



PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE

Eastern Fish and Game Council

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
AUGUST 31, 2016**

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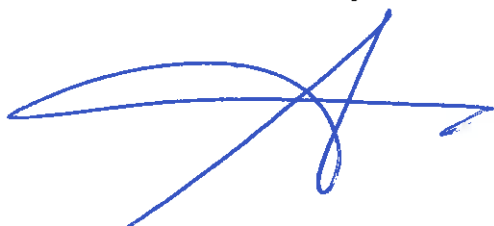
18 November 2016

Hon Maggie Barry
Minister of Conservation
Parliament Buildings
WELLINGTON


Dear Minister

I have the honour to submit, pursuant to Section 26 X of the Conservation Act 1987 and Section 44A of the Public Finance Act 1989, the Performance Report of the Eastern Fish and Game Council for the year ended 31 August 2016.

Yours sincerely

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Murray Ferris
Chairman
Eastern Fish and Game Council

	
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STRUCTURE

Council and Staff

CHAIRMAN

Murray Ferris

6 meetings attended, both 2012-2015 and 2015-2018 terms

COUNCIL MEMBERS

	<u>Meeting Attendance</u>	<u>Note</u>
Annaka Davis	3	<i>Both 2012-2015 and 2015-2018 terms</i>
Barry Roderick	6	<i>Both 2012-2015 and 2015-2018 terms</i>
Neal Hawes	5	<i>Both 2012-2015 and 2015-2018 terms</i>
Lindsay Lyons	6	<i>Both 2012-2015 and 2015-2018 terms</i>
Steve Scragg	3	<i>Both 2012-2015 and 2015-2018 terms</i>
Peter Storey	5	<i>Both 2012-2015 and 2015-2018 terms</i>
Alan Baird	5	<i>2015-2018 Term</i>
Sandy Bull	5	<i>2015-2018 Term</i>
Ken Coombes	4	<i>2015-2018 Term</i>
Laurance Tamati	4	<i>2015-2018 Term</i>
David Woolner	5	<i>2015-2018 Term</i>
Mike Little	1	<i>2012-2015 Term only</i>
Terry Sutton	1	<i>2012-2015 Term only</i>
Terry Wood	1	<i>2012-2015 Term only</i>
Laurence Allingham	1	<i>2012-2015 Term only</i>
Steve Luscombe	1	<i>2012-2015 Term only</i>

(1 meeting of the 2012-2015 Fish and Game Council and 5 meetings of the 2015-2018 Fish and Game Council were held during the year)

STAFF

Andy Garrick

Regional Manager

Matthew McDougall

Senior Fish & Game Officer

John Meikle

Fish & Game Officer

Eben Herbert

Fish & Game Officer

Anthony van Dorp

Fish & Game Officer

Lynne Sands

Office Administrator

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Fish & Game Officer

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Fish & Game Officer

Lloyd Gledhill

Fish & Game Officer

Nigel Simpson

Fish & Game Officer

Kate Thompson

Office Manager

Patrick Logan

Hatchery Assistant

Offices

The Council office is located at the Trout Hatchery, Paradise Valley Road, Ngongotaha, Rotorua.

Mission Statement

To maintain and enhance opportunities for sustainable sports fish angling and game bird hunting.

Statement of Objectives

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

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

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

Format of the Annual Report

This report is structured to allow evaluation of all the projects planned at the commencement of the 2015-2016 work year. The work programme is based around eight outputs and one input. Within each of these functional areas the Statement of Service Performance provides summary details of the resources that were anticipated to be required, along with the actual results for the year. In addition, the performance standard for each project is listed along with a description of the result that was achieved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

For the year ended 31 August 2016

It's with pride that I summarise the 2016 year of the Eastern Fish and Game Council, what a rewarding time for both operational and governance sectors. It would be remiss of me not to state at the very start of this report the total dedication of the Council.

We have a diverse group around the table and their contribution means we get great governance. The nature of the beast means we get hauled into a number of emotional rather than scientific debates from time to time, but this is not a problem because everyone that takes the time to share their concerns gets a fair hearing and they almost always say they are grateful to be heard, even if the decision is not in their favour. That's democracy and they and I wouldn't have it any other way.

Secondly, but of equal importance we have an operational team at Eastern Region that make us the well informed Council we are. To a man and woman they excel in many fields and contribute to many other regions' operations from field work, management, compliance and licensing, to accounting. They are a top team and highly regarded by their peers and Council.

I would like to thank our manager Andy Garrick for his leadership and approachable style, who also took on the big task of managing the Hawke's Bay Council through a management change and staff appointment process. Both organisations owe him a big vote of thanks.

This task is almost complete and an exit plan is in place for us, though we will continue to share resources with Hawke's Bay via the long standing operational arrangements we have in place with them. We look forward to a bright future for both councils.

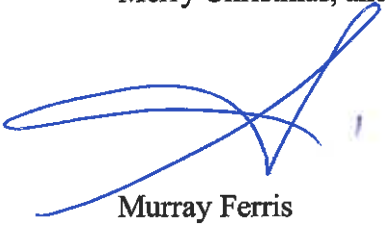
I don't like selecting people for special mention but I must again thank Councillors Barry Roderick and Lindsay Lyons for their wise counsel and encouragement, it is greatly appreciated I assure you. It is comforting to have a sounding board for the tough decisions.

We as a council, and as an national organisation have some very big challenges ahead of us, fewer ducks than we'd like, deteriorating water quality, a reduction in licence revenue to mention a few, and the usual old chestnuts of course, which I won't name here. They are driven by pedantic souls not prepared to accept the science or the democratic process, and I find them tedious and time consuming, so I personally hope to see them put to rest soon.

Driven by determined wise minds we will prevail and the best interests of licence holders will always be at the top of our list of priorities.

As this is the last written mutterings from me before Christmas I would like to thank everyone for their support, both around the table and in the organisation, and of course all those licence holders who had the confidence to re-elect me back onto the Council.

Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year from Leslie and I.



Murray Ferris
Chairman

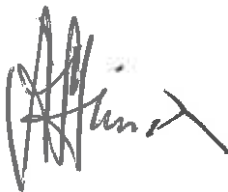
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016**

Friday, 18 November 2016

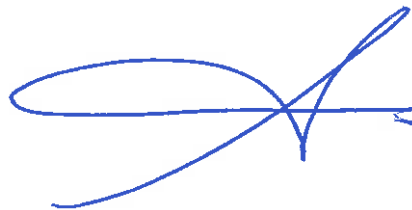
The Council and Management of the Eastern Fish and Game Council accepts responsibility for the accuracy of, and judgements used in the preparation of the following Performance Report, and the establishment and maintenance of systems of internal control designed to provide reasonable assurance of the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

In our opinion, the information set out in the following statements and attached notes to these statements fairly reflects the financial activities and performance of the Eastern Fish and Game Council, for the period ended 31 August 2016 and its financial position as at that date.



**Andy Garrick
Regional Manager**

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**Murray Ferris
Chairman**

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STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016

INTRODUCTION

As required under Section 26W(b) of the Conservation Law Reform Act 1990 and Section 45A of the Public Finance Amendment Act 2004 Fish and Game New Zealand, Eastern Region has prepared the following Statement of Service Performance for the 2015 - 2016 financial year.

The activities of Eastern Fish and Game Council are planned under eight output areas detailed in the annual Operating Work Plan. This Statement of Service Performance compares actual results against the stated Performance Measures from the plan. For the purposes of this statement, the overhead expenses detailed in the Statement of Financial performance (Administration, Employee Benefits, Depreciation, Leases, Bad Debts and other) have been allocated to each output area on the basis of the proportion of staff time directly expended in each area.

Summary Budget and Actual Expenditure for each output Area.

Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
Species Management	\$500,992	\$89,000	\$411,992	\$483,395	\$96,474	\$386,921
Habitat Protection	\$292,707	\$17,817	\$274,890	\$245,797	\$39,021	\$206,776
Angler & Hunter Participation	\$169,365	\$13,900	\$155,465	\$127,778	\$13,995	\$113,783
Public Interface	\$80,657	\$0	\$80,657	\$83,757	\$1,000	\$82,757
Compliance	\$89,143	\$6,000	\$83,143	\$103,048	\$5,628	\$97,420
Licensing	\$111,291	\$1,392,024	-\$1,280,733	\$94,364	\$1,415,410	-\$1,321,046
Council	\$56,002	\$0	\$56,002	\$54,595	\$0	\$54,595
Planning & Reporting	\$68,667	\$0	\$68,667	\$55,562	\$0	\$55,562
Total Outputs	\$1,368,824	\$1,518,741	-\$149,917	\$1,248,296	\$1,571,528	-\$323,232
Levies, Interest/forestry revaluation	\$183,051	\$6,620	\$176,431	\$183,051	\$44,646	\$138,405
	\$1,551,875	\$1,525,361	\$26,514	\$1,431,347	\$1,616,174	-\$184,827

SPECIES MANAGEMENT

Goal

To manage sustainable populations of sports fish and game bird species to provide for recreational harvest.

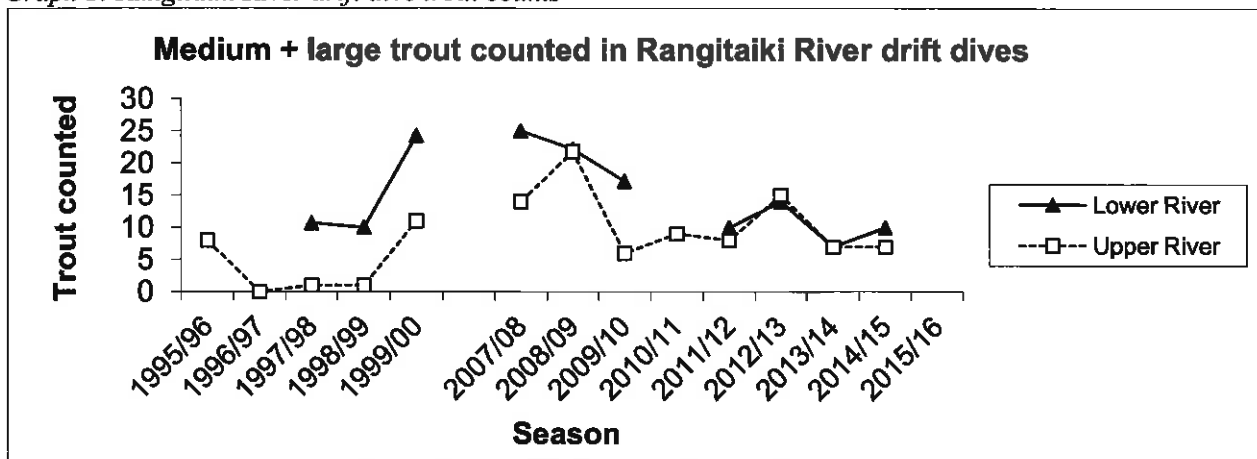
SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1110	Species Monitoring	\$178,644	\$19,000	\$159,644	\$155,969	\$19,484	\$136,485
1120	Harvest Assessment	\$55,164	\$0	\$55,164	\$48,640	\$0	\$48,640
1140	Hatchery Operations	\$249,867	\$70,000	\$179,867	\$268,265	\$76,990	\$191,275
1170	Regulations	\$12,838	\$0	\$12,838	\$8,548	\$0	\$8,548
1180	Control	\$4,479	\$0	\$4,479	\$1,973	\$0	\$1,973
Total		\$500,992	\$89,000	\$411,992	\$483,395	\$96,474	\$386,921

1110: Species Monitoring: Assess and monitor sports fish and game bird populations within the Eastern Region

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
1111 River fisheries investigations To investigate and monitor river fisheries. (i) Drift dive Rangitaiki, Motu and selected East Coast rivers. (ii) Continue the regional didymo surveillance programme.	Report river fishery investigation results to Council by 31 July 2016.	(i) No summer drift dives undertaken. Reported to Council April 2016. (ii) Participated in Regional aquatic pest group. Undertook quarterly didymo surveys in Ngongotaha Stream.

