



**EASTERN
FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**

***MEETING
AGENDA***

20 October 2016

AGENDA
The 160th Meeting of the Eastern Fish and Game Council

Venue: Sun Court Hotel and Conference Centre
14 Northcroft St,
TAUPO

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**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE 159th MEETING OF THE EASTERN FISH
AND GAME COUNCIL, HELD AT THE ROTORUA OFFICES OF FISH & GAME
NEW ZEALAND ON THURSDAY 11 AUGUST 2016 AT 12.00PM**

PRESENT

Murray Ferris, Lindsay Lyons, Barry Roderick, David Woolner, Sandy Bull, Ken Coombes, Peter Storey and Alan Baird.

IN ATTENDANCE

Andy Garrick, Carmel Veitch (minute taker), Eben Herbert, Anthony van Dorp, Matt Osborne, Nigel Simpson, Lynne Sands and Matthew McDougall (Eastern Fish & Game).

1.0 WELCOME

Cr Murray Ferris opened the meeting at 12.00pm and welcomed Councillors and staff.

2.0 APOLOGIES

2.1 Apologies were received from Crs Annaka Davis, Neal Hawes, Steve Scragg and Laurance Tamati; Kate Thompson, John Meikle and Mark Sherburn (staff); Bill Clarke, Ken Raureti (Bay of Plenty Conservation Board), Dave Conley (Department of Conservation), and Ray Bushell.

2.2 *Agreed (Peter Storey/David Woolner) that the apologies for the 159th meeting of the Eastern Region Fish and Game Council be sustained. [16/08/2.2]*

3.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (16 JUNE 2016)

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4.2 Andy Garrick advised that Item 5.3 relating to the allowable duration of Council's standard meeting time would be incorporated into Council's Standing Orders.

5.0 MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Andy Garrick had circulated a Declaration of Interest document for completion by Councillors at the April meeting and requested that these be filled in, signed and returned. Cr Lindsay Lyons noted that if any Councillor hunts waterfowl with a sub-gauge shot gun they would need to disclose this as a potential Conflict of Interest.

5.2 Cr Lindsay Lyons advised Councillors that Cr Steve Scragg had been endorsed by the NZ Council for nomination to the Game Bird Habitat Trust and Council extended its congratulations.

6.0 NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR GENERAL BUSINESS

- Cr Lindsay Lyons - Green Tag Competition

7.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGISTER

7.1 No conflict of interest items were identified.

8.0 GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 8.1 Cr Lindsay Lyons reminded Councillors that from time to time they will receive information that is privy to them as a Councillor and not to be distributed. This is because some of this information may still be a work in progress and is either not ready for more widespread circulation or it's otherwise inappropriate to do so. The Minister of Conservation has recently contacted Lindsay with a please explain in relation to information leaked to an external party recently. This confidential information was supplied to Eastern and Hawke's Bay Councillors only in Papers for Information and labelled as being for their eyes only. Cr Murray Ferris and Andy Garrick suggested that in future confidential papers be circulated to Councillors separately from media releases and other Papers for Information, and that the former be clearly labelled as being confidential (as they were on this occasion). Cr Lindsay Lyons reminded Councillors also, that the use of recording or transmitting devices during meetings is not allowed without the knowledge of the meeting and the express approval of the chairperson. Andy advised that Cr Annaka Davis considers this should be extended to include cameras.
- 8.2 Councillors discussed the potential impact that some decisions that Council makes could have on other Fish & Game regions as raised in a paper by Andrew Morris, a NZ Councillor. Council needs to be careful of resolutions it passes and mindful of how these might impinge on other regions. Cr Annaka Davis (via Andy) expressed concern that guidance is needed on what constitutes "Significant Cross Boundary Implications" as used in the paper but Cr Murray Ferris suggested we simply need to look at this on a case by case basis. Cr Barry Roderick suggested we should also consider potential impacts on the Taupo Fishery of decisions we might make and consult with the Department of Conservation's fishery managers when necessary (and vice versa).
- 8.3 Cr Barry Roderick suggested that the wording proposed for Section 2.6.b of the Eastern Region Governance Policies include "if 3 or more members of the Council ask in writing for the evaluation to be undertaken".
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9.0 STANDING ORDERS

- 9.1 Andy Garrick commented that these have been adapted from the recently revised NZ Council Standing Orders which, excluding the section dealing with conflict of interest, have been approved by that Council.
- 9.2 Cr Barry Roderick requested an amendment to Section 1.3.5 to require i) that no meeting can sit for more than two hours without a refreshment break, and ii) to insert Council's June resolution [16/06/5.3] enabling the standard meeting time of meetings to be extended by up to an hour if necessary (see also Item 4.2 above).
- 9.3 *Agreed (Barry Roderick/Sandy Bull) that Council approves the proposed changes to the wording for Section 1.3.5 of the Eastern Region Standing Orders to read "No*

meeting can sit for more than two hours continuously without the option of a refreshment break of 10 minutes ...”, and to incorporate the option for extending the duration of standard meetings. [16/08/9.3]

- 9.4 Andy conveyed Cr Annaka Davis’ concerns that Section 2.3.23 could be open to abuse and that the restrictions in Section 2.5.1 should be extended to staff and public. Councillors discussed these but decided that no changes were required. Annaka also suggested that “at least two working days” should be removed from Section 2.6.1 and Council agreed but extended this to “at least two working days’ written notice”.
- 9.5 ***Agreed (Lindsay Lyons/David Woolner) subject to the amendments to Section 1.3.5 specified in resolution [16/08/9.3] and the removal of “...at least two working days’ written notice...” from Section 2.6.1, that Council adopts the revised Standing Orders with the exception, for the time being, of the Conflict of Interest rules. [16/08/9.5]***

10.0 THE 2016-2017 OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN

- 10.1 Andy Garrick noted that other than incorporating a commitment to develop a closer/more formal working relationship with Te Arawa iwi into the Statutory Liaison section of the OWP and making a number of minor corrections to other text, the plan remained the same as that circulated to Councillors in June.
- 10.2 ***Agreed (Peter Storey/Sandy Bull) that Council approves the Operational Work Plan and budget for 2016-2017, and that Council delegate authority to the Regional Manager to approve expenditure during the year as set out in the Operational Work Plan and budget. [16/08/10.2]***

11.0 LAND OCCUPIER LICENCE

- 11.1 There was overall agreement that the issuing of a free fish and game licence to land owners would be beneficial as it would enable Fish & Game to establish lines of communication with land owners/occupiers. Habitat enhancement, estimates of game bird harvest and resource use, and communication of regulations are just some of the potential benefits that would arise from having a database that included a sector of the game bird hunting and sports fishing community that we currently have no direct link to. The free licence would only be valid on the occupied land meaning a landowner hunting or fishing elsewhere would need to purchase a relevant licence as is currently the case.
- 11.2 Eben Herbert noted that the provisions for land owner/occupier rights differed between the Wildlife Act (for game bird hunting) and the Conservation Act (for sports fishing) and that these would need to be rationalised/taken into account.
- 11.3 Legislative changes would be needed to require land occupiers to obtain licences to fish or hunt. Eben suggested an alternative to the requirement to obtain a licence would be to require land owners to nominate in writing the person or persons who would be exercising the right to fish or hunt on a particular piece of land.
- 11.4 Clarification is needed on provisions made within the Conservation Act and the situation involving land in multiple ownership.
- 11.5 ***Agreed (Sandy Bull/David Woolner) that staff convey Council’s agreement in principle for a free fish and game licence for land occupiers for fishing or hunting on their own property to the NZ Council before 14 November 2016. [16/08/11.5]***

12.0 BAN ON USE OF LEAD SHOT

12.1 Council reviewed the Minister of Conservation's letter to the NZ Council concerning the use of lead shot in sub-gauge guns over open water, and the Minister's request to bring forward the review of the sub gauge exemption. Andy Garrick noted that while the NZ Council has asked all regional Fish and Game Councils to recommend what Fish & Game's response should be to the Minister, this didn't in his opinion mean whether the Eastern Region supported or didn't support an extension of the status quo for sub gauges as Council has not yet been presented with the information it should have in front of it to make such a call. Much of the unsubstantiated and politically motivated material that's been circulated in recent times doesn't stand up to scrutiny and falls far short of being scientific or meeting commonly accepted standards, and this needs to be examined and refuted if and where necessary. Andy suggested that the message to the NZ Council be that the Minister should not take a decision until she has in front of her a full background paper that presents the science available in a non-biased way and with a lot more integrity than what we've been seeing. He recommended that:

- Fish & Game should front foot this, and commission an independent review of the literature from someone who is widely respected in NZ circles such as Dr Murray Williams. The review should include an update on what's been done in NZ, and what the latest information is from overseas in terms of impacts on matters of interest to Fish & Game foremost, i.e. effects of lead shot on game birds and game bird populations. It's not realistic to tease out or quantify the impacts of lead discharged from 20 gauge shotguns, but the prevalence of sub-gauges and amount of lead ammunition being used could and should be documented. The review, or another one commissioned from an expert should also focus on non-toxic alternatives for sub gauges.
- The rationale which has enabled the ongoing use of lead shot in sub-gauges should be clearly presented, and whether there is an ongoing need to allow this dispensation given the availability of non-toxic alternatives. Council needs to ask the question who needs to be able to continue to use lead shot, and why, if an argument to support its ongoing use is to be advanced.
- Council might like to query why there is a need to advance a decision around lead shot use in sub-gauges by a matter of months and recommend we stick to the original schedule which would enable us to complete a more robust review, and on top of that, incorporate the results that may come out of Katie Gibb's MSc currently in progress. Fish & Game needs to be clear her project is not going to provide the definitive answers we'd all like because it shouldn't be viewed as more than a preliminary investigation, but nevertheless it has the potential to shed some light, and what is the sense in pre-empting whatever insights might come from it for the sake of political expediency?
- Council might also wish to ask the question should lead shot be used for the hunting of any waterfowl regardless of whether water is present?

- 12.2 Council supported this approach and asked Andy to send a letter along these lines to the NZ Council.
- 12.3 ***Agreed (Alan Baird/Sandy Bull) that the Regional Manager write to the NZ Council emphasizing the need for the preparation of a background paper by an independent reviewer that addresses the points raised in this discussion. [16/08/12.3]***

13.0 FIRST SCHEDULE ANGLERS NOTICE

- 13.1 Council discussed this at some length and agreed that our regulations have become too complicated to the point that even staff have difficulty interpreting them let alone enforcing them. Cr David Woolner commented that the regulations were inconsistent and many definitions needed to be completely reworked. Cr Barry Roderick suggested a working party for the North Island may be appropriate. Andy suggested it was a topic he could raise at next week's Managers Meeting but if not could at the very least convey the comments from today's meeting to the NZ Council.
- 13.2 ***Agreed (David Woolner/Peter Storey) that the Regional Manager conveys Council's comments to the NZ Council that the proposed schedule is difficult to interpret and many of the regulations are poorly defined and unenforceable. [16/08/13.2]***

Meeting broke out for a 10 minute break at 2pm.

Meeting resumed at 2.10pm.

14.0 ANGLING ETHICS

- 14.1 Cr David Woolner recommended we need to address matters of this nature via a code of practice rather than a policy. It should be called a Code of Conduct as opposed to a Code of Ethics, as ethics is a philosophical concept and what may be ethical for one group of anglers may not be for another. Cr Lindsay Lyons suggested we follow DOC Taupo Fishery's lead for catch and release and the handling of fish. Andy Garrick suggested video clips posted to YouTube or our Facebook page would be a good way of demonstrating best practice and an effective means of getting messages of this sort out to anglers.
- 14.2 Cr David Woolner offered to draft some notes for staff to consider incorporating into their response to the NZ Council.
- 14.2 ***Agreed (Ken Coombes/Alan Baird) that staff conveys Council's position that a policy on the ethics of catch and release fishing is inappropriate, but a Code of Conduct should be developed. [16/08/14.2]***

15.0 SPECIES MONITORING REPORT

- 15.1 Report taken as read.
- 15.2 ***Agreed (Peter Storey/David Woolner) that Council receives the 2015-2016 Executive Summary of the Rotorua Lakes Summer Creel Survey Report. [16/08/15.2]***

16.0 OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING VENUE

- 16.1 The numbers of licence holders attending the last meeting in Gisborne was disappointing. It was suggested that rather than hold a regular Council meeting in Gisborne or Wairoa each year, we might attract greater interest from licence holders if we occasionally called a special meeting at one of these locations on a topical issue involving game birds or river fisheries or habitat enhancement for example. These meetings would be attended by relevant staff and local Councillors rather than the full

Council, and this in addition to encouraging greater participation hopefully, would overcome some of the logistical difficulties and costs of getting everyone there.

- 16.2 Cr Lindsay Lyons suggested that Taupo or Turangi might be an alternative and better venue for Council's next meeting in October and this met with support from Councillors. Meeting in Taupo or Turangi might make it more feasible for those with an interest in the Taupo fishery to attend (e.g. DOC, Tuwharetoa, Taupo Fishery Advisory Committee) in addition to game bird hunters and members of the Wildfowlers Association.

16.3 *Agreed (Lindsay Lyons/Barry Roderick) that the location for the October 2016 meeting of Council would be Taupo or Turangi subject to the availability of a suitable venue. [16/08/16.3]*

17.0 LIAISON OFFICERS REPORTS

17.1 Tongariro-Taupo Conservation Board

Andy spoke to an email that Cr Annaka Davis had forwarded in her new role as a member of the Tongariro-Taupo Conservation Board and Fish & Game liaison person. The first meeting of the new Board was on 8 July. Unfortunately induction of the new board members was not done until the end of the meeting, so a lot of the discussion and especially the many acronyms used went over her head. Annaka advised:

- One of the induction slides noted the liaison role/requirement between Fish & Game and DOC and what that meant.
- There was a list of concessions provided as part of the agenda papers. One which might be of interest and worth following up on was an application from Ryder Consulting Ltd to operate an electric fishing device within all NZ freshwaters.
- At the end of the 2015/16 fishing season licence revenues indicate the 2016/17 year is looking promising due most likely, to the strong growth in tourism across the Taupo region.
- Echo sounding surveys indicate a strong smelt population in Lake Taupo presently which augurs well for the new licensing season.
- It was interesting to learn that Conservation Board members are not liable under the new Safety at Work Act yet Fish and Game councillors are although we are established under the same Act!
- Colin Paton was duly farewelled and thanked for his service. He certainly did the liaison role for Fish & Game well.

17.2 Report from the New Zealand Council

Cr Lindsay Lyons referred to Robert Sowman's précis of the NZ Council's last meeting provided in the Papers for Information. Key points he noted were that the NZ Council had approved the draft Health and Safety Policy; that NZ Council member David Haynes had presented a proposal from the NZ Federation of Freshwater Anglers to undertake an evaluation of the economic value of trout to the NZ economy; and that Regional Councils had been criticised for issuing consents that will, or are having a negative impact on the environment. Lindsay also offered his congratulations to Cr Steve Scragg for his nomination to the Game Bird Habitat Trust.

18.0 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

- 18.1 Councillors discussed numbers and size of fish particularly at Lake Tarawera.

- 18.2 Cr Sandy Bull asked if staff knew whether plantation forest being harvested in the Waioeka was to be replanted in native or exotics. Andy Garrick advised staff would make enquiries.
- 18.3 Cr David Woolner asked if baseline investigations in the Reporoa/Broadlands area were being undertaken to obtain data for the 2017 game season discussions. Matthew McDougall advised that he hoped to be doing an aerial survey of habitat within the Reporoa/Broadlands area on 17 August after the black swan count in Tauranga Harbour.
- 18.4 Cr Lindsay Lyons asked if staff could highlight on our website that access to the Kaingaroa Forest for hunting and fishing is a privilege and we need to respect and not abuse this.
- 18.5 *Agreed David (Woolner/Sandy Bull) that Council receives the Health and Safety Report. [16/08/18.5]*
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19.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

19.1 Cr Lindsay Lyons outlined the 'green tagged fish' promotion that he and staff were currently working on. After the very positive 2015 'red tag' event we ran last year with a grand prize of \$25k on offer, it would be a shame to lose the momentum by not running a similar event this year. Unfortunately the insurer we had last year is no longer in business, so we are proposing to seek sponsorship from a car dealership or the like. Council was very supportive of the project and it was suggested that a boat manufacturer might also be worth approaching. Lindsay queried if a suitable sponsor was not found would the Council consider taking the risk or perhaps the NZ Council? The only obvious negative would be there might be complaints from licence holders spending \$25,000 on this project if the fish was caught. Further discussion of this was put on hold until we know the outcome of approaches to potential sponsors.

20.0 MEETING CLOSED

20.1 The meeting was closed at 3.15 pm.

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Murray Ferris,
Chairman

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Date

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

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7. CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGISTER

Ref: 7.02.01

3 October 2016

1. Purpose

A standing agenda item to disclose any Councillor Conflict of Interest or potential perceived Conflict of Interest, and record this in the Councillor Conflict of Interest Register

2. Background

The Eastern Fish and Game Council has developed a policy to deal with Conflict of Interest and must provide a standing agenda item to allow Councillors to disclose any Conflict or highlight any potential conflict. The "Interest Register" ring binder will be circulated in the first part of each meeting for Councillors to record any interests. The Council should then discuss how it wants to deal with any interest or perceived interest identified.

For Crown entities the definition of 'interested' is;

4. *Board members [Councillors] of Crown Entities should be aware of the very wide scope of what 'interested' means under the Crown Entities Act. A person is interested in a matter if he or she:*
- *May derive a financial benefit from the matter;*
 - *Is the spouse, defacto partner (whether of the same or different sex), child or parent of a person who may derive a financial benefit from the matter;*
 - *May have a financial interest in a person to whom the matter relates;*
 - *Is a partner, director, officer, board member, or trustee of a person who may have a financial interest in a person to whom the matter relates;*
 - *May be interested in the matter because the Crown Entity's Act so provides; or*
 - *Is otherwise directly or indirectly interested in the matter.*

And any Conflict of Interest can be dealt with as follows:

- 6.6 *Members agree that the Council may, where appropriate, decide that a Council Member who has declared an interest in matters to be discussed by the Council:*
- [1] should leave the meeting room for the duration of discussion on such matters or;*
 - [2] remain in the room and contribute to the discussion and be allowed to vote or;*
 - [3] remain in the room and contribute to the discussion but not be allowed to vote.*

Councillors should take this opportunity to disclose any Conflict of Interest and record it in the circulated Interest Register. If during the course of the meeting a conflict or perceived conflict is recognised, then this can also be disclosed at any time.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 *That Councillors disclose any Conflict or potential Conflict of Interest, record it in the Interest Register, and Council agrees on how to deal with any Interest raised.*

8. STANDING ORDERS

Ref: 7.02.01

3 October 2016

1. Purpose

To review the Conflict of Interest rules recently revised by the NZ Council and one other change it has made to the Standing Orders for the conduct of meetings of the NZ Council.

