



PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE

Northland

Fish & Game Council

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st AUGUST 2018

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

November 28, 2018

Hon Eugenie Sage
Minister of Conservation
Parliament Buildings
WELLINGTON

Dear Minister

I have the honour to submit, pursuant to Section 26X of the Conservation Act 1987 and Section 44A of the Public Finance Act 1980, the Performance Report of the Northland Fish & Game Council for the year ended 31 August 2018.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Durham', written in a cursive style.

Phil Durham
Chairman
Northland Fish & Game Council

NORTHLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
PERFORMANCE REPORT
For the Year Ended 31 August 2018

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GENERAL INFORMATION
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STATUTORY BASIS

THE NORTHLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL WAS ESTABLISHED ON 4 MAY 1991 WITH THE PASSING OF THE CONSERVATION LAW REFORM ACT 1990. THE NORTHLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL WAS ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSES OF MANAGEMENT, MAINTENANCE AND ENHANCEMENT OF SPORTS FISH AND GAME IN THE RECREATIONAL INTERESTS OF ANGLERS AND HUNTERS.

MISSION STATEMENT

"TO MANAGE, MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE THE SPORTS FISH AND GAME RESOURCES IN THE INTEREST OF ANGLERS AND HUNTERS."

NORTHLAND FISH & GAME COUNCIL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF

COUNCILLORS

Name	Locality
Phil Durham - Chairman	Whangarei
Kris Batelaan	Whangarei
Maurice Blyde	Whangarei
Mark McGinley	Whangarei
Chris Lynch	Whangarei
Dave Nicholson	Whangarei
Noel Birchall	Bay of Islands (NZ Appointee to NZFGC)
Mike Newson	Bay of Islands
Wayne Pepper	Whangarei
Cameron Shanks	Kaipara
Darryl Reardon	Kaipara

STAFF

Rudi Hoetjes
Regional Manager

Andrew Kirk
Fish & Game Field Officer (Whangarei)

John Macpherson
Fish & Game Field Officer (Far North)

Fay Stodart
Office Administrator

NORTHLAND FISH & GAME COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

Preparations for the 2018 Fish & Game elections commenced at the end of the financial year. The newly elected council will take effect in November 2018.

Rangers Wayne Pepper, Darryl Reardon, Eddie Smith and Maurice Blyde resigned as rangers. The effort that these rangers have put in over the many years on behalf of the licence holders is very much appreciated.

The Northland Fish & Game staff has again done a great job. The activities of our staff are many and varied as one day the field officer could be giving a talk to a primary school class on the role of Fish & Game and the importance of wetlands to the environment and the next day they can weed spraying to control invasive weeds in those same wetlands.

Our office administrator, Fay, is as passionate about Fish & Game as any hunter or fisher and is a keen participant in planting days, organising the sponsorship of the secondary school clay target competition or helping out at the Kai Iwi Lakes trout fishing competition.

Rudi, our manager, has made a lifelong career in wildlife management and we have been very fortunate to have a man with such passion and commitment that is seemingly lost on New Zealand Council and its Chief Executive.

Unfortunately Andrew Kirk, our Field Officer based in Whangarei resigned to take up a position with the Department of Conservation as a Living Waters ranger. We wish Andrew all the best in the future. John Macpherson commenced employment with Northland Fish & Game in February 2018 as a field officer and is based in Kaitaia, working out of the DOC office.

The Council was successful to have an application from the NZ Game Bird Habitat Trust accepted for further development at the Underwood Wetland property in Dargaville. Unfortunately wet conditions have delayed ground work in many of our wetland properties we own or administer but work will resume this coming summer.

The council staff has assisted other land owners with successful applications for wetland developments and has provided advice and assistance where they can. A joint management agreement for the Wairua River Wildlife Management Reserve will be renewed and signed between DOC, Fish & Game and the Iwi. We continue to work with the various councils - Whangarei District Council, Kaipara District Council and Northland Regional Council on matters of interest to licence holders.

The Council made a comprehensive submission to the NRC's Water & Soil Management Plan. This is an arduous and time consuming and costly undertaking and I thank all those involved for your efforts.

2018 has seen a less than harmonious relationship between the NZ executive and our council. I am a committed and passionate Northlander as I believe are our councillors and staff. Though we are a small region in terms of licence sales, the work we do benefits all Fish & Game licence holders and we are as deserving of adequate funding as any other region. If any region fails (and several regions have been in the news for the wrong reasons lately) then in the public and politicians eyes, all Fish & Game is tarnished by association. It is imperative that all regions are funded so that we can attract the professional staff we so badly need to work for us and pay them the market wages and salaries and that the work we do that benefits the environment and the expertise we have that is available to all interested parties continues to be resourced.

The challenge for Fish & Game is how to attract and retain hunters and fishermen. Outdoor recreational pursuits like ours are not seen as being politically correct. We face scrutiny from the anti-firearm protestors, the anti-blood sport protestors and of late, the anti-introduced species protestors. Fish & Game must be vigilant in representing all that is good about spending time in the outdoors and that we must find common cause with other interested groups whether they are from the retail sector, the agriculture sector or other like-minded sporting groups to present a positive and united front.

The other challenges for Fish & Game are to develop friendly and meaningful relationships with Iwi. This is particularly challenging for us in the North as we don't have a large budget and our region encompasses multiple rohe. Field Officer John Macpherson is doing a fine job in establishing relationships but the challenge remains in the mid and southern areas of our region. Finding areas of common cause and working together for the benefit of all will be the key to go forward and I am hopeful that the Northland region will prove to be a leader because it is a huge challenge.

I will take this opportunity to wish all licence holders, my fellow councillors and the staff a safe and happy holiday season and again thank you for all of your continued support.



Philip Durham
Chairman
Northland Fish & Game Council

**NORTHLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018**

November 28, 2018

The Council and management of the Northland Fish and Game Council, accept responsibility for the accuracy of any judgements used in the preparation of the following financial statements of performance.

We are responsible for the end-of-year performance information provided by Northland Fish & Game Council under section 19A of the Public Finance Act 1989.

We have the responsibility for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity and reliability of financial reporting.

In our opinion, these financial statements of performance fairly reflect the financial position and operations of the Northland Fish and Game Council for the year ended 31 August 2018.

Signed on behalf of the Council:



Rudi Hoetjes
Regional Manager
NORTHLAND
FISH & GAME COUNCIL



Phil Durham
Chairman
NORTHLAND
FISH & GAME COUNCIL

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

For the Year ended

31 August 2018

Northland Fish and Game Council
Statement of Financial Performance
For the year ended
31 August 2018

	Note	Actual 2018 \$	Budget 2018 \$	Actual 2017 \$
REVENUE				
Fish and Game licence sales	1	177,649	179,553	178,478
Grants and donations	1	365,661	356,121	247,850
Interest	1	15,810	17,249	14,911
Other revenue	1	55,828	8,000	102,895
Total Revenue		614,949	560,923	544,134
EXPENSES				
Outputs				
Species management	2	21,971	20,950	21,565
Habitat protection & management	2	63,275	25,500	39,770
Angler & Hunter participation	2	14,421	13,850	13,310
Public interface	2	1,741	18,150	56,012
Compliance	2	3,065	2,000	349
Licensing	2	8,278	10,278	8,095
Council	2	4,325	5,500	4,929
Planning & reporting	2	23,765	12,700	9,893
Overheads				
Employee related costs	2	322,371	336,911	250,577
Depreciation	4	29,446	18,814	22,583
Other expenses	2	91,986	96,270	80,250
Total Expenses		584,644	560,923	507,333
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)		30,305	-	36,801
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		30,305	-	36,801

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**Northland Fish and Game Council
Statement of Financial Position**

As at
31 August 2018

	Note	Actual 2018 \$	Budget 2018 \$	Actual 2017 \$
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Bank accounts and cash	3	234,491	131,586	203,602
Term Investments	3	405,375	430,251	413,002
Debtors and prepayments	3	12,290	8,975	15,975
Total Current Assets		652,156	570,812	632,579
Non-Current Assets				
Property, plant and equipment	4	339,236	272,786	302,232
Total Non-Current Assets		339,236	272,786	302,232
TOTAL ASSETS		991,392	843,598	934,811
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Creditors and accrued expenses	3	43,445	32,420	32,420
Employee costs payable	3	67,370	52,119	52,119
Total Current Liabilities		110,814	84,539	84,539
Non current liabilities				
Whangarei Hunting & Fishing	3	3,125	3,115	3,121
TOTAL LIABILITES		113,939	87,654	87,660
NET ASSETS		877,453	755,944	847,152
EQUITY	5	877,453	755,944	847,152

The Councillors of the Northland Fish & Game Council authorised these financial statements

for issue on 28/11/18

Date 1/12/18

Chairman [Signature]

Manager [Signature]

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Northland Fish and Game Council
Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended
31 August 2018

	Actual 2018 \$	Budget 2018 \$	Actual 2017 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was received from:			
Licence Sales	182,273	186,553	170,818
Grants, donations	365,661	356,121	247,850
Interest	17,438	18,877	14,761
Other revenue	55,828	8,000	102,893
Cash was applied to:			
Payments to suppliers	212,905	250,403	247,307
Payments to employees	319,273	336,911	247,908
GST (Net)	(690)	(2,902)	4,194
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	89,712	(14,861)	36,913
CASHFLOW FROM INVESTING & FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was received from:			
Sale of property, plant and equipment	-	-	-
Sale of investments/deposits	-	-	-
Cash was applied to:			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	66,450	39,906	108,438
Purchase of investments/deposits	(7,627)	17,249	13,002
Net Cash Flows from Investing and Financing	(58,823)	(57,155)	(121,440)
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash	30,889	(72,016)	(84,527)
Opening Cash	203,602	203,602	288,129
Closing Cash	234,491	131,586	203,602
This is represented by:			
Bank accounts and cash	234,491	131,586	203,602

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Northland Fish and Game Council
Statement of Accounting Policies
For the year ended
31 August 2018

ACCOUNTING POLICIES APPLIED

Reporting Entity

Northland Fish and Game Council is a Public Entity under the Public Finance Act 1989 (Schedule 4).

The Council was established on 4 May 1991 with the passing of the Conservation Law Reform Act 1990.

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

Basis of Preparation

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

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

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

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Revenue Recognition

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

Licence Revenue

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

Grants Received

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

Grant From NZFGC

An annual grant was provided from the New Zealand Fish and Game Council, which is recognised as revenue when it is received. Conditional grants intended for a specific purpose are recognised in the year in which they are used where there is a use or return clause.

Interest

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

All other revenue

Revenue from sales in the course of ordinary activities is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable when the goods are sold.

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Outputs

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

Employee related costs

Wages, salaries and annual leave are recorded as an expense as staff provide services and become entitled to wages, salaries. Salary accruals mainly reflect annual leave owing to staff and are recognised in respect of employees' service to balance date and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

Performance payments are recorded when the employee is notified.

Superannuation contributions are recorded as an expense as staff provide services.

Bank Accounts and cash

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

Debtors and Prepayments

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

Term Investments

The term investments comprise of bank term deposits with a maturity date of less than 12 months.

Property, plant and equipment

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

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

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

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

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

Land	
Plant & Equipment	20% DV
Motor Vehicles	20% DV
Office Equipment	30% DV
Habitat Development	2% DV
Leasehold Improvements	10% DV

Creditors and accrued expenses

Creditors and accrued expenses are measured at the amount owed.

Game Bird Habitat Stamp levy

Levies of \$6,420 have been collected and are paid to New Zealand Fish and Game Council per the New Zealand Game Bird habitat Stamp Regulations 1993.

Employee costs payable

A liability for employee costs payable is recognised when an employee has earned an entitlement.

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

Northland Fish and Game Council
Statement of Accounting Policies
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Restricted and Dedicated Reserves

Restricted Reserves

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

Game Bird Habitat Development

This reserve is held by this Council for the purchase of land for game bird habitat and development. The amount is held within an investment bank account. All interest earned in this account is available for use as part of the Northland Fish and Game Council operating budget.

Whangarei Hunting & Fishing Bank Account

This bank account is held in trust by the Northland Fish & Game Council. Interest earned on these funds remain in this reserve.

Dedicated Reserves

Dedicated reserves are reserves held by the Council for a particular purpose.

Asset Replacement Reserve

Each year the Council sets aside funds for the replacement of the Council's assets, such as office equipment, field equipment and vehicles.

Non-Resident Levy reserve

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

Habitat Development Fund

Reparation or donations received by the Northland Fish & Game Council are set aside for the purpose of habitat development. The funds are held in a separate bank account. Interest earned on these funds remains with the reserve.

