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REPORT OF THE

# Eastern Fish and Game Council

FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
AUGUST 31, 2013

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

12 November 2013

Hon Nick Smith  
Minister of Conservation  
Parliament Buildings  
**WELLINGTON**

Dear Minister


I have the honour to submit, pursuant to Section 26 X of the Conservation Act 1987 and Section 44A of the Public Finance Act 1989, the annual report and financial statements of the Eastern Fish and Game Council for the year ended 31 August 2013.

Yours sincerely



**Barry Roderick**  
**Chairman**  
**Eastern Fish and Game Council**

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## STRUCTURE

### Council and Staff

#### CHAIRMAN

Barry Roderick 7 meetings attended, both 2009-2012 and 2012-2015 terms

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS

	<u>Meeting Attendance</u>	<u>Note</u>
Annaka Davis	5	<i>Both 2009-2012 and 2012-2015 terms</i>
Murray Ferris	4	<i>Both 2009-2012 and 2012-2015 terms</i>
Neal Hawes	7	<i>Both 2009-2012 and 2012-2015 terms</i>
Mike Little	7	<i>Both 2009-2012 and 2012-2015 terms</i>
Lindsay Lyons	7	<i>Both 2009-2012 and 2012-2015 terms</i>
Steve Scragg	5	<i>Both 2009-2012 and 2012-2015 terms</i>
Terry Sutton	6	<i>Both 2009-2012 and 2012-2015 terms</i>
Terry Wood	6	<i>Both 2009-2012 and 2012-2015 terms</i>
Richard Montgomerie	0	<i>2009-2012 Term only</i>
Colin Paton	1	<i>2009-2012 Term only</i>
Ian Pirani	2	<i>2009-2012 Term only</i>
Laurence Allingham	4	<i>2012-2015 Term</i>
Peter Storey	5	<i>2012-2015 Term</i>
Steve Luscombe	5	<i>2012-2015 Term</i>

*(2 meetings of the 2009-2012 Fish and Game Council and 5 meetings of the 2012-2015 Fish and Game Council were held during the year)*

#### STAFF

Rob Pitkethley <i>Regional Manager</i>	Mark Sherburn <i>Fish &amp; Game Officer</i>
Matthew McDougall <i>Senior Fish &amp; Game Officer</i>	Matt Osborne <i>Fish and Game Officer</i>
John Meikle <i>Fish &amp; Game Officer</i>	Anthony van Dorp <i>Fish &amp; Game Officer</i>
Eben Herbert <i>Fish &amp; Game Officer</i>	Lloyd Gledhill <i>Fish &amp; Game Officer</i>
Lynne Sands <i>Office Administration</i>	Kate Thompson <i>Office Manager</i>
Nigel Simpson <i>Fish &amp; Game Officer</i>	Patrick Logan <i>Hatchery Assistant</i>

#### Offices

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

## Mission Statement

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

## Statement of Objectives

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

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

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

## Format of the Annual Report

This report is structured so as to allow evaluation of all the projects planned at the commencement of the 2012-2013 work year. This work programme is based around eight outputs and one input. Within each of these functional areas the Statement of Service Performance provides summary details of the resources that were anticipated to be required, along with the actual results for the year. In addition, the performance standard for each project is listed along with a description of the result that was achieved.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

### *For the year ended 31 August 2013*

After eight years as Chairman of the Eastern Fish and Game Council this will be my last Chairman's report. I have always been of the belief that Chairman should vacate the chair after a period of time for the well-being of the organisation. I will resign as Chairman in February 2014 knowing that Eastern has a stable new Council with a number of Councillors being more than capable of taking my place. A well performing manager supported by expertise and years of experience in the staff will ensure Eastern Fish & Game continues to perform well. At a national level the Eastern Council through Councillor Lindsay Lyons continues to have major input at the New Zealand Fish and Game Council table. Proposed changes to the RMA which have been highlighted by the New Zealand Fish and Game Council, as well as the debacle of the Ruataniwha dam proposal, are currently having major media attention and the effect of this strong national advocacy could determine the outcome of the next national election.

The Eastern Fish and Game Council has met all of its statutory requirements including a very strong audit report. It has also been pleasing to get Eastern's Draft Sports Fish and Game Management Plan through the submission stage and finalised ready for sending to the Minister of Conservation.

Council's key priorities during the 2012-2013 operational year were;

- Maximising fishing opportunities
- Access
- Water quality and quantity
- More waterfowl

To maximise fishing opportunities the continued stable long-term management and understanding of the Rotorua Lakes Fishery has allowed anglers to harvest bags of eight rainbow trout in prime condition from the Rotorua lakes. This success can be attributed to the superior genetics from the Ngongotaha Hatchery management and the matching of trout releases to food supplies in the lake. Contrast this fishing resource to the local Snapper resource, and we should be proud of Eastern's lake fishery management. Smelt research by Dr. Jen Blair plus trout liberation trials has led to changes in the timing of hatchery reared trout releases into lakes and has enhanced trout survival. There is still uncertainty of the Ohau channel fishery and the effect of the channel diversion. Summer drift diving has shown our river trout populations have remained in a healthy state. Licence holder access to the key fisheries and hunting areas has been well maintained by staff although lack of summer fishing access to Kaingaroa is still frustrating. A staff access initiative along Deep Creek should provide a productive summer fishing option. The threat of captured access in the Eastern Region is still being closely watched by Council and staff.

Water quality and quantity are very much to the fore in the media. The clean-up of the Rotorua lakes continues and the pending restrictions on land use, especially the leaching of nitrogen into waterways, will require farmers to change their management practices and intensity of land use.

The conversion of exotic forest into dairy farming in the upper Waikato catchment continues at a frenetic pace with obvious consequences on water use and water quality. Last year's severe drought and its effect on the farming community will, in my opinion, lead to more irrigation consents. Staff and Council need to remain vigilant to this rapidly changing land use and the effect it is having on important habitat areas.

Staff have provided the media with a constant supply of interesting articles of hunting, fishing, and habitat issues to continue growing public awareness of the work Fish & Game does not only for anglers and hunters, but also the general public of New Zealand and international visitors.

Waterfowl numbers have once again been disappointing. The Eastern Region's long term waterfowl population monitoring allowed Council, on staff advice, to implement a restricted game season due to the low mallard population. This reduced harvest should help waterfowl populations to more quickly recover. There is a growing feeling amongst staff and Council that we need to concentrate more resources amongst mallard productivity. Habitat highlights included input into planning at regional and district council levels, assisting the creation of forty three hectares of new wetland and the opening of Ohaaki wetland which was attended by the Minister of Conservation.

Other highlights of the year include changes to the kids fish out days, a hunter training scheme, increased Iwi liaison and a large input into the Taupo Fishery review.

The core activities of the Eastern Fish and Game Council such as species monitoring, statutory habitat roles, licence holder participation, compliance, council servicing and administration have all been maintained at the highest level. Eastern's staff have also made notable contributions at a national Fish & Game level in the License Working Party, health and safety process, mallard research and compliance coordination and training. I conclude by thanking our licence holders for their support, fellow Councillors for their advice and debate and the manager and staff for their hard work and expertise.



Barry Roderick  
Chairman


**EASTERN FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2013**

Tuesday, 12 November 2013

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

In our opinion, the information set out in the following statements and attached notes to these statements fairly reflects the financial activities and performance of the Eastern Fish and Game Council, for the period ended 31 August 2013 and its financial position as at that date.



**Rob Pitkethley**  
**Regional Manager**

**EASTERN FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**



**Barry Roderick**  
**Chairman**

**EASTERN FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**



## EASTERN FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

### STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2013

#### INTRODUCTION

As required under Section 26w(b) of the Conservation Law Reform Act 1990 and Section 41(2)(d) of the Public Finance Act 1989 Fish and Game New Zealand, Eastern Region have prepared the following Statement of Service Performance for the 2012 - 2013 financial year.

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

#### Summary Budget and Actual Expenditure for each output Area.

Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
Species Management	\$469,358	\$97,800	\$371,558	\$531,746	\$91,518	\$440,228
Habitat Protection	\$340,987	\$20,779	\$320,208	\$286,170	\$87,247	\$198,923
Angler & Hunter Participation	\$169,192	\$9,900	\$159,292	\$132,400	\$9,930	\$122,470
Public Interface	\$69,352	\$0	\$69,352	\$56,650	\$1,500	\$55,150
Compliance	\$65,866	\$9,000	\$56,866	\$87,040	\$9,349	\$77,691
Licencing	\$125,343	\$1,455,728	-\$1,330,385	\$114,395	\$1,414,471	-\$1,300,076
Council	\$48,821	\$0	\$48,821	\$52,188	\$0	\$52,188
Planning & Reporting	\$82,111	\$0	\$82,111	\$110,481	\$0	\$110,481
	\$1,371,030	\$1,593,207	-\$222,177	\$1,371,070	\$1,614,015	-\$242,945



## SPECIES MANAGEMENT

### Goal

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

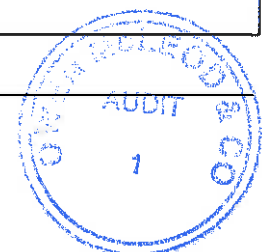
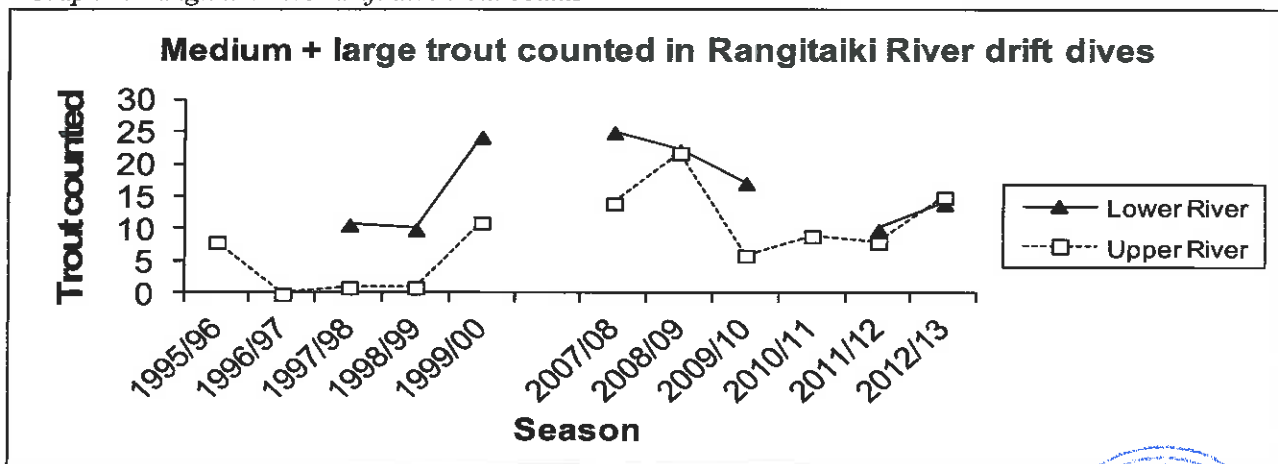
### SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1110	Species Monitoring	\$121,823	\$0	\$121,823	\$145,841	\$0	\$145,841
1120	Harvest Assessment	\$51,880	\$0	\$51,880	\$74,485	\$0	\$74,485
1140	Hatchery Operations	\$288,676	\$97,800	\$190,876	\$303,968	\$91,518	\$212,450
1170	Regulations	\$2,854	\$0	\$2,854	\$3,999	\$0	\$3,999
1180	Control	\$4,125	\$0	\$4,125	\$3,453	\$0	\$3,453
Total		\$469,358	\$97,800	\$371,558	\$531,746	\$91,518	\$440,228

