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**PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE**

**Northland**

**Fish & Game Council**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2019**

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

5 December 2019

**Hon Eugenie Sage**  
Minister of Conservation  
Parliament Buildings  
**WELLINGTON**

Dear Minister

I have the honour to submit, pursuant to Section 26X of the Conservation Act 1987 and Section 44A of the Public Finance Act 1980, the Performance Report of the Northland Fish & Game Council for the year ended 31 August 2019.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Durham', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

***Phil Durham***  
***Chairman***  
***Northland Fish & Game Council***

**NORTHLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**  
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**GENERAL INFORMATION**  
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## **STATUTORY BASIS**

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

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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

# NORTHLAND FISH & GAME COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF

### COUNCILLORS

<b>Name</b>	<b>Locality</b>
Phil Durham - Chairman	Whangarei
Kris Batelaan	Whangarei
Mark McGinley (Resigned 24/07/2019)	Whangarei
Chris Lynch	Whangarei
Dave Nicholson	Whangarei
Russell Daniels	Whangarei
Noel Birchall	Bay of Islands (NZ Appointee to NZFGC)
Mike Newson	Bay of Islands
John Skeates	Bay of Islands
Wayne Pepper	Whangarei
Cameron Shanks	Kaipara
Darryl Reardon	Kaipara

### STAFF

Rudi Hoetjes  
*Regional Manager*

Graham Gallagher  
*Fish & Game Field Officer (Whangarei)*

John Macpherson  
*Fish & Game Field Officer (Far North)*

Fay Stodart & Rachael Quin  
*Office Administrators*

## **NORTHLAND FISH & GAME COUNCIL**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

2019 has been a challenging year for Fish and Game as an organisation. The environment we operate in continues to change and Fish and Game has to adapt how it operates or inevitably we will lose our relevancy in today's society.

For over a decade Fish and Game has been a leading advocate for freshwater values, a large amount of licence holders money has been spent fighting legal battles to protect rivers and their natural values, to set standards for discharges into waterways and to protect the ever diminishing wetlands and create new wetlands which provide a home for the fish and game birds that we value so dearly.

Our battles have made us few friends and many organisations that have allied with us have done so reluctantly, as native and indigenous species have far more intrinsic value to most conservationists than do introduced species such as trout, salmon, game birds and game animals. Yet the great outdoors in New Zealand would be so much poorer for their absence and sometimes people need reminding that we are all introduced, there are no native cows or sheep, no native fruit or vegetables that we grow and export. Radiatus pine is not native nor are we as humans.

The challenge is in defining the undefinable. How do you put a value on a pastime that provides so much enrichment to people's lives? How do you defend the right to enjoy those pursuits? Most Fish and Game regions have now undergone an extensive submission process (at a considerable cost in time and money) on regional council soil and water management plans.

There has been a subtle shift towards better environmental protections with measurable limits of discharges into water being set in most areas but the agricultural sector has fought long and hard to delay or reduce their introduction. Many in the agriculture sector see Fish and Game as a major hindrance to business as usual (continuing farming practices that degrade waterways) and there has been a pointed effort by Federated Farmers and Dairy NZ to undermine Fish and Game.

This is done in several ways, by directly attacking people within Fish and Game in the various media outlets, to mounting a campaign at the last Fish and Game elections to have as many Federated Farmers members as possible elected to Fish and Game councils with a view to dominating the councils, to labelling and continuing to label Fish and Game as "anti-farming", and in Dairy NZ's case to encourage spending what must surely be by now several hundred thousand dollars in an advertising campaign that seeks to promote dairy farmers as the saviours of freshwater streams and rivers by their fencing and planting efforts.

Yes well the cynic in me says "but you made the problem!"

The problems caused by industrial style farming practices will not be solved easily and mitigating water run-off is only a part of the problem. The accumulative effect of fertiliser application over many decades was exacerbated by the rapid expansion of the national dairy herd (in many instances on unsuitable soil types or in iconic landscapes) and it will take decades to resolve some of the problems.

Farmers are aggrieved that they are being singled out, and quite rightly so, there are many others that have continued to contribute to water pollution. Forestry, viticulture, horticulture, lifestyle blocks, sewage and waste water, storm water run-off and the general apathy towards what we drop on the ground (litter) and flush down the drains are all contributors to water pollution, so as individuals we can all do our bit and be more vigilant.

Does Fish and Game's stand on water quality and "Dirty Dairying" in particular make Fish and Game anti-farming? Of course not, anti-certain farming practices certainly, but absolutely not anti-farming.

So it may be time to take a different approach, open the choke so to speak and spread a wider pattern and maybe target the regulatory authorities in failing to enforce environmental rules and standards over many years and who have given economic concerns a much higher priority over environmental protection under RMA resource consents and applications.

Don't hold your breath though. Regional bodies such as councils and water authorities have allowed this situation to develop; they don't have a good track record at putting their hand up and accepting responsibility let alone culpability.

Fish and Game may need to change their approach, change their method and remove the antagonism without letting the pressure off. It won't be easy but we cannot continue doing things the same way or we will only see the same result.

Wouldn't it be great if we had a respect for wildlife and the rules that govern harvesting game like the United States? Wildlife officers in the states have police-like powers and the wildlife service and various state agencies have resources that I can only dream of.

The judiciary in New Zealand see our prosecutions as a nuisance in many instances and rarely come down hard on offenders. Many prosecutions for offences end up costing Fish and Game as fines rarely reflect the cost and in one case a Northland judge was contemptuous for wasting his time with such a trivial matter and imposed no penalty. Trivial to him maybe but to the wildlife, offences are a serious matter and I would expect members of the judiciary to have a greater understanding of what we do and who we are.

The Department has all but abandoned Fish and Game and most DOC employees have no knowledge of the Conservation Act. In the seeming rush to embrace nature and indigenous species conservation they overlook their responsibilities to "our" species (trout, salmon, ducks and upland game). They appear to impose obstacles to hunters and many have no consideration of hunting or empathy with people who wish to harvest animals for food. The big players know that all they have to do is wait and soon we will not be able to afford to fight so many battles on so many fronts. Challenging times indeed.

So how is Fish and Game Northland doing? We continue to punch well above our weight. We have an experienced manager who has dedicated his working life to wildlife and fisheries management and whose knowledge of biology and wildlife management is matched by his knowledge of the statutes under which we operate.



Our manager assembled a team of experts, second to none to put our submission into the Northland Regional Council and to enter into negotiations on the appeals process. Recently I met and spoke to Federated Farmers representatives at a public meeting “Action for Healthy waterways” who advised not only were they impressed with our team but appreciative, and somewhat taken aback by the work Northland Fish and Game has done with farmers up here (co-operation anyone?).

We have fantastic field officers and the work being done to promote Fish and Game to develop relationships with Iwi, the Department of Conservation and local bodies will stand us in good stead for many years to come.

The development of our outstanding wetlands continues as funding is secured and our office is well represented by our two staffers, whose knowledge and passion are the reasons so many licence holders visit the office.

The Council is made up of keen anglers and hunters of whom two are dairy farmers. Unfortunately no one could be persuaded to stand for council from the Far North, but I am optimistic that at the next elections someone will want to put back into their sport.

We have passed our financial audit again with no problems (we don’t like to see licence holders money wasted) and when compared to some regions our governance and management ticks all the boxes.

So all is well? Not really. We need to somehow attract more people into our sport and I am open to any ideas; mentoring, gundog training, open days perhaps. If we can we will try anything to introduce the sport of hunting and angling to encourage people to join our ranks.

Lastly a big thanks to our sponsors of the Kai Iwi fishing contest, our staff members and volunteer helpers from other regions, Adelle and her team of auditors, my fellow councillors and the licence holders (for whom it is a pleasure to represent) for your efforts over the last year.



***Philip Durham***  
***Chairman***  
***Northland Fish & Game Council***

**NORTHLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**  
**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

5 December 2019

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

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

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

In our opinion, these financial statements of performance fairly reflect the financial position and operations of the Northland Fish and Game Council for the year ended 31 August 2019.

Signed on behalf of the Council:



***Rudi Hoetjes***  
***Regional Manager***  
***NORTHLAND***  
***FISH & GAME COUNCIL***



***Phil Durham***  
***Chairman***  
***NORTHLAND***  
***FISH & GAME COUNCIL***

# **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**For the Year ended**

**31 August 2019**

**Northland Fish and Game Council**  
**Statement of Financial Performance**  
For the year ended  
**31 August 2019**

	Note	Actual 2019 \$	Budget 2019 \$	Actual 2018 \$
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Fish and Game licence sales	1	181,716	178,659	177,649
Grants and donations	1	374,371	358,266	365,661
Interest	1	15,356	15,800	15,810
Other revenue	1	80,862	8,000	55,828
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>652,304</b>	<b>560,725</b>	<b>614,949</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>Outputs</b>				
Species management	2	24,555	21,750	21,971
Habitat protection & management	2	138,233	51,500	63,275
Angler & Hunter participation	2	7,869	7,350	14,421
Public interface	2	651	2,150	1,741
Compliance	2	1,330	1,900	3,065
Licensing	2	8,146	9,340	8,278
Council	2	5,029	5,500	4,325
Planning & reporting	2	11,695	9,870	23,765
<b>Overheads</b>				
Employee related costs	2	325,965	334,700	322,371
Depreciation	4	26,730	20,045	29,446
Other expenses	2	90,429	96,620	91,986
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>640,632</b>	<b>560,725</b>	<b>584,644</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		<b>11,672</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,305</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>		<b>11,672</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,305</b>

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

## Northland Fish and Game Council

### Statement of Financial Position

As at  
31 August 2019

	Note	Actual 2019 \$	Budget 2019 \$	Actual 2018 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Bank accounts and cash	3	237,217	111,390	234,491
Term Investments	3	407,048	430,251	405,375
Debtors and prepayments	3	32,417	8,675	12,290
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>676,682</b>	<b>550,316</b>	<b>652,156</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>				
Property, plant and equipment	4	312,506	319,191	339,236
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>312,506</b>	<b>319,191</b>	<b>339,236</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>989,188</b>	<b>869,507</b>	<b>991,392</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Creditors and accrued expenses	3	31,950	55,940	43,446
Employee costs payable	3	64,984	54,505	67,370
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>96,934</b>	<b>110,445</b>	<b>110,816</b>
<b>Non current liabilities</b>				
Whangarei Hunting & Fishing	3	3,129	3,118	3,125
<b>TOTAL LIABILITES</b>		<b>100,063</b>	<b>113,563</b>	<b>113,941</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>889,124</b>	<b>755,944</b>	<b>877,451</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		<b>889,125</b>	<b>755,944</b>	<b>877,451</b>


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

for issue on 5/12/19.....

Date



Chairman



Manager

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**Northland Fish and Game Council**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
For the year ended  
31 August 2019

	Actual 2019 \$	Budget 2019 \$	Actual 2018 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<b>Cash was received from:</b>			
Licence Sales	181,336	180,040	182,273
Grants, donations	354,925	358,266	365,661
Interest	15,406	15,851	17,438
Other revenue	79,690	8,000	55,828
<b>Cash was applied to:</b>			
Payments to suppliers	299,900	292,660	212,905
Payments to employees	324,228	332,314	319,273
GST (Net)	2,831	(6,165)	(690)
<b>Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	<b>4,398</b>	<b>(56,651)</b>	<b>89,712</b>
<b>CASHFLOW FROM INVESTING &amp; FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<b>Cash was received from:</b>			
Sale of property, plant and equipment	-	-	-
Sale of investments/deposits	-	-	-
<b>Cash was applied to:</b>			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	-	66,450	66,450
Purchase of investments/deposits	1,672	-	(7,627)
<b>Net Cash Flows from Investing and Financing</b>	<b>(1,672)</b>	<b>(66,450)</b>	<b>(58,823)</b>
<b>Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash</b>	<b>2,726</b>	<b>(123,101)</b>	<b>30,889</b>
<b>Opening Cash</b>	234,491	234,491	203,602
<b>Closing Cash</b>	237,217	111,390	234,491
<b>This is represented by:</b>			
Bank accounts and cash	237,217	111,390	234,491

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**Northland Fish and Game Council**  
**Statement of Accounting Policies**  
For the year ended  
31 August 2019

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**ACCOUNTING POLICIES APPLIED**

**Reporting Entity**

Northland Fish and Game Council is a Public Entity under the Public Finance Act 1989 (Schedule 4). The Council was established on 4 May 1991 with the passing of the Conservation Law Reform Act 1990. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Section 153-6 of the Crown Entities Act 2004.

**Basis of Preparation**

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

**Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

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

**SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Revenue Recognition**

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

*Licence Revenue*

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

*Grants Received*

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

*Grant From NZFGC*

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

*Interest*

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

*All other revenue*

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

**Northland Fish and Game Council**  
**Statement of Accounting Policies**  
For the year ended  
31 August 2019

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**ACCOUNTING POLICIES APPLIED**

**Outputs**

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

**Employee Related Costs**

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

Performance payments are recorded when the employee is notified.

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

**Bank Accounts and Cash**

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

**Debtors and Prepayments**

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

**Term Investments**

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

**Property, Plant and Equipment**

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

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

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

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

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

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



**Northland Fish and Game Council**  
**Statement of Accounting Policies**  
**For the year ended**  
**31 August 2019**

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**ACCOUNTING POLICIES APPLIED**

**Creditors and accrued expenses**

Creditors and accrued expenses are measured at the amount owed.