2. Background

1. "Standing Orders" are a set of rules of debate that apply to all meetings of Fish and Game Councils and committees. They set out the agreed principles of behaviour within meetings, and ensure the Councils meet the legal requirements of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. The Standing Orders include references to this Act, and also the Conservation Act and Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act to validate rules and other content.
2. At its last meeting in August 2016 Council reviewed the NZ Council December 2015 edition of the Standing Orders which staff have more recently adapted for regional Fish & Game Councils' use, and made the following resolutions:

"Agreed (Barry Roderick/Sandy Bull) that Council approves the proposed changes to the wording for Section 1.3.5 of the Eastern Region Standing Orders to read "No meeting can sit for more than two hours continuously without the option of a refreshment break of 10 minutes ...", and to incorporate the option for extending the duration of standard meetings. [16/08/9.3]".

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The reference in the first of these resolutions to extending the duration of standard meetings refers to an earlier resolution that Council passed at its June 2016 meeting:

"Agreed (Murray Ferris/Laurance Tamati) that the allowable duration of Council's standard meeting time of three hours be extendable by up to an hour when there is a need to so. [16/06/5.3]".

3. On 23 September 2016 the NZ Council reviewed once more, the Conflict of Interest rules presented on page 13 of the Standing Orders circulated to Councillors in the Papers for Information for August (reprinted below), and adopted these as they stand. Fish & Game NZ is a State Sector "Public Finance Act Schedule 4 Organisation" and takes guidance from and/or is answerable to the Office of the Auditor-General and matters set out in the Crown Entities Act. In 2007 the Office for the Auditor-General produced a good practice guide "Managing conflicts of interest: Guidance for public entities" and the Standing Order Conflict of Interest rules the NZ Council has recently adopted are derived from this publication (circulated to Councillors prior to this meeting).

4. To assist with the application of the Conflict of Interest rules, descriptions of what constitutes a Conflict of Interest and a Potential Conflict of Interest as set out in Council's Governance Policies have been added to the 'glossary' of terms in Section 1.1.2 of the Standing Orders.
5. One further change to the Standing Orders has been added to the revised Orders following advice the NZ Council received from the Department of Conservation that it is amending the definition of working days to create a single common definition of 'working day' in the Resource Management Act and Conservation Act. This amended definition has been incorporated into the draft Standing Orders as shown on the page following.
6. The Standing Orders, subject to acceptance of the amendments described above and any last minute changes, are now ready to be approved and adopted in their entirety.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That Council adopts the Conflict of Interest rules and amended definition of 'working day' recently approved by the NZ Council and approves the Standing Orders subject to these amendments being incorporated.***

standing orders

Chairperson means the chairperson of the council and where appropriate also includes any person acting as the chairperson of any committee or sub-committee of the council.

[s. 26J or 26ZC CA]

Committee includes, in relation to the council a:

- committee comprising all the members of the council; and
- standing committee or special sub-committee appointed by the council.

Conflict of interest means when the Member can be shown to have actual bias or apparent bias in respect of a Matter⁴ i.e.

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- (i) A Member can be shown to have actual bias when a Member's decision or act in relation to a Matter could give rise to an expectation of financial gain or loss (that is more than trivial) to the Member (and/or to the Member's parent(s), child(ren), spouse, civil union partner, de facto partner, business partner(s)/associate(s), debtor(s) or creditor(s)).
- (ii) A Member can be shown to have apparent bias when a Member's official duties or responsibilities to the Council in relation to a Matter could reasonably be said to be affected by some other interest or duty that the Member has.
- (iii) A Member's "interest or duty" includes the interests of that Member's parent(s), child(ren), spouse, civil union partner or de facto partner that may be affected by the matter at issue. It also includes the interests of a person with whom the Member has a close, personal relationship where there is a real danger of personal favouritism.
- (iv) There is no Conflict of Interest where the Member's other interest or duty is so remote or insignificant that it cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to influence him or her in carrying out his or her responsibility, and a

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A potential conflict of interest arises when:

- (i) There is a realistic connection between the Member's private interest(s) and the interest(s) of the Council;
- (ii) The Member's other interest could specifically affect, or be affected by, the actions of the Council in relation to a Matter;
- (iii) A fair-minded lay observer might reasonably consider that the Member's private interest or duty may influence or motivate the actions of the Member in relation to a Matter; and
- (iv) There is a risk that the situation could undermine public trust and confidence in the Member or the Council.

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4. "Matter" means:

1 The Council's performance of its functions or exercise of its powers as set out in Part 5A of the Conservation Act 1987, subject to the Council's statutory purpose set out in section 26P(1) of the Conservation Act; or

2 An arrangement, agreement, or contract made or entered into, or proposed to be entered into, by the Council.

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Public excluded session refers to those meetings or parts of meetings from which the public is excluded by the council as provided for in the s.48 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Publicly notified means notified to members of the public by notice on the website of that Council, or contained in some newspaper circulating in the region of the council, or, by notice affixed in view of the public outside the venue to which the notice relates.

[s.2 LGOIMA modified to include website]

Quorum means the minimum number of members required to be present to constitute a valid meeting.

Working day means any day of the week other than:

- Saturday, Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, Labour Day, Sovereign's Birthday, Waitangi Day and the appropriate regional Anniversary day
- A day in the period commencing with the 20th day of December in any year and ending with the 10th day of January in the following year.

[s.2 LGOIMA]

Working party means a group set up by the council to achieve a specific objective that is not a committee or subcommittee and to which these standing orders do not apply.

Workshop means, in the context of these standing orders, a gathering of elected members that may include non-elected members and at which no decisions are made.

1.2 STANDING ORDERS

Adoption of standing orders

- 1.2.1 A council must adopt a set of standing orders for the conduct of its meetings and those of its committees.

[cl. 27(1) & (2), Schedule 7, LGA]

Application of standing orders

- 1.2.2 These standing orders apply to all meetings of the council and its committees unless otherwise stated. This includes meetings and sessions that the public are excluded from.

Members must obey standing orders

- 1.2.3 A member of the council must abide by the standing orders adopted under clause 27 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act.

[cl. 16(1), Schedule 7, LGA]

Alteration of standing orders

- 1.2.4 Any amendment of these standing orders or the adoption of new standing orders must be made by the council and requires a vote of not less than 75% of its members.

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Temporary suspension of standing orders

- 1.2.5 A member may move to temporarily suspend standing orders as a procedural motion. The member must name the standing order to be suspended and provide a reason for suspension. If seconded, the chairperson must put the motion without debate. At least 75% of the members must vote in favour of the suspension. The resolution must state the reason for the suspension.
- 1.2.6 In the event of suspension those standing orders prescribed by legislation will continue to apply.

[cl. 27(4), Schedule 7, LGA]

Chairperson's ruling final

- 1.2.7 The Chairperson shall decide all questions where these standing orders make no provision or insufficient provision.

1.3 MEETINGS – INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

Meetings are to follow legislative and adopted policy requirements.

- 1.3.1 The Fish and Game Council and its committees must hold meetings for the good government of licensed freshwater sports fish anglers and game bird hunters. Meetings must be called and conducted in accordance with:
- Part VII of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987
 - these standing orders, and
 - governance policies adopted by the council.
- 1.3.2 Meetings of the New Zealand Fish and Game Council shall be held at least twice a year [s. 26K Conservation Act] and meetings of any regional Fish and Game Council shall be held on at least 6 occasions [s. 26ZD Conservation Act].

Members to give notice of addresses

- 1.3.3 Every member of the council must give to the Manager a residential or business address together with, if desired, an electronic or other address to which notices and material relating to meetings and council business may be sent or delivered.

Meeting duration

- 1.3.4 A meeting must not continue more than **four** hours from when it starts (including any **refreshment** breaks), or after 10.30pm, unless the meeting resolves to continue. If there is no such resolution, any business on the agenda that has not been dealt with must be adjourned, or transferred to the next meeting or to an extraordinary meeting.
- 1.3.5 No meeting can sit for more than **two** hours continuously without **the option of a** refreshment break of at least ten minutes unless the meeting resolves to **extend** the time before a break.

First (inaugural) meeting of council following an election

- 1.3.6 The first meeting of the council following an election of its members must be called by the Manager no later than 3 weeks after the date the members come into office. The

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Absence without leave

- 1.12.6 Where a member is absent, without leave of absence from four consecutive meetings of the council (other than extraordinary meetings), then the office held by the member will become vacant. A vacancy created in this way is treated as an extraordinary vacancy.

[cl. 5, Schedule 7, LGA]

1.13 CONFLICT OF INTEREST (STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BY NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL)

- 1.13.1 Every member present at a meeting must declare any direct or indirect conflict of interest that they hold in any matter being discussed at the meeting, other than an interest that they hold in common with the public.

[OAG Managing conflicts of interest: Guidance for public entities, June 2007, p20-21]

- 1.13.2 When a conflict of interest arises in respect of a matter, the affected member will:

- i) not vote on issues related to the matter;
- ii) not discuss the matter with other members;
- iii) conform to the majority view of other members present as to whether to be excluded from discussions regarding the matter and/or leave the room when the matter is discussed;
- iv) not, subject to the discretion of the Chairperson, receive further papers or other information related to the matter.

- 1.13.3 Where a member can be shown to have a conflict of interest or a potential conflict of interest, the Council (excluding the affected member) will determine an appropriate course of action, which may include the following:

- a) Applying some or all of the actions applied to a member with a conflict of interest (set out in 1.13.2 i) – iv) above);
- b) Provide a written explanation outlining why there is no legal conflict of interest that can be made available to all Fish and Game Councils, licence holders and other interested parties.

[OAG Managing conflicts of interest: Guidance for public entities, June 2007, p29-30]

- 1.13.4 The conflicted member will be given the opportunity to be heard by the Council on the points raised and the member's submissions will be taken into consideration by the Council.

- 1.13.5 The minutes must record the declaration and member's subsequent abstention from discussion and voting.

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2.6 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

Request to attend by electronic link

- 2.6.1 ~~A~~Where possible, a member will give the chairperson of the Fish and Game Council or its committees, and the Manager, ~~reasonable at least two working days' written notice of when~~where they want to attend a meeting by electronic link. ~~Where, because of illness or emergency, this is not possible, the member may give less notice.~~
- 2.6.2 Where such a request is made, the Manager must take reasonable steps to enable the member to attend by electronic link. However, the council has no obligation to make the technology for an electronic link available.
- 2.6.3 If the member's request cannot be accommodated, or there is a technological issue with the link, this will not invalidate any acts or proceedings of the Fish and Game Council or its committees.

Chairperson's duties

- 2.6.4 Where a member is attending a meeting by electronic link, the chairperson must ensure that:
- a. the technology for the link is available and of suitable quality
 - b. procedures for using the technology in the meeting will ensure that:
 - i. everyone participating in the meeting can hear each other
 - ii. the member's attendance by electronic link does not reduce their accountability or accessibility in relation to the meeting
 - iii. the requirements of Part 7 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 are met
 - iv. the requirements in these standing orders are met.

[cl. 25A(3) Schedule 7, LGA] (See Appendix C of these Standing Orders)

Chairperson may terminate link

- 2.6.5 The chairperson may direct that an electronic link should be terminated where:
- a. use of the link is increasing, or may unreasonably increase, the length of the meeting
 - b. the behaviour of the members using the link warrants it, including the style, degree and extent of interaction between them
 - c. it is distracting to the members who are physically present at the meeting
 - d. the quality of the link is no longer suitable.

[cl. 27 Schedule 7, LGA]

9. 2016 GAME SEASON CONDITIONS

Ref: 1.07.03

4 October 2016

1. Purpose

To review the 2016 Eastern Game Season Conditions (see Appendix 1), and highlight the 2017 game season issues for consideration at Council's November meeting.

2. Introduction

Issues relating to game season regulations for the upcoming season need to be identified at the October meeting of Council. From time to time Council reviews its policies and criteria for setting regulations as it did last year in relation to the setting of mallard and grey duck (greylard) harvest regulations (see resolutions Appendix 2). Council confirmed it would set regulations based on the predicted population size (Threshold Management) with three sets of regulation constraints; restricted, intermediate, and relaxed. If the Eastern mallard and grey duck population is predicted to be equal to, or below 350,000 birds then a restricted set applies. Above 350,000 and below 450,000 the intermediate set applies, and above 450,000 birds a relaxed set of conditions is triggered.

Paradise shelduck and black swan regulations are also a function of their respective population estimates. Criteria for setting regulations for these species are given in Appendix 2.

Game season conditions are generally finalised for recommendation to the Minister of Conservation once population information is available from summer monitoring programmes.

In addition to any other issues Council wants to discuss, there are five topics that require Council's consideration and input to as follows:

1. At its November 2015 meeting Council discussed the apparent paucity of mallard and grey duck in the Reporoa/Broadlands area. Council agreed *(Steve Scragg/Alan Baird) that the proposal to constrain the mallard and grey duck bag limit in the Reporoa/Broadlands/upper Waikato River areas be reviewed in November 2016 following further investigations by staff and the establishment of baselines for monitoring populations in these areas. [15/11/12.9]*
2. In November 2015 it was also agreed *(Barry Roderick/Lindsay Lyons) that Council supports a voluntary restriction of 3 shots for the 2016 Season with the intention that this will become a mandatory requirement for the 2017 Season. [15/11/12.15]*
3. Waewaetutuki is an Eastern Fish & Game owned wetland located adjacent to Little Waihi Estuary. For the past two years Waewaetutuki has been closed to general hunting after Council agreed it be used as a location for running a novice hunters' programme *[15/02/11.2 and 15/11/12.17]*. The success of the programme needs to be reviewed and future options for the area discussed.

4. Two additional matters up for discussion include an application by the NZ Falconers Association to include all game birds as a permitted take, and an application from the Equine Upland Game Property to expand its boundaries.

After today's meeting, clubs will be invited to comment on any issues they wish to raise for consideration at Council's next meeting (1 December 2016).

3. Additional Information

3.1 Threshold Approach and Mallard and Grey Duck Population Estimates

Threshold management (Figure 1) relies on estimates of population size and an ability to predict the population going into the next game season (in this instance 2017). Population estimates are based on Lincoln-Petersen estimates. This method relies on band returns, estimates of reporting rates, and harvest data. Predicting what the population is going to do is fraught with difficulties and uncertainties. At the moment we have two hypotheses or ways in which we look at this:

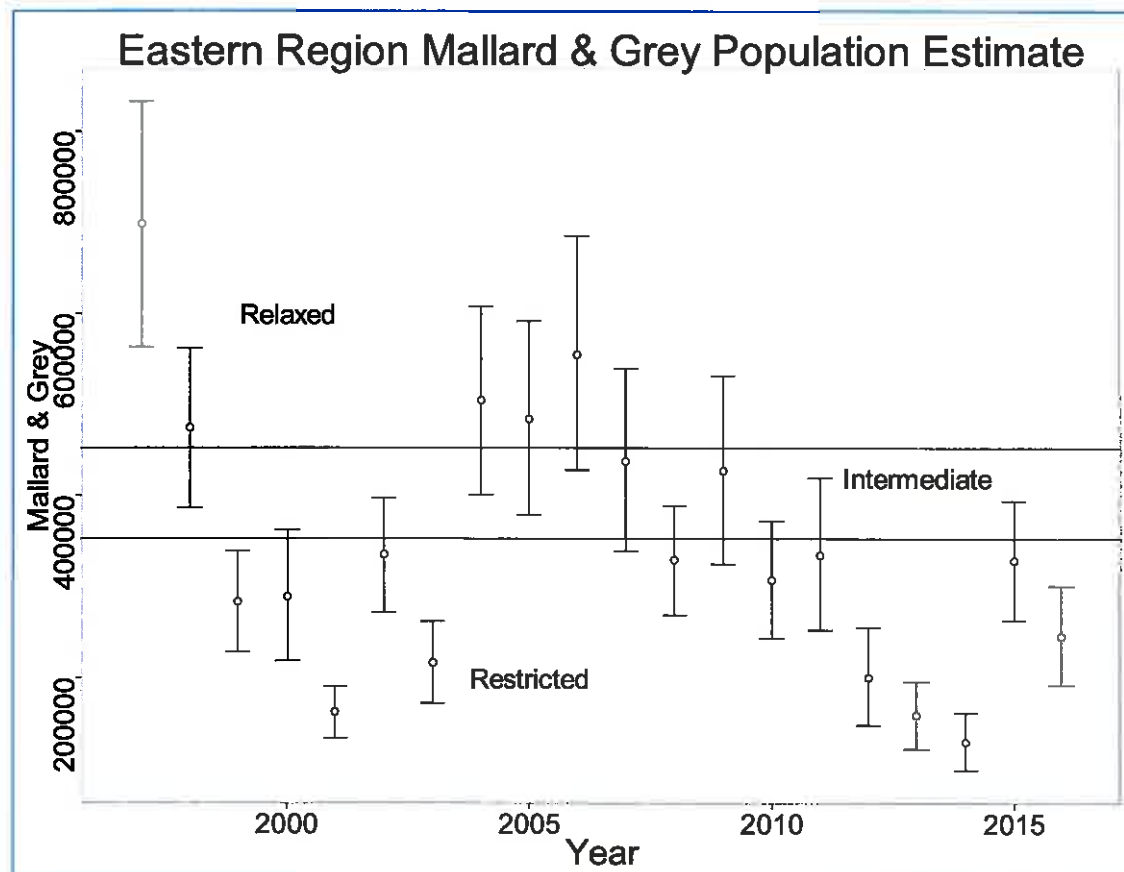


Figure 1. Population estimates (mean \pm 95% credible interval¹) of mallard and grey duck in the Eastern Region 1997-2016 with the three levels of regulation constraint: relaxed, intermediate, and restricted. The population levels (or thresholds) that separate these regulation constraints are shown by the two black solid lines (350,000 and 450,000).

- (i) that the population is increasing or decreasing over time i.e. a linear trend;
- (ii) that the population is cyclic i.e. it is in some sort of long term cycle (see Figure 2).

¹ Credible interval is a Bayesian statistic that is similar but not the same as a confidence limit. There is a 95% chance that the mean (in this instance) is within the interval.