Graph 1: Rangitaiki River drift dive trout counts

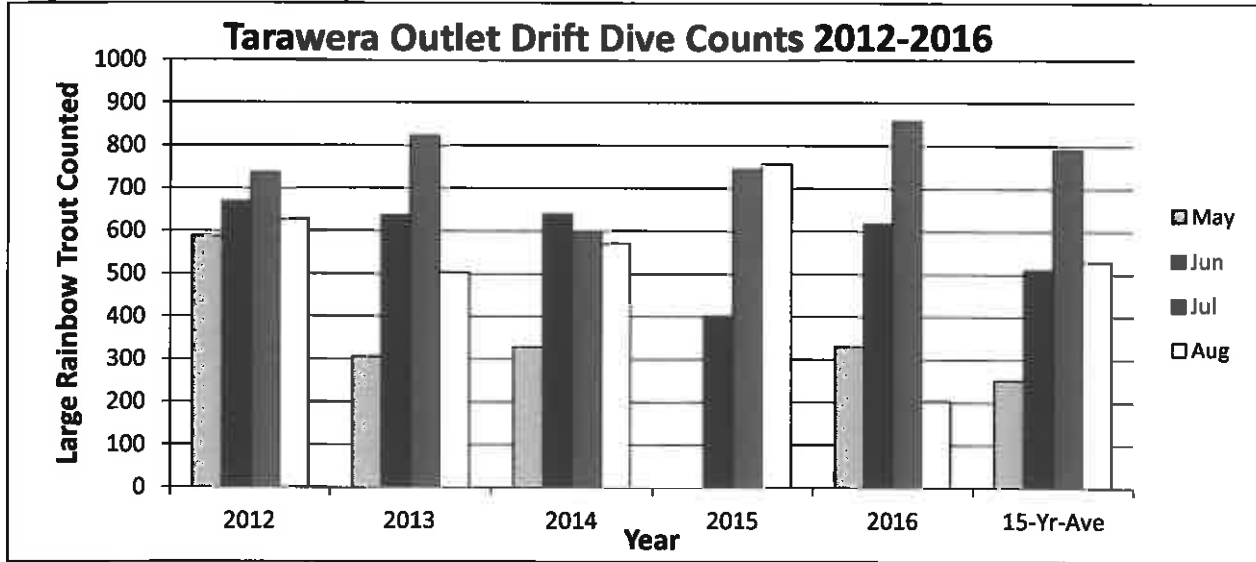


<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p>1112 Datawatch Monitor the Rotorua and Waikaremoana lakes fisheries using the “Datawatch” tagging programme to assess trout growth.</p>	<p>Tag and release 8,500 fish. Report on tag returns to each meeting of Council.</p>	<p>(i) 7,000 tagged fish released into Rotorua lakes and 500 to Lake Waikaremoana. (ii) 724 tags returned by anglers and 20 free licences distributed to lucky draw winners. (iii) Datawatch summaries reported bi-monthly to Council.</p>
<p>1113 Lake Waikaremoana Monitor data collection and maintain Lake Waikaremoana water quality buoy; undertake summer and winter creel surveys and monitor key spawning tributaries.</p>	<p>Report activities to the following meeting of Council.</p>	<p>Water quality monitoring buoy offline due to snagged sensor lines which were unable to be freed despite several attempts to do so during the year. Progress reported to Council bi-monthly. Summer and winter creel surveys undertaken. Spawning tributaries monitored.</p>
<p>1114 Lake Tarawera spawning Monitor Lake Tarawera spawning tributaries including the Tarawera Outlet, Te Wairoa and Wairua Streams.</p>	<p>Report results the following meeting of Council.</p>	<p>Four Tarawera Outlet drift dives completed, and Te Wairoa trapping data reported to Council bi-monthly. Wairua fishing diaries reported to Council August 2016.</p>

Table 1: Wairua Stream mouth angling data records

Angling Data	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12
Total Hours recorded	137	64	67	20	49
Avg Catch rate (fish/hr)	0.43	0.21	0.35	0.34	0.08
Avg Length (mm)	495	507	491	550	558
Avg Weight (kg)	1.63	1.52	1.46	2.45	2.23
Avg Condition Factor	48.62	41.58	43.31	53.20	48.54

Graph 2: Tarawera Outlet drift dive trout counts



<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
1115 Rotorua lakes fisheries research Contribute to research on lake fisheries and impacts of water quality restoration works. Continue to operate the Ngongotaha Stream trap.	Report activities and Ngongotaha Trap results to each meeting of Council.	(i) Ohau Channel fishery surveys completed. (ii) Ngongotaha trap run monitored. Reported to Council bi-monthly.

Table 2: Ngongotaha Stream trap run annual summary

Month	Trap Nights	Tot RT Caught	Tot BT Caught	%BT	Avg RT Length	Avg RT Weight	Avg BT Length	Avg BT Weight
Sep 15	10	45	4	8%	485	1.45	513	1.65
Oct 15	10	37	6	14%	500	1.70	615	3.14
Nov 15	10	14	103	88%	535	2.11	616	3.25
Dec 15	10	10	455	98%	552	2.10	615	3.26
Jan 16	12	13	121	90%	529	2.01	598	3.06
Feb 16	10	15	60	80%	539	1.84	579	2.63
Mar 16	10	26	60	70%	548	2.13	585	2.68
Apr 16	11	21	151	88%	486	1.33	589	2.70
May 16	11	7	22	76%	497	1.81	557	2.27
Jun 16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul 16	10	36	25	41%	492	1.57	574	2.46
Aug 16	10	110	4	4%	470	1.44	550	2.06
Year	114	334	1011	75%	512	1.77	581	2.65

RT = Rainbow Trout, BT = Brown Trout, Length in mm, Weight in kg

Table 3: Ohau Channel creel survey results, pre and post diversion wall

Season	Pre Wall		Post Wall							
	05-06	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16
Ave. angler catch rate	0.42	0.40	0.30	0.61	0.27	0.20	0.23	0.38	0.32	0.38
Ave. brown weight (kg)	4.32	4.71	4.63	4.12	3.91	3.94	2.68	3.75	2.93	2.83
Ave. rainbow weight(kg)	2.25	2.30	2.22	2.11	1.56	1.58	1.51	1.69	1.55	1.62
% of Anglers satisfied	98%	66%	16%	88%	19%	19%	3%	69%	33%	68%

Catch rate = fish/hr

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
1116 Game bird trend counts Monitor black swan and paradise shelduck populations within the Eastern Region using aerial trend counts; monitor seasonal usage of Tauranga Harbour by black swan.	Report interim results to February 2016 Council meeting and provide a full report detailing the status of these populations by 31 August 2016.	Counts completed, interim results reported 5 February 2016. Full report provided to Council 16 June 2016 (PFI).

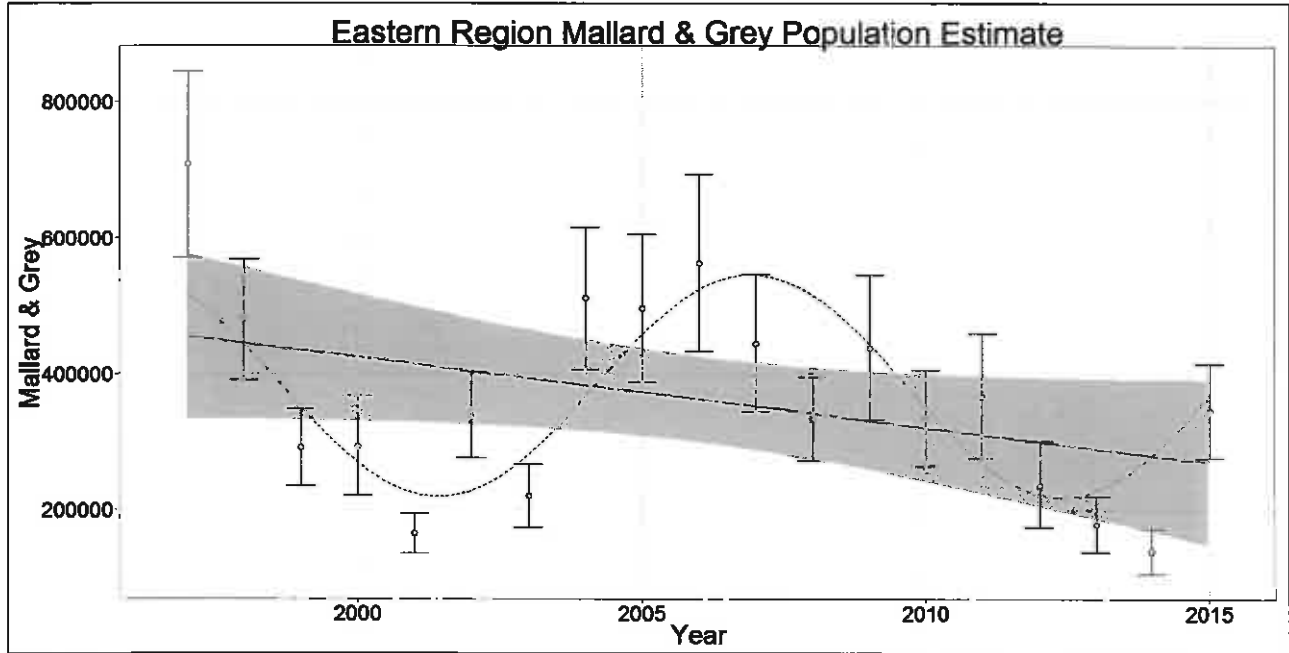
Table 4: Aerial trend count estimate of annual change (long term population trend) and last two years count totals for sub regional management areas

Area	Paradise Shelduck			Black Swan		
	14 year trend (%)	2015 count	2016 count	14 year trend	2015 count	2016 count
A1	-3.3	4443	4510	-3.1	9562	7152
A2	-5.5	2367	2032	-2.1	1724	1852
B1	-10.3	5532	3360	-12.4	141	64
B2	-0.17	1619	1421	-6.1	731	380

Trend of 0.00 = no change, trend < 10.0 is decline, trend > 10.0 is increase.