**Game Bird Habitat Stamp levy**

Levies of \$6,411 have been collected and are paid to New Zealand Fish and Game Council per the New Zealand Game Bird habitat Stamp Regulations 1993.

**Employee costs payable**

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

These include salaries and wages accrued up to balance date and annual leave earned but not yet taken at balance date.

**Restricted and Dedicated Reserves**

**Restricted Reserves**

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

*Game Bird Habitat Development*

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

*Whangarei Hunting & Fishing Bank Account*

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

**Dedicated Reserves**

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

*Asset Replacement Reserve*

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

*Non-Resident Levy reserve*

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

*Habitat Development Fund*

Reparation or donations received by the Northland Fish & Game Council are set aside for the purpose of habitat development.

The funds set aside for this purpose are held in a separate bank account. Interest earned on these funds remains with the reserve.

*Kai Iwi Lakes Fishing Competition*

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

*Bridge Repairs (Flaxmill Wetland)*

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

*NZFGC Sports Fish & Game Management Plan*

NZFGC allocated \$5,000 to contract some assistance to draft their Sports Management Plan. In the current financial year no further funds were expended.

*Predator Control Programme and Beehive Placement*

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

**Northland Fish and Game Council**  
**Statement of Accounting Policies**  
**For the year ended**  
**31 August 2019**

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**ACCOUNTING POLICIES APPLIED**

**Income Tax**

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

**Budget Figures**

The Budget figures are derived from the Council budget that was approved at the Council meeting on the 10th August 2018

**Tier 2 PBE Accounting Standards applied**

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

**CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

There have been no changes in the Accounting Policies.

# Northland Fish and Game Council

## Notes to the Performance Report

For the year ended

31 August 2019

Note 1 : ANALYSIS OF REVENUE	Actual 2019 \$	Budget 2019 \$	Actual 2018 \$
<b>Licence sales</b>			
Fish licence	37,446	35,722	35,176
Game licence	144,270	142,937	142,473
<b>Total</b>	<b>181,716</b>	<b>178,659</b>	<b>177,649</b>
<b>Grants and donations</b>			
National Fish & Game Grant	358,266	358,266	356,121
Donations	-	-	-
Wetland Grants	16,105	-	9,540
<b>Total</b>	<b>374,371</b>	<b>358,266</b>	<b>365,661</b>
<b>Interest</b>			
Interest	15,356	15,800	15,810
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,356</b>	<b>15,800</b>	<b>15,810</b>
<b>Other revenue</b>			
Angler competitions	2,439	1,000	1,739
Fines/Prosecutions	800	-	230
Gain on sale/disposal of assets	-	-	-
Habitat grazing (Greenheart)	3,500	2,500	3,500
Advertising Income	-	-	-
Permit Fees	3,295	3,500	3,815
Works & Management	41,652	-	2,745
Predator Control Programme	1,887	-	2,142
Wairua Wildlife Management Reserve	1,200	-	-
Gamebird Dispersal	5,224	1,000	3,899
Sundry	1,255	-	-
Maritime NZ Levy reimbursements	1,500	-	9,904
Overhead Recovery	18,110	-	23,458
Staff Scholarship	-	-	4,396
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,862</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>55,828</b>

# Northland Fish and Game Council

## Notes to the Performance Report

For the year ended

31 August 2019

<b>Note 2 : ANALYSIS OF EXPENSES</b>	<b>Actual 2019 \$</b>	<b>Budget 2019 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2018 \$</b>
<b>Species management</b>			
Population monitoring	7,757	6,300	4,983
Harvest assessment	2,415	2,200	2,506
Releases	11,834	12,250	11,954
Control	2,549	1,000	2,528
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,555</b>	<b>21,750</b>	<b>21,971</b>
<b>Habitat protection &amp; management</b>			
Works & management	120,339	51,500	34,196
Assisted habitat	-	-	5,665
Resource management	17,894	-	23,414
<b>Total</b>	<b>138,233</b>	<b>51,500</b>	<b>63,275</b>
<b>Angler &amp; Hunter participation</b>			
Access	7,869	6,900	8,604
Newsletters	-	-	5,517
Club relations	-	450	300
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,869</b>	<b>7,350</b>	<b>14,421</b>
<b>Public interface</b>			
Public promotions	457	1,600	1,444
Visitor facilities	194	550	147
Advocacy	-	-	150
<b>Total</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>1,741</b>
<b>Compliance</b>			
Ranging	378	900	873
Ranger training	143	300	541
Compliance	809	700	1,651
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,330</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>3,065</b>

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<b>Note 2 : ANALYSIS OF EXPENSES</b>	<b>Actual 2019 \$</b>	<b>Budget 2019 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2018 \$</b>
<b>Licensing</b>			
Licence production & distribution	1,095	1,300	1,250
Agent servicing	-	-	-
Commission	7,051	8,040	7,028
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,146</b>	<b>9,340</b>	<b>8,278</b>
<b>Council</b>			
Council meetings	5,029	5,500	4,325
Council elections	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,029</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>4,325</b>
<b>Planning &amp; reporting</b>			
Reporting	2,600	2,600	2,600
Audit fee	7,530	7,270	7,270
Management/Strategic Planning	-	-	1,465
National liaison	1,565	-	12,430
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,695</b>	<b>9,870</b>	<b>23,765</b>
<b>Employee related costs</b>			
Salaries and wages	305,533	309,444	298,472
Fringe benefit tax	1,430	1,400	1,434
KiwiSaver contributions	7,451	11,156	6,610
ACC levies	798	1,000	719
Staff training and other expenses	6,043	7,700	11,511
Seasonal Contractor	4,710	4,000	3,625
<b>Total</b>	<b>325,965</b>	<b>334,700</b>	<b>322,371</b>
<b>Other expenses</b>			
Office Rent	31,016	33,000	30,114
Office premises	8,916	9,250	8,386
Office Equipment	2,504	3,550	2,209
Communications	19,008	20,300	20,454
General	1,771	2,800	2,198
Field Equipment	1,679	2,920	4,979
Vehicles	25,535	24,800	23,646
<b>Total</b>	<b>90,429</b>	<b>96,620</b>	<b>91,986</b>

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<b>Note 3 : ANALYSIS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITES</b>	<b>Actual 2019 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2018 \$</b>
<b>Bank accounts and cash - ASB</b>		
Cash on hand	200	200
Current account balance	4,046	3,420
Savings account balance	229,345	216,430
Bank Account held in Trust	7 3,128	3,125
Greenheart Wetlands	-	-
Habitat Development Fund	498	11,316
<b>Total</b>	<b>237,217</b>	<b>234,491</b>
<b>Debtors and other receivables</b>		
Accounts receivable	31,153	10,975
Accrued Interest	1,264	1,315
Prepayments	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,417</b>	<b>12,290</b>
<b>Term Investments</b>		
At 31 August 2019, the Council held 2 term deposits totalling \$407,047		
These mature in October 2019 and February 2020.		
Term Deposits - ASB	407,048	405,375
<b>Total</b>	<b>407,048</b>	<b>405,375</b>
<b>Creditors and accrued expenses</b>		
Trade and other payables	19,149	31,282
Income Received in Advance	3,006	2,865
GST Payable	3,384	2,879
Gamebird Habitat Stamp levy	6,411	6,420
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,950</b>	<b>43,446</b>
<b>Employee costs payable</b>		
Annual leave and time in lieu	50,342	52,690
PAYE owing	8,129	8,029
Accrued salaries and wages	6,513	6,651
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,984</b>	<b>67,370</b>
<b>Whangarei Hunting &amp; Fishing</b>		
Funds held for Whangarei Hunting & Fishing Club	3,129	3,125
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,129</b>	<b>3,125</b>

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### Note 4 : PROPERTY PLANT & EQUIPMENT

#### 2019

Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Sales/ Disposals	Current Year Depreciation and Impairment	Closing Carrying Amount
Land	146,056	-	-	-	146,056
Improvements	77,147	-	-	2,590	74,557
Plant & Equipment	1,359	-	-	271	1,088
Vehicles	105,325	-	-	21,064	84,261
Office Equipment	9,349	-	-	2,805	6,544
<b>Total</b>	<b>339,236</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,730</b>	<b>312,506</b>

#### 2018

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

#### Rating Valuation:

	Date of Valuation	Land	Improve-ments	Total
<b>Far North District</b>				
State Highway, Kawakawa	1/08/2019	4,500	-	4,500
<b>Kaipara</b>				
Flaxmill, Waihue Road, Dargaville	1/09/2017	129,000	2,000	131,000
<b>Bob Taylor Road, Tangiteroria</b>				
(Jack Bisset Wetland)	1/09/2017	17,000	1,000	18,000
<b>Whangarei District</b>				
Carruth Road, Maungatapere	1/08/2018	355,000	75,000	430,000
(Jack Bisset Wetland)		505,500	78,000	583,500

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Note 5: EQUITY	Actual 2019 \$	Actual 2018 \$
<b><u>Accumulated Funds</u></b>		
Balance as at 1 September	535,655	515,192
Surplus/(Deficit)	11,672	30,304
Transfer to Reserves	(43,987)	(40,033)
Transfer from Reserves	30,197	30,192
<b>Total Accumulated Funds</b>	<b>533,537</b>	<b>535,655</b>
<b><u>Dedicated Reserves</u></b>		
<b>Asset Replacement Reserve</b>		
Balance as at 1 September	25,524	15,064
Transfer from Accumulated Funds	20,045	10,460
Transfer to Accumulated Funds	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 August</b>	<b>45,569</b>	<b>25,524</b>
<b>Non-Resident Levy Reserve</b>		
Balance as at 1 September	6,664	4,372
Transfer from Accumulated Funds ( Income)	3,677	2,292
Transfer to Accumulated Funds (Expenses)	(345)	-
<b>Balance at 31 August</b>	<b>9,996</b>	<b>6,664</b>
<b>Habitat Development Fund</b>		
Balance as at 1 September	11,316	10,352
Transfer from Accumulated Funds ( Income)	882	964
Transfer to Accumulated Funds (Expenses)	(11,700)	-
<b>Balance at 31 August</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>11,316</b>
<b>Kai Iwi Lakes Fishing Competition</b>		
Balance as at 1 September	968	2,495
Transfer from Accumulated Funds ( Income)	2,439	1,739
Transfer to Accumulated Funds (Expenses)	(1,552)	(3,266)
<b>Balance at 31 August</b>	<b>1,855</b>	<b>968</b>
<b>Bridge Repairs (Flaxmill Wetland)</b>		
Balance as at 1 September	5,177	5,177
Transfer from Accumulated Funds ( Income)	-	-
Transfer to Accumulated Funds (Expenses)	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 August</b>	<b>5,177</b>	<b>5,177</b>
<b>NFGC Sports Fish &amp; Game Management Plan</b>		
Balance as at 1 September	3,535	5,000
Transfer from Accumulated Funds ( Income)	-	-
Transfer to Accumulated Funds (Expenses)	-	(1,465)
<b>Balance at 31 August</b>	<b>3,535</b>	<b>3,535</b>
<b>Predator Control Programme &amp; Beehive Placement</b>		
Balance as at 1 September	3,882	4,772
Transfer from Accumulated Funds ( Income)	2,637	10,077
Transfer to Accumulated Funds (Expenses)	(2,294)	(10,967)
<b>Balance at 31 August</b>	<b>4,225</b>	<b>3,882</b>
<b>Total Dedicated Reserves</b>	<b>70,854</b>	<b>57,066</b>



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Note 5: EQUITY	Actual 2019 \$	Actual 2018 \$
<b><i>Restricted Reserves</i></b>		
<b>Whangarei Hunting &amp; Fishing Bank</b>		
<b>Account held on behalf</b>		
Balance at 1 September	3,125	3,122
Transfer from Accumulated Funds ( Income)	3	3
Transfer to Accumulated Funds (Expenses)	0	0
<b>Balance at 31 August</b>	<b>3,128</b>	<b>3,125</b>
<b>Game Bird Habitat Development</b>		
Balance at 1 September	281,606	281,606
Transfer from Accumulated Funds ( Income)	14,309	14,497
Transfer to Accumulated Funds (Expenses)	(14,309)	(14,497)
<b>Balance at 31 August</b>	<b>281,606</b>	<b>281,606</b>
<b><i>Total Restricted Reserves</i></b>	<b>284,734</b>	<b>284,730</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>889,125</b>	<b>877,451</b>

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### Note 6 : COMMITMENTS & CONTINGENCIES

<b>Commitment to:</b>	<b>Explanation and Timing</b>	<b>Actual 2019 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2018 \$</b>
	<b>Greenheart Wetlands</b> - Lease Land for 35 year period commencing 1 September 2013. Annual Rent is \$1.00	1	1
	<b>Whangarei District Council</b> - 5 year lease for use of land adjacent to Wairua River. Annual licence fee is \$1.00	1	1
Lease or rent assets	The Council leases premises at Unit A5, 7-11 Nell Place, Raumanga, Whangarei. The annual lease totalled to \$31,016 + GST. A CPI adjustment was made in the start of the financial year. The lease was renewed on the 1st August 2019 for three further terms of five years.	31,016	30,114
<b>Contingency</b>	<b>Explanation</b>		
Contingent liability		Nil	Nil

There is no Guarantees provided during the year (2018: Nil)

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### Note 7: ASSETS HELD ON BEHALF OF OTHERS

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

### Note 8: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There are no related party transactions. (2018: Nil)

### Note 9: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### PREDATOR CONTROL PROGRAMME

The total amount dedicated to predator control programme within all the wetlands and forests for the 2019 year is \$1,887 excluding GST (2018: \$2,142)

