
Performance Report of the

**CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND
FISH & GAME COUNCIL**

for the year ended
31 August 2022

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



24 November 2022

The Hon. Poto Williams
Minister of Conservation
Parliament Buildings
WELLINGTON

Dear Minister,

I have the honour to submit, pursuant to Section 26X of the Conservation Act 1987 and Section 44A of the Public Finance Act 1989, the Performance Report of the Central South Island Fish and Game Council for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colin L Weatherall".

Colin L Weatherall
Chair
Central South Island Fish and Game Council

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(as at 31 August 2022)

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Andrew Simpson
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John Henry (Ngai Tahu)

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Chief Executive
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MISSION STATEMENT:

“To manage, maintain, and enhance sportsfish and game resources on a sustainable basis in the recreational interests of anglers and hunters”.

Chair's Report
CSIFGC Annual Public Meeting
24 November 2022

Welcome

I am pleased to present this thirty-second Annual Report, on behalf of the Central South Island Fish and Game Council (CSIFGC), for the 2021/22 financial year.

As in previous years, water management, habitat restoration, trout and salmon sustainability and enhancement and RMA processes have continued to dominate the activities of the Council and Staff over the year. In addition, a number of governance initiatives and appointments were undertaken during this year.

1. 2022 IN REVIEW

1.1 CSIFGC's Finances

Since New Zealand first went into "lockdown" in March 2020, uncertainties related to the Covid-19 continued well into 2022. Even so, a very satisfactory "unqualified" audit of CSIFGC's financial statements has been completed on time and is now available to the public.

Having regard to the impact of Covid-related restrictions on angling and hunting, the Council approved a deficit budget of (-) \$51,200. However, both fishing licence income and gamebird hunting licence income were higher than expected at 3.3% above budget for fish licence income and 6.5% above budget for hunting licence income. This contributed to an improvement in the actual deficit ((-) \$22,200) as shown on page 3 of the 2022 Financial Statements. The Council is indebted to Jay Graybill for his expert financial management through this difficult period.

The Council should continue to pay close attention to its financial position and to the changing environment in which it does business but be ready to invest in future projects of importance.

1.2 Governance

Three members of Council tendered their resignations to the Minister of Conservation in March and April 2022. In May of 2022, I (Colin Weatherall) was co-opted to the Council to assist with governance issues. I was subsequently elected Chair on a temporary basis. Under the provisions of the Conservation Act, the Council issued public notice of the extraordinary vacancies followed by public notice of Council's intent to fill the three extraordinary vacancies. Three members were appointed to the Council in August 2022. I wish to welcome Bill Chisholm, Craig McKenzie and Andrew Simpson to the Council. Since these appointments, the Council has undertaken a Governance training programme lead by Richard Westlake (Crown Entity Specialist) and funded by New Zealand Council.

1.3 Sea-run Salmon Fishery

The “wild” sea-run salmon fishery of the East Coast of the South Island has been in decline for over 20 years. While there is no single obvious “cause”, a number of factors appear to have contributed to this decline. However, most of these factors are well outside Council’s control.

To address the high priority goal of restoring the “wild” run of salmon, Council approved a season bag limit of two salmon as the single most effective tool available to enable more salmon to reach the spawning grounds while at the same time allowing continuation of a salmon fishing season for anglers. The results of this season’s salmon spawning surveys suggest that the salmon season bag, at least in part, contributed to more salmon reaching the Rangitata spawning grounds. Estimated numbers of “live” salmon into Deep Stream and Deep Creek were 815 and 880, respectively. These counts are the highest recorded since 2013 for these streams, collectively, and for Deep Stream since 1999. Analysis is continuing to estimate the number of salmon caught in the Waitaki and Rangitata rivers.

1.4 Governance Regional Review

A former Minister of Conservation commissioned a review of governance within the Fish and Game network. The report from that review, released in April 2021, put forward 36 recommendations to improve governance in Fish and Game. This matter continues to be a challenge for the organisation. The NZ Council sought comments on the review recommendations from regional fish and game councils and provided a “consolidated” version of those comments to the new Minister of Conservation. An “Implementation Steering Group” was established with representatives from NZ Fish and Game and the Department of Conservation to complete implementation. The Steering Group has struggled for various reasons to advance non-legislative matters with any certainty.

With regard to amalgamation of fish and game regions, the CSI Council clearly supports the stand-alone model for this region and is advancing all practical ways to support this outcome.

I strongly recommend that the CSI Council, and its anglers and hunters who fund it, should negotiate the future form of any new region and its council before these questions are placed in the hands of external decision makers.

1.5 Sports Fish and Game Management Plan (SFGMP) 2022-2032

The Council is required to form ten-year “Management Plans” for sports fish and game birds in its region. The Council’s draft Management Plan was submitted to the Minister on 21 March and approved by the Minister on 15 April 2022. I’m grateful to our Staff for producing an excellent draft SFGMP, that gained such a rapid turn-around by the Minister of Conservation.

2. CSIFGC PRIORITIES FOR 2023

I record that this Council will, in the coming year, work on:

- Making continued use of media to publicise the actions and inactions of other bodies that affect rivers and lakes in the CSIFGC Region.
- Managing and enhancing its relationship with NZ Council.

- Strengthening this Council’s relationship with *Te Runanga O Ngai Tahu*.
- Strengthening this Council’s advocacy to address growing anti-trout sentiment and to support trout and salmon as valued introduced species, with the goal of improving Fish and Game’s social licence as a credible fresh-water conservation advocate.

I consider that the Council is currently in a position of strength with a truly excellent staff team, a strong balance sheet, and a modern and credible governance framework. I hope that working to improve the Council’s governance will remain a priority for all members.

3. COUNCILLORS, STAFF, AND VOLUNTEERS

I wish to thank Councillors who supported me and the work of the Council during my brief term as Council Chair.

I wish to recognise the effort, commitment, and professionalism of the CSIFGC Staff, who have achieved a very high level of completion of the objectives set under a full Operational Work Plan, despite the additional demands imposed by Covid-19 and associated National/Regional demands.

I also thank the honorary rangers, licence agents, clubs, and volunteers whose contribution to the work of CSIFGC is greatly valued.

Finally, I express my thanks to the numerous members of the several trusts and societies that administer salmon hatcheries and that otherwise contribute to the goal of restoring the ‘wild’ run of salmon or preserving the habitat of our fish and game.

Colin Weatherall
Chair

Central South Island Fish and Game Council

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended

31 August 2022

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Central South Island Fish and Game Council
STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

For the year ended
31 August 2022

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

In our opinion, the information set out in the following statements and attached notes to these statements fairly reflect the financial activities and performance of the Central South Island Fish and Game Council, for the year ended 31 August 2022.

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Colin Weatherall
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Chair

09 November 2022

Date

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Jay Graybill
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Chief Executive

09 November 2022

Date

Central South Island Fish & Game Council

ENTITY INFORMATION

**For the year ended
31 August 2022**

Legal Name of Entity:	Central South Island Fish & Game Council
Type of Entity and Legal Basis (if any):	The Central South Island Fish & Game Council was created under the provisions of the Conservation Law Reform Act 1990.

Entity's Purpose or Mission:

The Central South Island Fish & Game Council was established on 4 May 1991 for the purposes of management, maintenance, and enhancement of sports fish and game in the recreational interests of anglers & hunters.

Entity Structure:

At balance date the Council had eight Councillors who are elected three yearly by the people who purchase adult fishing and hunting licences within the Council's region. The Council meets at least six times per year to direct the Council's management and to make its policy decisions. The Council employs seven full-time staff based in Temuka.

Main Sources of the Entity's Cash and Resources:

The Central South Island Fish and Game Council derives its revenue from the sale of fish and game licences, interest, contracts, grants, donations and miscellaneous sales.

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Central South Island Fish and Game Council
Statement of Financial Performance
For the year ended
31 August 2022

	Note	Actual 2022 \$	Budget 2022 \$	Actual 2021 \$
REVENUE				
Fish and Game licence sales	1	1,561,643	1,506,427	1,534,218
Grants and donations	1	8,400	-	-
Interest	1	7,268	3,448	3,771
Funding & Reimbursement Revenue	1	44,263	34,150	96,576
Other revenue	1	17,082	21,600	48,879
Total Revenue		1,638,656	1,565,625	1,683,444
EXPENSES				
Outputs				
Species management	2	70,104	58,500	54,456
Habitat protection & management	2	7,156	10,400	68,444
Angler & Hunter participation	2	4,015	3,600	4,884
Public interface	2	290	800	-
Compliance	2	3,251	4,000	6,349
Licensing	2	79,540	73,789	61,126
Council	2	13,931	1,500	1,125
Planning & reporting	2	12,910	10,000	11,362
Overheads				
Employee related costs	2	627,207	612,227	602,963
Depreciation	4	21,130	16,701	24,357
Other expenses	2	66,602	70,500	62,841
Total Expenses		906,136	862,017	897,906
Operating Surplus		732,520	703,608	785,538
Less Other Expenses				
Levies to NZFGC	8	754,764	754,764	668,622
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		(22,244)	(51,156)	116,916

Central South Island Fish and Game Council
Statement of Financial Position

As at
31 August 2022

	Note	Actual 2022 \$	Budget 2022 \$	Actual 2021 \$
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Bank accounts and cash	3	323,739	313,504	528,236
Debtors and prepayments	3	78,839	92,140	77,446
Investments	3	637,083	580,000	380,688
Total Current Assets		1,039,661	985,644	986,370
Non-Current Assets				
Property, plant and equipment	4	303,205	307,600	315,833
Total Non-Current Assets		303,205	307,600	315,833
TOTAL ASSETS		1,342,866	1,293,244	1,302,203
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Creditors and accrued expenses	3	62,575	60,300	45,549
Income in Advance	3	219,992	175,000	174,084
Employee costs payable	3	19,323	15,440	19,350
Total Current Liabilities		301,890	250,740	238,983
TOTAL LIABILITES		301,890	250,740	238,983
NET ASSETS		1,040,976	1,042,504	1,063,221
Accumulated Funds	5	630,374	631,902	648,978
Dedicated Reserves	5	410,602	410,602	414,243
EQUITY		1,040,976	1,042,504	1,063,221

Central South Island Fish and Game Council
Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended
31 August 2022

	Actual 2022 \$	Budget 2022 \$	Actual 2021 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was received from:			
Licence Sales	1,598,681	1,506,427	1,518,499
Grants, donations and fundraising	8,400	-	-
Interest	7,127	3,448	3,786
Other revenue	61,345	55,750	145,455
GST (net)	7,571	-	-
Cash was applied to:			
Payments to suppliers	1,011,945	987,853	954,105
Payments to employees	610,781	612,227	608,545
GST (net)	-	-	1,436
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	60,398	(34,455)	103,654
CASHFLOW FROM INVESTING & FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was received from:			
Sale of property, plant and equipment	-	-	-
Sale of investments/deposits	-	-	-
Cash was applied to:			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	8,502	-	1,750
Purchase of investments/deposits	256,395	-	3,446
Net Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities	(264,897)	-	(5,196)
Net Increase in Cash	(204,499)	(34,455)	98,458
Opening Bank Accounts & Cash	528,237	347,959	429,779
Closing Bank Accounts & Cash	323,738	313,504	528,237

Central South Island Fish and Game Council

Statement of Accounting Policies

For the year ended

31 August 2022

ACCOUNTING POLICIES APPLIED

Reporting Entity

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

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

Basis of Preparation

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

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

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

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Revenue Recognition

Central South Island Fish and Game Council derives revenue through the sale of fish and game licences, interest, contracts, rentals, grants and miscellaneous sales. All are recorded as revenue in the period they are earned. However, for any grants, where there are unfulfilled conditions attaching to the grants, and use or return obligations, the unfulfilled amount is recognised as a liability and released to income as the conditions are fulfilled.