Kai Iwi Lakes Fishing Competition

The trout fishing competition is held on an annual basis. The income and expenses for each competition are recorded and the balance can be used for future competitions.

Bridge Repairs (Flaxmill Wetland)

The Council holds \$5,177 in dedicated reserves for future bridge repairs at the wetlands.

NZFGC Sports Fish & Game Management Plan

NZFGC allocated \$5,000 to contract some assistance to draft their Sports Management Plan. In 2018, \$1,465 was applied.

Predator Control Programme and Beehive Placement

A portion of the permits sold for the Jack Bisset, Flaxmill and the Te Hiku Forest goes towards predator control within the wetlands and forest. The Council receives monies for beehive placement in and around the wetlands and is also dedicated to predator control activities.

Income Tax

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

Budget Figures

The Budget figures are derived from the Council budget that was approved at the Council meeting on the 11th August 2017

Tier 2 PBE Accounting Standards applied

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

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There have been no changes in the Accounting Policies.

In accordance with a directive from New Zealand Fish & Game Council, equity disclosures have been amended to identify dedicated and restricted reserves. Comparatives have been adjusted, refer to note 5.

Northland Fish and Game Council

Notes to the Performance Report

For the year ended

31 August 2018

Note 1 : ANALYSIS OF REVENUE	Actual 2018 \$	Budget 2018 \$	Actual 2017 \$
Licence sales			
Fish licence	35,176	33,241	36,506
Game licence	142,473	146,312	141,972
Total	177,649	179,553	178,478
Grants and donations			
National Fish & Game Grant	356,121	356,121	236,005
Donations	-	-	41
Wetland Grants	9,540	-	11,804
Total	365,661	356,121	247,850
Interest			
Interest	15,810	17,249	14,911
Total	15,810	17,249	14,911
Other revenue			
Angler competitions	1,739	1,000	1,957
Fines/Prosecutions	230	-	30
Habitat grazing (Greenheart)	3,500	2,500	3,500
Permit Fees	3,815	3,500	4,220
Works & Management	2,745	-	30,857
Predator Control Programme	2,142	-	2,143
Wairua Wildlife Management Reserve	-	-	1,040
Gamebird Dispersal	3,899	1,000	4,547
Sundry	-	-	518
Maritime NZ Levy reimbursements	9,904	-	-
Overhead Recovery	23,458	-	54,083
Staff Scholarship	4,396	-	-
Total	55,828	8,000	102,895

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Note 2 : ANALYSIS OF EXPENSES	Actual 2018 \$	Budget 2018 \$	Actual 2017 \$
Species management			
Population monitoring	4,983	5,500	5,256
Harvest assessment	2,506	2,200	2,060
Releases	11,954	12,250	11,321
Control	2,528	1,000	2,928
Total	21,971	20,950	21,565
Habitat protection & management			
Works & management	34,196	25,500	38,361
Assisted habitat	5,665	-	1,409
Resource management	23,414	-	-
Total	63,275	25,500	39,770
Angler & Hunter participation			
Access	8,604	6,900	7,500
Newsletters	5,517	6,500	5,810
Club relations	300	450	-
Total	14,421	13,850	13,310
Public interface			
Public promotions	1,444	7,600	868
Visitor facilities	147	550	408
Advocacy	150	10,000	54,736
Total	1,741	18,150	56,012
Compliance			
Ranging	873	1,200	253
Ranger training	541	300	96
Prosecutions	1,651	500	-
Total	3,065	2,000	349

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Note 2 : ANALYSIS OF EXPENSES	Actual 2018 \$	Budget 2018 \$	Actual 2017 \$
Licensing			
Licence production & distribution	1,250	1,300	1,054
Agent servicing	-	-	63
Commission	7,028	8,978	6,978
Total	8,278	10,278	8,095
Council			
Council meetings	4,325	5,500	4,659
Council elections	-	-	270
Total	4,325	5,500	4,929
Planning & reporting			
Reporting	2,600	2,600	2,600
Audit fee	7,270	7,100	7,100
Management/Strategic Planning	1,465	-	-
National liaison	12,430	3,000	193
Total	23,765	12,700	9,893
Employee related costs			
Salaries and wages	298,472	304,361	235,696
Fringe benefit tax	1,434	1,300	1,259
KiwiSaver contributions	6,610	8,050	5,760
ACC levies	719	1,000	519
Staff training and other expenses	11,511	8,200	7,343
Seasonal Contractor	3,625	14,000	-
Total	322,371	336,911	250,577
Other expenses			
Office Rent	30,114	33,000	30,114
Office premises	8,386	9,250	9,173
Office Equipment	2,209	3,950	1,391
Communications	20,454	19,300	17,686
General	2,198	2,250	2,540
Field Equipment	4,979	3,720	2,786
Vehicles	23,646	24,800	16,560
Total	91,986	96,270	80,250

Northland Fish and Game Council

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Note 3 : ANALYSIS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITES	Actual 2018 \$	Actual 2017 \$
Bank accounts and cash - ASB		
Cash on hand	200	200
Current account balance	3,420	25,805
Savings account balance	216,430	164,121
Bank Account held in Trust 7	3,125	3,123
Habitat Development Fund	11,316	10,353
Total	234,491	203,602
Debtors and other receivables		
Accounts receivable	10,975	12,406
Accrued Interest	1,315	2,943
Prepayments	-	626
Total	12,290	15,975
Term Investments		
At 31 August 2018, the Council held 2 term deposits totalling \$405,375.		
These mature in January and February 2019.		
Term Deposits - ASB	405,375	413,002
Total	405,375	413,002
Creditors and accrued expenses		
Trade and other payables	31,282	17,223
Income Received in Advance	2,865	2,982
GST Payable	2,879	5,781
Gamebird Habitat Stamp levy	6,420	6,435
Total	43,447	32,421
Employee costs payable		
Annual leave and time in lieu	52,689	41,426
PAYE owing	8,029	6,740
Accrued salaries and wages	6,651	3,953
Total	67,370	52,119
Whangarei Hunting & Fishing		
Funds held for Whangarei Hunting & Fishing Club	3,125	3,121
Total	3,125	3,121

Northland Fish and Game Council

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Note 4 : PROPERTY PLANT & EQUIPMENT

2018

Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Sales/ Disposals	Current Year Depreciation and Impairment	Closing Carrying Amount
Land	146,056	-	-	-	146,056
Improvements	79,913	-	-	2,766	77,147
Plant & Equipment	1,698	-	-	339	1,359
Vehicles	70,568	59,048	-	24,291	105,325
Office Equipment	3,997	7,402	-	2,050	9,349
Total	302,232	66,450	-	29,446	339,236

2017

Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Sales/ Disposals	Current Year Depreciation and Impairment	Closing Carrying Amount
Land	106,986	39,070	-	-	146,056
Improvements	53,181	29,490	-	2,758	79,913
Plant & Equipment	2,122	-	-	424	1,698
Vehicles	48,378	39,878	-	17,688	70,568
Office Equipment	5,710	-	-	1,713	3,997
Total	216,377	108,438	-	22,583	302,232

Rating Valuation:

	Date of Valuation	Land	Improvements	Total
Far North District				
State Highway, Kawakawa	1/08/2016	4,500	-	4,500
Kaipara				
Flaxmill, Waihue Road, Dargaville	1/09/2017	129,000	2,000	131,000
Bob Taylor Road, Tangiteroria				
(Jack Bisset Wetland)	1/09/2017	17,000	1,000	18,000
Whangarei District				
Carruth Road, Maungatapere	1/09/2015	210,000	50,000	260,000
(Jack Bisset Wetland)		360,500	53,000	413,500

Northland Fish and Game Council

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Note 5: EQUITY	Actual 2018 \$	Actual 2017 \$
<u>Accumulated Funds</u>		
Balance as at 1 September	515,192	416,751
Surplus/(Deficit)	30,305	36,801
Transfer to Reserves	(40,033)	(21,590)
Transfer from Reserves	30,192	83,230
Total Accumulated Funds	535,656	515,192
<u>Dedicated Reserves</u>		
Asset Replacement Reserve		
Balance as at 1 September	15,064	13,822
Transfer from Accumulated Funds	10,460	1,242
Transfer to Accumulated Funds	-	-
Balance at 31 August	25,524	15,064
Non-Resident Levy Reserve		
Balance as at 1 September	4,372	1,987
Transfer from Accumulated Funds (Income)	2,292	2,385
Transfer to Accumulated Funds (Expenses)	-	-
Balance at 31 August	6,664	4,372
Habitat Development Fund		
Balance as at 1 September	10,352	9,748
Transfer from Accumulated Funds (Income)	964	604
Transfer to Accumulated Funds (Expenses)	-	-
Balance at 31 August	11,316	10,352
Kai Iwi Lakes Fishing Competition		
Balance as at 1 September	2,495	1,861
Transfer from Accumulated Funds (Income)	1,739	1,957
Transfer to Accumulated Funds (Expenses)	(3,266)	(1,323)
Balance at 31 August	968	2,495
Bridge Repairs (Flaxmill Wetland)		
Balance as at 1 September	5,177	5,177
Transfer from Accumulated Funds (Income)	-	-
Transfer to Accumulated Funds (Expenses)	-	-
Balance at 31 August	5,177	5,177
NFGC Sports Fish & Game Management Plan		
Balance as at 1 September	5,000	5,000
Transfer from Accumulated Funds (Income)	-	-
Transfer to Accumulated Funds (Expenses)	(1,465)	-
Balance at 31 August	3,535	5,000
Predator Control Programme & Beehive Placement		
Balance as at 1 September	4,772	2,729
Transfer from Accumulated Funds (Income)	10,077	2,043
Transfer to Accumulated Funds (Expenses)	(10,967)	-
Balance at 31 August	3,882	4,772
Total Dedicated Reserves	57,066	47,232

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Note 5: EQUITY	Actual 2018 \$	Actual 2017 \$
<i>Restricted Reserves</i>		
Whangarei Hunting & Fishing Bank		
Account held on behalf		
Balance at 1 September	3,122	3,116
Transfer from Accumulated Funds (Income)	3	6
Transfer to Accumulated Funds (Expenses)	0	0
Balance at 31 August	3,125	3,122
Game Bird Habitat Development		
Balance at 1 September	281,606	350,166
Transfer from Accumulated Funds (Income)	14,497	13,353
Transfer to Accumulated Funds (Expenses)	(14,497)	(81,913)
Balance at 31 August	281,606	281,606
<i>Total Restricted Reserves</i>	284,731	284,728
Total Equity	877,453	847,152

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Note 6 : COMMITMENTS & CONTINGENCIES

Commitment to:	Explanation and Timing	Actual 2018 \$	Actual 2017 \$
	Greenheart Wetlands - Lease Land for 35 year period commencing 1 September 2013. Annual Rent is \$1.00	1	1
	Whangarei District Council - 5 year lease for use of land adjacent to Wairua River. Annual licence fee is \$1.00	1	1
Lease or rent assets			
	The Council leases premises at Unit A5, 7-11 Nell Place, Raumanga, Whangarei. The annual lease totalled to \$30,114 + GST. A CPI adjustment will be made in the next financial year. The lease was renewed on the 1st August 2016 and expires on 1st August 2019.	30,114	30,713
Contingency	Explanation		
Contingent liability		Nil	Nil

There is no Guarantees provided during the year (2017: Nil)

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Note 7: ASSETS HELD ON BEHALF OF OTHERS

Description of the Assets Held	Name of Entity on Whose Behalf Assets are Held
Bank Account	Whangarei Hunting & Fishing

Note 8: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There are no related party transactions. (2017: Nil)

Note 9: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PREDATOR CONTROL PROGRAMME

The total amount dedicated to predator control programme within all the wetlands and forests for the 2018 year is \$2,142 excluding GST (2017: \$2,143)

NON-RESIDENT LEVY AND LICENCE SALES

NZFGC introduced a Non-resident fishing category for the 2014-15 fishing season. The cost of this licence is 1.3 times of an adult whole season licence which equates to an extra \$38.00, inclusive of GST and commission. The Minister of Conservation stipulated that any increased revenue obtained should be directed to specific management to improve back country fisheries which could be any New Zealand freshwater lake or rivers that provide some spectacular angling experiences. The NZFG Council resolved that all regions should define areas within their regions and all extra revenue from the sale of non-resident licences should stay within the region.