Analytical comparison of these two models indicates that the cyclic model is almost 50 times better supported than the linear model. If we are prepared to accept that the population is in some sort of cycle then we can use this information to predict the 2017 mallard and grey duck population as in Figure 3. Using the cyclic model the 2017 population is predicted to be 439,708 which would place it into the intermediate constraint (6 week season, 8 bird limit).

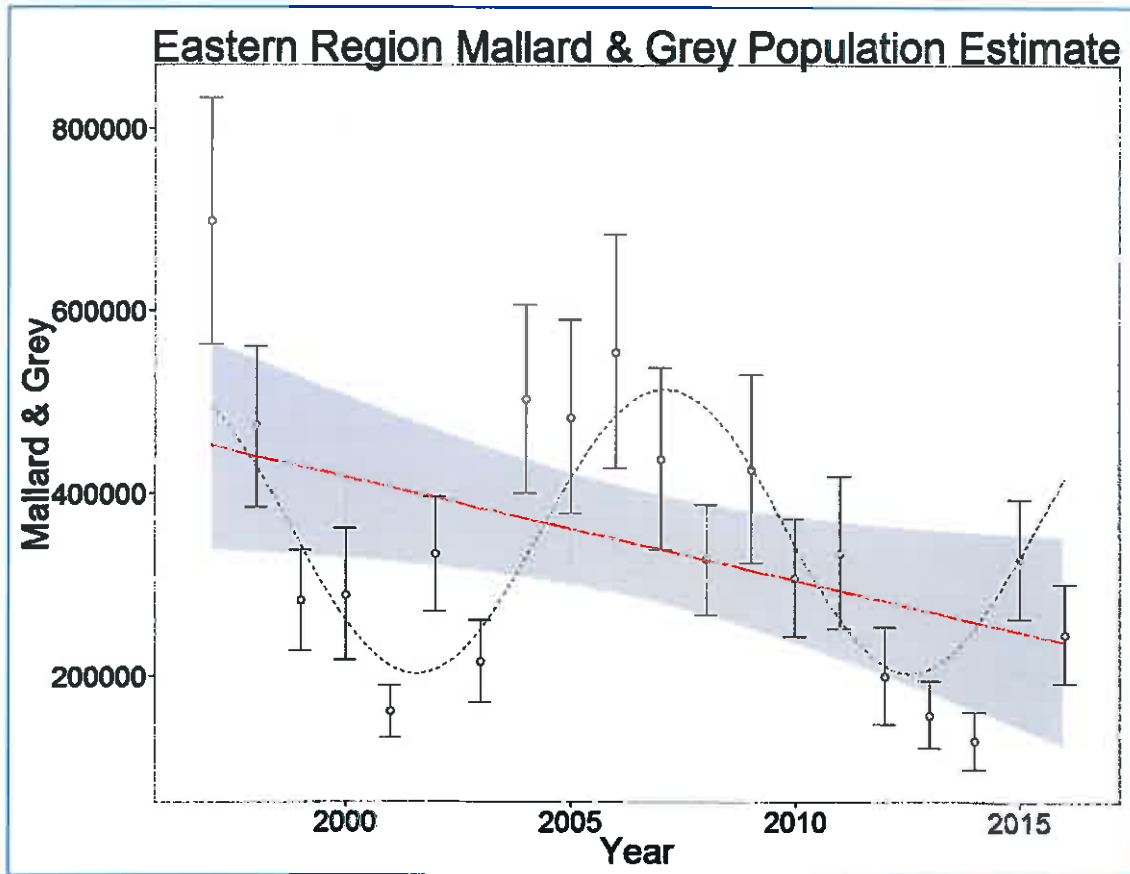


Figure 2. Estimate of the Eastern Region mallard and grey duck population (circles = mean \pm 95% credible interval) 1997-2016. The red solid line is the linear model (\pm 95% CI; grey shaded area) and the dashed line is the cyclical model.

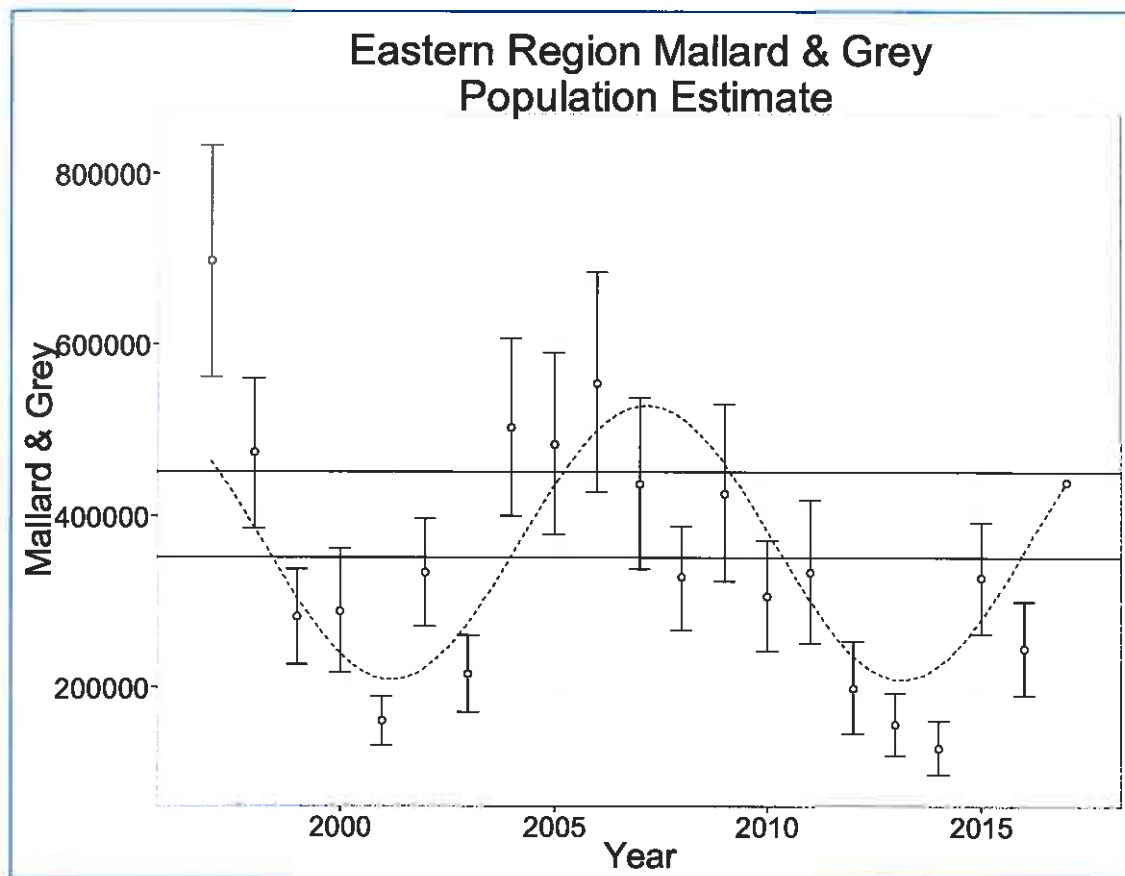


Figure 3. Population estimates (mean \pm 95% credible interval) of mallard and grey duck in the Eastern Region 1997-2016 with the two threshold lines. Extrapolation of the cyclic model (dashed line) suggests the 2017 population will be 439,708 i.e. in the intermediate zone.

Although the cyclic model is better than the linear model it is far from perfect. Out of the last 20 years it has only accurately predicted (within the 95% credible interval) the population 10 times. However, we have a reasonable amount of faith that our population estimates are either at the very least a good index of population size. Aerial count data corroborate the Lincoln-Petersen estimates (Figure 4). Aerial count data show the Bay of Plenty mallard and grey duck population increasing between 2014 -2015 and then decreasing 2015- 2016 as per Figure 3. Work we have been doing in the Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Region suggests we may be able to predict productivity using environmental covariates such as winter rainfall. In other words the cyclic model is OK for the time being but we may be able to do better (at predicting population size) in the future using survival and productivity estimates.

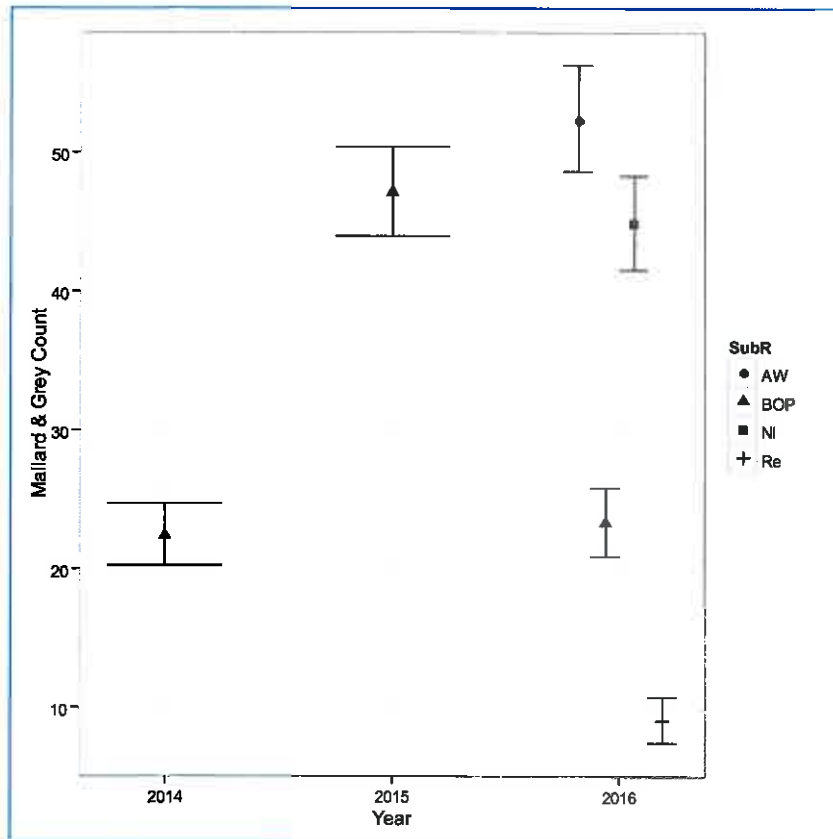


Figure 4. Mallard and grey duck counts (mean± 95% credible interval) from aerial transects flown at 100m AGL 2014 –2016. AW=Auckland/Waikato Region, BOP=Bay of Plenty sub-region, NI= Northland Region, Re=Reporoa sub-region.

3.2 Reporoa Mallard and Grey Duck Regulations

Concerns were raised last year about low bags of mallard and grey duck being taken in the Reporoa/Broadlands area. This does not appear to be a new thing with the Caithness diaries regularly reporting this area (and Taupo) as having the worst season in the North Island and sometimes in NZ. The Caithness diaries² show a general but not significant decrease in opening weekend harvest during the period 1968-1990 (Figure 5).

Having conducted aerial transect counts in the Waikato, Northland, Bay of Plenty and Hawke's Bay it is not surprising why mallard and grey duck numbers may be low within the Reporoa/Broadlands area. There is a general scarcity of duck habitat, aside from the Waikato River and its margins. The aerial count data from the Reporoa area (Figure 4) shows a significant difference in the number of mallard and grey duck per 10km transect compared with any of the other regions flown or the Bay of Plenty sub-region.

² NB One of the issues with diaries is that successful hunters tend to send them in while unsuccessful hunters don't (Barker, 1991). So over time we might expect an increase in harvest as the less successful hunters drop out. Secondly because of this factor we can't compare opening weekend data of diary respondents with randomised phone hunter survey results (the latter will on average be lower).

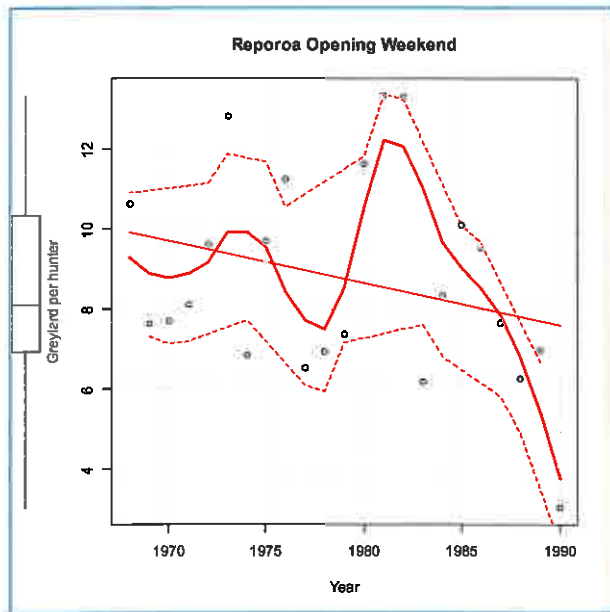


Figure 5. Opening weekend harvest per gun in the Taupo area (south of a line between Mihi Bridge and Lake Whakamaru) taken from the Caithness Waterfowl Diaries 1968-1990.

In the comments section of the Caithness Diaries he makes reference to the fact that many hunters appear to only hunt opening weekend. This still appears to be the case (J Meikle pers. comm.). If the Council wishes to implement a more restrictive bag limit or season length c.f. the rest of the region, bag limit may be the more appropriate of the two options. Eastern Region hunter survey data shows that a bag limit of five will reduce harvest to about 75% of 'normal' and a bag limit of two to 50% of 'normal' (Figure 6).

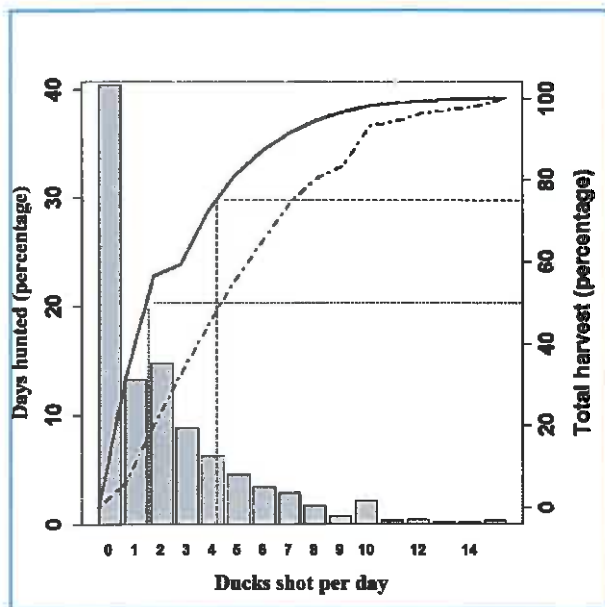


Figure 6. Percentage of days hunted in the Eastern Region, New Zealand from 1997-2012 ($n = 10,279$) where 0, 1, 2, ...15 mallards or grey ducks per day were shot. As an example, on 40% of days hunted, hunters shot 0 ducks and on 13% of days hunters shot 1 mallard or grey duck. The right y-axis shows the cumulative harvest (percent), dot-dash line. As an example, hunters that bagged 7 ducks or less per day accounted for 75% of the total harvest. The black solid line represents the estimated harvest under bag limits of 0, 1, 2, ...15. As an example, bag limits of <2 and <5 represents 50% (dotted line) and 75% (dashed line) respectively, of the total harvest.

3.3 NZ Falconers Association

The Falconers Association has in the past been allowed to hunt pukeko with Australasian harriers provided they have a game bird licence and an Authority to Handle the birds from the Department of Conservation. Only 5-6 individuals pursue this sport in the Eastern Region taking somewhere between 12- 20 pukeko last year. They would like the ability to take other game bird species.

3.4 Waewaetutuki Wetland

During the 2015 game season two staff were involved with setting up and running the novice hunter programme. Aside from time spent organising the logistics, three trips and 48 hours were involved in scrubbing the stands and providing a day of tuition and hunting for each of six novice hunters. Four of these have gone on to purchase game licences this year. In addition to time putting the programme together for the 2016 season, staff spent 40 hours in the field over four days introducing maimai hunting to five participants. Staff provided some of their own equipment but the novices, who were all drawn from HUNTS courses, supplied their own ammunition and guns.

The programme is labour intensive and it is difficult to justify continuing it in its present form. Staff believe there are more cost effective ways of encouraging new entrants to game bird hunting and upskilling novices, and to this end will be running a hunter open day this year in addition to retaining a novice hunter programme of some sort. Rethinking the latter may lead to the need to reconsider also, what if any hunting should be undertaken within this wetland.

3.5 Equine upland game property

Equine is a registered upland game property. Equine wishes to extend its boundaries to include the neighbouring property (C A Cropp Farms Ltd; 316ha). C A Cropp Farms has endorsed the proposal.

4. Recommendation:

- 4.1 That Council considers the proposed threshold levels and criteria for regulation setting and identifies any variants for ratification at its November meeting.***
- 4.2 That Council identifies any other game season condition matters it would like further information on, or consultation with hunters about, before the November Council meeting.***

Appendix 1

FIRST SCHEDULE

Hunting conditions generally common to all fish and game regions

1 Bag limits

- (1) No person shall possess on any one day, more than the number of game birds specified as the daily bag limit for the Fish and Game Region in which the game is taken, except on Sunday, 8 May 2015, when that person may have in his or her possession twice the number of game birds specified as the daily bag limit for Saturday, 7 May 2015.
- (2) A person may possess more game than specified in sub-clause (1) of this Schedule, if all such game is labelled with the following details:
 - (a) The name and address of the person by whom the game was taken;
 - (b) The number of the licence to hunt or kill game held by the person by whom the game was taken;
 - (c) The name of the Fish and Game Region by which that licence was issued;
 - (d) The name of the Fish and Game Region in which the game was taken; and
 - (e) The date on which the game was taken.

2 Waiver of Restrictions on Baiting for Waterfowl

A person³ may hunt or kill game of the family Anatidae (waterfowl) during the open season for game in all Fish and Game Regions, except Auckland/Waikato, where food has been cast, thrown, placed or planted any time during the year. In the Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Region, Special Condition 4.9 in the Second Schedule applies instead to restrictions on baiting.

3 Magazine Shotguns

A person may hunt or kill game birds, as specified, in any Fish and Game Regions with any magazine shotgun of a calibre 10 gauge or less, which includes magazine extensions⁴, other than in:

- (a) Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Region;
- (b) Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Region;
- (c) Wellington Fish and Game Region;

For these three Regions special conditions in the Second Schedule apply

4 Shot Size

No person shall use, in any shotgun used for the purposes of hunting and killing game, any cartridge containing any shot size having a larger retained, per-pellet energy at 90 metres than lead BB.