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
1118 Waterfowl monitoring programme Monitor greylard populations within the region by conducting trapping and banding programmes, aerial surveys, and brood counts to investigate productivity, survival, harvest and movements. Co-ordinate and participate in the national shoveler monitoring programme and contribute to national mallard research programmes.	Provide final reports for the 2014/15 year by 31 October 2015 and report interim results for the 2015-2016 year to the February 2016 Council meeting. The reports will compare measures of productivity for greylards with previous years where it is possible to do so.	Final reports for 2014/15 year completed and presented to Council August 2015 (PFI). Banding completed 2 March 2016. Interim analysis and report sent to NZFGC 5 February 2016 and Eastern FGC 18 February 2016. Aerial counts completed April 2016, reported to Council 11 August 2016.

Graph 3: Eastern Greylard population estimate at the beginning of the waterfowl season in the Eastern Region (mean \pm 95% CI) (1997–2015). The solid line is the fitted linear regression, and dotted line the 11 Year Sine Model. There is no evidence of a consistent linear change in population over study period. The Sine model (dotted line) received 100 times more support than the fitted linear regression model.



Note: Some previous population estimates have been adjusted following late return of bands from earlier seasons.

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p>1119 Upland game & forest management Continue upland game population monitoring programme in forests, investigate populations in coastal reserve areas, and identify habitat enhancement options.</p>	<p>Report activities to the following meeting of Council.</p>	<p>Pheasant call counts were undertaken in Kaingaroa Forest in November 2015. Results reported to Council at the February 2016 meeting.</p>

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

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p>1121 Lakes Fisheries Creel Surveys Conduct annual angler creel monitoring surveys (winter/summer) assessing angler catch and satisfaction from key Rotorua lakes.</p>	<p>Report on the 2015 winter creel survey by 28 February 2016 and the 2015-16 summer creel survey by 31 August 2016.</p>	<p>(i) 293 anglers surveyed during Winter 2015. Report presented to Council February 2016. (ii) 900 anglers surveyed during the 2015-16 Summer surveys. Report presented to Council August 2016.</p>

Table 5: Winter Creel Survey summary results

Lake	% Anglers satisfied			Avg Fish Length (mm)			Avg Fish Weight (kg)		
	2015	2014	2013	2015	2014	2013	2015	2014	2013
Tarawera	86%	94%	86%	546	571	548	1.91	2.33	2.38
Rotoiti	97%	97%	91%	593	575	587	2.79	2.66	2.91
Okataina	100%	100%	96%	553	604	616	2.07	2.43	2.96

Table 6: Summer Creel Survey summary results

Lake	% Anglers satisfied			Avg Fish Length (mm)			Avg Fish Weight (kg)		
	15-16	14-15	13-14	15-16	14-15	13-14	15-16	14-15	13-14
Tarawera	95%	97%	96%	509	503	499	1.49	1.42	1.42
Rotoiti	96%	98%	97%	550	518	523	2.14	1.80	1.80
Okataina	95%	95%	95%	508	539	515	1.65	1.83	1.70
Rotorua	100%	97%	97%	456	439	455	1.08	0.99	1.23

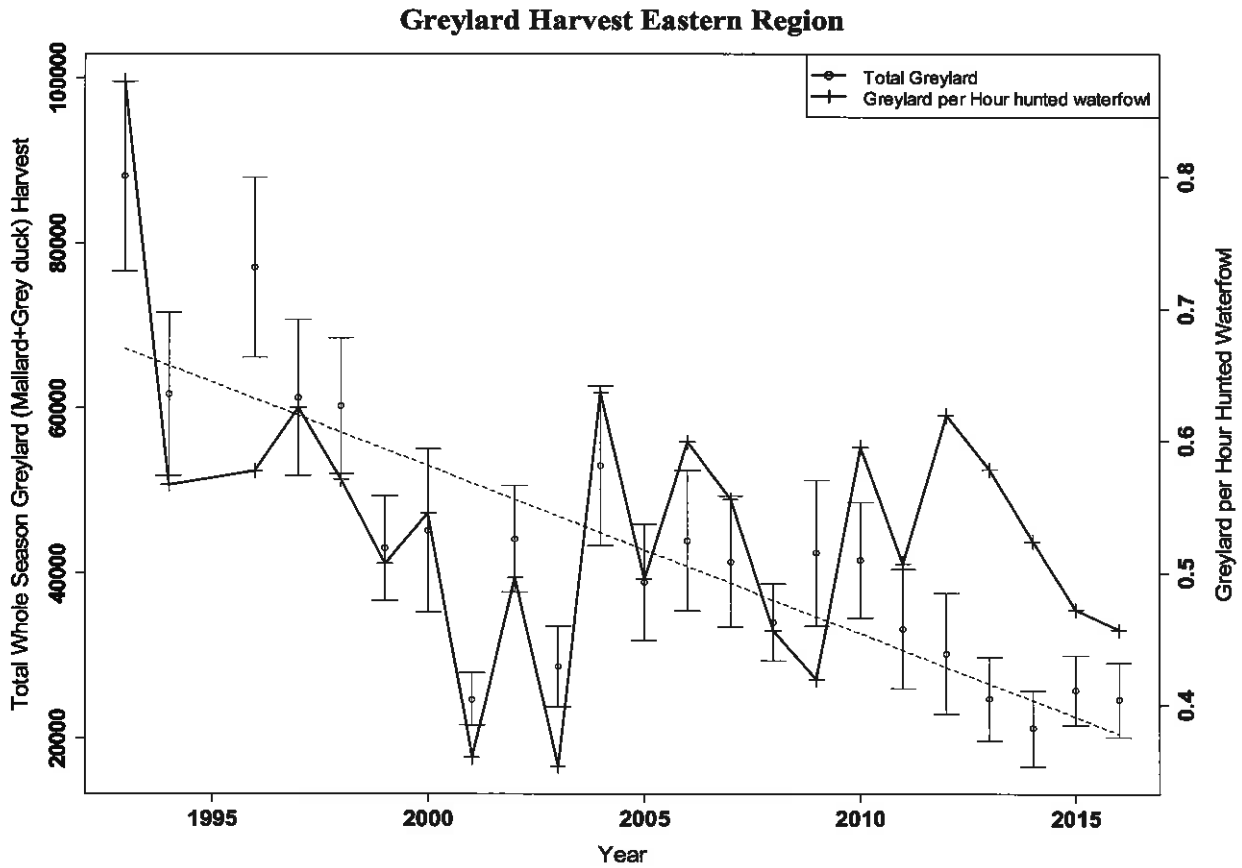
Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
1122 Opening Day Angler Survey Monitor opening day catch from Rotorua lakes fisheries to assess characteristics of the catch.	Present report to Council by 30 April 2016.	Survey completed with 1,106 anglers surveyed. Report presented to Council April 2016.

Table 7: Opening Day Survey, trout caught summary details

Lake	Avg 2yr old length (mm)			Avg 2yr old weight (kg)			Avg 2yr old condition factor		
	15-16	14-15	13-14	15-16	14-15	13-14	15-16	14-15	13-14
Tarawera	480	483	487	1.29	1.32	1.40	42.00	42.53	43.84
Rotoiti	490	492	499	1.51	1.50	1.51	46.27	45.11	43.98
Okataina	500	512	499	1.48	1.60	1.54	42.40	43.57	44.60

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
1123 Game Bird Hunter Survey Assess the harvest of game birds by hunters and hunter effort during the 2016 season.	Present the results of the 2015 game season hunter surveys to Council by 30 November 2015. Complete the 2016 game bird hunter surveys by 31 August 2016.	2015 Game bird hunter survey results presented to October 2015 meeting of Council. 2016 Game bird hunter surveys completed in September 2016.

Graph 4: Estimated harvest of Greylard (Mallard + Grey ducks) in the Eastern Region (mean ±CI) 1993–2016 (dashed line = regression line) and greylard per hour hunting waterfowl (solid line).



<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
1124 National Angler Survey Provide input to the National Angler Survey being conducted by NIWA.	Provide progress reports to Council as information is made available.	Reports presented to following meetings of Council on issues and outcomes of NAS advised by NIWA.

1140: Hatchery: To produce sufficient trout to meet the requirements of Eastern Region, Fish and Game New Zealand, as well as other Fish and Game Regions

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
1141 Hatchery Operations To provide quality trout fisheries by operating a hatchery programme and releasing fish where required according to a structured liberation programme.	To produce 83,000 fish to meet Eastern Region requirements and regional orders. Report liberations to the following meeting of Council.	92,618 fish were produced and liberated or distributed for the period. Liberations reported to following meeting of Council.

Table 8: Trout liberations in the Eastern Region

Water	Date released	Mark	Tag	Specie	Age	Modal	Quantity
Kents	8/12/2015	Lp		Rainbow	1+	190	200
McLaren	6/12/2015	Lp		Rainbow	1+	0	500
McLaren	6/12/2015	Lp		Brown	1+	0	200
Ngapouri	29/10/2015	Lp		Rainbow	1+	190	500
Okareka	17/05/2016	RpAd		Rainbow	1+	160	2500
Okareka	10/09/2015	Lp	G15	Rainbow	1+	170	500
Okareka	10/09/2015	Lp		Rainbow	1+	170	2000
Okaro	28/10/2015	Lp		Rainbow	1+	190	500
Okataina	11/05/2016	RpAd	16 O	Rainbow	1+	170	500
Okataina	12/04/2016	RpAd		Rainbow	1+	160	250
Okataina	8/03/2016	RpAd		Rainbow	1+	150	250
Okataina	22/10/2015	Lp		Rainbow	1+	190	1000
Okataina	25/09/2015		Promo, Red	Rainbow	2+	0	10
Okataina	9/09/2015	Lp		Rainbow	1+	170	1000
Okataina	9/09/2015	Lp	E15	Rainbow	1+	170	500
Rerewhakaaitu	25/05/2016	RpAd		Rainbow	1+	160	3500
Rerewhakaaitu	5/10/2015	Lp		Rainbow	1+	180	3000
Rerewhakaaitu	5/10/2015	Lp	I15	Rainbow	1+	180	500
Rotoehu	11/05/2016	RpAd		Rainbow	1+	170	2000
Rotoehu	11/09/2015	Lp		Rainbow	1+	170	2000
Rotoehu	11/09/2015	Lp	C15	Rainbow	1+	170	500
Rotoiti	4/05/2016	RpAd	16R	Rainbow	1+	170	500
Rotoiti	4/05/2016	RpAd		Rainbow	1+	170	5000
Rotoiti	12/04/2016	RpAd		Rainbow	1+	160	5000
Rotoiti	14/03/2016	RpAd		Rainbow	1+	150	4000
Rotoiti	9/02/2016	Ad	N16	Rainbow	1+	140	500
Rotoiti	19/10/2015	Lp		Rainbow	1+	190	4500
Rotoiti	25/09/2015		Promo, Red	Rainbow	2+	0	10
Rotoiti	15/09/2015	Lp		Rainbow	1+	180	6500
Rotoma	18/05/2016	RpAd		Rainbow	1+	160	2000
Rotoma	7/12/2015			Rainbow	1+	100	41
Rotoma	8/09/2015	Lp		Tiger	1+	200	2280
Rotoma	8/09/2015	Lp	D15	Rainbow	1+	180	500
Rotoma	8/09/2015	Lp		Rainbow	1+	180	2000
Rotoma	18/05/2016	RpAd		Tiger	1+	0	380
Rotorua	29/09/2015		Promo, Red	Rainbow	2+	0	10
Rotorua	4/09/2015	Lp	A15	Rainbow	1+	180	1000
Tarawera	3/05/2016	RpAd	16T	Rainbow	1+	170	500
Tarawera	3/05/2016	RpAd		Rainbow	1+	180	1000
Tarawera	13/04/2016	RpAd		Rainbow	1+	170	1000
Tarawera	8/03/2016	RpAd		Rainbow	1+	150	1000