Licence Revenue

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

Grants Received

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

Interest

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

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Other Income

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

Outputs

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

Employee related costs

Wages, salaries, and annual leave are recorded as an expense as staff provide services and become entitled to wages, salaries.

Levies to NZFGC

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

Bank Accounts and cash

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

Debtors and Prepayments

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

Investments

Investments comprise investments in term deposits with banks.

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

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Property, plant and equipment

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

Donated assets are recognised upon receipt of the asset if the asset has a useful life of 12 months or more, and the current value of the asset is readily obtainable and significant. Significant donated assets for which current values are not readily obtainable are not recognised.

For an asset to be sold, the asset is impaired if the market price or the equivalent asset falls below its carrying amount.

For an asset to be used by the Council, the asset is impaired if the value to the Council in using the assets falls below the carrying amount.

Depreciation is provided at rates that will write off the cost of the assets over their useful lives. The useful lives and associated depreciation rates of the major classes of assets have been estimated as

Buildings	Straight Line	40 years (2.5% - 10.5%)
Plant & Equipment	Diminishing Value	2-20 years (13% - 33%)
Motor Vehicles	Diminishing Value	10 years (20% - 36%)
Office Equipment	Diminishing Value	3-10 years (11.4% - 60%)

Creditors and accrued expenses

Creditors and accrued expenses are measured at the amount owed.

Game Bird Habitat Stamp levy

Levies of \$8,696 (2021: \$8,362) have been collected and are paid to New Zealand Fish and Game Council per the New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Stamp Regulations 1993.

Employee costs payable

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

Dedicated Reserves

Dedicated reserves are non-binding and may be re-assigned by the Council.

Income Tax

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

Central South Island Fish and Game Council

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Budget Figures

The Budget figures are derived from the Council budget that was approved at the Council meeting in April 2021.

Tier 2 PBE Accounting Standards applied

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

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with the previous year.

Central South Island Fish and Game Council

Notes to the Performance Report

For the year ended
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Note 1 : ANALYSIS OF REVENUE	Actual 2022 \$	Budget 2022 \$	Actual 2021 \$
Licence sales			
Fish Licences	1,370,582	1,331,558	1,352,261
Game Licences	186,201	174,869	177,085
Non-Resident Levy	4,860	-	4,872
Total	1,561,643	1,506,427	1,534,218
Grants and donations			
Government Wage Subsidy	8,400	-	-
Donations	-	-	-
Total	8,400	-	-
Interest			
Other Interest	7,268	3,448	3,771
Total	7,268	3,448	3,771
Funding & Reimbursement Revenue			
Meridian Aviemore Spawning Race	-	1,650	-
Meridian Waitaki	29,854	32,500	33,288
Genesis Income	10,614	-	-
Scotts Creek Grants	-	-	61,739
Sockeye Salmon Spawning Income	3,795	-	1,549
Total	44,263	34,150	96,576
Other revenue			
Rentals - huts	122	300	356
Fines/Prosecutions	1,929	-	1,651
Reparations for Fish/Game Offences	14,900	20,000	15,100
Miscellaneous Income	-	-	261
Fish Competitions	-	900	-
Fish Licence Commission	-	200	-
Winnimem Project	-	-	31,460
Salmon By-catch	131	200	51
Total	17,082	21,600	48,879

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Note 2 : ANALYSIS OF EXPENSES	Actual 2022 \$	Budget 2022 \$	Actual 2021 \$
Species management			
Population monitoring	61,175	54,500	51,416
Harvest assessment	1,881	3,500	2,456
Fish salvage	659	500	584
Regulations	6,389	-	-
Gamebird Control	-	-	-
Total	70,104	58,500	54,456
Habitat protection & management			
Resource management	1,773	-	2,004
Works & management	4,049	3,750	1,466
Assisted habitat	1,334	6,650	64,974
Total	7,156	10,400	68,444
Angler & Hunter participation			
Access	656	500	1,442
Newsletters	1,960	2,000	1,980
Training	-	-	-
Huts	1,399	1,100	1,462
Total	4,015	3,600	4,884
Public interface			
Public promotions	132	300	-
Visitor education	158	500	-
Total	290	800	0
Compliance			
Ranging	977	1,000	499
Ranger training	-	-	196
Compliance	2,274	3,000	5,655
Total	3,251	4,000	6,349

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Note 2 : ANALYSIS OF EXPENSES	Actual 2022 \$	Budget 2022 \$	Actual 2021 \$
Licensing			
Transaction Fees	15,574	-	13,317
Commission	48,860	67,789	47,809
Licence Production & Distribution	15,106	6,000	-
Total	79,540	73,789	61,126
Council			
Council meetings	1,846	1,500	1,125
Council Governance and Advice	12,085	-	-
Total	13,931	1,500	1,125
Planning & reporting			
Management/Strategic Reporting	821	-	-
Reporting	5,247	4,000	4,864
Audit fee	6,842	6,000	6,498
Total	12,910	10,000	11,362
Employee related costs			
Salaries and wages	620,984	606,227	597,104
Fringe benefit tax	3,150	3,000	3,150
ACC levies	1,656	1,500	1,255
Staff training and other expenses	1,417	1,500	1,453
Total	627,207	612,227	602,962

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Note 2 : ANALYSIS OF EXPENSES	Actual 2022 \$	Budget 2022 \$	Actual 2021 \$
Depreciation			
Depreciation	21,129	16,701	24,357
Total	21,129	16,701	24,357
Other expenses			
Office equipment	4,622	3,300	1,817
Communications	14,476	15,200	13,249
General	1,791	2,700	2,527
Field equipment	3,566	3,500	3,617
Vehicles	23,697	28,700	23,562
Office premises	18,450	17,100	18,069
Total	66,602	70,500	62,841

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Note 3 : ANALYSIS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITES	Actual 2022 \$	Actual 2021 \$
Bank accounts and cash		
Cash on hand	247	247
Current account balance	204,792	406,604
Savings account balance	121,860	121,717
Credit Card	(3,161)	(332)
Deposits held on Call	-	-
Total	323,739	528,236
Debtors and other receivables		
Accounts receivable	64,494	54,174
Prepayments	2,338	2,335
GST receivable	11,406	20,477
Accrued Interest	601	460
Total	78,839	77,446
Investments		
Short Term Deposits	637,083	380,688
Total	637,083	380,688
Creditors and accrued expenses		
Trade and other payables	62,575	45,549
Total	62,575	45,549
Income in Advance		
Income in Advance	219,992	174,084
Total	219,992	174,084
Employee costs payable		
Annual leave	19,323	19,350
Total	19,323	19,350

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Note 4 : PROPERTY PLANT & EQUIPMENT

2022

Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Sales/ Disposals	Recovered Impairment Gain/Loss	Current Year Depreciation	Closing Carrying Amount
Land	103,349	-	-	-	-	103,349
Buildings	153,706	-	-	-	5,674	148,032
Plant & Equipment	4,240	-	-	-	555	3,685
Vehicles	50,400	-	-	-	11,514	38,886
Office Equipment	4,139	8,501	-	-	3,387	9,253
Total	315,834	8,501	-	-	21,130	303,205

2021

Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Sales/ Disposals	Recovered Impairment Gain/Loss	Current Year Depreciation	Closing Carrying Amount
Land	103,349	-	-	-	-	103,349
Buildings	159,379	-	-	-	5,673	153,706
Plant & Equipment	4,879	-	-	-	639	4,240
Vehicles	66,078	-	-	-	15,678	50,400
Office Equipment	4,755	1,750	-	-	2,366	4,139
Total	338,440	1,750	-	-	24,356	315,834

Significant Assets Recorded - Source and Date of Valuation

	Book Value	Government Valuation
<u>Freehold Land</u>		
Field Station Temuka	6,000	65,500
Habitat - Wainono Reserve	75,600	695,000
Habitat - All Day Reserve	5,000	40,000
Office Temuka	13,449	88,000
Akatera Road	1,100	4,500
Poingdestres Road	2,200	9,500
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	103,349	902,500
 <u>Buildings</u>		
Field Station Temuka	1,750	8,000
Field Hut - Lake Alexandrina	2,064	-
Field Hut - Lake Clearwater	2,844	40,000
Office Temuka	120,717	277,000
Skyline Shed	26,331	-
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	153,706	325,000

Significant Donated Assets - Not Recorded

Central South Island Fish and Game Council

Notes to the Performance Report

For the year ended
31 August 2022

Note 5: EQUITY

	Actual 2022 \$	Actual 2021 \$
<u>Accumulated Funds</u>		
Balance as at 1 September	648,978	570,184
Surplus/(Deficit)	(22,244)	116,916
Transfer to Reserves	(4,860)	(39,872)
Transfer from Reserves	8,501	1,750
Total Accumulated Funds	630,374	648,978
<u>Dedicated Reserves</u>		
Asset Replacment Reserve		
Balance as at 1 September	166,226	167,976
Transfer from Accumulated Funds	(8,501)	(1,750)
Transfer to Accumulated Funds	-	-
Balance at 31 August	157,725	166,226
Non - Resident Levy- Special Fisheries Reserve		
Balance as at 1 September	177,443	137,571
Transfer from Accumulated Funds (Income)	-	-
Transfer to Accumulated Funds (Expenses)	4,860	39,872
Balance at 31 August	182,303	177,443
Habitat Reserves		
Balance as at 1 September	70,574	70,574
Transfer from Accumulated Funds (Income)	-	-
Transfer to Accumulated Funds (Expenses)	-	-
Balance at 31 August	70,574	70,574
Total Dedicated Reserves	410,602	414,243
Total Equity	1,040,976	1,063,221

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Note 6 : COMMITMENTS & CONTINGENCIES

Commitments

There are no commitments as at balance date (Last Year - nil)

Contingent Liabilities and Guarantees

There are no contingent liabilities or guarantees as at balance date.