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

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<p><b>1111 River fisheries investigations</b> To investigate and monitor river fisheries.</p> <p>(i) Drift dive Rangitaiki, Ruakituri and Waioeka Rivers.</p> <p>(ii) Continue involvement in the regional didymo containment and surveillance programme.</p>	<p><b>Report River fishery investigation results to Council by 31 July 2013.</b></p> <p><b>Participate in Regional didymo surveillance programmes.</b></p>	<p>(i) Drift dived Ruakituri, Waioeka and Rangitaiki Rivers February/March 2013. Reported to Council April 2013.</p> <p>(ii) Participant in Regional aquatic pest group. Quarterly didymo surveys in Ngongotaha Stream.</p>

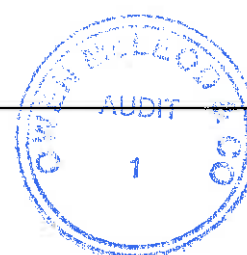
Graph 1: Rangitaiki River drift dive trout counts



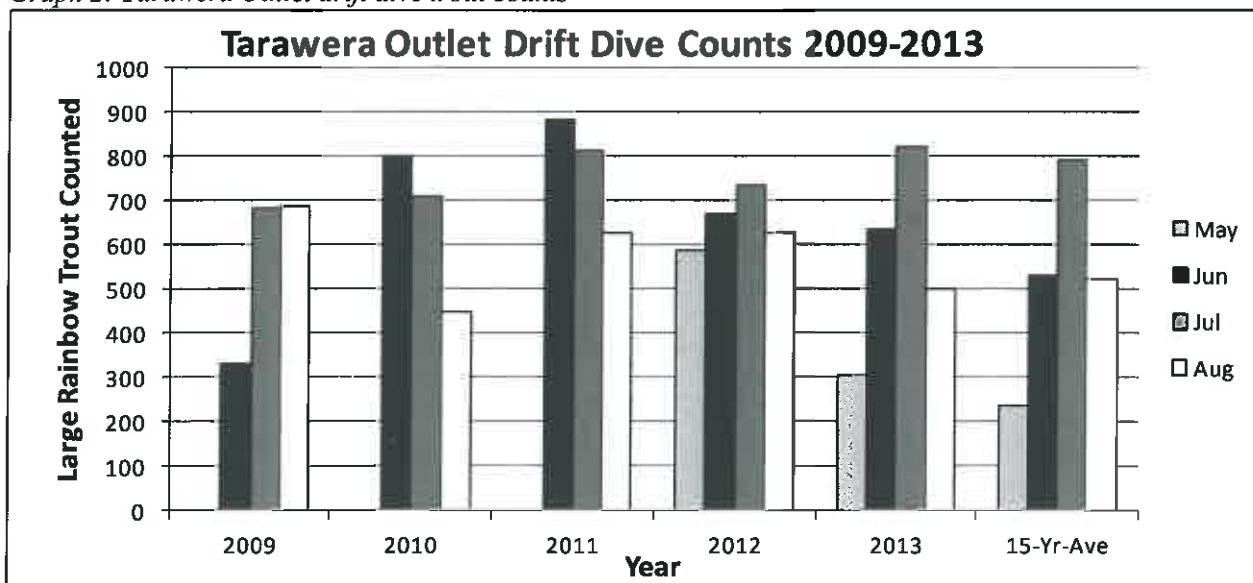
<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p><b>1112 Datawatch</b> To monitor the Rotorua lakes fisheries using the “data watch” tagging programme to assess trout growth. Respond to angler tag returns.</p>	<p><b>Tag and release 8,000 fish.</b> <b>Report on tag returns by lake to each meeting of Council.</b></p>	<p>(i) 8,000 tagged fish released into Rotorua lakes and 1,500 into Lake Tutira. (ii) 958 tags returned by anglers and 20 free licences distributed to lucky draw winners. (iii) Datawatch summaries reported bimonthly to Council.</p>
<p><b>1113 Lake Waikaremoana</b> Manage operation of Lake Waikaremoana water quality buoy and monitor progress of data collection.</p>	<p><b>Report activities to each meeting of Council.</b></p>	<p>Since the water quality monitoring buoy was installed in 2009 ongoing maintenance has been undertaken and reported to Council bimonthly.</p>
<p><b>1114 Lake Tarawera spawning</b> Monitor Lake Tarawera spawning tributaries including the Tarawera Outlet, Te Wairoa and Wairua Streams, and where required develop options to enhance natural recruitment.</p>	<p><b>Report results to each meeting of Council.</b></p>	<p>Four Tarawera Outlet drift dives completed, Te Wairoa trapping data reported to Council bimonthly. Wairua fishing diaries reported to Council at August 2013 meeting.</p>

*Table 1: Wairua Stream mouth angling data records*

<b>Angling Data</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
Total Hours recorded	20	49	36	41.5	38
Avg Catch rate (fish/hr)	0.34	0.08	0.12	0.08	0.24
Avg Length (mm)	550	558	530	477	504
Avg Weight (kg)	2.45	2.23	1.85	1.22	1.84
Avg Condition Factor	53.20	48.54	49.05	40.83	52.11



Graph 2: Tarawera Outlet drift dive trout counts



Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<b>1115 Lakes fisheries research</b> Contribute to research on lakes fisheries and impacts of water quality restoration works. Continue Ngongotaha Stream brown trout monitoring.	<i>Report activities and Ngongotaha Trap results to each meeting of Council.</i>	(i) Ohau Channel fishery surveys completed. (ii) Ngongotaha trap run monitored. Reported to Council bimonthly.

Table 2: Ngongotaha Stream trap run annual summary

Month	Trap Nights	Tot RT Caught	Tot BT Caught	%BT	Avg RT Length	Avg RT Weight	Avg BT Length	Avg BT Weight
Sep 12	9	86	0	0%	449	1.18	-	-
Oct 12	8	29	3	9%	437	1.17	620	3.10
Nov 12	21	66	101	60%	464	1.26	579	2.46
Dec 12	14	77	590	88%	493	1.52	599	2.96
Jan 13	9	19	124	87%	490	1.41	547	2.16
Feb 13	10	28	42	60%	471	1.19	508	1.84
Mar 13	9	54	78	59%	489	1.39	582	2.55
Apr 13	9	38	281	88%	512	1.41	593	2.76
May 13	9	43	133	76%	479	1.42	581	2.71
Jun 13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul 13	10	32	52	62%	481	1.56	544	2.21
Aug 13	10	201	30	13%	499	1.76	551	2.52
<b>Year</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>1434</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>1.39</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>2.53</b>

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

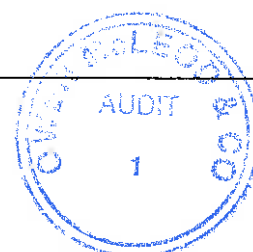


Table 3: Ohau Channel creel survey results, pre and post diversion wall

Season	Pre wall		Post wall				
	2005-06	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Ave. angler catch rate	0.42	0.40	0.30	0.61	0.27	0.20	0.23
Ave. brown weight (kg)	4.32	4.71	4.63	4.12	3.91	3.94	2.68
Ave. rainbow weight (kg)	2.25	2.30	2.22	2.11	1.56	1.58	1.51
% of Anglers satisfied	98%	66%	16%	88%	19%	19%	3%

Catch rate = fish/hr

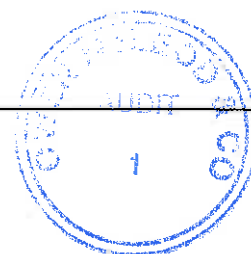
Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<b>1116 Game bird trend counts</b> To monitor game bird populations by comparing trends counts of black swan and paradise shelduck counts.	<b>Report interim results to Council by 6 February 2013 to assist with setting of season conditions.</b> <b>Provide full report detailing the population status of these species in the region by 31 July 2013.</b>	Counts completed, interim results reported 6 February 2013. Full report provided to Council 12 March 2013.

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

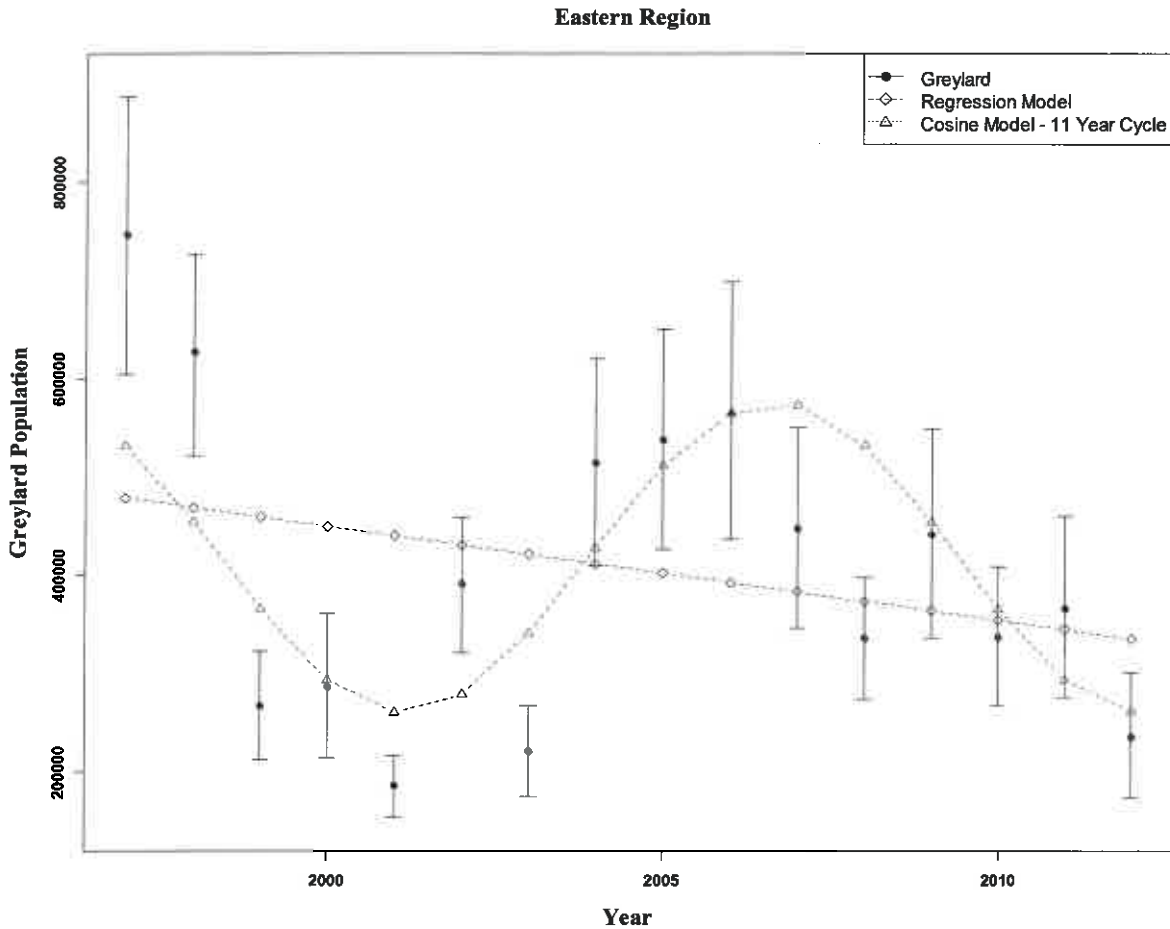
Area	Paradise Shelduck			Black Swan		
	9 year trend	2012 count	2013 count	9 year trend	2012 count	2013 count
<b>A1</b>	0.011	5126	4595	-0.068	6264	6447
<b>A2</b>	-0.029	2179	2026	-0.088	1731	2049
<b>B1</b>	-0.098	5008	3981	0.009	133	221
<b>B2</b>	0.002	1398	1835	0.048	639	799

Trend of 0.00 = no change, trend &lt; 0.00 is decline, trend &gt; 0.00 is increase. Trend &lt; ± 0.1 insignificant.