Table 8 Continued: Trout liberations in the Eastern Region

Water	Date released	Mark	Tag	Specie	Age	Modal	Quantity
Tarawera	9/02/2016	Ad	X16	Rainbow	1+	140	500
Tarawera	9/02/2016	Ad		Rainbow	1+	140	500
Tarawera	22/10/2015	Lp		Rainbow	1+	190	3500
Tarawera	25/09/2015		Promo, Red	Rainbow	2+	0	10
Tarawera	22/09/2015	Lp	H15	Rainbow	1+	180	500
Tarawera	22/09/2015	Lp		Rainbow	1+	180	5500
Tuai	2/12/2015	Lp		Brown	1+	200	200
Tuai	2/12/2015	Lp		Rainbow	1+	180	500
Waikaremoana	21/04/2016	RpAd	WA16	Rainbow	1+	150	500

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
1142 Te Wairoa Trap To obtain suitable brood stock to sustain the hatchery programme. Operate Te Wairoa trap and collect sufficient ova.	Report the results of the trapping programme to each meeting of Council in the trapping season.	The Te Wairoa trap was operated and 362,000 ova were collected from 77 crosses. Reported to Council bi-monthly during the trapping season.

Table 9: Te Wairoa trap summary

Fish details	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12
Total fish trapped	1112	1040	902	757	900
Average Length (mm)	541	541	547	567	585
Average Weight (kg)	2.01	1.95	2.05	2.23	2.51
Wild % in run	29.0	32.5	33.5	28.6	19.6

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

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
1171 Regulations To maintain sports fish and game bird resources through the development of an annual anglers notice and game season conditions, and to manage Registered Upland Game Property requirements.	Recommend game season conditions for the 2016 season to the NZ Council by 6 February 2016 and the 2016-2017 Anglers Notice by 30 June 2016.	(i) Recommended Game Season Conditions sent to NZ Council on 5 February 2016. (ii) 34 submissions received on the 2016-17 Anglers Notice process. Recommendation sent to NZ Council 24 June 2016.

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

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
1181 Game Bird Control To reduce damage to crops from unwanted aggregations of game	Maintain permit database and report on the number of permits issued annually	39 permits issued to 36 land owners. All requests dealt with in a timely

birds through assisting landowners and utilising the efforts of game bird hunters wherever practical. Minimise avian botulism outbreaks through dispersal or collection.	<i>within the Annual Report.</i>	manner.
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Table 10: Permits issued to disturb game birds by species (36 landowners)

Species	Permits Issued
Black Swan	3
Paradise Shelduck	14
Pukeko	20
Ring necked pheasant	2
Total	39

SPORTS FISH AND GAME BIRD HABITAT PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Goal

To manage, maintain, and enhance sports fish and game bird habitat to maximise recreational opportunities for anglers and hunters.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1210	RMA	\$72,233	\$0	\$72,233	\$76,331	\$0	\$76,331
1220	Works & Management	\$74,265	\$5,500	\$68,765	\$88,568	\$6,147	\$82,421
1230	Assisted Habitat	\$140,503	\$12,317	\$128,186	\$80,898	\$32,874	\$48,024
1240	Assessment	\$5,706	\$0	\$5,706	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total		\$292,707	\$17,817	\$274,890	\$245,797	\$39,021	\$206,776

1210: Resource Management Act: To effectively represent Fish & Game interests and the aspirations of anglers and hunters in resource management processes and strategies

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
1211 RMA Planning and Consents (i) Review plans, strategies and consents and advocate for decisions and conditions that promote sports fish and game bird interests and the interests of anglers and hunters. (ii) Contribute to the improvement of water quality in the Rotorua lakes via collaborative processes, research, and fishery and angler monitoring. (iii) Minimise effect to fisheries from impacts that may arise from activities intending to improve water quality in the Rotorua lakes. (iv) Utilise river investigation projects to advocate for improved water quality in the Rangitaiki River. (v) Make submissions on regional and district council	Report activities to each meeting of Council.	(i) Attended regular meetings of the Bay of Plenty Regional Water Advisory Panel. (ii) Attended regular meetings of the Gisborne Fresh Water Advisory Group. (ii) Submissions, further submissions, pre-hearing meetings and hearings attended on the Gisborne District Council Proposed Freshwater Plan. (v) Involved in statutory and non-statutory planning processes with District/ Regional Councils as per Table 11. (vi) Submitted on consents as per Table 12. (vii) All activities reported to Council

<p>planning documents to promote rules that facilitate game bird habitat enhancement.</p> <p>(vi) Maintain water quality register to monitor efficacy of Regional Councils.</p>		bi-monthly.
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Table 11: Planning processes submitted to, hearings, appeals and/or mediations in which we have been involved

Authority	Process
Environment Bay of Plenty Regional Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Water Advisory Panel • Draft Water Quantity Plan Change • Proposed Plan Change 10 • Catchment Groups • Navigational Safety Bylaw
Whakatane District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed District Plan
Gisborne District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freshwater Advisory Group • Proposed Freshwater Plan • Waipaoa Catchment Plan

Table 12: Summary of Consent Applications received

Consent activity	Number of applications
Total number of consents received	19
No concerns letter	5
Section 95E3a approval	11
Conditions imposed	1
Section 96 opposed	2

1220: Works and Management: Wildlife Management Reserves

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<p>1221 Reserves Management Manage water levels and habitat in wildlife management reserves, advocate and maintain optimum conditions for waterfowl.</p> <p>(i) Intensively manage stand holder habitat maintenance requirements on revolving basis.</p> <p>(ii) Continue managed wetland maintenance programme including water reticulation systems in Kaituna,</p>	<p>Report activities to each meeting of Council.</p>	<p>(i) Provided support to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council for new water inlet structures at Thornton WMR.</p> <p>(ii) Stands managed and ballot holder meeting completed.</p> <p>(iii) Annual mowing and spraying programme completed. Water reticulation for Awaiti, Bregmans, Orini, and</p>

<p>Bregmans and Orini Wildlife Management Reserves. Continue regular habitat and water inspections in managed wetlands.</p>		<p>Kaituna WMRs completed. An additional two hectares of wetland created at Kaituna WMR. Regular habitat and hydrology inspections in all managed wetlands undertaken. (iv) Reported to Council bi-monthly.</p>
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1230: Assisted Habitat: Assist habitat enhancement by individuals and organisations and manage significant projects

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p>1231 Maintain and Enhance Game Bird Habitat Encourage hunters and landowners to develop wetland habitat on non public land. Make available information packages and services including land owner site visits and consent advice. Use rural media to encourage wetland enhancement on non public land.</p>	<p><i>Respond to all landowners' requests for advice and contribute to the development and/or enhancement of habitat that enhances waterfowl productivity and greylards in particular. Report activities to the following meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>(i) Landowner information/advice provided to four landowners for 12.55 ha of habitat creation or enhancement. (ii) Reported to Council bi-monthly.</p>
<p>1232 Habitat Creation Projects (ii) Communicate pond enhancement opportunities to rural communities and extend the East Coast pond enhancement trial. (iii) Make one application to external funding providers for a habitat creation project in the Eastern Region. (iv) Assist in wetland habitat creation and enhancement in the Waikato River catchment through WCEET trustee and project manager participation.</p>	<p><i>(i) Make one application for external funding for an enhancement project. (ii) Report WCEET activities by 31 August 2016. (iii) Report activities to the following meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>(i) Pond enhancement trial not extended due to poor uptake. (ii) Application to WCEET for aquatic pest plant control in Waikato River wetlands approved. (iii) WCEET Trustee and project management carried out during the year. (iv) All enhancement activities reported to Council bi-monthly.</p>
<p>1233 Drain Management Advocate for greylard sensitive drain management practices and</p>	<p><i>Report activities to the following meeting of Council and produce a</i></p>	<p>(i) Liaised with BOP Regional Council drain management</p>

<p>enhance drain habitats. Provide advice and/or assistance to landowners in addition to collaborating with or encouraging drain management agencies to develop and implement best management practices. Investigate greylard usage and productivity in Bay of Plenty lowland drains.</p>	<p><i>summary report by 31 August 2016.</i></p>	<p>staff. Facilitated and oversaw Royal Society sponsored science teacher to investigate greylard usage and productivity in Bay of Plenty lowland drains. (ii) Brood counts undertaken in October 2015. Results reported to Council at February 2016 meeting.</p>
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1240: Assess and Monitor: Assess and monitor regional trends in significant habitat areas

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p>1241 Monitor Waterfowl Habitats Interact with Wetland Forum groups and/or agencies compiling or updating wetland inventories.</p>	<p><i>Report activities to the following meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>Participated in Wetland Forum meetings, with significance of wetlands regularly raised.</p>

ANGLER AND HUNTER PARTICIPATION AND SERVICES

Goal

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

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1310	Access	\$53,774	\$0	\$53,774	\$39,530	\$0	\$39,530
1330	Newsletters	\$43,073	\$0	\$43,073	\$26,613	\$0	\$26,613
1340	Other Publications	\$8,062	\$0	\$8,062	\$3,315	\$0	\$3,315
1350	Training	\$53,971	\$13,500	\$40,471	\$55,651	\$13,612	\$42,039
1360	Club Relations	\$7,370	\$0	\$7,370	\$658	\$0	\$658
1370	Huts	\$3,115	\$400	\$2,715	\$2,011	\$383	\$1,628
Total		\$169,365	\$13,900	\$155,465	\$127,778	\$13,995	\$113,783