³Section 17 of the Wildlife Act 1953

⁴Amended notification to section 18(1)(c) (iii) and (v) of the Wildlife Act 1953 as authorised by the Minister of Conservation under section 18(1) of that Act

5 Use of Lead Shot Prohibited

- (1) No person may possess lead shot, or use lead shot, while hunting or killing waterfowl within 200 metres of open water, with any gun using a 10 or 12 gauge cartridge. Non toxic alternative shot may be used, including steel.
- (2) For the purposes of this requirement, “waterfowl” means any of the following game species:
 - Black swan (*Cygnus atratus*)
 - Grey duck (*Anas superciliosa*) and any cross of that species with any other species, variety, or kind of duck
 - Mallard duck (*Anas platyrhynchos*) and any cross of that species with any other species, variety, or kind of duck
 - Paradise shelduck (*Tadorna variegata*) also known as Paradise duck.
 - Spoonbill duck (New Zealand shoveler) (*Anas rhynchos*)
 - Pukeko (*Porphyrio porphyrio melanotus*)
- (3) For the purposes of this requirement, “open water” means either:
 - (a) any area of land or seabed covered permanently or seasonally by water wider than 3 metres; or
 - (b) any area which is temporarily covered by water wider than 3 metres at the time of such possession or use, and that is contiguous to an area referred to in paragraph.

6 Guns of a Calibre Less Than 12 Gauge and Muzzle Loaders Exempt in Relation to Use of Lead Shot

Hunters may use lead shot in guns of a calibre less than 12 gauge or muzzle loaders for the 2016 season. No exemptions for any breach loading 12 gauge (or greater) firearm is to be provided for waterfowl hunting.

7 Camouflaged Rowboats

A person⁵ may hunt or kill game within the following Fish and Game Regions, from unmoored camouflaged rowboats, subject to the excluded periods for the regions specified below:

- Northland – no excluded period
- Auckland/Waikato – excluding 7 and 8 May 2016
- Eastern – excluding 7 and 8 May 2016
- Hawke’s Bay – excluding 7 and 8 May 2016
- Taranaki – no excluded period
- Wellington – excluding 7 and 8 May 2016
- Nelson/Marlborough – no excluded period
- West Coast – no excluded period
- North Canterbury – excluding 7 and 8 May 2016
- Central South Island – excluding 7 and 8 May 2016

⁵Section 18(1)(f)(vi) of the Wildlife Act 1953

Otago – excluding Clutha River 7 and 8 May 2016 inclusive

Southland – no excluded period

8 Restriction on Taking of Game

No person shall use any vehicle propelled by mechanical power (including motorised watercraft)⁶ to chase or kill game, except in such circumstances and at such times as authorised by the Conservation Act 1987 and Wildlife Act 1953.

9 Pegging Day

- (1) Stand claimants who claimed and occupied a stand during the 2015 Game Season may claim that stand at any time prior to pegging day (up to 10.00am on 10 April 2016) following the purchase of the 2016 game licence. If you are in the Auckland/Waikato Region, then the above mentioned applies **only to Adult Whole Season Licence Holders** and does not apply to Junior Licence Holders as it does in all other Fish and Game Regions.
- (2) Otherwise, unclaimed stands can only be claimed any time after 10.00am on 10 April 2016 in all Fish and Game Regions.
- (3) A stand may be claimed by planting on it a stake having either a board or identifying label attached, plainly identifying the name of the claimant and the number of his/her licence. The hunting stand claim tag provided with the licence must be completed with the name of the claimant and affixed to the board or identifying label.
- (4) The licence holder claiming a stand must be present in person at the stand when marking it up.
- (5) No one can claim more than one stand.
- (6) A stand cannot be claimed closer than 90 metres to a stand already claimed by another person without that person's consent.
- (7) Any stand not occupied by the claimant within one hour after the opening hour of hunting, on any day, can be occupied by another licence holder for the remainder of the day.

10 Conditions

These conditions will expire at the end of the open season for game specified under the Second Schedule for each Fish and Game Region.

⁶Section 18(1)(f)(v) of the Wildlife Act 1953

FIRST SCHEDULE

EASTERN FISH AND GAME REGION⁷

1 Game That May be Hunted or Killed—Duration of 2016/2017 Season

Species	Season Duration (dates inclusive)	Daily Bag Limit	Hunting Area
Grey/mallard duck	7 May to 19 June 2016	8	All areas
NZ shoveler duck	7 May to 6 June 2016	2	All areas
Paradise shelduck	7 May to 3 July 2016	6	Area A1, A2
	7 May to 3 July 2016	10	Area B2 and that part of B1, which lies south of the true right bank of the Uawa River Mouth, Tolaga Bay
	7 May to 17 July 2016	20	That part of B1, which lies north of the true right bank of the Uawa River Mouth, Tolaga Bay
Pukeko	7 May to 28 Aug 2016	10	All areas
Black swan	7 May to 28 Aug 2016	No limit	Area A1
	7 May to 3 July 2016	2	Area A2
	Closed season	0	Area B1 & B2
Bobwhite (Virginian) quail	7 May to 28 Aug 2016	No limit	All areas
Brown quail	7 May to 28 Aug 2016	5	All areas
California quail	7 May to 28 Aug 2016	No limit	Area A1 & A2
	7 May to 28 Aug 2016	5	Area B1 & B2
Cock pheasant	7 May to 28 Aug 2016	5	All areas excluding upland game properties with special conditions specified in clause 6 for this Region
Pheasant, both sexes	7 May to 28 Aug 2016	No limit	Upland game properties with special conditions specified in clause 6 for this Region
Cock pheasant	29 Aug to 18 Sep 2016	No limit	Upland game properties with special conditions specified in clause 6 for this Region (junior hunters only)
Red legged partridge	7 May to 28 Aug 2016	No limit	Upland game properties with special conditions specified in clause 6 for this Region

⁷Reference to Description: *Gazette*, No. 83, of 22 May 1990, at page 1861

2 Definition of Areas

The following descriptions refer to Local Authority Boundaries described on the Infomap 242B-2 Land Information New Zealand for the Eastern Fish and Game region.

- 2.1 Area A1:** Tauranga District, Western Bay of Plenty District, that part of the South Waikato District within the Eastern Fish and Game region and east of State Highway 1, Rotorua District, Kawerau District, Whakatane District and Opotiki District.
- 2.2 Area A2:** Those parts of the South Waikato District west of State Highway 1 within the Eastern Fish and Game region, Taupo District and Ruapehu District, which lie within the Eastern Fish and Game region.
- 2.3 Area B1:** Gisborne District.
- 2.4 Area B2:** That part of Wairoa District within the Eastern Fish and Game region.

3 Shooting Hours

6.15am–6.15pm.

4 Decoy Limit

No limit.

5 Special Conditions

- 5.1** Unpinned magazine shotguns may be used.
- 5.2** Hunters in the Eastern Region are encouraged to observe a voluntary limit to magazine shotguns capable of holding no more than three shells with no more than two shells in the magazine and one shot in the chamber. A voluntary phase-in period is in place for the 2016 season, with it to become compulsory in the 2017 season.
- 5.3** No maimai shall impede the use of navigable channels in the Tauranga Harbour, Ohiwa Harbour, Little Waihi Estuary, Lake Aniwhenua and Lake Taupo.
- 5.3** Maimais erected in the Little Waihi Estuary, Lake Aniwhenua, Ohiwa Harbour, Stump and Waihi bays of Lake Taupo must be dismantled and removed within 2 weeks of the close of the season (ie by 11 September 2016).
- 5.4** Any licensed game bird hunter who has a Department of Conservation permit to take or kill wildlife for the purpose of hawking may hunt with an Australasian Harrier (*Circus approximans*) to take Pukeko. This is subject to the season length and bag limit for Pukeko specified in clause 1 of this notice for this Region and subject to any condition imposed by the Director-General of Conservation under such a permit.

6 Upland Game Properties with Special Conditions

- 6.1 Pirini Family Trust:** The property is located 8 kilometres up the Bush Road from Pongokawa. It is bounded by Pongakawa River, Rotoehu Forest and Bush Road, Sections 4, 5 and 7 SO 7437 Block IX Waihi South Survey District. The property is leased by N. Raven.
- 6.2 Equine Farm:** The property is located approximately 6 kilometres in a north-west direction from Lake Rotoehu with Rotoehu Road and Fletcher Challenge's Rotoehu Forest on the main boundaries. It is made up of 283 hectares being entirely enclosed within deer fence, DPS 17091. The property is owned by Equine Estate Limited.

- 6.3 Prime Pine:** The property is located on the Matata Highway and consists of some 120 hectares of pine forest. DPS 58240. It is bounded by Hingston, Fraser, Prinz and Knight properties. The property is owned by Prime Pine Partnership.
- 6.4 Harakeke Station:** 1034 State Highway 1, RD 1, Wairakei, being 946.37 hectares in total and consisting of Tatua East No 25 Block, Tatua East No 27 Blocks I, II and VI Tatua Survey District, Tatua East No 29 Blocks V and VI Tatua Survey District, Tatua East No 28 Block V Tatua Survey District, Part X2A Block V Tatua Survey District, Lot 1 DP 330092, Lot 2 DPS 11900, Part Tatua East 11E1B MI 16902, Block V, Tatua Survey District, Lot 1 DPS 90819 Lot 1 DPS 10147 Part Tatua East 8 ML 14696, Block V, Tatua Survey District, Tatua East 11C1 ML 14696 Block V, Tatua Survey District 11B ML 14696 Tatua East Survey District 11A ML 14696 Tatua East Survey District Tatua East 12E1 MI. The property is owned by Harakeke Company Limited.
- 6.5 Totara Lodge Taupo:** 1093 State Highway 1, RD 1, Wairakei, being 1,478 hectares in total and consisting of Tatua East No 17 Blocks II and 1V Tuhingamata West Survey District, Lots 1, 2, 4 and 5 DPS 61926 Tatua East No 18 Block V Tatua Survey District Blocks II and IV Tuhingamata West Survey District, , Lot 3 DP 338327. The property is owned by E. F. Deadman Limited.

Appendix 2

GAME SEASON CONDITION POLICIES

2.1 Mallard and Grey Duck (greylard)

- (i) *Agreed (Barry Roderick/Steve Scragg) that Council re-affirms the threshold approach to setting mallard and grey duck harvest regulations (where grey duck are treated as mallard due to the difficulty in distinguishing between the species). [15/11/12.2]*
- (ii) *Agreed (Barry Roderick/Steve Scragg) that the threshold levels are set at 350,000 and 450,000 such that at or below 350,000 a set of restricted conditions apply; above 350,000 and, at or below 450,000 a set of intermediate harvest regulations apply; and above 450,000 a relaxed set of conditions apply. [15/11/12.3]*
- (iii) *Agreed (Barry Roderick/Steve Scragg) that restricted conditions shall comprise a 4-week season (including Queens Birthday when appropriate) with a bag limit of 6 mallard and grey duck; intermediate conditions shall comprise a 6-week season with a bag limit of 8 mallard and grey duck; and relaxed conditions shall comprise an 8-week season with a bag limit of 10 mallard and grey duck. [15/11/12.4]*
- (iv) *Agreed (Barry Roderick/Steve Scragg) that paradise shelduck and black swan thresholds and regulations remain the status quo and subject to January monitoring results. [15/11/12.5]*
- (v) *Agreed (Ian Pirani/Lindsay Lyons) that Council authorises staff to make a decision on Game Season Regulations outside of policy when an issue has been flagged. [12/10/8.2]*

Rationale for (v) as per October 2012 Council minutes:

Cr Barry Roderick commented on the greylard population estimates being the lowest in 8 years and the mystery, last summer, with a very high ratio of juveniles in the traps. Matt McDougall said that in the last decade something had occurred in some years that's throwing us off track. Last year he was concerned over the reduced adults in the traps and those concerns were later vindicated by harvest results. Council discussed the policy for setting the season regulations and the short time frame available before these are presented to the Minister for approval. Rob Pitkethley said that in 4 out of 5 years the modelling policy would be used, but in the occasional year staff would like the ability to alter the policy direction if unusual results suggested something else was occurring. Staff were seeking guidance on how this unusual process could work and Cr Steve Scragg said that he would be comfortable with Matt McDougall and Rob Pitkethley making the appropriate call and providing confirmation by email to Council.

2.2 Threshold Criteria for Paradise shelduck

Table 1: Eastern Paradise Shelduck threshold levels

LONG TERM POPULATION TREND	SEASON
Negative i.e. population declining	Restricted
Zero i.e. population stable	Intermediate
Positive i.e. population growing.	Relaxed

Table 2: Eastern Paradise Shelduck season conditions (Season per Table 1)

SEASON	Area	Specific Conditions	
		Length (weeks)	Bag Limit
Restricted	A1 & A2	4	4
	B2 & B1 South of true right bank Uawa River Mouth	4	4
Intermediate	A1, A2	8	6
	B2 & B1 South of the true right bank Uawa River Mouth	8	10
Relaxed	A1, A2, B2 & B1 South of the true right bank Uawa River Mouth	10	10
Fixed Season condition	B1 North of the true right bank Uawa River Mouth	10	20

2.3 Threshold Criteria for Black Swan

Table 3: Eastern Black Swan threshold levels

POPULATION SIZE	TREND	SEASON
Low (below 1,000)	Negative	Restricted
Low (below 1,000)	Zero	Restricted
Low (below 1,000)	Positive	Restricted
Moderate (between 1,000 and 3,000)	Negative	Intermediate
Moderate (between 1,000 and 3,000)	Zero	Intermediate
Moderate (between 1,000 and 3,000)	Positive	Relaxed
Greater than 3,000	Negative	Relaxed
Greater than 3,000	Zero	Relaxed
Greater than 3,000	Positive	Relaxed

Table 4: Eastern Black Swan season conditions (Season per Table 3)

SEASON	SPECIFIC CONDITIONS (LENGTH AND DAILY BAG).
Restricted	No season.
Intermediate	8-week season with a 2-bird limit for Management Units A1, A2 and B1. 6-week season with a 4 bird limit for Management Unit B2.
Relaxed	16-week season with a no-bird limit.

10. STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE PRIORITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Ref: 8.04.05

4 October 2016

1. Purpose

To identify Council's top five priorities relating to regional Fish & Game functions that warrant development of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

2. Background

A Governors Forum held in March 2015 supported the preparation of SOPs for common tasks that all regional Fish and Game Councils could apply to bring greater consistency and value to what we do, and enable more effective comparison of results and outcomes across the country. Since then a national reparation policy/SOP has been developed along with a draft Health and Safety Plan, progress has been made on methodology for monitoring mallards, and a working group formed to develop SOPs for fisheries monitoring e.g. electric fishing surveys, drift diving and so on. A Ranger manual and Boat Training manual have been previously produced also.

The NZ Council has forwarded a memorandum to regional Fish & Game Councils (see pages following) requesting feedback on what Councils consider to be the top five priorities for further development. This feedback is due before Friday 11 November.

A systematic way of identifying regional functions/operational matters that lend themselves to SOP treatment from which priorities can be assessed, would be to work through our Sports Fish and Game Management Plan and focus on methods identified for implementing policies and objectives by Output class e.g:

Output 1: Species Management

- Fisheries research and monitoring
- Waterfowl research and monitoring
- Game bird hunter surveys
- Creel surveys
- Criteria/processes for setting regulations
- Permitting/approvals for upland game properties, holding, rearing, releasing birds etc.

Output 2: Habitat Protection and Maintenance

- RMA processes
- State of the environment reporting
- Best management practices e.g. drain maintenance, wetland management

Staff will produce a list of potential topics for circulation at or prior to the meeting to facilitate this exercise.

3. Recommendation

3.1 *That Council identifies its top five priorities for SOP preparation in 2016-2017 for communication to the NZ Council.*

FUNCTIONS FOR SOP TREATMENT

Memorandum to: Regional Fish and Game Councils

Prepared by: Robert Sowman, Planning & Policy Manager
New Zealand Fish and Game Council

Dated: 27 July 2016

The New Zealand Fish and Game Council (NZ Council) at its meeting of 20 May 2016 considered the outcomes of the Governors Forum to determine what needs to be actioned. It was agreed regions should be asked for their top 5 priorities of Fish & Game functions that lend themselves to initial SOP treatment. This would allow the NZ Council to prioritise SOP activity for the new financial year.

The Governors Forum, held in Wellington on Saturday 21 March 2015 established the following:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for standardised approach to common tasks. • NZ Council favours the adoption of SOPs for all councils to apply. • Financial efficiencies can be achieved within the planned financial review. • Review and audit of national health and safety policy and implementation. • Training of governors (induction following elections) and in the medium term new managers (health & safety, employment relations). • Chairpersons' training. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fisheries SOP & Anglers Notice 1st Schedule are first initiatives started. • Work Group formed. Work underway. • Work Group formed. Work underway. • NZ Council induction completed.
<p>Other important points raised at the governors workshop that the NZ Council identified and would wish to follow up in subsequent initiatives included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise the significance of the urban population • Uphold the retention of public access to resource • Promoting centres of excellence within the organisation • Promote Rivers Trust. Approach funders or identify a facilitator to do so. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comms staff focus on urban population. • Collaborating with WAC, et al. • Utilising regional staff with resource management, finance, compliance, licensing.
<p>It is accepted that there are certain givens such as sustainable fish and game populations that will need to be followed over and above the initial tasks identified above.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing monitoring and research.

The summary of staff perspectives (presented by Anthony van Dorp and Zane Moss):

- Staff proud of the strengths of the organisation
- Strong demand for consistency in operations
- Strong desire for NZ Council to provide leadership
- Need to reduce parochialism and better utilise resources across regions
- Development of appropriate SOPs and an audit system strongly encouraging adherence appears to be supported

Please consider your Council's top 5 priorities of regional Fish & Game functions that lend themselves to initial SOP treatment.

Feed-back on this request will be submitted for NZ Council consideration at its 25-27 November 2016 meeting. Please provide any comments you wish to make before Friday 11 November for inclusion in that agenda mailout.