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<b>1118 Waterfowl monitoring programme</b> To monitor mallard, and grey duck populations across the region by conducting a banding programme and investigate survival, complimentary measures of productivity as well as monitor New Zealand Shoveler.	<b>Report interim results to Council by 6 February 2013 to assist with setting of season conditions.</b> <b>Provide full report detailing the population status of these species in the region for the 2011-12 year by 31 October 2012.</b>	Banding completed in February 2013. Results used to set game season regulations during October and November Council meetings. Banding Report provided to Council 16 November 2012.



Graph 3: Eastern Greylard population estimate at the beginning of the waterfowl season in the Eastern Region. The dashed line is the fitted linear regression, and dotted line the 11 Year Cosine Model. There is no evidence of a consistent linear change in population of study period. The Cosine model (triangle - dotted line) received 22 times more support than the fitted linear regression model (diamond- dashed line).



Note. Previous population estimates may have been adjusted due to late return of duck bands from earlier seasons.

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p><b>1119 Upland game &amp; forest management</b>                      Continue upland game population monitoring programme to provide information for hunters to increase opportunities and effective utilisation of forest pheasant populations. Investigate populations in coastal reserve areas and identify improvement options.</p>	<p><b>Report activities to each meeting of Council.</b></p>	<p>Pheasant call counts were undertaken in Kaingaroa Forest in November 2012. Council informed of counts occurring but no reporting of 2012 results. Coastal reserve populations and improvement options not undertaken.</p>



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

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<b>1121 Lakes Fisheries Creel Surveys</b> Conduct annual angler creel monitoring surveys (winter/summer) assessing angler catch and satisfaction from key Rotorua lakes.	<b>Report 2012 Winter creel survey to Council by 28 February 2013 and the 2012-13 Summer creel survey to Council by 31 August 2013.</b>	(i) 447 anglers surveyed during Winter 2012. Report presented to council February 2013.  (ii) 1,443 anglers surveyed during the 2012-13 Summer surveys. Report presented to Council August 2013.

Table 5: Winter Creel Survey summary results

Lake	% Anglers satisfied			Avg Fish Length (mm)			Avg Fish Weight (kg)		
	2012	2011	2010	2012	2011	2010	2012	2011	2010
Tarawera	87%	85%	85%	591	558	564	2.58	2.21	2.26
Rotoiti	85%	70%	80%	603	558	624	3.07	2.50	3.33
Okataina	90%	86%	89%	594	581	559	2.64	2.62	2.35

Table 6: Summer Creel Survey summary results

Lake	% Anglers satisfied			Avg Fish Length (mm)			Avg Fish Weight (kg)		
	12-13	11-12	10-11	12-13	11-12	10-11	12-13	11-12	10-11
Tarawera	96%	96%	82%	532	541	516	1.63	1.87	1.49
Rotoiti	94%	97%	93%	522	516	524	1.79	1.71	1.83
Okataina	100%	98%	87%	529	537	553	1.79	1.97	2.00
Rotorua	93%	90%	97%	443	431	436	0.98	0.88	0.80

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<b>1122 Opening Day Angler Survey</b> Monitor opening day catch from Rotorua lakes fisheries to assess characteristics of the catch.	<b>Present report to Council by 30 April 2013.</b>	Survey completed. 1,121 Anglers surveyed. Report presented to Council April 2013.

Table 7: Opening Day Survey, trout caught summary details

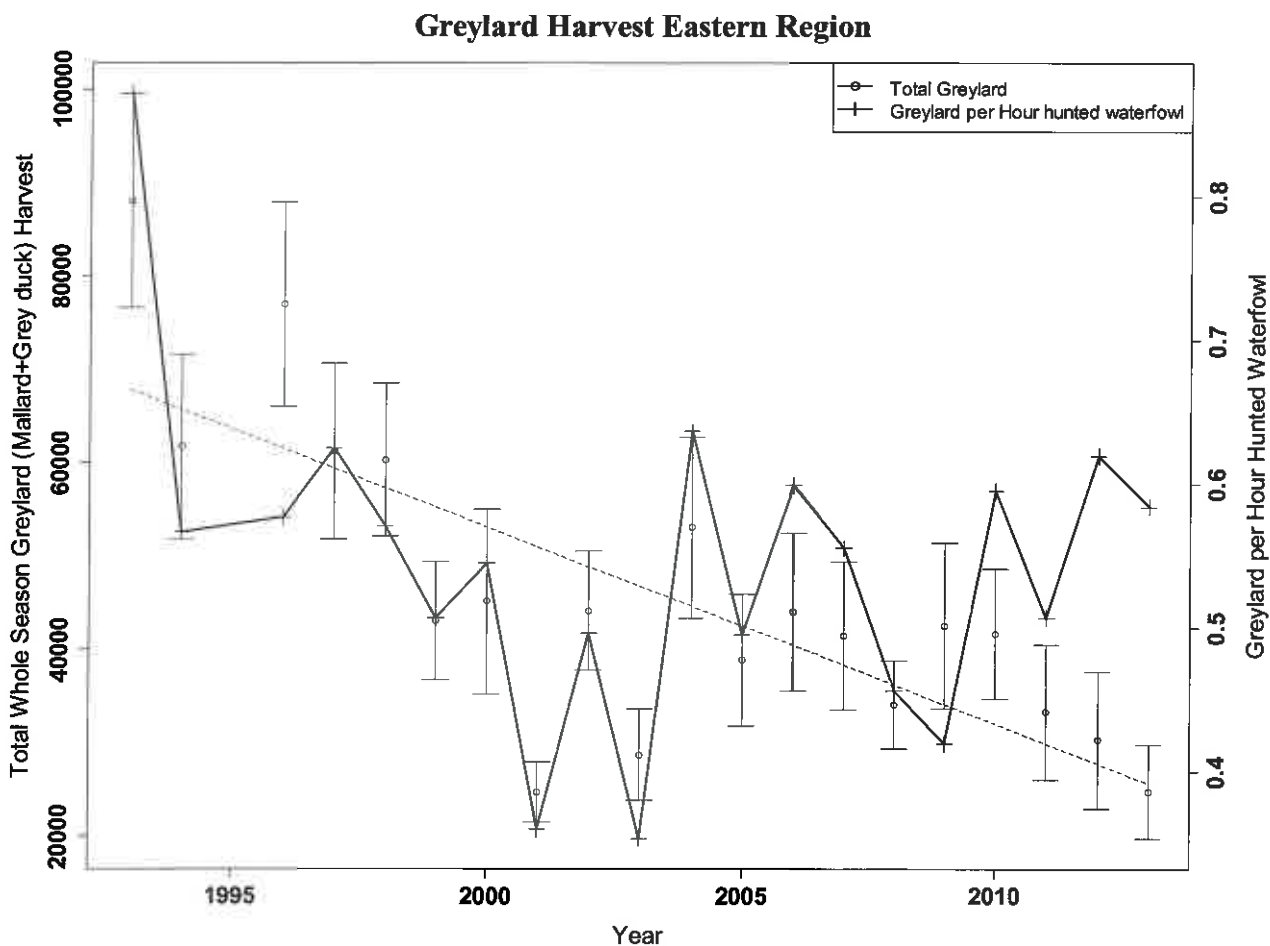
Lake	Avg 2yr old length (mm)			Avg 2yr old weight (kg)			Avg 2yr old condition factor		
	12-13	11-12	10-11	12-13	11-12	10-11	12-13	11-12	10-11
Tarawera	523	526	494	1.68	1.87	1.37	42.22	46.46	41.25
Rotoiti	506	489	511	1.53	1.40	1.73	42.65	42.90	47.09
Okataina	528	521	534	1.88	1.75	1.91	46.52	44.58	45.07

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<b>1123 Game Bird Hunter Survey</b> Assess the harvest of game birds by hunters and hunter effort	<b>Present 2012 game bird hunter survey results to</b>	2012 Game bird hunter survey results presented to



<p>during the 2013 season.</p>	<p><b>Council by 30 November 2012. Complete game bird hunter surveys for 2013 season by 31 August 2013.</b></p>	<p>October 2012 meeting of Council. 2013 Game bird hunter surveys completed.</p>
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Graph 4: Estimated harvest of Greylard (Mallard + Grey ducks) in the Eastern Region (mean ±CI) (dashed line = regression line) and greylard per hour hunting waterfowl (solid line).



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

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p><b>1141 Hatchery Operations</b> To provide quality trout fisheries by operating a hatchery programme and releasing fish where required according to a structured liberation programme.</p>	<p><b>To produce 105,000 fish, and liberate or distribute to meet regional orders. Report liberations to each meeting of Council.</b></p>	<p>100,090 fish were produced and liberated or distributed for the period. Liberations reported to Council bimonthly.</p>





Table 8: Trout liberations in the Eastern Region

Water	Date released	Mark used	Tag used	Species	Number	Modal Length
Kents	15/11/12	Rp	-	Rainbow	200	180
McLarens	26/11/12	Rp	-	Brown	200	190
McLarens	26/11/12	Rp	-	Rainbow	500	180
Ngahewa	12/11/12	Rp	-	Rainbow	200	170
Ngapouri	12/11/12	Rp	-	Rainbow	500	170
Okareka	13/9/12	Rp	G12	Rainbow	500	170
Okareka	13/9/12	Rp	-	Rainbow	2000	170
Okareka	24/5/13	LpAd	-	Rainbow	2500	180
Okaro	17/11/12	Rp	-	Rainbow	500	180
Okataina	11/9/12	Rp	E12	Rainbow	500	180
Okataina	10/10/12	Rp	-	Rainbow	1000	170
Okataina	7/11/12	Rp	-	Rainbow	500	180
Okataina	13/12/12	Rp	-	Rainbow	500	180
Okataina	6/3/13	LpAd	-	Rainbow	250	160
Okataina	9/4/13	LpAd	-	Rainbow	250	175
Okataina	19/5/13	LpAd	O13	Rainbow	500	170
Rerewhakaaitu	6/9/12	Rp	I12	Rainbow	500	180
Rerewhakaaitu	6/9/12	Rp	-	Rainbow	3500	180
Rerewhakaaitu	10/6/13	LpAd	-	Rainbow	3500	180
Rotoehu	7/9/12	Rp	C12	Rainbow	500	170
Rotoehu	7/9/12	Rp	-	Rainbow	2000	170
Rotoehu	22/5/13	LpAd	-	Rainbow	2000	180
Rotoiti	11/9/12	Rp	B12	Rainbow	500	180
Rotoiti	11/9/12	Rp	-	Rainbow	3000	180
Rotoiti	9/10/12	Rp	K11	Rainbow	500	170
Rotoiti	9/10/12	Rp	-	Rainbow	3000	170
Rotoiti	14/11/12	Rp	Q11	Rainbow	500	180
Rotoiti	14/11/12	Rp	-	Rainbow	3000	180
Rotoiti	12/12/12	Rp	-	Rainbow	3000	180
Rotoiti	14/2/13	Ad	N13	Rainbow	500	160
Rotoiti	5/3/13	LpAd	-	Rainbow	4000	160
Rotoiti	9/4/13	LpAd	-	Rainbow	5000	175
Rotoiti	7/5/13	LpAd	13R	Rainbow	500	180
Rotoiti	7/5/13	LpAd	-	Rainbow	5000	180
Rotoma	5/9/12	Rp	D12	Rainbow	500	180
Rotoma	5/9/12	Rp	-	Rainbow	2000	180
Rotoma	6/12/12	-	-	Rainbow	120	110
Rotorua	13/9/12	-	A12-	Rainbow	1000	170
Tarawera	12/9/12	Rp	-	Rainbow	1500	180
Tarawera	12/9/12	Rp	H12	Rainbow	500	180
Tarawera	16/10/12	Rp	-	Rainbow	3500	180
Tarawera	13/11/12	Rp	-	Rainbow	2500	180
Tarawera	11/12/12	Rp	-	Rainbow	2500	200

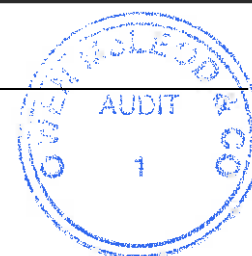


Table 8 Continued: Trout liberations in the Eastern Region

Water	Date released	Mark used	Tag used	Species	Number	Modal Length
Tarawera	14/2/13	Ad	X13	Rainbow	500	160
Tarawera	14/2/13	Ad	-	Rainbow	500	160
Tarawera	6/3/13	LpAd	-	Rainbow	1000	160
Tarawera	11/4/13	LpAd	-	Rainbow	1000	175
Tarawera	9/5/13	LpAd	13T	Rainbow	500	170
Tarawera	9/5/13	LpAd	-	Rainbow	1000	170
Tuai	13/12/12	Rp	-	Rainbow	500	180
Tuai	13/12/12	Rp	-	Brown	200	220
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>70,420</b>	

Marking or fin clipping Rp = Right pelvic clip, Lp = Left pelvic clip, Ad = Adipose fin clip.