1310: Angler and Hunter Access: To maintain and enhance access to the sports fish and game bird resources of the Eastern Region

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<p>1311 Maintain & Enhance Access Physical and legal access to angling and hunting opportunities.</p> <p>(i) Maintain angling tracks in the Ngongotaha and Waiteti Streams, and the Tarawera, Waioeka and Rangitaiki Rivers.</p> <p>(ii) Investigate and create new angling access opportunities in the Wairoa catchment and the upper Waikaretaheke River in particular.</p> <p>(iii) Allocate and manage balloted hunting stands in Fish & Game managed Wildlife Management Reserves/wetlands.</p> <p>(iv) Maintain signs and enhance access through signage at key fishing and hunting access points. Maintain</p>	<p><i>(i) Maintain access tracks to significant, publicly accessible tracks within the Tarawera, Waioeka and Rangitaiki Rivers, and the Ngongotaha and Waiteti Streams.</i></p> <p><i>(ii) Create new access opportunities in the Wairoa catchment.</i></p> <p><i>(iii) Allocate balloted hunting stands.</i></p> <p><i>(iv) Maintain signage database.</i></p> <p><i>(v) Make submissions to WAC and Treaty settlements where appropriate.</i></p> <p><i>Report activities to the following meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>(i) Access tracks maintained as required.</p> <p>(ii) Ballot draw completed, hunters advised of shooting stands for the 2016 season.</p> <p>(iii) Access signage maintained and database updated.</p> <p>(iv) Access issue register maintained. Liaison with Walking Access Commission ongoing.</p> <p>(v) Liaison ongoing with landowners and Forest Managers.</p> <p>(vi) Angler access work carried out on the Waikaretaheke River with three new access points and tracks created. New</p>

<p>signage inventory databases. (v) Advocate for improved access through forestry such as Kaingaroa, and resolution of identified captured access areas. Make submissions to the Walking Access Commission and ensure that provision for Public access is made in relevant Treaty of Waitangi settlements.</p>		<p>brochure for the Waiau, Wairoa River systems including Putere Lakes drafted and nearing completion. (vii) Activities reported to Council at meeting following.</p>
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1330: Newsletters, Licence holder communications: To effectively inform anglers and hunters of matters relating to Fish & Game and opportunities for increased participation.

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p>1331 Inform Anglers & Hunters Prepare and circulate monthly newsletters (E-zine) to clubs and respond to angler and hunter enquiries. Identify options for increasing angling opportunities and participation through specific activities.</p>	<p>Prepare and circulate 12 monthly electronic newsletters.</p>	<p>Nine 'Reel Life' and four 'Both Barrels' newsletters were produced and distributed. The Reel Life e-zine did not have regional input for the months of June, July and August. Angler and hunter enquiries responded to as they arose.</p>
<p>1332 Fish & Game Magazine Prepare and mail two issues of Fish and Game New Zealand to 2015-2016 whole season fish licence holders and 2015 whole season game licence holders. Prepare and distribute pre-season newsletters.</p>	<p>Mail fish issue August 2016 (approx. 9,000), game issue April 2016 (approx. 3,200). Distribute pre fish and game season newsletters.</p>	<p>Two pages completed for both the Fish & Game fishing magazine supplement (8,692) and the hunting magazine supplement (3,700). A 12 page hunting and 16 page fishing newsletter were also completed and distributed to licence holders and licence agents.</p>
<p>1333 Fishing Reports Prepare and circulate monthly fishing reports during the 2015-2016 season. Increase use of social media to inform anglers and hunters of current fishing and hunting conditions..</p>	<p>Prepare and circulate 12 monthly fishing reports.</p>	<p>Nine fishing reports completed and distributed with the 'Reel Life' e-zine. 134 messages were 'Tweeted' on a variety of topics. Reported to Council bi-monthly.</p>

<p>1334 Maintain & Update Content on Web Site Maintain and regularly update Fish & Game information on the Eastern Region website.</p>	<p><i>Report activities to each meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>Numerous site updates were made to the Eastern Fish & Game web page during the year. Reported to Council bi-monthly.</p>
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1340: Informational Publications: To assist anglers and hunters to access the hunting and fishing opportunities of the Eastern Region

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p>1341 Information Pamphlets Review and if necessary reprint pamphlets, address information deficiencies and use website and other forms of communication to make access information more readily available. Produce a Wairoa/East Coast Rivers pamphlet. Maintain stocks of information pamphlets in licence agents and other outlets throughout the region.</p>	<p><i>Report on stocks of information pamphlets and activities to each meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>The Wairoa River system/East Coast brochure material has been finished and is awaiting final formatting and printing. A reprint and update of the Lake Rotorua and tributaries brochure was completed. Activities reported to Council at meeting following.</p>

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

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p>1351 Childrens Fishing Programme Operate the children's fishing programme in conjunction with the Rotorua Anglers Association and identify options to increase participation. This may involve participation from other clubs.</p>	<p><i>Provide sufficient two-year-old fish to support the fishing programme. Report activities and participation to the following meetings of Council.</i></p>	<p>Approximately 2,000 rising 2 year old rainbow trout were added to the children's pond during summer. Activities reported to Council at meeting following.</p>
<p>1352 Angler/Hunter Training (i) Provide angler and hunter training information and make available novice hunter/angler starter packs. (ii) Conduct angling training seminars. (iii) Continue novice hunter training programme.</p>	<p><i>Provide three angler information seminars. Participate in HUNTS programme for hunter training.</i></p>	<p>One fishing tuition event was held for anglers at Tarawera. Participated in two HUNTS courses and conducted four novice duck hunter hunts at Waewaetutuki wetland.</p>
<p>1353 Angler/Hunter Enquiries Respond to enquiries for</p>	<p><i>Provide information and respond to enquiries</i></p>	<p>Angler/hunter enquiries responded to in a timely</p>

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information from anglers and hunters.	<i>promptly.</i>	manner.
1354 Fishing Competitions Review applications to hold fishing competitions and grant permits where appropriate.	<i>Respond to applications within five working days and report on permits granted to each meeting of Council.</i>	34 Fishing Competition permits granted within five days of receipt of application. Reported to Council bi-monthly.

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

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
1361 Fish & Game Club relations Maintain club register and provide news updates to clubs on a monthly basis, attend club meetings as appropriate.	<i>Attend at least 20 club meetings by 31 August 2016. Provide report to each meeting of Council.</i>	11 Club meetings or events attended by staff. Reported to Council bi-monthly.

1370: Fish and Game Huts

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
1371 Fish and Game Huts Maintain Fish & Game huts at Waikaremoana, and Wairua.	<i>Report maintenance activities to the following meeting of Council.</i>	Huts maintained as required. Activities reported to Council at meeting following.

PUBLIC INTERFACE

Goal

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

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1410	Liaison	\$9,272	\$0	\$9,272	\$14,286	\$0	\$14,286
1420	Communication	\$19,819	\$0	\$19,819	\$7,698	\$0	\$7,698
1440	Public Promotions	\$13,723	\$0	\$13,723	\$5,519	\$1,000	\$4,519
1450	Visitors/Education	\$37,843	\$0	\$37,843	\$56,254	\$0	\$56,254
Total		\$80,657	\$0	\$80,657	\$83,757	\$1,000	\$82,757

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

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p>1411 Statutory Liaison and Political awareness Maintain a structured liaison and advocacy programme with key agencies and individuals. Make submissions to Regional Council's Senior Manager Team (SMT) and DOC regional directors on significant regional matters. Engage in governor-governor meetings where appropriate. Engage with iwi groups and tribal authorities including Te Uru Taumatua and the Tuhoe Board with a view to developing a MOU with the latter. Ensure political awareness of Fish & Game activities and support for improved habitat performance.</p>	<p>(i) Regional Manager to meet with Regional Councils SMT and DOC directors at least yearly. Staff to attend Conservation Board meetings at least annually. (ii) Regional Manager to meet with Te Uru Taumatua, the Tuhoe Board and tribal entities including the Waikaremoana Tribal Authority. (iii) Regional Manager/ Councillors to visit all electorate MPs during the year. Report activities to following meetings of Council.</p>	<p>(i) Met with senior Bay of Plenty Regional Council and DOC managers including Regional Directors. (ii) Attended one Bay of Plenty Conservation Board meeting and one East Coast/ Hawke's Bay Board and provided reports/ advice to Board members from all three Boards within the Eastern Region. Met with National electorate MP. (iii) Met once or more with senior staff and Board members of Te Uru Taumatua, members of the Tuhoe Board, and staff and managers of the Waikaremoana Tribal Authority. Activities</p>

		reported to Council at meeting following.
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1420: Communication: Develop and maintain effective communication with the wider public and the media, stakeholders and strategic allies

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p>1421 Public Communications To advocate the interests of anglers and hunters through maintaining effective communication with non statutory groups or individuals such as farmers, Iwi and the general public.</p> <p>(i) Implement regional public awareness programme and identify and progress marketing opportunities.</p> <p>(ii) Maintain a strong presence in general public media.</p> <p>(iii) Engage and communicate with rural community and land owners. Develop relationships with groups including Federated Farmers, Fonterra and Dairy NZ</p> <p>(iv) Engage with iwi. Initiate more formal relationships with key iwi groups across the region and participate in Treaty Settlement processes that affect anglers and hunters.</p>	<p>(i) Contribute to national public awareness network.</p> <p>(ii) Manage website for effective licence holder communication and public awareness. Prepare and distribute at least 40 media press releases before 31 August 2016.</p> <p>(iii) Submit on Treaty Settlements affecting angler/ hunter access and develop relationships with key iwi groups. Report activities to following meeting of Council.</p>	<p>i) Communications staff interacted at least weekly with members of the national public awareness network.</p> <p>(ii) Website managed and Twitter account updated as required.</p> <p>(iii) 42 media releases were prepared and distributed during the year.</p> <p>(iv) Staff undertook to assist with the 2016 Ballance Farm Environment Awards.</p> <p>(v) Met with members of Te Urewera Board, Te Uru Taumatua, and the Waikaremoana Tribal Authority.</p> <p>(vi) Reported to Council bi-monthly.</p>

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

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p>1441 Public Promotions Develop and increase Fish & Game New Zealand presence via promotional events and public "open days".</p>	<p>(i) Support national public awareness events.</p> <p>(ii) Conduct Fish & Game Open Day at Ngongotaha site.</p>	<p>(i) "Rotorua Lakes Fish for Gold" tagged trout promotion conducted at commencement of angling season.</p> <p>(ii) Fish & Game open day not offered this year.</p>