Fish Licence Sales	\$32,884	(2017: \$34,121)
Non-Resident Levy	\$ 2,292	(2017: \$2,385)
Game Licence Sales	<u>\$142,473</u>	<u>(2017: \$141,972)</u>
TOTAL Licence Revenue	\$177,649	(2017 :\$178,478)

Note 10: Subsequent Events

There are no significant subsequent events. (2017: Nil)

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Note 11: ALLOCATION OF OVERHEADS TO OUTPUT AREAS FOR 2018

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

ACTUAL 2018

Output Area	Actual Direct \$	Actual Hours	Allocation of Overheads	Total Costs per Output
Species management	21,971	399	\$ 42,874	\$ 64,845
Habitat protection & management	63,275	1,228	\$ 132,065	\$ 195,340
Angler & hunter participation	14,421	433	\$ 46,586	\$ 61,007
Public interface	1,741	988	\$ 106,297	\$ 108,038
Compliance	3,065	211	\$ 22,701	\$ 25,766
Licensing	8,278	74	\$ 7,962	\$ 16,240
Council	4,325	327	\$ 35,181	\$ 39,506
Planning & reporting	23,765	466	\$ 50,136	\$ 73,901
Totals	140,841	4,125	\$ 443,803	\$ 584,644

Actual Overheads

Employee related costs	322,371
Depreciation	29,446
Other expenses	91,986
Total Overheads to Allocate	443,803

BUDGET 2018

Output Area	Budget Direct \$	Budget Hours	Allocation of Overheads	Total Costs per Output
Species management	20950	292	\$ 28,893	\$ 49,843
Habitat protection & management	25500	804	\$ 79,554	\$ 105,054
Angler & Hunter participation	13850	374	\$ 37,007	\$ 50,857
Public interface	18150	1,770	\$ 175,138	\$ 193,288
Compliance	2000	98	\$ 9,697	\$ 11,697
Licensing	10278	90	\$ 8,905	\$ 19,183
Council	5500	345	\$ 34,137	\$ 39,637
Planning & reporting	12700	795	\$ 78,664	\$ 91,364
Totals	108928	4,568	\$ 451,995	\$ 560,923

Budget Overheads

Employee related costs	336,911
Depreciation	18,814
Other Expenses	96,270
Total Overheads to Allocate	451,995

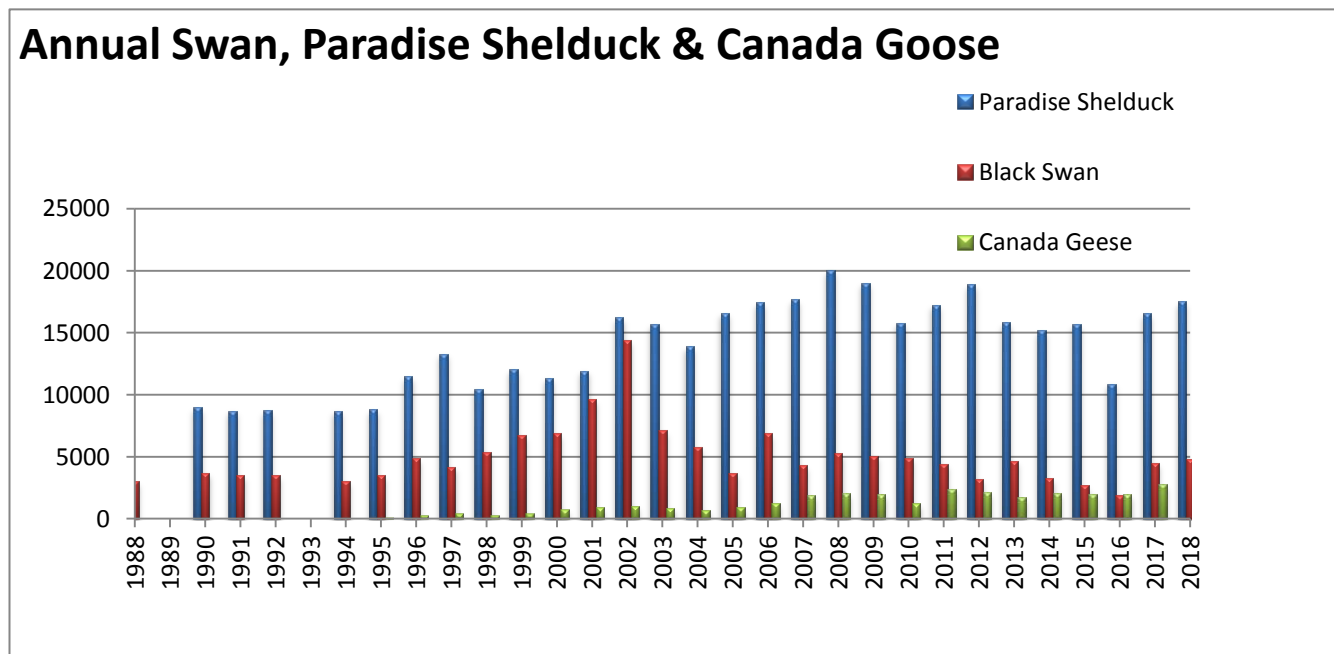
Northland Fish and Game Council Statement of Objectives and Service Performance For the Year Ended 31 August 2018

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES AND SERVICE PERFORMANCE

PROJECT 1111/1112/1113 – GAME BIRD MONITORING

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To monitor game bird populations by comparing repeated studies.	To present a report to Council by staff detailing population trends and implications for the management of the region's populations of Paradise Shelduck and Black Swan by 26 th January 2018. Supporting the A/WFGC by undertaking aerial trend counts over the Kaipara Harbour and adjoining land to estimate regional waterfowl populations. The surveying and monitoring of Shoveler and Pukeko populations as part of a nationally co-ordinated programme.	The Council used a commercial aviation company, Waikato Aviation from Hamilton to undertake the annual trend counts. The staff undertook aerial counts of waterfowl in the Northland Region, north of Helensville and up to the Far North. Flying conditions were ideal which resulted in a good count being achieved. The results and report of the 2018 trend counts was presented to the Council on 9 th February 2018 detailing local population status, trends and any management implications for the region's population of Paradise Shelduck, and Black Swan. An annual survey for Shoveler ducks was carried out this year over the week of the 6 th August 2018. The results were sent to the national co-ordinator based in Rotorua.
	Budget Hours 48 Budget External Cost \$5,500.00	Actual Hours 108 Actual External Cost \$4,983.00

Graph 1 Aerial Trend Counts 1988 to 2018



Graph 1 provides the numbers estimated to be at the main known moulting sites and locations of the overall population trends of the two monitored waterfowl species since 1988 to 2018. This information is obtained by undertaking flights in a small fixed winged aircraft.

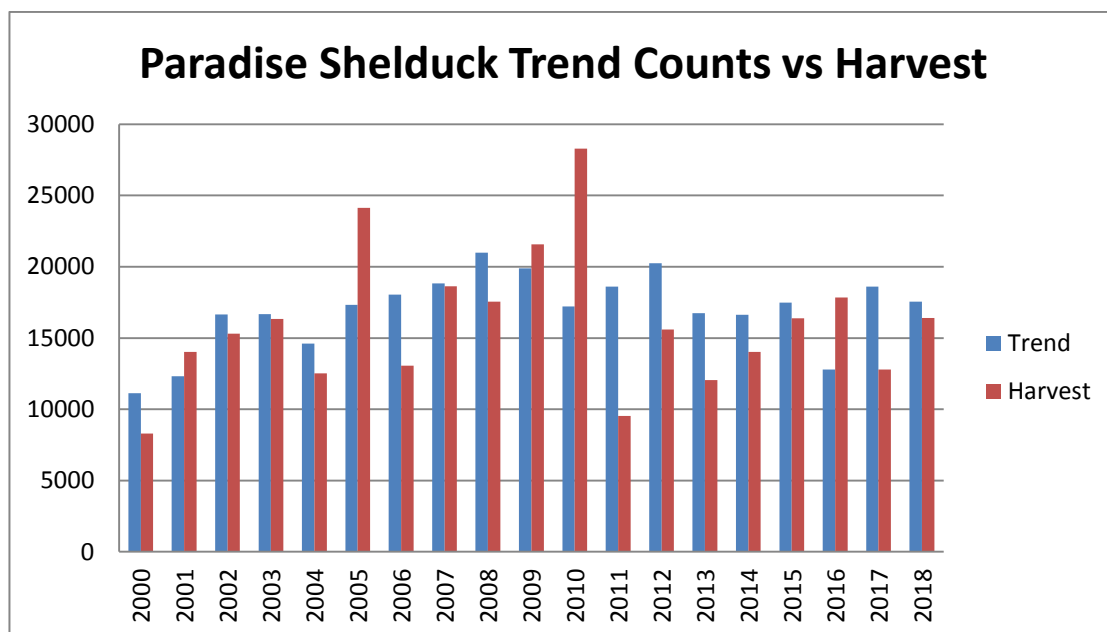
PROJECT 1121 - FISH HARVEST ASSESSMENT

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To monitor and review fishery data for trout releases and to determine 2018 stocking requirements. To collect fishery data via the Kai Iwi Lakes Fishing Competition in 2018 and through angler creel surveys run throughout the season.	<p>To present a report to Council by staff detailing population status and implications for the management of the region’s rainbow trout populations based on information gathered from the Kai Iwi Lakes.</p> <p>To follow up growth rates and catch rates of releases undertaken by Council in light of reduced stocking rates.</p>	<p>Due to other priorities of the Council no regular data collection from anglers fishing at the Kai Iwi Lakes was undertaken during 2017/2018 fishing season. Rangers active in the field at the lakes recorded fish caught and angler effort.</p> <p>The Kai Iwi Lakes Trout Fishing Competition was held on the 7th & 8th July 2018. The data collected confirms the fishery continues to perform well and is providing anglers with reasonable catch rates and a fishery which has an above average growth rate.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 80</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$ Nil</p>	<p>Actual Hours 68</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$166.00</p>

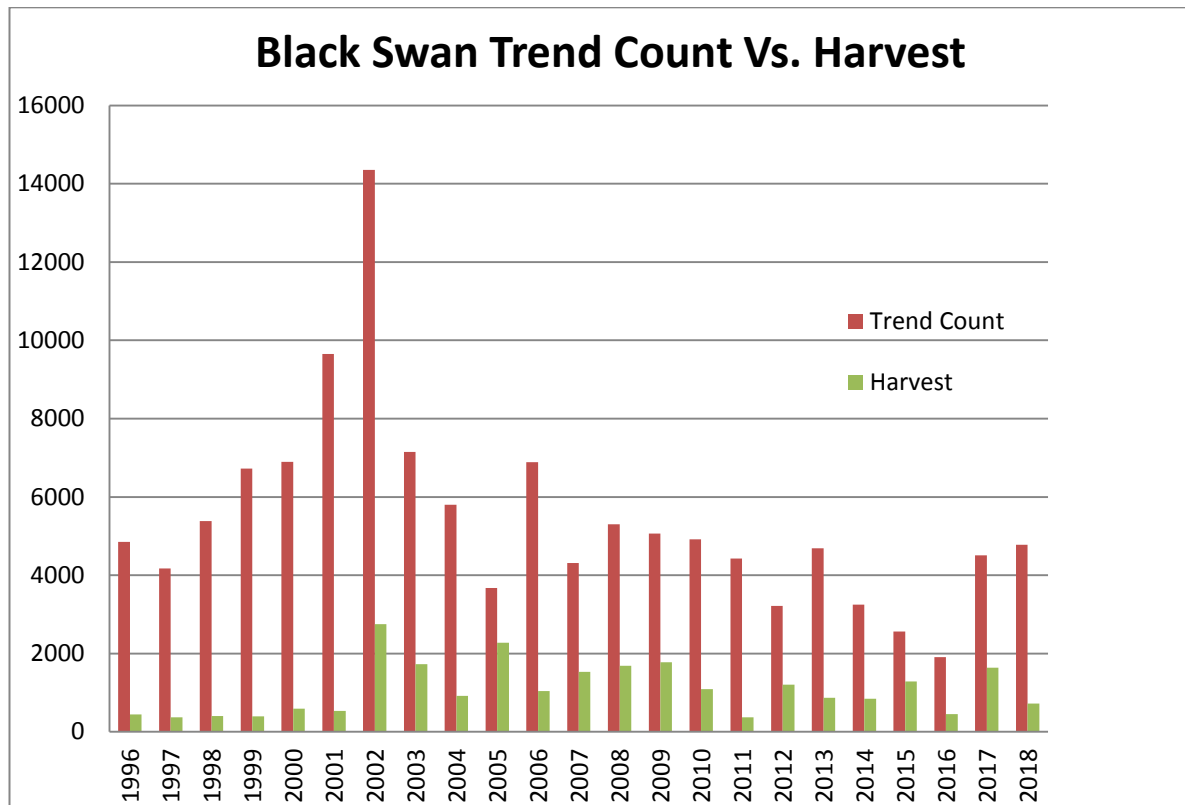
PROJECTS 1122-GAMEBIRD HARVEST ASSESSMENT

