



**EASTERN
FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**

***MEETING
AGENDA***

10 June 2021

AGENDA

The 189th Meeting of the Eastern Fish and Game Council

Venue: Eastern Fish & Game Region Offices
Paradise Valley Road
ROTORUA

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**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE 188th MEETING OF THE EASTERN FISH
AND GAME COUNCIL, HELD ONLINE (VIA ZOOM) ON TUESDAY 13th APRIL
2021 AT 12.00PM**

Present

Crs David Woolner, Murray Ferris, Barry Roderick, Laurance Tamati, Alan Baird, Debbie Oakley, Lindsay Lyons, Adam Rayner, Geoff Thomas and Ngahi Bidois.

IN ATTENDANCE

Andy Garrick and Kate Thompson (Eastern Fish & Game).

1.0 WELCOME AND KARAKIA

1.1 Cr David Woolner (Chairman) opened the meeting at 1.00pm, welcomed all present, and invited Cr Ngahi Bidois to start the meeting with a karakia. David noted that the last minute delay in the release of the Ministerial Review of Fish and Game, discussion of which was to have formed a significant part of this meeting, lead to this being a Zoom meeting rather than a round table meeting. Given our Zoom facility has a 40 minute time constraint applying to it, he proposed that the order of the agenda be amended so that those items requiring resolution be attended to first.

2.0 APOLOGIES

2.1 Apologies were received from Cr Ken Coombes.

2.2 *Agreed (Murray Ferris/Adam Rayner) that the apologies for the 188th meeting of the Eastern Region Fish and Game Council be sustained. [21/04/2.2]*

3.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGISTER

3.1 Councillors were asked to inform the chair of any conflicts of interest. No conflicts of interest were recorded.

4.0 2021-2022 OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN

4.1 In response to enquiries he'd received, Cr Barry Roderick asked what Fish & Game was planning for predator control in the Kaituna wetland. Andy Garrick advised that the Bay of Plenty Regional Council had sponsored the design of a predator control programme for the wetland and we had committed to implement it subject to securing external funding to do so. Both BOPRC and the Department of Conservation were comfortable with that. Barry asked that this Council formally acknowledge the proposed programme planned and requested staff to publicise Fish & Game's intentions. Andy commented that the programme would have been implemented already had funding been secured and we're still working on this. He suggested that the minutes of this meeting record Council's support for the programme to proceed once funding had been secured.

4.2 *Agreed (Murray Ferris/Adam Rayner) that Council approves the draft OWP for the 2021-2022 year along with the accompanying contestable funding bids and proposals to draw down some of Eastern Region's non-resident reserve funds. [21/04/4.2]*

5.0 WAIKAREMOANA SPORTS FISH HABITAT ENHANCEMENT FUND

5.1 Andy Garrick advised that Council had approved \$8,000 be drawn down from the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Habitat Enhancement Fund and incorporated into the current year's budget to support ongoing monitoring, access, and buoy related

programmes during the 2020-21 year. Andy advised that staff wished to again apply for \$8,000 from the Fund to offset costs associated with these programmes during the 2021-22 budget.

- 5.2 *Agreed (Lindsay Lyons/Murray Ferris) that Council approves the application for funding of \$8,000 from the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Habitat Enhancement Fund as described for the 2021-22 Operational Work Plan and Budget. [21/04/5.2]*

6.0 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

- 6.1 *Agreed (Geoff Thomas/Ngahi Bidois) that Council receives the Management Report and Health and Safety reports. [21/04/6.1]*

- 6.2 *Agreed (Geoff Thomas/Ngahi Bidois) that Council receives the Finance Report and approves payments for January and February 2021 totalling \$359,703.55. [21/04/6.2]*

7.0 MATTERS ARISING

- 7.1 Cr Lindsay Lyons reiterated the need to have more staff visits to agents prior to the commencement of the Game Bird Hunting season.

- 7.2 Cr Barry Roderick noted that a comment made by a staff member in 11 February 2021's meeting (see minuted Item 8.10) that research done in the past had shown very little mortality of ducks between January and the opening of the game season conflicted with comments and advice that Matthew McDougall had previously provided. Matt was not present at the February meeting but had previously informed Council that duck populations were influenced not only by breeding, but by food supply in summer, and his most recent modelling had indicated that summer rainfall in addition to temperatures the preceding winter impacted on duck survival (in this region). *Post meeting note from Andy: The confusion comes about from the results of a radio telemetry study of mallards undertaken by David Klee and Matt McDougall in 2011/12 that concluded that non-harvest mortality between time of banding in January/February 2011 and the onset of the 2011 hunting season was low, with survival calculated at 95% in this study. However, the study was a one off, and was undertaken in one year only. Sample size was small also, only forty six birds having been fitted with transmitters, 10 of which were not encountered again post capture. Had it been feasible to track a greater number of birds and repeat the study over a number of years its very likely a quite different conclusion would have been generated.*

8.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (11 FEBRUARY 2021)

- 8.1 *Agreed (Laurance Tamati/Murray Ferris) that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record. [21/04/8.1]*

9.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 9.1 Andy Garrick informed Council of serious concerns staff had with the second tranche of Arms Legislation reforms proposed, and the potential it had to detrimentally impact not only Fish & Game licence holders but all hunters. He advised that Anthony van Dorp had produced a draft submission on behalf of all of Fish & Game, and was currently looking for feedback from other regions in addition to liaising with other agencies including COLFO and NZDA representatives.

- 9.2 With the upcoming release of the Ministerial Review of Fish & Game, Cr Barry Roderick highlighted the need to ensure that staff were adequately supported through what could be a difficult and uncertain time. Cr David Woolner agreed, adding that implementation of any recommendations would need to be very carefully thought

through and well done to be successful. Cr Debbie Oakley said she had confidence in the very capable people leading the New Zealand Fish & Game Council, and felt that whatever the results of the review might be, Fish & Game was in a good position to deal with it.

- 9.3 Cr Ngahi Bidois thanked Andy Garrick and staff for installing the new signage at the Awahou Stream, and their engagement recently with the Awahou community's fishing competitions and children's events.

10.0 SPECIES MONITORING REPORTS

- 10.1 Council received the 2020 Rotorua Lakes Opening Day Creel Survey report and the 2021 Paradise Shelduck and Black Swan Trend Count reports.

11.0 LIAISON OFFICERS REPORTS

11.1 Conservation Boards

No Report.

11.2 Department of Conservation

No report.

11.3 The New Zealand Fish and Game Council

Cr Debbie Oakley informed Council that their last meeting was in February via Zoom and that the Council was awaiting the release of the Ministerial Review of Fish & Game. Debbie also advised that in her role on the Standing Finance Committee she had been involved with preparation of the National budget papers which had been distributed to regions.

12.0 MEETING CLOSED

- 12.1 The meeting closed at 1.30pm with a closing karakia by Cr Ngahi Bidois.

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David Woolner
Chairman

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

- 2.0 APOLOGIES**
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7. CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGISTER

Ref: 7.02.01

24 May 2021

1. Purpose

A standing agenda item to disclose any Councillor (“Member”) Conflict of Interest or potential Conflict of Interest, and record this in the Councillor Conflict of Interest Register.

2. Background

In 2016 the Eastern Fish and Game Council adopted a revised policy and rules for dealing with Conflicts of Interest and these include providing a standing agenda item to allow Councillors to disclose any Conflict or highlight any potential conflict. The “Interest Register” ring binder will be circulated in the first part of each meeting for Councillors to record any interests. The Council should then discuss how it wants to deal with any interest or perceived interest identified.

Conflict of Interest (refer s2.7 Governance Policies) means when the member can be shown to have actual bias or apparent bias in respect of a matter¹ i.e:

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

A potential conflict of interest (refer s2.8 Governance Policies) arises when:

¹ “Matter” means:

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

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

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

Conflicts of Interest should be dealt with as follows (refer s1.13 Standing Orders):

- 1.13.1 Every member present at a meeting must declare any direct or indirect conflict of interest that they hold in any matter being discussed at the meeting, other than an interest that they hold in common with the public.
- 1.13.2 When a conflict of interest arises in respect of a matter, the affected member will:
- (i) not vote on issues related to the matter;
 - (ii) not discuss the matter with other members;
 - (iii) conform to the majority view of other members present as to whether to be excluded from discussions regarding the matter and/or leave the room when the matter is discussed;
 - (iv) not, subject to the discretion of the Chairperson, receive further papers or other information related to the matter.
- 1.13.3 Where a member can be shown to have a potential conflict of interest, the Council (excluding the affected member) will determine an appropriate course of action, which may include the following:
- (i) applying some or all of the actions applied to a member with a conflict of interest (set out in 1.13.2 i) – iv) above);
 - (ii) providing a written explanation outlining why there is no legal conflict of interest that can be made available to all Fish and Game Councils, licence holders and other interested parties.
- 1.13.4 The conflicted member will be given the opportunity to be heard by the Council on the points raised and the member's submissions will be taken into consideration by the Council.
- 1.13.5 The minutes must record the declaration and member's subsequent abstention from discussion and voting.

Councillors should take this opportunity to disclose any Conflict of Interest they are aware of now and record it in the circulated Conflict of Interest Register. If during the course of the

meeting a conflict or perceived conflict is recognised, then this should be disclosed at that point in time.

3. Recommendation

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

8. DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2021-2022 OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN

Ref: 8.02.01

25 May 2021

1. Purpose

To receive the updated draft Operational Work Plan prepared for the 2021-2022 year and approve its circulation to clubs and other interested parties for feedback prior to final sign off.

2. Background

Operational Work Plans are developed over several months from February onwards, and involve a review by Council of strategic priorities in addition to core functions, project objectives and allocation of resources. During its February meeting Council identified the priority work areas that it wants to focus on for the next operational year, and these and related projects were incorporated into a draft OWP along with external costs which were presented to and approved by Council in April. At this meeting Council also supported a staff recommendation that two applications for contestable funding and three proposals to use Eastern Region's non-resident reserve funds be forwarded to the NZ Council. These applications were subsequently submitted to and approved by regional Fish & Game managers and the NZ Council, and have been inserted into the second draft of the 2021-2022 OWP which has been provided as a PDF accompanying this agenda. The latest draft of the plan also includes updated hours and internal costs.

3. Resourcing the Work Plan

The first draft of the 2021-2022 draft and budget was prepared in accordance with NZ Council's budgeting process and base funding of \$1,071,572.

The two applications made to the nationally administered contestable funding pool comprised an additional \$11,785 for staff salary adjustments based on an annual CPI rate to December 2020 of 1.4%, and \$9,702 for loss of interest income due to the significant decline in interest rates. Incorporating these into our budget for 2021-2022 elevates our baseline budget to \$1,093,059 (subject to Ministerial approval of Fish & Game's proposed licence fees for 2021-22 (see Agenda Item 9).

The three 'one-off' proposals to draw down funds from Eastern Region's non-resident reserve were for the following:

1. Costs associated with the employment of a Trainee Hatchery Operations Officer for a 12 month fixed term (\$40,000).
2. Contracting NIWA to assist with the preliminary analyses of acoustic smelt monitoring data from Lake Tarawera (\$3,000).
3. Development and enhancement of access to the Whirinaki River (\$5,000).

This funding, along with \$20,000 approved in the 2018/19 OWP which has yet to be drawn down from the non-resident fund reserve for the Lake Tarawera food web study have also been incorporated into the second draft of the OWP, as has \$8,000 from the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Habitat Enhancement Fund. The latter is to offset staff time and expenses as agreed to by Council at its last meeting [21/04/5.2].

4. Comparison of Resourcing for the 2021-2022 OWP and the 2020-2021 OWP

The main changes to the 2021-2022 OWP versus the 2020-2021 OWP at an output class level are as below:

Output	2021-22 external costs	2020-21 external costs	2021-22 hours	2020-21 hours	Hours difference (% change)
Species	\$127,870	\$103,900	6,910	6,171	+739 (12.0%)
Habitat	\$20,900	\$20,900	3,188	3,250	-62 (1.9%)
Participation	\$14,950	\$9,950	1,968	1,795	+173 (9.6%)
Public	\$5,500	\$5,500	764	688	+76 (11%)
Compliance	\$7,000	\$7,000	1,400	1,354	+46 (3.4%)
Licensing	\$600	\$600	292	304	-12 (3.9%)
Council	\$6,000	\$6,000	481	463	+18 (3.9%)
Plan/Report	\$18,350	\$18,350	977	985	-8 (0.8%)

The total output hours for the draft 2021-2022 OWP are 15,980 hours compared to 15,010 hours last year, and overhead/administration staff hours are 7,156 compared to 6,968 hours last year.

5. Next Steps

- Staff will incorporate any amendments to the draft 2021-2022 plan that Council might seek as an outcome of this meeting.
- The draft will then be circulated to clubs and interested parties for comment with feedback required prior to the end of July.
- Council will formally approve the plan at its August meeting after taking into account any submissions received on it and determining whether these require amendments to the plan.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1** *That Council receives the second draft of the 2021-2022 OWP and identifies any amendments it wishes be made to it prior to its circulation to other parties for comment.*

9. 2021-2022 LICENCE FEES

Ref: 6.01.04

25 June 2021

1. Purpose

To consider the licence fees recommended for the 2021-2022 year.

2. Background

All regional budgets along with the NZ Council budget are assessed in April in accordance with national budget policy. A key element of the policy is that budgets provide a level of base funding sufficient to meet the core operations of each region and the NZ Council. Any increase to base funding for a particular region or the NZ Council must be done through a contestable bidding process. Once forecasted licence sales and overall funding requirements for Fish & Game nationally have been assessed the NZ Council recommends licence fees for both the fish licence and the game licence.

Licence fees for the coming 2021-2022 sports fishing and game bird seasons were considered at the managers' meeting on 15 April 2021 and again at the joint meeting with the NZ Council on 16 April. The NZC agreed to adopt, as a basis for consultation with regions, that the fee for a whole season fishing licence be increased by \$4 to \$137 (an increase of 3.0%) and a whole season game licence by \$2 which would take it to \$100 (a 2.0% increase). A supporting paper from the NZ Council office is appended below, and the proposed fees are shown in a table at the end of that report (page 17).

