



TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL

AGENDA PAPERS

COUNCIL MEETING

**SATURDAY
16 OCTOBER 2021**

Statutory managers of freshwater sports fish, game birds and their habitats

Taranaki Region

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AGENDA

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TO BE HELD AT
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393 DEVON STREET EAST, NEW PLYMOUTH

COMMENCING AT 10:00AM

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TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL, HELD AT THE TET MULTI SPORTS CENTRE, 68 PORTIA STREET, STRATFORD ON THE 14TH AUGUST 2021 COMMENCING AT 10:00AM.

1. PRESENT

Councillors – Paul Blewman, Alan Flynn, Romon Sargeson, Daniel Gordon, Gerard Karalus, David Potroz, Cory Potroz, Craig McEwen, Chris Bright, and Chris Donald.

IN ATTENDANCE

Manager Glenn Maclean, Senior Field Officer Allen Stancliff and Secretary Jilli Steedman.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Steve Hugo and John Nancarrow
MOVED SARGESON / BRIGHT
THAT THE APOLOGIES RECEIVED BE SUSTAINED
CARRIED

3. WELCOME TO GUESTS

The Chairman welcomed Councillors and Fish and Game staff to the meeting.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were none identified that had not been notified at previous meetings.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 12TH JUNE 2021

MOVED D POTROZ / BRIGHT
THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 12TH JUNE 2021 HELD IN HAWERA, BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.
CARRIED.

6. MINUTES OF ZOOM MEETING 29TH JULY 2021

MOVED MCEWEN / GORDON
THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ZOOM HELD ON 29TH JULY 2021, BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.
CARRIED

7. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

8. AGENDA MANAGEMENT

Completed actions will be removed from the action list.
Council discussed the election, noting that the newly elected council will take office on 27th October 2021, and the requirement to have the first meeting of the new council before 27th November.

9. RISK REGISTER

The Manager noted that the score of the risks identified remained unchanged, however there had been some refinement of the narrative in light of the ongoing review

MOVED SARGESON / C POTROZ

THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL RECEIVE THE AUGUST 2021 RISK REGISTER
CARRIED

10. HEALTH AND SAFETY

MOVED D POTROZ / SARGESON

THAT THE MANAGERS HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT, BE RECEIVED
CARRIED

11. 2021/2022 ANNUAL OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN & BUDGET

The Manager noted that the work plan was unchanged from previous discussions, however the budget included the Region's successful contestable fund bids.

MOVED D POTROZ / DONALD

THAT THE 2021/2022 ANNUAL OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN AND BUDGET BE ADOPTED
CARRIED

12. 2020/21 TARANAKI ANGLER SURVEY

Councillor Flynn noted the value of this survey and would like to see it continued.

Councillors discussed the nature of wild trout fisheries in light of recent intense rainfall events, noting concern for the Stony and Waiaua rivers.

MOVED C POTROZ / D POTROZ

THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL NOTE AND ADOPT THIS REPORT ON
TARANAKI ANGLER SATISFACTION FOR THE 2020/21 SEASON
CARRIED

13. LICENCE SALES REPORT

MOVED C POTROZ / NANCARROW

THAT THE NATIONAL FISH AND GAME LICENCE SALES REPORT TO 31 JULY 2021, BE
RECEIVED
CARRIED

14. FISH & GAME NOMINEE FOR TE KŌPUKA

The Manager noted his departure from Fish & Game and the need for a new Fish & Game representative on the Te Kōpuka strategy group. He also noted his discussions with Auckland/Waikato Fish & Game CEO, Ben Wilson, as the headwaters of the Whanganui River are within their region. Allen Stancliff who will become the acting manager of Taranaki Fish & Game is the preferred nominee for this position.

The Chairman expressed his gratitude for the manager's involvement in the Te Kōpuka strategy group.

MOVED D POTROZ / C BRIGHT

THAT TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL RATIFY ALLEN STANCLIFF IN HIS FUTURE ROLE AS ACTING TARANAKI MANAGER TO BE THE NZ FISH & GAME REPRESENTATIVE ON TE KŌPUKA.

CARRIED

15. COUNCIL SIZE

Councillors reaffirmed the resolution made at their zoom meeting on 29th July that the membership of Taranaki Fish & Game Council be reduced to 8 councillors.

MOVED D POTROZ / SARGESON

THAT TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL RESOLVE TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF COUNCIL TO 8 ELECTED MEMBERS BUT WITH THE OPTION TO CO-OPT ADDITIONAL MEMBERS, EFFECTIVE FOR THE NEW COUNCIL ELECTED BY THE 2021 ELECTIONS.

CARRIED

16. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman noted his recent discussions with the Manager regarding the field officer vacancy and job description. The Chairman agreed that the new position should be full time but a fixed term contract, considering the current Fish & Game review.

MOVED BLEWMAN / DONALD

THAT THE CHAIRMAN'S VERBAL REPORT BE RECEIVED

CARRIED

17. NATIONAL COUNCILLORS REPORT

Gerard Karalus advised Councillors of the recent National Council meeting, which included.

- The Review Implementation
- National Council voted to allow Pheasant Preserves to keep operating.
- Natural & Built Environments Act (NBA) which will replace the Resource Management Act.
- F&G involvement in Catchment Groups being set up by Regional Councils.

MOVED KARALUS / MCEWEN

THAT THE NATIONAL COUNCILLORS VERBAL REPORT BE RECEIVED

CARRIED

Break for lunch 12:00

Reconvened 1:00

18. WORK PLAN TO 30 JULY 2021 AND BUDGET PROGRESS REPORT TO 30TH JUNE 2021

Councillors discussed the work completed to date and noted that the budget is tracking well as we approach Year End.

MOVED D POTROZ / SARGESON

THAT THE WORK PLAN TO 30 JULY 2021 AND BUDGET PROGRESS REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2021, BE RECEIVED

CARRIED

19. FINANCIAL REPORT

MOVED SARGESON / KARALUS

THAT THE PROFIT AND LOSS AND BALANCE SHEET TO 30TH JUNE 2021, BE RECEIVED
CARRIED

20. CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED D POTROZ / MCEWEN

THAT INWARDS AND OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE SCHEDULES TO 3RD AUGUST
2021, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

21. GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor Donald noted the state of the Waiaua River at Opunake after the recent
flooding. It was noted that there had been the highest rainfall in some parts of
Taranaki since 1933

Councillor D Potroz noted that the Inglewood Rod, Gun & Recreation Club will be
holding their AGM on 18th August 2021.

The Chairman and Council thanked departing Regional Manager Glenn Maclean for his
efforts and contributions over the past 7 years. The manager responded that it had
been a pleasure to work with such a constructive Council who focused on what was
best for licence holders.

22. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 16 October 2021, in New Plymouth.

23. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2:15pm.

APPROVED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

CHAIRMAN _____

DATE _____

TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish & Game Council

AGENDA MANAGEMENT

Council should do the following things;

- Review progress with items on the Action List, these items derived from past Council meetings
- Review the Annual Program for Meeting Agendas, and decide if any items should be added/ moved or deleted from this
- Review the Current Agenda and decide on the order of items, the timing requirements for items, any items to be deferred, or any new business to be tabled.

No resolutions should be necessary here, unless to resolve debate on a future course of action. The Minutes will record all issues that Council agrees, and these will be reflected in future Action Lists, Annual Programs, and Agendas as may be appropriate.

Allen Stancliff
Acting Regional Manager
15 September 2021

TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL

ACTION LIST ARISING FROM COUNCIL DECISIONS

Subject	Responsible	Target Date	Item Update – Actions Required
Develop Field Officer job description and advertise role	Manager	July 2021	Advertised week of 12 th July, closed Wed 11 th August. Interviews held and successful applicant advised 27 th August. Signed contract received 2 nd September.
Extend paradise special season to include Taranaki Anniversary Day	Manager	December 2021	

TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA PROGRAM

Meeting	Board	Operational	Statutory	Strategic/Policy
13 February 2021	All Board Items	All Operational Items, to be received	Confirm Game Season Regulations.	Review 5 Year Strategic Plan
27 March 2021	All Board Items	All Operational Items, to be received Manager's contract review	Consider Draft 2021/2022 Annual Operational Work Plan & Budget.	
12 June 2021	All Board Items.	All Operational Items, to be Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fish Season Regs. • Licence fee recommendation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations for Bruce McKenzie Memorial Award
14 August 2021	All Board Items.	All Operational Items, to be Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt 2021 / 2022 Annual Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive nominations for Bruce McKenzie Memorial Award
16 October 2021	All Board Items.	All Operational Items, to be Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of Year Project Reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
11 December 2021 meeting and AGM	All Board Items.	All Operational Items, to be Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022 Game Gazette Notice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022 meeting dates

2020/21 – 2024/25 Strategic Plan

Approved 13 February 2021

Work Area (why are we undertaking this objective?)	Key Result (what are we actually doing and how this contributes to objective?)	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
<p>Participation</p> <p>Add value to our licence holders to increase their success and satisfaction so they remain in the sport</p> <p>Recruit (and re-activate) new licence holders to protect revenue required for effective management and to maintain</p>	<p>Signage</p> <p>Provide anglers with helpful on-site information re access, regulations and techniques to make it easier to go fishing</p>	<p>Replace/ erect new signs on rivers and lakes around the region consistent with the priorities identified</p> <p>2 -3 signs replaced per year</p>	<p>Regulation information signs on Retaruke and Whanganui Rivers (ie Araroa trail users)</p>		<p>Design and erect angler information signage on the Waingongoro River</p>	
<p>Recruit (and re-activate) new licence holders to protect revenue required for effective management and to maintain</p>	<p>Licence holder contact</p> <p>Contact licence holders (mail, email, social media and individually by phone</p>	<p>Review Ruatiti information sign and update as necessary</p> <p>By Aug 2021 identify any changes and agree process to upgrade with other parties</p>				
		<p>Produce Tararaki fishing newsletter sent to licence holders shortly after the start of each season</p>				
		<p>Produce Tararaki hunting newsletter sent to licence holders and RD box holders prior to each season</p>				
		<p>Produce 2-page magazine supplement for each issue of F&G Magazine</p>				
		<p>Implement and utilise social media consistent with National Office policy</p>				

<p>support for and recognition of the importance of fish & game resources and their use</p>	<p>or face to face) to share information that encourages and assists users to make best use of the F&G resource</p>	<p>Develop and utilise licence holder email list to highlight information of specific value such as upcoming children's fishing days</p> <p><i>Information on 2021 fishing days emailed to licence holders</i></p>
<p>Angling and hunting web pages</p> <p><i>How to and where to go information is readily available, easily understood and up to date to assist & guide licence holders and prospective participants</i></p>	<p>Work with National Office to upgrade website.</p>	<p>Review information and effectiveness of web links annually or when issue identified</p> <p><i>Information is current and easily found</i></p>
<p>Children and family fishing days and opportunities</p> <p><i>Provide opportunities for children and families to go fishing easily and on an ongoing basis, so they potentially become lifelong anglers. To engender support for fishing and the activities of Fish & Game among the general public</i></p>	<p>Introduction to duck hunting opportunities in the Taranaki Region</p> <p><i>Draft text prepared by Aug 2021 (is also dependant on the new website development)</i></p> <p>Explore options for ongoing fishing opportunities for kids and families based on local ponds and threshold experiences</p>	<p>Implement preferred options</p>
	<p>Identify and explore future options for Stratford by Aug 2021</p>	<p>Implement preferred option for Stratford kids fishing programme</p>

			<p>Develop web based introductory package for anglers highlighting easy opportunities including access and methods to get started</p>	<p>Develop web based introductory package for hunters highlighting easy opportunities including access and methods to get started</p>	<p>Review and refine anglers package in response to feedback</p>	<p>Review and refine hunters package</p>
<p>Angler & hunter aspirations <i>In order to best manage the resource and opportunities in the best interests of anglers & hunters it is essential to understand the aspirations of Taranaki licence holders and what they seek from their fishing & hunting experience.</i></p>	<p>Survey of aspirations of trout anglers</p>			<p>Re-survey of aspirations of upland game hunters</p>	<p>Re-survey of aspirations of duck hunters</p>	
<p>Improve angler/ hunter access <i>Fundamental to participation is that licence holders need to be able to readily access and utilise the available fish & game populations.</i></p>	<p>Provide for increased angling access around Lake Mangamahoe through provision of third angling platform <i>Agreements and funding in place by Aug 2021</i></p> <p>Review and refine permit process and conditions for</p>					

	<p>gamebird hunting</p> <p>Review access information and where appropriate identify contact details/ negotiate access</p> <p>Complete Waingongo review Aug 2021</p> <p>Review Kaipokonui River access by Aug 2022</p>		
<p>Manage hunter behaviour <i>Maximise hunter enjoyment and participation and also general public support so as to minimise the threat to the sport from anti-hunting groups</i></p>	<p>Implement strategy to achieve appropriate hunter behaviour</p> <p><i>Initial actions in place by May 2021</i></p>	<p>Review effectiveness of strategy and implementation</p>	
<p>Promote table qualities of the resource. <i>An important part of the sport is the taking of prime food for the table, and which adds additional value to their sport. Making use of shot game as a natural, healthy food also makes hunting more acceptable to the general public</i></p>	<p>Locate and publicise quality trout and perch recipes</p>	<p>Review and collate suitable game bird recipes online</p>	
<p>Minimise barriers <i>An effective network of licence administration minimises the barriers to purchasing a licence, and</i></p>	<p>Provide support, service and upskilling of licence agents to operate as effective licence outlets and sources of valued information on opportunities and techniques</p>		

	<p><i>in turn can add significant value for the purchaser in terms of providing information and equipment.</i></p> <p><i>Utilise simple, consistent and easy to understand regulations that are both effective and that minimise uncertainty and reluctance to have a go</i></p>	<p>Review regulations annually with an objective to achieve simplicity and consistency across the region and between regions as opportunities allow. Ensure information is easy to find and follow</p>
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<p>Sports fish monitoring and management</p> <p>To obtain necessary information and undertake effective management actions to sustainably manage sports fish populations across the region so as to foster angler success and satisfaction such that they remain in the sport.</p>	<p>Obtain baseline information for key streams</p> <p>To better understand key fisheries and identify threats and opportunities to the maintenance of important angling resources</p> <p>Investigate value of stocking specific streams and lakes</p> <p>To ensure any stocking programme is effective in terms of an increased return to the angler, is socially appropriate and a sound use of what are limited resources</p> <p>Investigate opportunities to restore fisheries</p> <p>Some previously</p>	<p>Assess juvenile recruitment along the Timaru Stream to help document the effects of the Tataraimaka weir on fish passage</p>	<p>Investigate and review Waingongoro fishery</p>	<p>Assess and report on the fishery in the Manganui River and tributaries</p>	<p>Review stocking plan</p>	
		<p>Prepare and undertake annual stocking plan. Achieve proposed stocking programme each year</p> <p>Undertake trial release of 2yr old trout into Patea River</p> <p>Undertake releases and monitoring of lower Patea River under contract to Trustpower Ltd</p> <p>Meet annual contract obligations</p> <p>Review and investigate Stony River (yr 2 of 2)</p>	<p>Review results and develop position on release of trout into lower Patea River</p>			
			<p>Watonga/Mangaroaka Stream</p>	<p>Lake Rotomanu</p>		