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To report to Council the results of the 2017 hunter harvest survey and implement the 2018 hunter survey.	To present a report to Council by professional staff detailing hunter survey results for the 2017 game season with implications for game bird management of the Northland Region by 1st December 2017.	<p>The Council contracted a surveyor to collect data at set fortnightly intervals for the full length of the Northland Game Bird Hunting Season as part of the 2018 national hunter harvest survey from 120 randomly selected licenced hunters to ascertain effort and success.</p> <p>Staff presented a summary of the 2017 survey results to the Council, with the implications for game bird management on 1st December 2017.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 24</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$2,200.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 34</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$2,340.00</p>

Graph 2 2000 to 2018 Paradise Shelduck Trend Counts Versus Annual Harvest



Graph 3 1996 to 2018 Swan Trend Counts Versus Annual Harvest



PROJECTS 1161- RELEASES OF TROUT INTO STOCKED FISHERIES

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To co-ordinate the 2018 trout releases by 31/05/2018.	<p>To release healthy yearling trout. Rainbows to be released into: Rainbows to be released: Kai Iwi Lakes 2300 Whau Valley Dam 250 Lake Manuwai 500 Wilsons Dam 300 Brown Trout to be released into Wilsons Dam 300</p> <p>Provide transport for trout to be stocked in Northland waters.</p> <p>Budget Hours 40 Budget External Cost \$12,250.00</p>	<p>The Council staff liberated Brown and Rainbow trout into Northland’s designated waters on the 30th May 2018. No losses were experienced during the trip from the Hatchery in Rotorua. Stocking of the lakes and reservoirs were as follows;</p> <p>Taharoa 2,000 Rainbow Waikare 300 Rainbow Whau Valley 300 Rainbow Lake Manuwai 500 Rainbow Wilsons Dam 300 Rainbow Wilsons Dam 300 Brown</p> <p>Actual Hours 65 Actual External Cost \$11,953.00 Extra income from NRL \$2,292.00</p>

PROJECT 1171/1172 - SEASON REGULATIONS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To maintain and improve the region's sports fish and game bird resource by formulating and recommending conditions for fishing and game hunting seasons to the Minister of Conservation.	<p>The despatch of the Council's draft recommendations for 2018–2019 game bird hunting season conditions to NZ Fish & Game Council by 31st January 2018.</p> <p>Consult with the A/WFG Council and attempt to obtain a consistent daily bag and season length for game bird hunting at the regional boundary in the Wellsford area.</p> <p>The despatch of the Council's recommendations for 2018-2019 fishing season conditions to NZ Fish & Game Council by 30th June 2018.</p>	<p>Final game bird hunting season conditions and recommendations for 2018 were adopted by Council on the 1st December 2017 and dispatched to NZ Fish & Game Council on 5th December 2017 to be approved by the Minister, for the gazettal notice in March 2018.</p> <p>Council adopted the 2018-2019 fishing season conditions on 8th June 2018 for the Regional Anglers Notice which was gazetted on 6th August 2018.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 4</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$ Nil</p>	<p>Actual Hours 0</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$ Nil</p>

PROJECT 1181/1182-GAME BIRD DISPERSAL

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>1. To reduce the damage to crops and pasture and maintain landholder relations from unwanted concentrations of game birds.</p> <p>2. The dispersal of Paradise Shelduck and other game species as required.</p>	<p>1. Dispersal of all unwanted congregations of game birds which are notified to the Council throughout the region, during the year. Maintain gas guns and bird scaring devices.</p> <p>2. Hold an extended Paradise Shelduck, Black Swan and Pukeko season in the last weekend of February and the first week of March 2018.</p>	<p>Permits or assistance to disturb and/or destroy game birds were issued to landowners or occupiers within 24 hours of receiving requests.</p> <p>Staff assisted in preventing despoliation of crops and pasture by hiring out gas operated bird scaring guns on affected landowner's properties.</p> <p>Permits were issued to destroy game birds causing damage to crops and killing or predated on other forms of wildlife. Pukeko: 17 permits issued to landowners. Paradise Shelducks: 18 permits issued to landowners. Black Swan: 2 permits issued to farmers Mallards: 3 permits issued to farmers</p> <p>The Council purchased 4 gas guns which were sold on to landowners for use on their farm properties. Gas guns were hired by 18 landowners to disturb game birds for varying lengths of time. Hunters and the public were advised in mid-February through the print media and on the Fish and Game website, of the Special Paradise Shelduck hunting weekend.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 96</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$1,000.00</p> <p>Income from Gas Gun hire \$1,000.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 124</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$2,528.00</p> <p>Income from gas gun hire \$3,899.00</p>

PROJECT 1211 - 1212 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To seek to ensure that all Resource Management Act processes are undertaken in a way that provides appropriate protection for sports fish and game bird habitat and angler and hunter access.	To participate with the Northland Regional and local District Councils in the consideration of all plans, consents and enforcement issues coming to the Council's attention within its region throughout the year, that impinge upon sports fish and game bird habitat values, or upon angler and hunter access values, to provide the best advocacy for Fish and Game interests that is available to the Council.	Consideration and comments made on notified and non-notified consent applications. Staff reviewed the proposed draft of the Regional Water and Soil Plan and made a submission mainly relating to wetlands and stock exclusion from waterways. Staff attended hearings on the NRC Proposed Regional Plans. NFGC were successful in their application to the NZFG Council's legal pool fund to engage an environmental lawyer to lead the process at the NRC Regional Plan hearings. Staff attended Catchment Group meetings for the Pouto and the Waitangi Catchments respectively. Council staff considered and reported back with comments to all local authorities on resource consents and proposed plans.
	<p>Budget Hours 104</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$ Nil</p>	<p>Actual Hours 135</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$23,414.00</p> <p>Reimbursement of costs from NZFGC legal fund \$23,457.00</p>

PROJECT 1221 - JACK BISSET WETLANDS DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To maintain and enhance the game bird habitat at the Jack Bisset Wetlands area.	To carry out annual maintenance of any structures and make repairs if required. This wetland requires an ongoing maintenance to clear alligator weed from the plateau and river ponds. This may be achieved with agrichemicals or mechanical means. Work within conditions applied by the QEII covenant.	Sixteen bee hives were placed at the wetlands by a bee keeper in an area of the property which did not cause any concerns for hunters or livestock. The Council received \$45.00 plus GST per hive per annum. No major maintenance work was undertaken at this wetland this year due to the non-availability of contractors with the equipment required to remove pest plants from the waterways and wetlands. Subsidised predator control work was carried out by a contractor resulting in kills of: 5 Stoats, 30 Rats, 3 Hedgehogs, 1 Weasel, 1 Feral Cat and 1 Possum A funding application to the Stephenson Fund through the QE11 National Trust was successful. \$6,939 was approved for pest and weed control. The Council purchased some mustelid traps and feral cat traps to use within this wetland. An orienteering event was held at the wetlands which attracted approximately 100 competitors. The organisers donated \$700.00 to the Council for wetland enhancement on the property. Council maintaining areas to comply with QEII covenant.
	<p>Budget Hours 40</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$1,000.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 38</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$4,825.00</p> <p>Beehive Income \$720.00</p> <p>Permit Levy Income \$743.00</p> <p>Stephenson Fund Income \$3,452.00</p> <p>Habitat Donation \$700.00</p>

PROJECT 1222 - WAITANGI WETLAND DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To monitor requirements for the Waitangi Wetlands and to maximize habitat values while protecting downstream bore quality.	<p>1. To maintain hunting opportunities and access to the Waitangi Wetlands.</p> <p>2. To maintain and make repairs to any structures if required.</p> <p>3. Ensuring water quality and quantity remains while providing and protecting values for downstream bore users.</p> <p>4. Maintain a working relationship with adjoining landowners and DoC.</p>	<p>No repairs required to the dam wall.</p> <p>Water quality and supply of water for downstream users maintained throughout the year.</p> <p>Communications with DoC and adjoining landowners maintained.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 8</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$ Nil</p>	<p>Actual Hours 0</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$ Nil</p>

PROJECT 1223- HABITAT MAINTENANCE

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To improve and accelerate property management and game bird habitat enhancement with the employment of a seasonal contractor.	<p>To undertake maintenance and repairs to Fish and Game owned wetlands. To undertake maintenance on jointly managed lands administered by DoC including Wildlife Management Reserves.</p> <p>Some supervision and assistance for the contractor will be required by the staff.</p> <p>Ensure health and safety practices are followed by, complied with and used by contractors.</p>	<p>A local contractor was engaged by the Council and was overseen on a minimal basis.</p> <p>The contractor mulched the access tracks and stop banks at the Greenheart and Bisset properties. Weed control to release new plantings was carried out with some maintenance work at the Greenheart Wetland.</p> <p>An earthmoving contractor also began creating a pond at the Greenheart property. This was not completed due to the ground conditions became too wet.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 24</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$10,000.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 3</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$13,300.00</p> <p>Key Deposits & Decoy hire \$180.00</p> <p>Habitat cash Donation \$20.00</p>

PROJECT 1224 - BORROW CUT/HIKURANGI WETLAND MAINTENANCE

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To maintain and enhance the Hikurangi Wetland and fulfil a long-term lease obligation with the Whangarei District Council for the management of the wetland.	<p>Spraying of noxious plants by staff and/or a commercial operator.</p> <p>Reduce vegetation height by slashing the weeds on the edge of the wetland to minimise impediment to water flow during floods.</p> <p>To maintain and make repairs to any structures if required.</p>	<p>No field work was undertaken at the Borrowcut Wetland.</p> <p>Stand holders carried out some predator control operations to trap mustelids and rats to reduce their numbers for waterfowl and pheasants. Spraying with agrichemical was carried out by stand holders, providing open areas for waterfowl and habitat for pheasants.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 40</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$500.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 10</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$ Nil</p>

PROJECT 1225 – FLAXMILL WETLAND DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To complete a work programme that meets the Northland Fish and Game Council's objectives as approved in the Flaxmill Wetland Management Plan.</p>	<p>To continue to develop and enhance the Flaxmill Wetland through appropriate management techniques in a cost efficient manner whilst providing habitat for both Game and protected waterfowl associated species.</p> <p>Control and eradication of pampas grass through spraying and stock control. Helicopter spraying if required to maintain open water areas. Undertake works to maintain security of all structures.</p> <p>The Flaxmill wetland property is on the east side of the Awakino River and the only access for heavy machinery is across the neighbouring property and their bridge. The Council has arranged legal access across the bridge via an easement but the Council has also taken on board to assist in the repair and maintenance of the structure. Repairs will be undertaken in conjunction with the owner as his funding becomes available. The Council holds \$5,177.00 in dedicated reserves to assist with any bridge repairs.</p> <p>Budget Hours 40 Budget External Cost \$2,000.00</p>	<p>A contractor with a tractor mounted mulcher was engaged to trim and clear the access tracks and stop banks on two different occasions.</p> <p>Subsidised predator control work was carried out by a contractor resulting in kills of: 6 Stoats, 15 Rats and 2 Weasels</p> <p>A funding application to the Stephenson Fund through the QEII National Trust was successful. \$5,897 was approved for pest and weed control. The Council purchased some mustelid traps and feral cat traps to use within this wetland.</p> <p>Council maintaining areas to comply with QEII covenant.</p> <p>No helicopter spraying was undertaken.</p> <p>No bridge repairs have been required.</p> <p>Actual Hours 51 Actual External Cost \$7,512.00 Permit Levy Income \$644.00 Stephenson Fund Income \$3,088.00</p>

PROJECT 1226 – KAWAKAWA WETLAND DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To follow an approved management plan that will provide habitat for waterfowl and the greatest possible hunter opportunity.</p>	<p>To undertake a programme that meets the Northland Fish and Game Council's objectives.</p> <p>Control and eradication of numerous varieties of noxious plants through spraying.</p> <p>Budget Hours 40 Budget External Cost \$1,500.00</p>	<p>A new sign was erected at entrance of the Kawakawa wetland. No other field work was undertaken in the Wetland this year.</p> <p>Actual Hours 10 Actual External Cost \$121.00</p>