3. Recommendation

3.1 That the Eastern Fish and Game Council supports the proposed licence fees for 2021-2022 of \$137 (GST inclusive) for the Adult Whole Season Fishing licence, and \$100 (GST inclusive) for the Adult Whole Season Game licence (which includes \$4 for the Game Bird Habitat Trust).



Fish and Game New Zealand Licence Fee Recommendation Consultation

1. Proposal

The New Zealand Fish and Game Council (NZC) seeks consultation from Fish and Game Councils on the 2021/22 licence fee recommendations.

NZC met with regional managers on 16th April to consider the 2021/22 budgets and licence fees. Following that meeting, NZC agreed to recommend an increase of \$4 to the sports fish adult whole season licence and an increase of \$2 to the game adult whole season licence. In recommending these fees, NZC also recommended that all other licence categories increased on the agreed proportions. A full list of recommended licence fees and categories is detailed at the end of this letter.

2. Background

Legislation provides for the following:

Section 26Q of the Conservation Act 1987 sets out the functions of Fish and Game Councils. Subsection (l)(d)(a) requires councils:

to assess the costs attributable to the management of sports fish and game;
Section 26Q(l)(d)(ii) requires Fish and Game councils:

to develop and recommend to the New Zealand Fish and Game Council appropriate licence fees to recover costs and game bird habitat stamp fees;

Section 26C(l)(e) requires NZC:

to recommend to the Minister of Conservation an appropriate fee for fishing and hunting licences, after considering the views and recommendations of Fish and Game Councils.

Section 26C(l)(ia) also requires NZC:

to recommend to the Minister, after considering the views and recommendations (if any) of Fish and Game Councils and the New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust Board, an appropriate fee in respect of any game bird habitat stamp and the form of such stamps (the form of the stamp to be approved as part of the 2011 Game Notice).

Operationally, national policy of NZC specifies that all expenditure needs to be approved as part of the budget round, including capital expenditure and expenditure from reserves for all councils.

3. Reserves

National policy sets reserve levels equal to between 30-50% of licence income for those councils which generate licence sales income above their budget, or of total budget for those councils which receive a grant. This level of general reserve is considered adequate to provide security against fluctuations in income and to ensure adequate operational cash flow. In the May 2020 meeting, in response to Covid the prescribed reserve level was reduced to 20% of total budget for all councils.

The budget policy specifies that all expenditure from general and dedicated reserves needs to be approved by NZC as part of the budget round, or by making an application for Exceptional Funding. There are consequences across all sectors of the organisation where any council's reserves are reduced outside of policy.

4. Budget process

The method of increasing funding levels for individual councils is through a contestable funding application at the April budget setting meeting. Applications can be for either a one-off funding allocation for a specific project, or for ongoing additional funding. The latter in effect raises the total baseline funding level for that council.

The funding required to cover base funds and approved contestable funding is assessed against the expected licence sales for the year ahead (established from the last two years of actual sales), to determine the new licence fees.

This process is summarised in the following budget cycle:

Feb	NZC set Regional base funds for the 2021/22 year at \$9,607,893. This was approximately 95% of the original previous year's budget
March	All council budgets were reviewed against audited actual expenditure for the year ending 31 st August 2020.
	Budgets over or under 10% variance are reported against. The variance reports for the 2019/20 year were prepared, however because of Covid they were not appropriate to use as a guide in determining contestable funding applications.
	Preparation of business and operational work plans for new financial year (NFY)
April	Priorities for NFY are discussed at Regional Manager & NZC meetings April
	Draft budgets developed by NZ and regional F&G councils
	Councils apply for 'new' contestable funding with applications circulated beforehand, reviewed against criteria, considered and prioritised at the meeting of regional managers, which recommends the allocation of contestable funds, research and legal fund allocations and new licence fees for NFY
	NZC make recommendation on licence fees, having considered base funding levels and contestable fund applications, and send to regional councils for consideration.
June	Regional councils consider NZC licence fee recommendation. Due back to NZC 16 th June
	NZC consider regional response and finalise licence fee recommendations for approval by the Minister of Conservation.

The recommended licence fee is effectively set by dividing the sum of the proposed budgets of the 13 Councils by the number of the adult whole season licence equivalents that F&G NZ expects to sell during the year (LEQ targets).²

² A licence equivalent (LEQ) sets the adult whole season licence as the standard unit of measure with a value of one (1) and other categories of licence are amalgamated as adult whole season equivalents in accordance with

5. 2021/22 LEQ targets

	2018-2019 LEQ'S (Actual)		2019-2020 LEQ'S (Actual)		2021-2022 Traditional LEQ'S (Extrapolated)		2021-2022 LEQ'S (Recommended LWP)	
	Fish	Game	Fish	Game	Fish	Game	Fish	Game
Northland	300	1,788	313	1,600	313	1,506	230	1,603
Auckland-Waikato	3,781	6,583	3,746	6,245	3,729	6,076	3,546	6,256
Eastern	9,884	3,162	9,020	2,749	8,588	2,543	8,554	2,754
Hawkes Bay	2,576	1,884	2,472	1,637	2,419	1,514	2,438	1,640
Taranaki	831	1,064	791	992	770	956	874	994
Wellington	3,005	3,504	3,026	3,134	3,026	2,949	3,142	3,139
Nelson-Marlborough	4,076	882	4,089	816	4,089	783	3,373	817
North Canterbury	11,969	2,530	11,333	2,309	11,016	2,198	11,290	2,313
West Coast	2,072	343	1,761	379	1,606	379	1,828	380
Central South Island	12,188	2,358	11,458	2,091	11,093	1,958	11,177	2,095
Otago	14,843	4,142	14,435	3,867	14,231	3,729	14,191	3,874
Southland	8,626	4,860	8,065	4,628	7,785	4,512	7,603	4,636
Total	74,151	33,101	70,510	30,448	68,665	29,103	68,245	30,500

The following components featured in the 2021-2022 budget discussions:

6. Contestable funding applications

A total of 62 contestable funding applications were received (up from 24 last year), seeking additional funding of \$1,219,639 (last year \$1,031,345). \$50,000 of this is from the Northland Restricted Reserve.

Budgets for all councils making application for increased funding were received and circulated for review prior to the April managers meeting.

7. Contestable funding recommendations

Managers considered all contestable funding applications and assigned each a priority rating. This was then explained at a joint meeting with NZC. The outcome recommended that applications totalling \$1,216,672 (\$331,701 from reserves) be funded, including provision for national RMA/legal funding.

Of this, \$608,371 (\$331,701 from reserves) was recommended for funding on a one-off basis, meaning this funding would be freed-up and become available in next year's budget round. The \$50,000 approved for Northland was from their restricted reserve. As this was from their Restricted Reserve it is simply a notification.

8. Research fund allocation

To avoid inflating the budget in any one year an allocation is made annually to the Research Fund. In past years, this allocation has been \$134,000. However, in the 2019-2020 financial year it was agreed to reduce this amount to \$70,000 due to Covid budgetary restrictions.

The Managers recommended to the NZC that the Research fund be increased by \$30,000 for the 2021/22 budget. This takes the Research Fund allocation to \$100,000 per annum. No proposals for research were put forward at this meeting.

their proportionate value of the adult whole season licence. For example, the value of a junior whole season licence is 20% of an adult whole season licence. Therefore 5 junior whole season licences equal 1 LEQ.

A further \$30,000 has been recommended for the National Anglers Survey and for this to be an ongoing amount coming directly from the licence fee and not the Research fund.

9. Staff Development Fund

A staff scholarship of \$10,000 was available annually for Fish and Game staff to apply for support from the organisation for national and international study, work experience or participation in events or conferences. Again, due to Covid restrictions this budget was set to zero for the 2020/21 year.

The Managers recommended to the NZC to reinstate this fund for 2021/22 budget (\$10,000) and ongoing. Applications for this will open later in the year.

10. RMA/Legal fund allocation

The RMA/legal fund receives budget allocations on a reimbursement basis. It covers payment of costs through a national fund rather than separate funding allocations in individual council's budgets where approved legal projects occur.

The original application for RMA/Legal was for \$300,000 but Managers recommended that \$500,000 be allocated to the national legal pool fund for this 2021/22 year, an increase of \$186,000 from last year. This is considered the amount we are likely to spend in the 2021/22 year due to demands relating to the NPS-FW.

11. 2021/22 NZC Contestable Funding Approval and 2021/22 Budgets

The NZC approved 58 of the contestable funding applications at a total value of \$1,116,672. Of this \$288,385 were ongoing from the licence fee, \$546,586 one off from the licence fee and \$281,701 one off from reserves.

CPI on salaries for 1.4% was approved to all regions who applied. The loss of interest income that was applied for was taken from region's reserves if reserves could sustain it. (See attached schedule of approved CF applications).

The proposed budget for the 13 Fish and Game councils for 2021/22 (including funding from reserves) is \$10,724,565. Individual budgets are shown in the table on the page following alongside the previous financial year (both shown as GST exclusive) (excluding the \$50,000 from Northland Restricted Reserve).

National Budget	Approved 2020/21	Approved 2021/22
Northland	508,200	550,915
Auckland\Waikato	795,379	810,240
Eastern	1,071,572	1,141,059
Hawkes Bay	368,127	376,208
Taranaki	357,970	376,464
Wellington	762,502	696,199
Nelson-Marlb	444,491	466,818
Nth Canterbury	775,672	783,400
West Coast	346,448	346,448
Central SI	673,164	729,030
Otago	961,612	1,039,442
Southland	643,699	713,199
NZC only	1,134,917	1,102,607
National inc Research	1,390,640	1,592,536
TOTAL	10,234,393	10,724,565

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12. NZ Game Bird Habitat Stamp

No change to the Game Bird Habitat Stamp was recommended for the 2021/22 year.

13. Licence fee recommendation

Based on the estimated LEQs (extrapolated from the current sales figures and analysis of sales trends over the last two season (2018/19 and 2019/20) and of generated revenue, established base funds, approved contestable funding, plus research and legal fund allocations, the NZ Council recommends:

The 2021/22 licence fees be based on a sports fish adult whole season fee of \$137 and the game adult whole season licence to be based on \$96 plus \$4 (Total \$100) for the Game Bird Habitat Stamp (GST inclusive).

14. Modification to licence categories and ratios with whole season fees

The NZ Council discussed the differential pricing for non-resident licences and agreed that the sports fish categories and ratios be maintained at the same as previous years.

15. Use of Reserves & Impact on Reserves

The recommendation for licences fee of \$137 and \$100, along with the recommendation of a total budget of \$10,724,565 requires Regions to use their reserves to cover the shortfall. Nine Regions are using reserves to cover one off project for the year (\$281,701). On top of that there is a shortfall of \$247,147, which is 2.37% of budgets. Each region will need to draw on their reserves by 2.37% in order to cover this shortfall.

³ National issues include the cost of shared services benefiting the organisation nationwide, such as the special editions of the F&G magazine, the F&G NZ website, licence administration system, administration of elections, ranger health & safety training, etc; Commission is paid to licence sale agents (mostly retailers). Current policy sets commission at 4.5% per licence sold. Commission funding is aligned to both the licence sales estimate taken into the budget system and the subsequently adopted licence fee.

In this scenario Taranaki is the only region that will require a top of Reserves in order to maintain reserves at 20%.

16. Conclusion

The NZ Council seeks consultation from Fish and Game Councils on the following resolutions:

That for consultation with regional Fish and Game Councils, a 2021/22 recommended adult whole season sports fish licence fee of \$137 and an adult whole season game licence fee of \$100 (inclusive of a \$4 fee for the Game Bird Habitat Stamp) inclusive of GST be accepted.

To enable the New Zealand Council to consider feedback and make recommendations to the Minister of Conservation at its June 17th 2021 meeting, responses to these changes are requested by 16th June 2021.



Paul Shortis
Acting Chief Executive

Schedule of F&G NZ's proposed Licences & Fees for 2021/22 (inclusive of GST)

Sports Fish Licence		2020/21	2021/22	
Category of licence	Class of applicant	Current fee \$	Proposed fee \$	Fee difference
Whole season (1 Oct – 30 Sep)	Adult	133	137	\$4.00
	Junior	27	27	Nil
	Child	free	free	Nil
Family		173	178	\$5.00
Non-resident Whole season	Adult	180	185	\$5.00
	Junior	34	35	\$1.00
	Child	34	35	\$1.00
Winter (1 Apr – 30 Sep)	Adult	80	82	\$2.00
Loyal senior	Adult	113	116	\$3.00
Local area	Adult	106	110	\$4.00
Short-break	Adult	48	49	\$1.00
Long-break	Adult	93	96	\$3.00
Day	Adult	21	22	\$1.00
	Junior	5	5	Nil
Non-resident Day	Adult	34	35	\$1.00
	Junior	20	21	\$1.00
	Child	20	21	\$1.00
Back country		free	free	Nil
Controlled-period		free	free	Nil

Game Bird Licence*		2021	2022	
Category of licence	Class of applicant	Current fee \$	Proposed fee \$	Fee difference
Whole season (primarily 1st Sat in May to 31 Aug)	Adult	98	100	\$2.00
	Junior	23	23	Nil
	Child	4	4	Nil
Day (available from 2nd Monday of season)	Adult	23	23	Nil
	Junior	8	8	Nil

All licence category fees are set as a percentage of the fish or game adult whole season fee and rounded to the nearest \$, hence in some instances the fee difference remains nil.

*Game bird hunting licence fee includes the \$4.00 NZ Game Bird Habitat Stamp.

Notes:

1. A junior means a person aged 12 years or over, but under 18 years at the start of the season.
2. A child means a person aged under 12 years at the start of the season.
3. Back country and controlled-period licence mean an endorsement on an adult or junior whole season or family fish licence with special conditions for fishing specified waters.
4. Whole Season for sports fish extends from 1 October through to 30 September the following year.
5. Whole Season for game birds can extend from the first Saturday in May to beyond the traditional closing dates for upland game hunting at the end of August due to special season conditions between February to April the following year for some species, e.g. Paradise shelduck and Pukeko.
6. A Game Bird Habitat Stamp fee of \$4.00 (incl GST) is payable on all categories of game hunting licence and is included in the fees shown in the game hunting licence table above.

