

Agenda Item 10

Operational Report – for the period ended November 2020

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Introduction

The Council's adopted governance policies require the manager to provide an Operational Report, specific proposals for capital expenditure and acquisitions as well as major issues and opportunities for the Council. There are further requirements for the Manager to provide assurance that the Management Limitations are being observed. The format of this report is therefore to certify compliance with Governance Policies, Management Limitations and provide other material, responses, or assurance that Council objectives, strategies, plans, performance, risks, operation, resources and structure are being met.

Notifications of intention to purchase unbudgeted capital items in excess of \$10,000

Nothing to report

Matters for the information of council

Staff:

Staff holiday entitlements: Manager, 6 days
 Hokitika Officer, 8 days
 Northern Officer, 8 days

Vehicles:

Managers Vehicle: (start) 85,553km (fin) 91,364. Total private for period: 1,630km
Fish & Game Officer Vehicle: MML 27,900km (start) 34,500 (finish) Total private for period: 1,554km
Fish & Game Officer Vehicle: (start) 56,960 km (fin.) 63,171 km Total private for period: 1308 km

Bi-monthly report on outputs

1111 Drift Diving

Planning for 2020/21 season started.

1112 Lake Netting

Lake Netting survey undertaken at Brownlee's Pond, Westport (see attached report). Planning for survey of Lakes Paringa and Moeraki completed.

1115 Sportsfishery Research

Electric fishing of research sites on the Mawheraiti with high numbers of juveniles. Three sites electric fished in the new river with limited trout found. Ongoing work trying to find a productive spawning stream.

111116 Backcountry Fisheries Management

Four trail cameras capturing data in the Reefton area requiring fortnightly maintenance.

1121 National Hunter Survey

See attached report.

1161 Fisheries Enhancement

There are good reports being received about the Salmon Enhancement in Lake Ianthe. Reports indicate the release has produced some excellent condition Salmon that have contained Rudd in their stomachs when gutted.

1181 Game Bird Control

One permit issued, one for Pukekos at Kaiata on a maize crop.

1211 RMA Plans/Policy/Consents

Resource Consent application received, and approval given for Oceania Gold water discharge and a dairy discharge for Nathan Molloy at HariHari. There are 5 pending consents seeking approval.

Applicant	Area	Type	Nature of work	Comments
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NZTA	McConnochie's Creek, Inangahua	Land use consent	Stream training works for State Highway	No maintenance work in spawning period.
JJJ Farms Ltd	OneOne Rd, HariHari	Discharge Permit	Dairy effluent discharge	2 pond system and 3km drain
Greymouth Boating Club Inc	Grey River	Land use consent	Divert drain away from boat ramp to reduce silt build-up.	
Golden Oldies Mining Ltd	Craigieburn Creek, Atarau	Land Use Consent Water Permit	Alluvial Gold Mining	Plan to divert much up to 100m of the existing creek. Waiting for draft conditions to reflect this.
Buller District Council	Tidal Creek, Karamea	Land use consent	Bridge upgrade	
NZ Whitebait Ltd	Buller River	Discharge Permit	Discharge from aquaculture facility	
Westland District Council	Haast-Jackson	Land use consent		
Potae and VanDer Poel	Potters Creek, Franz Josef	Land use consent	Stream realignment to protect farmland.	

1212 Dairy Industry/Farmer Advocacy

Continued liaison with landowners regarding new freshwater standards and regulations.

1213 DOC

Discussed planned lagarosiphon control at lakes lanthe and Paringa with Helen McCaughan. Staff met with EDS regarding a review of Conservation Law.

1311 Access

Signs checked, replaced, and cleaned as needed during routine work.

1331 Website/Ezines/Social Media

Relevant material been posted on website. Regular Facebook engagements have been done, focusing on promoting the new season opportunities, fishing basics and lake fishing.

1341 Sportsfisheries Guides

Checked and slightly edited for next print to ensure content still is relevant. Agents delivered copies in preparation for upcoming season.

1361 Clubs, Outdoor Recreation Groups

Electric Fishing undertaken with Grey Valley Scouts at Ahaura. Assisting with Lake Brunner Fishing competition including running an educational fishing class on how to increase your success in Lake Brunner. Fly fishing basics course being ran in December.

1371 Okuru Hut

Hut well utilised over whitebait season by CSI staff and honorary rangers although the hut deteriorated over the period due to low maintenance. A reminder will be sent to the users reminding them of their responsibilities.

1421 Media/Communication

Media content of opening of fishing season, fishing lower reaches and a video was released promoting Lake Brunner.

1511 Compliance

Compliance undertaken over the start of the new season and around long weeks/holiday periods. Two offences of Fishing Without Licence detected at Lake Brunner and Ahaura.

1531 Prosecutions

Diversion offered to angler FWL in the Ahaura River. The Lake Brunner angler will also be offered diversion.

1621 Agent Liaison

Liaison continues regarding the start of the season and responding to angler enquiries.

1841 National Liaison

Managers are meeting more frequently via internet meetings with the rapidly changing financial and regulatory environment. Promotion of the new fishing season have been a focus.

1927 Occupational Safety and Health

Completed staff H&S meetings. Power Boat Level 2 training undertaken with NMIT.

1980 Offices

General maintenance including weed spraying, mowing and cleaning.

1980 Equipment

Boat inspected for loose fittings with minor repairs completed. Basic maintenance on field equipment.

Staffing

Staff performance reviews are in process.

Staff Recommendation:

That this report be received.