PROJECT 1226.1 – UNDERWOOD WETLAND DEVELOPMENT

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To follow an approved management plan that will provide habitat for waterfowl and the greatest possible hunter opportunity.</p>	<p>To undertake stage one of the wetland development project that meets the Northland Fish & Game Council’s objectives. Reinstate wetlands and game bird habitat in the upper reaches of the property subject to funding from both Council reserves and external grants.</p> <p>Control numerous varieties of noxious plants through spraying and mulching.</p> <p>Budget Hours 170 Budget External Cost \$4,000.00</p>	<p>A contractor attempted to mulch the Manchurian Rice Grass on the flats but this proved to be a very slow and not cost effective method, primarily due to the wet ground with the risk that the tractor would become bogged.</p> <p>This method has been reviewed and a digger with a mulcher will be utilized in an attempt to reduce the vegetation and then apply agrichemical to destroy the plant.</p> <p>Council purchased several lengths of culvert pipe for track improvement but the wet ground conditions due to late summer rains prevented any work being undertaken.</p> <p>This is now planned for the 2018-19 summer.</p> <p>In November 2017, John Cheyne, a trust member of the NZGBHT, undertook an assessment of the reserve to ascertain the merits and feasibility of the NFGC application for funding.</p> <p>The NZGB Habitat Trust approved and supported an application to fund stage one of the wetland development at the Underwood Wetlands up to \$75,000 incl. GST.</p> <p>This work is planned to commence in the summer months of 2018-19, the funding will be received once work is completed in the 2019 financial year.</p> <p>Bee hives were placed at the wetlands by a bee keeper in the reserve property which did not cause any concerns for hunters. The Council received \$45.00 plus GST per hive per annum.</p> <p>Actual Hours 63 Actual External Cost \$1,470.00 Income from Bee Hives \$675.00</p>



Tractor and mulcher attempting to mow the Manchurian Rice Grass

PROJECT 1227 – TE HIKU FOREST PREDATOR CONTROL PROJECT

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To remove as many predators as possible from Te Hiku Forest that will reduce predators for ground nesting birds.	To undertake a programme that meets the Northland Fish and Game Council's objectives. Control and eradication of numerous predators during the nesting season. Budget Hours 8 Budget External Cost \$1,500.00 Income \$1,500.00	Summit Forest NZ Ltd, managers of Te Hiku Forest, funded the predator control operations within this forest. A further 12 kill traps were purchased and donated towards the operations. Summit Forest NZ Ltd contributed staff time and vehicle running expenses towards the programme. The Fish and Game field officer in Kaitaia assisted and supported Summit Forest staff with some of the trapping. Actual Hours 25 Actual External Cost \$1,651.00 Permit Levy Income \$755.00

PROJECT 1228 – WAIRUA RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT RESERVE DEVELOPMENT

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To follow an approved management plan providing habitat for waterfowl and upland game with the greatest possible hunter opportunity in the Wairua River Wildlife Management Reserve.	To undertake a programme that meets the Northland Fish and Game Council and the Department of Conservation objectives. Control numerous varieties of noxious plants through spraying and mulching. Maintain tracks. To develop and enhance the Wetland property through appropriate management techniques in a cost efficient manner whilst providing habitat for both Game and protected fauna and flora species. Budget Hours 42 Budget External Cost \$1,500.00	No works were undertaken in the reserve as no formal management agreement with the DOC could be finalised following the development of a reserve strategic plan by several parties. Obtaining a feasible and workable management agreement is work in progress. The three ponds and the associated wetland created four years ago are now being used regularly by waterfowl and the threatened Australasian Bittern which have been recorded on trail cameras placed in the wetlands. Actual Hours 3 Actual External Cost \$ 94.00

PROJECT1228.1 – AWAKINO WETLAND

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To follow an approved management plan providing habitat for waterfowl and upland game with the greatest possible hunter opportunity in the Awakino Wildlife Management Reserve.	The Awakino Wetland is a Conservation Wildlife Management Reserve and a joint project with the Department and Maori Trust block Topu Wharau C. To finalise weir repairs to create long term wetland habitats. Budget Hours 40 Budget External Cost \$500.00	The boundary fence was completed by staff putting on fencing battens and clearing the outlet culvert of some aquatic vegetation. The spillway which was repaired last year is operating as designed and shows no sign of eroding or failing. Actual Hours 10 Actual External Cost \$ 94.00

PROJECT 1228.2 – GREENHEART WETLAND

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To follow an approved management plan providing habitat for waterfowl and upland game with the greatest possible hunter opportunity on the Greenheart, Northern Wairoa River flats.</p>	<p>The development of a series of ephemeral wetlands on flats the Council has leased from Greenheart Forests for a period of 35 years.</p> <p>The property to be developed as a study area as part of the mallard research project.</p> <p>Allow the flats to be grazed by light stock by neighbouring farmer under a formal lease agreement.</p> <p>Funds from lease to be utilised in the development and improvement to the land for stock control and animal health as well as habitat protection and enhancement.</p> <p>Pay outgoings of rates and public liability insurances.</p> <p>Budget Hours 80 Budget External Cost \$3,000.00 Income from grazing lease \$2,500.00</p>	<p>The Council paid the annual rates to the Kaipara District Council and also holds a public liability insurance cover.</p> <p>A further 4,500 plants were planted in a 1,200 metre riparian area by a team of volunteers and staff. This now completes the majority of riparian plantings required for this section of the Northern Wairoa River. These plants will, in the future, provide nesting cover for wildlife and reduce erosion from the river banks. The plants were funded by the Kaipara Community Initiative Fund.</p> <p>Predator control operations were undertaken by staff during the spring and summer months. A considerable amount of staff time was invested into the property to undertake hand spraying to release and ensure the continued growth of the previous year's plantings.</p> <p>The series of ephemeral wetlands created over the past 3 years are now being used by waterfowl including up to four Australasian Bittern and have been recorded on trial cameras placed in the wetlands.</p> <p>The property was inundated during 6 occasions from flood waters.</p> <p>Actual Hours 590 Actual External Cost \$5,130.00 Lease Income \$3,500.00</p>



Planting day at the Greenheart Wetland



An Australasian bittern on one of the experimental ponds

PROJECT 1231/1232 - HABITAT CONSULTATIONS/ HABITAT DATABASE

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To provide habitat assistance and advice to property owners.</p>	<p>To provide habitat development assistance to land owners and game bird hunters. This can be in the form of assistance and advice on construction, planting and water level control. Provide some assistance with planting if required.</p>	<p>The staff visited a number of private properties and provided information, assistance and suggestions to landowners. This comprised of either advising landowners on how to manage for potential conflicts due to game birds causing damage to crops or how to create and improve habitat for game birds. Assist with applications to fund habitat creation from funding organisations.</p> <p>The Council staff visited 2 recipients who had received habitat grants 5 years ago and following inspection completed referee reports for the NZGBHT.</p> <p>Fish & Game received funds from the DOC Living Waters – Kaipara Community Initiative Fund last year to develop a wetland on a private property. This development was completed.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 144 Budget External Cost \$ Nil</p>	<p>Actual Hours 290 Actual External Cost \$5,665.00 Income from owner for Part costs of wetland \$3,000.00</p>



Creating a wetland on the McCullough Homestead Farm, funded by DOC - Living Waters., the Landowner and Fish & Game

PROJECT 1241 – PURCHASING HABITATS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To assess suitable properties for purchase from capital reserves held by NFGC.	To investigate any suitable properties for sale in the region that may have potential to provide game bird habitat and hunter access. The Council intends to investigate options to purchase a property for game bird habitat. Budget Hours 24 Budget External Cost \$ Nil	No suitable properties were considered by the Council. Actual Hours 0 Actual External Cost \$ Nil

PROJECT 1311 – NEGOTIATION

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To liaise with landowners, Landcorp Farming, DoC & Forestry Companies to gain and improve access for hunting on Conservation & private lands.</p> <p>Advocate the entitlement of hunters and anglers to public hunting and fishing resources.</p>	<p>To maintain and develop further improved access into the Conservation Estate through setting appropriate conditions on permits with DOC.</p> <p>Gain the support of Forestry Companies to allow Fish and Game to issue permits and manage hunting in large commercial forests.</p>	<p>The staff maintained the existing opportunities for access to most of the Conservation Estate lands that had been available in previous years for game bird by visiting DoC area offices and finalising details for permits and game bird regulations booklet.</p> <p>Hunting was available at all of the Matariki/Rayonier Forests including Glenbervie, Puhipuhi and Topuni. Hunting access was arranged with Hancock Forests NZ Ltd for licenced hunters to gain access into numerous commercial forests. Access was also re-negotiated with Northland Forest Managers to create further hunting opportunities.</p> <p>Game bird hunting access into the Te Hiku Forest was approved by Summit New Zealand through the Te Hiku Forest Working Group.</p> <p>Regular contact was maintained with Summit Forest Ltd by Fish and Game staff based in Kaitaia.</p> <p>As part of the agreement, NFGC was required to have licence holders hold public liability insurance.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 16 Budget External Cost \$ Nil</p>	<p>Actual Hours 14 Actual External Cost \$ Nil</p>

PROJECT 1312 - ANGLER/HUNTER ACCESS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To promote the hunting and fishing resource of the region, Council administered properties etc., by the placement of appropriate signs.</p> <p>Meet landowners and obtain background information in preparation for Anglers and Hunter Access Guides.</p>	<p>To continue to develop hunter and angler's access programme based on national policy. Arrange onsite meetings with landowners and gain approval to erect appropriate signs to inform public of access points.</p> <p>Comply with approvals from Whangarei District, Far North District and Kaipara District Councils to erect signs.</p> <p>Erect signs and construct stiles to cross fencing and maintain and replace damaged signage as required.</p> <p>Gather information to prepare for publication identifying access points.</p>	<p>This project is on-going and continues to be developed as part of the regions overall access programme.</p> <p>Regional signage was maintained and cleaned as required.</p>
	<p>Budget Hour 16 Budget External Cost \$200.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 14 Actual External Cost \$284.00</p>

Permits Issued from 2008 to 2018

	Number Issued 2008	Number Issued 2009	Number Issued 2010	Number Issued 2011	Number Issued 2012	Number Issued 2013	Number Issued 2014	Number Issued 2015	Number Issued 2016	Number Issued 2017	Number Issued 2018
Northland Forests	45	47	50	40	43	51	49	3	36	23	32
TeHiku/Summit Forest	157	168	173	141	121	102	102	81	62	62	62
Underwood Wetland											6
D O C Areas	273	269	224	248	187	180	165	180	139	148	0
Waitangi Wetland	19	24	17	17	11	15	13	5	4	3	5
Kawakawa Wetland	11	13	11	9	12	11	12	8	13	13	9
Flaxmill Wetland	37	41	22	28	27	25	30	21	18	20	19
Borrow Cut Wetland	21	12	23	19	18	11	12	15	19	28	22
Jack Bisset Wetland	61	65	63	62	66	50	53	49	39	43	45
Total Permits Issued	624	639	583	564	485	445	436	362	330	340	200

PROJECT 1314 - PRE-GAME SEASON MEETINGS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To hold four pre Game Season Meetings throughout the region.	<p>To promote the Northland Fish and Game Council and Game Season Regulations to hunters.</p> <p>Sponsor and support club outings held for game bird hunters prior to commencement of game season.</p> <p>Budget Hours 0 Budget External Cost \$300.00</p>	<p>A number of the councillors attended registered gun club shoots throughout the region which commenced approximately one month prior to the beginning of the game bird season.</p> <p>Council provided sponsorship by supplying steel shotgun cartridges and some Fish and Game clothing to those clubs that requested support for a pre-game season event.</p> <p>The Chairman and some Councillors attended events held at local hunting store promotions leading up to the 2018 game bird season.</p> <p>Actual Hours 0 Actual External Cost \$417.00</p>

PROJECT 1315 - FISHING COMPETITIONS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To support and maintain an involvement with the Kai Iwi Lakes Fishing Competition.</p>	<p>To continue organising the competition. Assist and encourage sponsorship for the event. Provide administrative support by mailing invitation-advertising flyers to all Northland freshwater fishing licence holders. Ensure Competition rules comply with the Regional Anglers Notice. Manage the competition.</p> <p>Budget Hours 70 Budget External Cost \$500.00 Income from competition \$1,000.00</p>	<p>The Kai Iwi Lakes Trout Fishing Competition was held over the weekend of the 7th & 8th July 2018 following approval from the KDC to hold the event at the Lakes. The event attracted 53 licenced anglers: 40 adults, 5 juniors and 8 children. A total of 69 trout were weighed in at the weigh station. The winning fish was caught by Tom Riddell from Whangarei, weighing in at 1.267 kilograms. The mayor of the Kaipara District Council attended the prize giving, presenting all the prizes to the winners.</p> <p>As part of the children fishing programme, juniors and child anglers were not charged a licence or an entry fee. The winning fish caught on the day of the competition was the smallest fish ever recorded for winning the event. Council provided some of the sponsorship and staff organised and ran the event.</p> <p>The sponsorship and support provided by the local community was fantastic. A kayak was sponsored by Viking Kayaks and won by John White from Auckland. A newsletter and entry form was sent by email post to all holders of a Northland Fishing Licence.</p> <p>Actual Hours 142 Actual External Cost \$3,310.00 Income from Entry Fee \$1,739.00</p>



Tom Riddell, winner of the 2018 Kai Iwi Lakes Trout Competition with the mayor of KDC, Jason Smith.