1460: Visitors /Education: To educate the wider public on the role of Fish & Game New Zealand

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p>1461 Education To educate people in sports fish and game bird management, conservation and angling and hunting. Maintain grounds and facilities and increase use of the Ngongotaha hatchery and grounds to promote Fish & Game to schools and the wider public.</p>	<p><i>Conduct presentations to groups and provide conducted tours of the hatchery.</i> <i>Report activities to the following meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>Presentations were made to 8 schools/outside organisations. Reported activities to the following meeting of Council.</p>

COMPLIANCE

Goal

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

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1510	Ranging	\$56,541	\$0	\$56,541	\$78,657	\$0	\$78,657
1520	Ranger Training	\$7,419	\$0	\$7,419	\$2,201	\$0	\$2,201
1530	Compliance	\$25,183	\$6,000	\$19,183	\$22,190	\$5,628	\$16,562
	Total	\$89,143	\$6,000	\$83,143	\$103,048	\$5,628	\$97,420

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

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p>1511 Compliance Maintain a high level of participant contact through enforcement and monitor compliance with licensing and season conditions.</p>	<p>Organise ranging activity to achieve 3,500 angler and hunter contacts. Aim for 95% compliance with legal requirements and season regulations from anglers and hunters contacted. Provide report to each meeting of Council.</p>	<p>3,352 angler/hunter contacts. Compliance rate overall in excess of 98%. 48 persons dealt with for 78 separate offences (Table 13). <i>Note: Total contacts are down on previous recent years – fewer anglers appeared to be fishing during the winter months and around the Rotorua lakes in particular. Offending was also down, with fewer offenders being located in the customary problem areas, while a pleasing number of previous offenders contacted this year were found to be fishing lawfully. Less youth offending was also detected.</i></p> <p>Warrantless powers of entry and/or search (Sec 39 Wildlife Act 1953 and Sec 40 Conservation Act</p>

		1987) were exercised on 39 occasions while carrying out game bird hunter ranging or while investigating alleged offences. Reported to council bi-monthly.
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1520: Ranger Training: To ensure effective ranging across the region with suitably trained and resourced personnel

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
1521 Manage Regional Honorary Rangers Manage the regional network of Honorary Fish & Game Rangers and ensure that a sufficient level of training and support is provided.	<i>Complete one organised training exercise for honorary rangers and report to Council by 31 August 2016.</i>	11 Honorary Rangers maintained. One regional training day conducted. Resourced the National Compliance co-ordinator role. Co-ordinated national ranger safety training and refreshers, and a training session for regional CLE co-ordinators. Involvement in other nationally co-ordinated matters including policy and submissions on law changes. Reported to Council bi-monthly.

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

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
1531 Prosecution of offenders Follow Council Prosecution and Reparation Policies to prosecute individuals found unlicensed or in non-compliance with season regulations without just cause.	<i>Report details of prosecutions to each meeting of Council.</i>	Offence resolution as per Table 14. 48 offenders dealt with for 78 offences. Reported to council bi-monthly.

Table 13: Offence table 2015-2016 year

Offence name	Number of offences
Fish without licence	27
Fish closed waters	10
Fish with illegal tackle	16

Give false details	3
Disturb spawning gravels	3
Possession of sports fish unlawfully taken	5
Take sports fish with net, spear, or device.	3
Fish with more than 1 rod	2
Fish with unattended rod	1
Obstruction	1
Lead shot	3
Hunt without licence	4
Total	78

Table 14: Resolution of offences 2015-2016 year

Resolution Type	Number of offenders
Prosecution	17
Reparation	17
Youth warning	8
Adult warning	5
No prosecution decision	1
Total	48

LICENSING

Goal

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

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1610	Licence Production	\$28,615	\$1,392,024	-\$1,363,409	\$26,877	\$1,415,410	-\$1,388,533
1620	Agent Servicing	\$13,075	\$0	\$13,075	\$7,890	\$0	\$7,890
1630	Agent Payments	\$69,601	\$0	\$69,601	\$59,597	\$0	\$59,597
Total		\$111,291	\$1,392,024	-\$1,280,733	\$94,364	\$1,415,410	-\$1,321,046

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

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
1611 Licence production and distribution To issue fishing and hunting licences and the appropriate regulations in a timely manner and market new fishing licence categories to existing and potential licence holders.	<i>To have available fish licences and regulation guides for the 2015-2016 season by 1 September 2015. To have available game licences and regulation guides for the 2016 season by 31 March 2016.</i>	(i) Fish licences and regulation guides were available for purchase on 20 August 2015. (ii) Game licences and regulation guides were available for purchase on 17 March 2016.
1612 National licence management To support the operation of the national licence management provider. Evaluate licence sales information during the year and identify targeted marketing opportunities.	<i>Provide detailed reports of licence sales performance to each meeting of Council.</i>	Licence sales reported to Council bi-monthly and monitored throughout the year.
1613 Licence availability To enable licences to be purchased conveniently by anglers and hunters through retailers and providing online services.	<i>Provide report of licence sales by channel to each meeting of Council.</i>	Liaised with external provider to ensure licence availability. Maintained 48 licence retailers within the region. Participated in National Licence working party. Reported to Council bi-monthly.

Table 15: Licence sales performance

Code	FISH					Code	GAME				
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16		2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
FWA	4,516	4,270	4,186	4,036	1,947	GWA	3,300	3,136	3,044	3,001	3,201
FWJ	454	426	362	408	478	GWJ	383	360	351	357	343
FWF	3,431	3,411	3,375	3,211	3,025						
FSLA					356						
FLAA					1,976						
FWNA				387	499						
FWNJ				8	22						
FWIA	1,084	954	1,012	1,002	635						
FWIJ	115	89	79	82	0						
FLBA					142						
FSBA					1,489						
FDA	8,213	8,538	7,799	7,693	6,928	GDA	190	177	181	207	217
FDJ	530	547	493	406	526	GDJ	7	10	13	6	10
Total	18,343	18,235	17,306	17,233	18,023	Total	3,880	3,683	3,589	3,571	3,771
LEQ	11,401	11,041	10,768	10,884	10,511	LEQ	3,414	3,246	3,152	3,115	3,313

FWA - Fish Whole Season Adult, FWJ - Fish Whole Season Junior, FWF - Fish Whole Season Family, FSLA - Fish Loyal Senior Adult (Season), FLAA - Fish Local Area Adult (Season), FWNA - Fish Non Resident Adult (Season), FWNJ - Fish Non Resident Junior (Season), FWIA - Fish Winter Adult, FWIJ - Fish Winter Junior, FLBA - Fish Long Break Adult (9 days), FSBA - Fish Short Break Adult (3 days), FDA - Fish Day Adult, FDJ - Fish Day Junior, GWA - Game Whole Season Adult, GWJ - Game Whole Season Junior, GDA - Game Day Adult, GDJ - Game Day Junior

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

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
1621 Licence Agent support Communicate and work with licence agents to support the licence management provided by Eyede, providing agent training as required.	Complete at least three visits to all significant licence resellers by 31 August 2016.	Regular visits and contacts with all significant licence agents were undertaken during the year to 31 August 2016. Two book collections were completed and regular contact with agents was maintained by administration staff throughout the year.

COUNCIL

Goals

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

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1710	Council Elections	\$3,804	\$0	\$3,804	\$598	\$0	\$598
1720	Council Meetings	\$52,198	\$0	\$52,198	\$53,997	\$0	\$53,997
	Total	\$56,002	\$0	\$56,002	\$54,595	\$0	\$54,595

1710: Fish and game Council Election: Prepare for the 2015 Fish and Game Election

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
1711 Council Election Provide regional support to <i>electionz.com</i> for preparing for the October 2015 election.	<i>Assist external provider in preparing for, and holding the 2015 election.</i>	Assistance was provided to <i>electionz.com</i> in the lead up to, and post election. Outcomes and issues were reported to Council.

1720: Council Meetings: Effective governance and efficient Council support

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
1721 Council Provide effective direction and support to the management of Council's business. Keep Council informed of relevant national and regional matters. Prepare information reports and agenda for Council meetings and any minutes resulting from these meetings.	<i>Hold at least 6 meetings of the Eastern Fish & Game Council prior to 31 August 2016. Distribute agendas 10 days prior and draft minutes within 3 weeks of each meeting.</i>	Six regular Council meetings completed before 31 August 2016. All agendas were distributed within required time, and draft minutes distributed as soon as practicable after each meeting.

PLANNING AND REPORTING

Goal

To meet Fish & Game's statutory reporting requirements.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1810	Management Planning	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1820	Annual Planning	\$11,292	\$0	\$11,292	\$5,081	\$0	\$5,081
1830	Reporting	\$40,249	\$0	\$40,249	\$33,001	\$0	\$33,001
1840	National Liaison	\$17,126	\$0	\$17,126	\$17,480	\$0	\$17,480
	Total	\$68,667	\$0	\$68,667	\$55,562	\$0	\$55,562

1820: Annual Planning

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
1821 OWP preparation To prepare an operational work plan for the 2016-2017 year.	<i>The adoption of a proposed operational work plan for 2016-2017 by the Council by 31 August 2016.</i>	2016-2017 Operational Work Plan adopted by Council at meeting of Council 11 August 2016.

1830: Reporting and Audit

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
1831 Annual Report and Statement of Service Performance To complete an Annual Report and Statement of Service Performance for the 2014-2015 year.	<i>Conduct quarterly reviews of performance against OWP targets with staff; adoption of the audited 2014-2015 annual report by Council, and presentation to a public annual general meeting not later than 30 November 2015, as well as to the Minister of Conservation.</i>	Financial statements for 2014-2015 year were prepared and audited in October 2015. Unqualified audit opinion issued 12 November 2015. Annual Report presented to Parliament and annual meeting 18 November 2015. SOSF completed and included in audited statement of accounts. Periodic reviews of performance against OWP targets were individually undertaken with staff.