	<p><i>important fisheries have declined over time and there maybe opportunities to restore some of these to the benefit of local anglers</i></p>					
<p>Angler surveys & diaries <i>These provide a mechanism to effectively monitor many of the regions fisheries which otherwise would be outside the resources available to F&G. This information is important for assessing angler satisfaction, making management responses including regulation setting and also in promoting the importance of the fishery in resource consent and community processes</i></p>	<p>Angler surveys & diaries <i>These provide a mechanism to effectively monitor many of the regions fisheries which otherwise would be outside the resources available to F&G. This information is important for assessing angler satisfaction, making management responses including regulation setting and also in promoting the importance of the fishery in resource consent and community processes</i></p>	<p>Undertake angler diary programme annually</p> <p><i>Each year promote the scheme and produce annual report of results</i></p>	<p>Review diary system and effectiveness</p>	<p>Maintain effective hatchery operations utilising volunteer support</p>	<p>Review options for the hatchery to ensure that hatchery operation is efficient, effective</p>	<p>Implement decisions</p>
<p>Hatchery <i>Stocking appropriate waterways with trout is an effective way to increase angling opportunity. In particular</i></p>	<p>Hatchery <i>Stocking appropriate waterways with trout is an effective way to increase angling opportunity. In particular</i></p>	<p>Maintain effective hatchery operations utilising volunteer support</p>	<p>Review diary system and effectiveness</p>	<p>Maintain effective hatchery operations utilising volunteer support</p>	<p>Review options for the hatchery to ensure that hatchery operation is efficient, effective</p>	<p>Implement decisions</p>

	<p><i>stocking man-made lakes and impoundments close to urban centres can be highly valued by family and other groups contributing to a healthier lifestyle and enhancing support for fishing and F&G whilst not impacting unreasonably on indigenous fish species. It is also an important tool to introduce budding anglers to fishing and protecting the licence base</i></p>		<p>and sustainable re meeting future stocking requirements. Will be influenced by the National Council stocking review (draft), R3 needs and also community/ iwi aspirations.</p>	
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<p>Gamebird monitoring and investigations</p> <p>To obtain necessary information and undertake effective management actions to sustainably manage gamebird populations across the region to maximise hunter satisfaction so they remain in the sport.</p>	<p>Mallard Duck monitoring Obtaining an accurate estimate of the duck population annually to set season regulations is fraught with difficulties and is resource intensive. Furthermore the regulation setting timetable means substantial population changes may occur between any monitoring and regulation setting and the new hunting season. However potentially hunting mortality may either be negligible, compensatory and/ or naturally reduce when populations are low anyway. The alternative approach if the</p>	<p>Implement banding protocol for Whanganui area</p> <p>Complete site selection and undertake full banding 2021 including recovery of bands</p> <p>Complete report of banding results August 2023</p>			<p>Review monitoring programme for the region taking into account banding results and including regulation setting requirements</p>	
		<p>Complete annual aerial count of transects across the Taranaki ringplain</p> <p>Count data is summarised in annual discussion paper re recommended Game Gazette conditions</p>			<p>Implement identified monitoring programme</p>	
		<p>Participate in and meet data entry requirements for the National Hunter Survey</p> <p>Target for number of interviews is achieved and data summarised in annual discussion paper re recommended Game Gazette conditions</p>				

population is robust & hunting mortality is relatively minor is to focus on maintaining consistent regulations which allow for a reasonable bag and season length at minimal risk to the population. This manages hunter expectations and allows them to invest with some certainty to the future while freeing up management resources

Paradise shelduck monitoring
 Paradise shelduck are an important resource for Taranaki hunters. However in large numbers they can impact on farming operations. Numbers can be effectively monitored by undertaking moult counts across the region and the information used to manage numbers sufficient to provide

	<p>Undertake paradise shelduck moult counts across the region in January each year</p> <p><i>Produce an annual report detailing trends in numbers</i></p> <p>Review current moult sites monitored and how the data is reported</p> <p>Implement recommendations from review</p> <p>Review hunting regulations for paradise shelduck and including possible Area boundaries</p>
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<p>valued hunting opportunities without unreasonably impacting on landowners</p>			
<p>Pukeko monitoring <i>Large aggregations of pukeko create problems for landowners and create a hunting opportunity for licence holders. However over much of the region numbers are very low so it is essential to have sound monitoring information so as to set effective regulations which maximise opportunity while ensuring the sustainability of the regional populations.</i></p>	<p>Review option for a summer season Undertake monitoring of Taranaki ring plain populations <i>Count data is summarised in annual discussion paper re recommended Game Gazette conditions</i></p>	<p>Review monitoring methodology and implement recommendations</p>	
<p>New opportunities <i>There are potentially several ways the resource may be supplemented and hunting undertaken. So long as any new approach does not unreasonably impact on other hunters or indigenous biodiversity</i></p>		<p>Review and develop position on release of upland game birds</p>	<p>Review criteria/ policy to rear and release upland game (awaiting outcome of current process around commercial game preserves)</p>

	<p><i>then this is an opportunity that may be valued by a segment of licence holders.</i></p> <p>Dispersal Manage problem aggregations of gamebirds to minimise their impacts on landowners and protect/ create hunting opportunities for licence holders</p>					
<p>Quickly and efficiently respond to landowner concerns as required. Implement Special Season for paradise shelduck as and where appropriate.</p>						

Work Area (why are we undertaking this objective?)	Key Result (what are we actually doing and how this contributes to objective?)	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Compliance Protect resource sustainability and user experience to maintain licence holder satisfaction	Compliance Make best use of available resources to implement the objectives of the Compliance Policy so as to best protect the sports fish & game resource and its use	Review Compliance Strategy Undertake effective opening day ranging across the region and at other key times or in response to identified issues Annual compliance report presented to Council	Consider other options to undertake compliance if and when these become available			
	Honorary Rangers Safe use of honorary rangers to provide effective and valued compliance coverage across the Taranaki region	Ranger training in implementing R3 principles All rangers receive introduction to R3 in 20/21 Renew ranger warrants for existing rangers Paperwork submitted by Aug 2021				Ranger warrant renewals

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<p>Iwi and public interaction Implementing the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi (partnership, protection and participation) requires Council work proactively and collaboratively with iwi regarding the management of natural resources and their use and protection. It is recognised that there may be a natural tension around the possible impact of sports fish</p>	<p>Iwi Liaison Proactively foster close and productive working relationships with iwi at all levels and collectively share expertise and knowledge to achieve greater protection of freshwater and wetland habitats and species. To also enable robust and helpful discussion and decision making on issues affecting licence holders and iwi including use of shared resources, protection of indigenous taonga and access</p>	<p>Take opportunities to involve and work with iwi at all levels on shared matters affecting natural resources and their use, including welcoming iwi participation in Council. Undertake governance role for Whangaehu Freshwater Improvement Fund 2019 – 2021 Represent F&G and provide valued input to Te Awa Tupua process Identify opportunities and actively work with individual iwi and hapu on local shared issues Identify possible options to increase iwi involvement in Council Take opportunities to work on joint habitat improvement and river restoration projects</p>				
		<p>Actively involve iwi at all levels in the development of the Sports Fish and Game Management Plan</p>				

<p><i>in particular on indigenous taonga like inanga and tuna, however collectively we also share a concern and determination to look after and improve freshwater and wetlands so as to protect the wairua and for the benefit of all species.</i></p>					<p>Effective Liaison with Statutory Managers <i>Develop and maintain strong working relationships and involvement with DOC and local and regional councils to effectively represent the interests of hunters and anglers in formal decision-making processes</i></p>
<p><i>There are many groups whose decisions and actions impact on the fish & game resource. By working closely and constructively with these groups more can be achieved to protect and enhance resource sustainability and user experience</i></p>				<p>Proactively work with Taranaki and Horizons Regional Council staff <i>Involve council staff in GBHT and H&H applications as appropriate</i></p>	<p>Develop and maintain constructive relationships with DOC staff as opportunities arise</p>

<p><i>In the face of an increasing urban population and support for indigenous biodiversity to ensure hunting & fishing is valued by the general public who recognise that these activities contribute to wider good such as a better environment and healthy lifestyle/ kai and in turn support protecting these resources and the opportunity to participate.</i></p>	<p>Community Involvement & Advocacy <i>Actively seek to contribute to the wider community as part of undertaking F&G activities and highlight these broader benefits to engender wider support for F&G, angling and hunting.</i></p>	<p>Recognise and pursue opportunities to contribute to the wider community as part of undertaking core F&G activities</p> <p><i>Participate in Wild for Taranaki</i> <i>Contribute to and support activities of Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust</i></p> <p>Take opportunities to work with community and industry groups on habitat improvement and river restoration projects and initiatives</p>
<p>Effective use of the Media <i>Maintain positive profile which encourages prospective participants and fosters support and understanding among the general public</i></p>	<p>Review media strategy</p> <p>Implement revised strategy</p> <p>Develop and refine facebook and associated Instagram pages</p> <p><i>Pages in place and actively updated by Aug 2021 (depending on any National Communication Policy and website re-organisation)</i></p> <p>Review and refine website (dependant on national decisions and directions)</p>	<p>Review media strategy</p>

Work Area <i>(why are we undertaking this objective?)</i>	Key Result <i>(what are we actually doing and how this contributes to objective?)</i>	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
<p>Habitat management</p> <p><i>Protecting / improving habitat for sports fish & game is a fundamental and effective means to sustaining the fish & game resource in the interests of licence holders</i></p>	<p>Taranaki Freshwater Plan</p> <p><i>Sports fish and game habitat will be better protected by effective provisions in this Plan. This will also limit the resources F&G depends on addressing individual consent applications freeing these resources up to be used elsewhere</i></p>	<p>Actively engage in the process to protect and enhance the interests of Taranaki hunters and anglers</p>		<p><i>Process deadlines to contribute and submit are met</i></p>		
<p>Effectively engage in RMA consent processes.</p> <p><i>In the absence of greater direction in regional plans it is necessary to engage in individual consent applications to ensure protection of Fish and Game resources and access to these</i></p>	<p>Engage in relevant specific consent applications to protect F&G interests</p> <p>Trustpower consents for the Mangorei and Motukawa hydro schemes (consents expire 1 June 2021)</p>					<p>Review strategic approach re engagement in individual consent processes</p> <p><i>Dependent on progress with Taranaki Freshwater Plan</i></p>

<p>Habitat enhancement Take opportunities by working co-operatively to share knowledge, promote, fund and encourage landowners and community groups to improve habitat for the benefit of sports fish, gamebird species and indigenous biodiversity and fishing and hunting opportunity</p>	<p>Establish environmental award</p>	<p>Work with other parties to remove Glenn Road Weir</p> <p>Explore options to remove Timaru Stream weir</p> <p>Promote and explore any opportunities to improve water quality in Lake Rotomanu</p> <p>Promote and develop quality wetland and upland game habitats in association with private landowners and other agencies and including by promoting the GBHT and H&H funds</p> <p><i>At least 3 applications to GBHT & H&H fund per year</i></p> <p>Keep up to date with current predator control techniques and operations and actively seek to promote effective programmes as opportunities arise</p> <p>Orautoha riparian protection works</p> <p><i>Complete annual work programmes as per funding application</i></p>	
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Work Area (why are we undertaking this objective?)	Key Result (what are we actually doing and how this contributes to objective?)	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
<p>Planning & Administration</p> <p>The Taranaki Sports Fish & Game Management Plan is a statutory requirement and formally reflects the aspirations of hunters and anglers. The Plan provides high level direction and guidance for management activities and also other statutory plans in the interests of the resource and users</p>	<p>Review Management Plan</p> <p>The Plan is required to be reviewed in whole no later than 10 years after it was approved. Any review will include the opportunity for submissions by hunters and anglers and F&G will also consult with other parties, iwi and agencies as appropriate and consistent with Treaty of Waitangi obligations to ensure the plan is comprehensive, effective and of value.</p> <p>Strategic planning Implement Management Plan through ongoing</p>	<p>Undertake plan review to incorporate any changes in F&G organisation from current ministerial review and internal reviews. Actively involve iwi and community in this plan as well as hunters and anglers</p>				

<p><i>Strong and effective governance to ensure that the activities of Council are appropriate, well run and reflect the aspirations of all licence holders</i></p>	<p><i>review and refinement of 5-year Strategic Plan to provide clear and agreed direction regarding future work programmes and resource allocation and requirements. This strategic plan to guide development of a timely, planned and effective Annual Operational Workplan that reflects the aspirations of hunters and anglers</i></p>	<p>Identify possible options and strategies to increase the diversity of Council</p>	<p>Implement key options identified</p>
<p><i>Effective and concise administration with accurate reporting to support sound financial management and efficient use of resources in the best interests of the licence holder and fish & game resource</i></p>	<p>Focus on governance Achieve appropriate diversity across the Council and provide Councillors with professional governance support to best represent the interests of all licence holders</p>	<p>Review and update governance policy</p>	<p>Co-ordinate Council Election</p>
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			<p>Undertake governance training</p>
	<p>Simplify operational outputs and coding <i>Provide effective and helpful reporting while minimising</i></p>	<p>Implement any outcomes of National Council</p>	

	<p><i>unnecessary detail and the time and resources this involves which can be used elsewhere</i></p>	<p>financial review</p>				
	<p>New Plymouth and Whanganui offices <i>Provide effective and healthy office space including storage which is also obvious and accessible to our users and the general public</i></p>					
	<p>Administrative improvements <i>Make best use of new systems and technology to maximise administrative efficiencies and minimise costs so resources are available for use elsewhere</i></p>		<p>Incorporate any changes as part of the Ministerial and Internal F&G reviews</p>			
	<p>Support for Council <i>Provide valued support to Council which facilitates effective Council governance and operation</i></p>	<p>Recommend changes to 5-Year Strategic Plan, prepare draft Annual Operational Plan and draft Performance Report Prepare concise and complete agenda papers including with a recommended course of action</p>				

	<p>Health & Safety <i>Maintain effective systems to ensure a safe and healthy working environment and the safety of staff and visitors</i></p>	<p>Implement and review Health & Safety Policy, Manual and systems and processes as per identified timetable</p> <p><i>Annual audit and other identified requirements are reported to Council</i></p>
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Review: February 2022 Council Meeting

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

RISK REGISTER OCTOBER 2021

The attached register identifies and records potential significant risks to the effective operation of Taranaki Fish & Game Council. This register is updated for each meeting.