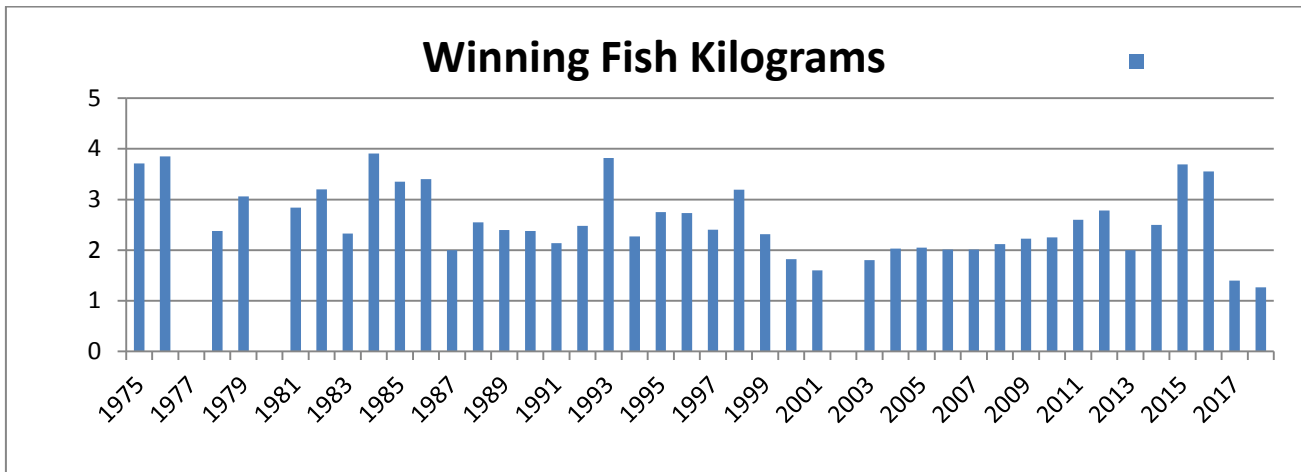


Deborah Daniels, winner of the Junior Section



Athene Pattinson, winner of the Women's Fly Section

Graph 4 Kai Iwi Lakes Fishing Competition Results 1975 – 2018



PROJECT 1316 – NORTHLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS CLAY TARGET COMPETITIONS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>The Council has agreed to support and sponsor the Northland Secondary Schools Clay Target Shooting Competition. The Council has purchased trophies and provided Fish and Game branded medals as part of the sponsorship as well as purchasing sporting goods. It is an effort to have the Regional Secondary Schools recognise Fish and Game and also providing new shooters with the appropriate skills that will allow them to become proficient and safe hunters.</p>	<p>This competition runs over 5 days at different clay target clubs in the region. The overall result will be recognising a number of champions in a range of disciplines for both boys and girls as individuals and in the team's events.</p>	<p>The competition was run over a 5 month period and held at three different clay target clubs in the Northland region. Results were collated and listed on the Fish and Game and Sport Northland websites.</p> <p>At each event the highest overall individual boy and girl and the highest scoring team were presented prizes.</p> <p>At the conclusion of the five round series the overall winners were presented with trophies, medals and monetary vouchers to purchase sporting good prizes.</p> <p>The results achieved by the shooters from various schools both at a local and national level are very commendable.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 75 Budget External Cost \$4,000.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 44 Actual External Cost \$3,895.00</p>

Highest Overall Gun for 2018 – **BOYS**



- 1st Skye Martinac (centre) Tauraroa Area School 447
- 2nd William Hamlin (left) Whangarei Boys High 430
- 3rd Taz Snelling (right) Kaitaia College 422

Highest Overall Gun for 2018 - **GIRLS**



- 1st Carlissa McCarroll (centre) Tauraroa Area School 402
- 2nd Mikayla Gardner (right) Kaitaia College 396
- 3rd Keely McCollum (left) Tauraroa Area School 380

Highest Overall Teams – Whangarei Boys High #1



Team consisted of: William Hamlin, Jacob Kennedy, Ethan Hare, Damian Bruce, Reuben King

PROJECT 1317 DEVELOPMENT OF A JUNIOR HUNTER & ANGLER PROGRAMME

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
The Northland Fish and Game Council assisted in the establishment of regional hunting and fishing clubs. It is important for these clubs to remain focused on providing licence holders the opportunity to further develop their hunting and fishing skills. The Council will provide some funding for the sponsorship of club run events by encouraging the introduction of a kids hunting programme promotion.	This will involve the clubs to hold a sporting clay event aiming at children who have not held a firearm before, to attend this event. This event will be subsidised by the Council. Provide a kids fishing event. It is seen as being very important to introduce novice children into the sports, which include safe firearm practices. Budget Hours 0 Budget External Cost \$400.00	The Council sponsored a junior shoot at the Kaipara Hunting & Fishing Club prior to the commencement of the game bird season. Actual Hours 0 Actual External Cost \$200.00

PROJECT 1331 - GAME HUNTER MAGAZINE

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To produce written material for the National and Regional insert in the Special issue of Fish & Game Magazine.	To produce a two page regional insert before 10 th February 2018 and then send to the publishers of Fish and Game New Zealand magazine. Distribute via the magazine printers to all 2017 Northland Whole Season Game Bird Licence holders before 20 th March 2018. Budget Hours 32 Budget External Cost \$1,500.00	The Council staff produced an excellent regional insert of two pages for special issue (46) of the national magazine. The magazine is well received by hunters and members of the public. The Council further supplemented this with a 12 page regional newsletter that was packaged with the magazine to reduce postage expense. This worked very well and gave licence holders a lot more relevant and updated information prior to the commencement of the 2018 game bird season. Staff met all deadlines as set by the printer to allow the magazine to be sent out to all licence holders on or about the 20 th March 2018. Actual Hours 30 Actual External Cost \$1,500.00

PROJECT 1332 - ANGLER MAGAZINE

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To produce written material for the National and Regional insert in the Special Anglers issue of Fish & Game Magazine.	To produce a 2 page regional insert then send to the Fish & Game magazine before 4 th July 2018. Distribution via the magazine printers to all 2016- 2017 Northland Whole Season and Winter Season Fish Licence Holders before 20 th August 2018. Budget Hours 32 Budget External Cost \$1,500.00	The Council staff produced a two page regional insert of relevant information and updates on Northland Fish and Game Councils freshwater fisheries management and regional issues for special issue (47) of the national magazine. This was well received by anglers and members of the public. Staff met all the deadlines as set by the printer to allow the magazine to be mailed out to all licence holders on or about the 20 th August 2018. Actual Hours 47 Actual External Cost \$1,696.00

PROJECT 1333 - REGIONAL NEWSLETTER

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To produce one annual newsletter for all Whole Season licence holders.</p>	<p>To provide an interesting newsletter for anglers and hunters promoting the issues relating to Northland.</p> <p>To mail a newsletter to land occupiers who have an interest in game bird hunting.</p> <p>To help promote and encourage support for regional hunting and fishing clubs.</p> <p>Provide a newsletter to lapsed hunters and anglers to encourage renewed participation.</p> <p>To obtain sufficient advertising and sponsorship to offset printing and production expenses.</p> <p>Post the newsletter onto the Fish & Game website.</p> <p>Budget Hours 50 Budget External Cost \$3,500.00</p>	<p>The Council produced one newsletter.</p> <p>The newsletter was mailed directly to regional anglers and posted on the Fish and Game website.</p> <p>It was provided as an extra supplement and posted out with the special game issue (46) of the 2018 Fish & Game magazine.</p> <p>The newsletter was made available to the public at shop counters in sporting good outlets.</p> <p>Regional Sports Fish and Hunting Clubs were invited to produce articles for the newsletter advising licence holders of Club events and activities.</p> <p>Actual Hours 60 Actual External Costs \$2,321.00</p>

PROJECT 1361/1362/1363/1364/1365 -CLUB SUPPORT

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To support and provide information to Club structures throughout the Northland region.</p>	<p>To attend at least one meeting at each of the regional recreational Hunting and Fishing Clubs.</p> <p>Provide sponsorship of \$150.00 to each club for worthy licence holder run events.</p> <p>Budget Hours 8 Budget External Cost \$450.00</p>	<p>The staff did not attend any club events to promote the Council due to other work commitments.</p> <p>Contact with the executive of the different clubs was maintained. Requests for special information were provided as and when necessary.</p> <p>Copies of the Council minutes and the Manager's reports were sent to clubs for their information following each bi-monthly Council meeting.</p> <p>Two clubs requested sponsorship funds for club events during the course of the year.</p> <p>Actual Hours 2 Actual External Cost \$300.00</p>

PROJECT 1411 – CONSERVATION BOARD AND DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION LIAISON

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
Ongoing liaison with DoC, and Conservation Boards.	To keep regular communication with DoC staff both at Conservancy and at area levels throughout the region. Attendance at Conservation Board Meetings.	Regular communications with DoC including meetings with the Director of Conservation Services Northern North Island, and with other senior staff at the area offices throughout the Northland Region. The manager and staff had a presence and spoke at the Te Hiku Conservation Board meetings. Joint work programmes on habitat enhancement and recommendations on season lengths and bag limits was maintained. No Conservation board member or representatives attended any of the F&G Council's meetings. Conservation Officer, Ross Atkinson, was selected to be the liaison appointee for DoC to attend the Northland Fish & Game Council meetings.
	Budget Hours 72 Budget External Cost \$ Nil	Actual Hours 101 Actual External Cost \$ Nil

PROJECT 1421 - COMMUNICATION

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To respond to enquiries for information and to issues affecting the interests of anglers/hunters through the provision of suitable information to the public, the media and sector interest groups.	The provision of suitable information to the public, media and sector groups, including Iwi, District and Regional Councils.	Staff attended meetings with the Regional and District Councils about planning and environmental issues. Staff attended catchment group meetings for the Waitangi and Pouto Peninsula catchment areas. The Manager assisted the Balance Farm Environmental Awards as a judge and a committee member. Fish and Game manager and Chairman attended the awards evening held at Waitangi.
	Budget Hours 250 Budget External Cost \$ Nil	Actual Hours 295 Actual External Cost \$ Nil

PROJECT 1422- WORLD WETLANDS DAY

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To promote the value of wetlands.	To promote the value of wetlands by inviting the wider community to a wetland.	This project was not undertaken due to other work commitments and priorities.
	Budget Hours 0 Budget External Cost \$ Nil	Actual Hours 0 Actual External Cost \$ Nil

PROJECT 1423- FISH AND GAME WEBSITE MAINTENANCE AND UPDATES

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To maintain and update the regional website of Fish and Game.	To ensure the website for the Northland Fish and Game Region has current and relevant information for hunters and anglers and the wider public.	Regional updates, material of interest and photographs as well as public information notices were uploaded through the NZFGC onto the website as required.
	Budget Hours 8 Budget External Cost \$ Nil	Actual Hours 7 Actual External Cost \$ Nil

PROJECT 1431 – MEDIA LIAISON/ ADVERTISING GAME/FISH ACTIVITIES

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To produce editorial for Northland Papers promoting the Council's activities. To produce information for web based media including Reel life and Both Barrels.	To provide information to strategic sector groups regarding issues that affect game bird management and habitat. To convey to the wider community to accepting who Fish and Game are, the issues the Council deals with and projects it undertakes.	Editorial and photo material was provided to all major newspapers throughout the region providing information on Fish & Game activities during the course of the year. Regular contributions were made to Reel Life and Both Barrels for internet users.
	Budget Hours 80 Budget External Cost \$ Nil	Actual Hours 45 Actual External Cost \$ Nil