(Last Year - There were no contingent liabilities or guarantees as at balance date.)

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Note 7: OTHER

Revenue with Conditions which have been recorded as a Liability

Source of Revenue	Original Amt	Not		Purpose and Nature of the Condition(s)
		Fulfilled Amt		
Meridian Energy	65,113	71,535		Waitaki Habitat Enhancement
Meridian Energy	225	225		Aviemore Spawning Race
Fish Licences	108,746	142,796		Relates to 2023 season
Genesis Energy	-	5,000		Relates to 2023 season

Goods or Services Provided to the Entity in Kind

Description	2022	2021
	\$	\$
None	-	-

Note 8: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related Party	Description of the Transaction	2022	2021	2022	2021
		\$	\$	\$	\$
		Value		Amount Outstanding	Amount Outstanding
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
New Zealand Fish & Game Council	National Levies	754,764	668,692	-	-

Note 9: EVENTS AFTER BALANCE DATE

There were no other events that have occurred after the balance date that would have a material impact on the Performance Report. (Last Year: Nil)

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Note 10: EXPLANATION OF MAJOR VARIANCE AGAINST BUDGET

Explanations for the major variances from the budgeted figures are as follows:

Statement of financial performance

Funding and reimbursement revenue was not budgeted for in total. Prior years accounting standards allowed for netting off of expenses.

Statement of financial position

Income in Advance, fish licences and Meridian funding, had the method of calculation enhanced under PBE Standards. Hence unbudgeted.

Statement of cash flows

Did not anticipate making investment withdrawals.

Covid Response

Covid-19 continues to have a financial impact on the Central South Island Fish & Game Council. All fish & game council's budgets have been scrutinised and are still at a reduced level from the 2019-20 pre-covid financial year. The main reason for this is that the projection of licence income is reduced, due to order closures and the uncertainty of when borders will reopen. Within the budgeting process Central South Island Fish & Game Council agreed to use reserves to cover any shortfalls forecast for income in the 2021-22 and 2022-23 financial years. Licence sales have exceeded forecasts in the 2021-22 financial year and the financial position is healthier than budgeted. Any surplus will be utilised in the 2022-23 financial year as forecasts for the year require Central South Island Fish & Game Council to use reserves. The New Zealand Fish & Game Council maintains the policy to support all fish & game councils to ensure liquidity and to ensure that all fish & game councils remain a going concern.

Ministerial Review

In February 2021 the Minister of Conservation, released a report entitled, "*Review of the Governance of Fish and Game New Zealand and the Regional Fish and Game Councils*". This report sets out 36 recommendations to be implemented by Fish and Game. An Implementation Steering Group has been set up that included the NZFGC Chair and Department of Conservation representatives. Many of the recommendations require legislative change. One of the recommendations is to reduce the number of regions from 12 to 6 or 7. This area is currently being investigated by a project team. A consultation document is due to be released in October/November 2022.

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Note 11: ALLOCATION OF OVERHEADS TO OUTPUT AREAS FOR 2022

In the Statement of service performance, overheads are allocated across the 8 Output areas based on the hours worked within those Outputs over the year. Below is the calculation for distributing the overheads across the output area.

ACTUAL 2022

Output Area	Actual Direct \$	Allocation of Overheads	Total Costs per Output
Species management	70,104	123,618	193,722
Habitat protection & management	7,156	222,723	229,879
Angler & hunter participation	4,015	76,122	80,137
Public interface	290	50,809	51,099
Compliance	3,251	90,560	93,811
Licensing	79,540	19,327	98,867
Council	13,931	64,955	78,886
Planning & reporting	12,910	66,824	79,734
Totals	191,197	714,939	906,136

Actual Overheads

Employee related costs	627,207
Depreciation	21,130
Other expenses	66,602
Total Overheads to Allocate	714,939

BUDGET 2022

Output Area	Budget Direct \$	Allocation of Overheads	Total Costs per Output
Species management	58,500	153,299	211,799
Habitat protection & management	10,400	226,356	236,756
Angler & Hunter participation	3,600	77,847	81,447
Public interface	800	56,888	57,688
Compliance	4,000	50,841	54,841
Licensing	73,789	8,982	82,771
Council	1,500	25,151	26,651
Planning & reporting	10,000	70,063	80,063
Totals	162,589	669,428	832,017

SURPLUS

Employee related costs	612,227
Depreciation	16,701
Other Expenses	70,500
Total Overheads to Allocate	699,428

CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND REGION FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES AND SERVICE PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

INTRODUCTION

As required under Section 26X of the *Conservation Act 1987* and Section 44A of the *Public Finance Act 1989*, Central South Island Fish and Game Council have prepared the following Statement of Objectives and Service Performance for the 2021 - 2022 financial year.

The activities of Central South Island Fish and Game Council (CSIFG) are planned under eight output areas detailed in the annual Operational Work Plan. This Statement of Objectives and Service Performance compares actual results against the stated performance measures from the plan. For the purposes of this statement the overhead expenses shown in the Statement of Financial Performance have been allocated to each output area on the basis of the proportion of staff time directly expended in each area.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Summary of Budget and Actual Income and Expenditure for each Output Area.

OUTPUT	Budget \$			Actual \$		
	Total Cost	Income	Net Cost	Total Cost	Income	Net Cost
1. Species Management	211,799	32,700	179,099	193,722	44,394	149,328
2. Habitat Protection	236,756	1,650	235,106	229,879	0	229,879
3. Angler & Hunter Participation	81,447	1,200	80,247	80,137	122	80,016
4. Public Interface	57,688	0	57,688	51,099	0	51,099
5. Compliance	84,841	20,000	64,841	93,812	16,829	76,983
6. Licencing	82,771	200	82,571	98,866	0	98,866
7. Council	26,651	0	26,651	78,887	0	78,887
8. Planning and Reporting	80,063	0	80,063	79,734	0	79,734
TOTAL	862,017	55,750	806,267	906,136	61,345	844,791

OUTPUT 1 - SPECIES MANAGEMENT

Goal

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

1110: Species Monitoring and Management - Assess and monitor fish and game bird populations within the Central South Island Region

Objective 1111	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Salmon & Trout Spawning Surveys	To present to Council a report detailing regional chinook and sockeye salmon and specific trout <u>spawning surveys</u> in the Region by August 2022.	<p><i>Staff completed 5 aerial surveys of live salmon and two ground counts of salmon redds and live and dead salmon in the upper Rangitata. Estimated spawning runs (live salmon) into Deep Stream and Deep Creek were 815 and 880, respectively. These counts are the highest recorded since 2013 for these streams collectively and for Deep Stream since 1999. An aerial redd count was completed on 35 lower Waitaki River side streams and 4 mainstream sections identifying 204 redds. Total lower Waitaki River spawning was estimated to be 513 redds.</i></p> <p><i>Ground counts of chinook salmon spawning were completed in sections of Bowyers Stream (Ashburton River), Waihi/Temuka River, Opuha River, Opihi River and Mellish Stream (Lake Heron).</i></p> <p><i>Trout spawning surveys (redd counts) were completed across the CSIFG Region in the mainstems and tributaries of O Tu Wharekai (Ashburton Lakes), Waihi River, Temuka River, Opuha River and Lake Alexandrina. Report to Council September 2022.</i></p>

		REDDS		
		2020	2021	2022
<u>SALMON</u>				
Rakaia	Mellish Stream	64	33	62
Ashburton	Māori Lakes	0	2	5
	Bowyers Stream	7	1	1
Rangitata	Deep Stream	65	41	218
	Deep Creek	148	75	225
	Sunday Islands	46	14	24
	Erewhon Stream	NS	0	0
	Black Mountain	12	6	28
	Brabazon Fan	0	1	2
	Rangitata Water Ltd Race	NS	NS	NS
Orari	Mainstream	NS	Flood	0
	Ohapi Stream	12	Flood	5

<i>Opihi</i>	<i>Mainstream</i>	2	<i>Flood</i>	6
	<i>Waihi/Temuka</i>	20	1	4
	<i>Tengawai</i>	NS	<i>Flood</i>	NS
	<i>Opuha</i>	28	<i>Flood</i>	35
<i>Waitaki</i>	<i>Hakataramea</i>	23	20	146
	<i>Welcome Stream</i>	NS	2	2
	<i>Waitaki River</i>	210	224	513
<u>TROUT</u>				
<i>Ashburton Lakes</i>	<i>Ollivers Stream</i>	20	18	34
	<i>Tinshed Creek</i>	9	5	4
	<i>Triangle Stream</i>	10	7	12
	<i>Whiskey Creek</i>	20	8	<i>Dry</i>
	<i>Māori Lakes</i>	3	4	NS
<i>Pareora River</i>	<i>Below Dam</i>	70	<i>Flood</i>	<i>Flood</i>
	<i>Above Dam</i>	9	<i>Flood</i>	<i>Flood</i>
<i>Orari</i>	<i>Ohapi Sth Branch</i>	0	<i>Flood</i>	0
<i>Opihi Catchment</i>	<i>Waihi-Temuka</i>	51	6	1
<i>Lake Alexandrina</i>	<i>Scotts Ck</i>	120	311	116
	<i>Outlet Creek</i>	79	69	53
<i>Hinds River</i>		2	<i>Flood</i>	NS
<i>Opuha River</i>		NS	<i>Flood</i>	40

Objective 1112	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Salmon By-Catch Meetings	To attend <u>salmon by-catch</u> meetings and advocate fisheries interests and to re-implement CSIFG's monitoring role on named trawlers and inshore vessels.	<i>Meetings between commercial and recreational partners to the Salmon-at-Sea Agreement are held as required. No meeting was required during the year. No Timaru-based fishing vessels subject to the Agreement fished the Salmon Conservation Area (SCA) around Banks Peninsular in the 7 December to 14 February season. According to MPI, Fisheries Management Marine Branch, 140 kg of salmon was reported being landed for the year by all trawlers landing salmon from the southeast coast fishery management area whether subject to the Agreement or not. This was compared to 289 kg landed in 2020/21 and 137 kg landed in 2019/20. Report to Council September 2022.</i>
Objective 1113	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Gamebird Populations for Lake Wainono and Wainono Reserves	To present to Council a report detailing gamebird populations for <u>Lake Wainono</u> and Wainono Reserve by July 2022.	<i>The Wainono count was carried out in the leadup to tagging day. All gamebird species counted were at average to high levels (See following table). Report to Council September 2022.</i>