There is no change to the overall risks identified and their rating. However the recently released Ministerial Review clearly has a number of implications with respect to operational matters including longer term resourcing, hunter and angler support and for development of a new Management Plan. However the exact impact will be unknown until all the recommendations are finalised.

RECOMMENDATION

That Taranaki Fish & Game Council receive the October 2021 Risk Register

Allen Stancliff

Acting Regional Manager

24 September 2021

RISK REGISTER & RISK TREATMENT ACTION PLAN - TARANAKI FISH & GAME - October 2021

Risk Type	Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Actions already in place	Person Responsible	Further Actions Required (if any)
1	Operational Data loss from computer virus, data corruption	Possible - 3	Moderate - 3	New computers with up to date anti-virus protection. Have moved to cloud based software and document storage.	Office administrator	
2	Operational Lack of capacity to undertake core roles effectively	Possible - 3	Major - 4	Skilled & experienced staff in place and available to work together where necessary. Use of volunteer rangers and hatchery workers	Chairperson/ Council	Appoint skilled new field officer based in New Plymouth on fixed term contract. Consider other options to complete work plan. Keep volunteers in the loop to retain their support
3	Operational Review of Sports Fish & Game Management Plan is not completed by expiry date of current plan (Aug 2021)	Possible - 3	Moderate - 3	Review scheduled however it is difficult to engage meaningfully with licence holders, iwi and other agencies when the future of Taranaki F&G is uncertain	Manager	With the uncertainty of what the new region will look like then wait final decision. Likely will need to amalgamate in some way with Wellington F&G
4	Health & Safety Health and Safety related event resulting in significant harm or injury to staff, contractors or volunteers	Possible - 3	Major - 4	Ensure staff and volunteers comply with Health and Safety Policy and processes. Ensure H&S manual is current and regular reviews, staff meetings and auditing occurs as scheduled. Report on H&S as regular agenda item.	Manager	Ongoing identification of new hazards.
5	Health & Safety Under Covid-19 staff are put in situations that could potentially jeopardise their health or others around them	Possible - 3	Major - 4	Respond and adhere to conditions or directives imposed at Government-determined Alert Levels that include work place conditions and safety, personal protective gear, etc. Follow recommended best practice.	Manager	Implement further work place and personal protective measures as identified and/ or required by Government.
6	Species Management Fish - severe weather or geomorphological events impacting on fish population at a local or regional scale	Almost certain - 5	Moderate - 3	Unable to mitigate. Recognise that wild populations will rebound and carry out regular monitoring of key populations to identify changes.	Manager	
7	Species Management Game and Fish - climate induced events i.e., drought impacting on gamebird population	Almost certain - 5	Moderate - 3	Unable to mitigate. Carry out regular monitoring of key populations to identify changes. Recognise that some events may be positive for some species	Manager	
8	Species Management Decline of Taranaki ring-plain fishery due to reductions in water quality and quantity			Take planning and individual consent opportunities under the RMA to promote maintenance of suitable water flows and water quality to sustain viable trout fisheries around the ring-plain	Senior Field Officer - Taranaki	Engage in the Taranaki Freshwater Plan process. Continue to monitor ring-plain fisheries
9	Species Management Culling/ poisoning of paradise shelduck populations	Possible - 3	Major - 4	Work closely and proactively with landowners and farmers to manage problem aggregations of paradise shelduck. Hold Special Season where appropriate. Monitor population trends.	Manager	
10	Species Management Political - Status of indigenous biodiversity is promoted over that of sports fish by statutory agencies and legislation	Almost certain - 5	Major - 4	Promote freshwater fishing as a valid recreational pursuit with significant financial, recreational & health benefits and as kai for resident and non-resident anglers. Portray F&G in positive light as an environmental organisation. Promote strong angler ethics amongst anglers. Clarify interaction of native fish and sports fish based on science. Maintain close working relationships with iwi and other agencies to achieve the best for all freshwater species.	Manager	Proactively engage with iwi and other groups as opportunities are identified.

Risk Type	Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Actions already in place	Person Responsible	Further Actions Required (if any)
11 Financial	Ongoing decline in licence revenues	Likely - 4	Major - 4	Regular contact with licence holders/ updated web pages to provide information which assists their experience. Kids fishing days.	Manager	Implement the R3 programme (Recruitment, Retention & Reactivation) including review of Kids fishing days.
12 Financial	Decline in fish and game licence sales due to virus outbreak	Likely - 4	Major - 4	Cut any unnecessary spending - adopt a prudent approach	Manager/ Council	Work with F&G National Council and implement agreed actions to ensure financial viability
13 Financial	No grant available from National Council	Possible - 3	Severe - 5	Manage region effectively, in a financially prudent manner and on budget to achieve core functions and licence holder satisfaction. Maintain short-term capacity to address short fall through reserves	Manager/ Council	Work with F&G National Council and other regions to best achieve statutory obligations
14 Council	Reputation - Lack of support from licence holders and other agencies arising from criticism and aspersions regarding F&G performance	Possible - 3	Major - 4	Maintain awareness of the need to operate in a transparent, efficient and effective way to best serve licence holders. Ensure our actions and comments are professional and reflect well on F&G	Manager/ Council	Make constructive and effective input into discussions on new F&G regions and operation in the best interests of hunters and anglers both within the existing Taranaki Region and also nationally
15 Council	Reputation - Perceived conflict of interest among decision makers (councillors)	Possible - 3	Major - 4	Maintain awareness of the need to manage perceived conflict of interests appropriately and transparently. Follow Standing Orders and including the use of a Conflict of Interest register	Chairperson/ Council	
16 Council	Future - Changes in F&G structure arising from national review/s	Likely - 4	Major - 4	Operate in an efficient and effective way to best serve local and national licence holders	Council	Engage in the process with the best interests of the F&G resource and licence holders both locally and nationally at the forefront of our responses. Support fellow councillors and staff through this process.

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

HEALTH AND SAFETY – October 2021

Background

As part of its commitment to Health and Safety and providing a safe workplace the Council requires a report at each meeting detailing the implementation and adherence to the Health and Safety policy and manual including;

1. any new issues or hazards that have arisen and how these have been addressed
2. progress with any ongoing issues
3. outcomes of audits and reviews required in the Health and Safety manual
4. any near misses or injuries and including investigation outcomes and recommendations

Update

1. New issues or hazards	
Winter hazard reminder	Recognize increased risk from adverse environmental conditions e.g driving, working outdoors
3. Ongoing issues	
Covid-19 response	Maintaining a watching brief and readiness to follow any government directives if the situation changes Staff have all had their first vaccination and are booked into have their second.
4. Audits, reviews and meetings	
HSE included as agenda item for staff meeting	Staff meeting held 5 October 2021

<p>Annual review of Hazard Control Plans</p> <p>New Field Officer, Jacob Morison, commenced employment 4th October 2021, and has been made aware of H&S requirements and reviewed HCP's</p> <p>3 yearly H&S Policy Review</p> <p>Staff check use of PPE gear by others in the field</p> <p>First Aid refresher due August 2021</p>	<p>Hatchery – completed June 2021 Trout releases - completed June 2021 Lake Rotomanu Fishing Day – completed August 2021</p> <p>Due June 2022</p> <p>Course postponed owing to Covid lockdown. Have not been advised of new date</p>
<p>5. Near misses and injuries</p>	
<p>Nil</p>	

Allen Stancliff

Acting Regional Manager

5 October 2021

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

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Taranaki Fish and Game Council

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council needs to decide when and where to hold its 2022 meetings.

Section 26 ZD (1) of the Conservation Act 1987 provides as follows;
“Meetings of any Fish and Game council shall be held on at least six occasions in the period commencing on the first day of February and ending on the 31st day of December in each year, at such times and places as the Council or the chairperson from time to time appoints.”

Taranaki Fish and Game Council has scheduled 6 ordinary meetings per year, starting at 10am on a Saturday. These dates are now set to meet National Council deadlines for regulation and fee setting process. However, it is necessary that they also avoid public or school holidays, which in 2022 are;

Public Holiday	Date
Wellington Anniversary	24 January 2022
Waitangi Day	7 February 2022
Taranaki Anniversary	14 March 2022
Good Friday	15 April 2022
Easter Monday	18 April 2022
Anzac Day	25 April 2022
Queen’s Birthday	6 June 2022
Labour Day	24 October 2022

School Holidays
20 December 2021 – 30 January 2022
14 April – 1 May 2022
9 – 24 July 2022
1 - 16 October 2022
19 December 2022 – 29 January 2023

Council should discuss their preference for the location of meetings and the AGM. A recommended schedule of meeting dates is as follows, noting the requirement for the new council to meet within 10 days of the returning officer declaring the election results.

MEETING DATES AND VENUES FOR 2022

<i>Proposed Taranaki Fish & Game Council Meeting Dates</i>		<i>New Zealand Fish & Game Council meeting dates (draft)</i>	
Date	Agenda	Location	Date
12 February 2022	5 year plan review		18 & 20 February 2022
19 March 2022	Agree draft budget		29 & 30 April 2022
11 June 2022	Licence fee Anglers notice		16 June 2022
13 August 2022	Adopt Ann Plan		23 & 25 August 2022
15 October 2022	End of year Reports		25 & 26 November 2022
10 December 2022	AGM & Game Gazette recommendation		

RECOMMENDATION That the schedule of meeting dates and venues be reviewed for adoption at Councils meeting of 11 December 2021.

Jilli Steedman
SECRETARY
13th September 2021



02 September 2021

TO: Regional Council Chairs and Managers

**MEETING & BUDGET TIMETABLE 2021-22
IMPORTANT DATES**

1. NZC Recommendation

At the 154th meeting of the New Zealand Council the following decision was made. *That NZC:*

1. Agree that the proposed NZC meeting dates for 2021-22 become:

- December 4th 2021 in Wellington*
- February 18th and 20th 2022 in Wellington*
- April 29th and 30th 2022 in Wellington*
- June 16th 2022 by zoom at 7.00-9.00pm*
- August 23rd & 25th 2022 by zoom at 7.00pm- 9.00pm*
- November 25th & 26th 2022 in Wellington*

2. Agree that a Governors forum be held:

- February 19th in Wellington – (NZC & Chairs)*

3. Agree that that managers meeting be held:

- 28th April 2022 with joint meeting Friday 29th*

4. Agree to consult with the regions on the proposed dates.

Note: These dates may be subject to change due to the Review.

A meeting was also discussed for the 7th or 14th of October for the current New Zealand Council. This would be by zoom from 7pm to 9pm. This meeting will only be held if required.

2. Background

Each year a meeting schedule and key dates document is prepared for the New Zealand Council. This Document is then distributed to the Regional Councils for Consultation.

In the 2021/22 year, the budget for meetings for the NZC and managers has been significantly reduced in order to reduce costs. Of the 5 meetings that have been proposed for the NZC – 2 are Zoom meetings and the 3 are face to face. The meetings proposed are the minimum set out for the year. There will, however, be additional zoom meetings (dates to be finalised) relating to decision following the review.

Managers meetings (by zoom) have been set a few weeks following an NZC meeting. The budget round Managers meeting held in April will be a face to face meeting with a joint meeting with the NZC set for 28th and 29th April 2022. Please note the intention for the mangers meeting is to have a formal agenda and minutes taken.

Every effort has been made to hold these meetings at a time when decisions need to be made with regards licence fee recommendations and regulations.

3. Feedback

Feedback is required on the attached schedule by **19th November 2021**.

Within this feedback can Regions please notify me of the meeting dates proposed for your Regional Council's for the 2021-22 year.



Carmel Veitch
CFO – NZC
2nd September 2021

**2021/22 Annual Budget & Meeting Timetable – DRAFT Sent of Consultation
20 Sept 2021**

Colour Key:

	Public Holidays
	NZ Council Meetings
	Meetings of Managers
	NZGBHT Board
	Governors Meetings

Month	Date & Day	Subject
September 2021	1 st Wednesday	New Financial Year for Fish & Game
October 2021	1 st Friday	Sport Fishing Opening
	7 th or 14 th Thursday	NZ Council meeting by ZOOM 7-9pm (if required)
	25 th Monday	Labour Day
	26 th Tuesday	New Councillors take office
November 2021	1 st Monday	High country sports fishing opening (Otago)
	6 th Saturday	High country sports fishing opening (North Canterbury and CSI)
	11 th Thursday	Managers meeting 10-12.30 by Zoom
	16 th Tuesday	Last day to have new Council meeting
December 2021	4 th Saturday	NZ Council meeting in Wellington – 1 st meeting of the new Council
	25 th Saturday	Christmas Day
	26 th Sunday	Boxing Day
	27 th Monday	Christmas Day observed
	28 th Tuesday	Boxing day observed
	31 st Friday	All Annual meetings must be completed
	31 st Friday	All Variance report and Reserves Schedules to CV - Finance
January 2022	1 st Saturday	New Year's Day
	3 rd Monday	New Year's Day observed
	4 th Tuesday	Day after New Year's Day
	21 nd Friday	CV to return summary of Variance Reports to Managers with queries
	28 th Friday	Final Day for regulation details from Fish & Game Councils for Game Notice
February 2022	2 nd Wednesday	World Wetland Day, release of 2022 Habitat Stamp
	3 rd Thursday	Managers meeting 10-12.30 by ZOOM
	4 th Friday	Final circulation of Variance Reports to Managers
	4 th Friday	Draft Game Notice submission to DOC officials
	7 th Monday	Waltangi Day – observed
	18 th to 20 th Friday & Sunday	NZ Council meeting in Wellington
	19 th Saturday	Governors – NZC and Chairs. Planning morning and Governance training afternoon
	15 th Tuesday	Adjust submission following consultation with DOC & submit to MOC
	25 th Friday OR following week	Publish Game Notice in NZ Gazette
March 2022	10 th Thursday	Game Bird hunting licences go on sale
	14 th Monday	Magazine Out (Game)

Month	Date & Day	Subject
	23 th Wednesday	Final date for receipt of draft budgets and contestable fund applications
April 2022	8 th Friday	Circulation of budgets, contestable funding applications and budget summaries
	10 th Sunday	Mark-up or Pegging Day
	15 th Friday	Good Friday
	17 th Sunday	Easter Sunday
	18 th Monday	Easter Monday
	25 th Monday	Anzac Day observed
	28 th Thursday	Meeting of Managers in Wellington
	29 th Friday	Joint NZ Council & Managers Meeting in Wellington
	30 th Saturday	NZ Council Meeting in Wellington
May 2022		
	7 th Saturday	GameBird Season Opening
June 2022		
	6 th Monday	Queen's Birthday
	15 th Wednesday	Final date for receipt of Fish & Game regional responses to licence fee proposals
	16 th Thursday evening	NZ Council Meeting – ZOOM 7pm to 9pm
	20 th Monday	Draft licence fee submission to DOC officials
	24 th Friday	Final Day for regulation details from Fish & Game Councils for Anglers Notice
	24 th Friday	Matariki
	30 th Tuesday	Final Day for submissions for NZGBHT Grant applications
July 2022	1 st Friday	Draft Anglers Notice submission to DOC officials
	7 th Thursday	Managers meeting 10-12.30pm by ZOOM
	8 th Friday	Adjust Anglers Notice submission following DOC consultation & submit to MOC
	12 th Tuesday	Send out grant submissions to GBHT Board members
	20 th Wednesday	GBHT Board Zoom 11am
	26 th Tuesday	Publish Anglers Notice in NZ Gazette
August 2022	4 th Thursday	Managers meeting 10-12.30pm ZOOM
	18 th Thursday	Sports Fishing Licences go on sale
	26 th Monday	Magazine out (Fish)
	19 th Friday	GBHT Board Meeting in Christchurch
	23 rd & 25 th Tuesday & Thursday	NZ Council Meeting by Zoom 7pm to 9pm
	31 st Monday	End of Financial Year Fish & Game
September 2022		
	8 th Thursday	Managers meeting 10-12.30pm by ZOOM
October 2022	1 st Saturday	Sport Fishing Opening
	24 th Monday	Labour Day
November 2022		
	1 st Tuesday	Back country sports fishing opening (Otago)
	5 th Saturday	Back country sports fishing opening (North Canterbury and CSI)
	25 th & 26 th Friday - Saturday	NZ Council Meeting – Wellington

Recommendation:

1. Agree that the proposed NZ Council meeting dates for 2021/22 become:

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

Taranaki Fish and Game Licence Sales Report

Please find attached fish and game licence sales for the 2020/2021 season with comparison to the previous year, also Taranaki YTD fish licence sales for the 2021/2022 season to 29 September 2021 with a comparison to the 2020/2021 to 29 September 2020.