Fish and Game Council Functions as set out in the Conservation Act 1986

26Q Functions of Fish and Game Councils

(1) The functions of each Fish and Game Council shall be to manage, maintain, and enhance the sports fish and game resource in the recreational interests of anglers and hunters, and, in particular,—

- (a) to assess and monitor—
 - (i) sports fish and game populations; and
 - (ii) the success rate and degree of satisfaction of users of the sports fish and game resource; and
 - (iii) the condition and trend of ecosystems as habitats for sports fish and game;
- (b) to maintain and improve the sports fish and game resource—
 - (i) by maintaining and improving access; and
 - (ii) by maintaining the hatchery and breeding programmes, where required for stocking or restocking the sports fisheries and game habitat; and
 - (iii) by formulating and recommending to the New Zealand Fish and Game Council conditions for fishing and game seasons; and
 - (iv) by ensuring that there are sufficient resources to enforce fishing and hunting season conditions; and
 - (v) by undertaking such works as may be necessary to maintain and enhance the habitat of sports fish and game, subject to the approval of the Minister, the land owner, or the administering authority, as the case may require:
- (c) to promote and educate—
 - (i) by defining and promoting ethical standards of behaviour to be followed by anglers and hunters; and
 - (ii) by promoting recreation based on sports fish and game; and
 - (iii) by keeping anglers and hunters informed on matters affecting their interests:
- (d) in relation to costs,—
 - (i) to assess the costs attributable to the management of sports fish and game; and
 - (ii) to develop and recommend to the New Zealand Fish and Game Council appropriate licence fees to recover costs and game bird habitat stamp fees; and
 - (iii) to represent the region's interests with the New Zealand Fish and Game Council in the determination and distribution of levies on licences:
- (e) in relation to planning,—
 - (i) to represent the interests and aspirations of anglers and hunters in the statutory planning process; and
 - (ii) to formulate and adopt an annual operational work plan; and
 - (iii) to prepare draft sports fish and game management plans in accordance with this Act; and
 - (iv) to identify and recommend to the New Zealand Fish and Game Council the region's sports fish and game requirements for research; and
 - (v) to implement national policy determined by the New Zealand Fish and Game Council; and
 - (vi) to liaise with local Conservation Boards; and
 - (vii) to advocate the interests of the Council, including its interests in habitats:
- (f) to issue—
 - (i) licences to hunt or kill game, and game bird habitat stamps, in accordance with the [Wildlife Act 1953](#) and any regulations made under it; and
 - (ii) licences to take sports fish, in accordance with this Part and any regulations made under this Act; and
 - (iii) game hunting guide licences in accordance with the [Wildlife Act 1953](#) and sports fishing guide licences in accordance with this Act:
- (g) to sell or arrange the sale of, in New Zealand or outside New Zealand, game bird habitat stamps and associated products:
- (h) to recommend to the New Zealand Fish and Game Council the form of game bird habitat stamps.

(2) Each Fish and Game Council shall have such other functions as are conferred on it by or under this Act or any other Act.

11. INFORMATION FOR THE 2015-2016 DRAFT PERFORMANCE REPORT

Ref: 8.03.04

4 October 2016

1. Purpose

To review the draft Chairman's report, Statement of Service Performance report and draft Financial Statements for the 2015-2016 Performance (Annual) Report.

2. Background

The Performance Report for the 2015-2016 year will be presented to the public annual general meeting to be held 1 December 2016 as per the requirement of Sections 26W and 26ZD(7) of the Conservation Act, 1987.

The annual Performance Report contains a Statement of Service Performance (SOSP) so that readers can assess the performance of the Council against the targets set in the 2015-2016 Operational Work Plan (OWP). The Performance Report aligns with the OWP to clearly show actual outcomes against targets identified in the annual work planning process.

The purpose of this paper is to enable the early consideration of the material being developed for inclusion in the Performance Report. A draft of the SOSP has been prepared, along with draft unaudited Financial Statements, and these have been circulated to Councillors prior to this meeting. The draft Chairman's report is also included. The 2014-2015 Financial Statements have been prepared under a new set of accounting standards for Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting - Accrual (Public Sector) (PBE SFR-A(PS)).

The reports will be revised after Council consideration then compiled into the final Performance Report. This then needs to be approved at the 1 December 2016 meeting held immediately prior to the public annual general meeting where the Performance Report is presented to the public.

3.0 Recommendation:

3.1 That Council receives the draft reports comprising the Statement of Service Performance, Chairman's reports and draft Financial Statements for the 2015-2016 year, and identifies any changes required before finalising the Performance Report for the 2015-2016 year.

12. WAIKAREMOANA SPORTS FISH HABITAT ENHANCEMENT FUND

Ref: 2.01.07.01

5 October 2016

1. Purpose

To review the work resourced from the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Habitat Enhancement Fund during the 2015-2016 year and provide an update on work programmes for 2016-2017.

2. Background

In 1999 ECNZ made a commitment to create a trust known as the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Habitat Enhancement Trust ("Trust") as part of its consent for the Waikaremoana Power Scheme before its transfer to Genesis. The Trust was set up in response to concerns about the environmental, recreational, social, cultural and economic effects of the Waikaremoana Power Scheme ("WPS"). Due to Inland Revenue issues and the Trust being subject to taxes on interest, the Trust was disbanded soon after its formation, and the settlement was paid to Fish & Game to form the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Habitat Enhancement Fund ("Waikaremoana Fund")

The objective of the Trust and now the Waikaremoana Fund is:

"To sustain and enhance habitat for sports fish within the Wairoa River catchment and enhance access of the public to recreational sports fish therein".

In addition to this key objective, there are a number of additional purposes that include:

- *To undertake research that furthers the objectives of the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Habitat Enhancement Fund;*
- *Identify and evaluate areas in the catchment worth protection, restoration, enhancement, etc.;*
- *Carry out creel surveys;*
- *Carry out trials and monitoring on improving sports fish habitat;*
- *To create, improve, maintain signage and access to sports fisheries.*

The Fund contained an initial investment of \$250,000. When the Fund was established in 2000 the Council agreed that the principal should be protected with an inflation-based adjustment and spending from the Fund should be maintained within the interest generated.

The table below shows expenditure on projects and work areas since 2001.

Work Area	Amount funded
Information & access pamphlets	6,177
Signage & Information panels	7,046
2002 Angler Creel Survey	4,130
Contributions to Access through jetties, gangplanks, carparks etc	13,333
Habitat studies (Lake & River (2) Inventories, Wildlands reports)	9,521
2007 Angler Creel Survey	5,376
Fish research (River fish age/source otolith analysis)	928
Buoy construction share and installation	21,577
Buoy maintenance/servicing expenses	6,752
2012 Angler Creel Survey	5,944
Lagarosiphon Project	1,000

Water Quality Monitoring Report	4,990
Waikaremoana Buoy Maintenance 2014-15	250
2014-15 Wairoa Catchment Access Investigations	5,204
Waikaremoana Buoy Maintenance 2015-16	2,560
2015-16 Wairoa Catchment Access Programme	3,189
2015-16 Survey and Monitoring of Waikaremoana Spawning Tributaries	13,251
TOTAL	111,228

3. Discussion

3.1 Approved Funding for 2016-2017 and Update on Buoy

At its meeting in April 2016, Council approved in principle [16/4/11.2], proposed expenditure from the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Habitat Enhancement Fund to the value of \$19,000 in total, for ongoing survey and monitoring of key spawning tributaries at Waikaremoana, the continuation of access related work within the Wairoa catchment, and costs associated with the extraction and repair of the Water Quality Monitoring Buoy that is stuck fast to an unknown obstacle or lake bed structure and is no longer transmitting data.

An unsuccessful attempt was made in August to free the buoy (refer Management Report accompanying this agenda) leaving us with the more expensive but more certain option of deploying a ROV (remotely operated vehicle) to recover the sensors suspended from the buoy. The estimated cost for doing so is in the vicinity of \$10k.

We have yet to consult with other interested parties (Waikato University, Hawke's Bay Regional Council, Genesis Energy) to determine whether they can contribute, and to what extent to the recovery costs, but will be doing so shortly. It's possible there may be repair costs also but we won't be in a position to determine this until we've got everything back on dry ground.

3.2 Other Commitments to the Fund

Other commitments to the Fund that have yet to be drawn down include the Lake Waikaremoana Lagarasiphon Incursion Programme (\$39,000), and Council's approval [16/04/11.4] of the application from the Waikaremoana Boating & Fishing Association for up to \$12,000 to replace four navigation markers on Waikaremoana.

4. Recommendation

4.1 *That Council receives this update.*

13. LIAISON OFFICERS REPORTS

13.1 Conservation Boards

- *Bay of Plenty Conservation Board*
- *Tongariro-Taupo Conservation Board*
- *East Coast/Hawkes Bay Conservation Board*

13.2 Reports from Other Agencies

- Department of Conservation, Central North Island Region (Taupo, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty)
- Department of Conservation, Lower North Island Region (Gisborne, Wairoa)

13.3 Report from New Zealand Council

14. OPERATIONAL REPORTS

14.1 MANAGEMENT REPORT

30 September 2016

SPECIES MANAGEMENT

1111 River Fisheries Investigations

Didymo monitoring

The latest round of water sampling to check for the presence of Didymo in the Ngongotaha Stream was completed on 9 September 2016. Monitoring indicates Didymo probably remains confined to the South Island.

1112 Datawatch

The 2015-16 Datawatch tag season (for the license draw) was completed with 724 tags returned which is 26 returns up on those returned during the 2014-15 season. The license draw for 20 free licenses was made on 4 August 2016. The draw contained all tags returned since those entered in the 2014-15 season licence draw (11/09/2015 to 3/08/2016).

2.1 Datawatch Draw for 2015-16 Season Tag Returns (drawn 4/8/2016)

There were 724 tags returned from Eastern Region waters that went into the draw. The 20 winners of 2016-17 adult season licenses were:

<i>First name</i>	<i>Surname</i>	<i>Town</i>
Grant	Gilbert	Te Puke
Fraser	Wood	Rotorua
Joshua	Gwillim	Tauranga
Wayne	Thorne	Taupo
Murray	Hart	Morrinsville
Eddie	Bowman	Rotorua
Tim	Cox	Tauranga
Craig	Souter	Mount Maunganui
Cliff	Burmister	Tauranga
Tony	Lipanovic	Rotorua
Shane	Whitford	Pukekohe
Stephen	Bryant	Reporoa
Ray	Punter	Rotorua
Brett	Harrison	Auckland
Colin	Membery	Rotorua
Steve	Wright	Rotorua
Mark	Self	Rotorua
Caleb	Stichbury	Gisborne
Arthur	Diprose	Mount Maunganui
Andrew	Carmichael	Napier

2.2 Datawatch Returns During the 2015-16 Season by Lake

During the 2015-16 season (1 October 2015 to 23 September 2016), the distribution of the tags returned (750 tags) was as follows:

	2015-16	2014-15	Variance
Lake Okareka	16	15	1
Lake Okataina	136	111	25
Lake Rerewhakaaitu	35	34	1
Lake Rotoehu	48	14	34
Lake Rotoiti	188	147	41
Lake Rotoma	20	37	-17
Lake Rotorua	24	26	-2
Lake Tarawera	272	258	14
Lake Tutira	8	62	-54
Lake Waikaremoana	3	0	3

Tag returns were up on all lakes compared to the preceding season other than from Tutira (Hawke's Bay), Rotoma and Rotorua. Most tag returns were from Lakes Tarawera, Rotoiti and Okataina (1,500 datawatch tags liberated to each of these lakes/year).

1113 Lake Waikaremoana

Lake Waikaremoana Monitoring Buoy Update

Staff and contractors attempted to retrieve the stuck Waikaremoana monitoring buoy sensor lines on 17 and 18 August. Two contracted scuba divers were used to attach ropes at 5m and 20m depth to the rope backbone that runs alongside the sensor lines from the surface down to 120m depth. The sensor lines were unplugged from the surface control console and then attempts were made to pull the lines from different directions while under power. This proved unsuccessful in budging the lines from the structures they are stuck fast on. The control console was retrieved along with the 1m light meter, 1m dissolved oxygen probe, 1m turbidity and chlorophyll sensors.

An approach has now been made to a commercial diving and deepwater salvage firm that has worked in the lake previously. One option we are seriously considering is to use a remote operated vehicle (ROV) fitted with a grappling arm and snipper that can work to depths of 150m. This is more than enough to reach the bottom of the sensor lines at 120m.

1114 Lake Tarawera Spawning

Tarawera Outlet Drift Dives

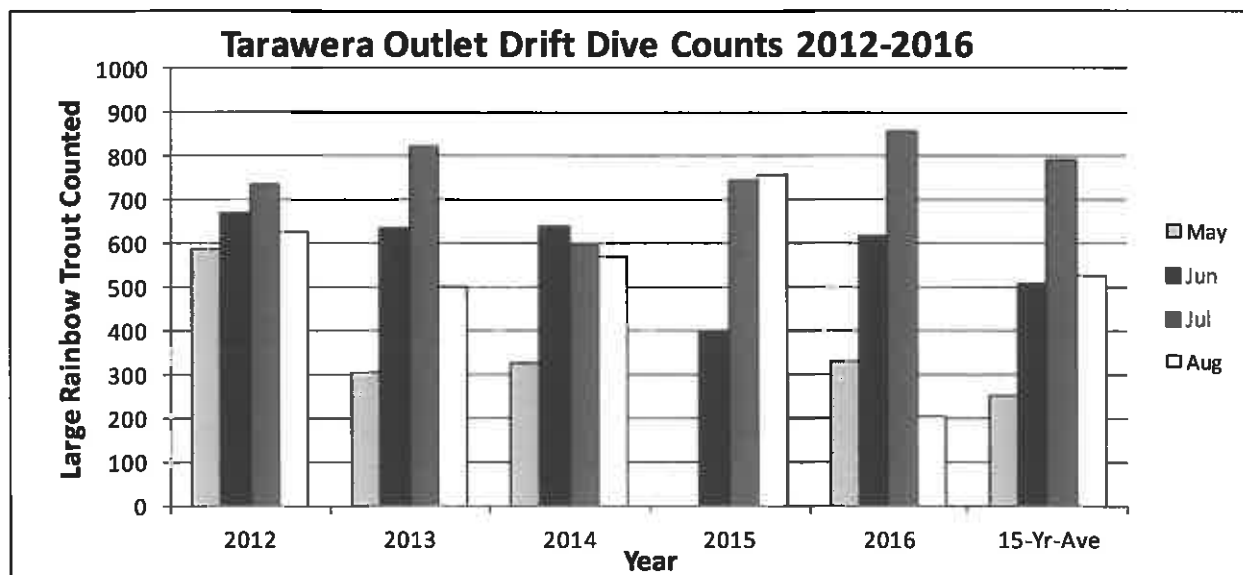
Fish & Game staff completed the fourth and final spawning trout count at the Tarawera Outlet on 2 September 2016.

	Size range			2016*	2015	2014
	Small	Medium	Large	Total	Total	Total
May	320	44	331	695	-	588
June	8	10	618	636	681	735
July	2	0	858	860	787	601
August	0	0	203	203*	781	576

* NB the 2016 August dive was undertaken on 2 September which is somewhat later than when it is normally carried out.

The number of large spawning fish counted during the 2016 winter was approximately 100 fish ahead of the past 20 year average for May, June and July counts (May 252, June 510 and July 791). The final count was undertaken at the start of September, and numbers of large spawning trout were well down from August observations in previous years.

The count of large trout (spawners) in this 1km stretch of river remains at a high level. The Outlet provides the highest quality and most stable spawning habitat in Lake Tarawera.



* NB the 2016 August dive was undertaken on 2 September which is somewhat later than when it is normally carried out.

Te Wairoa Trap Run

The Te Wairoa Fish Trap (Lake Tarawera) was removed on 31 August. The total run this year was 1,112 fish. This total is greater than the number of trout trapped during the 2015 winter and higher than any since the 2009 winter. The largest fish through the trap was a 675mm, 4.0kg Lp male. The average length of fish trapped this winter was the same as that during the 2015 winter, but fish were heavier and in better condition than the average fish through the trap in 2015. Hatchery fish trapped this year measured 555mm and 2.14kg compared to 552mm and 2.09kg during the 2015 winter, and 564mm and 2.2kg in 2014. The average size of wild fish trapped measured 509mm and 1.69kg compared to 517mm and 1.75kg during 2015, and 514mm and 1.74kg in 2014.

Year	Total run	Wild run	Wild %	Ave length	Ave weight
2010	777	119	15.0	579	2.30
2011	608	118	18.9	576	2.52
2012	900	173	19.6	585	2.51
2013	757	209	27.6	568	2.23
2014	902	302	33.5	547	2.05
2015	1,040	339	32.6	541	1.95
2016	1,112	323	29.0	541	2.01

1115 Rotorua Lakes Fisheries Research

Ngongotaha Stream Trap

During July 2016, the Ngongotaha trap was operated for 15 nights. A total of 61 fish were trapped running upstream. No ten pound or larger fish were recorded. The largest fish trapped was a 620mm, 3.5kg brown female. A 620mm 3.45kg rainbow female was also trapped.

July 2016

	<i>Av. Length</i>	<i>Av. Weight</i>	<i>Trap Run</i>	<i>Fish/night</i>	<i>10 pound+</i>	<i>% Brown</i>
<i>Rainbow</i>	492	1.57	36	>2	0	
<i>Brown</i>	574	2.46	25	<2	0	41%

The trap was installed for 10 nights during August. A large number of rainbows were trapped heading upstream to spawn. The largest fish recorded was a 640mm, 3.4kg rainbow male.

August 2016

	<i>Av. Length</i>	<i>Av. Weight</i>	<i>Trap Run</i>	<i>Fish/night</i>	<i>10 pound+</i>	<i>% Brown</i>
<i>Rainbow</i>	470	1.44	110	11	0	
<i>Brown</i>	550	2.06	4	<1	0	4%

September 2016

The September trap run data for the Ngongotaha Stream was not available at time of writing.

Hamurana Koaro Restoration Project

Another trout removal exercise was carried out in the Waitare Stream (Hamurana tributary) above the trout barrier over 30-31 August. Just one trout (88mm) was caught and subsequently released downstream of the trout barrier.

In previous years the winter trout removals have captured far fewer trout than in the summer removal attempts. The next removal operation is being planned for November or December 2016.

The tributary remains choked with a thick algae and solutions to clear this such as reducing the level of water upstream of the barrier to get greater water flow are being investigated.

1118 Waterfowl Monitoring Programme

Mallard and Grey Duck Harvest

Initial results of the 2016 Game Hunter Survey for the Eastern Region were presented in the management report attached to Council's August meeting agenda. A full report has since been produced and has been included with the October 2016 Papers for Information.