Species/Location	2019	2021	2022
Mallard	8,680	4,490	2,902
Lake Wainono	7,020	3,760	1,172
Maori Lake	130	420	1,105
Wainono Reserve	1,530	310	625
Paradise shelduck	1,240	830	753
Lake Wainono	650	640	179
Maori Lake	130	190	570
Wainono Reserve	460	-	4
Black swan	1,770	2,510	1,271
Lake Wainono	1,630	2,460	1,025
Maori Lake	100	50	220
Wainono Reserve	40	-	26
Shoveler	170	590	824
Lake Wainono	110	300	190
Maori Lake	10	90	320
Wainono Reserve	50	200	314
Grey teal	4,240	3,000	2,940
Lake Wainono	1,700	810	705
Maori Lake	870	1,120	1,520
Wainono Reserve	1,670	1,070	715

Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Objective 1114	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Tissue collection from <u>NZ chinook salmon</u> for analysis of genetic makeup of NZ salmon for <u>Winnemem Wintu</u> people.	To assist with tissue collection from <u>NZ chinook salmon</u> for analysis to inform the genetic makeup of NZ salmon and the potential for restoring salmon to the McCloud River as requested by the <u>Winnemem Wintu</u> people.	<i>Planning for pathogen testing in the 2023 salmon spawning season has been undertaken with the end goal being future egg transfer to the McCloud River in California.</i>
Objective 1115	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Populations of pukeko, shoveler, grey duck, mallard duck, paradise shelduck, black swan, and chukar	To present to Council a report detailing <u>populations</u> of pukeko, shoveler, grey duck, and mallard duck, paradise shelduck, black swan, and chukar by August 2022.	<i>Population trend counts for shoveler duck and pukeko were undertaken in compliance with national guidelines. Annual surveys for mallard, paradise shelduck and black swan were completed in late summer 2022. 2021 chukar diary report was compiled and sent to hunters in December 2021. Reports to Council February, March and September 2022.</i>
Objective 1119	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Salmon Hatchery at McKinnons Creek	To continue assisting the Salmon and Riparian Support Trust Inc with consent monitoring and	<i>A good return of adult salmon to the McKinnons Stream hatchery. Twenty brood-stock females produced 120,000 eggs for incubation. A total of 37 adult salmon returned of which 24 were</i>

	management of the <u>McKinnons Creek hatchery</u> in line with 5-Year Management and Enhancement Agreement.	<p>males and 13 were females.</p> <p>Approximately 4,500 one-year old salmon from the 2020/21 season were released to the Rangitata River from the hatchery in July 2022. The fish were all fin clipped. In addition, approximately 1,100 juveniles were provided for preliminary testing of the RDR fish screen in April 2002.</p> <p>Approximately 5% of adult salmon returns to the angler were of hatchery origin in the Rangitata River and a smaller proportion of angler caught fish in the Opihi and Orari rivers were of hatchery origin.</p> <p>The draft five-year Management and Enhancement Agreement between the Salmon and Riparian Support Trust and CSIFG Council remains under discussion and implementation with the Trust.</p> <p>CSIFG was represented at the Salmon and Riparian Support Trust AGM held on 20 July 2022 at the CSIFG offices.</p>
Objective 1111	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Sockeye Salmon Spawning	To undertake <u>sockeye salmon spawning surveys</u> in March 2022 to identify peak spawning timing and representative reaches that together can be used to estimate total upper Waitaki spawning population size and to obtain technical assistance to develop a project to analyse the diet of Lake Benmore sockeye and compare with historical data to assess the drivers of the increase in population.	Live fish counts of representative reaches were undertaken on foot for Lakes Benmore, Pukaki, Ōhau, Aviemore, Ruataniwha and Waitaki tributaries. It is estimated that there were approximately 60,000 sockeye spawning in the tributaries of the upper Waitaki Catchment consisting of 74% in Lake Benmore, 1% in Lake Aviemore and 25% in Lake Pukaki. Report to Council May 2022.
Objective 1112	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Enhancement of Lower Waitaki Salmon	To continue with Meridian Energy Ltd, salmon spawning and juvenile rearing habitat <u>enhancement in specified side streams of the Waitaki River</u> . This includes developing habitat preference information for juvenile Waitaki salmon for assessing current	Intensive aerial counts of the salmon spawning in the lower Waitaki River Catchment over the last ten years have identified seven side-stream systems that sustain up to 20% to 45% of all spawning in the lower catchment. These were selected for salmon spawning and rearing habitat restoration by willow removal and flow control. The spawning distribution identified during the June 2022 aerial survey confirmed the importance of the seven restored side streams this year. They contributed 16% of all

	habitat availability and potential use in Waitaki side streams identified for habitat enhancement. Report by July 2022.	<i>lower Waitaki Catchment spawning and 51% of all spawning in 35 side streams. The Hakataramea spawning run produced an estimated 150 redds. This is the best spawning run into this tributary since 1997. In March 2022, 6.9 km of Waitaki River side-stream spawning habitat previously cleared by mechanical means was followed up with regrowth control by aerial herbicide application. Report to Council September 2022.</i>
Objective 11113	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Salmon Spawning Race	To monitor adult salmon and juvenile salmon production in the <u>Salmon Spawning Race</u> associated with Rangitata South Irrigation Ltd (RSIL) development on the south bank of the Rangitata River near Arundel subject to re-instatement. Report to Council by August 2022.	<i>Rangitata River flooding in December 2019 scoured about 50m of the delivery channel to the spawning race and the additional high flows down the remainder of the race scoured or inundated spawning gravels. Following on-site discussion between ECan, RSIL, Opus & CSIFG, the race may be fed by a natural spring and drain between ponds 2 and 3. Report to Council September 2022.</i>
Objective 11115	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Salmon Hatchery in the Lower Waitaki River	To liaise and assist the Waitaki Riparian Enhancement Society (WRES) to operate a volunteer-based <u>salmon hatchery in the lower Waitaki River</u> . Report to Council by February 2022.	<i>Approximately 280 fin-clipped one-year-old salmon were released from Welcome Stream in June 2022, and about 70,000 to 80,000 fry from the 21/22 adult run have been produced. Fry production was lower than expected as Covid delays prevented arrival of fish treatment. At the Bells Pond facility there are almost 800 fish of various year classes being raised on-site for brood stock, avoiding the need to trap Hakataramea spawners.</i>
Objective 11117	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Creel Surveys and Spawning Surveys	To undertake brown and rainbow trout <u>creel surveys</u> in September and October 2021 and <u>spawning surveys</u> on the Upper Ohau River to monitor the success of regulation change, and further flow and habitat enhancement for restoring the trout fishery and to establish the upper Ohau River as a backcountry fishery and controlled area with a	<i>A backcountry fishery creel survey consisting of field and email surveying methods was undertaken during the October 2021 Spring Season. It was recommended and adopted to designate October, in addition to September, as a controlled period to maintain the high-country aesthetics of the fishery. Report to Council February 2022. Spawning surveys were undertaken in September 2021 including ground-based redd counts and aerial live trout methods. Aerial surveys were funded by Meridian Energy. Report to Council March 2022. Spawning enhancement consisting of the</i>

	controlled period and facilitate a ballot that distributes a limited number of controlled-period licences.	<i>placement of spawning gravels was undertaken in March 2022. Report to Council May 2022. A ballot system was developed and implemented to fairly distribute a limited number of controlled-period licences to anglers wishing to fish the Ohau River during September and October 2022.</i>
Objective 11119	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Lake Heron Salmon	To review the findings of the 2019/20 <u>Lake Heron salmon</u> study, implement recommendations and consider further research if required. Report to Council August 2022.	<i>A report 'Lake Heron Chinook Salmon Fishery – Review of Current Knowledge' was prepared that detailed current knowledge of the Lake Heron chinook fishery and highlighted the most significant concern for the future of the fishery was the rapidly declining water quality. Angler harvest of lake-type salmon was not considered to be having a significant detrimental impact on the sea-run returnees to Mellish Stream and as such, Council voted to retain current harvest restrictions. Report to Council May 2022.</i>
Objective 11120	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Tekapo Canal analysis of otoliths	To assist Nelson/Marlborough Institute of Technology with analysis of otoliths from three sub populations of rainbow trout associated with the <u>Tekapo Canal</u> to determine their age versus size, and if possible, growth rates. Report by August 2022.	<i>Corrections to a draft report were unable to be undertaken due to the lack of a suitable student and the lead supervisor moving to France. Samples are to be returned to CSIFG so future analyses are possible with another provider.</i>
Objective 11121	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Tekapo Canal Angler catch rate and growth	To record and monitor <u>angler catch rates and trout growth</u> by mark recapture of stocked trout in the <u>Tekapo Canal</u> as opportunities arise through fish salvage and angler returns.	<i>The major salvage operation of the Tekapo spillway and lower Tekapo River over two days in March 2022 provide for 311 trout and salmon to be tagged in total and released into Lake George Scott and the Tekapo Canal. During the year, anglers reported the catch of 22 tagged trout from the Tekapo Canal.</i>
Objective 11123	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Trout Spawning enhancement at Lake Hood	To undertake <u>trout spawning enhancement at Lake Hood</u> in co-operation with Ashburton Contracting Limited, the Mid Canterbury Anglers Club and the Lake Extension Trust.	<i>No progress on this project due to Covid restrictions and low staff availability.</i>

Objective 11124	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Winter Fishing Opportunities in the CSIFG Region	To produce a discussion document that identifies priorities and options to increase <u>winter fishing opportunities</u> in the CSIFG Region.	<i>No progress on this project due to low staff availability.</i>
Objective 11125	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Management of the Hydro Canal Fishery	To investigate and evaluate at least one of the top five priority project options as identified in the canal management scoping document that aims to improve the long-term <u>management of the hydro canal fishery</u> in the recreational interests of anglers. Report to Council August 2022.	<i>Garmin NZ provided on loan a Panoptix side scan transducer and chart plotter in August 2021. Initial set up and trials were conducted in Lake Tekapo and Tekapo Canal with inconclusive results for identifying trout signals. The 2021 transducer and plotter were replaced in August 2022 with a more recent and powerful unit. This has also been loaned free-of-charge by Garmin NZ. Further trials will be undertaken in September 2022. Report to Council September 2021. A report titled 'Hydro Canal Statutory Protection Summary Report' was drafted and presented to Council May 2022 that described one of the 'top five priority projects'.</i>
Objective 11126	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Rainbow Trout Spawning	To undertake targeted <u>rainbow trout</u> spawning and electric fishing surveys for juveniles in <u>tributaries to Lakes Tekapo and Pukaki and in the Tekapo River</u> and its tributaries. Report to Council May 2022.	<i>Presence/absence electric fishing surveys were undertaken in February 2022 on five Lake Pukaki and three Lake Tekapo tributaries. One- and two-year-old rainbow trout were found in 6 of the 8 tributaries in numbers reflective of the habitat quality available. Report to Council March 2022.</i>
Objective 11127	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Ashburton and Rangitata hapua monitoring	To assist ECan, in conjunction with DOC, Iwi and NC Fish & Game to monitor fish populations in the <u>Ashburton and Rangitata hapuas</u> .	<i>Assisted ECan staff with six fortnightly survey days on the Rakaia Hapua. In addition, CSIFG Staff organised a two-day survey of the Waitaki hapua in December. ECan staff are collating the data and are still to prepare a final report.</i>