10. ANGLERS NOTICE REVIEW

Ref: 1.07.01

1 June 2021

1. Purpose

To finalise Anglers Notice regulation recommendations for the 2021-22 angling season.

2. Background

The Anglers Notice sets regional sports fishing regulations and any changes from one season to the next go through a consultation process with licence holders and interested parties before being recommended to the Minister of Conservation. Sports fishing regulations are set to ensure the sustainability of fisheries without unnecessarily restricting angler opportunities.

Council has a comprehensive policy approach to dealing with the Anglers Notice. The policy approach splits regulations into those that serve a social function and those that serve a biological function. Social regulations are those that affect the angler and principally relate to angling methods. Waters are categorised based on trout densities, and levels of angler use. These categories are used to determine how social based regulations should be applied. Biological regulations are those that affect trout populations and include bag and size limits.

This approach has greatly simplified the task of reviewing the Anglers Notice and enabled regulations to be evaluated and amended, if deemed appropriate, relatively simply. Council undertakes a comprehensive review of the Anglers Notice Process every second year and conducts a less intensive process during the intervening years when only urgent changes that might have been identified are addressed. 2021 is an intermediate year.

No extraordinary issues have been identified that require urgent change to the Eastern Region regulations this year. However, in June 2020, Council resolved the following:

“Agreed (Ngahi Bidois/ Lyndsay Lyons) that the recommendation [20/06/8.13] to change the season opening dates for lakes Tarawera, Rotoiti and Okataina from 1 October to the first Saturday in October comes into effect for the 2021-22 Sports Fishing Season. Carried 7/2. [20/06/8.15]”

and, to reduce likely confusion around the open season for winter shoreline fishing areas on lakes Tarawera, Rotoiti and Okataina which have otherwise been open year-round, Council passed a follow up resolution in February 2021, this being:

“Agreed (Ken Coombes/Lindsay Lyons) that Winter Shoreline Areas on lakes Tarawera, Rotoiti, and Okataina will remain open all year round. [21/02/10.2]”

Since then no further issues requiring attention this year have come to hand.

3. Recommendations

3.1 That Council forwards its recommendations for the 2021-22 Anglers Notice to the NZC for communication to the Minister, and in so doing concludes the Anglers Notice process for the 2021-22 season.

11. NZC CHANGE FREEZE POLICY

Ref: 8.04.10

1 June 2021

1. Purpose

To consider the New Zealand Council's "Change Freeze" Guidelines and proposed national policy relating to such.

2. Background

See NZC document appended to this agenda item.

3. Recommendation

3.1 That Council determines its position on NZC's "Change Freeze" paper for feedback to the NZC.



Consultation Document: Change Freeze

Introduction

It is the intention of New Zealand Council that the underlying can be adopted as national policy, following regional consultation, as soon as possible potentially short cutting the normal policy setting process and timeline. While not ideal, there is some urgency, and this policy may not be in place for an extended period.

Until it has been ratified by all thirteen councils, can we also request that individual regional councils adhere to the spirit and guidelines below.

Finally, it should be acknowledged that even when policy, this will be legally unenforceable. These are, however, extraordinary times under which we are asking all councils, including NZC, to agree.

Purpose

1. New Zealand Council are about to embark on a consultation process with the Regional Councils in order to prepare a response to the Ministerial Review.
2. In the interim and during the implementation of the Ministerial Review, it is important that the status of significant assets are not altered in such a way that the new proposed regions may be handicapped when they are formed.
3. For example, forming a trust for a specific purpose out of general reserves will limit the utilisation of those funds by the new council and we must agree not to limit the effectiveness of the new regional entities.
4. In a similar fashion, the sale and purchase of vehicles, and other significant capital items, must be entered into with the agreement of all parties likely to be affected. In the case of vehicles this would mean with the agreement of the neighbouring region(s) currently proposed for amalgamation.
5. Finally, hiring new staff, either in new positions or as replacements, should be done in consultation with the regional councils through the managers group and NZC.

Guidelines

6. To minimise disruption to the organisation during the process of implementing the review's recommendations, all Fish and Game Councils (regional Fish and Game Councils and the New Zealand Fish and Game Council) agree not to:
 - a. Dispose of or purchase any assets of a value less than \$70,000 without the agreement of the amalgamating region.
 - b. Dispose of or purchase any assets of a value greater than \$70,000 without approval from the regional councils through the managers group and NZC.
 - c. Create or dissolve any trusts, regardless of monetary value - or dispose of assets within those trusts without approval from NZC.

- d. Make any significant staffing changes without first receiving approval from the Managers Group and NZC.
 - i. NB. Significant staffing changes means employing new staff in a full-time capacity or undertaking any restructure of staffing.
 - ii. Noting that several regions may require new personnel to carry on business as usual, it is recommended that these appointments are made as fixed term contracts.
- 7. The process by which approval will be given for the disposal or purchase of assets greater than \$70,000 or a significant staffing change is modelled on the CF bid process and is set out as follows:
 - a. A proposal will be put forward by a Fish and Game Council initially to the Managers' group, who will consider it taking into account:
 - i. The organisation's circumstances at the time.
 - ii. The direction the organisation is moving in implementing the review's recommendations.
 - b. The Managers' group will make a recommendation to the New Zealand Fish and Game Council in support or opposition to the proposal.
 - c. The New Zealand Fish and Game Council will then consider the matter and decide, applying the same lens of:
 - i. The organisation's circumstances at the time.
 - ii. The direction the organisation is moving in implementing the review's recommendations.
- 8. This set of processes will be reviewed annually until the Ministerial Review has been fully implemented.
- 9. Because of the indeterminate timeframe involved in implementing the recommendations of the review, this policy must be reviewed and reaffirmed or revoked annually. This annual review must include the opportunity for regions to provide input on how the policy is working for them.

11. LIAISON REPORTS

11.1 Conservation Boards

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

11.2 Reports from Other Agencies

- Department of Conservation
- Te Arawa Lakes Trust

11.3 Report from New Zealand Council

13. OPERATIONAL REPORTS

13.1 MANAGEMENT REPORT

21 May 2021

1111 River Fisheries Investigations

The Lake Tarawera Outlet is due to be drift dived by Fish & Game staff in the week starting 24 May.

1112 Datawatch

During the first six months following the season opening on 1 October, a total of 347 datawatch tags were returned and entered into the database. The distribution was as follows:

Lake McLaren	3
Lake Okareka	12
Lake Okataina	71
Lake Rerewhakaaitu	16
Lake Rotoehu	8
Lake Rotoiti	81
Lake Rotoma	20
Lake Rotorua	12
Lake Tarawera	120
Lake Tutira (Hawkes Bay)	4
Lake Waikaremoana	0

data entered to 6 April 2021

When compared to the 2018-19 season (due to the 2019-20 season being interrupted by COVID), the total returns to 6 April 2021 were only 10 tags short of the total to the same point in time. Lakes with slightly more returns were Okareka, Rotoehu and Rotoma. Lakes that were slightly behind were Okataina, Rotoiti and Tarawera.

1113 Lake Waikaremoana

Waikaremoana Water Quality Monitoring Buoy

The Waikaremoana monitoring buoy was reinstated on 23 April after repairs were undertaken to its vandalised componentry. Data was received via the Hawkes Bay Regional Council website from then until 18 May when the battery ran flat, due it now appears, to the solar panels on the replacement tower being smaller than the original set. A new solar tower will be fitted to the buoy on the next visit to the lake with larger solar panels. All in all, the sensors have been working very well since redeployment. Currently there is no weather station on the buoy and this may be replaced in time. The primary purpose of the buoy is to monitor the health of the lake, and it's important that the system is back in the water rather than waiting attention in the workshop. The link to the buoy data is on the Eastern Fish & Game website. The weather station parameters have been hidden from view so that anglers and other users of the site won't receive incorrect readings.

Staff will be monitoring spawning tributaries and undertaking angler creel surveys at Waikaremoana during June, July, August, and September. Wairoa Anglers Club members have

kindly offered to assist data collection through angler diaries and a June fishing competition held at their Mokau hut facility.

1114 Lake Tarawera

Lake Tarawera Fishery Monitoring Project update

Acoustic monitoring transects were undertaken on Lake Tarawera on 6 and 7 May. A thermocline was still visible around the 20-25m mark. An abundance of clutter (food source/trout) was visible between the surface and down to the thermocline, and there was a deep-chlorophyll maxima throughout most of the lake between 40-50m deep. Trout were seen smelting at various points around the lake.

Te Wairoa Trap Run (to 18 May)

The trapping season at the Fish & Game fish trap (Te Wairoa Stream) at Lake Tarawera was commenced on 1 April following installation of the trap. April tallies over the past four-year period (other than in 2020 when the trap was not operated due to the Covid lockdown) ranged from 90 to 342 fish. During April 2021 a total of 209 fish were trapped. To 18 May 2021 the total sat at 667. The average size to date of the trout running this winter is 526mm and 1.78kg compared with 551mm and 1.91kg to the same approximate period during the 2020 run. Wild origin fish have made up 48.6% of the run compared to 34.1% as at the same period in 2020 (only 173 fish due to the delay in trap installation). The wild fish this winter have been 19mm smaller and 110g lighter than the 2020 wild fish while the hatchery marked fish have been 17mm shorter and 60g lighter on average.

1115 Other Lake Fisheries Investigations

During March 2021, the Ngongotaha fish trap was operated for a period of six nights. The largest fish entering the trap was a 640mm, 3.90kg brown female. Brown trout made up 43% of the monthly run.

Ngongotaha Stream trap run (March 2021)

	<i>Av. Length</i>	<i>Av. Weight</i>	<i>Trap Run</i>	<i>Fish/night</i>	<i>10 pound+</i>	<i>% Brown</i>
<i>Rainbow</i>	489	1.53	39	7		
<i>Brown</i>	594	2.93	30	5		43%

During April 2021, the trap was operated for four nights. Rainbows and brown trout were in very good condition. The largest fish measured during the four night period was a 650mm, 3.9kg brown male. Of the rainbows, the best was a 590mm, 2.6kg male. Browns made up 67% of the run.

Ngongotaha Stream trap run (April 2021)

	<i>Av. Length</i>	<i>Av. Weight</i>	<i>Trap Run</i>	<i>Fish/night</i>	<i>10 pound+</i>	<i>% Brown</i>
<i>Rainbow</i>	520	1.81	15	4		
<i>Brown</i>	586	2.62	31	8		67%

1121 Lake Fisheries Creel Surveys

Summer Creel Survey

The 2020-21 summer survey data collection finished late-March. The data has been entered into a database but has yet to be analysed.

Winter Compliance/Surveys

As was the case last year, winter creel shoreline angler surveys are not going to be undertaken this year in the same format they have been in the past. However, random compliance checks will continue to be undertaken, and as a part of this process anglers will still be quizzed as to their catch rates and satisfaction and any fish they've harvested will be measured.

1123 Game Hunter Survey

The first two hunter surveys have been completed but the analysis is not yet available. Having said that a very quick examination of those that purchased an Eastern licence and hunted in the Eastern Region (some will have purchased a licence from another region and hunted in the Eastern Region, while others will have purchased an Eastern licence and hunted in another region) suggests on average hunters did worse than in 2019 (but probably not significantly) and more may have been active (some hunters buy a licence but don't hunt). This higher level of participation may have resulted in a higher total harvest than in 2019 but we need to get all the hunter surveys in to confirm this. Anecdotal evidence suggests that since the opening hunters have been struggling to get many ducks.

The few upland game hunters Matt McDougall has spoken to indicate that there are plenty of pheasant and quail around.

So far, a little over 100 bands have been reported with letters sent to nearly all of these hunters. Analysis of this data does not commence until the end of the game bird season.

1141 Hatchery Operations

Autumn liberations for the month of March were completed as per the table below and May liberations are almost complete. The Te Wairoa fish trap was installed at the beginning of April for brood fish collection and monitoring of the Tarawera fishery. Due to good numbers of fish running, staff have cleared the trap most days since it's installation. Eighteen rainbow trout crosses have been completed for almost 80,000 ova.

Fish locations at 18th May, 2021:

Location	Type	Qty (approx)	Comment
Hatchery	Rt	10,000	Mostly spring libs and orders 2021
Tank B	Rt	10	1+ 'best of' brood
Tank C	Bt	1,000	Liberation spring 2021
Tank E	Bt	1,000	Liberation spring 2021
Tank F	Rt	1,000	Akd/Waikato liberation, spring 2021
Pond 2	Rt	20,500	Liberation, spring 2021
Pond 3	Rt	20,500	Liberation, spring 2021
Pond 4	Rt	6,000	Liberation, autumn 2021
Pond 9	Rt	5,000	Rising 2+ for KF programmes
RW	Rt	3,000	2+ for KF programme sales 2021
Kids	Rt	2,000	2+ for Eastern KF programme 2021

1161 Sports Fish Liberations

Liberations, Eastern Region 17 March – 20 May, 2021

Water	Date	Mark	Tag	Species	Age Class	Number
Tarawera	17/3/21	Lpad	-	Rt	1+	1,000
Okataina	17/3/21	Lpad	-	Rt	1+	250
Rotoiti	18/3/21	Lpad	-	Rt	1+	4,000
Tarawera	13/4/21	Lpad	-	Rt	1+	1,000
Okataina	13/4/21	Lpad	-	Rt	1+	250
Rotoiti	14/4/21	Lpad	-	Rt	1+	5,000
Rotoiti	11/5/21	Lpad	21R	Rt	1+	500
Rotoiti	11/5/21	Lpad	-	Rt	1+	5,000
Tarawera	11/5/21	Lpad	21T	Rt	1+	500
Tarawera	11/5/21	Lpad	-	Rt	1+	500
Rotoehu	18/5/21	Lpad	-	Rt	1+	1,500
Okataina	18/5/21	Lpad	21O	Rt	1+	500
Rotoma	19/5/21	Lpad	-	Rt	1+	2,000
Rotoma	19/5/21	Lpad	-	Tiger	1+	500
Rerewhakaaitu	20/5/21	Lpad	-	Rt	1+	2,500

Fish were also collected by Auckland/Waikato Fish & Game Region.

