

Agenda Item 10: Operational Report.

Operational Report – for the period ended November 2021

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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

It is the intention to order and replace LDY407 over the next few months through the AoG contract. This vehicle is 4.5yrs old and has 132,000k. It was scheduled for replacement last year but due to COVID cost-saving measures it was postponed. A favourable price from the AoG contract plus high resale of the Hilux brand results in a low replacement cost for Fish and Game.

Matters for the information of council

Staff:

Staff holidays due: Manager, 2wks
 Hokitika Officer, 3wks
 Admin, 0 wks

Vehicles:

Managers Vehicle: (start) 126,299km (fin) 132,187km. Total private for period: 1,170km

Fish & Game Officer Vehicle MML: (start) 62,443 km (fin.) 70,093 km. Total private for period: 1,249 km

Fish & Game Officer Vehicle LTQ: 91,043 k. Total private for period: 0 km

Bi-monthly report on outputs

1111 Drift Diving

First dives be completed on 22/11/21 on Mawheraiti River. Excess volunteers resulting in people being turned away, if continues should compete dives easily weather dependent.

1114 Trend Counts

Nothing to report

1115 Sportsfishery Research

Electric fishing completed in Mawheraiti River restreams, numbers slight down on last year but still will up on 2019.

1121 National Hunter Survey

Nothing to report

1171 Regulations/Gazette Notices

Three yearly review of sports fishing regulations survey completed. Report completed.

1181 Game Bird Control

There were three complaints in the period. All for Paradise Shelduck with advice provided.

1211 RMA Plans/Policy/Consents

Applicant	Area	Type	Nature of work	Comments
NgaiTahu Forestry	New River	Land use consent	Diversion to old channel prior to harvesting of trees.	
Greid Mining Ltd	German Gully/Stafford	Mining Permit	Alluvial Gold Mining	
Green Acre Farm Ltd	Crooked River	Land use consent	Diversion and Gravel Take	Submission likely

Logburn Farms Ltd	Atarau	Land use consent	Divert tributary of Big River	Very likely no sportsfish present in diversion area - dry between rainfall events
Livadia Ltd	Jacksons, Humphries and tributaries.	Land use consent	Stream clearance. Gravel extraction for Camp Ground.	
Birchfield Coal Mines Ltd	Strongman East	Mining Permit	Coal Mining	
Westland District Council	Ross	Water Permit	Ross Lake outlet control.	
Agri Partners Ltd	Waimea	Mining Permit	Alluvial Gold Mining	Recirculated water, but concern regarding frequent river crossing.
Robert Robinson	Arahura	Mining Permit	Alluvial Gold mining	Recirculated water, no issues.

Regional Staff provided input into a submission to the EPA on Diazinon use.

1212 Dairy Industry/Farmer Advocacy

Continued liaison with landowners regarding new freshwater standards and regulations.

1213 DoC

Attended WCRC/DOC joint event on pest fish and plants.

1311 Access

New access sign installed on the Big Totara River.

1331 Website/Ezines/Social Media

Relevant material has been posted on website. Regular Facebook engagements have been done, focusing on promoting start of season and lowland fishing.

1341 Sportsfisheries Guides

Agents regularly stocked with guides.

1371 Okuru Hut

Hut visited and serviced whilst ranging in South Westland.

1421 Media/Communication

Articles release regarding season prospects etc.

1511 Compliance

Compliance carried across the region, but with particular focus on South Westland, Lake Brunner, Grey/Reefton.

One active case - an angler found to fishing without a licence, fishing closed waters, and using a preparation not attached to a lure to attract fish at Lake Ianthe. Responded to a complaint of anglers fishing closed waters in the Orangipuku River. No offences detected but a strong deterrence was achieved.

1621 Agent Liaison

Increased liaison required regarding the issue of new licences and the upcoming season. We intend to increase our presence and interaction with agents as our staff capacity has just increased.

1831 Annual Public Meeting & Report

The Annual report was compiled and Audited. Attached. There were no issues identified through the Audit Process.

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.

The Manager has also been seconded to partake in the Regional Structure/Amalgamation Working Group led by David Hunt of Concept Consulting. Regions have been consulted for options. A Progress Report has been provided to the NZ and Regional Councils.

Communications with other staff, particularly Southland, Central South Island and Eastern regarding compliance and salmon management.

1927 Occupational Safety and Health.

See Health and Safety Report.

1980 Offices

With the offices being utilised more with additional staff it is timely to upgrade the heating system and complete the office repaint etc.

1980 Equipment

Basic maintenance on field equipment. Audit completed on boat, resulting in repaired fish finder, removing a damaged winch rope and replacing fire extinguisher.

Staff Recommendation:

That this report be received.