Jilli Steedman
SECRETARY
30 September 2021

RECOMMENDATION

That the Taranaki Fish and Game Licence Sales report, be received

Taranaki Fish & Game Council

Licence Sales Report to 29th September 2021

Comparison of 19/20 - 20/21 Fish Licence Sales (Complete Season)

2019 - 2020	Channel	FWF	FWA	FWNA	FSLA	FLAA	FWIA	FLBA	FSBA	FDA	FDNA	FWJ	FWNJ	FWIJ	FDJ	FDNJ	FWC	FWNC	FDC	FDNC	Fish Tot	Fish LEQ	Fish \$
	Agency Online	50	247	14	50	13	13	1	23	70	11	48	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	545	
	Eyede Call Centre	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
	Mail Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Public Online	58	177	34	13	20	18	3	33	108	61	21	1	0	12	0	0	3	0	0	558		
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	108	425	48	63	33	33	4	56	178	72	69	2	0	13	1	0	4	0	0	1,110	790.58	\$108,524
2020 - 2021	Channel	FWF	FWA	FWNA	FSLA	FLAA	FWIA	FLBA	FSBA	FDA	FDNA	FWJ	FWNJ	FWIJ	FDJ	FDNJ	FWC	FWNC	FDC	FDNC	Fish Tot	Fish LEQ	Fish \$
	Agency Online	60	252	4	45	19	16	1	25	41	1	50	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	523		
	Eyede Call Centre	5	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11		
	Mail Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Public Online	89	243	7	26	28	20	1	30	121	3	36	1	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	625		
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	154	499	11	72	47	36	2	55	163	4	86	1	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	1,159	896.97	\$119,873
	Difference	46	74	-37	9	14	3	-2	-1	-15	-68	17	-1	0	16	-1	0	-4	0	0	49	106	11,349

Comparison of 19/20 - 20/21 Game Licence Sales (Complete Season)

2019 - 2020	Channel	GWA	GWJ	GWC	GDA	GDJ	Game T	Game LEQ	Game \$
	Agency Online	705	57	23	21	2	808		
	Eyede Call Centre	2	0	0	0	0	2		
	Mail Order	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Public Online	263	24	19	18	1	325		
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Total	970	81	42	39	3	1,135	994	\$98,012
2020 - 2021	Channel	GWA	GWJ	GWC	GDA	GDJ	Game T	Game LEQ	Game \$
	Agency Online	895	72	21	33	1	1,022		
	Eyede Call Centre	4	0	0	0	0	4		
	Mail Order	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Public Online	135	14	7	29	2	187		
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Total	1,034	86	28	62	3	1,213	1,064	\$102,625
	Difference	64	5	-14	23	0	78	70	4,613

YEAR	FISH			GAME		
	Budget LEQ	Actual LEQ	% diff	Budget LEQ	Actual LEQ	% diff
19/20	866	791	-75	1141	994	-147
20/21	665	897	232	970	1,064	94

Comparison of YTD Sales 20/21 - 21/22 Fish Licence Sales (sales to 29th September)

2020-2021	Channel	FWF	FWA	FWNA	FSLA	FLAA	FWIA	FLBA	FSBA	FDA	FDNA	FWJ	FWNJ	FWIJ	FDJ	FDNJ	FWC	FWNC	FDC	FDNC	Total	Fish LEQ	Fish \$	
	Agency Online	14	72	1	35	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	139		
	Eyede Call Centre	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
	Mail Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Public Online	26	68	0	16	7	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	123		
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Total	40	140	1	52	9	0	0	0	2	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	263	249	\$33,126	
2021 - 2022	Channel	FWF	FWA	FWNA	FSLA	FLAA	FWIA	FLBA	FSBA	FDA	FDNA	FWJ	FWNJ	FWIJ	FDJ	FDNJ	FWC	FWNC	FDC	FDNC	Total	Fish LEQ	Fish \$	
	Agency Online	11	73	0	37	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	124		
	Eyede Call Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Mail Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Public Online	17	69	1	18	9	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	117		
	Retail Book	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Total	28	142	1	55	10	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	241	235	\$32,282	
	Difference	-12	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	-2	0	-15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-22	-13	-844

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

2020/2021 Game Bird Dispersal Report

This paper reports on operational activity conducted during the reporting period under project 1181. The objective of this project is to ensure the dispersal or control of congregations of game birds where they cause unacceptable damage.

A total of 66 permits to disturb were issued by Taranaki Fish & Game staff within the reporting period. (57 permits issued last year). Note that some of these permits cover more than 1 species. The area with the highest number of permits issued was Taranaki (45) then Whanganui (17) and Waimarino (4) 48 Permits were issued between the months of November and May (40 last year).

Income of \$840 (\$760 last year) for the hire of gas guns was received during the year,

MALLARD

There were 9 permits (9 permits issued 2019/2020) issued for the disturbance of Mallard ducks, causing damage to crops. (5 included Paradise shelduck)

PUKEKO

31 permits were issued for the disturbance of pukeko (1 including paradise shelduck). This compares to 23 permits issued 2019/2020.

Problem	No. permits issued	Disturbance method used
Damage to gardens	23	Trip traps (10) Shot gun, .22 rifle & Air rifle (13)
Damage to crops & pasture	6	Shotgun / .22 rifle (4) Trip trap (1) Gas Gun (1)
Preventing Pateke from accessing supplementary feeders	1	Live capture traps / .22 rifle / air rifle
Damage to stormwater treatment wetland	1	.22 rifle / air rifle

PARADISE SHELDUCK

30 permits were issued for the disturbance of Paradise shelduck (5 including Mallard, 1 including black swan and 1 including Pukeko). This compares to 30 permits issued 2019/2020.

Problem	No. permits issued	Disturbance method used
Damage to crops & pasture	29	Gas gun / Shot gun
A special permit was issued to allow hunting on a property in Area B as part of the Special Paradise Season	1	Shotgun

Recommendation

That the Game Bird Dispersal Report – 2020/2021, be received.

Jilli Steedman
SECRETARY

9 September 2021

Valid From Date	Area	Problem	Method	Species
9.9.20	Whanganui	Damage to gardens	.22 rifle	Pukeko
15.0.20	New Plymouth	Damage to gardens	Trip trap	Pukeko
24.9.20	Stratford	Damage to wetland, harassing chooks	Trip trap (2)	Pukeko
24.9.20	New Plymouth	Damage to gardens, fish pond	.22 rifle	Pukeko
25.9.20	Oakura	Damage to maize planting	Shotgun	Pukeko
15.10.20	Whanganui	Damage to pasture and farm facilities	Shotgun /.22 rifle	Pukeko
19.10.20	New Plymouth	Damage to commercial vegetable crops and feijoas	Shotgun /.22 rifle	pukeko
23.10.20	Waitara	Damage to Japanese Maples	Shotgun /.22 rifle	Pukeko
23.10.20	Oakura	Damage to Riparian planting	Shotgun /.22 rifle	Pukeko
12.11.20	Waitara	Damage to crops	Shotgun / gas gun	Paradise Shelduck
16.11.20	New Plymouth	Damage to gardens	Trip trap (2)	Pukeko
16.11.20	Stratford	Damage to chicory crop	Shotgun / Gas gun	Paradise Shelduck
17.11.20	Stratford	Damage to chicory crop	Shotgun / Gas gun	Paradise Shelduck
24.11.20	Okato	Damage to turnip crop	Shotgun / Gas gun	Paradise shelduck & Mallard
26.11.20	Okato	Damage to chicory crop	Shotgun / Gas gun	Paradise Shelduck
30.11.20	Ohakune	Damage to crops	Gas gun	Mallard duck
28.11.20	Hawera	Damage to chicory crop	Gas gun	Paradise shelduck & Black swan
8.12.20	New Plymouth	Damage to gardens	Trip trap (2)	Pukeko
8.12.20	Midhirst	Damage to turnip/forage rape crop	Gas gun	Paradise shelduck & Mallard

Valid From Date	Area	Problem	Method	Species
10.12.20	New Plymouth	Damage to stormwater treatment wetland	.22 rifle / air rifle	Pukeko
14.12.20	Hawera	Damage to turnip crop	Gas gun	Paradise shelduck & Mallard
17.12.20	Tarata	Damage to chicory/forage rape crop	Gas gun	Paradise shelduck
17.12.20	Inglewood	Damage to pasture	Gas gun	Paradise Shelduck
21.12.20	Stratford	Damage to new grass	Gas gun	Paradise shelduck
21.12.20	Stratford	Damage to a turnip crop	Gas gun	Mallard duck
21.12.20	New Plymouth	Damage to a turnip crop	Gas gun	Paradise shelduck
21.12.20	New Plymouth	Damage to chicory crop	Gas gun	Paradise shelduck & Mallard
22.12.20	Inglewood	Damage to chicory crop	Gas gun	Paradise shelduck & Mallard
22.12.20	Raetihi	Damage to pasture & crops	Gas gun	Paradise Shelduck
26.12.20	Inglewood	Damage to chicory crop	Gas gun	Paradise shelduck
6.01.21	Inglewood	Damage to pasture	Gas gun	Paradise shelduck
11.01.21	New Plymouth	Damage to gardens	Trip trap (2)	Pukeko
14.01.21	Whanganui	Damage to crops and pasture	Summer season	Paradise Shelduck
28.01.21	Stratford	Damage to a turnip crop	Gas gun	Paradise shelduck
1.02.21	Opunake	Damage to pasture	Gas gun	Paradise Shelduck
2.02.21	Stratford	nuisance to domestic ducks	Gas gun	Mallard duck
9.2.21	Whanganui	Damage to clover crops	Gas gun	Mallard
15.2.21	Whanganui	Damage to chicory crops	Gas gun	Paradise Shelduck
16.02.21	Kaponga	Damage to pasture	Gas gun	Paradise Shelduck

Valid From Date	Area	Problem	Method	Species
24.02.21	Whanganui	Damage to gardens	shotgun / .22 rifle	Pukeko
16.3.21	Ohakune	Damage to pasture	Gas gun	Paradise shelduck
18.03.21	Stratford	Damage to new grass	Gas gun	Paradise shelduck
29.3.21	Raetihi	Damage to chicory crops	Gas gun / Shot gun	Paradise shelduck
8.4.21	Stratford	Damage to emerging kale crop	Gas gun / Shot gun	Paradise shelduck
8.4.21	New Plymouth	fouling troughs, damage to new grass and silage stack	Gas gun / Shot gun	Paradise shelduck & Pukeko
9.4.21	Stratford	Damage to new grass	Gas gun	Paradise shelduck
9.4.21	New Plymouth	Damage to maize silage stack	.22 rifle	Pukeko
12.4.21	Inglewood	Damage to new grass	Gas gun	Paradise shelduck
13.4.21	Whanganui	Damage to gardens	.22 rifle	Pukeko
23.4.21	New Plymouth	Damage to gardens & fruit trees (fejjoa)	Trip trap	Pukeko
4.05.21	Stratford	Damage to crops	Gas gun	Paradise shelduck
10.5.21	Whanganui	Damage to gardens	.22 rifle	Pukeko
10.5.21	Whanganui	Damage to gardens	.22 rifle	Pukeko
11.5.21	New Plymouth	Damage to gardens	Trip trap	Pukeko
19.5.21	Whanganui	Damage to gardens	Trip trap	Pukeko
24.5.21	Eltham	Preventing Pateke from accessing supplementary feeders	live capture traps/ .22 rifle/air rifle	Pukeko
28.5.21	New Plymouth	Damage to gardens	Trip trap	Pukeko
8.6.21	Whanganui	Damage to gardens	.22 rifle	Pukeko
8.6.21	Whanganui	Damage to gardens	.22 rifle	Pukeko

Valid From Date	Area	Problem	Method	Species
30.6.21	Whanganui	Damage to gardens	.22 rifle	Pukeko
30.6.21	Whanganui	Damage to gardens	.22 rifle	Pukeko
2.07.21	New Plymouth	Damage to gardens	Trip trap	Pukeko
23.7.21	Whanganui	Damage to gardens	.22 rifle	Pukeko
23.7.21	Whanganui	Damage to gardens	.22 rifle	Pukeko
28.7.21	New Plymouth	Damage to gardens	Trip trap	Pukeko
5.8.21	Whanganui	Damage to paddocks	Firearm	Black Swan

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

2020/21 HATCHERY AND TROUT LIBERATIONS REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION

The Council's 2020/21 Annual Operational Plan has a species management objective to "supplement trout fishing opportunities with appropriate stocking that is valued, cost effective in terms of the return to the angler and which retains community support". The project planned results are:

- Undertake an annual trout stocking programme which concentrates on creating and maintaining valued lake fisheries;
- Undertake trout releases and monitoring of the lower Patea River under contract to TrustPower Ltd.;
- Undertake a trial release of 2-year-old trout into the lower Patea River to assess the potential for a long-term programme;
- Implement hatchery review decision such that the operation of the Hawera hatchery is effective, cost efficient and sustainable to meet the identified stocking objectives.

2. HATCHERY

There were 1,492 adipose-fin clipped rainbow trout yearlings from the 2019 year-class held in the Hawera hatchery at the beginning of the 2020/2021 financial year.