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<b>1142 Te Wairoa Trap</b> To obtain suitable brood stock to sustain the hatchery programme. Operate Te Wairoa trap and collect sufficient ova.	<i>Report the results of the trapping programme to each meeting of Council in the trapping season.</i>	The Te Wairoa trap was operated and 374,710 eggs were collected from 72 crosses. Reported to Council bimonthly during the trapping season.

Table 9: Te Wairoa trap summary

Fish details	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
<b>Total fish trapped</b>	757	900	608	777	1455
<b>Average Length (mm)</b>	567	585	576	579	570
<b>Average Weight (kg)</b>	2.23	2.51	2.52	2.30	2.41
<b>Wild % in run</b>	28.6	19.6	18.9	15.0	10.6

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

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<b>1171 Regulations</b> To maintain the sports fish and game bird resource through the development of an annual anglers notice and game season conditions.	<i>Recommend to the New Zealand Council the 2013 game season conditions by 31 January 2013 and the 2013-2014 anglers notice by 30 June 2013.</i>	(i) Recommended Game Season Conditions approved by Council and sent to NZ Council 6 February 2013. (ii) No submissions received for 2013-14 Anglers Notice. Recommendation approved by Council and sent to NZ Council 17 June 2013.



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

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p><b>1181 Game Bird Control</b>                      To reduce damage to crops arising from unwanted aggregations of game birds. Assist landowners to disturb or control game birds where necessary, utilising the efforts of game bird hunters wherever practical. Where possible facilitate dispersal of birds prior to avian botulism outbreaks or collect birds already affected.</p>	<p><b>Maintain permit database and report on the number of permits issued annually within the Annual Report.</b></p>	<p>23 permits issued to 20 land owners. All requests dealt with in a timely manner.</p>

*Table 10: Permits issued to disturb game birds by species (20 landowners)*

<b>Species</b>	<b>Permits Issued</b>
Black swan	1
Mallard duck	1
Paradise Shelduck	9
Pukeko	10
Ring necked pheasant	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>



## SPORTS FISH AND GAME BIRD HABITAT PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE

### Goal

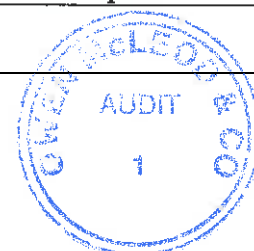
*To manage, maintain, and enhance sports fish and game bird habitat to maximise recreational opportunities for anglers and hunters.*

### SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1210	RMA	\$64,706	\$0	\$64,706	\$65,311	\$0	\$65,311
1220	Works & Management	\$76,304	\$5,500	\$70,804	\$70,405	\$6,147	\$64,258
1230	Assisted Habitat	\$198,550	\$15,279	\$183,271	\$150,454	\$81,100	\$69,354
1240	Assessment	\$1,427	\$0	\$1,427	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total		\$340,987	\$20,779	\$320,208	\$286,170	\$87,247	\$198,923

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

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<p><b>1211 RMA Planning and Consents</b> Planning processes/consents and interactions with Regional and District Councils.</p> <p>(i) Contribute to the improvement of water quality in the Rotorua lakes via Action Plans, research and monitoring.</p> <p>(ii) Minimise effect to fisheries from impacts that may arise from activities intending to improve water quality of the Rotorua lakes.</p> <p>(iii) Utilise river investigation projects to advocate for improved water quality in Rangitaiki River.</p> <p>(iv) Maintain water quality register to monitor efficacy of Regional Councils.</p> <p>(v) Review and support/oppose plans and consents that impact significantly upon</p>	<p><b>Report activities to each meeting of Council.</b></p>	<p>Involved in planning processes with District/Regional Councils as per Table 11.</p> <p>(i) Participated in Action Plan processes for Lake Okataina. Submitted on Te Arawa Lakes Strategy.</p> <p>(ii) Involved with consents for floating wetlands, alum dosing, weed cordons, water quality buoys and destratification.</p> <p>(iii) Attended Rangitaiki River Forum meeting and presented on water quality issues.</p> <p>(iv) Register maintained.</p> <p>(v) Submitted on consents as per Table 12.</p> <p>All activities reported to</p>



sports fish/game bird habitat values, or angler and hunter access.		Council bimonthly
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Table 11: Planning processes submitted to, hearings, appeals and/or mediations in which we have been involved

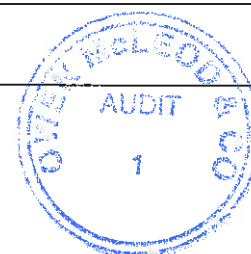
Authority	Process
Environment Bay of Plenty Regional Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Policy Statement</li> <li>Kaimai Catchments Forum</li> </ul>
Rotorua District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed District Plan</li> </ul>
Whakatane District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed District Plan</li> </ul>
Gisborne District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Freshwater Advisory Group</li> </ul>

Table 12: Summary of Consent Applications received.

Consent activity	Number of applications
Total number of consents received	21
No action required	2
No concerns letter	0
Section 95E3a approval	18
Conditions imposed	0
Section 96 supported	1
Review ongoing	0

## 1220: Works and Management: Wildlife Management Reserves

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<p><b>1221 Reserves Management</b> Manage water levels and habitat in wildlife management reserves, advocate and maintain optimum conditions for waterfowl.</p> <p>(i) Intensively manage stand holder habitat maintenance requirements on revolving basis.</p> <p>(ii) Continue managed wetland maintenance programme including water reticulation systems in Awaiti and Kaituna reserves. Implement regular habitat and water inspections in managed wetlands. Continue to monitor and review water</p>	<p><b>Report activities to each meeting of Council.</b></p>	<p>(i) Stands managed and ballot holder meeting completed.</p> <p>(ii) Annual mowing and spraying programme completed. Water reticulation for Awaiti and Kaituna WMR's completed. Aerial spray undertaken at Awaiti WMR. Consultants report on water supply to Awakaponga received.</p> <p>(iii) Predator control advice to 2 groups. Reported to Council</p>



options for Awakaponga. (ii) Assist external groups with predator control programme.		bimonthly.
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**1230: Assisted Habitat: Assist habitat enhancement by individuals and organisations and manage significant projects**

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p><b>1231 Maintain and Enhance Game Bird Habitat</b></p> <p>(i) Make submissions to regional or district council plans to address rules that are currently a barrier to habitat enhancement.</p> <p>(ii) Encourage hunters and landowners to develop wetland habitat on non public land. Make available information package and services including land owner site visits and consent advice. Use rural media to encourage wetland enhancement on non public land.</p>	<p><i>Provide advice to 20 landowners and contribute to the enhancement or creation of 20 ha of habitat. Report activities and participation to each meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>(i) Submissions made to Planning Processes as per Table 11.</p> <p>(ii) Landowner information/advice provided to 13 landowners for 43.35 ha of habitat creation or enhancement. Reported to Council bimonthly.</p>
<p><b>1232 Habitat Creation Projects</b></p> <p>(i) Manage year five of Ohaaki and complete final year of Waiotapu Wetland developments.</p> <p>(ii) Communicate pond enhancement opportunities to rural communities and facilitate enhancement of ponds on 5 East Coast rural properties.</p> <p>(iii) Make one application to external funding providers for a habitat creation project in the Eastern Region.</p> <p>(iv) Assist in wetland habitat creation and enhancement in the Waikato River catchment through WCEET trustee and project manager participation.</p>	<p><i>Report enhancement activities to each meeting of Council. Make one application for external funding for enhancement project. Report WCEET activities before 31 August 2013.</i></p>	<p>(i) Ohaaki Wetland opened by Minister of Conservation. Planting trial started to mitigate for past frost damage. Waiotapu oxbows not completed with final spring spray planned.</p> <p>(ii) Enhancement of 5 ponds on one property and two other east coast ponds assisted.</p> <p>(iii) Two applications to WCEET Trust, Rawhiti Lagoon application declined, Fish &amp; Game managed private wetland restoration project approved.</p>



		(iv) WCEET Trustee and project management carried out during the year. All enhancement activities reported to Council bimonthly
<b>1233 Drain Management</b> Advocate for waterfowl sensitive drain management practices and enhance drain habitats. Continue encouraging drain management agencies to extend waterfowl sensitive drain management practices.	<b><i>Review and increase enhancement programme to another 3km of existing drains.</i></b>	Liaised with BOP Regional Council drain management staff. Brood counts completed in November 2012. Instead of 3km, replanted and re-fenced last year's 0.25ha on Old Rangitaiki River Channel due to stock damage. Another 200m of planting added. Reported to Council bimonthly.

**1240: Assess and Monitor: Assess and monitor regional trends in significant habitat areas**

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<b>1241 Monitor Waterfowl Habitats</b> Maintain inventory of wetlands, assess their vulnerability and identify wetland deficient areas through participation with Wetland Forum groups and Regional Council databases. Continue raising profile of significant wetlands for enhancement such as Lake Aniwhenua.	<b><i>Report activities to each meeting of Council.</i></b>	Participated in regular Wetland Forums, although significantly disrupted due to DOC restructures. Tumurau Lagoon monitoring enhanced and presented on Aniwhenua to Rangitaiki River Forum.