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

Objective 1121	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Gamebird Hunter Harvest in Region	To present to Council a report detailing <u>gamebird hunter harvest</u> in the Region by April 2022.	<i>Approximately 24,3000 mallard and grey duck and 6,500 paradise shelduck were estimated to have been taken in the CSIFG Region by licensed hunters for the opening weekend of the season. The average bag for opening weekend was 17.7 birds and well</i>

		<i>above average for the 30 years of monitoring since 1992. Report to Council July 2022.</i>
Objective 1122	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Salmon Harvest in Region	To present to Council a report detailing <u>salmon harvest</u> in the Region by August 2022.	<i>Introduction of the salmon season bag provided a new mechanism for assessing angler harvest of sea-run salmon. The expectation that all anglers endorsed for sea-run salmon fishing would return details of their fishing was unreasonably optimistic. Approximately 14% of season bag cards issued were returned and follow-up procedures continue to gather harvest information. As at 31 August 2022 salmon cards continue to be returned and preliminary harvest estimates are 250 salmon caught in the Waitaki River and 244 in the Rangitata River.</i>
Objective 1126	Performance Measure	Actual Result
National Angler Survey	To assist with conduct of 2021/22 <u>National Angler Survey</u> .	<i>Assistance was provided to the national coordinator for the 7-yearly National Anglers Survey. This assistance included automation of survey lists and results and independent verification of information returned by anglers and interviewers.</i>
Objective 1127	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Angler use harvest survey of the upper Tekapo Canal	To undertake an <u>angler use harvest survey of the upper Tekapo Canal</u> during May and September to evaluate the use of the area during the wintertime fishing ‘shoulder-seasons’ subject to the introduction of the June-August ‘peak’ spawning season closure to further assess the angling dynamics of wintertime fishing within spawning habitat. Report to Council May 2022.	<i>Angler use and harvest surveys were undertaken in May 2021 and September 2021. Report to Council September 2022.</i>

1130: Fish Salvage and Releases – Maintain and improve the sportsfish resource and enhance the image of Fish and Game to anglers and the public

Objective 1131	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Fish Salvage	To present to Council a report detailing <u>fish salvage</u> operations undertaken within the Region by August 2022. Where practical this work will be undertaken by volunteer	<i>2,089 sports fish were salvaged during the 2021/22 year. Fish rescued and returned to permanent water in addition to sports fish, included eels, bullies, galaxiids and other native fish species. Most fish salvage was required as a result of stranded trout and</i>

	groups approved/authorised by the Chief Executive.	<i>salmon in the upper Tekapo River between Gate 16 and Lake George Scott due to the ceasing of managed flows through Gate 16. Salvage was also required in the Opihi River when a braid dried up after the scheduled reduction in flows through the Opuha Dam in May. In addition, CSIFG Staff undertook salvage during annual shutdown of the Mayfield/Hinds/Valetta Irrigation Scheme and the Pukaki Spillway due to scheduled maintenance works. Four large migrating longfin eel captured in the Pukaki spillway were transported below the Waitaki Dam to continue their spawning migration to the Tonga Trench. Report to Council September 2022.</i>
Objective 1132	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Lake Stocking	To <u>stock lakes</u> with sports fish to maintain their historical presence and enhance recreational opportunity. Transfers are subject to Biosecurity protocols and availability of suitable stock. Summary report to Council by August 2022.	<i>Lake Tekapo was stocked with 64,500 young -of-year salmon donated by Mt Cook Alpine Salmon between September and November 2021. Summary report to Council February 2022.</i>

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

Objective 1171	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Regulations	To undertake the annual review of matters of urgency of fish and game regulations and send Council's draft recommendations for 2022/2023 fishing and 2022 gamebird hunting <u>season conditions</u> to NZ Council by 31 May 2022 and 30 November 2021, respectively.	<i>Council considered individual species reports and recommendations at its triennial Game Gazette review on 3 February 2022. One change was recommended being removal of the decoy limit for Lake Wainono and the Wainono Reserve. NZFGC was advised on 4 February 2022. Council considered Anglers Notice (AN) recommendations at its triennial review on 19 May 2022. Four changes to the AN were recommended. Fishing from an unmoored boat to be permitted in Lake Emma; permit use of unmoored non-motorised boats for sports fishing on Kellands Pond and Wairepo Arm; that 1-31 October 2022 be designated a controlled period for the upper Ohau River backcountry fishery; that the Harrisons Bight section of Lake Heron be closed to all sports fishing at the end of March. Changes were</i>

		<i>recommended to NZFGC on 23 May 2022.</i>
Objective 117	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Season Salmon Bag	To implement and administer a <u>season limit bag</u> for sea-run salmon.	<i>Sea-run salmon fishing endorsements on qualifying Central South Island and North Canterbury whole-season fishing licenses became available for the 2021/22 fishing season when fishing licenses became available on 19 August 2021. Sea-run salmon season bag cards were issued to 9,400 anglers and 1,303 were returned at the end of the season. Co-ordinated follow-up stratified and random email and telephone surveys were used to assess harvest for anglers not returning cards.</i>

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

Objective 1181	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Game Bird Control	To present to Council a report detailing assistance to landholders who complain about <u>game birds causing damage</u> to crops in the Region by July 2022.	<i>Four applications were received to disturb game birds causing damage during 2021/22. Permits were issued for defecation in stock feed bays, damage to wheat, grass, fodder beet and rape seed crops. One permit holder failed to return information on their disturbance activity, future applications from this landowner may be declined. All, bar one disturbance activity, were successful in alleviating the issues caused by game birds. Determined pukeko resulted in unsuccessful disturbance activity and the permit return commented that further disturbances may have improved its success. Landowners who made contact near the special summer seasons were encouraged to utilise game bird hunters in those seasons rather than apply for a permit. This allows for landowners to self-manage issues caused by game birds and provides licence holders with additional hunting opportunities. Report to Council September 2022.</i>

OUTPUT 2 - SPORTS FISH AND GAME BIRD HABITAT PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT

Goal

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

1210: Resource Management Act

Objective 1211	Performance Measure	Actual Result
RMA Planning and Consents	To engage in consultation and consider and present submissions on <u>RMA consent</u> applications within the region that potentially impact upon sports fish and gamebird populations and habitat values, and to provide the best advocacy available to Council in the interests of anglers and hunters.	<i>A total of 208 resource consent applications lodged under the RMA were reviewed. Consent applications included, but were not limited to, take and use of water (s14), land use (s9), and discharge of contaminants (s15). Submissions or detailed comments were made on 25 applications. Outcomes sought included habitat protection consisting of appropriate riparian buffers and stock exclusion, sediment control, timing of works to protect spawning and provide for recreational opportunities and access. Two resource consent hearings are scheduled for October 2022 in which CSIFG sought the applications be declined.</i>

Objective 1212	Performance Measure	Actual Result
District and Regional Plans Submissions	To engage in processes and consider and present submissions related to <u>district and regional plans</u> prepared regional councils and territorial authorities within the region under RMA process; particularly those objectives, policies, and methods that impact on sports fish and gamebird habitat values and angler/hunter access and to provide the best advocacy available to Council to protect the interests of anglers and hunters.	<i>CSIFG submitted or formally commented on five regional or district planning instruments as shown below and under Objective 1211.</i>

<i>Planning Document</i>	<i>Authority</i>	<i>Fish and Game outcomes sought</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
<i>Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement (PORPS)</i>	<i>Otago Regional Council</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>– Recognition of Te Mana o te Wai throughout the RPS.</i> <i>– Recognition of trout and salmon habitat as part of ecosystem and where consistent with NPS-FW</i> 	<i>Pre-hearing discussions were attended per direction from the Freshwater Hearing Panel; however, the process has stalled</i>

		<p>2020 policy direction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Recognition of amenity and recreational values, including access. 	<p>given the recent High Court decision that determined the whole of the PORPS is not a freshwater planning instrument. CSIFG is awaiting further instruction from the ORC on how to proceed.</p>
<p>Plan Change 7 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan</p>	<p>Canterbury Regional Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Joined the High Court Appeals as a s274 party on appeals lodged by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua, Rayonier New Zealand and Port Blakely Ltd to ensure sports fish and game bird values are recognised throughout the proceedings. 	<p>High Court proceedings are set down for the 1st quarter of 2023.</p>
<p>Lake Camp & Lake Clearwater 30-Year Plan</p>	<p>Ashburton District Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Sought clear vision to be developed in collaboration with the Ōtūwharekai Working Group. – Advocated for stronger goals and objectives that took a whole-of-catchment approach. – Advocated for ADC to expand the area covered by the draft plan to capture their responsibilities under s31 RMA. – Sought better recognition and protection of biodiversity values. 	<p>Submission was lodged with ADC. Awaiting ADC decision as to next steps in the process.</p>
<p>Lake Ruataniwha Recreation Reserve Management Plan</p>	<p>Mackenzie District Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Sought better access for users of the reserve, including car park and lake-edge walking access. – Sought maintenance of public amenities to enable responsible use of the area. – Sought installation of rubbish/recycling receptacles or the development of a campaign to promote 'pack in, pack out' behaviour. 	<p>Mackenzie District Council is considering feedback and developing a management plan.</p>