#### NON-RESIDENT LEVY AND LICENCE SALES

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

	2019	2018
Fish Licence Sales	\$33,769	\$32,884
Non-Resident Levy	\$ 3,677	\$ 2,292
Game Licence Sales	\$144,270	\$142,473
<b>TOTAL Licence Revenue</b>	<b>\$181,716</b>	<b>\$177,649</b>

### Note 10: Subsequent Events

There are no significant subsequent events. (2018: Nil)

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### Note 11: ALLOCATION OF OVERHEADS TO OUTPUT AREAS FOR 2019

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

#### ACTUAL 2019

Output Area	Actual Direct \$	Actual Hours	Allocation of Overheads	Total Costs per Output
Species management	24,555	458	\$ 50,293	\$ 74,848
Habitat protection & management	138,233	1,332	\$ 146,453	\$ 284,686
Angler & hunter participation	7,869	403	\$ 44,274	\$ 52,143
Public interface	651	899	\$ 98,826	\$ 99,477
Compliance	1,330	147	\$ 16,105	\$ 17,435
Licensing	8,146	46	\$ 5,029	\$ 13,175
Council	5,029	356	\$ 39,162	\$ 44,191
Planning & reporting	11,695	391	\$ 42,982	\$ 54,677
<b>Totals</b>	<b>197,508</b>	<b>4,031</b>	<b>\$ 443,124</b>	<b>\$ 640,632</b>

#### Actual Overheads

Employee related costs	325,965
Depreciation	26,730
Other expenses	90,429
<b>Total Overheads to Allocate</b>	<b>443,124</b>

#### BUDGET 2019

Output Area	Budget Direct \$	Budget Hours	Allocation of Overheads	Total Costs per Output
Species management	21750	422	\$ 42,555	\$ 64,305
Habitat protection & management	51500	872	\$ 87,933	\$ 139,433
Angler & Hunter participation	7350	382	\$ 38,521	\$ 45,871
Public interface	2150	1,552	\$ 156,505	\$ 158,655
Compliance	1900	164	\$ 16,538	\$ 18,438
Licensing	9340	84	\$ 8,471	\$ 17,811
Council	5500	345	\$ 34,790	\$ 40,290
Planning & reporting	9870	655	\$ 66,051	\$ 75,921
<b>Totals</b>	<b>109360</b>	<b>4,476</b>	<b>\$ 451,365</b>	<b>\$ 560,725</b>

#### Budget Overheads

Employee related costs	334,700
Depreciation	20,045
Other Expenses	96,620
<b>Total Overheads to Allocate</b>	<b>451,365</b>

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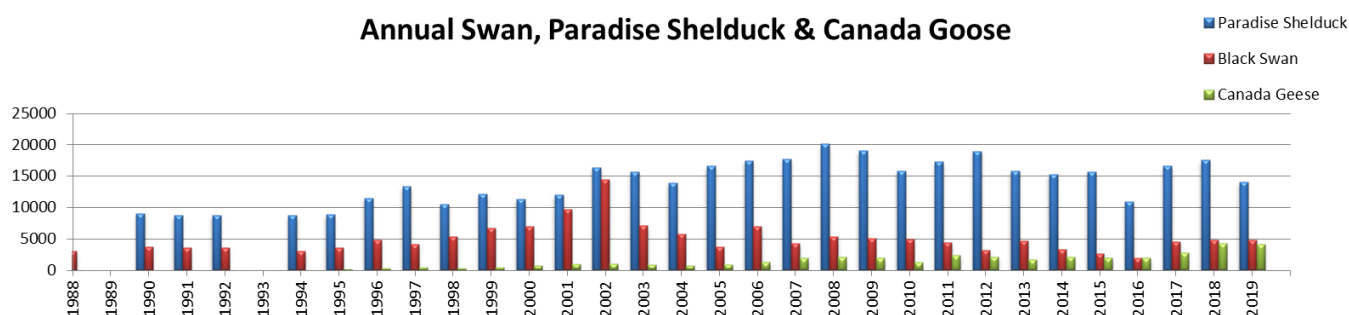
## Statement of Objectives and Service Performance

### For the Year Ended 31 August 2019

#### PROJECT 1111/1112/1113 – GAME BIRD MONITORING

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To monitor game bird populations by comparing repeated studies.	<p>To present a report to Council by staff detailing population trends and implications for the management of the region's populations of Paradise Shelduck and Black Swan by 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019.</p> <p>Supporting the A/WFGC by undertaking aerial trend counts over the Kaipara Harbour and adjoining land to estimate regional waterfowl populations.</p> <p>The surveying and monitoring of Shoveler populations as part of a nationally co-ordinated programme.</p>	<p>The Council engaged Waikato Aviation from Hamilton to undertake the annual trend counts. The staff undertook aerial counts of waterfowl in the Northland Region, north of Helensville and up to the Far North. Flying costs have risen due to Civil Aviation costs increasing to certify the pilots and aircrafts.</p> <p>The results and report of the 2019 trend counts was presented to the Council on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019 detailing local population status, trends and any management implications for the region's population of Paradise Shelduck, and Black Swan.</p> <p>An annual survey for Shoveler ducks was carried out this year over the week of the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019. The results were sent to the national co-ordinator based in Rotorua.</p>
	<p><b>Budget Hours</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>70</b></span></p> <p><b>Budget External Cost</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$6,300</b></span></p>	<p><b>Actual Hours</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>95</b></span></p> <p><b>Actual External Cost</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$7,757</b></span></p>

**Graph 1 Aerial Trend Counts 1988 to 2019**



Graph 1 provides the numbers estimated to be at the main known moulting sites and locations of the overall population trends of the monitored waterfowl species since 1988 to 2019.

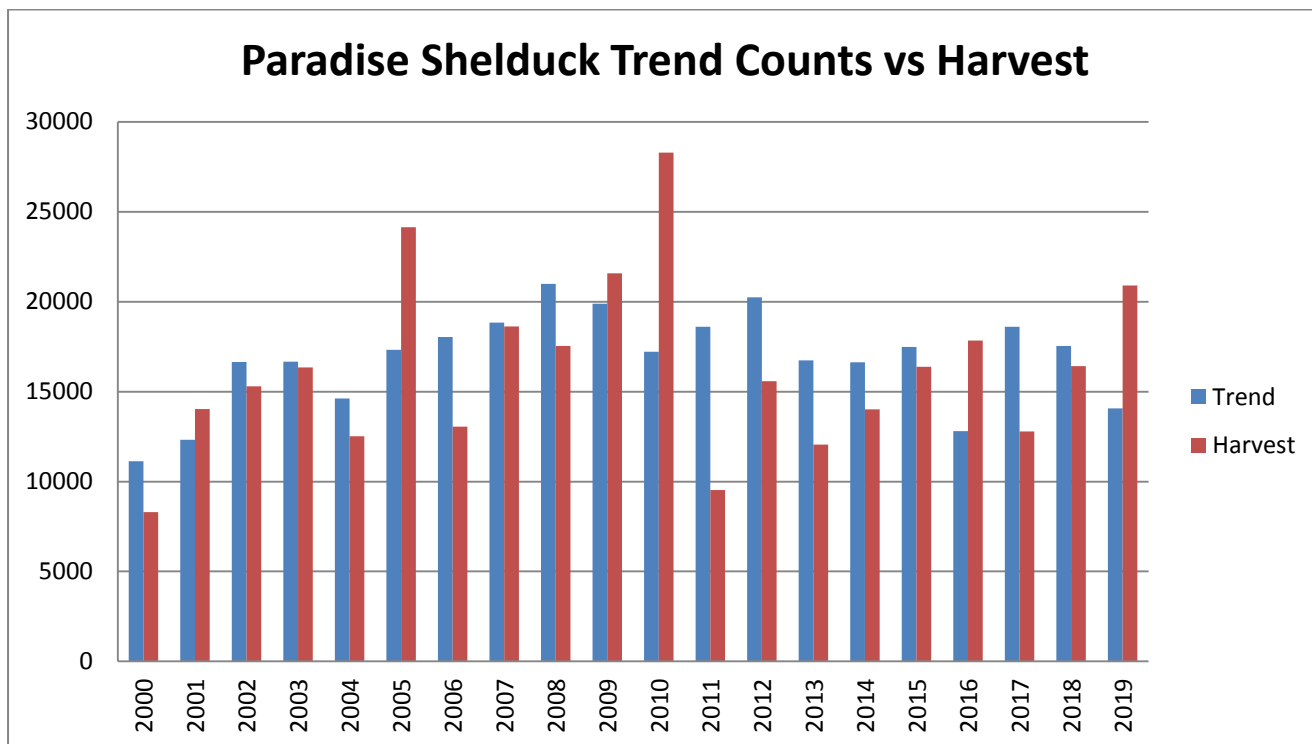
**PROJECT 1121 - FISH HARVEST ASSESSMENT**

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To monitor and review fishery data for trout releases and to determine 2020 stocking requirements. To collect fishery data via the Kai Iwi Lakes fishing competition in 2019 and through an angler creel surveys run throughout the season.</p> <p>To support and participate with the fisheries working group to understand the life history of Dune Lake Galaxid and the predator /prey relationship with rainbow trout at the Kai Iwi Lakes</p>	<p>To present a report to Council by staff detailing population status and implications for the management of the region’s rainbow trout populations based on information gathered from the Kai Iwi Lakes.</p> <p>To follow up growth rates and catch rates of releases undertaken by Council in light of reduced stocking rates.</p> <p>Undertake lake surveys using tools and methods to support the fisheries working group.</p> <div data-bbox="528 678 916 1256" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><i>Larval fish sampling using a Wisconsin net.</i></p> <p><b>Budget Hours</b> 80  <b>Budget External Cost</b> \$ Nil</p>	<p>Due to other priorities of the Council no regular data collection from anglers fishing at the Kai Iwi Lakes occurred during 2018/2019 fishing season. Rangers active in the field at the lakes recorded fish caught and angler effort.</p> <p>The Fisheries Working Group met on four occasions during the course of the year. Fish and Game initiated and then engaged two students from NorthTec in this project by undertaking sampling of Dune Lake Galaxids both from the littoral area in the foreshore and fishing from the boat in the pelagic zone using the Wisconsin larval fish net.</p> <p>Staff undertook a netting survey for trout in both Lakes Taharoa and Waikare on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>The objective was to collect 15 specimens from each lake as part of a national Fish &amp; Game study on the diet of trout and to include monitoring of prey species using isotope analysis by Fish and Game fisheries scientist Adam Canning.</p> <p>The nets were set during daylight hours in Lake Taharoa (13 caught) and overnight in Lake Waikare (28 caught).</p> <p>Fish heads and gut samples from all of the netted trout and also every trout (73) caught at the fishing competition were collected and frozen. These are being analysed for the feeding preference of trout and seasonal diet variation by NorthTec 3<sup>rd</sup> year student, Claire Heyns.</p> <p>A component of Claire’s research project and study will contribute to Adam Canning’s research and analysis using the isotope information.</p> <p>The Kai Iwi Lakes Trout Fishing Competition was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The data collected confirms the fishery is providing anglers with reasonable catch rates and a fishery which has an above average growth rate.</p> <p><b>Actual Hours</b> 84  <b>Actual External Cost</b> \$ 344</p>

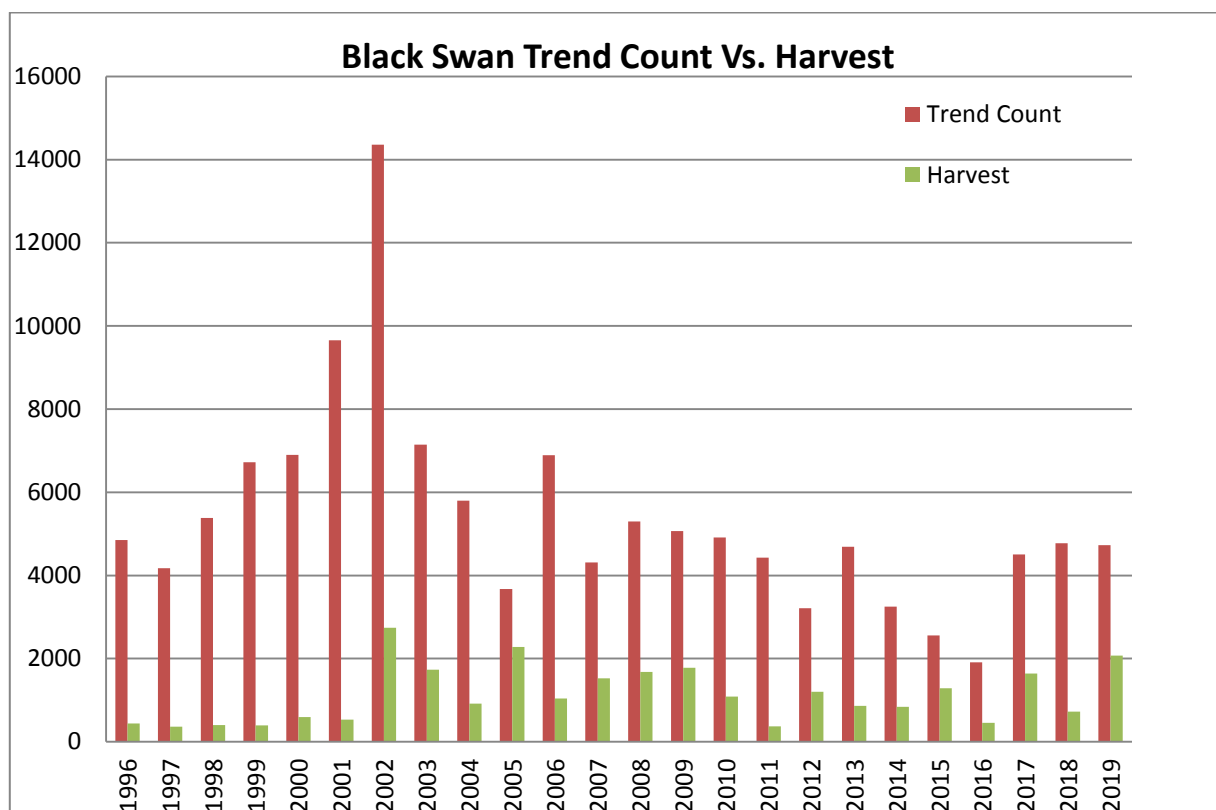
**PROJECTS 1122-GAME BIRD HARVEST ASSESSMENT**