An estimated 2,750 rainbow trout fry from the 2020 year-class were also held at that time. These fish originated from 3,000 eyed rainbow ova received from the Eastern F&G Region's Ngongataha hatchery on 22nd July 2020 (Figure 1). Trout from the 2020 year-class were adipose fin-clipped on 17th March 2021 at which time the count was only 900 fish, when 2,000 were expected. It is not known why the count was low – there were no obvious deaths, so an escape at the fry stage is a possibility. In any case, the lower fish density in the hatchery meant that the size and condition of the 2020 year-class is exceptional.

A total of 3,000 eyed rainbow trout ova (2021 year-class for 2022/23 release) were received from the Eastern F&G Region's Ngongataha hatchery on 14th July 2021. From these ova approximately 2,750 fry were held in the hatchery at years-end (31st August 2021).

Allen Schicker retired from the hatchery team during the year, leaving 10 volunteers to run the hatchery on a daily basis on Council's behalf.

3. RELEASES OF FINGERLING OR YEARLING TROUT

During the 2020/21 financial year, a total of 3,092 fingerling, yearling and 17-20-month trout from the 2019 and 2020 year-classes were released into five lakes and two rivers in the region (Tables 1&2). Releases were made consistent with the release schedules presented to the March 2020 and 2021 Council meetings. As per the Council's Sports Fish & Game Management Plan 2011, the Council only releases trout into waters where they already exist.

The total included 1,000 tagged brown trout yearlings and 500 tagged rainbow trout yearlings released into the lower Patea River downstream of Patea Dam in the fourth year of a 5-year release program funded by Trustpower Ltd. These fish were supplied direct from the Ngongotaha hatchery. To date, anglers have reported only modest returns of these fish (Photo 1).

Releases of Hawera hatchery rainbows totalled 1,592 fish during the year, with an additional 800 yearlings from the 2020 year-class held-over in the hatchery at 31st August 2021. All Hawera hatchery fish were adipose-fin clipped.

The releases included 300 rainbows held in the hatchery for 17 months and released into the upper Patea River on 11th December 2020 (Table 1) for the Stratford kids' fishing day. These fish were in good condition but not quite as big as previously, with fish weighing around 1kg (Photo 2). A total of 60 children participated in the event, with at least 42 rainbows caught on the day and more caught in the following days. The 2019 and 2020 releases don't appear to have held in the upper Patea River as well as previous years, which limited ongoing angling opportunity for the general licence holder.

A total of 211 rainbows were also held over and released into the Stony (Hangatahua) River on 16th December 2020 and 12th January 2021 (Table 1) at 17 and 18 months old. They held and grew well in the Stony, providing angling opportunity through to 17th July 2021, when a rain-induced headwater erosion event filled the river with sand and ash.

A further 210 rainbows were released into the lower Patea River below Patea Dam on 23rd March 2021 at 20 months of age. This was the second annual release of such fish, which is an extension of the lower Patea River trial release programme to see if releases at a greater age and larger size improved the return to anglers. Several of these fish have been reported caught, although recent returns have been in relatively poor condition indicating that food availability may be an issue during periods with high power station generation.

For the 2019 year-class, the total number of rainbow trout raised through to release was 2,074 fish from the 3,000 ova received in July 2019. This gave a survival to release of 69.1% (Figure 2), which was about average.

4. RELEASES OF TWO YEAR OLD RAINBOW TROUT FROM NGONGOTAHA

A total of 420 healthy two-year-old rainbows from the Eastern Fish & Game Region's Ngongotaha hatchery were released into Lake Rotomanu on 22nd October 2020 (Table 3). These fish cost \$4,318.42 (GST exclusive) or \$10.28 each once transport was included. No release was made into Sattler's Dam near Raetihi, as fish were not available this year from DOC's Tongariro National Trout Centre.

Following the release, a successful family trout fishing promotion was held at New Plymouth's Lake Rotomanu on 31st October 2020. Wet and windy conditions didn't deter keen young anglers and good numbers of fish were caught. The event was held in conjunction with the Inglewood Rod, Gun & Recreation Club and Taranaki Hunting & Fishing and was the first time that trout were released into the lake rather than corralled in a holding net.

5. PLANNED RESULTS FOR HAWERA HATCHERY TROUT RELEASES

5.1 *Implement an effective trout stocking programme which concentrates on creating and maintaining valued lake fisheries.*

As shown in Tables 2&3, hatchery rainbow trout were liberated into five lakes in the region during the year. Lakes Mangamahoe and Rotomanu were well used by anglers with lesser numbers fishing Lakes Ngangana, Ratapiko and Namunamu.

Two rivers were also stocked with hatchery rainbow trout during the year. In the case of the Stony River, the annual release of 17-18-month Hawera hatchery rainbows has proven successful in sustaining a productive and valued fishery. While the fishery is currently affected by a significant headwater erosion event, previous experience has shown that the habitat will gradually recover to the point where further releases will be worthwhile.

The release of 300 Hawera hatchery rainbows into the upper Patea River in the centre of Stratford creates a successful kids' trout fishing promotion that encourages children and their families to get into trout fishing. Following 20+ years of releases, a wild rainbow trout population is also becoming established.

5.2 *Undertake trout releases and monitoring of the lower Patea River under contract to TrustPower Ltd. & the trial release of 2-year-old trout to assess the potential for a long-term programme.*

Releases of yearling and 2-year-old trout into the lower Patea River have yet to provide a significant return, although early results indicate that the trial release of larger fish is producing better results. The effectiveness of these releases will be reviewed in 2022 following the end of the 5-year Trustpower-funded release programme.

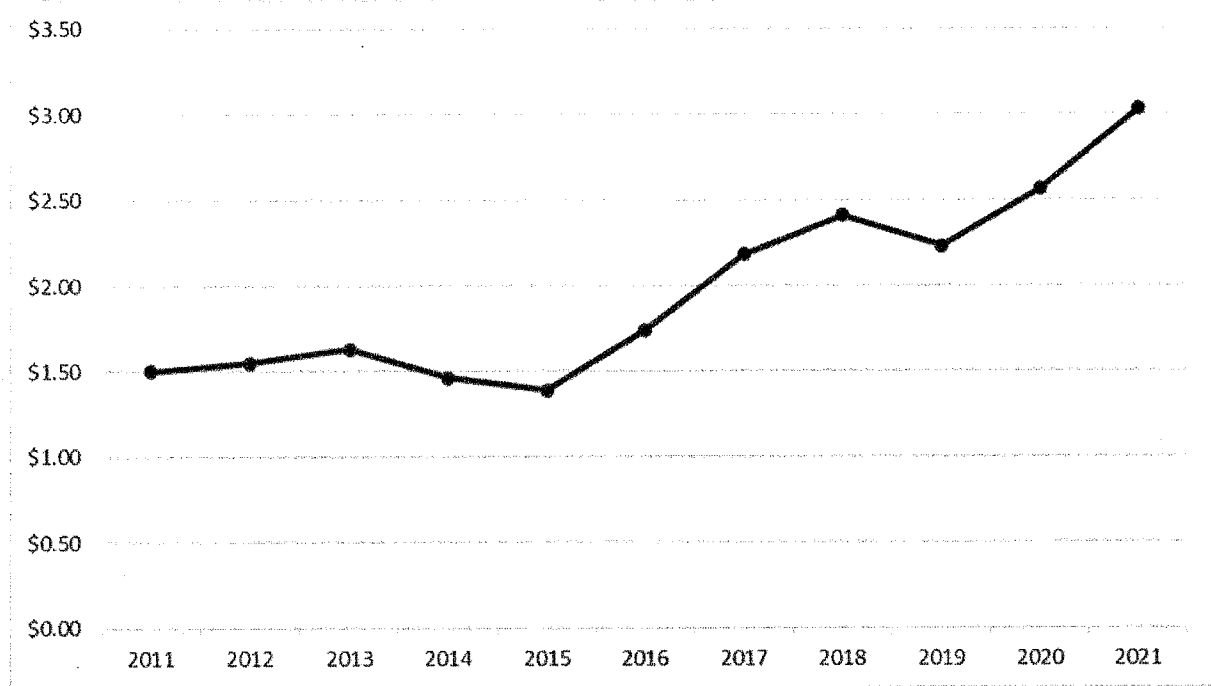
5.3 *Implement hatchery review decision such that the operation of the Hawera hatchery is effective, cost efficient and sustainable to meet the identified stocking objectives*

The outcome of a review of hatchery requirements and options to meet these will be influenced by a National Stocking Policy currently being developed by National Council. This has delayed the review, but the reduction in ova received at the Hawera hatchery to the current 3,000 (Figure 1) reflects an ongoing refinement of the programme to concentrate on sites where releases are proving effective and providing an adequate return to the angler.

Operating costs for the Hawera hatchery over the period 1 September 2020 - 31 August 2021 came to \$8,862.29. This included the cost of trout ova (\$1,367.62), fish food (\$3,572.98), insurance (\$678.06), power (\$665.04), liberation expenses (\$562.46), hatchery expenses (\$228.69) and resource consent monitoring fees (\$1,787.44) but excluded staff time.

With a total of 2,392 trout raised at the hatchery in the 2020/2021 financial year, (1,592 released and 800 held-over) this put the average cost of raising trout at the Hawera hatchery at \$3.70 per fish (all figures GST exclusive). However, this year there was \$1,617.39 of income from a Taranaki Electricity Trust grant to cover the cost of raising trout for the Stratford kids' fishing event. This brought the cost per fish down to \$3.03, which was the highest figure to date (Figure 3).

Figure 3 - Cost of trout produced vs year for 2010/11 to 2020/21



While costs continue to rise in all areas, the smaller number of fish raised in recent years and rearing some fish through to 20-months of age means that fish are now much larger at release and they will have better survival as a result.

The figure of \$3.03 per fish still compares favourably with the cost of purchasing rainbow trout yearlings directly from the Eastern F&G Region (\$5.21 each, plus transport @ \$2.54/km), particularly given that the Hawera fish are much larger at release. Having trout available at Hawera retains the flexibility to release fish when receiving water conditions are suitable. As indicated in Section 4, the large Hawera rainbows raised for the Stratford, Stony River and lower Patea River releases would have cost \$10.28 each to buy and transport from Ngongotaha.

6. RECOMMENDATION

That the 2020/2021 Trout Liberation Report dated 15th September 2021, be received.

Allen Stancliff
Acting Manager
15th September 2021

TABLE 1 - Releases of fingerling or yearling rainbow trout into Taranaki Region rivers and lakes during the 2020/2021 financial year. All fish raised at the Hawera hatchery were produced from Lake Tarawera-strain ova received from the Eastern Fish & Game Region.

Water	Release Date	Hatchery Origin	Fish Year Class	Number Released
Lake Namunamu	10.09.20	F&G Hawera	2019	260
Lake Rotomanu	17.09.20	F&G Hawera	2019	100
Lake Mangamahoe	17.09.20	F&G Hawera	2019	100
Lake Ratapiko	17.09.20	F&G Hawera	2019	50
Lake Ngangana	07.10.20	F&G Hawera	2019	200
Lake Mangamahoe	28.10.20	F&G Hawera	2019	61
Patea River (lower)	29.10.20	F&G Ngongotaha	2019	1,000*
Patea River (lower)	29.10.20	F&G Ngongotaha	2019	500
Patea River (upper)	11.12.20	F&G Hawera	2019	300
Stony River	16.12.20	F&G Hawera	2019	100
Stony River	12.01.21	F&G Hawera	2019	111
Patea River (lower)	23.03.21	F&G Hawera	2019	210
Lake Mangamahoe	19.05.21	F&G Hawera	2020	100
Total Released				3,092

* = brown trout

TABLE 2 - Total number of fingerling or yearling rainbow trout released into each water during the 2020/2021 financial year

Water	Number Released
Lake Ratapiko	50
Lake Mangamahoe	261
Lake Rotomanu	100
Lake Namunamu	260
Lake Ngangana	200
Stony River	211
Patea River (upper)	300
Patea River (lower)	1,710*
Total Released	3,092

* includes 1,000 brown trout

TABLE 3. Releases of 2-year-old hatchery rainbows in the Taranaki Region during the 2020/2021 financial year.

Water	Date	Hatchery Origin	Number Released
Lake Rotomanu	22.10.20	F&G Ngongataha	420
Total Released			420



Photo 1. Hatchery rainbow trout from Trustpower-funded releases caught in the lower Patea River on 26th October 2020. The larger fish weighed approximately 2kg (photo Martin Powell).



Photo 3. Hawera hatchery rainbow released into the lower Patea River in March 2020 at 20 months old and recaptured on 8th May 2021 (photo Gerard Karalus).

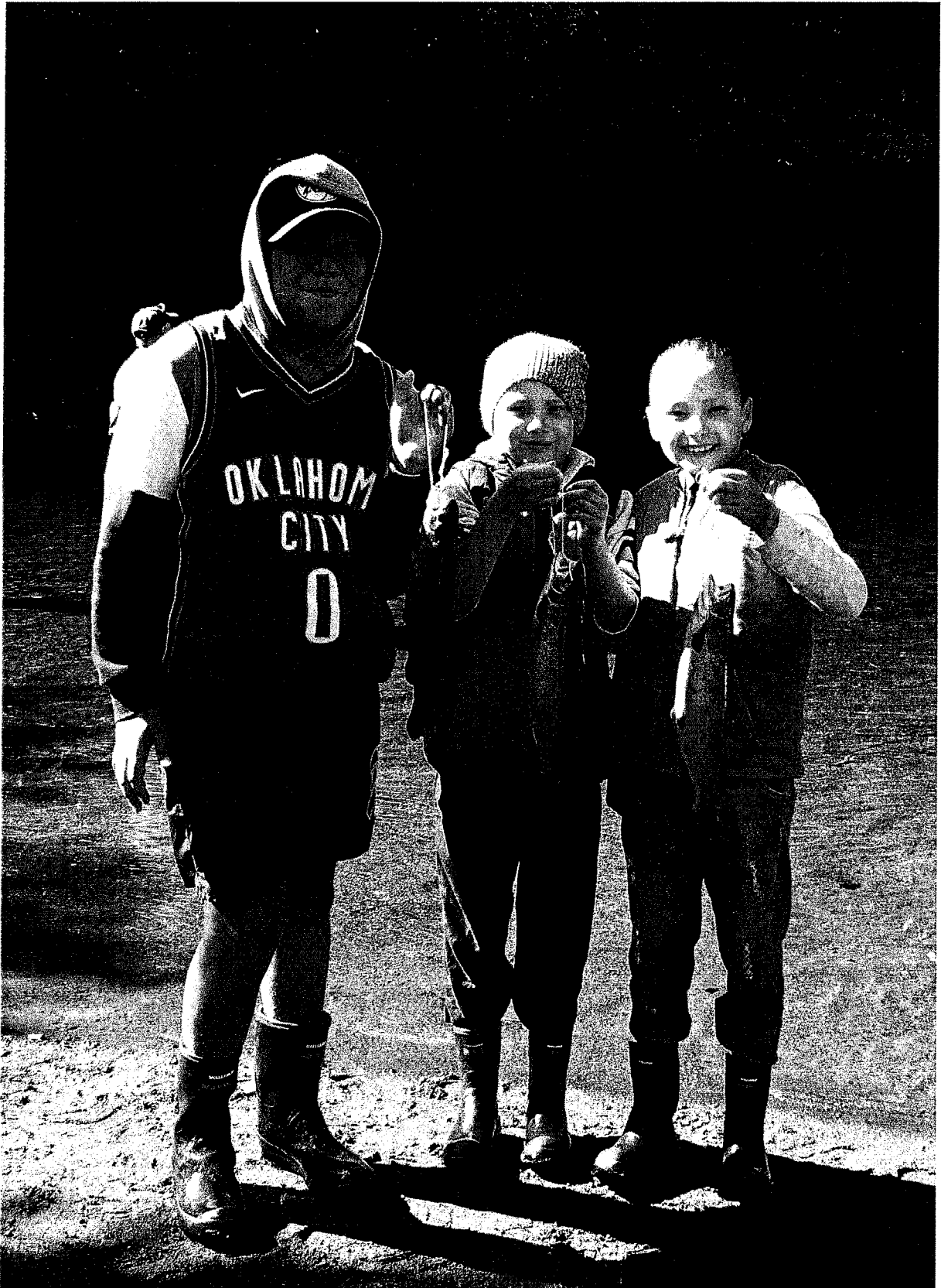


Photo 2. Hawera hatchery rainbow trout from the 2019 year-class caught at the December 2020 Stratford kids' fishing day.