<i>Waitaki District Plan</i>	<i>Waitaki District Council</i>	<i>– Provided feedback on matters that relate to CSIFG’s values and interests including those related to habitat, access, and New Zealand’s natural environment.</i>	<i>-Feedback is due 31 August. This will inform the publicly notified draft plan next year.</i>
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Objective 1214	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Rangitata River Restoration Project	To participate in the <u>Rangitata River Restoration Project</u> and contribute to the flagship restoration of a Canterbury braided re	<i>Attended 6 meetings and provided input and feedback on three restoration proposals to support sports fish and game bird values. This work is done as part of the Department of Conservation’s Nga Awa restoration programme.</i>
Objective 1215	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Protection Works	To participate with regional and district councils in the consideration of all proposed flood <u>protection works</u> , diversions, stop bank construction, and planting and all proposed mining and gravel extraction from watercourses coming to Council’s attention in its region that impinge upon sports fish and gamebird resource and habitat values or upon angler and hunter access values and to provide the best advocacy for fish and game interests that is available to the Council.	<i>Feedback was given throughout the year regarding work completed by Canterbury and Otago Regional Councils on waterbodies within the CSIFG Region. Substantial flooding affected the region this year and large amounts of remedial and emergency works took place in and around riverbeds. CSIFG Staff attended 2 River Rating District meetings. The annual meeting with Environment Canterbury River Engineering teams to review annual work programmes was held and attended. Attended the Annual Gravel Liaison Meeting.</i>
Objective 1216	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan	To participate in the re-consenting processes related to the <u>Waitaki Hydro Schemes</u> to take and use water within the catchment under the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan.	<i>Meetings were held with Meridian Energy to discuss the renewal of hydro generation consents related to the Waitaki Catchment. Meetings were held with Genesis Energy to discuss the renewal of hydro generation consents related to the Waitaki Catchment. A meeting was held with Environment Canterbury to discuss the renewal of hydro generation consents related to the Waitaki Catchment. Draft agreements have been developed</i>

		<i>between Meridian and CSIFG, and Genesis and CSIFG, that define the relationship, set out how any funding and work programmes will be carried out, and identify specific actions to support sports fish and game bird values.</i>
Objective 1217	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Catchment Specific Management	To participate in data collection, development and statutory processes relating to the development of <u>Catchment Specific Management</u> frameworks for water bodies in the CSIFG Region.	<i>CSIFG Staff attended 10 meetings related to Ōtūwharekai to discuss degradation of water quality, likely sources of contaminants, and tools to respond. CSIFG continues to engage with the Hakataramea Sustainability Collective.</i>
Objective 1218	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Waitaki Catchment Plan Change	To analyse data from the trout and salmon population surveys to identify river flow conditions that provide for fish passage and healthy recreational fisheries, to inform water allocation and minimum flows for the <u>Hakataramea River</u> under the <u>Waitaki Catchment plan change</u> .	<i>The timeframe for the plan change is indeterminate. Annual rainbow trout spawning and angler surveys have been maintained. Staff availability for the 21/22 year have influenced outcomes for this project.</i>
Objective 1219	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Plan Change	To undertake research to understand values of the fishery ahead of a <u>plan change</u> related to the <u>Kakanui River</u> .	<i>No work has been undertaken on this project due to Covid restrictions and low staff availability.</i>
Objective 1210	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Canterbury Water Management Strategy	To participate in the implementation of the <u>Canterbury Water Management Strategy</u> to promote the interests of Fish and Game on behalf of anglers and hunters. Report to Council by Aug 2022.	<i>Attended 3 meetings to collaborate on joint work programmes to support sports fish and game bird values. A joint project to duplicate a previous water quality survey in the Upper Rangitata Catchment was the result of the collaboration. This work will take place during the next financial year.</i>
Objective 12111	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Land and Water Regional Plan	To participate in further planning processes on <u>Regional Plans</u> , particularly those objectives, policies, methods and rules that impact on sports fish and game bird populations and habitat and angler/hunter access; and to provide	<i>CSIFG lodged a joint submission and a joint further submission with Otago Fish and Game Council to the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement (PORPS). Participated in 8 pre-hearing discussions as directed by the</i>

	the best advocacy available to Council to protect the interests of anglers and hunters. Progress report to Council August 2022.	<i>Freshwater Hearing Panel. This process is now on hold given the recent High Court decision that the whole of the PORPS is not a freshwater planning instrument under s80A(1)-(3) of the RMA 1991 as had been determined by the Otago Regional Council.</i>
Objective 12112	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Managed Aquifer Recharge	To provide advice to the <u>Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR)</u> trial in the Lower Hinds Plains and monitor the effects of a trial on flow, water quality, and the trout population in the Hinds River in particular.	<i>CSIFG continues to advise the Hinds/Hekeao Water Enhancement Trust to restore ecosystem health and recreational values in the Hinds Drains and Hinds River. Sixteen meetings of the Trust were held, including 2 AGM's and 2 public meetings. The CSIFG representative attended ten meetings as an advisor. Trout and native fish population sizes and species diversity were assessed at three sites in the Hinds River to monitor changes that may occur in response to enhanced flows and water quality predicted to result from MAR.</i>
Objective 12113	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Hinds Catchment	To continue monitoring of trout habitat restoration trials and the adaptive minimum flow initiative in <u>Hinds Drains</u> .	<i>The five-year adaptive minimum flow trial on Boundary Drain was completed in March 2022. The System for Environmental Flow Assessment (SEFA) was implemented in the summer of 2020/21 to model the effects of flow change on stream habitat. Reporting was completed in early 2022 and provided to the Adaptive Minimum Flow Trial Group and ECan. Report to Council February 2022.</i>
Objective 12115	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Monitor Juvenile Trout	To <u>monitor juvenile trout</u> health, growth and relative abundance in spring and autumn at six sites in the <u>Opihi Catchment</u> matching Canterbury Regional Council State of the Environment monitoring sites, to identify possible environmental limitations on trout populations from application of Cawthron Institute bioenergetics	<i>No work was completed on this project due to Covid restrictions and low staff availability.</i>

	modelling and logged temperature data at each site.	
Objective 12116	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Water Intake Guidelines	To participate on the cross-sector working party facilitated by Canterbury Regional Council that seeks to support and promote improved <u>water intake guidelines</u> that are applicable nationally and ensure that all native and sports fish should remain in natural water bodies.	<i>Staff attended all of the eight bi-monthly working party or Technical Advisory Group meetings including an open meeting with industry representatives. Six field trials were completed in the Awakino River, a tributary to the Lower Waitaki River near Kurow. Progress reports provided to Council in February and May 2022 and final report in September 2022.</i>
Objective 12118	Performance Measure	Actual Result
RDR Fish Screen Verification	To participate on the <u>RDR Fish Screen Verification</u> Working Group to ensure that no fish are lost from the Rangitata River as provided for in RDR resource consents.	<i>The Fish Screen Verification Management Plan produced by RDR and commented on by CSIFG was submitted to Environment Canterbury in March 2022 and certified. Trials with capture techniques in the prototype piano-key weir are on-going. The first full trial and juvenile salmon health verification will be undertaken during the 2022/23 juvenile salmon downstream migration season. Report to Council May 2022.</i>
Objective 12119	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Submissions related to National Legislation	To engage in processes and consider and present submissions related to <u>national legislation</u> particularly those with provisions that impact on sports fish and gamebird habitat values and angler/hunter access and to provide the best advocacy available to Council to protect the interests of anglers and hunters.	<i>Engaged with Regional Fish and Game Councils and the New Zealand Fish and Game Council to lodge submissions on 7 pieces of national legislation to advocate and promote sports fish and game bird values.</i>

1220: Works and Management

Objective 1221	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Wainono Wetland Reserve Management Strategy	To implement the <u>Wainono Wetland Reserve Management Strategy</u> to incorporate changes since the lowering of the stop banks and promote recreational hunting use.	<i>Continued management of gorse and tree lupin within the wetland. Annual ballot was held with all permanent stands fully allocated for opening weekend of the game season.</i>

Objective 1222	Performance Measure	Actual Result
All Day Bay Wetland Management	To present to Council a report on management of the <u>All Day Bay wetland</u> by August 2022.	<i>Spraying of gorse and bamboo continued over summer. Opening Weekend hunting success was diminished by low water levels due to an alleged illegal mouth opening. Report to Council September 2022.</i>
Objective 1223	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Devils Bridge Wetland Management	To present to Council a report detailing liaison with and assistance to the <u>Devils Bridge Management Committee</u> by August 2022.	<i>A public open day was held at Devils Bridge wetland to mark World Wetlands Day on 29 January. No official management committee meetings were held with all business able to be completed by email or on-site. The committee is progressing with Incorporated Society status. A Draft constitution has been produced. Update to Council September 2021.</i>
Objective 1225	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Ealing Springs Wetland Creation	To action the <u>Ealing Springs Restoration Plan</u> to ensure the recreational, ecological and biodiversity values of the pond and spring-fed streams are maintained and restored.	<i>Continued work in conjunction with the Rangitata River Restoration Project (Objective 1214) to draft a restoration plan in conjunction with DOC, rūnaka and Environment Canterbury. The work is planned to continue through the next financial year.</i>

1230: Assisted Habitat

Objective 1232	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Deep Stream	To undertake salmon spawning habitat restoration at <u>Deep Stream</u> , where required, including willow spraying and fencing in partnership with adjoining runholders and DOC. Progress report by August 2022.	<i>Follow up willow control was completed along Deep Stream to ensure gains made by CSIFG in restoring salmon spawning habitat is maintained. Summary report to Council May 2022.</i>
Objective 1233	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Scotts Creek Spawning Enhancement	To undertake trout spawning enhancement projects on <u>Scotts Creek</u> and other management to maintain and enhance the sports fishery of Lake Alexandrina as provided for under the	<i>CSIFG holds a resource consent issued in 2005 that permits annual maintenance works in the bed of Scotts Creek, Lake Alexandrina to restore trout spawning habitat prior to the annual spawning run. Following work in March 2021 ECan assessed that the conditions on the original consent did not meet current</i>

	Agreement in Relation to Water Rights with <u>Genesis Energy Ltd.</u> Report to Council by April 2022.	<i>standards and that CSIFG may need to apply for additional consents to cover discharge of sediment to water. No maintenance works were undertaken in March 2022 as CSIFG investigated additional sediment control options agreeable to ECan rather than applying for an additional consent. Report to Council December 2021.</i>
Objective 1234	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Lake Alexandrina Trust Habitat Enhancement	To assist the <u>Lake Alexandrina Trust</u> with fish and angling habitat enhancement projects of mutual interest at Lake Alexandrina and attend Trust meetings as required.	<i>The annual Scotts Creek workday in March sponsored by CSIFG and coordinated by the Lake Alexandrina Conservation Trust was cancelled due to Covid restrictions. The AGM of the Conservation Trust was held on 17 May 2022 at the CSIFG office. A report on the previous year's spawning results was provided to the AGM.</i>
Objective 1235	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Aviemore Spawning Race Suitability for Trout Spawning	To monitor the use and condition of the <u>Aviemore spawning race</u> for successful trout spawning and request maintenance projects in consultation with and to be funded by Meridian Energy Ltd. Summary report to Council by August 2022.	<i>Spraying of gorse and broom was undertaken. No further work was completed on this project due to low staff availability.</i>
Objective 1237	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Sand Wand	To use <u>sand wand</u> in at least one identified site to help remediate the bed of waterways to benefit ecosystem health and spawning success. Progress report to Council April 2022.	<i>Consent application for sand wand use has been lodged with Environment Canterbury but is currently on hold and pending ongoing consultation with rūnaka.</i>