HABITAT PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE

1211 RMA Planning

Bay of Plenty Regional Council

No new developments on the review of the Schedule of Important Trout Habitats in the region. BOPRC is looking at getting various plan changes underway by the end of the year in order to meet new obligations under the National Policy Statement (Freshwater) 2020. Consultation on this is scheduled to begin in late May.

Waikato Regional Council

In March 2018 Auckland/Waikato and Eastern Fish and Game Council lodged a joint submission on Waikato Regional Council's Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora: Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1. Council hearings were held mid-2019. Decisions were released in May. Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Council, with support from Eastern, have appealed a number of matters. No new developments to report.

Gisborne District Council

Following the conclusion of the Gisborne Freshwater Plan, the Motu Catchment Plan process got underway and Fish & Game will have some involvement in its drafting in mid 2021.

Rural and Environmental Sector Organisation Forum

Fish & Game was previously involved in the Bay of Plenty Regional Water Advisory Panel and community catchment groups. Plan Change 9 was eventually withdrawn however and community consultation via these groups stalled. Council has now established a new group to provide advice in relation to policy development for NPSFM implementation. Fish & Game is

part of this Rural and Environmental Sector Organisation Forum and will be represented by Eben Herbert who was previously a member of the Advisory Panel.

Bay of Plenty Conservation Management Strategy

The public notification of the draft Bay of Plenty Conservation Management Strategy was revoked some months ago to provide further engagement opportunities. There have been no new developments since then.

Other Planning Related Activities

Several Fish and Game regions have been collaborating on submissions to amend parts of the NES-Freshwater 2020 that are unacceptable or unworkable. Of particular interest to Eastern Region are some unreasonably strict regulations around physical works in wetlands, and on the construction of maimai.

The Government plans to repeal the RMA and replace it with three new pieces of legislation. RMA staff throughout the country are also collaborating with a view to providing some formal input to this process.

Fish & Game recently submitted to, and presented at a hearing on the WBOPDC Long Term Plan. The Plan allocates funding to create a new cycle/walkway along the stop bank on the northern margin of the Kaituna Wildlife Management Reserve. Fish & Game is concerned that this proposal could have significant impacts on the wildlife values and use of the wetland and the interests of hunters, and have opposed its proposed location. Staff have instead promoted an alternative and far superior option on many counts, this being to redirect the cycleway around the southern boundary of the wetland. Our verbal submission was well received with the Mayor commenting that similar concerns had been received from other parties. DOC itself did not submit which was disappointing, but the BOP Conservation Board did, voicing similar concerns to ours around impacts on wildlife.

1212 Consent Applications

Date	Authority	Applicant	Type	Resource Involved	Action
31 Mar	BOPRC	Tuwharetoa Geothermal	WP-geothermal drilling	Tarawera River	Approved
13 Apr	BOPRC	WDC	LUC- Te Whaiti Road repairs	Whirinaki River	Approved
21 Apr	GDC	GDC	LUC-temporary dam for culvert repairs	Waimata River, Gisborne	No Concerns
21 Apr	GDC	Forest Enterprises	LUC – forest harvest and road construction	Te Karaka Forest	No Concerns

10 May	BOPRC	Whanarua Bay Water Supply Inc	WP- domestic water supply for residents	Coastal stream, Whanarua Bay	No Concerns
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Consents of note

The BOPRC Integrated Catchments Group is seeking resource consent renewal for its erosion and flood protection works in non Rivers and Drainage scheme areas within the Bay of Plenty. Fish & Game submitted on this application as we have issues with the lack of mitigation and remedial provisions for loss of fish habitat within the streams and works guidelines. DOC also submitted with similar concerns. This application remains outstanding with hearing dates not yet scheduled.

Aquatic Plant Pest Incursions

The autumn round of aquatic weed spraying has been completed on the Rotorua lakes.

Catfish Incursion Lakes Rotoiti and Rotorua

The fyke netting programme managed by Te Arawa Lakes Trust has now removed over 200,000 catfish from lakes Rotoiti and Rotorua since the programme was established several years ago. Surveillance nets are now being operated across most of the Rotorua lakes by community groups and volunteers including 31 schools. There has been a recent spike in numbers caught as has been seen in previous autumns.

1221 Reserves Management

Lower Kaituna WMR

BOPRC works associated with the agreed wetland developments in the reserve have been completed and the areas flooded. Some fine tuning and additional undertakings will be required such as installation of an additional weir to manage water levels within the vicinity of the mature kahikatea stand. Approximately 55,000 native plants covering 16 ha of this new wetland area will be planted in June. Some minor earthworks are also required to finish tracks and bund off the secondary car park. The main car park has been completed and new security gates have been installed there.

All of the Kaituna wetland gates were opened for the first 10 days of season to enable gear and hunter access. Gates were locked for the remainder of the season to limit damage to access tracks but will again be opened for the final weekend to enable hunters to remove their gear.

New signage was erected at the wetland to discourage non hunters from entering the wetland during the hunting season. Reports of dog walkers and cyclists both in and along the adjacent stop bank adjacent have been reported including concerning numbers on opening day.

Awakaponga WMR

The Awakaponga solar water supply system has been replaced, and is now up and running. Some fine tuning of various sensors is still required to ensure it is running to optimum.

Other Reserves

All reserves received a final pre-season inspection mid-April, to ensure safe and easy access for hunters, and to ensure water levels were desirable. Water levels at Ohaaki wetland could not be raised sufficiently for good water for all stands. Signage was erected to detail gate opening

and closure dates at gated reserves, along with closing of the mountain bike track at Lake Tamarenuui.

No known issues have arisen in relation to reserve access or maintenance matters at this point in time during the hunting season.

1231 Respond to Landowner Requests for Assistance

No new landowner requests have been received since the last Council meeting.

1232 Habitat Creation and Enhancement

Torepatutahi Wetland

The Torepatutahi Stream (Deep Creek) wetland, below Broadlands Road bridge, as previously reported, has been severely degraded due to an aerial herbicide spray by Contact Energy, as part of their enhancement project works of the site. Formal complaints were laid to Waikato Regional Council under the RMA by DOC, Fish & Game and local iwi, and a local resident. WRC has concluded its investigations and informed us that the subsequent ecological report undertaken by an external consultant is of the opinion that fauna will recover, and that Contact Energy did not breach the RMA, so charges will not be laid. However, the Council has advised Contact that it is not happy with the outcome of its spraying operations, and it would be serving an abatement notice on it preventing any further spraying within the area until such time as it has developed a management plan that ensures this situation will not be repeated in future.

Contact Energy has undertaken to convene meetings of interested parties to discuss upcoming annual works programmes each year so potential issues are dealt with prior to implementation. The restoration programme will have financial support from Contact Energy for 30 years so this site should improve significantly.

Bay of Plenty Rivers

Council has previously been informed of concerns staff have regarding the approach BOPRC Rivers and Drainage division has undertaken towards flood damage repair and maintenance works within their river flood management areas. Multiple discussions have been had with engineers and senior management staff expressing our concerns, and we have opposed two of BOPRC's operating authorities. We have at all times attempted to offer up constructive solutions and we appear to be making some progress in some areas.

Recently, we have secured an invitation to meet with an independent river engineer who has been engaged by BOPRC to audit its flood repair works conducted over the past two summers. This will provide an opportunity to determine whether some of the solutions we've been advocating to offset the impacts of instream works are credible and capable of being implemented.

1241 Monitor Waterfowl Habitats

Wetland Forum

A twice yearly Wetland Forum meeting was held on 20 May involving operational staff from BOPRC, DOC ourselves, and Tauranga City Council. Topics considered included:

- A briefing on where the Regional Council is at regarding the NES rules regarding wetlands which we have submitted on at a national level. It appears obtaining a “global” consent to undertake restoration or maintenance works will prove difficult as NES rules dictate every site must be subject to a rigorous consent evaluation.
- Hydrological and ecological investigations for possible enhancement of the Old Rangitaiki Channel are ongoing, although resistance is being experienced from some adjoining landowners.
- Bittern research is ramping up in the BOP with invertebrate sampling to occur in June along with more acoustic monitoring this summer.
- Fish & Game involvement in an August workshop focussing on bittern and whitebait habitat enhancement, both of which are of interest and relevance to us given we undertake management and hunting activities in many of the sites utilised by these species.
- A general round up of wetland works undertaken by other agencies and organisations within the Bay of Plenty.

ANGLER AND HUNTER PARTICIPATION

1311 Maintain & Enhance Access

As of the first weekend of May, the winter recreational access season commenced allowing access into Timberlands Kaingaroa, Waimangu, and Rotoehu Forests. Conditions of access have remained the same as in preceding seasons.

Rangitaiki River

Summer access maintenance work on the Rangitaiki River system in Kaingaroa forest was unable to be completed due to other commitments. However, the intention is to do further work in this area during winter as time and opportunity permit.

Whirinaki River

Approvals from other parties involved in our Whirinaki access enhancement proposals has still yet to come.

Waiteti Stream

Access to the Upper Waiteti Stream has been enhanced; new signage has been erected and instream work undertaken. The latter has mostly involved vegetation removal to facilitate access up the stream bed itself as the adjoining land is private and the owner is not prepared to grant access to anglers via the stream bank.

1312 Signage

Signage maintenance has been ongoing.

1313 Hunter Ballots

The number of hunters that registered for the 2021 ballot (258) was up on last year (238) but down on 2019 (273). All of the popular stands were allocated but several poor producing stands were left vacant. Most of the vacant stands were in Hardcastles where hunting has been difficult

in recent years due to low bird numbers and low water levels. This year Mercury Energy was able to provide the water levels we had requested for Lake Ohakuri but not the flows we would have liked. Nevertheless, it appears that water levels were OK for Saturday morning though a bit too low on Sunday.

1331 Electronic Newsletters

Reel Life and Both Barrels e-zine were produced in April and May covering local fishing and hunting reports and prospects.

1333 Fish & Game Website

Updates or changes to the Eastern Web site included Council agendas and minutes, updates to the balloted stand and wetlands page, closure of Rotorua boat ramp for maintenance (RLC), notice of weed spraying on Rotorua lakes, and our latest liberation schedule.

1334 Social Media

Recent posts include winter shoreline fishing action, countdown to hunting season opening, Waiteti access, fish liberations, and notice of ramp closures. Our Facebook page usually reaches around 15,000 people per month and has over 1,100 followers.

1351 Junior Angler/Hunter Programmes

The Novice Hunters programme advertised within the magazine, Facebook and by word of mouth only received four applications from juniors to hunt the Waewaetutuki wetland during the month duck hunting season (which excludes opening weekend). Consequently, only one of the two stands available was scrubbed up. Both of the first two weekend mentored juniors were successful in shooting some birds.

1352 Angler/Hunter Training

Each year Fish & Game staff get involved with the NZ Deerstalkers HUNTS courses to promote game bird hunting. The number of these courses has diminished over the past couple of years, but one large (20 attendees approx.) course has been scheduled for August this year in Tauranga.

1354 Fishing Competitions

Five fishing competition permits were processed for the period.

1361 Fish & Game Club Communications

Two club visits were conducted for the period.

1371 Fish & Game Huts

Maintenance as required at both Wairua and Waikaremoana. Wairua Hut has had an increase in use recently which is pleasing. We have increased the hut fee to \$30 per night for the whole hut (up from \$25) to contribute more towards the costs of providing gas bottles and coal, hut

maintenance, and on occasions having to make special trips to the hut to attend to issues which have arisen and have been brought to our attention.

PUBLIC INTERFACE

1411 Statutory Liaison

Met with senior Bay of Plenty Regional Council staff including the Group Manager for Integrated Catchments to discuss a range of issue and mutual interests.

Attended Taupo Fishery Advisory Committee meeting on 27 May.

1451 Education

Whilst there were no educational tours supplied by staff during the period, 37 children and staff from the Kid Central holiday programme and 36 students and staff from the Toi Ohomai aquaculture course visited the site for self-guided tours.

COMPLIANCE

1511 Ranging

Compliance work has focused on the end of the summer angler surveys and moved into monitoring of spawning areas as well as angler checks generally including winter shoreline anglers around the Rotorua Lakes, and the game season - opening weekend in particular.

Generally, few issues have been found, and matters dealt with have been relatively minor in nature overall.

The game season opening weekend ranging was carried out by staff and honorary rangers with Police in various areas. Areas visited by rangers included Gisborne/East Coast, the Rotorua District and coastal Bay of Plenty, Waikato River areas and the hydro lakes. Over the weekend 202 hunters were checked, three of whom were found to have committed offences. One person was hunting without a licence, and two hunters were using shotguns without magazine restrictions in place limiting capacity to two shells only.

Year to date (including the game season opening weekend) 2,121 angler/hunter contacts have been made and 21 persons have been dealt with for 26 offences.

The compliance rate continues to exceed 98 % of persons checked.

Contacts Year to Date 2020-2021

Contacts: Year 2020-2021

Month	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Last 5 yr average
September	29	21	21	46	16	27
October	903	836	893	726	724	816

November	62	69	20	126	16	59
December	310	390	309	237	287	307
January	217	195	442	246	404	301
February	293	137	307	265	155	231
March	191	199	180	23	164	148
April	214	178	124	7	153	131
May	292	226	252	143	202 GB Opening	228
June	171	172	168	162		168
July	94	80	63	75		78
August	27	33	54	20		34
Total	2,803	2,536	2,833	2,076	2,121	2,562

North Island/National CLE liaison role

Eastern Region continues to provide assistance and advice to regional compliance staff as required, as well as playing a role in co-ordinating ranger training. Currently we are working on producing the national ranger's newsletter, and assistance with the ranger re-warranting processes, with new ranger warrants required in place by 1 October 2021.

1521 Ranger Training

A regional ranger training day is planned for later this year.

Rangers

Honorary Rangers continue to contribute around the region. We currently have nine warranted honorary rangers. With the ranger warrant term expiring at the end of September we are in the process of re-warranting our rangers, three of whom have signalled an intention to not seek warrant renewals for the coming three year term.