## ANGLER AND HUNTER PARTICIPATION AND SERVICES

### Goal

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

### SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1310	Access	\$58,935	\$0	\$58,935	\$36,063	\$0	\$36,063
1330	Newsletters	\$42,606	\$0	\$42,606	\$32,476	\$0	\$32,476
1340	Other Publications	\$6,469	\$0	\$6,469	\$4,077	\$0	\$4,077
1350	Training	\$44,631	\$9,500	\$35,131	\$52,017	\$9,504	\$42,513
1360	Club Relations	\$14,149	\$0	\$14,149	\$4,726	\$0	\$4,726
1370	Huts	\$2,402	\$400	\$2,002	\$3,041	\$426	\$2,615
Total		\$169,192	\$9,900	\$159,292	\$132,400	\$9,930	\$122,470

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

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<p><b>1311 Maintain &amp; Enhance Access</b> Physical and legal access to angling and hunting opportunities.</p> <p>(i) Maintain angling tracks – Ngongotaha and Waiteti Streams, Whirinaki, Tarawera, Waioeka and Rangitaiki Rivers.</p> <p>(ii) Allocate and manage hunting of Fish &amp; Game Wildlife Management Reserves.</p> <p>(iii) Maintain signs and enhance access through signage at key fishing and hunting access points. Maintain signage databases.</p> <p>(iv) Advocate for improved access through forestry and resolution of captured access issues. Make submissions to</p>	<p><i>Maintain access tracks to 69 km of Rangitaiki River &amp; tributaries and 6 km of Ngongotaha and Waiteti Streams.</i></p> <p><i>Maintain signage database.</i></p> <p><i>Report activities to each meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>(i) Access tracks maintained as required.</p> <p>(ii) Access signage maintained and database updated.</p> <p>(iii) Access issue register maintained. Liaison continued with Walking Access Commission.</p> <p>(iv) Liaison continued with landowners and Forest Managers. Reported to Council bimonthly.</p>

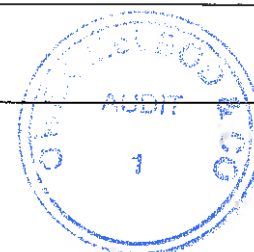




the Walking Access Commission and ensure that provision for Public access is made in relevant Treaty of Waitangi settlements.		
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**1330: Newsletters, Licence holder communications: To effectively inform anglers and hunters of matters relating to Fish & Game and opportunities for increased participation.**

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<b>1331 Inform Anglers &amp; Hunters</b> Prepare and circulate monthly newsletters (E-zine) to clubs and respond to angler and hunter enquiries. Quantify angling opportunities and identify options for increasing participation through specific activities.	<b><i>Prepare and circulate 12 monthly electronic newsletters.</i></b>	12 'Reel Life' and 2 'Both Barrels' newsletters were produced and distributed. Angler and hunter enquiries responded to as they occurred. Angling opportunity quantification not completed.
<b>1332 Fish &amp; Game Magazine</b> Prepare and mail two issues of Fish and Game New Zealand to 2012-2013 whole season fish licence holders and 2012 whole season game licence holders. Prepare and distribute pre-season newsletters.	<b><i>Mail fish issue August 2013 (approx. 9,500), game issue April 2013 (approx. 3,700). Distribute pre fish and game season newsletters.</i></b>	Two pages completed for both the Fish & Game fishing magazine supplement (9,863) and the hunting magazine supplement (3,800). A 12 page hunting and 16 page fishing newsletter also completed and distributed to licence holders and licence agents.
<b>1333 Fishing Reports</b> Prepare and circulate monthly fishing reports during 2012-2013 season. Maintain social media presence to inform anglers and hunters of current fishing and hunting conditions.	<b><i>Prepare and circulate 12 monthly fishing reports.</i></b>	12 fishing reports completed and distributed with the 'Reel Life' e-zine. 107 "Tweets" were created on a variety of topics. Reported to Council bimonthly.
<b>1334 Maintain Internet Site</b> Maintain and regularly update Fish & Game information service using Eastern Region Internet site. Use to provide access and client services information.	<b><i>Report activities to each meeting of Council.</i></b>	30 site updates were completed during the year. Reported to Council bimonthly.



**1340: Informational Publications: To assist anglers and hunters to access the hunting and fishing opportunities of the Eastern Region**

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p><b>1341 Information Pamphlets</b> Review and if necessary reprint pamphlets, address information deficiencies and use website and other forms of communication to make access information more readily available. Maintain stocks of information pamphlets in licence agents and other outlets throughout the region.</p>	<p><i>Report on stocks of information pamphlets and activities to each meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>Graphical regulation map for Lake Rotoma produced. New lake Rotorua and tributaries brochure produced and boat fishing brochure edited and ready for printing. Reported to Council bimonthly.</p>

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

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p><b>1351 Childrens Fishing Programme</b> Operate children's fishing programme in conjunction with Rotorua Anglers Association and identify options to increase participation.</p>	<p><i>Provide 2,000 two-year-old fish. Report activities and participation to each meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>2000 fish provided to the children's fishing pond. Reported to Council bimonthly.</p>
<p><b>1352 Angler/Hunter Training</b> (i) Provide angler and hunter training information and make available novice hunter/angler starter packs. (ii) Conduct angling training seminars.</p>	<p><i>Provide three angler information seminars. Participate in HUNTS programme for hunter training.</i></p>	<p>5 Angler/hunter training events were held including open day, two summer fishing tuitions and two HUNTS courses. Junior duck hunter mentor trial undertaken successfully.</p>
<p><b>1353 Angler/Hunter Enquiries</b> Respond to enquiries for information from anglers and hunters.</p>	<p><i>Provide information and respond to enquiries promptly.</i></p>	<p>Angler/hunter enquiries responded to in a timely manner.</p>
<p><b>1354 Fishing Competitions</b> Review applications to hold fishing competitions and grant permits where appropriate.</p>	<p><i>Respond to applications within five working days and report on permits granted to each meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>42 Fishing Competition permits granted within five days of receipt of application. Reported to Council bimonthly.</p>



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

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<b>1361 Fish &amp; Game Club relations</b> Maintain club register and provide news updates to clubs on a monthly basis, attend club meetings as appropriate.	<b><i>Attend at least 20 club meetings by 31 August 2013. Provide report to each meeting of Council.</i></b>	26 Club meetings or events attended by staff. Reported to Council bimonthly.

**1370: Fish and Game Huts**

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<b>1371 Fish and Game Huts</b> Maintain Fish & Game huts at Waikaremoana, and Wairua.	<b><i>Report maintenance activities to each meeting of Council.</i></b>	Waikaremoana Hut licence to occupy site renewed by DoC for a further 10 year period. Huts maintained as required. Reported to council bimonthly.



## PUBLIC INTERFACE

### Goal

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

### SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1410	Liaison	\$8,323	\$0	\$8,323	\$10,057	\$0	\$10,057
1420	Communication	\$24,380	\$0	\$24,380	\$14,546	\$0	\$14,546
1440	Public Promotions	\$24,021	\$0	\$24,021	\$24,974	\$1,500	\$23,474
1450	Visitors/Education	\$12,628	\$0	\$12,628	\$7,073	\$0	\$7,073
Total		\$69,352	\$0	\$69,352	\$56,650	\$1,500	\$55,150

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

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p><b>1411 Statutory Liaison and Political awareness</b></p> <p>Maintain a structured liaison and advocacy programme with key agencies and individuals. Make submissions to Regional Council's Senior Manager Team (SMT) and DoC regional conservators on significant regional matters. Engage in governor-governor meetings where appropriate. Ensure political awareness of Fish &amp; Game activities and support for improved habitat performance.</p>	<p><i>(i) Regional manager to meet with Regional Councils SMT and DoC conservators twice yearly. Staff attendance at Conservation Board meetings at least annually.</i></p> <p><i>(ii) Regional manager/Councillors to visit all electorate MPs during the year. Report activities to each meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>(i) Met with Bay of Plenty Regional Council CEO and Land Manager once, EC/BOP Conservator once and TWT Conservator twice. Assisted with DoC's Taupo Fishery Review. No Conservation Board meetings attended, provided regular information to F&amp;G Councillors in Board liaison roles.</p> <p>(ii) Manager met with Rotorua and Taupo National MP's. Reported to Council bimonthly.</p>



**1420: Communication: Develop and maintain effective communication with the wider public and the media, stakeholders and strategic allies**

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p><b>1421 Public Communications</b> To advocate the interests of anglers and hunters through maintaining effective communication with non statutory groups or individuals such as farmers, Iwi and the general public.</p> <p>(i) Implement regional public awareness programme and identify and progress marketing opportunities. (ii) Maintain a strong presence in general public media. (iii) Engage with rural community. Encourage mutual attendance at Federated Farmers and Fish &amp; Game meetings. Participate in rural initiatives with mutual benefits such as Ballance Environmental Awards and Farm Open Days. (iv) Engage with Iwi. Continue Iwi liaison roles at operational levels and seek active participation in settlement processes.</p>	<p><i>(i) Contribute to national public awareness network.</i> <i>(ii) Manage website to increase effectiveness as a tool for public awareness and communicating with licence holders.</i> <i>(iii) Prepare and distribute 40 media press releases before 31 August 2013.</i> <i>(iv) Attend one Federated Farmers meeting and participate with Ballance Farm Environment Awards and Farm Open Days.</i></p>	<p>(i) One National public awareness network meeting attended. (ii) Web site managed and updated as required. (iii) 50 media releases were prepared and distributed during the year. (iv) Staff contributed to the Ballance Farm Environmental Awards as an assessor and attended one Federated Farmers meeting. One farm open day was not attended due to short notice.</p> <p>Iwi engagement with various meetings, forums and submissions to Statutory processes. Communication activities reported to Council bimonthly.</p>

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

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p><b>1441 Public Promotions</b> Develop and increase Fish &amp; Game New Zealand presence via promotional events such as Boat Shows and public "open day".</p>	<p><i>(i) Support national public awareness events.</i> <i>(ii) Conduct Fish &amp; Game Open Day at Ngongotaha site.</i></p>	<p>(i) Attended Auckland boat show in May. (ii) Fish &amp; Game Open day held in September 2012.</p>



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

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<b>1461 Education</b> To educate people in sports fish and game bird management, conservation and angling and hunting. Use Ngongotaha hatchery facility to promote Fish & Game to educational groups and the wider public. Facilitate school and other educational visits to the hatchery complex.	<b><i>Conduct 12 presentations to schools or outside organisations by 31 August 2013. Provide report detailing hatchery and school visits to each meeting of Council.</i></b>	Presentations were given to 12 schools/outside organisations. Reported to Council bimonthly.



## COMPLIANCE

### Goal

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

### SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1510	Ranging	\$48,171	\$0	\$48,171	\$66,220	\$0	\$66,220
1520	Ranger Training	\$6,232	\$0	\$6,232	\$5,198	\$0	\$5,198
1530	Compliance	\$11,463	\$9,000	\$2,463	\$15,622	\$9,349	\$6,273
	Total	\$65,866	\$9,000	\$56,866	\$87,040	\$9,349	\$77,691

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

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<b>1511 Compliance</b> Maintain a high level of participant contact through enforcement and monitor compliance with licensing and season conditions.	<b>Organise ranging activity to achieve 3,500 angler and hunter contacts. The compliance of 95% of anglers and hunters contacted with legal requirements and season regulations. Provide report to each meeting of Council.</b>	4,004 angler/hunter contacts. Compliance rate overall in excess of 98% compliant. 76 persons dealt with for 111 separate offences (Table 13). Warrantless powers of search and or entry (Sec 39 Wildlife Act 1953 and Sec 40 Conservation Act 1987) exercised on 2 occasions while investigating alleged offences. Reported to council bimonthly.

#### 1520: Ranger Training: To ensure effective ranging across the region with suitably trained and resourced personnel

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<b>1521 Manage regional Honorary Rangers</b> Manage the regional network of Honorary Fish & Game Rangers and ensure that a sufficient level	<b>Complete one organised training exercise for honorary rangers and report to Council by 31</b>	11 Honorary Rangers, and one trainee ranger maintained. One regional training day conducted.