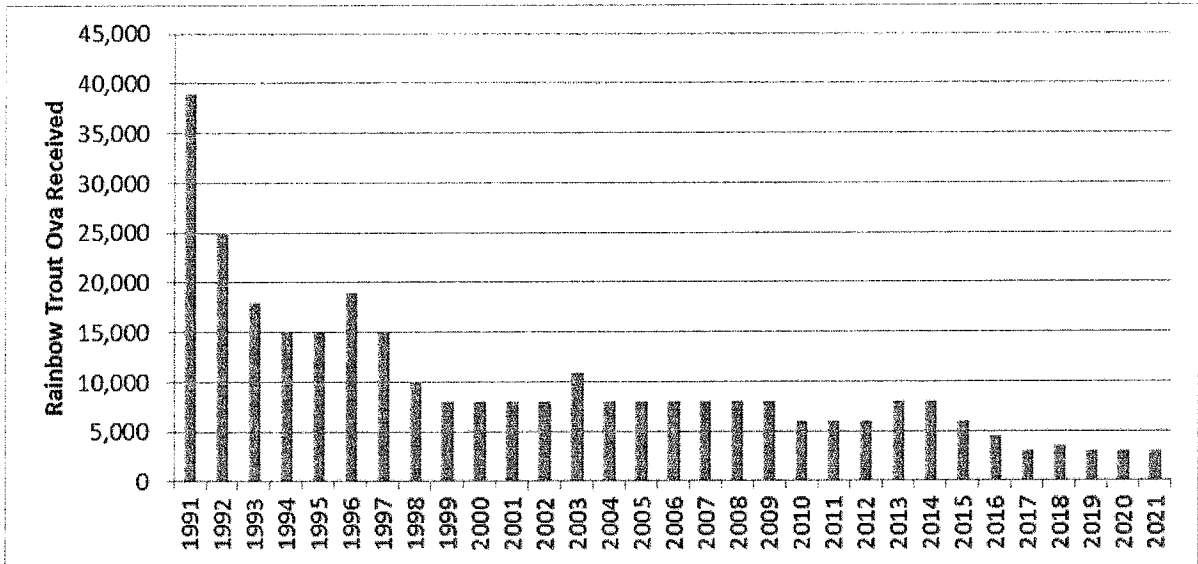


FIGURE 1. Rainbow trout ova received at the Hawera trout hatchery, 1991 – 2021.

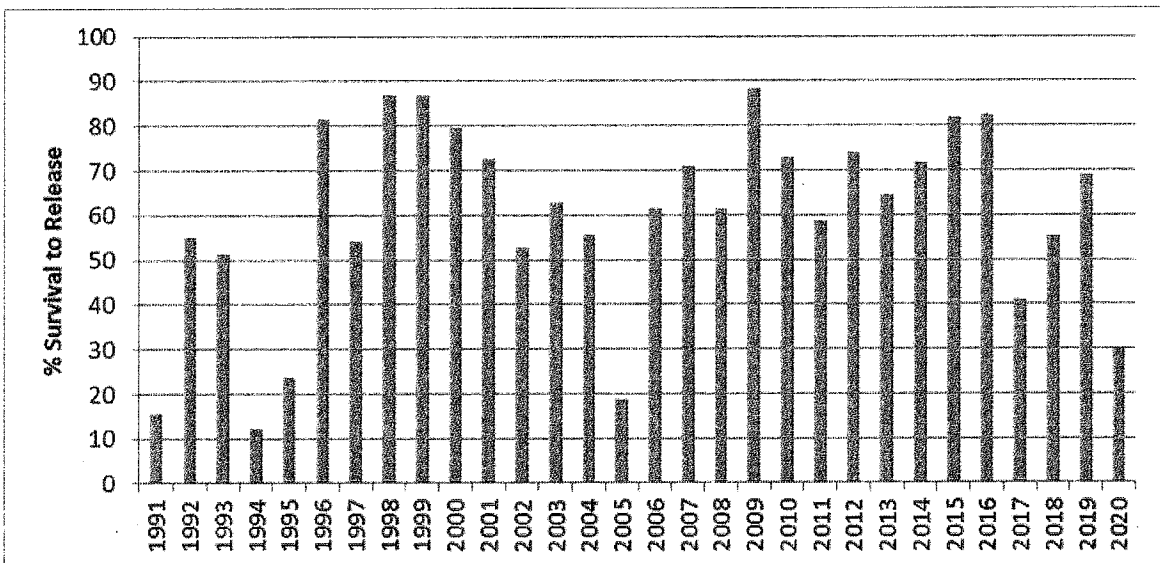


FIGURE 2. Rainbow trout survival to release as a percentage of ova received, 1991 – 2020.

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman

Taranaki Fish and Game Council

2020/21 Compliance Report

The annual plan requires production of a compliance report detailing compliance activities including ranger management and results over the year.

Ranger management and training

The Taranaki Region operated 9 honorary rangers and 2 warranted staff over the 2020/21 year. Operating 9 rangers is less than the ideal of 12 rangers plus staff as identified in the Compliance Strategy adopted in October 2016.

Over the year one training course was held at Whanganui prior to the new fishing season attended by 5 honorary rangers and two staff. A training course was also held in New Plymouth prior to the gamebird season this year attended by 6 honorary rangers and two staff. All but two rangers attended at least one training session.

Ranger warrants expire on 30 September this year and renewal applications have been completed for all 9 current rangers plus one staff. In addition, we welcome back into the fold two experienced rangers who had previously stepped back for various reasons. These rangers are now keen to be involved again and warrant applications have also been completed for them bringing the team going forward to 11 honorary rangers and 1 staff going forward (with a staff vacancy to also be filled).

It is also important to note the contribution by staff from CERT Systems who accompany our ranging teams on Opening Day. While these staff are not warranted, they are obviously very skilled in the field and provide valuable assistance, in turn keeping their hand in in the field.

All of our rangers have current CERT certification (valid for 3 years), however the two returning rangers need to complete a refresher course and are booked in for this.

Staff also maintained regular contact with rangers through the reporting period providing advice and general support, and particularly with respect to the changing landscape under the developing Covid pandemic.

Compliance activities

The following numbers of hunters and anglers were checked over the year with three offences detected (table 1).

Table 1 Number of hunters and anglers checked and offences detected over the 2020/21 season

	Number of checks	% of total licences sold (using provisional 2020/21 figures)	Number of offences detected	User compliance rate (%)
Anglers	41	3.8% of 1,092	2	95.1%
Hunters	108*	9.6% of 1,122	1	99.1%

* includes 5 hunters checked over the Special Paradise Duck season

The number of hunters checked reached the target of 100 identified in the Compliance Strategy. This reflects a conscious effort to have a high ranging profile after the low activity last season as a consequence of the Covid-Level 2 restrictions.

However, fishing licence checks were much less successful. This does not reflect a lack of effort but just the challenge of finding anglers when they are spread out across the Taranaki region. Even visits to higher profile fisheries like the Manganuioteao River over holiday weekends often resulted in only a couple of encounters.

It is likely an increased focus on Lake Mangamahoe in the new season would help increase the number of checks going forward.

Of the two angling and one hunting offence detected, these all involved fishing or hunting without licences. One was dealt with by a formal warning and the other two successfully completed diversion offers. The level of detected hunting and fishing offences was within the target of 95% compliance.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Taranaki Fish & Game Council accept this compliance report for 2020/21 noting that;

- management of honorary rangers met the planned result in the Operational Plan
- compliance checks of hunters met the target of 100
- compliance checks of anglers did not reach the target of 100 licence holders.
- compliance with the regulations was 95.1% for anglers checked and 99.1% for hunters checked

Allen Stancliff

Acting Regional Manager

29 September 2021.

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

2020/21 Fishery Monitoring Report

Angler diary scheme

This was the fourth season a voluntary angler diary scheme has been used across the Taranaki Fish & Game Region.

This year 21 anglers returned data for the season, compared to 22 anglers last season, 16 in 2018/19 and 23 anglers in 2017/18. The data provided a record of 207 angling trips compared to 249, 188 and 216 angling trips greater than 15 minutes duration in the preceding three seasons.

In the following analysis the average catch rate was calculated by first determining the catch rate for each individual angler trip (number of fish caught / divided by how long the angler spent fishing) and then averaging all these catch rates for the particular river or lake. This ensures each trip received equal weighting and therefore the average catch rate is a more appropriate measure of what an angler experienced on average. In this way the catch rate can also be used as one measure of angler satisfaction.

However, with this approach it is necessary to limit the analysis to trips longer than 15 minutes, otherwise unrealistic individual catch rates may be obtained which in turn skew the overall average calculated. The catch rates (cpue) listed in Tables 1 & 2 below represent the catch of trout larger than 30cm in length per hour of fishing effort. For example, a cpue of 0.5 equals half a trout per hour or one trout for every two hours fishing.

Table 1 highlights that as in previous seasons, most effort (84.6 % of the total) was recorded on rivers in the region. While the average catch rate for rivers (0.60 fish/hr) was the lowest recorded over the four seasons, it was still very respectable when compared to average catch rates of 0.2 - 0.35 fish per hour in the Taupo fishery.

There was a decrease in effort on lakes compared to the previous season (Table 1), which was mainly due to a reduction in effort at Lake Mangamahoe and also at Opunake Lake. The average lake catch rate for lakes (0.28 fish/hr) was the lowest recorded, mainly due to a reduction in the catch rate of large rainbow trout at Lake Mangamahoe. However, 21 of the 40 trout that diarists reported catching at Lake Mangamahoe were less than 30cm and so were not included in the analysis. Thirty-three of the 40 trout were reported as hatchery rainbows, indicating that the annual release of around 300 hatchery trout into Lake Mangamahoe is still providing a good fishing opportunity.

Catch rate data for some of the larger, more popular fisheries is presented in Table 2. Data has not been presented for some of the smaller streams in accordance with an undertaking not to identify diarists' favourite small stream fishery.

With small sample sizes, the average catch rate can be strongly influenced by the results of just one or two trips and this can be misleading. For example, the low catch rate for the Kaupokonui may well reflect that diarists recorded only 3 trips there during the 2020/21 season. A continuing decline in catch rate for the Waingongoro River may also be influenced by the small number of trips. Likewise, a couple of expert anglers with high catch rates have influenced results for the Manganuioteao River.

Catch rates looked to be maintained in the upper Patea River (Table 2), particularly given that 22 additional small wild rainbows and 11 small brown trout were reported by diarists, but not included in the analysis. Only 2 of 13 large rainbows were reported as hatchery fish, continuing the recent trend of fish from the annual December kids fishing release into the upper Patea not showing up in the diarists' catch. However, it is evident that the wild rainbow population is showing an ongoing increase.

Results for the Stony and Waiaua Rivers reflected conditions prior to the 17th July 2021 flood and headwater erosion event, which decimated habitat in both rivers and will likely render them unfishable for much of the 2021/22 season.

Overall, the diarists found fishing a bit harder during the 2020/21 season, which ties in well with results of the on-line Taranaki angler satisfaction survey for the 2020/21 season. That survey report, included in Council's August 2021 meeting agenda, noted that there was a smaller proportion of anglers who rated their overall catch rate good or very good compared to the 2019/20 season and the general trend in the data was that the fishing was only okay in 2020/21 and certainly poorer for some than the previous season.

Table 1: Hours of angling effort and average catch rate (trout > 30cm/hr) by water type for Taranaki F&G Region as recorded by the 2020/21 angler diary scheme.

	Trips recorded					Total hours					% of total effort					Average trip length (hrs)					Average catch rate				
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2020	2019	2018	2017	2020	2019	2018	2017	2020	2019	2018	2017	2020	2019	2018	2017	2020	2019	2018	2017	
Season	36	96	24	29	85	168	45	47	15.4	27.4	9.6	8.7	2.36	1.75	1.9	1.6	0.28	0.59	0.63	0.90	0.60	0.66	0.83	0.89	
Lakes	171	155	164	187	468	445	422	496	84.6	72.6	90.4	91.3	2.73	2.9	2.6	2.6	0.60	0.66	0.83	0.89	0.60	0.66	0.83	0.89	

Table 2: Number of trips recorded and average catch rate (trout per hour) of large (> 30cm) rainbow, brown and all trout combined by water for 2020/21 Taranaki F&G Region angler diary scheme.

