	Allen	WFT 2024 election and Annual Report
10.10.24	Dec-24	Taranaki Regional Council	Allen	Taranaki By-Products consenting update
11.10.24	Dec-24	Taranaki Regional Council	Allen	Environmental Awards
18.10.24	Dec-24	Horizons – Todd Nicholson	Allen	Kaitiaki Group Forum – Whenuku Rd Quarry
21.10.24	Dec-24	Harrison Grier – Hali Hoskin	Allen	Waverley Wastewater Treatment Plant – seeking approval
22.10.24	Dec-24	NPDC – Conrad Pattison	Allen	NPDC consent renewal
7.11.24	Dec-24	Taranaki Regional Council – Abby Lagula	Allen	Annual NZ Biosecurity Surveillance Report
7.11.24	Dec-24	Taranaki Regional Council – Abby Lagula	Allen	Biosecurity Taranaki Meeting mins. Oct 2024
7.11.24	Dec-24	MPI – Shelley Ashton	Allen	Biosecurity Taranaki webinar – Aquatic surveillance
7.11.24	Dec-24	Francis Douglas Memorial School	Allen	Year 10 work shadowing
11.11.24	Dec-24	Taranaki Regional Council – Angela Collins	Allen	Can I swim here? 2024-25 season
11.11.24	Dec-24	Fonterra – Michelle Dwyer	Allen	Kaitiaki Group Meeting
11.11.24	Dec-24	Horizons – Todd Nicholson	Allen	Whenuku Road Quarry – Kaitiaki Group Forum
14.11.24	Dec-24	ECO-FX	Allen	Aerial pest control – Hutiwai, Mohakatino and Waitaanga Areas
14.11.24	Dec-24	Fern Brand – DOC	Allen	Formal comments: Balance Kapuni Discharge Spectrus
19.11.24	Dec-24	Andrew Whiteford TRC	Allen	October data summaries
22.11.24	Dec-24	Darlene Ladbrook TRC	Allen	Limited notification of 21-00072-4.0 STDC

### Outwards Correspondence

Date	Meeting	To	Staff Councillor	Subject
9.10.24	Dec-24	Hamish Carnahan	Jack	Taranaki contribution to LNIL
11.10.24	Dec-24	Kalin Contracting – Alistair Kalin	Jack	Permit to Disturb
16.10.24	Dec-24	Hamish Carnahan	Allen	Taranaki contribution to LNIL
17.10.24	Dec-24	AWFGC – Roslyn Simmonds	Allen	Reel Life
19.10.24	Dec-24	Wild for Taranaki	Allen	WTF election – vote
21.10.24	Dec-24	Harrison Grier – Hali Hoskin	Allen	Waverley Wastewater Treatment Plant
22.10.24	Dec-24	Hamish Carnahan	Allen Jack	LNIL Taranaki edition
25.10.24	Dec-24	Roger Hignett	Allen	Grant application – Stratford Fishing Club
25.10.24	Dec-24	NPDC – Conrad Pattison	Allen	NPDC Parks Consent renewals
25.10.24	Dec-24	Stuff – Matthew Rilkoﬀ	Allen	Lake Rotomanu Family Trout Fishing Day – article
30.10.24	Dec-24	Hamish Carnahan	Allen	Lower North Island Lowdown – Taranaki contribution
11.11.24	Dec-24	Horizons – Todd Nicholson	Allen	Whenuku Road Quarry – Kaitiaki Group Forum
11.11.24	Dec-24	Ruapehu Bulletin	Allen	Summertime Angling in the Ruapehu District
22.11.24	DEC-24	South Taranaki Star – Stuff	Allen	Article – Stratford Kids Fishing Day

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**Agenda Item 21 Recognition Awards**

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**Summary**

Consideration of recognising volunteer or exceptional service.

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**Recommendation/Action**

No action required



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## Agenda Item 22 Conservation Board Liaison

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### Summary

Consider formal (re) engagement with Conservation Board.

Noted under legislation that this should occur.

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### Recommendation/Action

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

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**Agenda Item 23    General Business**

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**Summary**

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

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

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**Recommendation/Action**

No action required.

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## Agenda Item 24 Confirmation of Next Meeting Date

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### Summary

Confirmation of the next meeting will be held on 15 February 2025 in Stratford.

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## Agenda Item 25 Closure of Meeting

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### Closing - korero kati

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**