PROJECT 1432 –FAR NORTH COMMUNITY LIAISON PROJECTS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To establish a new field officers position based on the Far North District Council boundary.	To work alongside and invest time and some resources into community projects that will directly benefit licence holders. This will include working with DoC, Te Hiku Conservation Board, farming interests, NRC and various Maori tribal groups.	Fish and Game appointed a new staff member as a field officer to the Far North in February 2018. The position is based out of shared facilities with the Department of Conservation. This newly established role is one where both organisations will need to work closely together to ensure cooperation. It will also assist to develop working relationships alongside other regulatory land administrators and private land holders. Results in the field have been working with land owners, DoC and the NRC towards fencing some of the threatened dune lakes, surveying and mapping and spraying of the pest plant Gypsy Wort at Te Paki, assisting local schools with riparian planting. The funds set aside for this project have not been used as most of the activities have been related to manpower rather than the purchasing of goods.
	Budget Hours 1,000 Budget External Cost \$10,000.00	Actual Hours 313 Actual External Cost \$150.00

PROJECT 1441 -ADVERTISING FISH AND GAME OPENING OF SEASONS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To produce and provide editorials in Northland Papers regarding game hunting and angling opportunities at the commencement of each season.	To provide and promote suitable information on opportunities to the public for angling and hunting.	Material was supplied to most of Northland's newspapers. Not all of the material was used or published. The Northern Advocate promoted Fish & Game activities with a number of interesting stories and articles through special supplements and promotions for the Game season and the Kai Iwi Lakes fishing competition.
	Budget Hours 8 Budget External Cost \$1,600.00	Actual Hours 8 Actual External Cost \$1,444.00

PROJECT 1442 –REGIONAL BROCHURES

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To rewrite and update Northland Fish & Game brochures.	To redesign and print updated brochures.	This project was not undertaken due to other work commitments and priorities.
	Budget Hours 40 Budget External Cost \$6,000.00	Actual Hours 2 Actual External Cost \$ Nil

PROJECT 1451 REGIONAL A & P SHOWS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To promote Fish & Game through involvement at a number of Northland A&P Shows.	Promotion of Fish and Game at Regional A & P Show.	The Council did not attend any A & P Society Shows due to other staff commitments. Promotional items reflective of New Zealand were purchased for individuals who hosted the Manager's while on sabbatical and attendance at a conference in Albuquerque, USA.
	Budget Hours 16 Budget External Cost \$250.00	Actual Hours 3 Actual External Cost \$ 90.00

PROJECT 1453 - DISPLAY MATERIALS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To purchase and/or obtain specimens of Game Birds and Fish that can be used for display purposes.	Display material constructed and purchased for use in the office, attending public displays and meetings.	A Habitat Print was purchased from the NZGBHT for the office.
Habitat Print for office.	Budget Hours 0 Budget External Cost \$300.00	Actual Hours 0 Actual External Cost \$ 57.00

PROJECT 1454 - SCHOOL EDUCATION/ INSTRUCTION

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To support efforts of local and regional schools in the promotion of Hunting and Fishing.	Promote and assist in education programmes by coaching angling techniques in regional schools.	The staff spoke to a school on the importance and value of freshwater fisheries and the ecology wetlands.
	Budget Hours 16 Budget External Cost \$ Nil	Actual Hours 3 Actual External Cost \$ Nil

PROJECT 1455 – INFORMATION TO LICENCE HOLDERS & GENERAL PUBLIC

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To provide information to licence holders and members of the public about the sports of hunting and fishing.	To assist and provide information to licence holders and members of the public about the hunting and fishing resources available in the Northland region through enquiries by phone, email and direct contact.	Information about the Northland hunting and fishing resources were provided to licence holders and members of the public through various forms including direct contact, email, telephone and post. Enquiries are also received from overseas tourists intending to visit NZ.
	Budget Hours 280 Budget External Cost \$ Nil	Actual Hours 211 Actual External Cost \$ Nil

PROJECT 1511/1512/1513 – RANGING and RANGER SUPPORT

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>The compliance of anglers and game bird hunters with legal requirements and season regulations.</p> <p>To co-ordinate the 2018 Game season, law enforcement programme including any follow-up prosecutions.</p> <p>Ensure adequate coverage of trout fishing waters by rangers during the year.</p> <p>To review honorary ranger list in relation to performance and geographic location.</p> <p>To purchase and update legislation for honorary rangers.</p>	<p>1. Seek at least 60% of warrant holders in the field over the first two weekends of the game season. Provide reimbursement of vehicle running expenses.</p> <p>2. Plan, support and co-ordinate a ranging exercise somewhere in the Northland region.</p> <p>3. Promote an active ranging programme amongst anglers by rangers.</p> <p>To review applications received from interested members of the public who wish to hold warrants. To ensure current warrant holders are supplied with appropriate material to undertake duties Organise the issuing of warrants for new and current rangers. To provide copies of relevant legislation for all honorary rangers. Provide rangers with appropriate material necessary for them to undertake their duties.</p> <p>Budget Hours 66 Budget External Cost \$1,200.00</p>	<p>90% of Northlands warranted rangers were ranging in the field for the opening weekend of the game season.</p> <p>The Far North, mid North, Ruawai, Dargaville, Maungaturoto, Wellsford and Whangarei areas were ranged on the Saturday and Sunday of the opening game bird weekend.</p> <p>Ranging also took place throughout the 2018 game season and during the 2018 Paradise Shelduck hunting weekend which resulted in approximately 160 licence holders being interviewed.</p> <p>Ranger activity took place in trout fishing locations with priority given to the Kai Iwi Lakes. No offences were detected for the 2017-2018 fish season.</p> <p>Rangers who made an application were reimbursed for out of pocket expenses including vehicle running expenses.</p> <p>Legislation updates were provided to rangers as updates occurred.</p> <p>Rangers received correspondence advising of training dates, ranging requirements and general information on safety and compliance issues. All rangers received copies of the regional newsletters and both copies of the Fish and Game magazine. Offence notebooks and other ranging tools supplied as required.</p> <p>Actual Hours 121 Actual External Cost \$873.00 Diversion Income \$450.00</p>

PROJECT 1521 - RANGER TRAINING

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To convene Ranger Instruction/Training Days, in April 2018 and seek 90% attendance.	<p>1. To run a professional training programme for all Rangers to ensure every aspect of law enforcement work is covered.</p> <p>2. To provide support in specialist training, where necessary, to ensure Rangers are seen to be confident and professional with a good knowledge of the relevant acts.</p> <p>3. To supply suitable training manuals and notes to all warrant holders and probationary rangers.</p> <p>4. Supply appropriate equipment to undertake ranging activities.</p>	<p>The Council ran a one day training course on the 21st April 2018 at the DoC office in Kerikeri.</p> <p>The refresher course concentrated on the legal powers of the rangers. Rangers were provided with a revised Ranger guide and manual.</p> <p>The importance of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 was again highlighted.</p> <p>All rangers are required to fill out a Health & Safety Tail Gate form which identifies a number of hazards whilst out ranging in the field.</p> <p>Four honorary rangers resigned due to other work commitments.</p> <p>Preparations made to renew honorary and stipendiary warrants for rangers.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 20</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$300.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 72</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$541.00</p>

PROJECT 1531 - PROSECUTIONS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To arrange prosecutions, liaise with NZ Police and Crown Law Office to present evidence and follow-up work including return of confiscated equipment and account for fine money outstanding.	<p>The prosecution or the use of reparation as per the prosecution policy established by the NZFGC, for offenders found unlicensed or in non-compliance with their legal requirements and season regulations.</p> <p>Employ legal counsel to assist in prosecution of offenders.</p> <p>Try and recover sufficient fine moneys and costs to pay for legal counsel.</p>	<p>There were two offences detected for the 2018 game bird season.</p> <p>One offender was offered diversion through the courts and made a donation of \$450.00 to the NFGC game bird habitat enhancement programme and also paid \$230.00 towards prosecution costs.</p> <p>The second offender has a hearing scheduled before the court in December 2018.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 12</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$500.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 18</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$1,651.00</p> <p>Legal Fines Income \$230.00</p>

PROJECT 1611/1612/1613/1614/1615/1617 - LICENCE PRODUCTION/PROCESSING FISH/GAME SPORTSFISH & HUNTING REGULATION & GUIDE BOOKLETS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To issue hunting and fishing licences.	<p>To have 2017/2018 Fishing licences available to resellers and participants throughout the region by 10th September 2017.</p> <p>To have 2018/2019 hunting licences available to resellers and participants throughout the region by 15th March 2018.</p> <p>To recover all licence income from agents on a monthly basis via Eyede. Pay for bank fees associated with licence transactions.</p> <p>Collate information and provide anglers with a clear and precise copy of the regional Anglers Notice.</p> <p>Collate information and provide hunters with a clear and precise copy of Season Bag limits and season length.</p> <p>Provide sufficient information that will allow local and visiting anglers & hunters the opportunity to hunt game and fish in Northland.</p> <p>To produce mailing lists for magazine distribution, produce random names for national hunter survey.</p>	<p>The 2017/2018 Fishing Licence and regulation guides were available for sale at all agents throughout the region on the 10th September 2018.</p> <p>The 2018 hunting licences and regulation guides were delivered and available for sale at all agents throughout the region on the 20th March 2018.</p> <p>Licence income recovered from all agents through Eyede.</p> <p>All regulation guides were delivered and managed by the national licencing contractor Eyede for Fish and Game.</p> <p>Information and details, with maps, was supplied to NZFGC for printing in the 2018 Game Bird Hunting Guide. Details supplied included season length, bag limits, permits required to enter hunting blocks and which hunting blocks were open to hunting.</p> <p>An accurate fish and game licence holder database maintained throughout the year by Eyede Ltd.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 50</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$1,300.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 55</p> <p>Actual External Costs \$1,250.00</p>

PROJECT 1621/1622 – VISITING AGENTS, SUPPLY PRODUCT AND SIGNAGE

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To maintain positive working relationships with licence agents.</p> <p>To provide high impact visual signage and display material for major licence agents.</p>	<p>To continue to maintain positive working relationships with licence agents and to provide good information that will result in increased support and licence sales.</p> <p>Develop signage for agents, which advertise to the public the availability of licences and information, and meets national brand standards.</p>	<p>Council staff has continued to maintain a high level of contact with all licence agents with visits during the course of the year as required or necessary. All agents are using the Agency Online system.</p> <p>Phone and letter/email contact was also undertaken to ensure agents were kept informed of any matters in particular agency on line and recovery of licence income.</p> <p>All agents were sent copies of the regional newsletters and Fish and Game magazines.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 40</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$ Nil</p>	<p>Actual Hours 19</p> <p>Actual External Costs \$ Nil</p>

PROJECT 1631/1632 – AGENTS COMMISSION

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To provide a commission to licence agents selling Fish and Game licences on behalf of the Council	<p>To provide a commission incentive for licence agents.</p> <p>To ensure agents are accountable who sell incorrect licences or make mistakes on moneys returned.</p> <p>Ensure Eyede pays commission to agents based on their sales.</p> <p>Commissions are paid out of licence income received from agents.</p> <p>Budget Hours 0</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$8,978.00</p> <p>Income from licences \$8,978.00</p>	<p>The Council paid out a commission fee to all agents through Eyede. The Council office maintained its direct licence sales.</p> <p>Commission payments are offset against licence income.</p> <p>Actual Hours 0</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$7,028.00</p> <p>Actual Income \$7,028.00</p>

Council Meeting Attendance

	<u>27/10/2017</u>	<u>01/12/2017</u>	<u>09/02/2018</u>	<u>06/04/2018</u>	<u>08/06/2018</u>	<u>10/08/2018</u>	<u>Attendance Number</u>
Phil Durham (Chairperson)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6
Kris Batelaan	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	5
Noel Birchall (NZFGC appointee)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6
Maurice Blyde	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6
Chris Lynch	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	5
Mark McGinley	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	4
Mike Newson	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	4
Dave Nicholson	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	3
Wayne Pepper	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	3
Darryl Reardon	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	4
Cameron Shanks	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	5
Ross Atkinson (DOC)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6
Alan Martin (Conservation Board)	Yes	Mr Martin left the region. No attendees from the Conservation Board					1
Rudi Hoetjes (Manager)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6
Fay Stodart (Staff)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6
Martin Taylor (NZFGC)				Yes			1

PROJECT 1721/1722/1723 - COUNCIL

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>1. To provide for the democratic management of the Fish and Game system by Fish and Game licence holders.</p> <p>2. To service Fish and Game councillors.</p>	<p>1. Compile and distribute agendas and all relevant papers and reports 10 days before council meetings.</p> <p>2. Write up minutes from meetings and send out draft minutes to councillors no later than 10 days following meeting.</p> <p>3. Facilitate the running of council meetings and reimburse councillors expenses.</p>	<p>Council agendas were generally sent out 10 to 14 days prior to any meeting being held.</p> <p>All of the council meetings were held at the council office in Whangarei.</p> <p>The council's Office Administrator recorded the minutes, writing up the unconfirmed minutes in the following week.</p> <p>The manager undertook any other matters relating to the council meeting as soon as practicable following any meeting.</p> <p>The manager and office administrator assisted election.com in preparing and checking details for the forthcoming Fish and game elections.</p> <p>Reimbursement for travel expenses and accommodation paid to councillors who attended meetings within the region.</p> <p>The manager held several meetings during the year with the Chairman and various councillors in the office over a range of issues.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 345</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$5,500.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 327</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$4,325.00</p>