1531 Prosecutions

Other than several historic warrants to arrest, five offenders have current active offences pending resolution, details as per the table below. Some of these are pending court prosecution outcomes.

Prosecutions have been proceeding well and we continue to resolve many matters via diversion processes.

A prosecution of note is the person who is charged with fishing without a licence and giving false details as was highlighted in an earlier report. This matter is now adjourned to 22 July for sentencing in the Rotorua District Court and is the matter which is being dealt with by the Tauranga Crown Solicitors office. The offender has a high-profile occupation in Rotorua and he has name suppression (interim).

Offences 2020-2021 Year:

21 persons dealt with for 26 offences as tabled below.

Offence table 2020-2021 year (to 19/05/2021)

Offence name	Number of offences
Disturbing wildlife	1
Fish with illegal tackle	1
Fish closed waters	3
Fish without a licence	12
Gives false details	3
Fish with unattended rod	3
Hunt without a licence	1
Hunt with unpinned shotgun (no magazine restriction in place)	2
Total number of offences	26

Offences Pending Resolution

To date (19/05/2021) 17 separate offences by 10 offenders are pending resolution. Five of these offenders are wanted on warrants to arrest. The others have matters currently pending resolutions which are underway.

The table below shows offences currently pending resolution:

Offence name	Numbers
Fish without licence	9
Illegal tackle	1
Possess net-spear-gaff	1
Fish closed waters	1
False details	3
Hunting without licence	1
Hunt with unpinned gun	1
Total	17

LICENSING

1612 Analysis of Licence Information

Kate Thompson continues to provide regular updates of licence sales to the New Zealand Council and regions.

1621 Licence Agent Support

Staff continue to visit agents as opportunity arises. Agents' requests for licence corrections, brochures, and information attended was to as and when required.

1812 R3 Planning and Business Development

Take a Mate Hunting

The "Take a Mate Hunting" promotion - \$4 for an opening weekend special licence to any person who had not held a game bird licence before – was well advertised within the magazine, Facebook and local media print but resulted only in six special licences being issued.

13.2 HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

Ref: 9.01.07

24 May 2021

Background

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

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

March-April 2021

1. Implementation and Adherence to the Health and Safety Plan

Regular (weekly) staff meetings.

Minutes from the Health and Safety portion of the meeting are emailed to all staff.

Visitors are required to sign our register, and our hazard register is updated as required.

Tail Gate forms completed for:

March 2021 Te Wairoa trap installation and access track maintenance

2020-2021 Budget for Health & Safety \$2,000

2. Monitoring and Reporting

Work Place Accident Register

	30/04/2021	31/08/2020
Number of Workplace injuries in 2020-2021 year	1	
Number of Workplace injuries in 2019-2020 year		1
Number of Workplace injuries in 2018-2019 year		1
Number of Workplace injuries in 2017-2018 year		1
Number of Workplace injuries in 2016-2017 year		2
Total Number of Workplace injuries since 1 Sept 1995	42	41
Total Number of lost work injuries since 1 Sept 1995	5	4
Total number of days since last lost work injury on 21/03/2021	40	
Total number of days since prior lost work injury on 19/07/2020	248	
Total number of days since prior lost work injury on 13/08/2017	1071	
Total number of days since prior lost work injury on 17/12/2013	1335	
Total number of days since formal register commenced 1/09/95 to first lost work injury 17/12/2013	6,682	

3. Risk Management (identification and treatment)

COVID 19

The following procedures remain in place:

- Property open to public, additional Covid tracing signs put up around property
- If unwell stay at home
- Sanitiser available throughout office for public and staff use

Notes taken for the H&S minutes at the weekly staff meeting and emailed to all staff:

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| 1 March 21 | Covid Level 2 – Interactions, social distancing, sign in/out, sanitise |
| 8 March 21 | Lids on and tight – petrol containers in workshop, beware of sunstrike |
| 15 March 21 | Access issues at Waiteti - confrontation |
| 22 March 21 | Field work – be aware of eye dangers i.e. sharp vegetation |
| 29 March 21 | No new hazards identified |
| 6 April 21 | No new hazards identified |
| 12 April 21 | Wet slippery roads – take care |
| 19 April 21 | Low power lines at cottage – disconnected until further notice |
| 26 April 21 | No new hazards identified |

4. Training Programme

Nil

5. H&S Incidents

On the 21 March while working in the Awaiti WMR Nigel Simpson obtained an eye injury from vegetation which went under his glasses as he lay down to look over the edge of a bridge at a culvert underneath it. Nigel required medical attention (dressing and antibiotics) and two days off work.

6. Recommendation

That Council acknowledges it has received this report.

13.3 FINANCE REPORT

Ref: 8.03.01

21 May 2021

1. Purpose

To inform the Council of the year-to-date financial position and approve payments for the months of March and April 2021.

Tables within this report:

Table 1	Variance Report to 30 April 2021
Table 2	Balance Sheet as at 30 April 2021
Table 3	Profit and Loss to 30 April 2021
Table 4	Bank Transactions 1 to 31 March 2021
Table 5	Bank Transactions 1 to 30 April 2021
Table 6	Credit Card Transactions 1 March to 30 April 2021

2. YTD Profit and Loss

The Profit & Loss statement for the period ending 30 April is attached (Table 3).

Income

Licence revenue is ahead of budget for the year to date \$175,886. A more up to date and detailed picture of licence sales performance YTD can be found within the licence sales report.

Revenue from other sources over the period totalled \$29,447 and was made up of the following: hatchery income (\$2,918), fishing competitions (\$1,350), Court fines (\$511), fish food counter sales (\$75) and rentals (\$11,085). Sponsorship was received for the datawatch and band return complimentary licences (\$4,000), and interest received on term deposits totalled (\$2,077) for the period. Revenue was also received for mowing undertaken for the Regional Council (\$810) and a gain on the sale of Motor Vehicles is also included within "Other Income" (\$6,558).

Species Management

Within the Population Monitoring output expenses are shown relating to signage for Lake Whakamarino and Home Bay on Lake Waikaremoana and these are funded by the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Habitat Enhancement Fund. Species Management area is over budget YTD (\$1,516) because of the transfer of free datawatch licences to the datawatch general ledger. Sponsorship of these licences is reported within "Other Income".

Hatchery expenses for the period related to fish food, and materials for repairing/replacing hatchery nets, the ring main cover, and the clipping station. Te Wairoa trap expenditure related to replacement scouring boards, and padlock and keys after vandals cut the locks and stole various items. A storage shed was purchased for the Fort Knox fish holding area and this was funded by a donation which had been put aside for this purpose. The tanker was serviced within this period and the regular expenses for electricity, fuel, and oxygen are also reported. Within budget YTD.

Habitat

Works and Management spending for the period included signage and gate repairs at the Kaituna WMR, excavator works for Awaiti WMR water reticulation, a replacement of a sensor on the Awakaponga WMR solar system, and for the spray contract for various reserves which is funded by the ballot holders habitat management fee. The Habitat output is over budget YTD (\$12,933)

due primarily to the unbudgeted solar install at Awakaponga WMR which has been funded by insurance proceeds currently sitting within “Other Income” (\$13,748).

Participation

Within the Participation output, expenses are reported relating to Waiteti Stream access signage and posts. Minor expenses were also incurred relating to coal for the Wairua hut and electricity for the Waikaremoana hut. Within budget YTD.

Public Interface

There was no Public Interface expenditure for the period. Within budget YTD.

Compliance

The Compliance expenses for the period related to the 0800 Poaching service and cell phone, and meal expenses for staff working in Gisborne for the opening of the Game Bird Season. Within the Ranger Training budget, the expense relates to catering for the CERT training day which was held in March. Within budget YTD.

Licensing

The Licensing cost includes agent commissions and the fees associated with the Public Online and 0800 sales. Within budget YTD.

Council

A minor expense is shown relating to airfare hold fees. Within budget YTD.

Planning

New Zealand Fish and Game levies were paid in April as budgeted. A minor expense is also reported relating to airport parking. Within budget YTD.

Administration

Salaries	Within budget YTD.
Staff Expenses	Expenses are reported within the Health & Safety budget for removal of unsafe trees overhanging tracks, and gloves and safety glasses. Staff meal expenses were also incurred for Gisborne, East Coast and Waikaremoana work. Within budget YTD.
Staff Houses	Rates were paid as budget, minor purchases of maintenance materials and electricity for the staff quarters are also reported. Within budget YTD.
Office Premises	Standard expenses relating to electricity, cleaning, and alarm monitoring were incurred. Rates were paid as budgeted. Within budget YTD.
Office Equipment	The usual expenses relating to the phone & eftpos leases are reported. A phone charger and cable was also purchased. Within budget YTD.
Communications/ Consumables	Standard communications expenses are reported for the period including phones, broadband, stationery, and photocopying. Courier expenses related to delivery of the game regulation guides to Gisborne and Wairoa licence agents. The Private Bag subscription was also paid within the period. Within budget YTD.
General	Minimal expenditure is reported relating to the subscription to Survey Monkey, morning tea expenses, and bank fees. Over budget YTD (\$2,559) due to legal and insurance costs for the fire store. This is offset by increased rental income from the fire store.

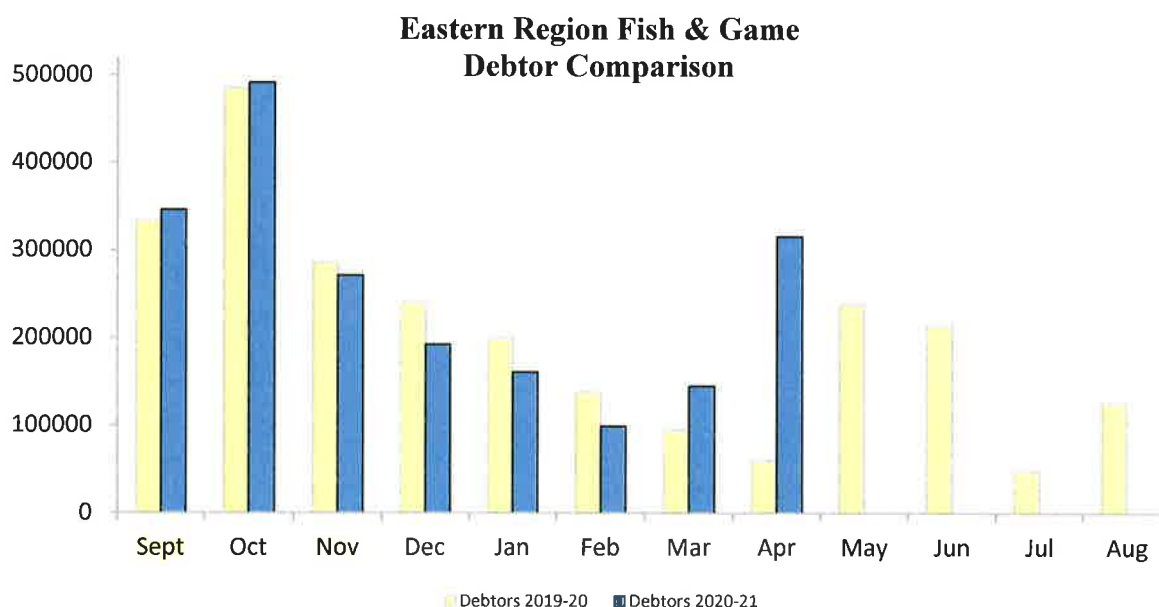
General Equipment	Equipment maintenance expenditure included wiring repairs and a padlock and shackle for the Whio trailer, annual engine services on Whio and Kotare, a replacement V block and WoF for the Parera trailer, tyres and trailer plug for the tandem trailer, WD40 for the tractor, and a pickup fee for the first service of the Husqvarna mower. The standard fuel expense is also reported. Within budget YTD.
Vehicles	Vehicle expenses for the period included eight vehicle services, and two puncture repairs. The usual fuel expense is also reported which includes 30,000 kms worth of Road User Charges. Within budget YTD.

Cash Position: \$1,333,421 (includes \$86,785 asset replacement reserve) as at 30 April 2021.

\$473,367 for Waikaremoana Fund as at 30 April 2021.

Debtors: Outstanding Debtors \$315,704 as at 30 April 2021 (\$59,963 as at 30 April 2020).

Eastern Region Fish and Game - Debtors Balance Comparison 2019/20-2020/21



Debtors outstanding as at 30 April were made up primarily of licence sales \$315,055. The comparison against the 2020 debtors for the same period is due to the delayed Game Bird hunting season last year.

Fixed Assets

The ride on mower for the maintenance of the grounds was replaced with a Husqvarna zero turn mower through the Asset Replacement Fund.

3. Variance Report (Table 1)

The variance report is shown on the following two pages. The year to date actual including staff hours are entered for each project area to provide Council with an overview of the staff time component of the Operational Work Plan.