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To report to Council the results of the 2018 hunter survey and implement the 2019 hunter survey.	To present a report to the Council from professional staff detailing hunters survey results for the 2018 game season with implications for game bird management of the Northland Region by 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2018.	The Council contracted a surveyor to collect data at set fortnightly intervals for the full length of the Northland Game Bird Hunting Season as part of the 2019 national hunter harvest survey from 120 randomly selected licenced hunters to ascertain effort and success.  Staff presented a summary of the 2018 survey results to the Council with a recommendation for game bird management on 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2018.
	<b>Budget Hours</b> <span style="float:right"><b>40</b></span> <b>Budget External Cost</b> <span style="float:right"><b>\$2,200</b></span>	<b>Actual Hours</b> <span style="float:right"><b>17</b></span> <b>Actual External Cost</b> <span style="float:right"><b>\$2,070</b></span>

**Graph 2 2000 to 2019 Paradise Shelduck Trend Counts Versus Annual Harvest**



**Graph 3 1996 to 2019 Swan Trend Counts Versus Annual Harvest**



**PROJECTS 1161- RELEASES OF TROUT INTO STOCKED FISHERIES**

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To co-ordinate the 2019 trout releases by 31/05/2019.	<p>To release healthy yearling trout.                      Rainbows to be released into;                      Kai Iwi lakes 2300                      Whau Valley 250                      Lake Manuwai 500                      Wilsons Dam 300</p> <p>Provide transport for trout to be stocked in Northland waters.</p>	<p>Council received, reviewed and approved an application to stock trout into a freshwater spring fed pond near Maungatapere (Rose Pond) to create a captive fishery focusing on providing opportunities for family, junior and disabled anglers.</p> <p>The Council staff liberated Brown and Rainbow trout into Northland’s designated waters on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Stocking of the lakes and reservoirs were as follows;</p> <p>Taharoa (Kai Iwi) 2,000 Rainbow                      Waikare (Kai Iwi) 300 Rainbow                      Whau Valley 200 Rainbow                      Whau Valley 100 Brown                      Lake Manuwai 700 Rainbow                      Wilsons Dam 400 Rainbow                      Rose Dam 100 Rainbow                      Rose Dam 50 Brown</p>
	<p><b>Budget Hours 60</b>  <b>Budget External Cost \$12,250</b></p>	<p><b>Actual Hours 55</b>  <b>Actual External Cost \$11,834</b>  <b>Extra income from NRL \$3,677</b></p>



**PROJECT 1171/1172 - SEASON REGULATIONS**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
To maintain and improve the region's sports fish and game bird resource by formulating and recommending conditions for fishing and game hunting seasons to the Minister of Conservation.	<p>The despatch of the Council's draft recommendations for 2019 – 2020 game bird hunting season conditions to NZ Fish &amp; Game Council by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019.</p> <p>Consult with the A/WFG Council and attempt to obtain a consistent daily bag and season length for game bird hunting at the regional boundary in the Wellsford area.</p> <p>The despatch of the Council's recommendations for 2019–2020 fishing season conditions to NZ Fish &amp; Game Council by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019.</p>	<p>Final game bird hunting season conditions and recommendations for 2019 were adopted by Council on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and dispatched to NZ Fish &amp; Game Council on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 to be approved by the Minister, for the gazettal notice in March 2019.</p> <p>Council adopted the 2019-2020 fishing season conditions on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019 for the Regional Anglers Notice which was gazetted on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019.</p>
	<p><b>Budget Hours</b> 4</p> <p><b>Budget External Cost</b> \$ Nil</p>	<p><b>Actual Hours</b> 6</p> <p><b>Actual External Cost</b> \$ Nil</p>

**PROJECT 1181/1182-GAME BIRD DISPERSAL**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<p>1. To reduce the damage to crops and pasture and maintain landholder relations from unwanted concentrations of game birds.</p> <p>2. The dispersal of Paradise Shelduck and other game species as required.</p>	<p>1. Dispersal of all unwanted congregations of game birds which are notified to the Council throughout the region, during the year. Maintain gas guns and bird scaring devices.</p> <p>2. Hold an extended Paradise Shelduck, Pukeko and Black Swan season in the last weekend of February and 1<sup>st</sup> week of March 2019.</p>	<p>Permits or assistance to disturb and/or destroy game birds were issued to landowners or occupiers within 24 hours of receiving requests.</p> <p>Staff assisted in preventing despoliation of crops and pasture by hiring out gas operated bird scaring guns on affected landowner's properties.</p> <p>Permits were issued to destroy game birds causing damage to crops and killing or predated on other forms of wildlife.</p> <p>Pukeko: 26 permits issued.</p> <p>Paradise Shelducks: 24 permits issued.</p> <p>The Council purchased four gas guns which were sold on to landowners for use on their farm properties.</p> <p>Gas guns were hired by 18 landowners to disturb game birds for varying lengths of time.</p> <p>Hunters and the public were advised in mid-February through the print media and on the Fish and Game website, of the Special Paradise Shelduck hunting weekend.</p>
	<p><b>Budget Hours</b> 168</p> <p><b>Budget External Cost</b> \$1,000</p> <p><b>Income from Gas Gun hire</b> \$1,000</p>	<p><b>Actual Hours</b> 201</p> <p><b>Actual External Cost</b> \$2,549</p> <p><b>Income from gas gun hire</b> \$5,224</p>

**PROJECT 1211 - 1212 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
To seek to ensure that all Resource Management Act processes are undertaken in a way that provides appropriate protection for sports fish and game bird habitat and angler and hunter access.	To participate with the Northland Regional and local District Councils in the consideration of all plans, consents and enforcement issues coming to the Council's attention.	Consideration and comments made on notified and non-notified consent applications. Staff reviewed the proposed draft of the Regional Water and Soil Plan and made a submission mainly relating to wetlands and stock exclusion from waterways. Staff attended and gave verbal submissions at the hearings on the NRC Proposed Regional Plans.  NFGC were successful in their application to the NZFG Council's legal pool fund to engage an environmental lawyer to lead the process at the NRC Regional Plan hearings.  Staff attended Catchment Group meetings for the Pouto and the Waitangi Catchments respectively.
	<b>Budget Hours</b> 112 <b>Budget External Cost</b> \$ Nil	<b>Actual Hours</b> 95 <b>Actual External Cost</b> \$17,894 <b>Reimbursement of costs from NZFGC legal fund</b> \$18,110

**PROJECT 1221 - JACK BISSET WETLANDS DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
To maintain and enhance the game bird habitat at the Jack Bisset Wetlands area.	1. To carry out annual maintenance of any structures and make repairs if required.  2. This wetland requires ongoing maintenance to clear alligator weed from the plateau and river ponds. This may be achieved with agrichemicals or mechanical means.  3. Work within the conditions applied by the QEII covenant.	The Swamp Monster was contracted to remove the aquatic weed from the ponds within the wetland. Stand holders contributed \$400 per stand towards this work. An application to the Oxford Trust was made and the Trust agreed to contribute \$5,000 towards the project. The swamp monster provided limited success toward aquatic plant removal. Subsidised predator control work was carried out by a contractor for six months of the year. Staff now carry out all predator control work. Two funding applications for grants to the Stephenson Fund through the QEII National Trust were successful totaling \$5,962 for pest and weed control. Council maintaining areas to comply with QEII covenant.
	<b>Budget Hours</b> 40 <b>Budget External Cost</b> \$1,000	<b>Actual Hours</b> 170 <b>Actual External Cost</b> \$20,541 <b>Permit Levy Income</b> \$ 496 <b>Oxford Trust Grant</b> \$5,000 <b>Stephenson Fund Income</b> \$5,962 <b>Stand holders contribution</b> \$3,826



*Swamp monster at work at Jack Bisset Wetland*

**PROJECT 1222 - WAITANGI WETLAND DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

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

**PROJECT 1223- HABITAT MAINTENANCE**

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To improve and accelerate property management and game bird habitat enhancement with the employment of a seasonal contractor.	To undertake maintenance and repairs to Fish & Game owned wetlands. To undertake maintenance on jointly managed lands administered by DOC including Wildlife Management Reserves. Some supervision and assistance for the contractor will be required by the staff. Ensure health and safety practices are followed, complied with and used by contractors.	A seasonal worker was engaged by the Council on casual terms and was supervised on a minimal basis due to previous work experience. The work comprised mainly of release spraying around the new and recent plantings.
	<b>Budget Hours</b> 36 <b>Budget External Cost</b> \$36,000	<b>Actual Hours</b> 0 <b>Actual External Cost</b> \$2,958 <b>Habitat Cash Donation</b> \$ 50

**PROJECT 1224 - BORROW CUT/HIKURANGI WETLAND MAINTENANCE**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
To maintain and enhance the Hikurangi Wetland and fulfil a long-term lease obligation with the Whangarei District Council for the management of the wetland.	<p>1. Spraying of noxious plants by staff and/or a commercial operator. Reduce vegetation height by slashing the weeds on the edge of the wetland to minimise impediment to water flow during floods.</p> <p>2. To maintain and make repairs to any structures if required.</p>	<p>No field work was undertaken at the Borrowcut Wetland. Stand holders carried out some predator control operations to trap mustelids and rats to reduce their numbers for waterfowl and pheasants. Spraying with agrichemical was carried out by stand holders, providing open areas for waterfowl and habitat for pheasants. Fish and Game provided a small amount of agrichemical for knapsack application.</p>
	<p><b>Budget Hours</b> 40 <b>Budget External Cost</b> \$ 500</p>	<p><b>Actual Hours</b> 4 <b>Actual External Cost</b> \$ 500</p>

**PROJECT 1225 – FLAXMILL WETLAND DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
To complete a work programme that meets the Northland Fish & Game Council's objectives as approved in the Flaxmill Wetland Management Plan.	<p>To continue to develop and enhance the Flaxmill Wetland through appropriate management techniques in a cost efficient manner whilst providing habitat for both game and protected waterfowl associated species.</p> <p>Control and eradication of pampas grass through spraying, mulching and stock control. Helicopter spraying if required to main open water areas. Undertake works to maintain security of all structures.</p> <p>The Flaxmill wetland property is on the east side of the Awakino River and the only access for heavy machinery is across the neighbouring property and their bridge. The Council has arranged legal access across the bridge via an easement but the Council has also taken on board to assist in the repair and maintenance of the structure. Repairs will be undertaken in conjunction with the owner as his funding becomes available. The Council holds (\$5,177.00) in dedicated reserves to assist with any bridge repairs.</p>	<p>A contractor with a large tractor mounted mulcher was engaged to trim and clear the access tracks on two separate occasions. Subsidised predator control work was carried out by a contractor for six months of the year. Staff is now carrying out all predator control work. Two funding applications to the Stephenson Fund through the QE11 National Trust were successful. \$5,143 was approved for pest and weed control. Council maintaining areas to comply with QEII covenant. Helicopter spraying was undertaken to eradicate the pampas grass, reduce raupo and alligator weed growth. Funding from the Stephenson Fund contributed to the costs. No bridge repairs have been required.</p>
	<p><b>Budget Hours</b> 40 <b>Budget External Cost</b> \$2,000</p>	<p><b>Actual Hours</b> 77 <b>Actual External Cost</b> \$6,332 <b>Permit Levy Income</b> \$ 746 <b>Stephenson Fund Income</b> \$5,143</p>



*Aerial spraying at the Flaxmill Wetlands by Northland Helicopters*

**PROJECT 1226 – KAWAKAWA WETLAND DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To follow an approved management plan that will provide habitat for waterfowl and the greatest possible hunter opportunity.	To undertake a programme that meets the Northland Fish & Game Council's objectives. Control and eradication of numerous varieties of noxious plants through spraying.  <b>Budget Hours</b> 24 <b>Budget External Cost</b> \$1,500	No other field work was undertaken in the Wetland this year. Agrichemical was purchased for spraying work to control plant growth but the work was not undertaken due to staff resignations during the year.  <b>Actual Hours</b> 0 <b>Actual External Cost</b> \$ 922