Water	Trips recorded					CPUE large rainbow trout					CPUE large brown trout					CPUE large trout				
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2020	2019	2018	2017	2020	2019	2018	2017	2020	2019	2018	2017	2020	2019	2018	2017
Kaupokonui Stream	3	8	8	8	0.24	0.32	0.76	0.06	0.00	0.24	0.19	0.33	0.24	0.56	0.95	0.40	0.24	0.56	0.95	0.40
Patea River	36	24	42	39	0.15	0.09	0.2	0.27	0.45	0.43	0.6	0.55	0.60	0.52	0.8	0.85	0.60	0.52	0.8	0.85
Stony River	30	14	7	12	0.56	0.95	0.72	0.91	0	0	0	0	0.56	0.95	0.72	0.91	0.56	0.95	0.72	0.91
Waiaua River	7	17	17	19	0.04	0.13	0.31	0.28	0.23	0.28	0.26	0.17	0.27	0.41	0.56	0.45	0.27	0.41	0.56	0.45
Waingongoro River	9	17	28	46	0.31	0.30	0.57	0.77	0.05	0.15	0.32	0.38	0.36	0.45	0.89	1.15	0.36	0.45	0.89	1.15
Waiwhakaho River	32	17	17	8	0	0	0	0	0.35	0.91	0.73	1.05	0.35	0.91	0.73	1.05	0.35	0.91	0.73	1.05
Manganuioteao River	14	12	7	10	1.49	0.59	0.82	1.15	0.11	0.36	0	0.1	1.60	0.95	0.82	1.25	1.60	0.95	0.82	1.25
Manganui River	7	7	6	4	0	0	0	0	0.23	0.38	0.78	0	0.23	0.38	0.78	0	0.23	0.38	0.78	0
Lake Mangamahoe	32	87	17	24	0.15	0.47	0.53	0.52	0.07	0.1	0.31	0.33	0.22	0.57	0.85	0.85	0.22	0.57	0.85	0.85

Retaruke River Fishery Investigation

The Retaruke River is located west of National Park, originating below the western slopes of Mount Ruapehu and flowing north then west to join the Whanganui River. The river has been periodically affected by sedimentation from the Erua slip in its headwaters and in the 2016/17 season the Council implemented a zero daily bag limit and no bait fishing restriction to allow the fishery to rebuild following a period of severe impact.

An electric fishing survey to update baseline data on juvenile rainbow and brown trout populations was conducted at four sites on the upper river between the 7th December 2020 and 2nd January 2021 (Table 1). The spread in survey dates reflects that the 7th December survey was interrupted by a significant fresh and consistent with recommended practice the remainder of the survey was deferred for several weeks to allow river communities to re-establish. Sites in the lower Retaruke River were not surveyed, as the river downstream of Pukeatua Bridge is narrow and deeply incised with long pools flowing through smooth papa bed rock and little suitable juvenile habitat.

Table 1 Location of survey sites (NZTM 2000)

Site	Survey Date	Start	Comment
Pukeatua (Road)	7 December 2020	E1791059, N5673261	Above Pukeatua Road bridge
Kouturoa East (Road)	7 December 2020	E1794352, N5668402	Above Kouturoa East Road bridge
Rowe's	2 January 2021	E1796317, N5663087	
Power (Road)	2 January 2021	E1796989, N5660234	Above Power Road bridge

Densities of brown and rainbow trout fry recorded in the survey are presented in Table 3. Sites sampled on 2nd January 2021 (Power & Rowe's) may have been impacted by the fresh, although densities were similar to those recorded in the Manganuioteao River and tributaries in 2017 and reflect much stronger recruitment in Waimarino streams generally, compared to rivers on the Mount Taranaki ringplain (Table 4). Overall, rainbow trout fry were more prevalent than brown trout fry in the Retaruke River.

The survey revealed that rainbow and brown trout populations are rebounding strongly in the upper Retaruke River now the erosion event has once again settled. In the absence of continued sediment inputs from this source, the river provides extensive areas of high-quality juvenile trout habitat. Should another erosion event occur, it is apparent that the wild fishery will rebound when conditions allow and there is nothing to suggest there is any benefit from undertaking trout releases to speed this up.

Based on the survey results, it was recommended that the angling rules for the 2021/22 season be relaxed to be consistent with the general 2 fish per day and all angling methods restriction which applies to the great majority of Taranaki Fish & Game Region trout fisheries. This recommendation was adopted at the Council's 12th June 2021 meeting to consider the 2021/2022 Anglers Notice.

Table 3 Density (fish caught per minute) and average length (mm) of juvenile trout by species and site within the upper Retaruke River

Location	Brown trout		Rainbow trout		Unidentified trout	All trout
	Density	Av. length	Density	Av. length	Density	Density
Power	0.2	66	0.9	55	0.7	1.8
Rowe's	0.3	87	1.1	63	0.1	1.5
Kouturoa East	0.9	72	0.5	57	0.2	1.6
Pukeatua	0.2	66	0.9	55	0.7	1.8

Table 4 Comparison of maximum and average trout densities recorded (fish caught per minute of electric fishing machine time) in the Retaruke survey with those of previous surveys.

Catchment	Survey Dates	No. of sites	Maximum density (fish per minute)	Average density (fish per minute)
Mangawhero River	2-3 December 2015	9	7.0	2.4
Kaupokonui Stream	6-7 December 2016	9	1.1	0.36
Manganuioteao River	4-6 December 2017	11	2.7*	1.39*
Waiwhakaiho River	17-19 December 2018	9	1.5	0.63
Retaruke River	7 December 2020, 2 nd January 2021	4	1.8	1.68

* Includes both brown & rainbow trout

Lake Mangamahoe Trout Spawning Survey

Lake Mangamahoe is a 24ha hydro reservoir located near New Plymouth that supports a fishery based on wild brown trout, supplemented with the annual release of around 300 hatchery rainbows. Brown trout recruitment likely stems from Mangamahoe Stream and juveniles entrained in water diverted from the Waiwhakaiho River via the lake inlet tunnel. The fishery is restricted to fly fishing only and is one of the most popular in the region.

A 1.5km section of the Mangamahoe Stream tributary from the SH3 culvert upstream to a waterfall and the lake inlet from the Waiwhakaiho River were both surveyed twice during the 2021 spawning season.

Only a small amount of spawning activity was seen on 2nd June 2021, with 3 redds and 4 brown trout observed in Mangamahoe Stream and 1 redd in the lake inlet. A repeat survey on 24th June near the usual peak in trout spawning recorded 5 redds and 13 brown trout in Mangamahoe Stream and 2 redds in the lake inlet. Of the 13 trout seen in Mangamahoe Stream only one appeared to be a female, which was a much lower proportion than usual. The section of Mangamahoe Stream between the lake and the SH3 culvert was inspected to see if there were any blockages to migration, but none were found.

While it was likely that additional spawning occurred after the 24th June survey, the observed activity was the lowest since 2021 (Figure 1). Reasons for the low number of mature female brown trout in the spawning run are unknown. Anglers participating in the 2021/22 angler diary scheme will be asked to report on the sex of brown trout they catch at Lake Mangamahoe.

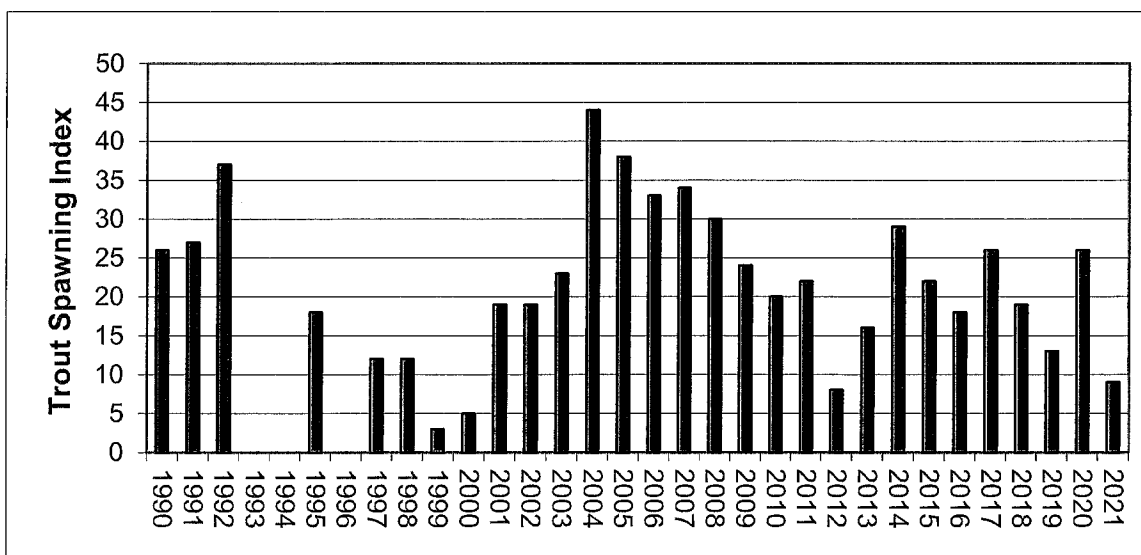


Figure 1: Trout spawning indices based on redd counts for Mangamahoe Stream, 1990 – 2021.

Konini Stream Trout Spawning Survey

Konini Stream is a Patea River headwater tributary that Stratford District Council (SDC) takes water from to augment the water supply for Stratford during periods when the flow in the Patea River recedes below mean annual low flow. Water is abstracted via a weir, which has a “constructed stream” type fish pass fitted to it. The fish pass was built in 1988 and was the first of its type to be retro-fitted to a Taranaki weir.

Trout from the Patea River main-stem and Paetahi Stream are known to move upstream into tributary streams such as Konini Stream in June and July each year to spawn. As part of the Taranaki Regional Council’s (TRC) consent monitoring programme for the SDC water supply, Taranaki Fish & Game has periodically carried

out surveys above and below the Konini Stream weir during the peak of trout spawning to assess the effectiveness of the fish pass.

In the current survey, a 1km section of Konini Stream upstream from Cardiff Road was surveyed on 25th June 2021. Three large brown trout were seen in a short section up to a logjam that was judged to be impassable to adult trout. No trout were seen upstream of the logjam. On reaching the SDC water supply weir it was found that the stop-boards had been removed so that the weir was not presenting a barrier to fish passage. The SDC stated that the weir boards are removed at the end of each summer, although this was the first time in seven surveys that this had been observed.

In summer when the weir boards are in place, the weir has the potential to impede the upstream movement of koaro and shortfin and longfin eel elvers released into the upper Patea catchment by Trustpower in their Patea hydro-electric power scheme trap and transfer programme. Given that these species all have good climbing ability, they should be able to use the fish pass provided there is flow down it.

The presence of the logjam was reported to the operations section of the TRC and it was recommended:

1. That the SDC operating procedure for the placement and removal of the Konini Stream weir boards is formalised with the TRC in writing and that the SDC notifications are recorded and included in the TRC Annual Monitoring Reports for the water supply consents;
2. That the 3-yearly trout spawning surveys are discontinued (given certainty that the weir boards will be removed at the end of each summer);
3. That the fish pass is inspected once the TRC has been notified that the weir boards have been put in place and when the weir boards are about to be removed;
4. That fish surveys are reinstated in the future should there be issues with the weir or maintenance of the fish pass that could affect fish passage.

Allen Stancliff
Acting Manager
28th September 2021

Taranaki Fish & Game Council
Budget Report to 31 August 2021
And

Project Progress to 31 August 2021

OUTPUT	Budget external costs	YTD external costs (30/6/21)	Comments on significant variations	Budget Hours	YTD hours
Population Monitoring	2,500	2,775		470	425
Harvest Assessment	1,000			50	59
Hatchery	8,000	8,909		85	38
Liberations	18,100	15,946		110	110
Season Regulations				30	30.5
Gamebird Dispersal	1,800	1,985		120	161
RMA				500	280.25
Habitat Management & Enhancement	11,000	28,270		400	178.75
Hunter / Angler Access	1,400	609		100	46
Satisfaction Survey				10	11.5
Magazine / Newsletter / Ezine	7,600	9,306		140	75.5
Other Publications	750	261			8
Clubs	300	300		10	5.5
Statutory Liaison				30	12
Iwi Liaison	100			40	109.75
General Advocacy				250	108.5
Hunting & Angling Promotions	3,800	3,187		100	233.5
Ranger Management	1,000	1,018		112	91.25
Compliance	1,784	56		170	137
Licensing & Commission	7,971	9,032		80	32.75
Council Meetings & Administration	9,500	9,378		280	275.5
Management, Strategic & Policy	1,000			40	55.25
Business Planning				40	29.5
OSH & Other Reporting	6,200	6,315		55	36
National Liaison	100	28		160	136.5
Total Expenditure	83,905	97,376		3382	2686.5

Project Income	Budget Income	YTD Income
Harvest Assessment – Summer Season	500	452
Liberations	13,700	13,926
Gamebird Dispersal	600	840
Compliance		700
Other project income		600
Total Income	14,800	16,518
Net Expenditure	69,105	80,858

Overheads	Budget	YTD
1910 Salaries & Management Contract	247,569	249,004
1920 Staff Expenses	2,170	1,686
1940 Office Premises	35,319	24,960
1950 Office Equipment	1,500	3,712
1960 Communications / Consumables	8,200	8,085
1970 General	2,560	3,456
1980 General Equipment	700	665
1990 Vehicles	16,200	13,386
Total Overheads	314,218	304,954

Will be increased set up costs for new office balanced by reduced rent for previous building

Other Income & Expenses	Budget	YTD
Interest	10,541	4,435
Wellington Fish & Game Admin	7,000	3,550
Donations & Other Income		224
Total Other Income & Expenses	17,541	8,209

Nett Project, Overhead and Other Expenditure/Income	Budget	YTD
	365,782	377,603 (97%)

MOVEMENTS IN RESERVES

	From	To	Reason	Amount	Date Paid
Fisheries Project	Te Korowai o Ngaruahine Trust	Removal of Weir – Glenn Road		10,000	Feb 2021
MRP	Horizons Regional Council	Orautoha Stock Exclusion		12,265	June 2021

SPECIES MANAGEMENT

2020/2021 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
<p>1. Obtain and report baseline information for the Retaruke (yr2 of 2) and Stony Rivers to identify threats to and opportunities for the maintenance and enhancement of these fisheries.</p>	<p><i>Completed Retaruke Survey and prepared internal report. Draft Stony River report completed, waiting for iwi input. A significant flood on 17/07/2021 restarted erosion in the headwaters of the Stony River, with repercussions for the trout fishery. Trout spawning surveys carried out in Mangamahoe Stream (2 & 24.06.2021), Mangorei Stream (05/07/2021) and Konini Stream (25/06/2021 with report prepared for TRC/SDC).</i></p>
<p>2. Assess juvenile recruitment along the Timaru Stream to assist discussion over possible weir removal.</p>	<p><i>High flows meant assessment deferred until 2021/22.</i></p>
<p>3. Monitor and report information on the status of the region's trout fisheries sufficient to measure overall angler success (through a diary scheme), set effective regulations and inform management directions.</p>	<p><i>A fishery monitoring report detailing angler diary results was prepared for Council's 3rd October 2020 meeting. An angler diary scheme spreadsheet was emailed to 44 anglers to record their effort during the 2020/21 fishing season. Results collated as they came in.</i></p>
<p>4. Implement an effective duck banding programme in the Whanganui area as the first step to obtain an estimate of the population size and level of hunting harvest which will guide future monitoring requirements and regulation setting (yr 2).</p>	<p><i>Banding carried out at three sites with a total of 262 ducks banded. Band data entered onto DOC Banding Site. Band return information entered and hunters advised of details.</i></p>
<p>5. Monitor and report information on the status of the region's mallard and grey duck, paradise shelduck, shoveler, swan and pukeko populations sufficient to assess harvest, identify and manage any population impacts, set effective regulations and inform management directions.</p>	<p><i>Prepared report on current status of gamebird populations as part of draft game gazette recommendations. January 2020 trend counts carried out for paradise shelduck & black swan. April 2021 counts carried out for pukeko. August trend counts carried out for shoveler duck.</i></p>
<p>6. Undertake a review of current paradise duck moult count monitoring and how the data is reported and implement recommendations.</p>	<p><i>Review undertaken and recommendations agreed.</i></p>
<p>7. Participate in National Hunter Survey to derive an estimate of annual game bird harvest and hunter success.</p>	<p><i>Analysed 2020 data as part of preparing draft game gazette recommendations. Survey calls and data tabulation undertaken for the 2021 game season.</i></p>
<p>8. Recommend effective regulations that are timely, easily understood and which maximise licence holder opportunity while ensuring resource sustainability and public support</p>	<p><i>A 2021/22 draft Game Gazette Notice report was prepared for Council's 5 December 2020 meeting and recommendations passed to NC. Following liaison with the Lake Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust there was agreement</i></p>