2020/2021 REPORT OF VARIANCES BETWEEN TOTAL BUDGET AND YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

as at 30 April 2021

Schedule B	Code	Project	EXTERNAL COSTS		HOURS		INTERNAL COST		NETABLE INCOME		NET COST		NET COST	%
			Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual		
	1110	Species Monitoring	\$ 26,450	\$ 25,634	2,132	1,493	\$ 136,996	\$ 93,871	\$ 8,000	\$ 38,276	\$ 155,446	\$ 81,229	\$ 74,217	52.3
	1120	Harvest Assessment	\$ 2,400	\$ 60	784	631	\$ 50,378	\$ 39,663	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52,778	\$ 39,723	\$ 13,055	75.3
	1140	Hatchery Operations	\$ 74,550	\$ 49,413	2,900	2,093	\$ 186,346	\$ 131,529	\$ 56,500	\$ 27,640	\$ 204,396	\$ 153,302	\$ 51,094	75.0
	1160	Releases	\$ -	\$ -	154	87	\$ 9,896	\$ 5,469	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,896	\$ 5,469	\$ 4,427	55.3
	1170	Regulations	\$ -	\$ -	165	24	\$ 10,602	\$ 1,493	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,602	\$ 1,493	\$ 9,110	14.1
	1180	Control	\$ 500	\$ -	36	13	\$ 2,313	\$ 817	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,813	\$ 817	\$ 1,996	29.0
		TOTAL - SPECIES MANAGEMENT	\$ 103,900	\$ 75,107	6,171	4,341	\$ 396,531	\$ 272,842	\$ 64,500	\$ 65,916	\$ 435,931	\$ 282,033	\$ 153,899	64.7
	1210	Resource Management Act	\$ 200	\$ -	1,476	926	\$ 94,844	\$ 58,175	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95,044	\$ 58,175	\$ 36,869	61.2
	1220	Works & Management	\$ 18,000	\$ 14,695	932	943	\$ 59,888	\$ 59,259	\$ 12,150	\$ 29,807	\$ 65,738	\$ 44,147	\$ 21,591	67.2
	1230	Assisted Habitat	\$ 2,700	\$ 17,939	770	316	\$ 49,478	\$ 19,888	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52,178	\$ 37,827	\$ 14,351	72.5
	1240	Assess & Monitor	\$ -	\$ -	72	4	\$ 4,627	\$ 220	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,627	\$ 220	\$ 4,407	4.8
	1250	Lake Waikaremoana	\$ -	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0
		TOTAL - HABITAT PROTECTION & MAN	\$ 20,900	\$ 32,634	3,250	2,188	\$ 208,836	\$ 137,542	\$ 12,150	\$ 29,807	\$ 217,586	\$ 140,368	\$ 77,217	64.5
	1310	Access	\$ 5,700	\$ 2,168	650	549	\$ 41,767	\$ 34,509	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47,467	\$ 36,677	\$ 10,790	77.3
	1330	Newsletters/Information	\$ -	\$ -	286	101	\$ 18,378	\$ 6,333	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,378	\$ 6,333	\$ 12,045	34.5
	1340	Other Publications	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,196	40	29	\$ 2,570	\$ 1,823	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,570	\$ 4,019	\$ 551	87.9
	1350	Training	\$ 800	\$ 11	755	366	\$ 48,514	\$ 23,006	\$ 7,000	\$ 4,481	\$ 42,314	\$ 18,536	\$ 23,778	43.8
	1360	Club Relations	\$ -	\$ -	32	3	\$ 2,056	\$ 157	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,056	\$ 157	\$ 1,899	7.6
	1370	Huts	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,004	32	23	\$ 2,056	\$ 1,414	\$ 400	\$ 1,104	\$ 3,106	\$ 1,314	\$ 1,792	42.3
		TOTAL - ANGLER & HUNTER PARTICIP	\$ 9,950	\$ 5,379	1,795	1,070	\$ 115,342	\$ 67,242	\$ 7,400	\$ 5,585	\$ 117,892	\$ 67,036	\$ 50,856	56.9
	1410	Liaison	\$ -	\$ -	72	12	\$ 4,627	\$ 754	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,627	\$ 754	\$ 3,872	16.3
	1420	Communication	\$ 500	\$ -	120	56	\$ 7,711	\$ 3,489	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,211	\$ 3,489	\$ 4,722	42.5
	1440	Public Promotions	\$ 4,500	\$ 91	104	28	\$ 6,683	\$ 1,776	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,193	\$ 1,867	\$ 9,316	16.7
	1450	Visitor Facilities/Education	\$ 500	\$ 210	392	119	\$ 25,189	\$ 7,480	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,689	\$ 7,690	\$ 17,999	29.9
		TOTAL - PUBLIC INTERFACE	\$ 5,500	\$ 301	688	215	\$ 44,209	\$ 13,499	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49,709	\$ 13,800	\$ 35,909	27.8
	1510	Ranging	\$ 1,000	\$ 702	914	446	\$ 58,731	\$ 28,050	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59,731	\$ 28,752	\$ 30,979	48.1
	1520	Ranger Training	\$ 1,000	\$ 577	104	57	\$ 6,683	\$ 3,583	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,683	\$ 4,160	\$ 3,523	54.1
	1530	Compliance Prosecutions	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,165	336	162	\$ 21,590	\$ 10,151	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,128	\$ 20,590	\$ 8,188	\$ 12,402	39.8
		TOTAL - COMPLIANCE	\$ 7,000	\$ 2,444	1,354	665	\$ 87,004	\$ 41,784	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,128	\$ 88,004	\$ 41,100	\$ 46,904	46.7
	1610	Licensing	\$ 600	\$ -	140	69	\$ 8,996	\$ 4,353	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,596	\$ 4,353	\$ 5,243	45.4
	1620	Agent Servicing	\$ -	\$ -	164	41	\$ 10,538	\$ 2,593	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,538	\$ 2,593	\$ 7,945	24.6
		TOTAL - LICENSING	\$ 600	\$ -	304	111	\$ 19,534	\$ 6,946	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,134	\$ 6,946	\$ 13,188	34.5
	1710	Council Elections	\$ -	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0
	1720	Council Meetings	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,922	463	210	\$ 29,751	\$ 13,184	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,751	\$ 16,106	\$ 19,645	45.1
		TOTAL - COUNCILS	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,922	463	210	\$ 29,751	\$ 13,184	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,751	\$ 16,106	\$ 19,645	45.1
	1810	Management Planning	\$ 8,500	\$ -	240	3	\$ 15,422	\$ 189	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,922	\$ 189	\$ 23,733	0.8
	1820	Annual Planning	\$ -	\$ -	66	16	\$ 4,241	\$ 974	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,241	\$ 974	\$ 3,267	23.0
	1830	Reporting/Audit	\$ 9,750	\$ 6,040	419	212	\$ 26,924	\$ 13,326	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,674	\$ 19,366	\$ 17,308	52.8
	1840	National Liaison	\$ 100	\$ 14	260	103	\$ 16,707	\$ 6,474	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,807	\$ 6,488	\$ 10,319	38.6
		TOTAL - PLANNING/REPORTING	\$ 18,350	\$ 6,054	985	334	\$ 63,293	\$ 20,963	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81,643	\$ 27,017	\$ 54,626	33.1
		TOTAL	\$ 172,200	\$ 124,841	15,010	9,132	\$ 964,501	\$ 574,002	\$ 90,050	\$ 104,436	\$ 1,046,651	\$ 594,406	\$ 452,245	56.8

OVERHEADS		EXTERNAL COSTS		INTERNAL COST		NETABLE INCOME		NET COST		NET COST		%
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Variance	
1910	Salaries	\$ 879,056	\$ 538,915			\$ 8,157	\$ -	\$ 867,476	\$ 530,759	\$ 336,718		61.2
1920	Staff Expenses	\$ 23,000	\$ 2,505			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,000	\$ 2,505	\$ 20,495		10.9
1930	Staff Houses	\$ 13,060	\$ 9,788			\$ 50,000	\$ 35,964	\$ (36,940)	\$ (26,176)	\$ (10,784)		70.9
1940	Office Premises	\$ 18,750	\$ 13,285			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,750	\$ 13,285	\$ 5,465		70.9
1950	Office Equipment	\$ 3,600	\$ 1,257			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,600	\$ 1,257	\$ 2,343		34.9
1960	Communications/Consumables	\$ 18,357	\$ 9,970			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,357	\$ 9,970	\$ 8,387		54.3
1970	General	\$ 11,058	\$ 12,186			\$ 1,500	\$ 9,970	\$ 9,558	\$ 2,216	\$ 7,342		23.2
1980	General Equipment	\$ 16,000	\$ 11,170			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,000	\$ 11,170	\$ 4,830		69.8
1990	Vehicles	\$ 44,700	\$ 29,016			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44,700	\$ 29,016	\$ 15,684		64.9
	Administration	\$ 1,027,581	\$ 628,092			\$ 63,080	\$ 54,090	\$ 964,501	\$ 574,002	\$ 390,499		59.5
	Total Overhead Net Cost					\$	\$	\$ 964,501	\$ 574,002			
	Total Outputs Staff Hours							15,010	9,132			
	Internal Cost Per Hour							64.26	62.86			

2020/2021 REPORT OF VARIANCES BETWEEN TOTAL BUDGET AND YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

Schedule C	Code	Output	EXTERNAL COSTS		HOURS		INTERNAL COST		NETABLE INCOME		NET COST		%	
			Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Variance		
	1	Species Management	\$ 103,900	\$ 75,107	6,171	4,341	\$ 396,631	\$ 272,842	\$ 64,500	\$ 65,916	\$ 435,931	\$ 282,033	\$ 153,899	64.7
	2	Habitat Protection & Management	\$ 20,900	\$ 32,634	3,250	2,188	\$ 208,836	\$ 137,542	\$ 12,150	\$ 29,807	\$ 217,586	\$ 140,368	\$ 77,217	64.5
	3	Angler & Hunter Participation	\$ 9,950	\$ 5,379	1,795	1,070	\$ 115,342	\$ 67,242	\$ 7,400	\$ 5,585	\$ 117,892	\$ 67,036	\$ 50,856	56.9
	4	Public Interface	\$ 5,500	\$ 301	688	215	\$ 44,209	\$ 13,499	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49,709	\$ 13,900	\$ 35,909	27.8
	5	Compliance	\$ 7,000	\$ 2,444	1,354	665	\$ 87,004	\$ 41,784	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,128	\$ 88,004	\$ 41,100	\$ 46,904	46.7
	6	Licensing	\$ 600	\$ -	304	111	\$ 19,534	\$ 6,946	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,134	\$ 6,946	\$ 13,188	34.5
	7	Councils	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,922	463	210	\$ 29,751	\$ 13,184	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,751	\$ 16,106	\$ 19,645	45.1
	8	Planning, Reporting Administration	\$ 18,350	\$ 6,054	985	334	\$ 63,293	\$ 20,963	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81,643	\$ 27,017	\$ 54,626	33.1
		Total Overhead Staff Hours			6,988	4,085								
		TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 172,200	\$ 124,841			\$ 964,501	\$ 574,002	\$ 90,050	\$ 104,436	\$ 1,046,651	\$ 594,406	\$ 452,245	

Licence Income 2019-20		Budget	Actual
2019-20 Fish Licence Income		\$ 942,605	\$ 1,004,736
Less Commission		\$ 42,417.00	\$ -
Net Fish Licence Income		\$ 900,188	\$ 1,004,736
2020 Game Licence Income		\$ 242,194	\$ 231,150
Less Commission		\$ 10,899.00	\$ 47,646
Net Game Licence Income		\$ 231,295	\$ 183,504
Total Licence Income		\$ 1,184,799	\$ 1,235,886
Total Commission		\$ 53,316	\$ 47,646
Total Net 2018/19 Licence Revenue		\$ 1,131,483	\$ 1,188,240

% year complete		% of OWP budget spent	
OWP Bulk Fund		\$ 1,046,651	\$ 594,406
Adjustment to OWP budgets - National Approved Budget		\$ (8,200)	\$ (5,132)
less Interest		\$ 172,709	\$ 129,532
Plus NZ Fish & Game Levies		\$ (1,184,799)	\$ (1,235,886)
Less Licence Revenue		\$ 53,316	\$ 47,646
Plus Commission Expense		\$ (3,135)	\$ (6,558)
Plus Gain Loss on Sale/revaluation		\$ 72,326	\$ 48,626
Depreciation		\$ 148,868	\$ (427,366)
Subtotal		\$ 172,753	\$ (426,764)
Adj to OWP budgets - Waikaremoana Fund		\$ (4,115)	\$ 602
Less Waikaremoana Fund Interest		\$ 8,000	\$ -
Plus Waikaremoana Fund Expenses		\$ 20,000	\$ -
Adj to OWP budgets - Non Res Reserve - Lake Tarawera project		\$ -	\$ -
Adjusted Budget		\$ 172,753	\$ (426,764)

Table 2		Balance Sheet	
		Eastern Fish and Game Council	
		As at 30 April 2021	
Assets		30 Apr 2021	31 Aug 2020
Bank			
Investments		\$707,531.57	\$405,177.27
Petty Cash		\$808.10	\$0.00
Waikaremoana Fund Investments		\$473,366.68	\$467,437.53
Westpac Call Account		\$123,497.18	\$231,717.87
Westpac Current Account		\$31,769.09	\$31,090.56
Total Bank		\$1,336,972.62	\$1,135,423.23
Current Assets			
Accounts Receivable		\$315,704.01	\$125,509.53
Accounts Receivable - Hawkes Bay & External parties		-\$665.98	\$0.00
Inventory - Fish Stock		\$161,122.00	\$161,122.00
Petty Cash & Licence Float		\$0.00	\$200.00
Prepayments and Accrued Income		\$0.00	\$14,755.51
Total Current Assets		\$476,160.03	\$301,587.04
Fixed Assets			
Accum Dep Land & Buildings		-\$692,291.53	-\$673,740.05
Accum Dep Motor Vehicles		-\$128,882.07	-\$119,540.21
Accum Dep Office Equipment		-\$46,631.93	-\$42,170.54
Accum Dep Plant & Equipment		-\$149,478.61	-\$144,248.57
Buildings		\$1,043,849.38	\$1,043,849.38
Land		\$93,500.00	\$93,500.00
Motor Vehicles		\$385,965.37	\$347,591.97
Office Equipment		\$54,075.20	\$54,075.20
Plant & Equipment		\$193,768.74	\$183,866.13
Tree Plantation		\$91,600.00	\$91,600.00
Total Fixed Assets		\$845,474.55	\$834,783.31
Total Assets		\$2,658,607.20	\$2,271,793.58
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable		\$69,843.25	\$23,372.63
Accruals and Prepaid Licences		\$79,254.00	\$196,432.50
Business Credit Card		\$337.39	\$63.33
Employee Entitlements		\$97,412.76	\$100,298.77
Game Bird Habitat Stamp Levy Clearing		\$11,088.72	\$0.00
GST		\$35,316.83	\$3,762.70
PAYE Clearing		\$18,980.96	\$28,390.98
Rounding		\$0.07	\$0.00
Staff Social Club		\$3,214.52	\$3,078.22
Total Current Liabilities		\$315,448.50	\$355,399.13
Total Liabilities		\$315,448.50	\$355,399.13
Net Assets		\$2,343,158.70	\$1,916,394.45
Equity			
Accumulated Funds		\$1,215,975.71	\$1,192,782.31
Asset Replacement Reserve		\$86,785.00	\$86,785.00
Back Country Fisheries Reserve		\$136,333.47	\$133,206.65
Breeding Programme Reserve		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Current Year Earnings		\$426,764.25	\$26,320.22
Fish for Gold Reserve		\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Waikaremoana Sports Fish Habitat Enhancement Fund Reserve		\$465,300.27	\$465,300.27
Total Equity		\$2,343,158.70	\$1,916,394.45