National Shoveler Monitoring Programme

Fish & Game New Zealand conducted a national count of shoveler duck (*Anas rhynchos*) on 8 August 2016. This is the 17th annual count (2000-2016) to monitor change in the New Zealand population. A total of 11,781 were counted at 249 sites. Population change was examined using two methods, (i) a variant of the Route Regression method (Geissler and Sauer, 1990), and (ii) totals from 82 sites that have been counted each year for the past 17 years.

The population of shoveler duck at these sites appears to have been stable over the 17 years. Short term (2015-2016) however, the population may have decreased. The 2016 total count for sites that have been counted every year was 90% of the average for the period 2000-2015 and was 26% lower than last year's count. Extreme weather conditions in parts of the country which hampered counts may have been a factor.

Sex ratios were examined and males found to be significantly more numerous with a ratio of 1.57 males to female. This sex imbalance is consistent with counts in previous years.

Count sites were not randomly selected so inferences about national shoveler populations can only be speculative. In future staff will be encouraged to record name and grid reference of shoveler habitat (i.e. where shoveler are observed). This data could form the basis to compile a shoveler habitat database and improve survey design.

1121 Lakes Fisheries Creel Surveys

Winter Creel Surveys

Field work associated with the 2016 winter survey was completed in August and data has since been entered into our database.

Opening Day Creel Surveys

Preparation was carried out for the Opening Day angler creel survey on Saturday 1 October. This included the compilation of survey books, and organisation and distribution of sampling equipment. Volunteers to assist with the Opening Day survey included honorary rangers, Councillors (and one's wife) and spouses of staff, and their assistance on the day was much appreciated.

A creel survey within the upper Ohau Channel Survey was organized and the contracted surveyor briefed by Fish & Game staff. Two seasons of pre-wall surveying have been carried out as well as eight seasons post completion. The survey is randomly stratified and based on a similar design to the Fish & Game summer and winter creel surveys. These surveys have been funded by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council as a condition of the Ohau Channel wall consent.

1141 Hatchery Operations (20 July-27 September 2016)

A final 15 crosses were taken for the period producing approximately 70,000 ova. Seventy seven crosses have been taken for the season producing all of the ova we need to meet our 2017 requirements.

Fry from the 2016 brood have been counted and moved internally into 5 of 8 rearing tanks. These will be grown-on until about December before being moved to the outside rearing ponds.

Spring liberations began in September and these are shown in the table below. Two year old rainbow were delivered to the Wellington Fish & Game Region during July.

Fish locations at September 27, 2016

Location	Type	Qty (approx)	Comment
Tank A, B	1+ Brown	1200	Eastern, HB liberations 2016

Tank C	1+ Tiger	500	Eastern spring liberations
Tanks 1-5	0+ Rt	80,000	Eastern, 2017 autumn liberations and orders
Pond 2	1+Rt	15,000	Eastern and HB, Alk/Waikato spring liberations
Pond 3	1+ Rt	17,300	Eastern and HB, Alk/Waikato spring liberations
Pond 4	1+ Rt	2,250	HB, delayed Tutira Autumn liberation
Pond 5	1+ Rt	3,000	Eastern, spring
Pond 9	1+ Rt	6,000	Various for 2+ in 2017
RW 2	1+ Rt	3,000	Other regions as 2+ in 2016

Liberations, Eastern Region 20 July-27 September, 2016

Water	Date	Mark	Tag	Species	Age	Modal	Qty
Tarawera, Okataina, Rotoiti	21/09/2016	-	Fish for Gold	RT	2+	37cm	30
Rotoehu	20/09/2016	Rp	C16	RT	1+	170mm	500
Rotoehu	20/09/2016	Rp		RT	1+	170mm	2,000
Rotoiti	19/09/2016	Rp	B16	RT	1+	170mm	500
Rotoiti	19/09/2016	Rp		RT	1+	170mm	6,500
Okataina	14/09/2016	Rp	E16	RT	1+	175mm	500
Okataina	14/09/2016	Rp		RT	1+	175mm	1,000
Tarawera	13/09/2016	Rp	H16	RT	1+	175mm	500
Tarawera	13/09/2016	Rp		RT	1+	175mm	4,000

HABITAT PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE

1211 RMA Planning and Consents

10.1 Gisborne District Council – Freshwater Advisory Group and Freshwater Plan

Following the work of the Freshwater Advisory Group the Gisborne District Council notified the proposed freshwater plan in October 2015. Overall the notified plan is pretty good from a Fish and Game perspective, although a submission on a number of topics was lodged in December 2015, and further submissions in February 2016. Pre-hearing meetings were attended in July and September 2016, in addition to Hearing 1 in August. Hearing 2 is set down for mid October 2016. Pre-hearing meetings and hearings are scheduled to continue through to the end of 2016.

10.5 Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Bay of Plenty Regional Council has established a Regional Water Advisory Panel. This is a collaborative group with representatives from a wide range of sectors which has been set up to provide context and direction for how freshwater resources are managed in the Bay of Plenty. The most recent meeting was attended in July 2016. Community groups to consider catchment specific regulations have been established in three catchments with Fish & Game

representatives on each of them. Bay of Plenty Regional Council has released a draft freshwater plan and is hoping to formally notify it before June 2017.

Water Quality

As a result of the adoption of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management in 2014, Regional Councils are required to implement its provisions. Fish & Game remains involved in the Bay of Plenty Regional Water Advisory Panel. This collaborative group comprises representatives from a wide range of sectors and has been established to assist the councils with freshwater management planning, to provide context and direction for how freshwater resources are managed, and to assist in the implementation of the National Policy Statement. The next meeting is scheduled for mid October 2016.

The Bay of Plenty Regional Council has also established community groups to look at values and limits within the Rangitaiki, Kaituna/Maketu and Pongakawa/Waitahanui Water Management Areas. Fish & Game is represented on each of them. Community groups will be established in the other seven Water Management Areas in the future.

The Gisborne District Council has identified ten Water Management Areas and is expected to follow a similar process of establishing community groups. The Waipaoa Catchment Plan was notified with the Proposed Freshwater Plan, and GDC has indicated that the Motu Catchment will be the next to be considered.

Resource Consents

Date In	Authority	Applicant	Type	Resource Involved	Action
22 Jul 16	RLC	Rika Whanau Trust	LUC- import fill to land	Ngongotaha Stream, Rotorua	No concerns
10 Aug 16	RLC	Ballance Agri Nutrients Ltd	SC- fertiliser facility	Reporoa	No concerns
18 Jul 16	BOPRC	BOPRC	DP- aquatic herbicide discharge	Rangitaiki Drains, Tarawera catchment	Approval not given
24 Aug 16	WRC	Taupo District Council	DP- Whareroa Wastewater plant	Lake Taupo	No concerns
30 Aug 16	BOPRC	Blackmore Family Trust	WP- irrigation & frost protection	Pokopoko Stream, Paengaroa	S95E3A

Fish & Game, DOC and Iwi have all stated they are not happy with the BOPRC application to discharge herbicides in drains with some of the herbicides proposed, one being for a term of 35 years. BOPRC have held a consent to undertake a 5 year trial but we all have continuously stated we believe these drains are the future wetlands of the Bay of Plenty for inanga, tuna and waterfowl. We recognize that BOPRC needs to manage the drains for efficient dispersal of water, but take the position that further consultation is required to achieve all parties' objectives.

1221 Reserves Management

General

No physical works are currently occurring within the reserves other than in Awakaponga where we have erected a security pole in front of the concrete pump shed door to discourage future break ins. The forestry styled gate to prevent ongoing gate and fence breakages and

illegal vehicles entering into this reserve outside the hunting season will be erected in late October. The solar system and batteries will be re-installed in late October to ensure we have water inflowing during the summer months.

Summer 2016/17 reserve maintenance works will commence in mid October, and excavator water reticulation works in late November through to February 2017.

We have not yet been informed of the outcome of the joint (DOC, Fish & Game, Te Arawa Lakes Trust, Ngati Tahu- Ngati Whaoa and Waikato Regional Council) funding application lodged with the Waikato River Authority for restoration of Lakes Ngahewa, Ngapouri and Tutaeinanga.

DOC and Fish & Game have met to discuss further the renewal of gazette notices for management of the Crown owned wetlands within the Eastern Region. It has been established that renewal of the notices is not required but we need to undertake a review of the conditions imposed and develop Management Agreements for each reserve. A draft Management Agreement is currently being prepared, and the intention is to have draft details and conditions completed by February 2017. DOC has nominated staff to represent them in this process and we now have a set of realistic time frames and a pathway forward to work to.

Kaituna WMR

Nothing new to report on the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Lower Kaituna wetland extension. The monitoring programme for water levels, flows and salinity continues and the modelling draft is still awaited.

Further ephemeral wetland scrapes in the paddocks adjoining the Lower Kaituna WMR are planned for early November with stock proof fencing to be completed prior. The two retired paddocks in which these wetlands have been constructed equate to 3.5 hectares of ungrazed vegetation interspersed with shallow water areas. Native plants will be planted in early December. BOPRC has provided \$30,000 for this project and Fish & Game is managing it.

1231 Maintain and Enhance Game Bird Habitat

Landowner Information

No new landowner requests have been received since the last Council meeting, but we have undertaken aerial flights in the Reporoa/Waikite Valley and Paengaroa areas to map and assess the values of existing ponds and wetlands, and identify opportunities for pond creation/enhancement. This information will be useful for compliance in addition to assisting with the development of a habitat enhancement programme within these areas.

ANGLER AND HUNTER PARTICIPATION

1311 Maintain & Enhance Access

General

Recreational fishing access into and through the Kaingaroa and Waimangu Forests will continue to be available until the end of September. Timberlands has again provided a funding contribution towards angler access work in Kaingaroa Forest (\$2500) which we are very appreciative of. This will be put towards contract work on projects such as maintaining the walking track along the Wheao River.

Maintenance of access tracks and points is due to get underway again shortly.

1331 Inform Anglers and Hunter

Project Area	Actions/Progress
1331- Reel News, Both Barrels	Reel Life was produced for August and September covering prospects and fishing news, children's fishing, trout in schools, fish for gold, and rule changes.
1333 – Fishing reports	Fishing prospects were added to the web for the period and numerous reports featured on Twitter.
1334 – Web	Updates or changes to the Eastern Web site included Council agendas and minutes, notices re rule changes for the 2016/17 fishing season, children's fishing, fish for gold, and forest access information. Our Twitter account has 404 followers and received 21,735 impressions for the reported period.
1341 - Pamphlet/handouts	No work completed for the reporting period
1351 – Children's Fishing	Three children's fishing events were successfully run for the period.
1352 – Angler training/seminars	One angler training day was held in Gisborne in conjunctions with Gisborne Anglers Club in September.
1354 – Fishing comps	Nine fishing competition permits were processed for the period.
1361 – Club meetings	Two club visits were made within the period.
1461 - Education/grounds, tours	Five tours of the grounds/hatchery were conducted for the period.

PUBLIC INTERFACE

1421 Public Communications

2015-16 Bay of Plenty Pest Advocacy

Fish & Game has liaised with Environment Bay of Plenty staff in relation to the 2016 summer 'Check, Clean and Dry' programme encompassing didymo, pest fish, and aquatic weed awareness and advocacy. This programme will be undertaken on lakes and rivers throughout the Bay of Plenty over the coming summer by contracted students. Department of Conservation will also have one contracted advocate travelling throughout the Rotorua lakes region. range of giveaway items (prop flags, key floats and trout bags) are available for Fish & Game staff to distribute to anglers on Opening weekend and over the summer period with the "Check/ Clean and Dry" and "Stop the Spread" message.

1442 Media Releases

Eight media releases were distributed for Eastern Region over this period. Finals of the national duck calling champs and the latest poaching bust in Rotorua are a couple that media ran with early on.

The duck calling national champs were held near Rotorua on 9 July, with Eastern's John Meikle one of the judges.

Communications Advisor Grant Dyson made personal approaches to local media including the Bay of Plenty Times, which ran three separate stories – a preview as well as follow up articles.

Also of note, Grant worked with Eastern Region's Matt Mc Dougall and Andy Garrick to produce an in-depth article posted on Fish & Game's website "setting the record straight" on black swan in Tauranga Harbour – correcting misinformation (such as false facts on numbers) in local media stories. Pleasingly, Sun Media in Tauranga responded to our request and ran the article in full on both their website and in their widely read giveaway paper.

As always, the topic of poaching drew a strong media response. A release sent out 10 August, focused on Eastern staff busting three poachers (armed with a golf club and iron bar) in a closed spawning arm, was widely covered.

Fish & Game's nationwide operation to count shoveler led by Matt McDougall was also covered in a release in early August.

Another release focused on changes to the angling rules made by the Eastern Fish & Game Council, notably, closing of the Awahou Stream, the scene of poaching and other problems.

Grant Dyson worked behind the scenes to help organise and script the filming of a kids' fish out day at Ngongotaha hatchery by children's TV show *What Now*. Mark Sherburn assisted the crew on the day. This has not yet been screened.

Grant also produced a video angled on 'where does Fish & Game get its big trout for the Ngongotaha hatchery fish breeding programme?' which was posted on Facebook.

Grant also assisted as Mark Sherburn was filmed for a new fly fishing show. Mark showed how to properly handle and release a trout. Mark received glowing compliments from the film makers on his presenting talents.

In recent weeks, Grant and Mark have devoted a large amount of time to the Fish for Gold promotion – organising media releases, photos, terms and conditions, newspaper advertisements, and more.

Grant Dyson has been working with Destination Rotorua and their PR company, Village PR to organise coverage of Opening Day of the new fishing season on 1 October. In particular, this has involved arranging accommodation and a fishing trip for Fairfax lifestyle reporter Britt Mann (who covered the game bird season opening), and a company videographer Mark Taylor. A crew from Prime/Sky TV's the "Crowd Goes Wild" will also be attending.

COMPLIANCE

1511 Compliance

Monitoring of spawning locations and closed waters areas has continued along with angler checks in areas open for fishing. Of note is that in most of the usual areas where we have in the past experienced issues with poaching of spawning fish there has lately been a noticeable decrease in offending and in signs of offending in these areas, and this has been backed up with footage from concealed surveillance cameras. Similarly there have been fewer issues with people fishing in closed waters where historically we have had problems with offending.

We are also noticing that we are seeing fewer young people committing offences, such as fishing without licences, using illegal tackle, and fishing in closed waters.

Angler checks have detected few issues, and of note we are finding anglers who in recent years have been dealt with for various offences including Court prosecutions, fishing legally, and co-operative when approached.

Figures for the 2015-16 year show we dealt with 48 offenders for a total of 78 offences (see table below). This is down on the numbers dealt with in the previous year (2014-15, 79 offenders dealt with for 123 offences). There are likely to be a number of factors involved in this drop. For two years we've implemented an intensive ranging regime to deal with issues such as those at the Awahou Stream mouth during mid to late summer. While there was some offending there this year, it was down on what we had dealt with the previous year. In addition to this, within the last 18 months two offenders involved in trout poaching received prison sentences, and we have had widespread publicity of this and other matters. The high profile generated from all of this has we believe, paid dividends.

We continue however, to have spikes in incidents and/or reports of offending, and there are likely to be some areas which will always be problematic, mostly on a seasonal basis.

Currently the prosecution of three persons in relation to being found at a spawning stream in possession of 17 trout is still in the Court process with next appearances in court scheduled for mid October.

Liaison and co-operation with Police to combat poaching in specific locations is ongoing.

Waikaremoana spawning monitoring continues, although the weather this winter and spring to date has impeded this activity.

The game bird season concluded at the end of August with few issues.

Angler and hunter contacts to end of the 2015-2016 year totalled 3,352. This is down on target by about 150 checks as a consequence partly of being a staff member short over the busy summer period, but more so due to fewer anglers being able to be located and surveyed over the winter period in particular.

Contacts: Year 2015-2016 to 31/08/2016

Month	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	Last 5 yr average
September	96	82	66	50	59	71
October	1,183	997	984	960	1,223	1,069
November	223	129	175	112	20	132
December	494	598	387	392	293	433
January	466	497	355	381	335	407
February	170	234	151	395	418	274
March	184	300	279	275	253	258
April	340	195	299	264	53	230
May	503	516	446	498	272	447
June	422	209	325	203	277	287
July	224	120	79	120	107	130
August	74	131	77	76	42	80
Total	4,379	4,008	3,623	3,726	3,352	3,818

Rangers

1520 Ranger Training

A ranger safety training refresher day was held in September and was attended by honorary rangers and by a number of staff. Rangers are continuing to contribute with several assisting with opening day survey and compliance work, as well as ranger presence around the region.

North Island/National CLE role

This role continues with input into CLE/training/prosecutions and legal matters. A national compliance co-ordinators training session was held in August, with an external trainer providing a 'train the trainers' session to train regional co-ordinators to be better able to deliver short ranger safety refresher sessions.

Involvement continues in relation to training and prosecution matters.

1531 Prosecution of Offenders

Prosecutions

Currently seven offenders have offences pending resolution, details as per the table below at 21.2.

Four of these offenders have warrants to arrest either in lieu of summons or for failing to appear in court. The other three matters are more recent and are pending court prosecution processes.

Offences 2015-2016 Year

For the year 2015- 2016 year to date we have dealt with 48 persons for 78 offences as tabled below.

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

Resolution of offences over the 2015-16 year is as per table below. This is similar to previous years, with approximately 1/3 each, prosecution, reparation, and other including warnings.

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

Offences Year to date (1/09/2016 - 22/09/2016)

No offences during this period.

Offences Pending Resolution

To date (22/09/2016) 13 separate offences are pending resolution, by 7 offenders, these are carried over from last year.

The table below shows offences currently pending resolution, as at 22/09/2016.

Offence name	Numbers
Fish without licence	4
Illegal tackle	2
Possess sports fish unlawfully taken	3
Disturb spawning grounds	1
Fish closed waters	2
False details	1
Total	13

LICENSING

1612 National Licence Management

Kate Thompson has continued to supply national sales reports for regions and the New Zealand Council. Once her input to preparation of the annual Performance Report has been completed Kate will undertake an analysis of the 2015-2016 Fishing Season results and in particular the switching behaviours following the introduction of the new licence categories.

1621 Licence Agent Support

Staff have been liaising with agents regarding return of licence books, and those relating to the 31 August financial year have since been returned. A small number of fish licence guides have been trained in agency online, and they will commence using this facility in the 2016-17 licence year. Some larger agents and a small number of guides will retain one fish licence book for back up purposes during the 2016-17 season. The Waikaremoana Holiday Park will also retain a small number of back up books and it is expected that they will be fully online for the following season when paper books will no longer be available.