1840: National Liaison

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p>1841 New Zealand Fish & Game liaison The maintenance of effective liaison with New Zealand Fish & Game to meet all statutory requirements. Contribute to the efficient management of Fish & Game nationally through participation with working parties, networks and national research and monitoring.</p>	<p><i>Attend all meetings of the Regional Fish & Game Council managers and participate where required with working parties established by the New Zealand Council.</i></p>	<p>All Managers meetings attended. Staff undertook or contributed to national roles including North Island compliance co-ordination, RMA and Public Awareness groups, licence working party, finance review committee, Health and Safety committee, research committee, Fisheries SOP development committee, and the national game bird monitoring group.</p>

Eastern Fish and Game Council
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

For the year ended
31 August 2016

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EASTERN FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016

	Note	Actual 2016 \$	Budget 2016 \$	Actual 2015 \$
REVENUE				
Fish and Game licence sales	1	1,415,410	1,392,024	1,417,987
Grants and donations	1	20,026	-	38,854
Interest	1	29,798	18,937	30,008
Other revenue	1	313,193	160,076	188,417
Total Revenue		1,778,427	1,571,037	1,675,266
EXPENSES				
Outputs				
Species management	2	100,063	107,900	88,738
Habitat protection & management	2	54,759	81,600	66,804
Angler & Hunter participation	2	22,993	24,050	20,051
Public interface	2	15,136	4,700	10,431
Compliance	2	7,230	7,600	6,356
Licensing	2	60,413	70,401	67,535
Council	2	8,748	10,000	9,236
Planning & reporting	2	9,539	9,950	8,961
Overheads				
Employee related costs	2	936,485	893,517	891,774
Depreciation	4	73,652	75,092	79,161
Other expenses	2	121,531	129,690	135,073
Total Expenses		1,410,549	1,414,500	1,384,120
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)		367,878	156,537	291,146
Less Other Expenses				
Levies to NZFGC		183,051	183,051	233,908
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		184,827	(26,514)	57,238

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements



EASTERN FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2016

	Note	Actual 2016 \$	Budget 2016 \$	Actual 2015 \$
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Bank accounts and cash	3	111,705	174,665	142,079
Debtors and prepayments	3	133,775	140,000	141,841
Investments	3	819,867	500,000	521,179
Inventory	3	140,360	140,360	140,360
Total Current Assets		1,205,707	955,025	945,459
Non-Current Assets				
Property, plant and equipment	4	844,223	847,397	897,883
Investments	3	-	-	-
Forestry Asset	3	109,000	77,000	77,000
Total Non-Current Assets		953,223	924,397	974,883
TOTAL ASSETS		2,158,930	1,879,422	1,920,342
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Creditors and accrued expenses	3	203,976	140,000	159,333
Employee costs payable	3	124,191	120,000	115,073
Total Current Liabilities		328,167	260,000	274,406
TOTAL LIABILITES		328,167	260,000	274,406
NET ASSETS		1,830,763	1,619,422	1,645,936
EQUITY		1,830,763	1,619,422	1,645,936

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the Financial Statements



EASTERN FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016

	Actual 2016 \$	Budget 2016 \$	Actual 2015 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was received from:			
Licence Sales	1,486,857	1,393,865	1,434,217
Grants, donations and fundraising	20,026	-	54,997
Interest	26,595	18,937	18,305
Other revenue	264,172	159,750	210,894
Cash was applied to:			
Payments to suppliers	579,335	676,221	695,027
Payments to employees	927,367	860,644	867,668
GST (net)	7,346	-	(2,204)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	283,602	35,687	157,922
CASHFLOW FROM INVESTING & FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was received from:			
Sale of property, plant and equipment	57,137	52,000	56,899
Sale of investments/deposits	-	21,179	-
Cash was applied to:			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	72,425	76,280	148,736
Purchase of investments/deposits	298,688	-	86,705
Net Cash Flows from Investing and Financing	(313,976)	(3,101)	(178,542)
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash	(30,374)	32,586	(20,620)
Opening Cash	142,079	142,079	162,699
Closing Cash	111,705	174,665	142,079
This is represented by:			
Bank accounts and cash	111,705	174,665	142,079



EASTERN FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
Statement of Accounting Policies

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016

ACCOUNTING POLICIES APPLIED

Reporting Entity

The Eastern 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

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

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

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

SPECIFIC ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Revenue Recognition

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

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 is satisfied.

Interest

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



Other Income

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

Outputs

The Council has allocated expenditure based on the 8 output codes - Species management, Habitat protection & management, Angler & Hunter participation, 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. Performance payments are recorded when the employee is notified. Superannuation contributions are recorded as an expense as staff provide services.

Levies to NZFGC

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

Bank accounts and cash

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

Debtors and prepayments

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

Investments

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

Forestry Assets

Forestry holdings are valued at fair value less estimated point of sale costs. Forestry assets were valued by registered valuer Telfer Young (Rotorua) Ltd as at 19 August 2016.

Inventory

Inventories held for distribution consist of yearlings and 2+ year old trout held at year end for release into the local lakes and rivers or sale to other Fish and Game Councils. Trout are valued at the lower of cost and their selling price.

Property, plant and equipment

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



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

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

All Assets Purchased prior to 1 September 2010 are calculated as:

	<u>Life</u>	<u>Depreciation Method</u>
Buildings	40 years	Straight Line
Plant & Equipment	2-10 years	Diminishing Value
Motor Vehicles	3-5 years	Diminishing Value
Office Fittings, Furniture & Equipment	2-10 years	Diminishing Value

All Assets Purchased after 1 September 2010 are calculated as:

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

Creditors and accrued expenses

Creditors and accrued expenses are measured at the amount owed.

Game Bird Habitat Stamp levy

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

Employee costs payable

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

Restricted and dedicated reserves

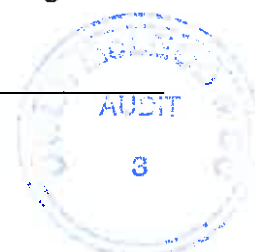
Restricted and dedicated reserves are those reserves subject to specific conditions accepted as binding by the Council and which may not be revised by the Council without specified purposes or when certain conditions are met.

Asset Replacement Reserve

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

Waikaremoana Sport Fish Habitat Enhancement Fund

The Waikaremoana Sport Fish Habitat Enhancement Trust was created in 1999. In 2000 the trust was wound up and the funds transferred to the Eastern Fish and Game Council under agreement



that the Fish and Game Council undertakes to apply the settlement received for the sole purpose of promoting purposes and objectives as set out within the deed of transfer dated 27 June 2000. These funds are held on term investment with interest capitalising and annual expenses associated with the objectives of the trust withdrawn on maturity of the investment.

Back Country Fisheries Reserve

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

Income tax

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

Budget figures

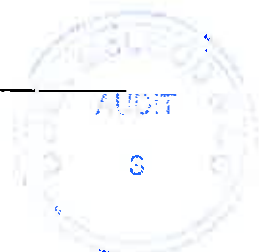
The Budget figures are derived from the Council budget that was approved at the Council meeting in November 2015.

Tier 2 PBE Accounting Standards applied

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

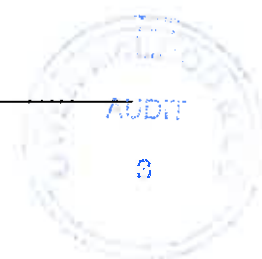
CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There have been no changes in Accounting Policy.



EASTERN FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE PERFORMANCE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016

Note 1 : ANALYSIS OF REVENUE	Actual 2016 \$	Budget 2016 \$	Actual 2015 \$
Licence sales			
Fish licence	1,157,586	1,149,102	1,176,861
Game licence	257,824	242,922	241,126
Total	1,415,410	1,392,024	1,417,987
Grants and donations			
Waikato Catchment Ecological Enhancement Trust	15,722	-	7,763
Donations received	261	-	91
New Zealand Fish & Game Council	1,000	-	1,500
The Royal Society of New Zealand	3,043	-	-
Environment Bay of Plenty - Innovation Fund	-	-	29,500
Total	20,026	-	38,854
Interest			
Waikaremoana interest	17,152	12,317	20,319
Other Interest	12,646	6,620	9,689
Total	29,798	18,937	30,008
Other revenue			
Sale of fish & product	76,899	70,000	91,986
Habitat grazing	6,147	5,500	6,147
Fishing competitions	4,464	4,500	4,285
Children's training	5,010	5,000	4,972
Reparation	3,913	4,000	6,391
Fines/Prosecutions	5,628	6,000	6,691
Contract work	150,313	43,360	29,185
Rentals - staff houses	20,404	20,240	20,521
Other Income categories	1,356	1,150	11,848
Gain on sale/disposal of assets	7,059	326	6,391
Gain on valuation of Forestry asset	32,000	-	-
Total	313,193	160,076	188,417



Note 2 : ANALYSIS OF EXPENSES

	Actual 2016 \$	Budget 2016 \$	Actual 2015 \$
Species management			
Population monitoring	24,705	38,500	19,556
Harvest assessment	1,777	2,150	1,844
Hatchery operations	73,581	67,050	67,338
Control	-	200	-
Total	100,063	107,900	88,738
Habitat protection & management			
Resource management	-	200	-
Works & management	16,540	14,000	10,401
Assisted habitat	19,218	9,400	50,949
Waikaremoana fund	19,001	58,000	5,454
Total	54,759	81,600	66,804
Angler & Hunter participation			
Access	5,100	7,000	3,658
Newsletters	13,522	13,000	13,309
Other publications	2,000	2,000	1,000
Training	838	600	585
Huts	1,533	1,450	1,499
Total	22,993	24,050	20,051
Public interface			
Communication	346	800	150
Public promotions	3,008	3,500	6,285
Visitor facilities	11,782	400	3,996
Total	15,136	4,700	10,431
Compliance			
Ranging	2,983	2,100	2,145
Ranger training	109	1,000	423
Compliance	4,138	4,500	3,788
Total	7,230	7,600	6,356
Licensing			
Licence production & distribution	816	800	796
Commission	59,597	69,601	66,739
Total	60,413	70,401	67,535



Note 2 : ANALYSIS OF EXPENSES continued...	Actual 2016 \$	Budget 2016 \$	Actual 2015 \$
Council			
Council meetings	8,748	10,000	9,236
Total	8,748	10,000	9,236
Planning & reporting			
Management/Strategic Planning	-	-	-
Reporting	1,550	1,500	807
Audit fee	7,900	8,200	7,900
National liaison	89	250	254
Total	9,539	9,950	8,961
Employee related costs			
Salaries and wages	885,231	843,117	841,833
KiwiSaver contributions	24,268	24,000	22,940
Fringe benefit tax	15,845	12,000	12,925
ACC levies	2,316	6,500	4,457
Staff training and other expenses	8,825	7,900	9,619
Total	936,485	893,517	891,774
Other expenses			
Houses, huts & rentals	10,451	6,320	11,550
Office premises	20,592	19,400	24,727
Office equipment	4,318	3,900	4,275
Communications	21,948	21,300	21,448
General	7,846	9,370	7,868
Field equipment	14,392	17,000	16,025
Vehicles	39,629	52,400	48,753
Loss on sale/disposal of assets	2,355	-	427
Total	121,531	129,690	135,073