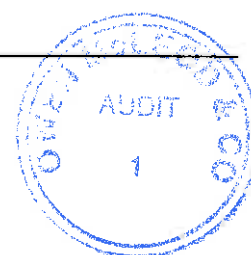
of training and support is provided.	<i>August 2013.</i>	Resourced the North Island Compliance coordinator role, 2 CERT ranger safety refresher days, and 1 two-day initial ranger safety training weekend. Reported to council bimonthly.
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**1530: Compliance/Prosecutions: To follow a consistent policy driven approach to dealing with non-compliance to regulations**

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<b>1531 Prosecution of offenders</b> Follow Council Prosecution and Reparation Policies to prosecute individuals found unlicensed or in non-compliance with season regulations without just cause.	<b><i>Report details of prosecutions to each meeting of Council.</i></b>	Offence resolution as per Table 14. 76 offenders dealt with for 111 offences. Reported to council bimonthly.

*Table 13: Offence table 2012-2013 year*

<b>Offence name</b>	<b>Numbers</b>
Fish without licence	37
Fish closed waters	20
Fish with illegal tackle	11
Give false details	5
Fish more than one rod	2
Exceed bag limit- fish	1
Disturb spawning gravels	7
Take trout with net	1
Possession of net/spear – vicinity of spawning stream	1
Fish with metal line- Waikaremoana	1
Sale of trout	1
Hunt without licence	11
Use lead shot ammunition	3
Exceed bag limit - game	2
Boat fishing Ruato Bay April - June	2
Take Male trout Lake Tarawera - Te Wairoa	1
Obstruction	3
Hunt/kill game with motor vessel	1
Threaten to injure ranger	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>111</b>





*Table 14: Resolution of offences 2012-2013 year*

<b>Resolution Type</b>	<b>Number of offenders</b>
Prosecution	14
Reparation	31
Youth warning	14
Adult warning	13
Other/insufficient evidence	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>76</b>



## LICENSING

### Goal

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

#### SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1610	Licence Production	\$40,309	\$1,455,728	-\$1,415,419	\$31,967	\$1,414,471	-\$1,382,504
1620	Agent Servicing	\$12,247	\$0	\$12,247	\$15,389	\$0	\$15,389
1630	Agent Payments	\$72,787	\$0	\$72,787	\$67,039	\$0	\$67,039
	Total	\$125,343	\$1,455,728	-\$1,330,385	\$114,395	\$1,414,471	-\$1,300,076

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

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<p><b>1611 Licence production and distribution</b> To issue fishing and hunting licences and the appropriate regulations in a timely manner.</p>	<p><i>To have available fish licences and regulation guides for the 2012-2013 season by 1 September, 2012. To have available game licences and regulation guides for the 2013 season by 31 March, 2013.</i></p>	<p>(i) Fish licences and regulation guides were available for purchase on 17 August 2012. (ii) Game licences and regulation guides were available for purchase on 20 March 2013.</p>
<p><b>1612 National licence management</b> To support the operation of the national licence management provider. Evaluate licence sales information during the year and identify targeted marketing opportunities.</p>	<p><i>Provide detailed reports of licence sales performance to each meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>Licence sales reported to Council bimonthly and monitored throughout the year.</p>
<p><b>1613 Licence availability</b> To enable licences to be purchased conveniently by anglers and hunters through retailers and providing Internet services.</p>	<p><i>Provide report of licence sales by channel to each meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>Liaised with external provider to ensure licence availability. Maintained 62 licence retailers within the region. Participated in National Licence working party. Reported to Council bimonthly.</p>

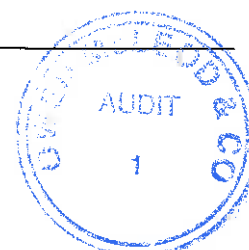


Table 15: Licence sales performance

	FISH					GAME				
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
AWS	4,891	4,833	4,525	4,516	4,270	3,403	3,473	3,487	3,300	3,136
JWS	490	480	468	454	426	423	412	368	383	360
Family	3,667	3,749	3,483	3,431	3,411	-	-	-	-	-
AWTR	1,256	1,271	1,132	1,084	954	-	-	-	-	-
JWTR	119	106	115	115	89	-	-	-	-	-
A24HR	9,115	8,886	7,976	8,213	8,538	109	119	152	190	177
J24HR	798	794	620	530	547	4	8	6	7	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,336</b>	<b>20,119</b>	<b>18,319</b>	<b>18,343</b>	<b>18,235</b>	<b>3,939</b>	<b>4,012</b>	<b>4,013</b>	<b>3,880</b>	<b>3,683</b>
<b>LEQ</b>	<b>12,395</b>	<b>12,404</b>	<b>11,471</b>	<b>11,401</b>	<b>11,041</b>	<b>3,512</b>	<b>3,582</b>	<b>3,593</b>	<b>3,414</b>	<b>3,246</b>

AWS -Adult Whole Season, JWS -Junior Whole Season, AWTR -Adult Winter, JWTR -Junior Winter, A24HR -Adult 24 hour, J24HR -Junior 24 hour

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

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<p><b>1621 Licence Agent support</b>                      Work with licence agents to support the licence management provided by Eyede, communication and training.</p>	<p><b>Complete at least three visits to all significant licence resellers by 31 August 2013.</b></p>	<p>Regular visits and checks on significant licence agents undertaken by 31 August 2013.                      Three book collections completed and regular contact by administration staff throughout the year.</p>



## COUNCIL

### Goals

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

### SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

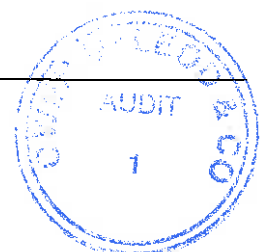
Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1720	Council Meetings	\$48,821	\$0	\$48,821	\$52,188	\$0	\$52,188
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$48,821</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$48,821</b>	<b>\$52,188</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$52,188</b>

**1710: Fish and Game Council election: Carry out the 2012 Fish and Game Election**

<p><b>1711 Council Election</b> Provide regional support to <i>electionz.com</i> for November 2012 election. Provide Councillor induction information and effective governance training if required.</p>	<p><i>Assist external provider in running election and prepare and distribute necessary Councillor induction information by 28 May 2013.</i></p>	<p>Election held and completed. Inaugural meeting held 12 December 2012 and induction material supplied. Governance presentation at February 2013 meeting.</p>
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**1720: Council Meetings: Effective governance and efficient Council support**

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<p><b>1721 Council</b> The effective direction of the management of the Council’s business. Keep Council informed of relevant national and regional matters. Prepare information reports and agenda for Council meetings and any minutes resulting from these meetings. Develop Council governance evaluation process.</p>	<p><i>Hold at least 6 meetings of the Eastern Fish &amp; Game Council by 31 August 2013. Distribute meeting agendas 10 days prior and draft minutes within three weeks of meeting.</i></p>	<p>Six regular Council meetings and one Inaugural meeting completed before 31 August 2013. Agendas and minutes all distributed within required time.</p>



## PLANNING AND REPORTING

### Goal

*To meet Fish & Game's statutory reporting requirements.*

#### SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1810	Management Planning	\$4,367	\$0	\$4,367	\$37,577	\$0	\$37,577
1820	Annual Planning	\$12,247	\$0	\$12,247	\$6,846	\$0	\$6,846
1830	Reporting	\$44,132	\$0	\$44,132	\$32,658	\$0	\$32,658
1840	National Liaison	\$21,365	\$0	\$21,365	\$33,400	\$0	\$33,400
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$82,111</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$82,111</b>	<b>\$110,481</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$110,481</b>

#### 1810: Sports Fish and Game Bird Management Plan

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<b>1811 2011-2021 Management Plan.</b> Complete the public consultation process for the Eastern Fish and Game Council Sports Fish and Game Management Plan.	<b><i>The adoption of Eastern Fish and Game Council Sports Fish and Game Bird Management Plan by 28 February 2013.</i></b>	The Draft Sports Fish and Game Management Plan was circulated for comments in October 2012, then publically notified in January 2013. A hearing was held in May 2013. Submissions have since been analysed and approved by Council, and final amendments made to the Plan. It is currently waiting to be sent to the Minister for approval.

#### 1820: Annual Planning

Project and Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<b>1821 OWP preparation</b> To prepare an operational work plan for the 2013-2014 year.	<b><i>The adoption of a proposed operational work plan for 2013-2014 by the Council by 31 August 2013.</i></b>	2013-2014 Operational Work Plan adopted by Council at meeting of Council 21 August 2013.



**1830: Reporting and Audit**

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p><b>1831 Annual Report and Statement of Service Performance</b> To complete an Annual Report and Statement of Service Performance for the 2011-2012 year.</p>	<p><i>Conduct quarterly staff meeting reviews of performance against OWP targets. The adoption of the audited 2011-2012 annual report by Council, and presentation to a public annual general meeting not later than 30 November 2012, as well as to the Minister of Conservation.</i></p>	<p>Financial statements for 2011-2012 year prepared, audited in October 2012. Unqualified audit opinion issued 16 November 2012. Annual Report presented to Parliament, and annual meeting 28<sup>th</sup> November 2012. SOSF completed and included in audited statement of accounts. Three quarterly reviews of performance against OWP targets completed.</p>

**1840: National Liaison**

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p><b>1841 New Zealand Fish &amp; Game liaison</b> The maintenance of effective liaison with New Zealand Fish &amp; Game to meet all statutory requirements and contribute to the efficient management of Fish &amp; Game nationally.</p>	<p><i>Attend all meetings of the Regional Fish &amp; Game Council managers and participate where required with working parties established by the New Zealand Council.</i></p>	<p>All Managers meetings attended. Staff undertook national roles with North Island compliance coordinator, RMA and PA Groups, licence working party and coordinating national game bird monitoring.</p>



## ADMINISTRATION

### Goal

*To manage the business of the core functions of the Eastern Fish and Game Council effective and efficient manner.*

#### 1920: Staff Co-ordination and Training

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<b>1921 Staff communications</b> Maintain regular staff communications and involvement in overall operations of Fish & Game.	<b><i>Hold at least 30 staff meetings before 31 August 2013.</i></b>	Staff meetings held weekly.
<b>1922 Staff Training</b> Organise specific training opportunities to suit the individual requirements of staff.	<b><i>Report staff training to each meeting of Council.</i></b>	Training undertaken during the year is shown below and reported to Council bimonthly.
<b>1923 Employment</b> Carry out employment procedures as required.	<b><i>Report any activities to Council by 31 August 2013.</i></b>	No changes to staff during the year. Annual performance reviews completed. Reported to Council on 13 February 2013.
<b>1924 OSH</b> Ensure that Fish & Game operations meet Occupational Safety and Health standards.	<b><i>Hold monthly OSH and Hazard Identification staff meetings. Report compliance with OSH requirements to each meeting of Council.</i></b>	10 Monthly hazard identification meetings held, activities and accidents reported to Council bimonthly.