**PROJECT 1226.1– UNDERWOOD WETLAND DEVELOPMENT**

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To follow the approved management plan that will provide habitat for waterfowl and the greatest possible hunter opportunity.</p>	<p>To undertake stage one of the wetland development project that meets the Northland Fish &amp; Game Council’s objectives and management plan.                      Stage one is to reinstate wetlands and game bird habitat in the upper reaches of the property subject to funding from both Council reserves and external grants.</p> <p>Control numerous varieties of noxious plants through spraying and mulching.</p>	<p>A digger and a large tractor both with mulchers were used to mow the Manchurian Rice Grass on the flats. Agrichemical will be applied to the regrowth in the 2019-2020 financial year when ground conditions allow. DOC reimbursed NFGC 50% of the costs contractors’ expense to mow the rice grass.</p> <p>The access track was upgraded to be an all-weather track to allow for vehicle access and future management. The cost of this development was undertaken on a cost share basis with the DOC who requires this access for management in the adjoining reserve.</p> <p>The NZGB Habitat Trust approved application to fund stage one of the wetland developments at the Underwood Wetlands has not been utilised due to other work on the reserve taking longer than anticipated or planned.                      This work is scheduled to commence in the summer months of 2019-20</p> <p>Bee hives were placed at the wetlands by a bee keeper in the reserve property which did not cause any concerns for hunters. The Council received \$50.00 plus GST per hive per annum.</p>
	<p><b>Budget Hours</b> 170  <b>Budget External Cost</b> \$4,000</p>	<p><b>Actual Hours</b> 72  <b>Actual External Cost</b> \$70,191  <b>Income from Bee Hives</b> \$ 750  <b>DOC contribution</b> \$35,355</p>



*Digger mowing the Manchurian Rice Grass at the Underwood Wetland*

**PROJECT 1227 – TE HIKU FOREST PREDATOR PROJECT**

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To remove as many predators as possible from Te Hiku Forest that will reduce predators for ground nesting birds.	To undertake a programme that meets the Northland Fish & Game Council's objectives. Control and eradication of numerous predators during the nesting season.	Summit Forest NZ Ltd, managers of Te Hiku Forest, funded all of the predator control operations within this forest during 2018-2019.  Summit Forest NZ Ltd contributed staff time and vehicle running expenses towards the programme.  The Fish and Game field officer in Kaitaia assisted and supported Summit Forest staff with some of the trapping.
	<b>Budget Hours</b> 16 <b>Budget External Cost</b> \$1,500 <b>Income</b> \$1,500	<b>Actual Hours</b> 0 <b>Actual External Cost</b> \$ Nil <b>Permit Levy Income</b> \$ 645

**PROJECT 1228 – WAIRUA RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT RESERVE DEVELOPMENT**

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To follow an approved management plan providing habitat for waterfowl and upland game with the greatest possible hunter opportunity in the Wairua River Wildlife Management Reserve.	To undertake a work programme that meets the Northland Fish & Game Council's and the Department of Conservation's objectives.  Control numerous varieties of noxious plants through spraying and mulching.  Maintain tracks.  To develop and enhance the wetland property through appropriate management techniques in a cost efficient manner whilst providing habitat for both game and protected fauna and flora species.	The Management Agreement for the Wairua Wildlife Reserve was signed by all three parties – DOC, Ngati Hau and Fish & Game. Two new signs were erected at the reserve to acknowledge the agreement. Maintenance work in the property has continued with spraying of the fence lines and mulching of access tracks. The Department of Conservation reimbursed F&G for some of the expenditure. Fish and Game holds the NRC resource consent for the weir structure at this wetland which is subject to annual fees.
	<b>Budget Hours</b> 42 <b>Budget External Cost</b> \$1,500	<b>Actual Hours</b> 71 <b>Actual External Cost</b> \$1,388 <b>DOC contribution</b> \$1,200

**PROJECT 1228.01 – AWAKINO WETLAND**

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To follow an approved management plan providing habitat for waterfowl and upland game with the greatest possible hunter opportunity in the Awakino Wildlife Management Reserve	The Awakino Wetland is a Conservation Wildlife Management Reserve and a joint project with the Department and Maori Trust block Topu Wharau C. Complete repairs to dam and flood spillway.	No field work was completed in this wetland this year. A refund from Wilson's Earthmovers was received from uncompleted work being paid for in the previous year. Fish and Game holds the NRC resource consent for the weir structure at this wetland which is subject to annual fees.
	<b>Budget Hours</b> 40 <b>Budget External Cost</b> \$ 500	<b>Actual Hours</b> 0 <b>Actual External Cost</b> \$ 96 <b>Refund received</b> \$1,500

**PROJECT 1228.02 – GREENHEART LEASE/DEVELOPMENT**

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To follow an approved management plan providing habitat for waterfowl and upland game with the greatest possible hunter opportunity on the Greenheart, Northern Wairoa River flats.</p>	<p>The development of a series of ephemeral wetlands on flats the Council has leased from Greenheart Forests for a period of 35 years. The property is being developed as a study area as part of the mallard research project. Allow the flats to be grazed by light stock by neighbouring farmer under a formal lease agreement. Funds from lease to be utilised in habitat creation, river bank protection and enhancement. To develop and create a shooting pond for gamebird hunting. Plant riparian areas to protect riverbanks and create wildlife habitat. Pay outgoings of rates and public liability insurances.</p> <p><b>Budget Hours 80</b>  <b>Budget External Cost \$3,000</b>  <b>Income from grazing lease \$2,500</b></p>	<p>The Council paid the annual rates to the Kaipara District Council and also holds public liability insurance for any works on this property.</p> <p>A large pond was created within this wetland with 35 metres of culvert pipe being laid to control the water levels.</p> <p>Two planting days were organised. Staff planted another 2,000 Manuka plants to create a small grove in the far ponds. Eleven volunteers planted a further 2,000 plants around the new pond.</p> <p>Predator control operations were undertaken by staff during the spring and summer months. A considerable amount of hand spraying was carried out to ensure the continued growth of the previous year's plantings.</p> <p><b>Actual Hours 435</b>  <b>Actual External Cost \$17,410</b>  <b>Lease Income \$3,731</b></p>



*Field Officer, Graham Gallagher planting manuka on the staff planting day*



*New pond at Greenheart Wetland*



**PROJECT 1231/1232 - HABITAT CONSULTATIONS/ HABITAT DATABASE**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
To provide habitat assistance and advice to property owners.	To provide advice and assistance on habitat development to land owners and game bird hunters. This can be in the form of providing advice on construction, planting and water level control. Provide some assistance with planting if required.	The staff visited a number of private properties and provided information, assistance and suggestions to landowners. This comprised of either advising landowners on how to manage for potential conflicts due to game birds causing damage to crops or how to create and improve habitat for game birds. Assistance was provided for a number of applications for grants from the NZGBHT. One application has been successful with a private landowner being offered a \$5,000.00 grant.
	<b>Budget Hours</b> 220 <b>Budget External Cost</b> \$ Nil	<b>Actual Hours</b> 409 <b>Actual External Cost</b> \$ Nil

**PROJECT 1241 - PURCHASING HABITATS**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
To assess suitable properties for purchase from dedicated capital reserves held by NFGC.	To investigate any suitable properties for sale in the region that may have potential to provide game bird habitat and hunter access.	No suitable properties were considered by the Council.
	<b>Budget Hours</b> 8 <b>Budget External Cost</b> \$ Nil	<b>Actual Hours</b> 0 <b>Actual External Cost</b> \$ Nil

**PROJECT 1311 – NEGOTIATION**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
To liaise with landowners, Landcorp Farming, DOC and forestry companies to gain and improve access for hunting on Conservation & private lands.  Advocate the entitlement of hunters and anglers to public hunting and fishing resources.	To maintain and develop further improved access into the Conservation Estate through setting appropriate conditions on permits with DOC.  Gain the support of Forestry Companies to allow Fish & Game to issue permits and manage hunting in large commercial forests.	Access to most of the Conservation estate lands for game bird hunting was available by the Department of Conservation. Hunting was available at all of the Matariki/Rayonier Forests including Glenbervie, Puhipuhi and Topuni. Hunting access was arranged with Hancock Forests NZ Ltd for licenced hunters to gain access into numerous commercial forests. Access was also re-negotiated with Northland Forest Managers to create further hunting opportunities. Game bird hunting access into the Te Hiku Forest was approved by Summit New Zealand through the Te Hiku Forest Working Group. Regular contact was maintained with Summit Forest Ltd by Fish and Game staff based in Kaitaia. As part of the agreement, NFGC was required to have licence holders hold public liability insurance.
	<b>Budget Hours</b> 20 <b>Budget External Cost</b> \$ Nil	<b>Actual Hours</b> 4 <b>Actual External Cost</b> \$ Nil

**PROJECT 1312 - ANGLER/HUNTER ACCESS**

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To promote the hunting and fishing resource of the region, Council administered properties etc. by the placement of appropriate signs.</p> <p>Meet landowners and obtain background information in preparation for Anglers and Hunter Access Guides.</p>	<p>To continue to develop hunter and angler’s access programme based on national policy.</p> <p>Arrange onsite meetings with landowners and gain approval to erect appropriate signs to inform public of access points.</p> <p>Comply with approvals from Whangarei District, Far North District and Kaipara District Councils to erect signs.</p> <p>Erect signs and construct stiles to cross fencing and maintain and replace damaged signage as required.</p> <p>Gather information to prepare for publication identifying access points.</p> <p><b>Budget Hours</b> 16  <b>Budget External Cost</b> \$ 200</p>	<p>This project is on-going and requires annual review and discussion with other parties. The programme continues to be developed as part of the regions overall access programme.</p> <p>Regional signage was maintained and cleaned as required.</p> <p>New signage was replace at the entrance to the Wairua River Wildlife Management Reserve under a revised co-management agreement.</p> <p><b>Actual Hours</b> 24  <b>Actual External Cost</b> \$ 331</p>



**PROJECT 1313 - BALLOTS/PERMITS**

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To issue hunting permits on Northland Fish &amp; Game Council owned properties.</p> <p>Issue hunting permits on behalf of private forestry companies where applicable.</p>	<p>Advertise the availability of sites through a ballot.</p> <p>To conduct ballots and issue hunting permits to provide access onto private forestry owned properties.</p> <p><b>Budgeted Hours</b> <b>80</b></p> <p><b>Budget External Cost</b> <b>\$1,500</b></p> <p><b>Income from Permits</b> <b>\$2,000</b></p>	<p>Ballots and permits were promoted and advertised through the Fish and Game magazine, Game Bird Hunting Guide and also on the Northland Fish and Game website.</p> <p>Public liability insurance was purchased for hunters with permits to enter forests managed by Hancock Forests NZ Ltd, Northland Forest Managers, Matariki/Rayonier Forests, and Te Hiku Forest.</p> <p>All DOC hunting permits were issued by the local offices of the Department of Conservation in Northland region.</p> <p>Applications for permits were made available through email to reduce expense.</p> <p>Wherever possible, all permits were issued within two days of receiving a request.</p> <p>A levy of \$12.17 was collected from each permit holder who wished to hunt in the Te Hiku forest to contribute to a contractor to undertake pest control operations.</p> <p>A levy of \$33.91 was collected from each permit holder from the Flaxmill Wetlands as a contribution towards pest control operations.</p> <p>A levy of \$16.52 was collected from each permit from the Jack Bisset Wetlands to fund a pest control operation within the wetlands.</p> <p><b>Actual Hours</b> <b>52</b></p> <p><b>Actual External Cost</b> <b>\$1,128</b></p> <p><b>Income from Permits</b> <b>\$3,295</b></p>

**Permits Issued from 2008 to 2019**

	Number Issued 2008	Number Issued 2009	Number Issued 2010	Number Issued 2011	Number Issued 2012	Number Issued 2013	Number Issued 2014	Number Issued 2015	Number Issued 2016	Number Issued 2017	Number Issued 2018	Number Issued 2019
Northland Forests	45	47	50	40	43	51	49	3	36	23	32	27
TeHiku/Summit Forest	157	168	173	141	121	102	102	81	62	62	62	53
Underwood Wetland											6	
D O C Areas	273	269	224	248	187	180	165	180	139	148	0	0
Waitangi Wetland	19	24	17	17	11	15	13	5	4	3	5	1
Kawakawa Wetland	11	13	11	9	12	11	12	8	13	13	9	8
Flaxmill Wetland	37	41	22	28	27	25	30	21	18	20	19	22
Borrow Cut Wetland	21	12	23	19	18	11	12	15	19	28	22	29
Jack Bisset Wetland	61	65	63	62	66	50	53	49	39	43	45	30
<b>Total Permits Issued</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>170</b>

**PROJECT 1314 - PRE-GAME SEASON SHOOT/MEETINGS**

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To support pre-game season shoots/meetings throughout the region.	<p>To promote the Northland Fish &amp; Game Council and game season regulations to hunters.</p> <p>Sponsor and support club outings held for game bird hunters prior to commencement of game season.</p> <p><b>Budget Hours</b> 0 <b>Budget External Cost</b> \$ 300</p>	<p>A number of the councillors attended some of the pre game season gun club shoots. Council provided a limited amount of sponsorship to the club events by supplying steel shotgun cartridges.</p> <p>The Chairman and some Councillors attended events held at local hunting store promotions leading up to the 2019 game bird season.</p> <p><b>Actual Hours</b> 0 <b>Actual External Cost</b> \$ 557</p>