Table 3**Profit and Loss - Council**

Eastern Fish and Game Council for the 2 months ended 30 April 2021

Income	Mar 2021	Apr 2021	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Total Budget	Var YTD	Var YTD %
Licence Income	85,582	201,647	1,232,759	1,060,000	1,184,799	172,759	16%
Non-Resident Licence Levy Revenue	179	507	3,127	0	0	3,127	0%
Other Income	15,720	13,727	169,615	121,825	168,580	47,790	39%
Total Income	101,481	215,881	1,405,501	1,181,825	1,353,379	223,676	19%
Operating Expenses							
Depreciation	6,461	6,178	48,626	48,216	72,326	410	1%
1100 SPECIES MANAGEMENT							
1110 Population Monitoring	327	0	25,634	27,150	46,450	(1,516)	-6%
1120 Harvest Assessment	0	0	60	400	2,400	(340)	-85%
1140 Hatchery Operations	6,309	7,353	49,413	57,000	74,550	(7,587)	-13%
1180 Game Bird Control	0	0	0	500	500	(500)	-100%
Total 1100 SPECIES MANAGEMENT	6,635	7,353	75,107	85,050	123,900	(9,943)	-12%
1200 HABITAT PROTECTION/MANAGEMENT							
1210 Resource Management Act	0	0	0	0	200	0	0%
1220 Works & Management	8,383	235	14,695	17,000	18,000	(2,305)	-14%
1230 Assisted Habitat	402	0	17,939	2,700	10,700	15,239	564%
Total 1200 HABITAT PROTECTION/MNGMNT	8,785	235	32,633	19,700	28,900	12,933	66%
1300 PARTICIPATION							
1310 Access	103	155	2,168	5,200	5,700	(3,032)	-58%
1340 Other Publications	0	0	2,196	2,000	2,000	196	10%
1350 Training	0	0	11	550	800	(539)	-98%
1370 Huts	97	202	1,004	970	1,450	34	4%
Total 1300 PARTICIPATION	200	357	5,380	8,720	9,950	(3,340)	-38%
1400 PUBLIC INTERFACE							
1420 Communication	0	0	0	400	500	(400)	-100%
1440 Public Promotions	0	0	91	0	4,500	91	0%
1450 Visitor Facilities/Education/Interpretation	0	0	210	350	500	(140)	-40%
Total 1400 PUBLIC INTERFACE	0	0	302	750	5,500	(448)	-60%
1500 COMPLIANCE							
1510 Ranging	57	134	702	675	1,000	27	4%
1520 Ranger Training	253	0	577	300	1,000	277	92%
1530 Compliance	0	0	1,165	3,335	5,000	(2,170)	-65%
Total 1500 COMPLIANCE	310	134	2,444	4,310	7,000	(1,866)	-43%
1600 LICENSING							
1610 Licence Prod/Distrib	0	0	0	0	600	0	0%
1630 Commission	3,773	9,315	47,646	47,700	53,316	(54)	0%
Total 1600 LICENSING	3,773	9,315	47,646	47,700	53,916	(54)	0%
1700 COUNCIL							
1720 Council Meetings	2	0	2,922	4,000	6,000	(1,078)	-27%
Total 1700 COUNCIL	2	0	2,922	4,000	6,000	(1,078)	-27%
1800 PLANNING/REPORTING							
1810 Management & Strategic Planning	0	0	0	8,500	8,500	(8,500)	-100%
1830 Reporting/Audit	0	0	6,040	5,890	9,750	150	3%
1840 National Liaison	0	43,191	129,546	129,631	172,809	(85)	0%
Total 1800 PLANNING/REPORTING	0	43,191	135,586	144,021	191,059	(8,435)	-6%
1900 ADMINISTRATION							
1910 Salaries	97,115	64,763	538,915	574,801	879,056	(35,887)	-6%
1920 Staff Expenses	190	1,084	2,505	7,200	23,000	(4,695)	-65%
1930 Staff Houses	29	604	9,788	12,020	13,060	(2,232)	-19%
1940 Office Premises	320	2,756	13,285	13,972	18,750	(687)	-5%
1950 Office Equipment	154	184	1,257	2,786	3,600	(1,529)	-55%
1960 Communications/Consumables	1,168	964	9,970	13,320	18,357	(3,350)	-25%
1970 General	154	163	12,186	9,627	11,058	2,559	27%
1980 General Equipment	2,045	901	11,170	11,650	16,000	(480)	-4%
1990 Vehicles	3,721	2,714	29,016	31,800	44,700	(2,784)	-9%
Total 1900 ADMINISTRATION	104,896	74,134	628,092	677,176	1,027,581	(49,084)	-7%
Total Operating Expenses	131,062	140,897	978,737	1,039,643	1,526,132	(60,906)	-6%
Net Profit	(29,581)	74,985	426,764	142,182	(172,753)	284,582	200%

13.4 LICENCE SALES REPORT

23 May 2021

1. 2020-2021 Fish Licence Sales YTD 23 May 2021

- 1.1 Fish Licence sales for the 2020-2021 season comparison against the 2019-20 season YTD are summarised in *Table One*.
- 1.2 Fish Licence sales to 23 May 2021 are reporting to be 3.4% ahead of the 2019-20 season results for the same period. Nationally for the same period the 2020-21 sales are reporting to be 1.9% ahead of the prior season.

Table One Fish Licence Sales 2020-21 vs 2019-20 Seasons YTD to 23 May 2021

Channel	FWF	FWA	FWNA	FSLA	FLAA	FWIA	FLBA	FSBA	FDA	FDNA	FWJ	FWNJ	FDJ	FDNJ	FWC	FWNC	FDNC	Total Fish
Agency Online	1343	1044	252	263	1103	62	26	333	1028	698	198	27	131	26	0	11	21	6,566
Public Online	1098	902	240	175	551	135	45	450	1606	619	161	12	161	17	0	8	8	6,188
Eyede Call Centre	18	7	3	7	5	1	1	11	6	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	63
Total YTD 2019-20	2459	1953	495	445	1659	198	72	794	2640	1317	359	39	296	43	0	19	29	12,817
Agency Online	1218	1050	23	273	983	157	23	355	1175	15	205	2	129	3	0	0	0	5,611
Public Online	1400	1219	36	232	673	215	31	715	2190	92	214	2	228	4	0	0	2	7,253
Eyede Call Centre	13	8	0	17	6	4	2	5	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	63
Total YTD 2020-21	2631	2277	59	522	1662	376	56	1075	3372	107	419	4	358	7	0	0	2	12,927

Summary LEQs YTD to 23 May 2021 (Whole Season Licence Equivalent)

Season	Fish LEQ	Fish Var	Fish \$	Inc/Dec
Total YTD 2019-2020	8,536		\$987,165	
Total YTD 2020-2021	8,830	3.4%	\$1,021,216	\$34,051

2020-21 Summary YTD Actual vs Total Budget

2020-21 Annual Budgeted FISH LEQs	8,150	100.0%	\$942,605
2020-21 YTD Actual	8,830	108.3%	\$1,021,216
Over budget	680	8.3%	\$78,611

Resident Licence Categories

FWF – Family Season, FWA – Adult Season, FLA – Loyal Senior Season, FLAA – Local Area Season, FWIA – Adult Winter Season, FLBA – Adult Long Break, FSBA – Adult Short Break, FDA – Adult Day, FWJ – Junior Season, FDJ – Junior Day, FWC – Child Season

Non-Resident Licence Categories

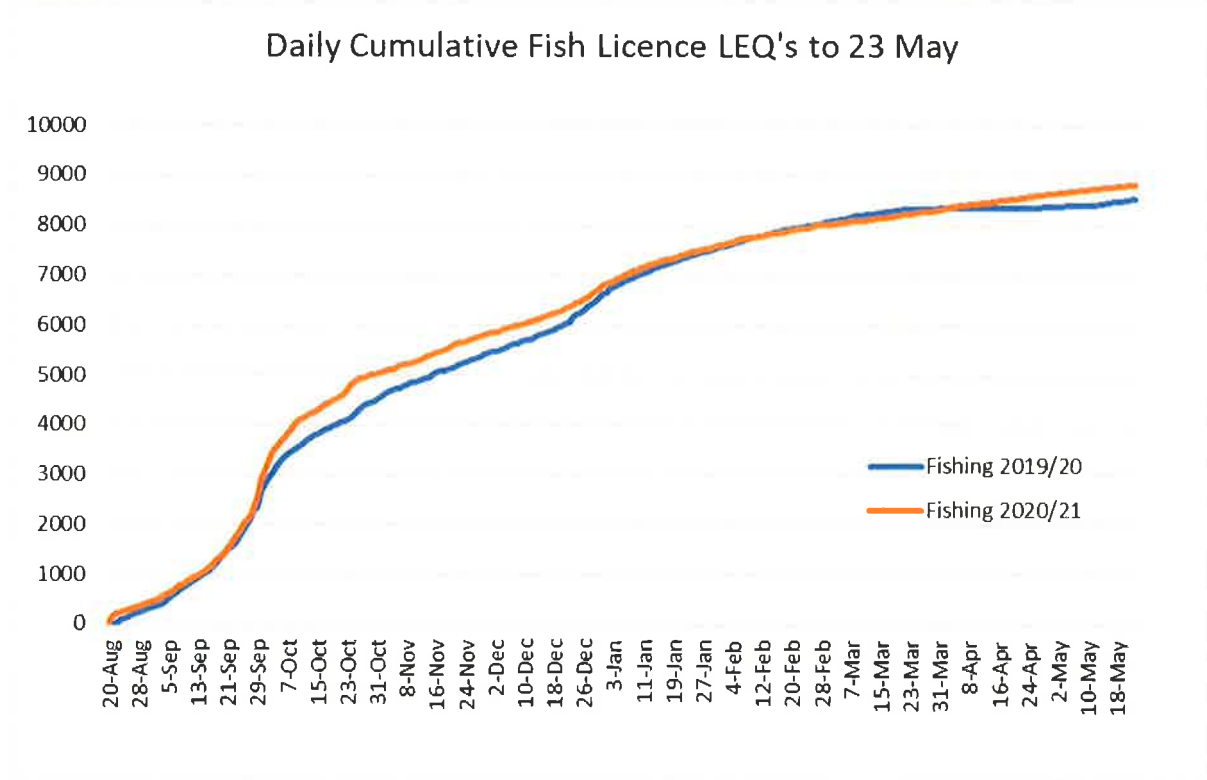
FDNA – Adult Season, FDNJ – Adult Day, FWNJ – Junior Season, FDNJ – Junior Day, FWNC – Child Season, FDNC – Child Day

- 1.3 The reduced Fish Licence sales target of 8,150 LEQs for the 2020-21 Season has been exceeded by 680 LEQs YTD (8.3%).

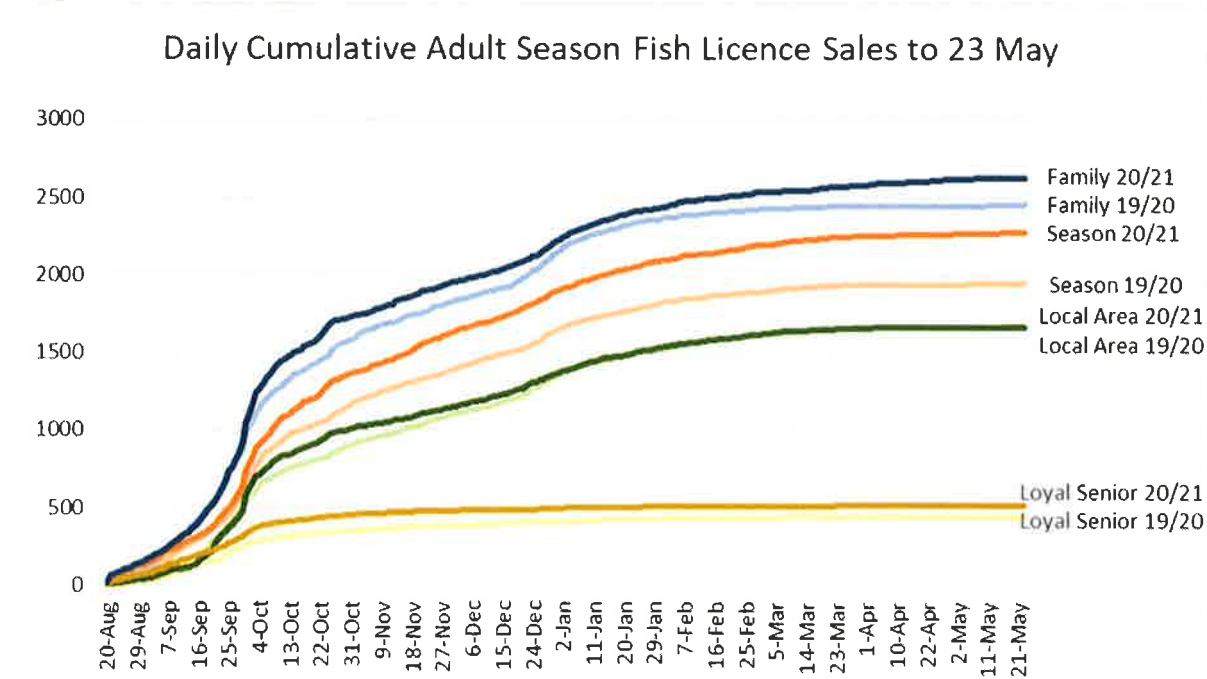
2. Daily Cumulative Fish Licence sales

2.1 Graphs 1 - 5 provided on the following pages provide a visual perspective of daily fish licence sales comparisons between the 2019-20 and 2020-21 Seasons.