#### Staff Training for the year included (number of staff participating);

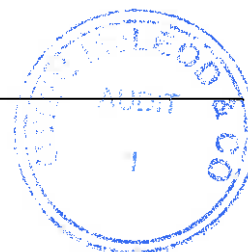
3 First Aid refresher courses	1 HT Vehicle licence
3 Powerboat Level 2 Assessment	10 Operating light 4WD course
3 Wader Safety courses	1 Leadership Development Course
4 Fire Pump Training	2 New Zealand Freshwater Science Society Conference

*Staff Training is reported to council bimonthly.*



**1970: General**

<i>Project and Objective</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>	<i>Actual Result</i>
<p><b>1972 Continue to maintain an efficient accounting system.</b></p>	<p><b><i>Review financial performance and compare to budget at monthly intervals. Provide financial report to each meeting of Council.</i></b></p>	<p>(i) Computer based accounting system maintained with financial performance compared to budget and reported to project managers monthly.</p> <p>(ii) A financial report was provided to Council bimonthly.</p>





# **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For the year ended  
31 August 2013**



**EASTERN FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**  
**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2013**

	Note	Actual 2013	Budget 2013	Actual 2012
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Fish and Game Licence Sales	3	1,414,471	1,455,728	1,426,889
Other Revenue		252,616	191,837	338,937
	3	1,667,087	1,647,565	1,765,826
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Species Activities	4	531,746	469,358	542,703
Habitat Protection & Management	4	286,170	340,987	307,351
Angler & Hunter Participation	4	132,400	169,192	117,856
Public Interface	4	56,650	69,352	60,036
Compliance	4	87,040	65,866	87,674
Licensing	4	114,395	125,343	118,516
Council	4	52,188	48,821	51,745
Planning & Reporting	4	110,481	82,111	110,734
		1,371,070	1,371,030	1,396,615
NZF&G Levies		367,525	367,525	474,998
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>1,738,595</b>	<b>1,738,555</b>	<b>1,871,613</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>		<b>(71,508)</b>	<b>(90,990)</b>	<b>(105,787)</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements



**EASTERN FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 31 AUGUST 2013**

	Note	Actual 2013	Budget 2013	Actual 2012
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Cash & Cash Equivalents	6	121,570	30,178	78,399
Debtors & Other Receivables	7	116,355	118,000	125,666
Prepayments & Income Accrued		17,465	18,000	19,532
Inventories	8	131,660	131,660	131,660
Investments	9	655,511	650,000	649,152
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>1,042,561</b>	<b>947,838</b>	<b>1,004,409</b>
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Forestry Asset	10	62,660	62,660	62,660
Property, Plant & Equipment	11	851,660	846,873	879,821
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>914,320</b>	<b>909,533</b>	<b>942,481</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>1,956,881</b>	<b>1,857,371</b>	<b>1,946,890</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Creditors & Other Payables	12	184,022	100,000	98,479
Employee Entitlements	13	81,006	85,000	85,050
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>265,028</b>	<b>185,000</b>	<b>183,529</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>265,028</b>	<b>185,000</b>	<b>183,529</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>1,691,853</b>	<b>1,672,371</b>	<b>1,763,361</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>	14	<b>1,691,853</b>	<b>1,672,371</b>	<b>1,763,361</b>

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**EASTERN FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2013**

	Note	Actual 2013	Budget 2013	Actual 2012
Balance at 1 September		1,763,361	1,763,361	1,869,148
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		(71,508)	(90,990)	(105,787)
Total recognised Revenue & Expenses for the period		(71,508)	(90,990)	(105,787)
<b>Balance 31 August</b>	14	1,691,853	1,672,371	1,763,361

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**EASTERN FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**  
**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2013**

**Note 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A) Reporting Entity**

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

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

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

**B) Basis of Preparation**

**Financial reporting standards applied**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand, applying New Zealand equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (NZ IFRS) as appropriate to Public benefit entities that qualify for differential reporting.

**Differential reporting**

The Council qualifies for differential reporting exemptions because it is not publicly accountable as defined in the Framework for Differential reporting (the Framework) and it is not large. Many of the reporting exemptions available under the Framework have been applied.

**Measurement base**

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis, unless otherwise noted in a specific accounting policy.

**Presentation Currency**

These financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars.

**C) Significant Accounting Policies**

The accounting policies used in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. The policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented.



### Revenue Recognition

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

### Operating Leases

Leases that do not transfer substantially all risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an asset to the Council are classified as operating leases. Lease payments under an operating lease are recognised as an expense on a straight line basis over the term of the lease in the statement of financial performance.

### Finance Leases

Leases that transfer to the Council substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an asset, whether or not title is eventually transferred, are classified as finance leases.

Finance lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding liability. The finance charge is allocated to each period during the lease term on an effective interest basis.

### Income Tax

The Council is a public authority and consequently is exempt from the payment of income tax.

### Depreciation

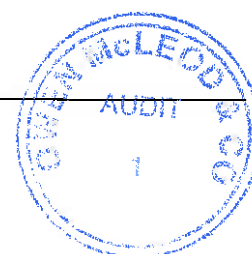
Depreciation is charged on all property, plant and equipment other than land, so as to spread the cost of the asset over its useful life. Depreciation for each of the major categories of assets is calculated on the basis noted below:

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

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

All Assets Purchased after 1 September 2010 are calculated as:

	<u>Life</u>	<u>Depreciation Method</u>
Buildings	40 years	Straight Line
Plant & Equipment	2-20 years	Straight Line
Motor Vehicles	5-10 years	Straight Line
Office Fittings, Furniture & Equipment	2-20 years	Straight Line



**Financial Assets and Liabilities**

The Council's financial assets comprise cash and cash equivalents, debtors, prepayments, GST receivable and investments. All of these financial assets are categorised as "loans and receivables" for accounting purposes in accordance with financial reporting standards.

The Council's financial liabilities comprise creditors, income in advance, accrued expenses and employee entitlements. All of these financial liabilities are categorised as "financial liabilities measured at amortised cost" for accounting purposes in accordance with financial reporting standards.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, bank balances, deposits held at call with banks, and other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

**Debtors and Other Receivables**

Debtors represents items that the Council has issued licences or invoices for, but has not received payment for at year end. They are initially recorded at fair value and subsequently at the amount the Council realistically expects to receive. A provision for impairment of Debtors is established where there is objective evidence the Council will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the debt.

**Prepayments and Income Accrued**

Prepayments represent expenses incurred by the Council within the current year which relate to a future period. Income accrued represents interest and other receivables which relate to the current period but were receipted post balance date.

**Inventories - Trout**

Inventories held for distribution consists of yearlings and 2+ year old trout held at year end for either the release into Eastern Fish & Game lakes or sale to other Fish & Game regions. They are valued at the lower of cost and current replacement cost.

**Investments**

Short term deposits have maturities between three months and one year. Investments in deposits are measured at amortised cost using effective interest method.

At balance date the Council assesses whether there is any objective evidence that an investment is impaired. Any impairment loss is recorded as an expense in the Statement of Financial Performance.

**Forestry Assets**

Forestry holdings are valued at fair value less estimated point of sale costs. Forestry assets were valued by registered valuer Reid & Reynolds Ltd trading as Telfer Young as at 31 August 2012.





**Property, Plant and Equipment**

Property, plant and equipment transferred to the Council on 31.8.91 and 22.12.92 is recorded at deemed cost based on fair value as at that date, less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Property, plant and equipment purchased since that date is recorded at cost or in the case of donated assets, fair value at the date of receipt, less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Cost or fair value as the case may be, includes those costs that relate directly to bringing the asset to the location where it will be used and making sure it is in the appropriate condition for its intended use.

Property, plant and equipment acquired with individual values under \$2,000 is not capitalised, but are recognised as an expense in the Statement of Financial Performance.

Gains and losses on disposals (i.e. sold or given away) are determined by comparing the proceeds received with the carrying amounts ( i.e. the book value).

**Impairment of non- Financial Assets**

Property plant and equipment and intangible assets that have a finite useful life are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

If an asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is impaired and the carrying amount is written down to the recoverable amount. For revalued assets the impairment loss is recognised against the revaluation reserve for that class of asset. Where that results in a debit balance in the revaluation reserve, the balance is recognised in the statement of financial performance.

For assets not carried at a revalued amount, the total impairment loss is recognised in the statement of financial performance.

**Intangible Assets - Software**

Any major software acquired is capitalised and amortised over its estimated useful life of 4 years.

**Creditors and Other Payables**

Creditors represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Council prior to the end of the financial year which are unpaid. Creditors are recorded at the amount of cash required to settle those liabilities. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition. Other payables consists of income which has been received by Council and relates to a future period.

**Employee Entitlements**

Salary accruals mainly reflect annual leave owing to staff and are recognised in respect of employees' services to balance date and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.



Sick leave is accumulated by staff but is not likely to be material and has not been accrued. There is a potential liability for sick leave of staff but that has not been possible to quantify for inclusion within the salaries accruals at balance date.

### **Goods and Services Tax**

The financial statements have been prepared exclusive of GST, with the exception of debtors and creditors.

### **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 reference to specified purposes or when certain specific conditions are met.

### **Budget Figures**

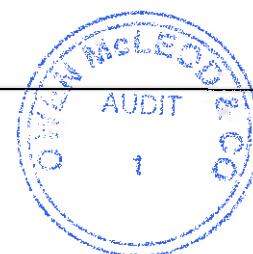
The budget figures are extracted from the Council budget that was approved by the Council at the November 2012 meeting.

### **Critical Accounting Estimates and Assumptions**

In preparing these financial statements the Council has made estimates and assumptions concerning the future in regard to asset lives and impairment of assets. None of these estimates and assumptions are considered critical by the Council.

### **Note 2: DUCK STAMP LEVY**

Levies of \$7,740 have been collected and are to be paid to Fish & Game New Zealand per the New Zealand Game Bird habitat Stamp regulations 1993.



**Note 3: REVENUE SUMMARY**

	Actual 2013	Budget 2013	Actual 2012
<b>Licence Sales</b>			
Game Sales	248,556	277,850	255,786
Fish Sales	1,165,915	1,177,878	1,171,103
	1,414,471	1,455,728	1,426,889
<b>Species Activities</b>			
Sale of Fish & Product	89,217	97,800	99,547
Insurance Claims	2,136		24,346
Tours	165	-	609
	91,518	97,800	124,502
<b>Habitat</b>			
Habitat Grazing	6,147	5,500	6,147
Waikaremoana Interest Earned	16,965	15,279	17,682
Other Habitat Funding	6,740	-	2,000
	29,852	20,779	25,829
<b>Habitat Grants</b>			
EBoP* Environment Enhancement Fund	5,900	-	4,125
NZ Game Bird Habitat Trust	-	-	20,870
WCEET*	45,883	-	73,184
WEMCT*	5,612	-	10,660
	57,395	-	108,839
<b>Angler &amp; Hunting Participation</b>			
Fishing Competitions	3,401	4,500	4,090
Childrens Training	6,103	5,000	5,196
Education	-	-	610
Rentals - Huts	426	400	591
	9,930	9,900	10,487
<b>Public Interface</b>			
New Zealand Council funding for Boat Show	1,500	-	1,500
Destination Rotorua funding for Boat Show	-	-	1,500
	1,500	-	3,000
<b>Compliance</b>			
Fines	9,349	9,000	10,935
	9,349	9,000	10,935
<b>Administraton</b>			
Contracts -Hawkes Bay	21,214	21,214	21,214
Rentals - Staff Houses	16,553	15,300	15,972
Interest Earned	13,193	17,094	15,971
Other Income Categories	1,987	750	1,860
Donations Received	125	-	328
	53,072	54,358	55,345
<b>Total Revenue</b>	1,667,087	1,647,565	1,765,826

\*Key

WCEET - Waikato Catchment Ecological Enhancement Trust , EBoP - Environment Bay of Plenty

WEMCT - Wairakei Environmental Mitigation Charitable Trust



**Note 4: EXPENSE ANALYSIS**

<b>Actual 2013</b>	<b>Direct Expense</b>	<b>Overhead Allocation</b>	<b>Actual 2013 Total</b>
Species Management	96,380	435,366	531,746
Habitat Protection & Management	100,234	185,936	286,170
Angler & Hunter Participation	22,498	109,902	132,400
Public Interface	5,819	50,831	56,650
Compliance	3,917	83,123	87,040
Licensing	80,225	34,170	114,395
Council	9,657	42,531	52,188
Planning & Reporting	10,455	100,026	110,481
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>329,185</b>	<b>1,041,885</b>	<b>1,371,070</b>