Note 3 : ANALYSIS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITES

	Actual 2016 \$	Actual 2015 \$
Bank accounts and cash		
Current account balance	6,062	6,652
Savings account balance	105,443	135,227
Petty cash	200	200
Total	111,705	142,079
Debtors and prepayments		
Accounts receivable	88,619	95,524
GST receivable	9,355	2,009
Prepayments & accrued income	35,801	44,308
Total	133,775	141,841
Inventory		
Trout - Yearlings @ \$2.90	121,800	121,800
Trout - 2+ year olds @ \$5.80	18,560	18,560
Total	140,360	140,360
Investments		
<i>Current portion</i>		
Term Deposits	819,867	521,179
<i>Non- Current portion</i>		
Term Deposits	-	-
Total	819,867	521,179
Forestry Asset		
2.65 ha Douglas Fir - Aged 35 years, Paradise Valley Road	109,000	77,000
Total	109,000	77,000
Creditors and accrued expenses		
Trade and other payables	52,281	43,595
Gamebird Habitat Stamp levy	7,998	7,424
Accrued expenses	5,329	5,309
Income in advance	138,368	103,005
Total	203,976	159,333
Employee costs payable		
Accrued salaries and wages	29,108	22,742
Annual leave and time in lieu	76,373	73,970
PAYE owing	18,710	18,361
Total	124,191	115,073



Note 4 : PROPERTY PLANT & EQUIPMENT

2016

Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Sales/ Disposals	Current Year Depreciation and Impairment	Closing Carrying Amount
Land	93,500	-	-	-	93,500
Buildings	474,728	-	-	25,653	449,075
Plant & Equipment	61,167	2,461	159	7,336	56,133
Vehicles	258,645	67,376	52,274	35,055	238,692
Office Equipment	9,843	2,588	-	5,608	6,823
Total	897,883	72,425	52,433	73,652	844,223

2015

Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Sales/ Disposals	Current Year Depreciation and Impairment	Closing Carrying Amount
Land	93,500	-	-	-	93,500
Buildings	500,381	-	-	25,653	474,728
Plant & Equipment	39,721	29,315	427	7,442	61,167
Vehicles	232,351	115,345	50,508	38,543	258,645
Office Equipment	13,290	4,076	-	7,523	9,843
Total	879,243	148,736	50,935	79,161	897,883



Note 5: EQUITY	Actual 2016 \$	Actual 2015 \$
Accumulated Funds		
Balance as at 1 September	1,105,060	1,056,792
Surplus/(Deficit)	184,827	57,238
Waikaremoana fund Reserve Transfer	2,139	(15,155)
Asset Replacement Reserve Transfer	11,575	18,136
Back Country Fisheries Reserve Transfer	(15,316)	(11,951)
Balance at 31 August	1,288,285	1,105,060
Waikaremoana Sportfish Habitat Enhancement Fund Reserve		
Balance as at 1 September	449,502	434,347
Interest received	17,152	20,319
Contract income received	-	-
Waikaremoana fund expenses	(19,291)	(5,164)
Net Surplus/Transfer	(2,139)	15,155
Balance at 31 August	447,363	449,502
Asset Replacement Reserve		
Balance as at 1 September	79,423	97,559
Transfer (to)/from Accumulated Funds	(11,575)	(18,136)
Balance at 31 August	67,848	79,423
Non Resident Levy - Back Country Fisheries Reserve		
Balance as at 1 September	11,951	-
Transfer (to)/from Accumulated Funds	15,316	11,951
Balance at 31 August	27,267	11,951
Total Equity as at 31 August	1,830,763	1,645,936



Note 6: COMMITMENTS & CONTINGENCIES

Commitment to:	Explanation and Timing	Actual	Actual
		2016	2015
		\$	\$
Office Tech Finance	Phone system lease (21 months remaining)	3,103	0
Telecome Rentals Ltd	Phone system lease (0 months remaining)	0	1,361
Smartpay NZ	Eftpos lease (15 months remaining)	490	883
		<u>3,593</u>	<u>2,244</u>

Contingent Liabilities and Guarantees

There are no contingent liabilities or guarantees as at balance date (Last Year - nil)

Note 7: OTHER

Goods or Services Provided to the Entity in Kind

Description	Amount
Honorary Ranging Activities	No charge
Councillors meetings	No charge

Note 8: RIGHT TO OCCUPY

The accommodation building at Waikaremoana is used under a Licence to Occupy for a period of 10 years (with a R.O.R.) at no cost from the Department of Conservation. The total land area is approximately 400 m². No use of building cost has been accrued due to the immaterial value of the rental.

Likewise, the fish trap located at Te Wairoa and a hut (Wairua hut), Lake Tarawera are used under a Right to Occupy. There is no formal agreement for these two plots of land owned by the Department of Conservation. The land area for each is approximately 15m² and 200m² respectively – no cost has been accrued for the use of the property, in the accounts, due to the immateriality of the rental.

Eastern Fish and Game Council has access to 8 Wildlife Management Reserves within the Rotorua/BOP Department of Conservation Conservancy. ERFGC do not own this land but are required to maintain it for the use by the public and licence holders. Likewise, the Hardcastle and Rawhiti wetlands are managed by ERFGC for the public benefit and for the benefit of licence holders.

ERFGC has conservation covenants for angler access to Ohau Channel, Te Wairoa stream, and Wairua stream mouths, Lake Tarawera and other easements under the Land Act 1948 along the Waikato River.



Note 9: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

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

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

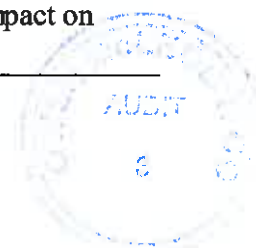
Related Party	Description of the Transaction	2016 \$ Value	2015 \$ Value	2016 \$ Amount Outstanding	2015 \$ Amount Outstanding
New Zealand Fish & Game Council - received from	Contract services, contribution to Fish for Gold Promotion	15,155	6,177	2,845	4,541
New Zealand Fish & Game Council - paid to	Levies	183,051	233,788	-	-
Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council - received from	Agreement for administrative support and operational services by Eastern Council to Hawke's	117,840	23,008	18,566	11,770
Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council - paid to	Agreement for operational services by Hawke's Bay Council to Eastern Council	211	-	-	-

Eastern Fish and Game Council provides fish to the following fish and game Councils at cost;

- Auckland Waikato Fish and Game Council
- Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council
- Northland Fish and Game Council
- Taranaki Fish and Game Council
- Wellington Fish and Game Council

Note 10: EVENTS AFTER BALANCE DATE

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



Note 11: ALLOCATION OF OVERHEADS TO OUTPUT AREAS FOR 2016

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 2016	Actual	Actual	Allocation of	Total Costs
Output Area	Direct \$	Hours	Overheads	per Output
Species management	100,063	6,413	383,332	483,395
Habitat protection & management	54,759	3,196	191,038	245,797
Angler & hunter participation	22,993	1,753	104,785	127,778
Public interface	15,136	1,148	68,621	83,757
Compliance	7,230	1,603	95,818	103,048
Licensing	60,413	568	33,951	94,364
Council	8,748	767	45,847	54,595
Planning & reporting	9,539	770	46,023	55,562
Totals	278,881	16,218	969,415	1,248,296

Actual Overheads

Employee related costs	936,485
Depreciation	73,652
Other expenses	121,531
less Administrative Income	- 162,253
Total Overheads to Allocate	969,415

BUDGET 2016	Budget	Budget	Allocation of	Total Costs
Output Area	Direct \$	Hours	Overheads	per Output
Species management	107900	6,614	393,092	500,992
Habitat protection & management	81600	3,552	211,107	292,707
Angler & Hunter participation	24050	2,445	145,315	169,365
Public interface	4700	1,278	75,957	80,657
Compliance	7600	1,372	81,543	89,143
Licensing	70401	688	40,890	111,291
Council	10000	774	46,002	56,002
Planning & reporting	9950	988	58,717	68,667
Totals	316201	17,711	1,052,623	1,368,824

Budget Overheads

Employee related costs	893,517
Depreciation	75,092
Other Expenses	129,690
less Administrative Income	- 45,676
Total Overheads to Allocate	1,052,623



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**TO THE READERS OF
EASTERN FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016**

The Auditor-General is the auditor of Eastern Fish and Game Council (the Fish and Game Council). The Auditor-General has appointed me, R K Owen, using the staff and resources of Owen McLeod & Co to carry out the audit of the financial statements and statement of service performance of the Fish and Game Council on her behalf.

Opinion on the financial statements and the statement of service performance

We have audited:

- the financial statements of the Fish and Game Council on pages 38 to 53 that comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 August 2016, the statement of financial performance 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 service performance of the Fish and Game Council on pages 6 to 35.

In our opinion:

- the financial statements of the Fish and Game Council on pages 38 to 53:
 - present fairly, in all material respects
 - its financial position as at 31 August 2016; and
 - its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
 - comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand and have been prepared in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Public Sector).
- the statement of service performance of the Fish and Game Council on pages 6 to 35:
 - presents fairly, in all material respects, the Fish and Game Council's service performance for the year ended on 31 August 2016, including for each class of reportable outputs:
 - its standards of performance achieved compared with the forecasts included in the Operational Work Plan; and
 - its actual revenue and output expenses compared with the forecasts included in the Operational Work Plan for the financial year; and
 - complies with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

Our audit was completed on 22 November 2016. This is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

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The basis of our opinion is explained below. In addition, we outline the responsibilities of the Council and our responsibilities, and we explain our independence.

Basis of opinion

We carried out our audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and carry out our audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and statement of service performance are free from material misstatement.

Material misstatements are differences or omissions of amounts and disclosures that, in our judgement, are likely to influence readers' overall understanding of the financial statements and statement of service performance. If we had found material misstatements that were not corrected, we would have referred to them in our opinion.

An audit involves carrying out procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and statement of service performance. The procedures selected depend on our judgement, including our assessment of risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and statement of service performance, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the preparation of the Fish and Game Council's financial statements and statement of service performance 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.

An audit also involves evaluating:

- the appropriateness of accounting policies used and whether they have been consistently applied;
- the reasonableness of the significant accounting estimates and judgements made by the Council;
- the adequacy of all disclosures in the financial statements and statement of service performance; and
- the overall presentation of the financial statements and statement of service performance.

We did not examine every transaction, nor do we guarantee complete accuracy of the financial statements and statement of service performance. Also we did not evaluate the security and controls over the electronic publication of the financial statements and statement of service performance.

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

Responsibilities of the Council

The Council is responsible for preparing financial statements and a statement of service performance for the Fish and Game Council that:

- comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand;
- present fairly the Fish and Game Council's financial position and financial performance and cash flows; and
- present fairly the Fish and Game Council's service performance and outcomes.

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

The Council is responsible for such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements and a statement of service performance that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. The Council is also responsible for the publication of the financial statements and statement of service performance, whether in printed or electronic form.

Responsibilities of the Auditor

We are responsible for expressing an independent opinion on the financial statements and statement of service performance and reporting that opinion to you based on our audit. Our responsibility arises from section 15 of the Public Audit Act 2001.

Independence

When carrying out the audit, we followed the independence requirements of the Auditor-General, which incorporate the independence requirements of External Reporting Board.

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



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