PROJECT 1811/1812 –MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC PLANNING

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To produce and provide a draft Sports Fish and Game Management Plan for public comment</p>	<p>The Northland Council adopts a Sports Fish and Game Management Plan to meet the aspirations of licence holders and statutory requirements.</p>	<p>The Northland Sports Fish & Game Management Plan is work in progress. Preparation of the plan has been delayed due to staff time being focused on preparing for the Regional Plan and hearings.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 120</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$ Nil</p>	<p>Actual Hours 1</p> <p>Actual External Costs \$1,465.00</p>

PROJECT 1821 - OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN/BUDGET

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To produce an operational work plan for NFGC and NZFGC to establish licence fee setting.</p>	<p>The adoption of an annual operational work plan for 2018-2019 financial year by the Council on 31st August 2018.</p>	<p>Council set its goals and adopted a draft operational work plan and budget that was sent to the NZFGC to establish licence fees.</p> <p>The operational work plan and budget was adopted on the 10th August 2018.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 20</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$ Nil</p>	<p>Actual Hours 27</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$ Nil</p>

PROJECT 1822- PREPARATION OF ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To co-ordinate, the preparation of an annual performance report by the Council's accountant for the year ended 31st August 2017.</p> <p>To furnish the Minister of Conservation with an annual performance report on the operations of the Council for the year</p>	<p>The adoption by the Council at a public meeting of its audited annual performance report for the 2016-2017 on the 1st December 2017.</p> <p>Print the annual performance report and dispatch to the Minister of Conservation and Parliament directly thereafter.</p>	<p>Full financial reports have been presented at all Council meetings during the year and adopted by the Council.</p> <p>The financial reports and accounting software the Council operates forms the basis of the year-end annual report.</p> <p>The 2016-2017 annual performance report was printed and sent to the Ministers office and presented to Parliament in February 2018.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 150</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$2,600.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 131</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$2,600.00</p>

PROJECT 1831 & 1832 AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & ANNUAL REPORTS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To provide accurate financial information to Council's auditors for the year ended 31st August 2017.</p>	<p>To provide copies of the annual performance report for the Minister, Parliament, NZFGC and licence holders.</p>	<p>The Council presented the 2016/2017 annual performance report to the public at a meeting held on the 1st December 2017.</p> <p>The annual performance report was sent to The Minister of Conservation and the House of Representatives in December 2017.</p> <p>Copies sent to libraries and universities.</p> <p>A PDF file was also produced and sent to the office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives and downloaded on the Fish & Game website.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 45</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$7,100.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 40</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$7,270.00</p>

PROJECT 1841 - NATIONAL LIAISON

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To maintain effective two-way communication/liaison with NZ Fish and Game Council to meet all statutory requirements.</p>	<p>To consult with the NZFGC and other Fish & Game Councils re: information, analysis and policy issues.</p> <p>To attend managers meetings and national conferences or other meetings as required and necessary.</p> <p>Representation to NZ Fish and Game Council by 31st July 2018 of the Council's recommendations for licence fees, fund redistribution, research requirements and national policy development.</p> <p>To support and assist with the management processes and National ends policy.</p>	<p>Regular communication maintained with other Fish and Game Councils and the NZFGC throughout the year, via email and telephone, to discuss issues or provide information as required or requested.</p> <p>The Manager attended three National Managers Meetings in Wellington.</p> <p>The Council provided comments and recommendations to the NZFGC regarding licence fees, legal fund applications fund, redistribution, research requirements and national policy development.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 300</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$ Nil</p>	<p>Actual Hours 134</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$ Nil</p>

PROJECT 1842 - NATIONAL MOSS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To maintain a National MOSS system for staff which operate Fish & Game vessels.	<p>To consult with the NZFGC and other Fish & Game Councils re: information, and ensuring that certificates of competency are maintained and kept valid.</p> <p>Maintain the national MTOC plan and update as required.</p> <p>To support and assist with the management processes and National policy relating to Fish and Game vessels.</p>	<p>The Council manager coordinated and managed the national Maritime Transport Operator Certificate for all vessels operated by different Fish and Game Councils. Maritime NZ undertook an audit of the Fish and Game MOSS system and made some recommendations which resulted in some minor amendments.</p> <p>The manager is the national delegate to issue Part 35 approvals for Maritime NZ, updated and reissued a number of Certificates of Competency to Fish and Game staff allowing them to continue to use a boat for work purposes.</p> <p>Northland Fish and Game is invoiced by Maritime NZ for MTOC, audit fees and annual levies. Fish & Game regions have reimbursed Northland Region for their Maritime levies.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 120</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$ Nil</p>	<p>Actual Hours 48</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$9,904.00</p> <p>Reimbursement from other regions \$9,904.00</p>

PROJECT 1843 – MALLARD RESEARCH

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To provide technical knowledge and assist with the national mallard research programme.	<p>To provide staff assistance and resources in the national mallard research programme.</p> <p>The project also includes monitoring of local populations through pond studies.</p> <p>To determine patterns of habitat use during specific life history phases of mallard hens (nesting, brood rearing and moult).</p> <p>To utilise public participation in the observation and baseline ecological measures of mallard duck survival and the impacts of various conditions on seasonal duck numbers over time.</p>	<p>Time lapsed cameras were placed around various ponds and wetlands to monitor the species and numbers of birds utilising these habitats.</p> <p>All cameras were recovered and photos downloaded.</p> <p>As part of the national monitoring program for Mallard and Grey Duck, an aerial trend count was conducted in April prior to the opening of the game bird season. Eastern Fish & Game carried out aerial counts for the Northland, Auckland/Waikato and Eastern regions. A report has been presented to the Council and is available to the public.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 40</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$3,000.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 85</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$2,525.00</p>

PROJECT 1900 - ADMINISTRATION

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result																		
<p>To maintain an office and a profile to the community as a focus of the Northland Fish and Game Council.</p>	<p>To provide an office that is readily accessible to the licence holder and general public.</p> <p>Answer general queries concerning the resources the Council manages.</p> <p>Staff time allocated to general activities associated with the running of the office, providing information, answering the telephone, collecting mail, banking the Council's income, payment of accounts etc.</p> <p>Maintenance of field equipment, which is normally stored in the workshop. Ensure that all equipment is maintained to a high standard of operation including sufficient funding to meet asset replacement over the normal life of the asset. Ensure there are adequate insurances to protect assets.</p> <p>The Council is required to meet all legal obligations under Health and Safety.</p> <p>To provide and ensure staff have sufficient training to undertake their roles in a professional manner.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="485 1301 935 1413"> <tr> <td>Budget Hours Administration</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,382</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Annual Leave</td> <td style="text-align: right;">970</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total overhead staff hours</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2,352</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Budget External Cost</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$526,696.00</td> </tr> </table>	Budget Hours Administration	1,382	Annual Leave	970	Total overhead staff hours	2,352	Budget External Cost	\$526,696.00	<p>The Council leases and maintains an office and workshop facilities at Nell Place, Whangarei providing easy access and parking for licence holders and the general public.</p> <p>The office fully maintained its services during normal business hours of 8.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday.</p> <p>All public enquiries were answered through a range of forums including direct contact, phone and email or through the post.</p> <p>All of the Councils equipment has been maintained to a high standard and is kept in clean and very secure storage.</p> <p>All plant and equipment is fully insured.</p> <p>The Council meets all of its requirements for Health and Safety.</p> <p>Staff took their annual leave and any Time in Lieu owing as time and projects allowed.</p> <p>NZFGC and the NFGC provided funds and support for the manager to take a sabbatical to attend the 2017 US Wildlife Society Conference held in Albuquerque USA. The Manager also spent time obtaining first-hand information on how US Fish and Wildlife biologists, managers and researchers engage to disperse game birds causing damage to agricultural crops and pasture by non-lethal means.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="960 1301 1394 1440"> <tr> <td>Actual Hours Administration</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2,048</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ann/Leave/Stats/Sick</td> <td style="text-align: right;">747</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total overhead staff hours</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2,795</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Actual External Costs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$447,927.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff Scholarship</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$4,396.00</td> </tr> </table>	Actual Hours Administration	2,048	Ann/Leave/Stats/Sick	747	Total overhead staff hours	2,795	Actual External Costs	\$447,927.00	Staff Scholarship	\$4,396.00
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SUMMARY OF FISH LICENCE

The new fish licence categories included in the 2017-18 fish season was the non-resident day licences for adult and junior.

FISH LICENCES	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Family Licences (FWF)	35	29	34	56	41	61	52	62	48	33	50	49	39	43	42	35
Adult Whole Season (FWA)	120	137	182	208	167	156	145	134	129	137	144	153	123	100	97	102
Junior Whole Season (FWJ)	19	29	34	27	37	22	23	17	15	11	9	8	5	12	10	19
Non-Resident Fish Adult (FNWA)													57	65	76	73
Non-Resident Fish Junior (FNWJ)													2	5	4	0
Adult Winter Licence (FWIA)	61	52	56	48	73	51	49	48	44	58	49	56	57	36	47	40
Junior Winter Licence (FWIJ)	4	4	7	3	6	5	4	10	4	1	4	7	2	0	0	0
Loyal Senior FSLA														9	16	12
Local Area FLAA														17	7	9
Adult 24 Hour (F24A)	114	88	118	123	109	133	127	137	85	107	119	149	155	130	145	70
Junior 24 Hour (F24J)	21	7	40	11	21	22	13	15	3	5	10	5	14	8	8	12
Non-Resident Fish Adult Day (FDNA)																77
Non-Resident Fish Junior Day (FDJN)																3
Short Break FSBA														27	30	16
Long Break FLBA														4	5	2

SUMMARY OF GAME BIRD LICENCES

GAME LICENCES	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Adult Whole Season (GWA)	1686	1625	1673	1692	1730	1756	1899	1885	1854	1799	1774	1724	1719	1794	1749	1740
Junior Whole Season (GWJ)	174	162	266	270	280	277	267	254	232	252	218	239	232	222	217	209
Whole Season Child (GWC)	63	70	36	90	87	116	122	112	131	124	119	110	100	97	86	78
Adult 24 Hour (GDA)	28	47	98	96	88	78	105	120	104	114	107	130	83	129	94	49
Junior 24 Hour (GDJ)	0	5	5	20	13	15	6	0	14	8	14	6	7	5	10	3



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE READERS OF NORTHLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

The Auditor-General is the auditor of Northland Fish and Game Council (the Fish and Game Council). The Auditor-General has appointed me, Adelle Allbon using the staff and resources of BDO Northland to carry out the audit of the financial statements and statement of performance of the Fish and Game Council on his behalf.

Opinion on the financial statements and the statement of performance

We have audited:

- the financial statements of the Fish and Game Council on pages 8 to 23, that comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 August 2018, the statement of financial performance and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date and the notes to the financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the statement of performance of the Fish and Game Council on pages 24 to 59

In our opinion:

- the financial statements of the Fish and Game Council: on pages 8 to 23 present fairly, in all material respects:
 - its financial position as at 31 August 2018; and
 - its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
- comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand in accordance with PBE SFR-A (PS) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting - Accrual (Public Sector); and
- the statement of performance of the Fish and Game Council on pages 24 to 59
 - presents fairly, in all material respects, the Northland Fish and Game Council's performance for the year ended 31 August 2018, including for each class of reportable outputs:
 - its standards of performance achieved as compared with the forecasts included in the annual operating work plan for the financial year; and
 - its actual revenue and expenses as compared with the forecasts included in the annual operating work plan for the financial year; and
 - complies with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

Our audit was completed on 29 November 2018. This is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

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

Basis for our opinion

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

PARTNERS: Adelle Allbon Angela Edwards Scott Kennedy Robyn Terlesk

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and the statement of performance, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- We obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fish and Game Council's internal control.
- We evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Council.
- We evaluate the appropriateness of the reported performance information within the Fish and Game Council's framework for reporting performance.



- We conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Council and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fish and Game Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements and the statement of performance or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fishing and Game Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- We evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements and the statement of performance, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements and the statement of performance represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

Our responsibilities arise from the Public Audit Act 2001.

Independence

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

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Adelle Allbon'.

Adelle Allbon
BDO Northland
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Whangarei, New Zealand