PLANNING AND REPORTING

1841 New Zealand Fish & Game Liaison

Several staff provided ongoing input to national projects including Kate Thompson, Carmel Veitch, Anthony van Dorp, Matthew McDougall, and Andy Garrick. Andy continued to provide managerial services to the Hawke's Bay Region, and other staff, particularly Carmel, provided remote assistance with a variety of matters.

ADMINISTRATION

1920 Annual Leave

Staff annual leave accruals are reported each month. Due to employment anniversary dates, the leave accruals for individuals vary depending on the time of the year. We have established leave for individual staff as at 18 September 2016. We currently have two staff members two weeks behind where we would like them to be, and three staff members one week behind. The remainder are in a neutral leave position.

14.2 HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

Ref: 9.01.07

4 October 2016

1. Background

As part of its commitment to Health and Safety and providing a safe workplace, the Eastern Fish and Game Council is provided with a report at each meeting describing:

1. Implementation and adherence to the Health and Safety policy/manual – including Health & Safety as an agenda item for staff & ranger meetings;
2. Monitoring and Reporting – in accordance with the Health and Safety plan;
3. Risk Management (identification and treatment) – any new issues or hazards that have arisen and how these have been addressed;
4. Training programme – information sharing and training of staff and volunteers;
5. Health & Safety incidents – near misses or injuries sustained, plus updates on past events;
6. Recommendations.

2. August/September 2016 Update

1. Implementation and Adherence to the Health and Safety Plan

The updated health and Safety Plan has been completed and circulated to staff, and a copy of the main body of this Plan has been circulated to Councillors ahead of this meeting. The changes made to the earlier more generic draft of the Plan largely involved modifying it to better fit the Eastern Region. Section 2 provides an overview of the Eastern Region e.g. location, staffing, and programmes. This sets the scene and forms part of the reasoning behind hazards that are more particular to the region.

Weekly staff meetings have Health and Safety on the agenda as a standard item. Staff are given an opportunity to raise any issues, and as a team we develop procedures to minimise the risks of such. Any new risks are included in the weekly email so that all staff are aware of the risk should they be absent from the weekly meeting.

Staff are utilising the new "staff where-a-bouts" board to help monitor where staff are on a daily basis.

A tailgate form was developed and use for the Opening of the Fishing season.

Staff had a briefing before the Opening Day and the tailgate form was presented for discussion.

Monitoring and Reporting

Work Place Accident Register

As at 4 October 2016

Number of workplace injuries in 2015-2016 year	1
Number of workplace injuries in 2014-2015 year	1
Number of workplace injuries in 2013-2014 year	3
Total number of workplace injuries since 1 Sept 1995	29
Total number of days lost work injuries since 1 Sept 1995	1
Total number of days since last lost work injury (7/12/13)	1,032
Total number of days prior to last lost work injury since 1 Sept 1995	6,672

2. Risk Management (identification and treatment)

Tailgate forms were prepared for opening day, and boating logs used.

New PPE - work boots (2x) and coveralls purchased.

3. Training Programme

10 staff attended a Drive Zone Advanced Control Driving course.

4. H&S Incidents

No notifiable (serious harm) incidents to report.

5. Recommendations

That Council acknowledges it has received this report.

14.3 FINANCE REPORT

Ref: 8.03.01

23 September 2016

1. Purpose

To inform the Council of its current financial position, and approve payments for the two months of July and August 2016.

2. Finance Report

The cash flow summary for the two months ending 31 August 2016 is attached. This report documents the income and expenditure for the final period of the 2015-2016 financial year.

There are some end of year adjustments to be finalised which will be included in the financial statements for the year.

Income

Total licence revenue reported to 31 August 2016 was \$1,414,504. This has exceeded the budget target of \$1,392,024 by \$22,480. This figure, does however, include the \$15,316 levy received in the year for the Non resident levy (which is not budgeted). Conversely, Game Bird licence revenue exceeded budget by \$14,903. The Licence sales by category and LEQ are reported in detail within the licence sales report and will provide a more accurate picture of licence sales YTD.

Revenue from other sources over the period was made up of the following; sale of fish to other regions (\$27,790), fishing competitions (\$492), children's fishing (\$156), rentals (\$3,233), fines (\$1,000), and grazing (\$5,200). Funding was received from Rainbow Springs for their contribution to the children's fishing programme (\$2,000) and the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Fund for the planned survey work (\$13,521). Funds were also received from the New Zealand Council for Carmel Veitch's work for the Financial Review Committee and the development of Health & Safety policies (\$2,845). The Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council was invoiced for the standard contract services (\$6,090) and for additional management and staff services provided over the period (\$12,476). Contract revenue is ahead of budget by \$109,512 and more than adequately offsets increases to the salaries expense resulting from increased additional hours by part time and contract staff. Interest for the period after accruals totalled \$22,545 and while a good proportion of this total relates to the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Fund, at year end the Council's general interest target has been exceeded by \$6,026. The Waikaremoana Fund interest earned was also higher than anticipated (\$4,835).

YTD Total amounted to \$357,737 against a budget of \$178,687. The bulk of this increase as discussed above relates to the additional contract work (\$109,512). A further \$30,000 comes from income in advance, and \$10,000 Interest ahead of budget. The revaluation of the forestry plantation accounts for \$32,000 income that was not budgeted. This is a non cash item that is revalued in accordance with our accounting standards.

Species Management

Within the Population Monitoring budgets, expenses are reported relating to travel costs for shoveler counts and aircraft hire for swan counts. A small expense is also reported for food for staff working at Waikaremoana. The Species Management area is under budget at year end (\$13,795) and this is due to reduced direct expenditure related to the Waikaremoana survey project, reduced data watch costs due to favourable exchange rates, the deferral of the proposed

purchase of a tablet for surveys, and projected waterfowl monitoring costs being under budget by \$3,033.

Hatchery expenses for the period included the cost of fish food, reglazing of three small windows, repairs to door locks, a vehicle service, minor purchases of consumables, and materials for the Te Wairoa trap. The usual expenses are also reported relating to rates, electricity, fuel, and oxygen. The hatchery area as a whole ended the year over budget (\$6,262) with fish food purchases ending the year \$9,382 over budget. Increased fish food pricing, exchange rates, freight, and the requirement to buy in bulk all contribute to this result.

Habitat

Habitat spending for the period was significant and includes the following;

- Excavator works - Kaituna and Awaiti \$4,000
- Fabrication of steel gate and pole - Awakaponga \$2,470
- Waikaremoana Survey project \$13,521 (transferred to revenue)
- Waikaremoana Buoy expenses \$2,560
- Aircraft hire - Habitat flights \$2,256
- DOC costs for their work on Waikato River Authority finding application \$667
- Grain for mallard habitat \$500
- Predator traps \$496
- Materials for Fish & Game maimai - Kaituna \$411
- Padlocks, keys, straw bales, misc maintenance materials

The Habitat area ended the year \$47,823 under budget and is due primarily to unspent budgets allocated from the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Fund \$41,919. The cost of a camera for trend counts and other habitat work was to be paid for from the Habitat budgets, but due to its value needed to be processed to fixed assets (\$2,460).

Customer Services

Customer Services expenses for the period related to the purchase of weed spray and access signs including a new sign for the front gate of the grounds. The Wairoa River systems brochure is underway with a part payment made in August. Tackle and miscellaneous materials were purchased for the children's fishing programme and minor expenses are reported relating to hut supplies and electricity. Within budget at year end.

Public Interface

The Public Interface expenses were significant within the period with a high level of deferred maintenance being carried out around the grounds, much of this work a consequence of being identified as of potential Health and Safety concern. The work included removal and trimming of large trees (\$6,000), replacement of viewing platform over settling pond, stepping of bank to Pond 8 in front of the hatchery, septic tank draining, skip hire, planting hillside of rearing pond, and timber and paint purchased to line the ceiling in the garage for document and seized gear storage. This has resulted in an overspend in this area of \$11,382. Additional revenue gained from contract work this year has enabled this work to be completed.

Compliance

The Compliance expenses for the period related to note books, an anti stab vest, and the 0800 Poaching service. A small expense is also reported relating to food for ranger training. There were no legal costs reported for the period. Within budget at year end.

Licensing

The fees associated with the 0800 and Internet sales are included within the commission expenditure and are within budget at year end. The budget for commissions is set at 5% of total sales as this is the standard rate of commission paid to licence agents. With increased sales being processed through the Public Online facility the overall costs of those sales has reduced to approximately 2.8% resulting in a saving in excess of \$10,000 YTD.

Council

Catering and travel expenses are reported within the Council budgets relating to the June and August meetings of Council. Within budget at year end.

Planning

Levies were paid as budgeted in July and a small expense is reported for airport parking. Within budget at year end.

Administration

Notes on individual areas:

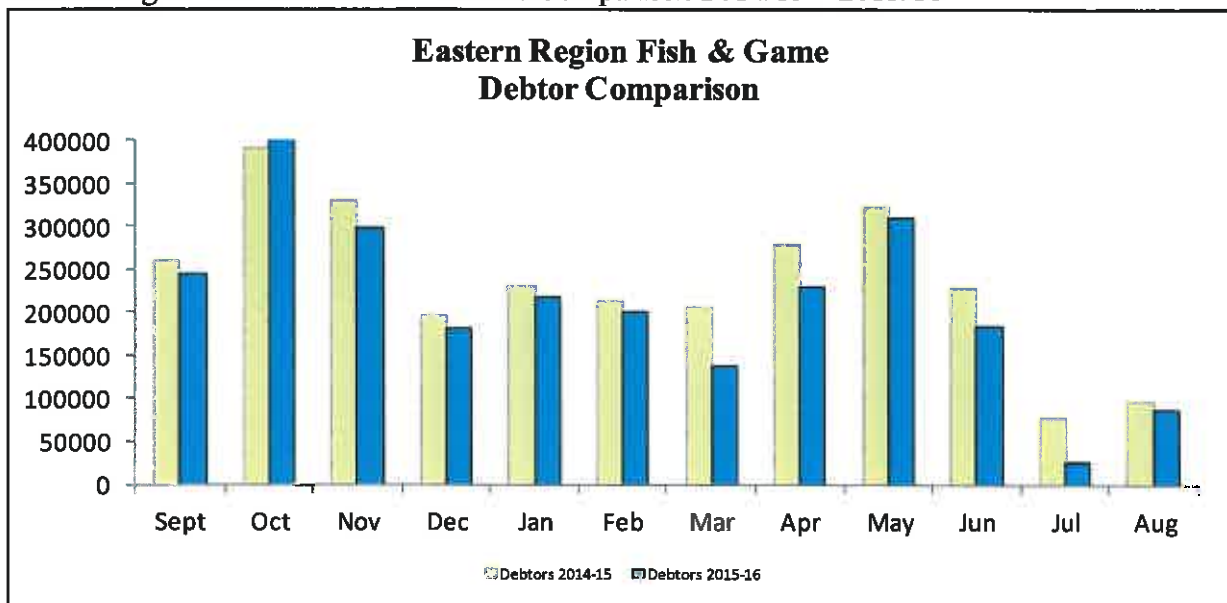
Salaries	The Salaries area continues to report over budget due to increased staff time and use of casual staff as a result of increased assistance to NZ Fish & Game, Hawke's Bay and North Canterbury Fish & Game Regions and additional work undertaken on the grounds. The budget variance at year end of \$42,382 is offset by increased revenue received from these other regions.
Staff Expenses	Staff expenses were significant this period with the annual payment of ACC levies, a Growsafe recertification, tractor operation training for two staff and corporate defensive driving training for 10 staff. Various equipment items were also purchased for Health and Safety. The Staff expenses budgets ended the year over budget \$587.
Staff Houses	The staff houses area ended the year \$4,130 over budget. The work to replace electrical cabling within one of the houses was completed in August and earlier essential electrical maintenance was carried out on the staff quarters. This work was recommended following an electrical audit and is offset by increased revenue from other sources this financial year.
Office Premises	Rates were paid in July and maintenance expenses included the cost of spouting for the carport in August. Standard expenses relating to cleaning, rubbish removal, and electricity are also reported. The Office Premises area has ended the year over budget \$923 and this relates primarily to electricity costs.
Office Equipment	A new lock and plastic file storage bins were purchased in August. The monthly expense relating to the phone and eftpos leases are also reported as is the non cash transfer to asset replacement reserves. The Office Equipment area has ended the year \$418 over budget.
Communications/ Consumables	Communications expenses for period include the purchase of courier bags, phones, broadband, stationery, and photocopying. Computer expenses included a back up hard drive and IT services. This Communications area remains \$648 over budget at year end and is due to overcharges by Vodafone. Vodafone is still reviewing this issue and a credit will be applied in due

	course.
General	The cost of the insurance valuation is reported in August and other general expenses related to morning teas and bank fees. The General expenses area ended the year under budget \$1,525 and this is primarily due to a reduction in insurance premiums.
General Equipment	Equipment purchases included a Stihl trimmer, a pole pruner, waders, and a replacement lance for the water blaster. Fuel costs were minimal as a result of an excise duty refund being processed in August. Asset replacement funding totalled \$554 for the period. The General Equipment area ended the year under budget \$2,641 and this is primarily due to reduced fuel expenses and there being no unanticipated equipment maintenance.
Vehicles	The maintenance expenditure reported within the vehicles budgets for the period relates to three vehicle services and two replacement tyres. The standard fuel expense is reported and includes five vehicles for RUCs. Asset replacement funding totalled \$3,692 for the period. The Vehicles budget underspend has increased to \$13,182 this period and is due primarily to reimbursement by Hawke's Bay for fuel expenses, but also by reduced costs associated with insurance, registration, and diesel.

Cash Position: \$931,572 (includes \$79,423 for asset replacement reserve and \$451,512 for Waikaremoana Fund) as at 31 August 2016.

Debtors: Outstanding Debtors \$85,246 as at 31 August 2016 (\$95,524 as at 31 August 2015).

Eastern Region Fish and Game - Debtors Comparison 2014/15 – 2015/16



The Region's debtors as at 31 August consisted primarily of the sale of fish and services to other Fish & Game regions (\$52,479) and agent licence sales (\$24,306). All of the regions debtors, including agents, were up to date as at 31 August 2016.

3. Variance Report

The variance report is shown on the following two pages. YTD actual including staff hours are entered for each project area to provide Council with an overview of the staff time component of the Operational Work Plan. This report is an interim result for the year and is subject to change with final accruals, forestry revaluation and depreciation yet to be processed.

2015/16 REPORT OF VARIANCES BETWEEN TOTAL BUDGET AND YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

As at 31 August 2016

Schedule # Code	Project	EXTERNAL COSTS		HOURS		INTERNAL COST		NETTABLE INCOME		NET COST		NEI COST %	
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual		Variance
1110	Population Monitoring	\$ 38,500	\$ 24,705	2,388	2,186	\$ 133,160	\$ 121,322	\$ 19,000	\$ 13,521	\$ 152,660	\$ 132,508	\$ 20,154	86.8
1120	Harvest Assessment	\$ 2,150	\$ 1,777	882	794	\$ 50,373	\$ 43,309	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52,523	\$ 45,086	\$ 7,437	85.8
1140	Hatchery Operations	\$ 67,050	\$ 73,301	3,076	3,257	\$ 173,707	\$ 179,905	\$ 70,000	\$ 77,213	\$ 170,757	\$ 175,993	\$ (5,236)	103.1
1170	Regulations	\$ -	\$ -	216	143	\$ 12,188	\$ 7,889	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,188	\$ 7,889	\$ 4,298	64.8
1180	Control	\$ 200	\$ -	72	33	\$ 4,056	\$ 1,809	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,266	\$ 1,809	\$ 2,457	42.4
	TOTAL - SPECIES MANAGEMENT	\$ 107,900	\$ 99,783	6,614	6,413	\$ 373,504	\$ 354,245	\$ 89,000	\$ 90,734	\$ 392,404	\$ 363,284	\$ 29,111	92.6
1210	Resource Management Act	\$ 200	\$ -	1,212	1,277	\$ 68,444	\$ 70,542	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68,644	\$ 70,542	\$ (1,898)	102.8
1220	Works & Management	\$ 14,300	\$ 15,844	1,014	1,205	\$ 57,262	\$ 66,579	\$ 5,500	\$ 6,147	\$ 65,762	\$ 76,276	\$ (10,513)	116.0
1230	Assisted Habitat	\$ 9,400	\$ 19,218	1,230	714	\$ 69,460	\$ 39,414	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 78,860	\$ 58,632	\$ 20,228	74.3
1240	Assess & Monitor	\$ -	\$ -	96	0	\$ 5,421	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,421	\$ -	\$ 5,421	0.0
1250	Lake Waikaremoana	\$ -	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0
	TOTAL - HABITAT PROTECTION & MANGROVES	\$ 23,600	\$ 35,062	3,552	3,196	\$ 200,588	\$ 176,536	\$ 5,500	\$ 6,147	\$ 218,688	\$ 205,450	\$ 13,237	93.9
1310	Access	\$ 7,000	\$ 5,100	787	576	\$ 44,443	\$ 31,832	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,443	\$ 36,932	\$ 14,511	71.8
1330	Newsletters	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,522	506	219	\$ 28,575	\$ 12,112	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,575	\$ 25,634	\$ 15,941	61.7
1340	Other Publications	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	102	22	\$ 5,760	\$ 1,215	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,760	\$ 3,215	\$ 4,545	41.4
1350	Training	\$ 600	\$ 838	898	917	\$ 50,712	\$ 50,628	\$ 13,500	\$ 13,387	\$ 37,812	\$ 38,079	\$ (267)	100.7
1360	Club Relations	\$ -	\$ -	124	11	\$ 7,003	\$ 580	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,003	\$ 580	\$ 6,422	8.3
1370	Huts	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,490	28	8	\$ 1,581	\$ 442	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ 2,631	\$ 1,932	\$ 699	73.4
	TOTAL - ANGLER & HUNTER PARTICIPATION	\$ 24,050	\$ 22,950	2,445	1,753	\$ 138,074	\$ 98,809	\$ 13,900	\$ 13,387	\$ 148,224	\$ 106,372	\$ 41,851	71.8
1410	Liaison	\$ -	\$ -	156	239	\$ 8,810	\$ 13,203	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,810	\$ 13,203	\$ (4,393)	149.9
1420	Communication	\$ 800	\$ 346	320	123	\$ 18,071	\$ 6,767	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,871	\$ 7,113	\$ 11,758	37.7
1440	Public Promotions	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,008	172	42	\$ 9,713	\$ 2,320	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,213	\$ 5,328	\$ 7,886	40.3
1450	Visitor Facilities/Education	\$ 400	\$ 11,782	630	744	\$ 35,577	\$ 41,071	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,977	\$ 52,853	\$ (16,876)	146.9
	TOTAL - PUBLIC INTERFACE	\$ 4,700	\$ 15,136	1,278	1,147	\$ 72,171	\$ 63,361	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,871	\$ 78,497	\$ (1,626)	102.1
1510	Ranging	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,983	916	1,266	\$ 51,728	\$ 69,935	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,828	\$ 72,918	\$ (19,090)	135.5
1520	Ranger Training	\$ 1,000	\$ 109	108	35	\$ 6,099	\$ 1,933	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,099	\$ 2,042	\$ 5,057	28.8
1530	Compliance Prosecutions	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,138	348	304	\$ 19,652	\$ 16,807	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,628	\$ 18,152	\$ 15,317	\$ 2,835	84.4
	TOTAL - COMPLIANCE	\$ 7,600	\$ 7,230	1,372	1,605	\$ 77,479	\$ 88,675	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,628	\$ 79,079	\$ 90,277	\$ (11,198)	114.2
1610	Licensing	\$ 800	\$ 616	468	436	\$ 26,429	\$ 24,099	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,229	\$ 24,915	\$ 2,314	91.5
1620	Agent Servicing	\$ -	\$ -	220	192	\$ 12,424	\$ 7,278	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,424	\$ 7,278	\$ 5,146	58.6
	TOTAL - LICENSING	\$ 800	\$ 616	688	568	\$ 38,853	\$ 31,377	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,653	\$ 32,193	\$ 7,460	81.2
1710	Council Elections	\$ -	\$ -	64	10	\$ 3,614	\$ 552	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,614	\$ 552	\$ 3,062	15.3
1720	Council Meetings	\$ 10,300	\$ 8,748	710	757	\$ 40,095	\$ 41,803	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,095	\$ 50,551	\$ (456)	100.9
	TOTAL - COUNCILS	\$ 10,300	\$ 8,748	774	767	\$ 43,709	\$ 42,356	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,709	\$ 51,104	\$ 2,605	95.1
1810	Management Planning	\$ -	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0
1820	Annual Planning	\$ -	\$ -	190	85	\$ 10,730	\$ 4,708	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,730	\$ 4,709	\$ 6,020	43.9
1830	Reporting/Audit	\$ 9,700	\$ 9,449	514	394	\$ 29,027	\$ 21,737	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,727	\$ 31,186	\$ 7,540	80.5
1840	National Liaison	\$ 250	\$ 89	284	291	\$ 16,038	\$ 16,039	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,288	\$ 16,178	\$ 110	99.3
	TOTAL - PLANNING/REPORTING	\$ 9,950	\$ 9,538	988	770	\$ 55,794	\$ 42,535	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,744	\$ 52,073	\$ 13,671	79.2
	TOTAL	\$ 188,600	\$ 199,263	17,711	16,218	\$ 1,000,172	\$ 895,893	\$ 114,400	\$ 115,896	\$ 1,074,372	\$ 975,260	\$ 99,112	91.1