**PROJECT 1315 - FISHING COMPETITIONS**

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To support and maintain an involvement with the Kai Iwi Lakes Trout Fishing Competition.</p>	<p>To continue organising the competition.                      Assist and encourage sponsorship for the event.                      Provide administrative support by mailing invitation-advertising flyers to all Northland freshwater fishing licence holders.                      Ensure competition rules comply with the regional Anglers Notice.                      Manage the competition.</p> <p><b>Budget Hours</b> 90  <b>Budget External Cost</b> \$ 500  <b>Income from competition</b> \$1,000</p>	<p>The Kai Iwi Lakes Trout Fishing Competition was held over the weekend of the 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019 following approval received from the KDC to hold the event.                      The event attracted 68 licenced anglers: 51 adults, 7 juniors and 10 children. A total of 73 trout were weighed in at the weigh station.                      The winning fish was caught by Melanie Haycock weighing in at 1.355 kilograms.                      Invited guest and Celebrity chef, Michael Van de Elzen demonstrated cooking freshly caught trout and assisted presenting the prizes to the winners.                      As part of the children’s fishing programme, juniors and child anglers were not charged for a licence or an entry fee.                      Council provided some of the sponsorship and staff organised and ran the event.                      The sponsorship and support provided by the local community was fantastic. A poster and entry form was sent by email to all holders of a Northland Fishing Licence.</p> <p><b>Actual Hours</b> 153  <b>Actual External Cost</b> \$1,552  <b>Income from Entry Fee</b> \$2,439</p>

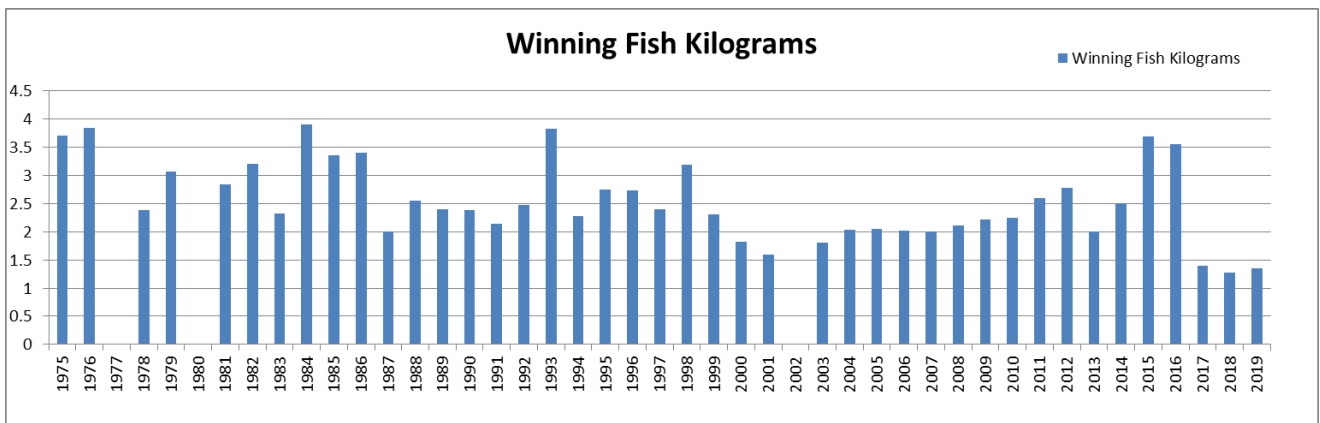


*Celebrity chef Michael Van de Elzen demonstrating his cooking skills*



*Heaviest Trout won by Melanie Haycock*

**Graph 4 Kai Iwi Lakes Fishing Competition Results 1975-2019**



**PROJECT 1316 – NORTHLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS CLAY TARGET COMPETITIONS**

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>The Council has also agreed to support and sponsor the Northland Secondary Schools Clay Target Shooting Competition. The Council has purchased trophies and provided Fish &amp; Game branded medals as part of the sponsorship as well as purchasing some sporting goods. It is an effort to have the regional secondary schools recognise Fish &amp; Game and also providing new shooters with the appropriate skills that will allow them to become proficient and safe hunters.</p>	<p>This competition runs over 5 days at different clay target clubs in the region. The overall result will be recognising a number of champions in a range of disciplines for both boys and girls as individuals and in the team's events.</p>	<p>The competition was run over a 5 month period and held at three different clay target clubs in the Northland region. Results were collated and listed on the Fish and Game and Sport Northland websites.</p> <p>At each event the highest overall individual boy and girl and the highest scoring team were presented prizes.</p> <p>At the conclusion of the five round series the overall winners were presented with trophies, medals and monetary vouchers to purchase sporting good prizes.</p> <p>The results achieved by the shooters from various schools both at a local and national level are very commendable.</p>
	<p><b>Budget Hours</b> 50 <b>Budget External Cost</b> \$4,000</p>	<p><b>Actual Hours</b> 74 <b>Actual External Cost</b> \$4,127</p>

**Highest Overall Gun for 2019 – BOYS**



1<sup>st</sup> Jacob Kennedy (WBHS)  
2<sup>nd</sup> William Hamlin (WBHS)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Liam Hardy (KHS)

**Highest Overall Gun for 2019 - GIRLS**



1<sup>st</sup> Carlisa McCarroll (TAS)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Keely McCollum (TAS)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jatarla Absolum (TAS)

**PROJECT 1317 DEVELOPMENT OF A JUNIOR HUNTER & ANGLER PROGRAMME**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
The Northland Fish & Game Council assisted in the establishment of regional hunting and fishing clubs. It is important for these clubs to remain focused on providing licence holders the opportunity to further develop their hunting and fishing skills. The Council will provide some funding for the sponsorship of club run events by encouraging the introduction of kids into hunting or fishing.	<p>This will involve the clubs to hold a sporting clay event for young persons who have not held a firearm before. This event will be subsidised by the Council.</p> <p>It is seen as being very important to introduce novice children into the sports, which include safe firearm practices.</p> <p>Provide a kids fishing event.</p> <p><b>Budget Hours</b> 0 <b>Budget External Cost</b> \$ 400</p>	<p>The Council sponsored a junior shoot at the Kaipara Hunting &amp; Fishing Club prior to the commencement of the game bird season.</p> <p>A children's fishing event was included in the Kai Iwi Lakes Trout's Fishing Competition.</p> <p><b>Actual Hours</b> 0 <b>Actual External Cost</b> \$ 174</p>

**PROJECT 1331 - GAME HUNTER MAGAZINE**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
To produce written material for the national and regional insert in the special issue of Fish & Game magazine.	<p>To produce a two page regional insert before 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and then send to the publishers of Fish &amp; Game New Zealand magazine.</p> <p>Distribute via the magazine printers to all 2018 Northland Whole Season Game Bird Licence holders before 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019.</p> <p><b>Budget Hours</b> 32 <b>Budget External Cost</b> \$ Nil</p>	<p>The Council staff produced an excellent regional insert of four pages for special issue (48) of the national magazine.</p> <p>The magazine is well received by hunters and members of the public.</p> <p>Unfortunately the magazine was delayed by one month in being sent out to all licence holders due to the shooting in Christchurch.</p> <p><b>Actual Hours</b> 24 <b>Actual External Cost</b> \$ Nil</p>

**PROJECT 1332 - ANGLER MAGAZINE**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
To produce written material for the national and regional insert in the special anglers issue of Fish & Game magazine.	<p>To produce a 2 page regional insert then send to the Fish &amp; Game magazine before 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019.</p> <p>Distribution via the magazine printers to all 2017 - 2018 Northland Whole Season and Winter Season Fish Licence Holders before 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019.</p> <p><b>Budget Hours</b> 40 <b>Budget External Cost</b> \$ Nil</p>	<p>The Council staff produced a two page regional insert of relevant information and updates on Northland Fish and Game Councils freshwater fisheries management and regional issues for special issue (49) of the national magazine.</p> <p>This was well received by anglers and members of the public.</p> <p>Staff met all the deadlines as set by the printer to allow the magazine to be mailed out to all licence holders on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019.</p> <p><b>Actual Hours</b> 71 <b>Actual External Cost</b> \$ Nil</p>



**PROJECT 1333 – REGIONAL NEWSLETTER**

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To produce one annual newsletter for all Whole Season licence holders.</p>	<p>To provide an interesting newsletter for anglers and hunters promoting the issues relating to Northland.</p> <p>To mail a newsletter to land occupiers who have an interest in game bird hunting.</p> <p>To help promote and encourage support for regional hunting and fishing clubs.</p> <p>Provide a newsletter to lapsed hunters and anglers to encourage renewed participation.</p> <p>To obtain sufficient advertising and sponsorship to offset printing and production expenses.</p> <p>Post the newsletter onto the Fish &amp; Game website.</p> <p><b>Budget Hours</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>50</b></span>  <b>Budget External Cost</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$ Nil</b></span></p>	<p>There was no newsletter sent out to all licence holders this year due to extra pages in the regional insert in the game bird magazine. These extra pages provided the council with the ability to provide much more information in the magazine and negated the requirement to also provide a supplementary newsletter.</p> <p><b>Actual Hours</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>0</b></span>  <b>Actual External Costs</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$ Nil</b></span></p>

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

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To support and provide information to club structures throughout the Northland region.</p>	<p>To attend at least one meeting at each of the regional recreational Hunting and Fishing clubs.</p> <p>Provide sponsorship of \$150.00 to each club for worthy licence holder run events.</p> <p><b>Budget Hours</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>4</b></span>  <b>Budget External Cost</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$ 450</b></span></p>	<p>The staff did not attend any club events to promote the Council due to other work commitments.</p> <p>Contact with the executive of the different clubs was maintained. Requests for special information were provided as and when necessary.</p> <p>Copies of the Council minutes and the Manager’s reports were sent to clubs for their information following each bi-monthly Council meeting.</p> <p>No clubs requested sponsorship funds for club events during the course of the year.</p> <p>The Far North Sporting Shooters Club has gone into recession and has wound up its affairs.</p> <p><b>Actual Hours</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>2</b></span>  <b>Actual External Cost</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$ Nil</b></span></p>

**PROJECT 1411 – CONSERVATION BOARD AND DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION LIAISON**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
Ongoing liaison with DOC, and Conservation Boards.	To keep regular communication with DOC staff both at conservancy and at area levels throughout the region. Attendance at Conservation Board Meetings.	The Manager met on infrequent occasions with the Director of Conservation Services Northern North Island, and with other senior staff at the area offices throughout the Northland Region. The Manager and field staff had a presence and spoke at one meeting of the Te Hiku Conservation Board at Kaitaia. Joint work programmes on habitat enhancement with DOC were carried out during the year. No Conservation board member or representatives attended any of the F&G Council's meetings. Director of Conservation Services Northern North Island, Sue Reed-Thomas attended one meeting of the Council. Conservation Officer, Ross Atkinson, attended the Northland Fish & Game Council meetings as the Northland representative for the Director General.
	<b>Budget Hours</b> <b>200</b> <b>Budget External Cost</b> <b>\$ Nil</b>	<b>Actual Hours</b> <b>280</b> <b>Actual External Cost</b> <b>\$ Nil</b>

**PROJECT 1421 - COMMUNICATION**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
To respond to enquiries for information and to issues affecting the interests of anglers/hunters through the provision of suitable information to the public, the media and sector interest groups.	The provision of suitable information to the public, media and sector groups, including Iwi, District and Regional Councils, Ballance Farm Environment Awards	Staff attended meetings with the Regional and District Councils about planning and environmental issues.  Council appointed Councillor Darryl Reardon as the member for the Northland Water Storage and Use - Advisory Group.  Staff attended catchment group meetings for the Pouto Peninsula catchment areas.
	<b>Budget Hours</b> <b>500</b> <b>Budget External Cost</b> <b>\$ Nil</b>	<b>Actual Hours</b> <b>355</b> <b>Actual External Cost</b> <b>\$ Nil</b>

**PROJECT 1423- FISH AND GAME WEBSITE MAINTENANCE AND UPDATES**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
To maintain and update the regional website of Fish and Game.	To ensure the website for the Northland Fish & Game region has current and relevant information for hunters and anglers and the wider public.	Regional updates, material of interest and photographs as well as public information notices were uploaded through the NZFGC onto the website as required.
	<b>Budget Hours</b> <b>10</b> <b>Budget External Cost</b> <b>\$ Nil</b>	<b>Actual Hours</b> <b>11</b> <b>Actual External Cost</b> <b>\$ Nil</b>

**PROJECT 1431 – MEDIA LIAISON/ ADVERTISING GAME/FISH ACTIVITIES**

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To produce editorial for Northland papers promoting the Council's activities.</p> <p>To produce information for web based media including Reel Life and Both Barrels.</p>	<p>To provide information to strategic sector groups regarding issues that affect game bird management and habitat.</p> <p>To convey to the wider community to accepting who Fish &amp; Game are, the issues the Council deals with and projects it undertakes.</p>	<p>Editorial and photo material was provided to all major newspapers throughout the region providing information on Fish &amp; Game activities during the course of the year.</p> <p>Regular contributions were made to Reel Life and Both Barrels for internet users.</p>
	<p><b>Budget Hours</b> <b>80</b></p> <p><b>Budget External Cost</b> <b>\$ Nil</b></p>	<p><b>Actual Hours</b> <b>35</b></p> <p><b>Actual External Cost</b> <b>\$ Nil</b></p>