OUTPUT 3 – ANGLER AND HUNTER PARTICIPATION AND SERVICES

Goal

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

1310: Angler and Hunter Access

Objective 1311	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Accessways on the Waitaki River	With the support of Meridian Energy Ltd, establish and maintain a network of new and historic angler <u>accessways on the Waitaki River</u> over private and public land. The project involves ongoing support and working relationships with stakeholders, primarily landowners and Environment Canterbury. Report to Council August 2022.	<i>Heli and ground weed spraying were completed in March 2022 across 5 sites and accounting for approximately 5km of total track length and 0.8 hectares of river margin. Communications with ECan river works staff and key landowners was maintained. Report to Council September 2022. A letter of support was provided to the Waitaki Community Society to support their proposals for funding to improve the Kurow boat ramp.</i>
Objective 1312	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Advocate Licence Holder Interests Concerning Access	To use available opportunities to advocate licence holder interests concerning <u>access</u> including with agencies like regional and district councils, statutory agencies, and landowners.	<i>CSIFG continues to advocate for access at all available opportunities including flood protection works, restoration projects, and district council bylaws input. Advice is sought where needed from the Walking Access Commission.</i>
Objective 1313	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Install Access Signs	To install or upgrade 10 <u>access signs</u> in the region.	<i>Six temporary winter closure signs were installed and removed at the Tekapo Canal. Four signs were installed and updated at the Ōhau River Controlled Backcountry Fishery. Ten new updated regulation signs were required at the Canals due to bag limit change. Two Rangitata River new regulation signs were required due to the introduction of the season bag limit.</i>
Objective 1314	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Publication of Access Pamphlets	To update and publish angler access <u>pamphlets</u> as needed, describing key fisheries for anglers.	<i>No updates or new pamphlets were needed for the period.</i>

Objective 1315	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Lake Poaka	To maintain angler access and wetland habitat by controlling alder and nuisance vegetation growth in riparian areas at <u>Lake Poaka</u> by continuing the joint project with DOC and at Mary Burn in collaboration with landowners, DOC and volunteers, where possible.	<i>Annual ground-based weed spraying was undertaken by CSIFG Staff in December at Lake Poaka and in February at Mary Burn.</i>

1330: Newsletters, Licence holder communications

Objective 1321	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Hunter Satisfaction	To undertake a survey of <u>hunter satisfaction</u> and their inherent values within the CSIFG Region to better inform Council's Game Gazette Review process. Report to Council by August 2022.	<i>No work was completed on this project due to low staff availability.</i>
Objective 1331	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Fish & Game Magazine	To annually produce 2 " <u>Fish and Game NZ</u> " magazine supplements, and Reel Life <u>E-zine</u> articles for circulation to licence holders.	<i>Regional content was compiled and supplied for publication in the annual sports fish and game bird special issues of Fish & Game New Zealand magazine. Regional content was supplied for 7 monthly editions of "Reel Life" sports fishing E-zine and 4 monthly editions of "Both Barrels" game bird hunting E-Zine.</i>
Objective 1332	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Angler and Hunter Liaison	To promptly and courteously deal with <u>angler and hunter enquiries</u> and portray a courteous and professional image to licence holders.	<i>All staff responded to numerous phone calls and written inquiries from individuals and clubs for information relating to fishing and hunting matters. No complaints were received of discourteous treatment.</i>
Objective 1333	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Electronic Newsletter	To contribute in co-operation with North Canterbury FG to an <u>electronic newsletter</u> including fishing, hunting, and river reports, F&G issues, council decisions, and staff activities for distribution to licence holders, rod and gun clubs and club members and to include in the Fish and Game	<i>Thirty-one weekly fishing reports were distributed via the joint CSIFG and NCFG e-zine during the main fishing seasons to some 36,400 subscribers. A single one-off winter report was also distributed. The readership is predominantly local, but the reports attract readers from all around the country and the world. The reports were also reproduced on the NZFGC website, "fishandgame.org.nz".</i>

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Objective 1334	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Sports Fishing and Game Hunting Regulation Guide	To annually produce 1 <u>Sportsfishing Guide</u> and 1 <u>Game Hunting Guide</u> for distribution to all licence holders.	<i>Contributions and amendments to the sports fishing and game bird hunting guides were submitted for inclusion in nationally produced publications. Regulation guides were distributed by CSIFG Staff to licence agents for the fishing and hunting seasons to meet their needs.</i>

1350 Angler and Hunter Training

Objective 1351	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Angler/Hunter Workshops	To undertake at least 1 angler and/or hunter <u>workshops</u> in the region during the year.	<i>The NZDA HUNTS training that CSIFG Staff planned to contribute to was not held due to Covid-19 restrictions.</i>
Objective 1352	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Fishing Competitions	To undertake official recorder duties, provide displays and information on fish and game resource at <u>fishing competitions</u> in the region where appropriate and involving Councillors and other volunteers.	<i>Four fishing competitions were approved: Falstone Reserve Recreational Society on Lake Benmore, 27-31 December 2021; Fonterra Team Building, Ohau A Canal, 16 June 2022; North Otago Kids Fishing Day, Eckholds Pond, 14 November 2021; and Waimate ITM, Lake Aviemore, 26 September 2021.</i>
Objective 1353	Performance Measure	Actual Result
R3 Programme	To research opportunities to engage anglers and hunters under the <u>R3 programme</u> initiatives being developed nationally.	<i>No progress on this objective due to no nationally developed initiatives.</i>

1360: Club Liaison

Objective 1361	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Club Relations	To respond positively to requests from rod & gun <u>clubs</u> for information and speakers on fish and game matters.	<i>Information and presentations were provided to clubs and groups including: Lake Alexandrina Conservation Trust, Mid Canterbury Anglers Club, and South Canterbury Anglers Club. CSIFG Staff assisted Halswell Menzshed to organize and publicise the November 2021 canal litter clean-up event.</i>

1370: Fish and Game Huts

Objective 1371	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Council Hut Maintenance	To maintain Council <u>huts</u> to safe, presentable, and useable standards.	<i>New chattels were purchased for the Lake Alexandrina hut. Maintenance of the Clearwater hut was priced and has been budgeted for the 2022/23 year.</i>

OUTPUT 4 - PUBLIC INTERFACE**Goal**

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

1410: Liaison

Objective 1411	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Maintain Effective Liaison with Statutory Management Agencies	To liaise with <u>statutory agencies, landowners, and other relevant organisations</u> on fish and game matters including an annual meeting with the Regional Council.	<i>Liaison was maintained with statutory agencies and individuals and other groups and working parties that included: Mt Cook Alpine Salmon, Meridian Energy, Genesis Energy, Hinds/Hekeao Water Enhancement Trust, South Canterbury Catchments Collective, Hinds Drains Working Party, Boundary Drain Adaptive Management Trial Group, Hakataramea Sustainability Collective, Upper Opihi-Opuha Catchment Group, Temuka Catchment Working Party, Opuha Environmental Flow Release Advisory Group, Rangitata Diversion Race Fish Screen Verification Liaison Group, Hekeao/Hinds Catchment Collective, Fish Screen Working Party, Opihi Adaptive Management Working Group, and Opihi Flow and Allocation Working Party.</i>

1430: Advocacy

Objective 1431	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Media Releases	To provide <u>media releases</u> on CSIFG activities and fish and game matters that enhance Fish and Game's reputation as an effective fish and game resource manager and promote <u>clean water, healthy streams</u> , public access, wetlands, biodiversity, stream restoration and the	<i>Releases were made, and upon request, various media outlets were provided with information and images covering the following topics: hydro-canal fisheries management, potential sockeye salmon world record catch, Tekapo hydro scheme spilling flows. Media releases were made on the following topics: salmon stocking of Lake Tekapo,</i>

	hunting and fishing heritage as valued Fish and Game and community benefits.	<i>Ōhau River backcountry regulations and controlled fishery ballots, canal litter clean-up event, hunting stand ballots, return of April salmon fishing on Waitaki River, annual ranging and compliance outcomes, game bird season opening report, Tekapo trout tagging project, Managed Aquifer Recharge, and exceeding bag limit prosecution.</i>
Objective 1432	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Tenure Review	To engage (subject to Select Committee decision) in processes related to <u>Crown Pastoral Land</u> to advocate for sports fish and gamebird habitat values including access to the resource. Summary report to Council by August 2022.	<i>Liaised with Regional Fish and Game Staff and New Zealand Fish and Game Staff and lodged a submission related to the Crown Pastoral Land Reform Act standards and regulations to promote sports fish and game bird values, including access.</i>

1440: Public Promotion

Objective 1441	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Pre-Season Media Coverage	To promote fishing and hunting in the Region by way of <u>pre-season media coverage</u> and advertising.	<i>Pre-season promotions and information for anglers and hunters were sent to news media and licence agents in the Waitaki, Waimate, Mackenzie, Timaru and Ashburton districts.</i>
Objective 1442	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Website and Social Media	To promote Council's activities and resources online by providing and maintaining current regional content on Fish and Game NZ's <u>website and social media</u> sites.	<i>CSIFG content was posted or updated on the CSIFG regional website page including: Council meeting dates, agenda listings and minutes; notice of draft Sport Fish and Game Management Plan; major CSIFG Staff reports, Hydro Canal Management Scoping Document – October 2021 and Ohau River October 2021 Spring Season – February 2022; weekly fishing reports, and Reel Life and Both Barrels newsletters; hunting stand ballot advertisements; licencing information pages for Ōhau River “backcountry” endorsement and “controlled fishery” ballots; Rakitata Revival Strategy; news articles including: update on the sea-run salmon season bag limit, Tekapo Canal trout tagging programme, and compliance and ranging activities.</i>

		<i>Content was provided to and made in collaboration with NZFG Council communications staff to regularly post CSIFG content and contribute to national content on the NZ Fish & Game social media sites: YouTube and Facebook. Content included: put-and-take salmon stocking of Lake Tekapo, angler etiquette at Hydro Canals, Tekapo Canal trout tagging project, promotion of family fishing activities, catch of unusually large sockeye salmon at Ohau B Canal, and Ōhau River Spring Season ballot.</i>
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1450: Visitors/Education

Objective 1452	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Educate Public in Sports Fish and Game Bird Management	To respond positively to requests from individuals, <u>schools/youth groups, and service clubs</u> , etc. for information or speakers on fish and game matters.	<i>Due to covid restrictions and low staffing levels no group events were undertaken in the 2021/22 year.</i>
Objective 1454	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Children's Fishing Day	To promote and run one <u>children's fishing day</u> with assistance from local salmon farms, CSIFG Councillors, and other volunteers. Summary report to Council February 2022.	<i>The annual Children's Fishing Day was not held due the Covid-19 restrictions.</i>