<b>Budget 2013</b>	<b>Direct Expense</b>	<b>Overhead Allocation</b>	<b>Budget 2013 Total</b>
Species Management	89,530	379,828	469,358
Habitat Protection & Management	99,500	241,487	340,987
Angler & Hunter Participation	22,350	146,842	169,192
Public Interface	3,600	65,752	69,352
Compliance	3,800	62,066	65,866
Licensing	85,987	39,356	125,343
Council	10,000	38,821	48,821
Planning & Reporting	9,700	72,411	82,111
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>324,467</b>	<b>1,046,563</b>	<b>1,371,030</b>

<b>Actual 2012</b>	<b>Direct Expense</b>	<b>Overhead Allocation</b>	<b>Actual 2012 Total</b>
Species Management	116,460	426,243	542,703
Habitat Protection & Management	135,624	171,727	307,351
Angler & Hunter Participation	21,743	96,113	117,856
Public Interface	13,801	46,235	60,036
Compliance	4,429	83,245	87,674
Licensing	80,823	37,693	118,516
Council	10,237	41,508	51,745
Planning & Reporting	8,985	101,749	110,734
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>392,102</b>	<b>1,004,513</b>	<b>1,396,615</b>



**Note 4: EXPENSE ANALYSIS Cont...**

<b>Expenses included within overhead allocation</b>	<b>Actual 2013</b>	<b>Budget 2013</b>	<b>Actual 2012</b>
Salaries	814,710	814,271	788,073
Staff Expenses	32,608	31,100	29,108
Staff Houses & Quarters	7,142	9,405	6,092
Office Premises	15,891	15,970	16,441
Office Equipment	1,421	900	2,534
Operating Lease Expense	2,569	2,600	2,645
Asset Impairment	-	-	-
Communications	21,107	23,000	21,782
General Expenses	9,074	8,270	4,173
Field Equipment	17,804	15,500	18,500
Vehicle Expenses	52,179	51,600	50,035
Depreciation	11 74,323	76,962	84,505
(Profit)/Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	(6,944)	(3,015)	(9,715)
(Profit)/Loss on Forestry Asset	-	-	(9,660)
	<b>1,041,884</b>	<b>1,046,563</b>	<b>1,004,513</b>
<b>Audit fee within Planning &amp; Reporting</b>	<b>7,900</b>	<b>7,700</b>	<b>7,700</b>

**Note 5: EXTERNALLY FUNDED PROJECTS**

Summary of revenue received and direct expenditure for externally funded Habitat projects.

The following projects were undertaken in the 2012-13 financial year. These projects were not budgeted for, due to the uncertainty of the timing of the project and of the funding.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Funded by</b>	<b>Revenue 2013</b>	<b>Expense 2013</b>
Waiotapu Oxbows Project	WCEET	11,651	11,651
Ohaaki Wetland Project	WCEET	34,231	34,231
Ohaaki Wetland Project	WEMCT	5,612	5,612
Kaituna WMR	EBoP	5,900	5,900
<b>Total</b>		<b>57,394</b>	<b>57,394</b>



**Note 6: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
Cash on hand and at bank	121,570	78,399
Cash Equivalents - Term Deposits	-	-
	121,570	78,399

**Note 7: DEBTORS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES**

	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
Debtors and other receivables	116,355	125,666
Provision for Impairment	-	-
	116,355	125,666

**Note 8: INVENTORIES - TROUT**

	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
42,000 Yearlings @ \$2.90	121,800	121,800
1700 2+ year olds @ \$5.80	9,860	9,860
	131,660	131,660

**Note 9: INVESTMENTS**

	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
Term Deposits	655,511	649,152
Total Current portion	655,511	649,152
	655,511	649,152



**Note 10: FORESTRY ASSETS**

	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
Valuation	62,660	62,660
2.65 hectares of Douglas Fir - Aged 33 years Situated at Paradise Valley Road Trout Hatchery.		
	62,660	62,660

**Note 11: PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT**

Movements for each class of property, plant and equipment are as follows:

	Land	Buildings	Plant & Equip	Vehicles	Office Equip	Total
<b>Cost or Valuation</b>						
Balance at 1 September 2011	93,500	944,493	169,580	371,383	70,389	1,649,345
Additions	-	-	-	113,888	10,605	124,493
Disposals	-	-	-	111,555	20,966	132,521
Balance At 31 August 2012	93,500	944,493	169,580	373,716	60,028	1,641,317
Balance at 1 September 2012	93,500	944,493	169,580	373,716	60,028	1,641,317
Additions	-	2,675	-	71,948	10,233	84,856
Disposals	-	-	-	74,732	11,875	86,607
Balance At 31 August 2013	93,500	947,168	169,580	370,932	58,386	1,639,566
<b>Accumulated depreciation and impairment losses</b>						
Balance at 1 September 2011	-	449,034	131,667	122,385	54,321	757,407
Depreciation Expense	-	23,765	7,529	39,675	13,536	84,505
Eliminate on Disposal	-	-	-	59,450	20,966	80,416
Balance At 31 August 2012	-	472,799	139,196	102,610	46,891	761,496
Balance at 1 September 2012	-	472,799	139,196	102,610	46,891	761,496
Depreciation Expense	-	23,810	6,027	37,490	6,995	74,322
Eliminate on Disposal	-	-	-	36,037	11,875	47,912
Balance At 31 August 2013	-	496,609	145,223	104,063	42,011	787,906
<b>Carrying Amounts</b>						
At 1 September 2011	93,500	495,459	37,913	248,998	16,068	891,938
At 31 August and 1 Sept 2012	93,500	471,694	30,384	271,106	13,137	879,821
At 31 August 2013	93,500	450,559	24,357	266,869	16,375	851,660

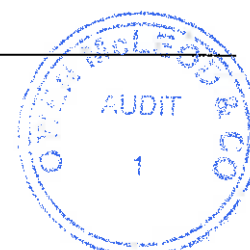


**Note 12: CREDITORS AND OTHER PAYABLES**

	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
Creditors	53,480	59,541
Income in Advance	10,868	10,941
<b>Funding received for Public Toilet project commenced October 2013</b>		
The Southern Trust	40,000	-
Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust	15,000	-
New Zealand Community Trust	12,500	-
The Lion Foundation	10,000	-
Accrued Expenses	34,434	19,765
Duck Stamp Levy	7,740	8,232
	184,022	98,479

**Note 13: EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS**

	Actual 2013	Actual 2012
Accrued Salaries & Wages	17,593	14,354
Annual Leave & Time in lieu	63,413	70,696
	81,006	85,050





<b>Note 14: EQUITY</b>	<b>Actual 2013</b>	<b>Actual 2012</b>
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>		
Balance at 1 September	1,448,361	1,559,148
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(71,508)	(105,787)
Transfer to Restricted Reserve	(5,000)	(5,000)
Balance at 31 August	1,371,853	1,448,361
<b>Restricted Reserves</b>		
Balance at 1 September	315,000	310,000
Transfer from Accumulated Funds	5,000	5,000
Balance at 31 August	320,000	315,000
<b>Total Equity at 31 August</b>	<b>1,691,853</b>	<b>1,763,361</b>

The Council had no contingent liabilities as at 31 August 2013. (2012 nil)

The Council had no capital commitments at 31 August 2013. (2012 nil)

The Council had two operating lease commitments at 31 August 2013.

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
Due less than 1 year	2,413	2,413
Due 1- 5 years	3,496	5,910
After 5 years	-	-
<b>Total At 31 August</b>	<b>5,909</b>	<b>8,323</b>

#### **Note 16: RIGHT TO OCCUPY**

The accommodation building at Waikaremoana is used under a Licence to Occupy for a period of 10 years (with a R.O.R.) at no cost from the Department of Conservation. The total land area is approximately 400 m<sup>2</sup>. No use of building cost has been accrued due to the immaterial value of the rental.

Likewise, the fish trap located at Te Wairoa and a hut (Wairua hut), Lake Tarawera are used under a Right to Occupy. There is no formal agreement for these two plots of land owned by the Department of Conservation. The land area for each is approximately 15m<sup>2</sup> and 200m<sup>2</sup> respectively – no cost has been accrued for the use of the property, in the accounts, due to the immateriality of the rental.



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

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

#### **Note 17: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The following transactions were carried out with Related parties during the year.

##### *New Zealand Fish and Game Council*

Levies paid to NZFGC for the year totalled \$367,525 (2012 \$474,998). Other transactions with NZ Council include the purchase of Licence books, regulation guides and magazine supplements. At balance date there was nil owing (2012 Nil).

Income was received from NZFGC for a contribution to the Boat Show exhibition \$1,500 (2012 \$1,500). At balance date there was a nil balance owing (2012 nil).

##### *Hawkes Bay Fish and Game Council*

An operational agreement between the Eastern Council and the Hawkes Bay Council was in place during the 2012-13 year. The contract was for Administration support and operational staff resources. The Net value of these services for 2013 was \$13,234 (2012 \$13,234). Fish were also supplied to the Hawkes Bay Council on normal conditions. Other transactions with the Hawkes Bay Council include the recovery of expenses incurred by the Eastern Region on behalf of the Hawkes Bay region. At balance date there was a balance owing to the Council of \$6,099 (2012 \$6,124). The Council owed the Hawke's Bay Council \$2,294 (2012 \$2,294).

##### *Other Fish and Game Councils*

Sales of Fish under normal trade conditions were made to Wellington, Taranaki, Auckland/Waikato and Northland Fish and Game Councils.

##### *Councillors*

Councillor Murray Ferris was employed to assist with the Waterfowl Monitoring project for the Gisborne/Wairoa area and was paid wages totalling \$1,692 (2012 \$2,280). The only other transactions entered into with Councillors were for the purchase of a licence to fish or hunt.

No provision has been required, nor any expense recognised for impairment of receivables from related parties (2012 nil).

#### **Note 18: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

There were no significant events after balance date. (2012 nil)



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**TO THE READERS OF  
EASTERN FISH AND GAME COUNCIL  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2013**

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

We have audited:

- the financial statements of the Fish and Game Council on pages 40 to 55 that comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 August 2013, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity for the year ended on that date and the notes to the financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the statement of service performance of the Fish and Game Council on pages 6 to 37.

**Opinion on the financial statements and the statement of service performance**

In our opinion:

- the financial statements of the Fish and Game Council on pages 40 to 55:
  - comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand; and
  - fairly reflect the Fish and Game Council's:
    - financial position as at 31 August 2013; and
    - financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- the statement of service performance of the Fish and Game Council on pages 6 to 37:
  - complies with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand; and
  - fairly reflects the Fish and Game Council's service performance for the year ended on 31 August 2013, including:
    - its performance achieved, as compared with forecast targets specified in the statement of forecast service performance for the financial year; and
    - its revenue earned and output expenses incurred, as compared with the forecast revenues and output expenses specified in the statement of forecast service performance for the start of the financial year.

Our audit was completed on 19 November 2013. This is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

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

### **Basis of opinion**

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

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

An audit involves carrying out procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and statement of service performance. The procedures selected depend on our judgement, including our assessment of risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and statement of service performance, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the Fish and Game Council's preparation of the financial statements and statement of service performance that fairly reflect the matters to which they relate. We consider internal control in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fish and Game Council's internal control.

An audit also involves evaluating:

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

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

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required and we believe we have obtained sufficient and appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Responsibilities of the Council**

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

- comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand;
- fairly reflect the Fish and Game Council's financial position and financial performance; and
- fairly reflect its service performance achievements.

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

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


### **Responsibilities of the Auditor**

We are responsible for expressing an independent opinion on the financial statements and statement of service performance and reporting that opinion to you based on our audit. Our responsibility arises from section 15 of the Public Audit Act 2001 and section 26W (2) of the Conservation Act 1987.

### **Independence**

When carrying out the audit, we followed the independence requirements of the Auditor-General, which incorporate the independence requirements set out in the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand).

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



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