**PROJECT 1432 –FAR NORTH COMMUNITY LIAISON PROJECTS**

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To support the field officer based on the Far North District Council boundary.</p>	<p>To work alongside and invest time and some resources into community projects that will directly benefit licence holders.</p> <p>This will include working with DOC, Te Hiku Conservation Board, farming interests, NRC and various Maori tribal groups.</p>	<p>Field staff worked alongside Broadspectrum in an effort to try and reduce a major botulism outbreak at the Kaitia sewage ponds</p> <p>Field staff worked to reduce and kill the pest plant, Gypsywort at the nationally significant wetlands and dune lake system, Te Werahi near Te Pahi.</p> <p>Field staff have been working with local Iwi and Summit Forests NZ to maintain and improve access into Te Hiku Forest.</p> <p>Staff were actively involved in fencing and planting programmes to protect wetlands and dune lake systems.</p> <p>Concerns about high numbers of Black Swan on dune lakes by NRC and the possible effects of faecal pollution in the harbours by the aquaculture industry has seen Fish and Game actively involved in looking at means and methods of reducing the impacts and bird numbers.</p> <p>Habitat enhancement projects involving capital expenditure on private and public land has not occurred.</p>
	<p><b>Budget Hours</b> <b>450</b></p> <p><b>Budget External Cost</b> <b>\$ Nil</b></p>	<p><b>Actual Hours</b> <b>125</b></p> <p><b>Actual External Cost</b> <b>\$ Nil</b></p>

**PROJECT 1441 -ADVERTISING FISH AND GAME OPENING OF SEASONS**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
To produce and provide editorials in Northland newspapers regarding game bird hunting and angling opportunities at the commencement of each season.	To provide and promote suitable information on opportunities to the public for angling and hunting.	There were no editorials or advertising material provided to the Northern Advocate newspaper as the paper had a directive about the type of language that is now expected following the Christchurch shooting.
	<b>Budget Hours</b> <b>8</b> <b>Budget External Cost</b> <b>\$1,600</b>	<b>Actual Hours</b> <b>5</b> <b>Actual External Cost</b> <b>\$ 457</b>

**PROJECT 1451 REGIONAL A & P SHOWS**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
To promote Fish & Game through involvement at a number of Northland A&P Shows.	Promotion of Fish and Game at Regional A&P Shows.	The Council did not attend any A&P Society Shows due to other staff commitments.
	<b>Budget Hours</b> <b>16</b> <b>Budget External Cost</b> <b>\$ 250</b>	<b>Actual Hours</b> <b>0</b> <b>Actual External Cost</b> <b>\$ Nil</b>

**PROJECT 1453 - DISPLAY MATERIALS**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
To purchase display materials for public awareness purposes.  Habitat Print for office.	Display material constructed and purchased for use in the office, attending public displays and meetings.	A Habitat Print was purchased from the NZGBHT for the office.
	<b>Budget Hours</b> <b>0</b> <b>Budget External Cost</b> <b>\$ 300</b>	<b>Actual Hours</b> <b>0</b> <b>Actual External Cost</b> <b>\$ 194</b>

**PROJECT 1454 - SCHOOL EDUCATION/ INSTRUCTION**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
To support efforts of local and regional schools in the promotion of hunting and fishing.	Promote and assist in education programmes by coaching angling techniques in regional schools.	The staff attended a number of school and community planting events and spoke on the importance and value of freshwater fisheries and the ecology wetlands.
	<b>Budget Hours</b> <b>8</b> <b>Budget External Cost</b> <b>\$ Nil</b>	<b>Actual Hours</b> <b>6</b> <b>Actual External Cost</b> <b>\$ Nil</b>

**PROJECT 1455 – INFORMATION TO LICENCE HOLDERS & GENERAL PUBLIC**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
To provide information to licence holders and members of the public about the sports of hunting and fishing.	To assist and provide information to licence holders and members of the public about the hunting and fishing resources available in the Northland region through enquiries by phone email and direct contact.	Information about the Northland hunting and fishing resources were provided to licence holders and members of the public through various forms including direct contact, email, telephone and post. Enquiries are also received from overseas tourists intending to visit NZ.
	<b>Budget Hours</b> <b>280</b> <b>Budget External Cost</b> <b>\$ Nil</b>	<b>Actual Hours</b> <b>84</b> <b>Actual External Cost</b> <b>\$ Nil</b>

**PROJECT 1511/1512/1513 – RANGING and RANGER SUPPORT**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<p>The compliance of anglers and game bird hunters with legal requirements and season regulations.</p> <p>To co-ordinate the 2019 game season, law enforcement programme including any follow-up prosecutions.</p> <p>Ensure adequate coverage of trout fishing waters by rangers during the year.</p> <p>To review honorary ranger list in relation to performance and geographic location.</p> <p>To advise honorary rangers of any legislative updates and legal requirements.</p>	<p>Seek at least 60% of warrant holders in the field over the first two weekends of the game season.</p> <p>Provide reimbursement of vehicle running expenses</p> <p>Plan, support and co-ordinate a ranging exercise somewhere in the Northland region.</p> <p>Promote an active ranging programme amongst anglers by rangers.</p> <p>To review applications received from interested members of the public who wish to hold warrants.</p> <p>To ensure current warrant holders are supplied with appropriate material and safety equipment to undertake duties.</p> <p>Organise the issuing of warrants for new and current rangers.</p> <p>To provide copies of relevant legislation for all honorary rangers.</p> <p>Provide rangers with appropriate materials necessary for them to undertake their duties in a safe manner.</p>	<p>All of Northlands warranted rangers were ranging in the field for the opening weekend of the game season.</p> <p>The Far North, mid North, Ruawai, Dargaville, Maungaturoto, Wellsford and Whangarei areas were ranged on the Saturday and Sunday of the opening game bird weekend.</p> <p>Ranging also took place throughout the 2019 game season and during the 2019 Paradise Shelduck hunting weekend.</p> <p>No offences were detected during the game season by rangers.</p> <p>Ranger activity took place in trout fishing locations with priority given to the Kai Iwi Lakes. No offences were detected for the 2018-2019 fish season.</p> <p>Rangers who made an application were reimbursed for out of pocket expenses including vehicle running expenses.</p> <p>Legislation updates were provided to rangers as updates occurred.</p> <p>Rangers received correspondence advising of training dates, ranging requirements and general information on safety and compliance issues.</p> <p>All rangers received copies of the regional newsletters and both copies of the Fish and Game magazine.</p> <p>Offence notebooks and other ranging tools supplied as required.</p>
	<b>Budget Hours</b> <b>104</b> <b>Budget External Cost</b> <b>\$ 900</b>	<b>Actual Hours</b> <b>84</b> <b>Actual External Cost</b> <b>\$ 378</b>

**PROJECT 1521 - RANGER TRAINING**

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To convene ranger instruction/training days, in April 2019 and seek 90% attendance.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To run a professional training programme for all rangers to ensure every aspect of law enforcement work is covered.</li> <li>2. To provide support in specialist training, where necessary, to ensure rangers are seen to be confident and professional with a good knowledge of the relevant acts.</li> <li>3. To supply suitable training manuals and notes to all warrant holders and probationary rangers.</li> <li>4. Supply appropriate equipment to undertake safe ranging activities.</li> </ol> <p><b>Budget Hours</b> 40  <b>Budget External Cost</b> \$ 300</p>	<p>The Council ran a one day training course on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at the DOC office in Kerikeri.</p> <p>The refresher course concentrated on the legal powers of the rangers, updated Firearms Act, biosecurity issues surrounding M Bovis and notice of entry requirements.</p> <p>Rangers were provided with a revised Ranger guide and manual.</p> <p>The importance of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 was again highlighted.</p> <p>All rangers are required to fill out a Health &amp; Safety Tail Gate form which identifies a number of hazards whilst out ranging in the field.</p> <p>Four honorary rangers resigned due to other work commitments.</p> <p>Preparations made to renew honorary and stipendiary warrants for rangers.</p> <p>The rangers and council acknowledged Eddie Smith who retired after having been an honorary ranger for 30 years.</p> <p><b>Actual Hours</b> 51  <b>Actual External Cost</b> \$ 143</p>



*Northland Ranging Team 2019. Eddie Smith, in front, was presented with a Habitat Print in recognition of his 30 years as a ranger for Northland Fish & Game.*

**PROJECT 1531 - PROSECUTIONS**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
To arrange prosecutions, liaise with NZ Police and Crown Law Office to present evidence and follow-up work including return of confiscated equipment and account for fine money outstanding.	<p>The prosecution or the use of reparations as per the prosecution policies established by the NZFGC, for offenders found unlicensed or in non-compliance with their legal requirements and season regulations.</p> <p>Employ legal counsel to assist in prosecution of offenders.</p> <p>Try and recover sufficient fine moneys and costs to pay for legal counsel.</p>	<p>There were no offences detected for the 2019 game bird season.</p> <p>Mr Digger Fletcher, an offender from the 2018 game bird season, was prosecuted through the courts on obstruction and hunting without a current game bird licence. NZ Police also charged him with a firearms offence.</p> <p>The court convicted and discharged the hunter without a licence and ordered him to pay NFGC \$800 towards legal fees and the destruction of the firearms and ammunition. Mr Fletcher received home detention in relation to the police firearms charges.</p>
	<p><b>Budget Hours</b> 20</p> <p><b>Budget External Cost</b> \$ 700</p>	<p><b>Actual Hours</b> 12</p> <p><b>Actual External Cost</b> \$ 809</p> <p><b>Legal Fines Income</b> \$ 800</p>

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

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
To issue hunting and fishing licences.	<p>To have the 2018/2019 fishing licences go live on line by the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019.</p> <p>To have the 2019/2020 hunting licences go live on line by the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019.</p> <p>To recover all licence income from agents on a monthly basis via Eyede. Pay for bank fees associated with licence transactions.</p> <p>Collate information and provide anglers with a clear and precise copy of the regional Anglers Notice.</p> <p>Collate information and provide hunters with a clear and precise copy of season bag limits and season length.</p> <p>Provide sufficient information that will allow local and visiting anglers &amp; hunters the opportunity to hunt game and fish in Northland.</p> <p>To produce mailing lists for magazine distribution, produce random names for national hunter survey.</p>	<p>The 2018/2019 Fishing Licence and regulation guides were available for sale at all agents throughout the region on the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018.</p> <p>The 2019 hunting licences and regulation guides were delivered and available for sale at all agents throughout the region on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019.</p> <p>Licence income was recovered from all agents through Eyede.</p> <p>All regulation guides were delivered and managed by the national licencing contractor Eyede for Fish and Game.</p> <p>Information and details with maps, was supplied to NZFGC for printing in the 2019 Game Bird Hunting Guide. Details supplied included season length, bag limits, permits required to enter hunting blocks and which hunting blocks were open to hunting.</p> <p>An accurate fish and game licence holder database maintained throughout the year by Eyede Ltd.</p>
	<p><b>Budget Hours</b> 60</p> <p><b>Budget External Cost</b> \$ 1,300</p>	<p><b>Actual Hours</b> 33</p> <p><b>Actual External Costs</b> \$1,095</p>

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

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To maintain positive working relationships with licence agents.</p> <p>To provide high impact visual signage and display material for major licence agents.</p>	<p>To continue to maintain positive working relationships with licence agents and to provide good information that will result in increased support and licence sales.</p> <p>Develop signage for agents, which advertise to the public the availability of licences and information, and meets national brand standards.</p>	<p>Council staff has continued to maintain a high level of contact with all licence agents with visits during the course of the year as required or necessary. All agents are using the Agency Online system.</p> <p>Phone and letter/email contact was also undertaken to ensure agents were kept informed of any matters in particular agency on line and recovery of licence income.</p> <p>All agents were sent copies of the regional newsletters and Fish and Game magazines.</p>
	<p><b>Budget Hours</b> 24</p> <p><b>Budget External Cost</b> \$ Nil</p>	<p><b>Actual Hours</b> 13</p> <p><b>Actual External Costs</b> \$ Nil</p>

**PROJECT 1631/1632 – AGENTS COMMISSION**

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To provide a commission to licence agents selling fish and game licences on behalf of the Council.</p>	<p>Ensure Eyede pays commission to agents based on their sales.</p> <p>Commissions are paid out of licence income received from agents.</p>	<p>The Council paid out a commission fee to all agents through Eyede. The Council office maintained its direct licence sales.</p> <p>Commission payments are offset against licence income.</p>
	<p><b>Budget Hours</b> 0</p> <p><b>Budget External Cost</b> \$8,040</p> <p><b>Income from licences</b> \$8,040</p>	<p><b>Actual Hours</b> 0</p> <p><b>Actual External Cost</b> \$7,051</p> <p><b>Actual Income</b> \$7,051</p>

**PROJECT 1711 - COUNCIL DATABASE AND ELECTIONS**

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>1. To assist in the running of an election to establish a Council for the next term of three years.</p> <p>2. To co-ordinate a bi election should a councillor resign.</p>	<p>Ensure to maintain an accurate database of all licence holders and their history &amp; check the eligibility of voters.</p> <p>Prepare to run elections to establish a Council from November 2018 until November 2021.</p>	<p>This election process was primarily managed by Election.com. There was some staff time associated with the election process to check the electoral roll and to confirm the eligibility of candidates.</p> <p>The Council advised licence holders of the forth coming Fish and Game election which was held in October 2018.</p> <p>An election was held as 13 candidates stood for election.</p> <p>An extra ordinary council meeting was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to appoint the Chairman and the NZ Council appointee for Northland Fish &amp; Game.</p> <p>Councillor Mark McGinley resigned as a councillor on the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Licence holders were advised of the vacancy and three candidates have put their names forward. No election was required.</p>
	<p><b>Budget Hours</b> 0</p> <p><b>Budget External Cost</b> \$ Nil</p>	<p><b>Actual Hours</b> 13</p> <p><b>Actual External Costs</b> \$ Nil</p>