OVERHEADS		EXTERNAL COSTS		NETTABLE INCOME		NET COST		NET COST		
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Variance	
1910 Salaries	\$ 867,117	\$ 909,499			\$ 24,360	\$ 133,872	\$ 842,757	\$ 775,627	\$ 67,130	92.0
1920 Staff Expenses	\$ 26,400	\$ 26,987			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,400	\$ 26,987	\$ (587)	102.2
1930 Staff Houses	\$ 6,320	\$ 10,450			\$ 20,240	\$ 20,737	\$ (13,920)	\$ (10,337)	\$ (3,583)	74.3
1940 Office Premises	\$ 19,400	\$ 20,323			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,400	\$ 20,323	\$ (923)	104.8
1950 Office Equipment	\$ 7,965	\$ 8,383			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,965	\$ 8,383	\$ (418)	105.2
1960 Communications/Consumables	\$ 21,300	\$ 21,948			\$ -	\$ 33,330	\$ 21,300	\$ 21,948	\$ (648)	103.0
1970 General	\$ 9,370	\$ 7,845			\$ 7,370	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ (25,485)	\$ 27,485	-1274.3
1980 General Equipment	\$ 19,722	\$ 17,081			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,722	\$ 17,081	\$ 2,641	96.6
1990 Vehicles	\$ 74,548	\$ 51,366			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 74,548	\$ 61,366	\$ 13,182	82.3
Administration	\$ 1,052,142	\$ 1,083,882			\$ 51,970	\$ 187,989	\$ 1,000,172	\$ 895,893	\$ 104,279	89.6
Total Overhead Net Cost					\$ 1,000,172	\$ 895,893				
Total Outputs Staff Hours					17,711	16,218				
Internal Cost Per Hour					56.47	55.24				

2015/16 REPORT OF VARIANCES BETWEEN TOTAL BUDGET AND YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

Schedule C Code	Output	EXTERNAL COSTS		HOURS		INTERNAL COST		NETTABLE INCOME		NET COST		NET COST	
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Variance
1	Species Management	\$ 107,900	\$ 99,783	6,614	6,413	\$ 373,504	\$ 354,245	\$ 89,000	\$ 90,734	\$ 392,404	\$ 363,284	\$ 29,111	92.6
2	Habitat Protection & Management	\$ 23,600	\$ 35,062	3,552	3,196	\$ 200,588	\$ 176,535	\$ 5,500	\$ 6,147	\$ 218,688	\$ 205,450	\$ 13,237	93.9
3	Angler & Hunter Participation	\$ 24,050	\$ 22,850	2,445	1,753	\$ 139,074	\$ 96,809	\$ 13,900	\$ 13,387	\$ 148,224	\$ 106,372	\$ 41,851	71.8
4	Public Interface	\$ 4,700	\$ 15,136	1,278	1,147	\$ 72,171	\$ 63,361	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,871	\$ 76,497	\$ (1,626)	102.1
5	Compliance	\$ 7,600	\$ 7,230	1,372	1,605	\$ 77,479	\$ 88,675	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,628	\$ 79,079	\$ 90,277	\$ (11,198)	114.2
6	Licensing	\$ 800	\$ 816	688	568	\$ 38,853	\$ 31,377	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,653	\$ 32,193	\$ 7,460	81.2
7	Councils	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,748	774	767	\$ 43,709	\$ 42,356	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,709	\$ 51,104	\$ 2,605	95.1
8	Planning, Reporting	\$ 9,950	\$ 9,538	988	770	\$ 55,794	\$ 42,535	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,744	\$ 52,073	\$ 13,671	79.2
9	Administration												
	Total Overhead Staff Hours			5,684	5,878								
	TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 186,600	\$ 199,263	23,395	22,096	\$ 1,000,172	\$ 895,893	\$ 114,400	\$ 115,896	\$ 1,074,372	\$ 979,260	\$ 95,112	

Licence Income 2015/16		Budget	Actual
2015/16 Fish Licence Income	\$ 1,149,102	\$ 1,156,679	
Less Commission	\$ -	\$ 57,455	
Net Fish Licence Income	\$ 1,091,647	\$ 1,158,879	
2016 Game Licence Income	\$ 242,922	\$ 257,825	
Less Commission	\$ -	\$ -	
Net Game Licence Income	\$ 230,778	\$ 257,825	
Total Licence Income	\$ 1,392,024	\$ 1,414,504	
Total Commission	\$ -	\$ 59,597	
Total Net 2015/16 Licence Revenue	\$ 1,322,423	\$ 1,354,907	
	\$ 22,480		

% year complete		% of OWP budget spent	
OWP Bulk Fund	100%	Actual Net Cost YTD	91%
Adjustment to OWP budgets - National Approved Budget	\$ 1,074,372	\$ 979,260	
Plus NZ Fish & Game Levies	\$ 183,051	\$ 183,051	
Less Licence Revenue	\$ (1,392,024)	\$ (1,414,504)	
Plus Commission Expense	\$ 69,601	\$ 59,597	
Plus Gain Loss on Sale/Revaluation	\$ -	\$ (36,700)	
Difference between ARF & Depreciation	\$ 45,831	\$ 44,717	
Approved Budget	\$ (19,169)	\$ (184,579)	
Adjustments to OWP budgets - Waikaremoana Fund	\$ (12,317)	\$ (17,152)	
Less Waikaremoana Fund Interest	\$ -	\$ -	
Plus Waikaremoana Fund Expenses	\$ 58,000	\$ 16,081	
Adjusted Budget	\$ 26,514	\$ (185,650)	

Eastern Region 2015-16 Projected Cash Flow - Schedule B

as at 31 August 16	July Budget	July Actual	Aug Budget	Aug Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Total Budget 15/16	Var
INCOME								
Licence	10922	18043	4102	-10481	1392024	1414504	1392024	22480
Other	12809	3292	42222	64190	194409	360096	178687	179050
	23731	21336	46324	53709	1586433	1774600	1570711	201530
SPECIES								
1110 Population Mntng	0	0	8300	1255	38500	24705	38500	-13795
1120 Harvest Assessment	600	720	480	208	2150	1777	2150	-373
1140 Hatchery Operations	1711	5008	959	1337	67050	73312	67050	6262
1180 Control	0	0	0	0	200	0	200	-200
	2311	5728	9739	2800	107900	99794	107900	-8106
HABITAT								
1210 RMA	0	0	0	0	200	0	200	-200
1220 Works & Mngmnt	3000	38	3000	7732	14682	15844	14000	1844
1230 Assisted Habitat	2750	109	63250	19358	83122	35299	67400	-32101
	5750	147	66250	27090	98004	51143	81600	-30457
1310 Access	400	23	0	1384	7000	5100	7000	-1900
1330 Newsletters	0	0	0	0	13000	13522	13000	522
1340 Other Publications	0	0	0	1000	2000	2000	2000	0
1350 Training	100	0	0	154	600	838	600	238
1370 Huts	135	110	135	68	1450	1490	1450	40
	635	133	135	2606	24050	22951	24050	-1099
PUBLIC INTERFACE								
1420 Communication	0	0	0	106	800	346	800	-454
1440 Public Promotions	0	0	0	24	3500	3008	3500	-492
1460 Visitors/Education	0	4161	0	6696	400	11782	400	11382
	0	4161	0	6826	4700	15136	4700	10436
COMPLIANCE								
1510 Ranging	175	306	175	390	2100	2983	2100	883
1520 Ranger Training	850	109	0	0	1000	109	1000	-891
1530 Compliance	375	0	375	0	4500	4138	4500	-362
	1400	416	550	390	7600	7231	7600	-369
LICENCING								
1610 Licence Production	800	0	0	816	800	816	800	16
1630 Commission	546	755	205	527	69601	59597	69601	-10004
	1346	755	205	1343	70401	60413	70401	-9988
COUNCIL								
1720 Council Meetings	0	380	2000	1192	10000	8748	10000	-1252
	0	380	2000	1192	10000	8748	10000	-1252
1830 Reporting	0	0	1860	1860	9700	9449	9700	-251
1840 National Liaison	45787	45777	25	23	183301	183140	183301	-161
	45787	45777	1885	1883	193001	192589	193001	-412
ADMINISTRATION								
1910 Salaries	66701	72782	66708	77298	867117	909499	867117	42382
1920 Staff Expenses	5958	3242	1212	3325	26400	26987	26400	587
1930 Staff Houses	565	0	140	3129	6320	10450	6320	4130
1940 Office Premises	1845	1840	1048	1601	19400	20323	19400	923
1950 Office Equipment	580	533	585	757	7965	8383	7965	418
1960 Communications	1764	1207	1419	2007	21300	21948	21300	648
1970 General	704	139	154	853	9370	7845	9370	-1525
1980 General Equipment	1244	356	1638	961	19722	17081	19722	-2641
1990 Vehicles	5429	3390	5435	5799	74548	61366	74548	-13182
	84790	83488	78339	95730	1052142	1083882	1052142	31740

18.4 LICENCE SALES REPORT

Ref: 6.01.05

24 September 2016

1. Introduction

This report provides an overview of licence sales for the 2015-2016 seasons. The following tables show a comparison of sales between the 2015-2016 seasons and the 2014-2015 seasons as at 31 August. When considering these results against the budget shown we need to bear in mind that actual sales for the month of September are not reported, with these being predominantly day licences equating to some 50 LEQ's.

2. 2016 Game Licence Sales (Table One)

- 2.1 Game licence sales for the 2016 season YTD are summarised in Table One.
- 2.2 The Eastern region annual sales target has been achieved with total sales YTD reporting to be 6.8% ahead of budget and 6.4% ahead of sales reported for the same period last year.
- 2.3 Nationally to 31 August, game licence sales are reported to be ahead of budget 1.9% and are also reporting 0.9% ahead of sales reported for the same period last year.

Table One

Comparison of Game Licence LEQs to 31 August 2016

SALES CHANNEL	Adult Season	Junior Season	Child Season	Adult Day	Junior Day	Whole Season Equiv.	% Increase/Decrease on 2015
Agent Online Sales	2733	298	129	130	5	2819	133.9%
Agent Book Sales	115	13	7	15	0	121	-92.7%
Direct Sales*	353	32	17	72	5	374	49.9%
Total Game 2016	3201	343	153	217	10	3315	6.4%
<i>Agent Online Sales</i>	<i>1168</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1205</i>	
<i>Agent Book Sales</i>	<i>1601</i>	<i>202</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1661</i>	
<i>Direct Sales*</i>	<i>232</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>249</i>	
Total Game 2015	3001	357	165	207	6	3115	
TARGETS	Adult Season	Junior Season	Child Season	Adult Day	Junior Day	Whole Season Equiv.	Actual to date % of Target
2016 Total Budget	3000	334	160	180	10	3104	106.8%
2015 Total Sales	3001	357	165	207	6	3115	106.4%
2015 Estimated year end						3315	106.8%

* Direct Sales - Internet, 0800, Mail order

3. 2015-2016 Fish Licence Sales (Table Two)

- 3.1 Fish licence sales for the 2015-2016 season are summarised in Table Two.
- 3.2 A total of 98.6% of the annual sales target has been achieved and once September sales are included this result will increase to an estimated 99.1%.
- 3.3 Total fish licence sales as at 31 August are reporting to be 3.4% below the 2014-2015 season results to the same date. Nationally to 31 August, fish licence sales were also reporting to be 3.4% below the 2014-2015 season but at a similar level to sales reported in the 2013-2014 season. One region saw an increase in sales during the 2015-2016 season and that was Nelson Marlborough.
- 3.4 A marked decline is evident within the Adult Winter category with 635 sold in 2016 and 1,002 in 2015 (a 36% decline). The summary of switching yet to be completed will indicate whether these anglers chose to trade up/down or whether they did not repurchase at all.
- 3.5 In terms of Adult numbers of anglers purchasing season or part season categories we have seen a decline of 198 participants, but a marked increase in the short term and day categories.
- 3.6 Categories that have proven popular with Eastern anglers are the Local Area licence (1,976) and the Short Break licence (1,489). The next highest regions for these particular categories were Central South Island with 1,235 and 1,005 respectively followed by Otago on 678 and 633.
- 3.7 A review of the complete results for the year is to be undertaken with the aim of identifying switching between categories and whether a reduction in churn has been achieved i.e. the number of anglers dropping in and out each season.

4. 2016-2017 Fish Licence Sales (Table Three)

- 4.1 The early Fish licence sales for the 2016-2017 season are summarised in Table Three.
- 4.2 This table is an extract from our National sales report and is showing early sales for the 2016-2017 Season to be 4.3% ahead of sales reported for 2015-2016 YTD.
- 4.3 Nationally YTD, fish licence sales are reporting to be down 2.3% with only four regions are showing negative results. It is too early to make any assumptions as purchasing behaviour at the commencement of each season is quite variable.

Table Two

Comparison of Fish Licence LEQs to 31 August 2016 for 2015-2016 Season

SALES CHANNEL	Family Season	Adult Season	Adult NonRes	Adult Local Area			Junior Season	Adult Winter	Junior Winter	Adult Long Break	Adult Short Break	Adult Day	Junior Day	Whole Season Equiv.	% Increase/ Decrease on 2014-15
				Adult Loyol Senior	Adult Loyol	Adult Local									
Agent Online Sales	1789	1095	354	210	1510	358	406	0	81	909	3757	288	6474	31.1%	
Agent Book Sales	41	19	0	0	0	10	0	0	61	580	534	73	163	-94.5%	
Direct Sales*	1195	833	145	146	466	132	229	20	142	1489	2637	165	3874	29.8%	
Total Fish 2015-2016	3025	1947	499	356	1976	500	635	0	142	1489	6928	526	10511	-3.4%	
<i>Agent Online Sales</i>	1458	2003	238			223	400	37			2482	117	4939		
<i>Agent Book Sales</i>	762	1080	0			116	350	25			3151	193	2960		
<i>Direct Sales*</i>	991	953	149			77	252	20			2060	96	2985		
Total Fish 2014-2015	3211	4036	387			416	1002	82			7693	406	10884		

TARGETS	Family Season	Adult Season	Adult NonRes	Adult Local Area			Junior Season	Adult Winter	Junior Winter	Adult Long Break	Adult Short Break	Adult Day	Junior Day	Whole Season Equiv.	Actual to date % of Target
				Adult Loyol Senior	Adult Loyol	Adult Local									
2015-2016 Budget	2760	2247	400	800	2100	400	750	0	500	1200	4600	400	10657	98.6%	
2014-2015 Total Sales	3211	4036	387			416	1002	82			7693	406	10884	96.6%	
2015-2016 Estimated year end													10511	98.6%	

* Direct Sales - Internet, 0800 Licence

Table Three

Comparison of Fish Licence LEQs to 23 September 2016 for 2016-2017 Season

Channel	FWF	FWA	FWNA	FSLA	FLAA	FWJ	FWNJ	FWIA	FLBA	FSBA	FDA	FDJ	Fish LEQ	Fish Var
Eastern	382	173	5	76	281	27	0	0	0	2	4	0		
Agency Online	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Retail Book	340	214	17	81	100	17	0	0	0	5	19	0		
Public Online	26	13	0	6	4	1	0	0	1	2	1	0		
Eyede Call Centre	748	401	22	163	385	45	0	0	1	9	24	0	1857	
Total	424	234	4	67	276	28	0	0	0	1	10	0		
Agency Online	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Retail Book	339	243	7	80	100	10	1	0	2	9	26	10		
Public Online	4	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Eyede Call Centre	767	477	12	150	376	38	1	0	2	10	36	10	1936	4.3%
2016-2017														

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