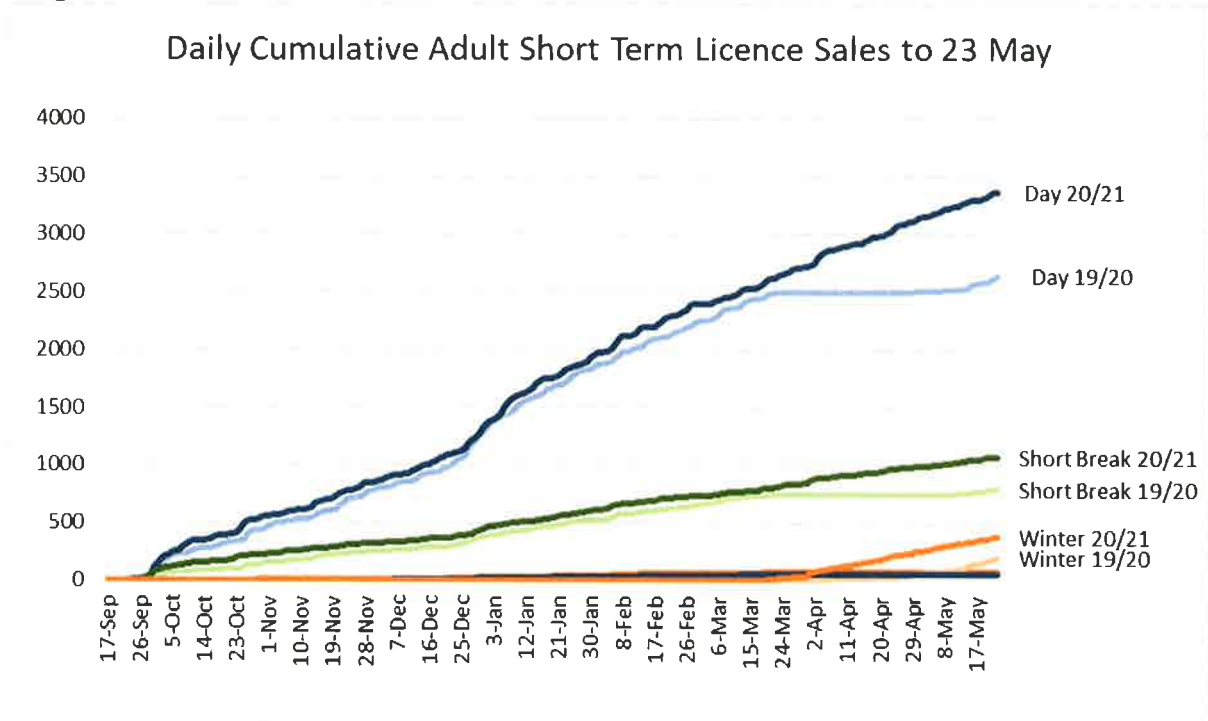
Graph 1



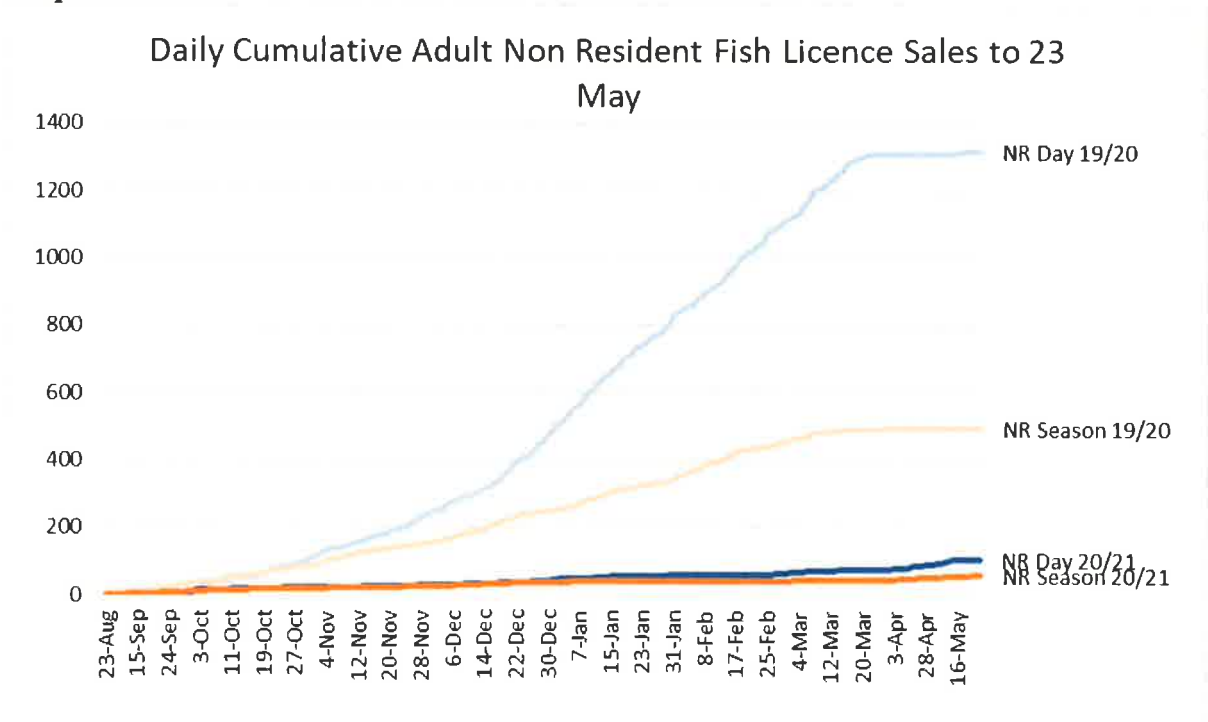
Graph 2



Graph 3

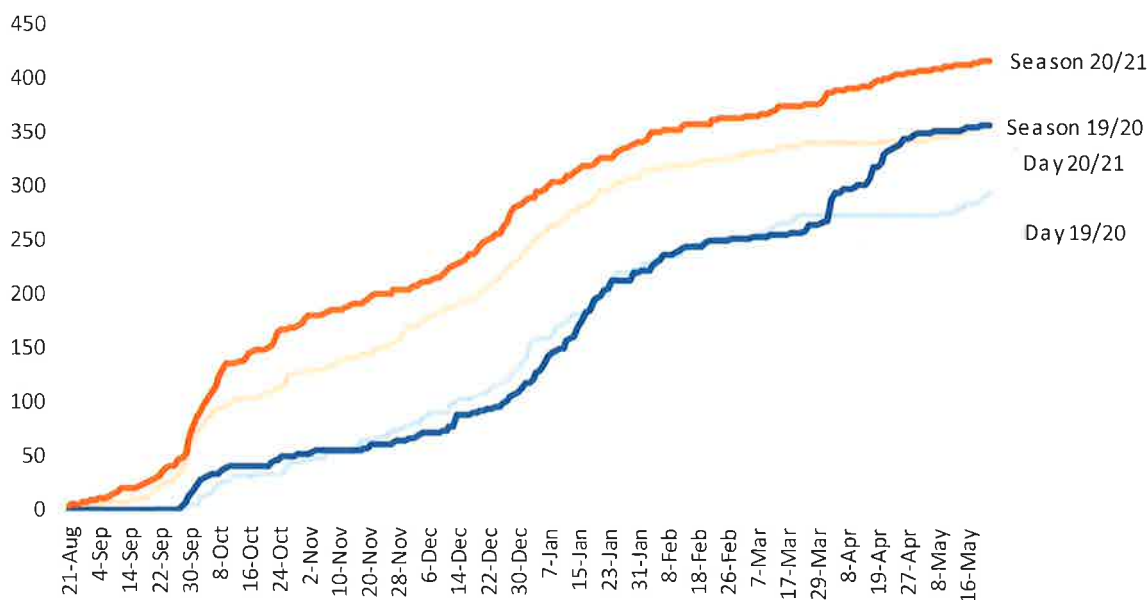


Graph 4



Graph 5

Daily Cumulative Junior Fish Licence Sales to 23 May



3. 2021 Game Licence Sales YTD 23 May 2021

- 3.1 Game Licence sales for the 2021 season comparison against the 2020 season to 23 May are summarised in *Table Two*.
- 3.2 Game Licence sales to 23 May are reporting to be 15.3% ahead of the 2020 season results for the same period, and this is directly related to the impact of the delays to the opening of the season last year due to Covid 19.
- 3.3 101% of the annual game licence sales target has been achieved for the 2021 Game Bird season.

Table Two

Game Licence Sales 2021 vs 2020 Seasons YTD to 23 May 2021

Channel	GWA	GWJ	GWC	GDA	GDJ	Total Game	Game LEQ	Game Var	Game \$	Inc/Dec
Agency Online	1925	175	96	0	0	2,196				
Public Online	610	55	29	0	0	694				
Eyede Call Centre	12	1	1	0	0	14				
Total YTD 2019	2547	231	126	0	0	2,904	2,594		\$212,006	
Agency Online	2471	228	107	16	0	2,822				
Public Online	454	63	19	18	0	554				
Eyede Call Centre	1	0	0	0	0	1				
Total YTD 2020	2926	291	126	34	0	3,377	2,992	15.3%	\$244,538	\$32,532

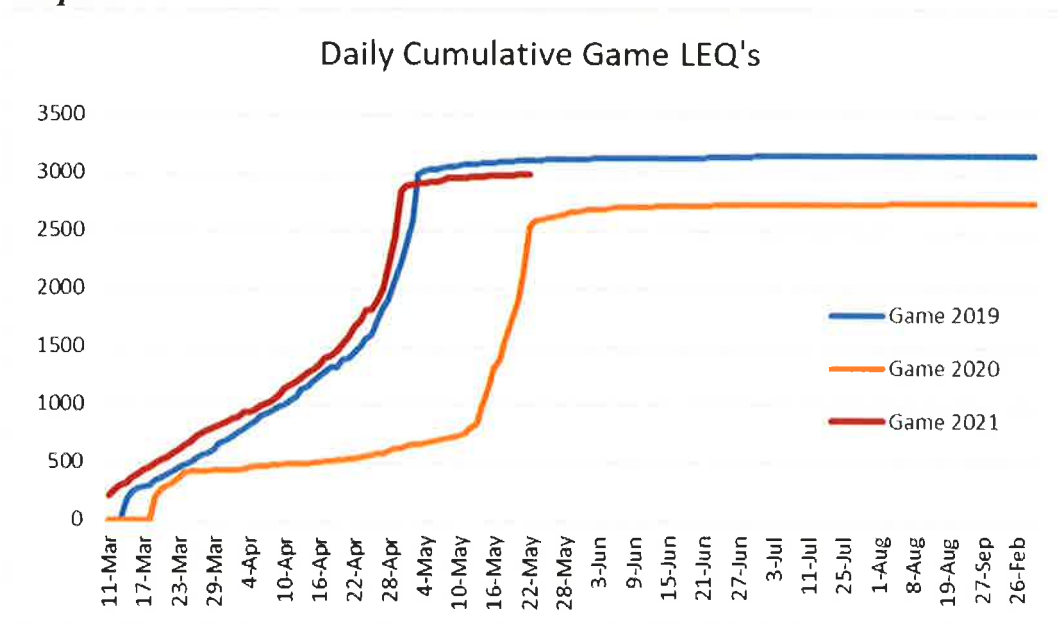
GWA Season Adult, GWJ Season Junior, GWC Season Child, GDA Day Adult, GDJ Day Junior

2021 Summary YTD Actual vs Total Budget

2021 Annual Budgeted GAME LEQs	2,962	100.0%	\$242,194
2021 YTD Actual	2,992	101.0%	\$244,538
Over budget	30	1%	\$2,344

3.4 A more informative picture of Game Licence Sales YTD can be see below (Graph 6) where 2019 Season results have been incorporated to provide a better comparison.

Graph 6



4.0 Total Licence Sales Performance against Budget

4.1 The annual Fish and Game Bird licence sales targets were reduced for the 2020-21 Season to offset potential losses in non resident licence revenue resulting from the border closures and uncertainties around international travel. The national budget process determined that in order to fund Operational Work Plans using reduced sales targets for the 2020-21 operational year there would be a requirement for Regions to fund the shortfall from their regional reserves. Any sales achieved over and above the sales target will mean less funds are required to be drawn from reserves to fund the work plan.

The shortfall for Eastern Region to be funded from reserves was budgeted at \$112,798. YTD to 23 May 2021 Eastern Region is ahead of the reduced sales targets by \$80,955. It is now looking quite possible that this shortfall will be met by higher than anticipated licence sales this Season.

15. PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

Ref: 8.04.05

1 June 2021

1. Purpose

To consider the recommendations of the Ministerial Review of Fish & Game and the implementation of these for feedback to the New Zealand Council.

2. Background

In June 2020 the Minister of Conservation launched an independent review of Fish & Game. The purpose of the review was (i) to establish if the functions, powers and organisational structure of the NZ Fish and Game Council and the regional Fish and Game Councils are fit for purpose for a modern regulatory and management Crown agency, and identify any changes required, and (ii) to provide recommendations on how Fish and Game can better implement its responsibilities under section 4 of the Conservation Act to give effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

The review panel met with Eastern Region staff and governors on 24 September 2020 and the review was released and made available to Fish & Game and the public on 27 April 2021.

The Acting CE of the NZC has invited regional Fish and Game Councils to provide feedback by 25 June after which he'll compile a summary document for a final round of consultation with regions.

3. Recommendation

3.1 *That the Eastern Fish and Game Council, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:*

GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED	REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER	GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF THIS RESOLUTION
Confirmation of public excluded minutes from Council meeting of 3 August 2020.	Good reason to withhold exists under section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982	Section 48(1)(a)(ii)
Discuss findings of Ministerial Review.	Section 9(2)(f)(iv) OIA: The withholding of information is necessary to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown.	Section 48(1)(a)(ii): That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.

Note:

Section 48(4) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides as follows:

- “(4) Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public, and the text of that resolution (or copies thereof):
- (a) Shall be available to any member of the public who is present; and
 - (b) Shall form part of the minutes of the Council.”