**Council Meeting Attendance**

	<u>12/10/18</u>	<u>7/11/18</u> Extra ordinary meeting	<u>07/12/18</u>	<u>08/02/19</u>	<u>20/03/19</u>	<u>24/05/19</u>	<u>26/07/19</u>	<u>Attendance Number</u>
Phil Durham (Chairperson)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	6
Kris Batelaan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	6
Noel Birchall (NZFGC appointee)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	7
Maurice Blyde	Yes	Yes	Unelected					2
Russell Daniels		Newly elected	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6
Chris Lynch	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	5
Mark McGinley	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Resigned 24/07/2019	3
Mike Newson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	6
Dave Nicholson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	6
Wayne Pepper	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	5
Darryl Reardon	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6
Cameron Shanks	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	7
John Skeates		Newly elected	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	5
Ross Atkinson (DOC)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	5
Rudi Hoetjes (Manager)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	7
Fay Stodart (Staff)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	7
Other Staff Attendance	Martin Taylor (CEO)	John Macpherson/ M Davis		Sue Reed-Thomas (DOC)		Rachael Quin		

**PROJECT 1721/1722/1723 - COUNCIL**

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>1. To provide for the democratic management of the Fish &amp; Game system by Fish &amp; Game licence holders.</p> <p>2. To service Fish &amp; Game councillors.</p>	<p>1. Compile and distribute agendas and all relevant papers and reports 10 days before council meetings.</p> <p>2. Write up minutes from meeting and send out draft minutes to councillors no later than 10 days following meeting</p> <p>3. Facilitate the running of council meetings and reimburse councillors expenses.</p>	<p>Council agendas were sent out 10 to 14 days prior to any meeting being held.</p> <p>All of the council meetings were held at the council office in Whangarei.</p> <p>The council's Office Administrator recorded the minutes, writing up the unconfirmed minutes in the following week.</p> <p>The manager undertook any other matters relating to the council meeting as soon as practicable following any meeting.</p> <p>Reimbursement for travel expenses and accommodation paid to councillors who attended meetings within the region.</p> <p>The manager held several meetings during the year with the Chairman and various councillors in the office over a range of issues and matters.</p>
	<p><b>Budget Hours</b> 345</p> <p><b>Budget External Cost</b> \$5,500</p>	<p><b>Actual Hours</b> 344</p> <p><b>Actual External Cost</b> \$5,029</p>

**PROJECT 1812 –10 YEAR FISH & GAME SPORTS FISH & GAME MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To produce and provide a draft Sports Fish &amp; Game Management Plan for public comment.</p>	<p>The Northland Council adopts a Sports Fish &amp; Game Management Plan to meet the aspirations of licence holders and to statutory requirements.</p> <p>The council holds funds in reserves to advertise the plan and hold a hearing or a series of meetings.</p>	<p>The Northland Sports Fish &amp; Game Management Plan is work in progress. Preparation of the plan has been delayed due to staff time being focused on preparing for the NRC Water and Soil Plan and hearings.</p>
	<p><b>Budget Hours</b> 120</p> <p><b>Budget External Cost</b> \$ Nil</p>	<p><b>Actual Hours</b> 17</p> <p><b>Actual External Costs</b> \$ Nil</p>

**PROJECT 1821 - OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN/BUDGET**

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To produce an operational work plan for NFGC and NZFGC to establish licence fee setting.</p>	<p>The adoption of an annual operational work plan for 2019-2020 financial year by the council on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019.</p>	<p>Council set its goals and adopted a draft operational work plan and budget that was sent to the NZFGC to establish licence fees.</p> <p>The operational work plan and budget was adopted on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019.</p>
	<p><b>Budget Hours</b> 20</p> <p><b>Budget External Cost</b> \$ Nil</p>	<p><b>Actual Hours</b> 19</p> <p><b>Actual External Cost</b> \$ Nil</p>

**PROJECT 1822- PREPARATION OF ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<p>To co-ordinate the preparation of an annual performance report by the Council's accountant for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018.</p> <p>To furnish the Minister of Conservation with an annual performance report on the operations of the Council for the year.</p>	<p>The adoption by the Council at a public meeting of its audited annual Performance Report for the 2017-2018 on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018.</p> <p>Print the annual Performance Report and dispatch to the Minister of Conservation and Parliament directly thereafter.</p>	<p>Full financial reports have been presented at all Council meetings during the year and adopted by the Council.</p> <p>The financial reports and accounting software the Council operates forms the basis of the year-end annual report.</p> <p>The 2017-2018 annual performance report was printed and sent to the Ministers office and presented to Parliament in February 2019.</p>
	<p><b>Budget Hours</b> <b>150</b> <b>Budget External Cost</b> <b>\$2,600</b></p>	<p><b>Actual Hours</b> <b>134</b> <b>Actual External Cost</b> <b>\$2,600</b></p>

**PROJECT 1831 & 1832 AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & ANNUAL REPORTS**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<p>To provide accurate financial information to Council's auditors for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018.</p>	<p>To provide copies of the annual Performance Report for the Minister, Parliament, NZFGC and licence holders.</p>	<p>The Council presented the 2017/2018 annual performance report to the public at a meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018.</p> <p>The annual performance report was sent to The Minister of Conservation and the House of Representatives in December 2018.</p> <p>Copies sent to libraries and universities.</p> <p>A PDF file was also produced and sent to the office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives and downloaded on the Fish &amp; Game website.</p>
	<p><b>Budget Hours</b> <b>40</b> <b>Budget External Cost</b> <b>\$7,270</b></p>	<p><b>Actual Hours</b> <b>41</b> <b>Actual External Cost</b> <b>\$7,530</b></p>

**PROJECT 1841 - NATIONAL LIAISON**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
To maintain effective two-way communication/liaison with NZ Fish & Game Council to meet all statutory requirements.	<p>To consult with the NZFGC and other Fish &amp; Game Councils re: information, analysis and policy issues.</p> <p>To attend managers meetings and national conferences or other meetings as required and necessary.</p> <p>Representation to NZ Fish &amp; Game Council by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019 of the council's recommendations for licence fees, fund redistribution, research requirements and national policy development.</p> <p>To support and assist with the management processes and national ends policy.</p>	<p>Regular communication maintained with other Fish and Game Councils and the NZFGC throughout the year, via email and telephone, to discuss issues or provide information as required or requested.</p> <p>The Manager attended three National Managers Meetings in Wellington.</p> <p>The Council provided comments and recommendations to the NZFGC regarding licence fees, legal pool fund applications, redistribution, research requirements and national policy development or submissions on a range of issues including amendments to the firearm legislation, and freshwater policy statements.</p>
	<p><b>Budget Hours</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>200</b></span></p> <p><b>Budget External Cost</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$ Nil</b></span></p>	<p><b>Actual Hours</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>119</b></span></p> <p><b>Actual External Cost</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$ Nil</b></span></p>

**PROJECT 1842 - NATIONAL MOSS**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Planned Result</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<p>To maintains a national MOSS system for staff to operate Fish &amp; Game vessels.</p> <p>To comply with Maritime New Zealand requirements and meet our obligations under the Part 35 delegations.</p>	<p>To consult with the NZFGC and other Fish &amp; Game Councils re: information, and ensuring that Certificates of Competency are maintained and kept valid.</p> <p>Maintain the national MTOC plan and update as required.</p> <p>To support and assist with the management processes and national policy relating to Fish &amp; Game vessels.</p>	<p>The Council Manager coordinated and managed the national Maritime Transport Operator Certificate for all vessels operated by different Fish and Game Councils. Maritime NZ reissued the Manager's authority and delegation to issue Industry Specific Certificates, now known as the Fish &amp; Game Skippers Certificate.</p> <p>The Manager maintains and reviews the MTOC plan to ensure vessels remain operative for work purposes.</p> <p>Northland Fish and Game is invoiced by Maritime NZ for annual levies. Fish &amp; Game regions have reimbursed Northland Region for their Maritime levies.</p>
	<p><b>Budget Hours</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>45</b></span></p> <p><b>Budget External Cost</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$ Nil</b></span></p>	<p><b>Actual Hours</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>54</b></span></p> <p><b>Actual External Cost</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$1,565</b></span></p> <p><b>Reimbursement from other regions</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$1,500</b></span></p>

**PROJECT 1843 – MALLARD RESEARCH**

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To provide and assist with the national mallard research programme.	<p>To provide staff assistance and resources in the national mallard research programme.</p> <p>The project also includes monitoring of local populations through pond studies.</p> <p>To determine patterns of habitat use during specific life history phases of mallard hens (nesting, brood rearing, and moult).</p>	<p>As part of the national monitoring program for Mallard and Grey Duck, an aerial trend count was conducted in April prior to the opening of the game bird season. Eastern Fish &amp; Game carried out aerial counts for the Northland, Auckland/Waikato and Eastern regions. A report has been presented to the Council and is available to the public.</p>
	<p><b>Budget Hours</b> <b>80</b></p> <p><b>Budget External Cost</b> <b>\$ Nil</b></p>	<p><b>Actual Hours</b> <b>9</b></p> <p><b>Actual External Cost</b> <b>\$ Nil</b></p>

**ADMINISTRATION**

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To maintain an office and a profile to the community as a focus of the Northland Fish and Game Council.	<p>To provide an office that is readily accessible to the licence holder and general public.</p> <p>Answer general queries concerning the resources the council manages.</p> <p>Staff time allocated to general activities associated with the running of the office, providing information, answering the telephone, collecting mail, banking the council's income, payment of accounts etc.</p> <p>Maintenance of field equipment, which is normally stored in the workshop. Ensure that all equipment is maintained to a high standard of operation including sufficient funding to meet asset replacement over the normal life of the asset. Ensure there are adequate insurances to protect assets.</p> <p>The council is required to meet all legal obligations under health &amp; safety and will provide training as and when required.</p> <p>To provide and ensure staff have sufficient training to undertake their roles in a professional and safe manner.</p>	<p>The Council leases and maintains an office and workshop facilities at Nell Place, Whangarei providing easy access and parking for licence holders and the general public.</p> <p>The office fully maintained its services during normal business hours of 8.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday.</p> <p>All public enquiries were answered through a range of forums including direct contact, phone and email or through the post.</p> <p>All of the Councils equipment has been maintained to a high standard and is kept in clean and very secure storage.</p> <p>All plant and equipment is fully insured.</p> <p>The Council meets all of its requirements for Health and Safety.</p> <p>Staff took their annual leave and any Time in Lieu owing as time and projects allowed.</p>
	<p><b>Budget Hours Administration</b> <b>2,354</b></p> <p><b>Annual Leave</b> <b>970</b></p> <p><b>Total overhead staff hours</b> <b>3,324</b></p> <p><b>Total Budgeted operating expenditure for the 2018- 2019 financial year for the Council</b> <b>\$528,885</b></p>	<p><b>Actual Hours Administration</b> <b>2,760</b></p> <p><b>Ann/Leave/Stats/Sick</b> <b>1,009</b></p> <p><b>Total overhead staff hours</b> <b>3,769</b></p> <p><b>Actual External Costs</b> <b>\$416,395</b></p> <p><b>Depreciation</b> <b>\$26,731</b></p> <p><b>Total Administration Costs</b> <b>\$443,126</b></p> <p><b>Sundry Income</b> <b>\$ 536</b></p>



**SUMMARY OF GAME BIRD LICENCES**

<b>GAME LICENCES</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Adult Whole Season (GWA)</b>	1673	1692	1730	1756	1899	1885	1854	1799	1774	1724	1719	1794	1749	1740	1720
<b>Junior Whole Season (GWJ)</b>	266	270	280	277	267	254	232	252	218	239	232	222	217	209	219
<b>Whole Season Child (GWC)</b>	36	90	87	116	122	112	131	124	119	110	100	97	86	81	83
<b>Adult Day (GDA)</b>	98	96	88	78	105	120	104	114	107	130	83	129	94	99	57
<b>Junior Day (GDJ)</b>	5	20	13	15	6	0	14	8	14	6	7	5	10	5	3



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE READERS OF NORTHLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

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

#### Opinion on the financial statements and the statement of performance

We have audited:

- the financial statements of the Fish and Game Council on pages 11 to 27, that comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 August 2019, the statement of financial performance and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date and the notes to the financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the statement of performance of the Fish and Game Council on pages 28 to 62

In our opinion:

- the financial statements of the Fish and Game Council: on pages 11 to 27 present fairly, in all material respects:
  - its financial position as at 31 August 2019; and
  - its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
  - comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand in accordance with PBE SFR-A (PS) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting - Accrual (Public Sector); and
- the statement of performance of the Fish and Game Council on pages 28 to 62
  - presents fairly, in all material respects, the Northland Fish and Game Council's performance for the year ended 31 August 2019, including for each class of reportable outputs:
    - its standards of performance achieved as compared with the forecasts included in the annual operating work plan for the financial year; and
    - its actual revenue and expenses as compared with the forecasts included in the annual operating work plan for the financial year; and
  - complies with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

Our audit was completed on 9 December 2019. This is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

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

#### Basis for our opinion

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

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

**PARTNERS:** Adelle Allbon Angela Edwards Scott Kennedy Robyn Terlesk

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our responsibilities arise from the Public Audit Act 2001.

#### **Other Information**

The Council is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included on pages 1 to 10, but does not include the financial statements and the statement of performance, and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements and the statement of performance does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of audit opinion or assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements and the statement of performance, our responsibility is to read the other information. In doing so, we consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements and the statement of performance or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on our work, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Independence**

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

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



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