OUTPUT 5 – COMPLIANCE**Goal**

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

1510: Ranging

Objective 1511	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Compliance of Anglers and Hunters	To undertake <u>ranging</u> and organise a ranging programme to check compliance of not less than 1,300 anglers and hunters throughout the region, throughout the year with increased coverage of Mackenzie and Lower Waitaki.	<i>CSIFG Staff and warranted officers carried out compliance duties during the fishing and game bird hunting seasons. Co-ordinated ranging events were undertaken for the opening of game season, opening of low- and high-country fishing seasons and Waitaki lakes during the summer holidays. A total of 1,704 licences were checked for</i>

	Summary report to Council August 2022.	<i>the 2021/22 season. Regular updates were provided to Council in staff activity reports.</i>
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1520: Ranger Training

Objective 1521	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Manage Regional Honorary Rangers	To provide at least 2 ranger newsletters annually and hold a Fish and Game <u>ranger training</u> course by March 2022.	<i>Fourteen Ranger newsletters/updates were produced and provided to Rangers. A ranger training day was held in August with no CSIFG Honorary Rangers able to attend. CSIFG Staff and honorary rangers from North Canterbury and Otago regions did attend. Summary report to Council September 2022.</i>

1530: Compliance/Prosecutions

Objective 1531	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Prosecution of Unlicensed or Substantial Non-Complying Individuals	To <u>prosecute</u> all participants found unlicensed or in substantial non-compliance with legal requirements and season regulations without just cause and where sufficient evidence exists. Summary report to Council August 2022.	<i>Eighty-one anglers were detected committing 91 fishing offences between 1 Oct 2021 and 31 Aug 2022, all were processed under the Council's prosecution policy. Offences were: 27 fishing with unauthorised bait, 22 fishing without licence, 8 fishing with more than one rod, 7 salmon season bag breach, 6 out of season, 6 continue to fish once bag limit reached, 4 exceeds daily bag limit, 3 licence endorsement breach, 2 more than one bait, 2 sleeping while fishing, 2 causing undue injury to fish released, 1 more than 15m from rod and 1 false and misleading particulars. Six hunters were detected committing seven gamebird hunting offences, all were processed under the Council's prosecution policy. Offences were: 3 shooting absolutely protected wildlife, 2 possession of lead shot, 1 hunting without licence and 1 false and misleading particulars. Updates were provided to Council at bi-monthly meetings.</i>

OUTPUT 6 – LICENSING

Goal

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

1610: Licensing

Objective 1611	Performance Measure	Actual Result
To issue fishing and hunting licences	To ensure that 2021/2022 fishing <u>licences</u> and 2022 game licences are available to licence agents and participants by 1 September 2021 and 31 March 2022, respectively.	<i>The nationally co-ordinated F&G licensing system includes licence distribution and reconciliation, invoicing and receiving payment from agents, and paying licence income to the CSIFG Council. Fish licences were available for purchase on 19 August 2021 and game licences were available on 18 March 2022.</i>

1620: Agent Servicing

Objective 1621	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Work with licence agents to support Eyede	To maintain communication, learn of problems and concerns and promote support and advocacy by <u>agents</u> on fish and game matters.	<i>Regular contact was maintained with licence agents via e-mail and telephone. Agent visits were undertaken where needed and provided the opportunity for CSIFG Staff to discuss and offer advice on any issues they had relating to fish and game. All CSIFG licence sales are processed via Fish and Game's on-line systems.</i>

OUTPUT 7 - COUNCILS

Goal

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

1720: Council Meetings

Objective 1721	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Effective direction of the management of the Council's business.	To hold not less than six <u>Council meetings</u> before 31 August 2022.	<i>Eight Council meetings were held for the period 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022. First meeting of newly elected Council was held on 11 November 2021. Councillor attendance at meetings is shown below.</i>

<i>Councillor Attendance at CSIFG meetings</i>	
<i>S Bannister</i>	<i>8 of 8</i>
<i>A Brooks</i>	<i>1 of 1</i>
<i>P Centofanti</i>	<i>7 of 7</i>
<i>J Dewit</i>	<i>7 of 7</i>
<i>C Fulton</i>	<i>1 of 1</i>
<i>S Gerard</i>	<i>5 of 5**</i>
<i>B Growcott</i>	<i>1 of 1</i>
<i>M Hall</i>	<i>1 of 1</i>
<i>D Isbister</i>	<i>1 of 1</i>
<i>L Koevoet</i>	<i>8 of 8</i>
<i>N Niles</i>	<i>1 of 4**</i>
<i>C McKenzie</i>	<i>1 of 1</i>
<i>D Rattray</i>	<i>7 of 7</i>
<i>A Simpson</i>	<i>1 of 1</i>
<i>C Stanger</i>	<i>3 of 3*</i>
<i>J Henry (Ngai Tahu)</i>	<i>5 of 8</i>
<i>C Weatherall (co-opt May 2022)</i>	<i>4 of 4</i>
<i>A Simpson (appointed Aug 2022)</i>	<i>1 of 1***</i>
<i>C McKenzie (appointed Aug 2022)</i>	<i>1 of 1***</i>
<i>W Chisholm (appointed Aug 2022)</i>	<i>0 of 0***</i>

* (C STANGER RESIGNED MARCH 2022)

** (S GERARD AND N NILES RESIGNED APRIL 2022)

*** (W CHISHOLM, C MCKENZIE & A SIMPSON APPOINTED TO COUNCIL 11 AUGUST 2022)

OUTPUT 8 - PLANNING AND REPORTING

Goal

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

1810: Management and Strategic Planning

Objective 1811	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Sportsfish and Game Management Plan	To review and renew Council's <u>Sports Fish and Game Management Plan</u> .	<i>The Sports Fish and Game Management Plan for the Central South Island Fish and Game Region was approved by Council and sent to the Minister on 21 March 2022 for her approval under sections 17M (2)(g) and 26A (1)(a) of the Conservation Act. The Minister approved the Plan on 15 April 2022.</i>

1820: Annual Planning

Objective 1821	Performance Measure	Actual Result
To prepare an Operational Work Plan and Budget for the 2021-2022 year	To submit an <u>operational work plan</u> to Council and <u>budget</u> for 2022/2023 to NZFGC by 30 April 2022.	<i>The 2022/23 budget was approved by Council on 17 March 2022 for submission to NZFGC. The 2022/23 OWP was approved by Council on 17 March 2022.</i>

1830: Annual Reporting and Audit

Objective 1831	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Bi-Monthly Financial Reports	To present to Council bi-monthly <u>financial reports</u> .	<i>Financial reports of income, expenditure, and licence sales were provided to Council at bi-monthly meetings.</i>
Objective 1832	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Annual Report and Financial Statements	To prepare 2020/2021 <u>Performance Report</u> and facilitate preparation of 2020/2021 Financial Statements and Audit Report by 30 November 2021.	<i>2020/21 Performance Report, Financial Statements, and Audit Report were completed on 2 December 2021.</i>
Objective 1834	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Annual Public Meeting	To hold an <u>annual public meeting</u> before 31 December 2020.	<i>Annual Public Meeting was held on 9 December 2021.</i>

1840: National Liaison

Objective 1841	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Maintain effective liaison with New Zealand Fish & Game nationally	To attend <u>Manager's meetings</u> and to present CSIFG <u>recommendations</u> to the NZFGC on licence fees, fund redistribution, research requirements, national policy development, and other matters relating directly to NZFGC	<i>Managers/chief executives meeting was held and attended by the Chief Executive. During and following Covid-19 lockdown, two other meetings of managers/chief executives were held and attended via video conferencing. Recommendations were made to the NZFGC on the 2022/23 licence fee in May 2022.</i>
Objective 1842	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Working Parties	To participate with other Fish and Game Council Staff on F&G <u>working parties</u> to liaise and share information with other councils on fish and game matters of mutual interest.	<i>CSIFG Staff participated in the following Fish and Game NZ working parties/meetings: National Fish Passage Advisory Group, National Sea-Run Salmon Committee (M Webb); National License Working Party (J Graybill), Pressure Sensitive Fisheries Group (R Adams), and Resource Management Team (A Christensen).</i>

ADMINISTRATION

Goal

To manage the business of the Central South Island Region of Fish and Game New Zealand in an effective and cost-efficient manner.

1920: Staff Co-ordination and Training

Objective 1921	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Staff Development/ Training	To promote <u>staff development</u> by having each staff member attend at least 1 meeting/ course/seminar per year.	<i>Maoritanga course organised by Otago Fish and Game was attended by four CSIFG staff. A BRAID seminar was attended by two CSIFG staff.</i>
Objective 1922	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Maintain regular staff communications	Hold at least 6 <u>staff meetings</u> before 31 August 2022.	<i>Two staff meetings were held at the CSIFG office. Majority of staff worked from home for a time due to Covid-19 so virtual meetings were held as needed.</i>

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE READERS OF CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

The Auditor-General is the auditor of Central South Island Fish and Game Council (the Fish and Game Council). The Auditor-General has appointed me, Warren Johnstone, using the staff and resources of BDO Christchurch to carry out the audit of the financial statements and statement of performance of the Fish and Game Council on his behalf.

Opinion on the financial statements and the statement of performance

We have audited:

- the financial statements of the Fish and Game Council on pages 3 to 21, that comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 August 2022, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date and the notes to the financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the statement of performance of the Fish and Game Council on pages 22 to 51.

In our opinion:

- the financial statements of the Fish and Game Council: on pages 3 to 21:
 - present fairly, in all material respects:
 - its financial position as at 31 August 2022; and
 - its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
 - comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand in accordance with PBE SFR-A (PS) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting Standards - Accrual (Public Sector) ; and
- the statement of performance of the Fish and Game Council on pages 22 to 51:
 - presents fairly, in all material respects, the Fish and Game Council's performance for the year ended 31 August 2022, including for each class of reportable outputs:
 - its standards of performance achieved as compared with the forecasts included in the annual operating business plan for the financial year; and
 - its actual revenue and expenses as compared with the forecasts included in the annual operating business plan for the financial year; and
 - complies with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

Our audit was completed on 09 November 2022. This is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

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

Basis for our opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our responsibilities arise from the Public Audit Act 2001.

Other Information

The Council is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included on page 2 but does not include the financial statements and the statement of performance, and our auditor's report thereon.

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

In connection with our audit of the financial statements and the statement of performance, our responsibility is to read the other information. In doing so, we consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements and the statement of performance, or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.



If, based on our work, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Independence

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

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "BDO Christchurch".

Warren Johnstone
BDO Christchurch
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Christchurch, New Zealand