<p>9. Provide advice and support practical and effective predator control opportunities that assist game bird populations.</p> <p>10. Undertake annual trout stocking programme which concentrates on creating and maintaining valued lake fisheries.</p> <p>11. Undertake trial release of 2-year-old rainbow trout into the lower Patea River to assess the potential for a long-term programme.</p> <p>12. Undertake trout releases and monitoring of lower Patea River under contract to TrustPower Ltd.</p>	<p><i>(08/12/2020) that the fishing season for perch could be extended to all year from 1 October 2021. Draft 2021/22 Anglers Notice recommendations prepared and agreed at June 2021 Council meeting and passed to National Office. Regulation and booklet changes proofed.</i></p> <p><i>Advice provided on request.</i></p> <p><i>A 2019/20 hatchery and trout liberations report was prepared for Council's 3rd October 2020 meeting. Releases of 2019 year-class rainbow trout from the Hawera hatchery were made to Lake Namunamu (260 fish) on 10/09/2020; Lakes Rotomanu (100), Mangamahoe (100) & Ratapiko (50) on 17/09/2020; Lake Ngangana (200) on 7/10/2020 and Lake Mangamahoe (61) on 28/10/2020. 2019 year-class Hawera hatchery rainbows were also released into the Patea River at Stratford (300) on 11/12/2020 for a family trout fishing promotion and to the Stony River on 16/12/2020 (100) and 12/01/2021 (111). 420 2-year rainbows from the Eastern Region's Ngongotaha hatchery were released into Lake Rotomanu on 22/10/2020 for a kids' fishing promotion. 2020 year-class rainbow trout were adipose fin-clipped at the Hawera hatchery on 17/03/2021 (900 fish), with 100 fish released into Lake Mangamahoe on 19/05/2021. 3,000 rainbow ova (2021 year-class) received from Eastern F&G on 14/07/2021.</i></p> <p><i>A second release of 20-month adipose fin-clipped rainbow trout from the Hawera hatchery was made into the lower Patea River (210 fish) on 23/03/2021.</i></p> <p><i>A Trustpower-funded release of 1,000 tagged brown trout & 500 tagged rainbow trout from Ngongotaha was made into the lower Patea River on 29/10/2020. A report on the release was provided to Trustpower on 19/11/2020. Offer of service for 2021 release prepared & accepted.</i></p>
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<p>13. Implement hatchery review decision such that the operation of the Hawera hatchery is effective, cost efficient and sustainable to meet the identified stocking objectives.</p>	<p><i>The TRC gave the Hawera hatchery a high level of environmental performance in its 2019/20 Tawhiti Catchment consent monitoring annual report, stating that contaminants in the hatchery discharge were minimal and had no significant environmental effects. A BBQ for hatchery volunteers was held on 13/12/2020. A Covid-19 exemption letter was provided to volunteers on 20/08/2021 to allow one person to visit the hatchery daily during Level 4.</i></p>
<p>14. Review and renew ranger warrants and maintain a skilled honorary ranger team of at least 12 rangers consistent with requirements and objectives of the Compliance Policy and Strategy and also R3 principles.</p>	<p><i>A Ranger training day was held in Whanganui on 19/09/2020, attended by 5 Rangers & 2 staff. A 2019/20 Compliance annual report was prepared for Council's 3rd October 2020 meeting. A Ranger training day was held at New Plymouth on 10/04/2021, attended by 6 Rangers & 2 staff. Police vetting applications made in preparation for 2021 warrant renewals. Completed warrant renewal applications forwarded to National Office. Cert Refresher organised for 2 Rangers.</i></p>
<p>15. Review Compliance Strategy and implement any recommendations.</p>	
<p>16. Undertake safe and effective compliance coverage across the Taranaki Region, including at least 100 licence checks of anglers and also of hunters.</p>	<p><i>Compliance checks were carried out for the beginning of the 2020/21 fishing season, over Labour Weekend, the Xmas holiday period and Waitangi weekend. A small amount of Ranging was undertaken for the special paradise hunting season in Area C. Police assistance was agreed for 2021 Opening Weekend and 2 Police officers accompanied 3 teams of Rangers operating in the Turakina area on Opening Day. Compliance Annual Report prepared for Council's 16th October 2021 meeting.</i></p>
<p>17. Process detected offences in a fair and timely way consistent with national prosecution guidelines.</p>	<p><i>A landowner received a \$1,030 penalty (04/09/2020) for shooting paradise ducks during a close season. Fishing and hunting without a licence offences were resolved by way of diversion offers</i></p>
<p>18. Manage problem aggregations of gamebirds through implementation of a special Paradise Shelduck season in Area C and proactively responding to and assisting landholders.</p>	<p><i>A 2021 Special Paradise Shelduck hunting season was held in Area C and a report prepared for Council's 12 June 2021 meeting.</i></p> <p><i>66 permits to disturb gamebirds causing damage were issued under delegated authority during the reporting period: 31 for pukeko (15 rural, 16 urban); 30 for paradise</i></p>

	<p>shelduck (5 including mallard duck, 1 including swan & 1 including pukeko), 4 for mallard duck only and 1 for black swan only.</p> <p>Following a report that paradise shelduck from the Stratford oxy pond moult site were causing problems for landowners and that they were considering poisoning the birds, approval was obtained from SDC (03/03/2021) to use a gas gun to disperse paradise from the ponds for the 2022 summer shoot.</p>
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HABITAT PROTECTION & MANAGEMENT

2020/2021 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
<p>1. Provide valued advice and support to licence holders, landowners and the wider community regarding the importance of and how to protect and enhance habitat and also undertake predator control to benefit both fish and game and wider indigenous biodiversity resources.</p> <p>2. Promote, encourage and support landowners to create, enhance and protect wetlands by providing sound technical advice and assistance to make successful applications to the GBHT and Hunting & Habitat Funds.</p>	<p>Organised traps and provided advice for Waimarino wetland.</p> <p>Organised 280 plants and laid these out for Waimarino wetland. Visited current GBHT recipient to provide advice during his wetland construction and return visit to sign off the works. Wetland site visits to view proposed GBHT projects were made on 23/01/2021 (Finnerty Road Eltham), 5/05/2021 (Huiroa & Strathmore), Inglewood (11/05/2021), Okaiawa (20/05/2021), Whanganui (x2) and Raetihi. With NES-FM legislation changes there is uncertainty about whether projects will be able to proceed under permitted activity rules and discussions are underway with the TRC.</p> <p>Staff acted as Referees for 7 applications to the GBHT's 2021 funding round, with 2 further applications deferred until 2022. Owing to Covid-19, consideration of applications by the GBHT has been deferred until 15/10/2021.</p> <p>Thanks to the efforts of Wellington F&G's Matt Kavermann, the GBHT has \$360K from the government's 1 Billion Trees fund over 3 years to offer to landowners who've previously received GBHT funding. Two zoom meetings were attended to sort out the details and landowners are being contacted to canvas their interest.</p> <p>A wetland site visit to a Huiroa wetland was made on 2/08/2021 as part of the GBHT's 5-year rolling review of projects receiving grants.</p>

3. Proactively take opportunities to make effective representation in statutory and other community processes to best achieve sports fish and game bird habitat protection and enhancement.

Pre-application discussions were held with:

- *Trustpower Mangorei HEPS consenting. Comments on draft AEE provided on 9/09/2020;*
- *SDC Te Popo water supply. Meeting attended 24/09/2020;*
- *Horizon Trust (WSP) Whenuku Road quarry expansion. Comments on application provided 6/11/2020;*
- *Nova Energy (BTW) McKee Peaker Power Plant water treatment discharge to Waitara River. Comments provided 10/11/2020;*
- *NPDC Lake Mangamahoe water take AEE (received 11/11/2020);*
- *Whanganui District Council to undertake slip repairs on River Road;*
- *Trustpower Motukawa HEPS consenting. F&G's comments on the scheme were provided to consultants on 19/02/2021;*
- *SDC regarding a variation to their consent to abstract water from the upper Patea River to allow a greater volume to be taken over a daily 30 min period to flush sediment from a new water supply line 10&12/05/2021.*

A submission was made to the following notified applications:

- *Taranaki By-Products - 6 applications to operate a rendering plant in the Inaha Stream catchment.*
- *Rangataua WWTP to discharge into a wetland;*
- *Horizon Trust Management to expand their Whenuku Road quarry adjacent to the Waingongoro River (15/02/2021). Pre-hearing meetings were attended on 31/03/2021 & 08/07/2021, with comments made on draft conditions. F&G's request to be heard was withdrawn on 24/08/2021.*

Further discussions were held with STDC regarding their limited-notified application to consent the Eltham water supply take from Waingongoro River. A pre-hearing meeting was attended (10/02/2021) at which there was agreement to a financial contribution of \$49K (\$7k x 7 years) with 1st priority the removal of the "Riverlands Eltham" weir, and

"odds & evens" domestic water restrictions once MALF is reached. F&G's request to be heard was withdrawn on 15/03/2021.

An update meeting was attended (16/10/2020) regarding monitoring results for the newly reconsented Stratford oxy pond discharge. A meeting was attended at NPDC (12/11/2020) to discuss progress with reconsenting of the Mangorei and Waiongana Stream weirs & the Inglewood & New Plymouth water supplies. A report on Mangorei weir fish passage options was received (25/03/2021) and following further discussions it has been confirmed that the weir will be demolished in 2023. Comments on the demolition methodology were made on 28/06/2021. A NPDC cost/benefit analysis indicated that de-silting of Lake Mangamahoe was uneconomic.

A meeting was attended with NZTA (19/11/2020) to discuss monitoring results and proposed modifications to the Otakeho Stream SH45 culvert to improve fish passage. An STDC meeting was attended (03/12/2020) to discuss options for the Waverley waterwater discharge, with a further meeting on 31/03/2021 to confirm the preferred upgrade option. Comments were provided to Trustpower on the 2019/20 Patea HEPS Fish Trap & Transfer report (11/11/2020) and a Patea stakeholders meeting was attended on 18/03/2021.

Maintained watching brief of prehearing process into DoC application to discharge to land adjacent to Lake Wiritoa.

In relation to the Opunake HEPS limited-notified applications, an assessment of the scheme against NPS FW Policy 3.24 was received (11/02/2021) and comments on a draft set of conditions was provided on 16/04/2021. A further set of draft conditions was received for comment on 9/08/2021 and a joint response from F&G & Te Kahui o Taranaki Iwi was provided on 31/08/2021. To date there has been no agreement on the residual flow regime and the scheme remains shut down.

There was discussion with Dan Casey of Greenfern Industries (03/03/2021) regarding a way forward with improving fish passage at the Normanby weir on the Waingongoro R. & comments on a preliminary fish pass design concept were provided on 11/08/2021.

	<p><i>Breaches of the residual flow condition with generation from the Normanby power scheme were reported to the TRC (19/04/2021).</i></p> <p><i>Angler reports of poor water quality in the Waiaua River and maintenance required at the KiwiRail Kapuni fish pass were passed on to the TRC (9/02/2021 & 22/02/2021).</i></p> <p><i>A letter of support was provided to the TRC (09/02/2021) for an application to the government's Freshwater Improvement Fund for funding to help address fish passage issues in the region. Unfortunately, the application was unsuccessful.</i></p> <p><i>Submissions were prepared to the following 2021-2031 Long-term Plans: NPDC (26/03/2021); TRC (29/03/2021); STDC & SDC (23/04/2021) supporting environmental initiatives and DC universal water metering. Both NPDC & SDC decided to adopt water metering.</i></p> <p><i>A Fonterra Kapuni stakeholders meeting was attended on 26/07/2021. Reconsenting of their takes and discharges to Kaupokonui Stream is on hold pending an assessment of the implications of changes to the NPS-FW.</i></p>
<p>4. Promote and explore opportunities to improve water quality in Lake Rotomanu (yr 2 of 3).</p>	<p><i>Documents received from NPDC (18/02/2021) show that they decided not to proceed with initial design work on reconfiguring the Lake Rotomanu intake to improve water flow from the Waiwhakaiho River. This was contrary to a commitment given to F&G by the Infrastructure Manager. This issue was addressed in a submission to the NPDC's 2021-2031 Long-term Plan (26/03/2021) and at the Hearing of Submissions (06/05/2021), but NPDC decided not to commit funds to resolve the lake intake issue. Instead, a backflow preventer was added to the river intake to prevent lake water flowing back out into the river.</i></p>
<p>5. Engage proactively and collaboratively with iwi & community groups to identify and protect / enhance shared resource values including contributing to water related matters through the Taranaki Maunga Settlement process.</p>	<p><i>There was liaison with Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust regarding a Nova Energy discharge reconsenting and Mangaone Stream enhancement (10/11/2020) and Lake Rotomanu water quality (17/03/2021). There was liaison with Te Korowai o Ngaruahine Trust regarding reconsenting of the Eltham water supply & the Horizon Trust quarry consents. There was liaison with Te Kahui o Taranaki iwi regarding the Opunake power</i></p>

<p>6. Represent Fish & Game and provide valued input to the Te Awa Tupua process.</p>	<p><i>scheme (6/04/2021 & 16/08/2021). There was liaison with Nga Rauru iwi regarding Waverley wastewater and fish passage in Wairoa Stream (6/04/2021). The Council received notice (13/10/2020) of a temporary pause in the Taranaki Maunga negotiations until early 2021.</i></p> <p><i>Met with project manager and attended four Te Kopuka hui and 1 zoom meeting. Provided comment to PhD student studying Te Awa Tupua legislation and implementation. Provided update for A/W and Taranaki Councils and prepared paper re ratifying new representative.</i></p>
<p>7. Undertake governance role for Whangaehu Freshwater improvement Fund.</p>	<p><i>Attended four governance meetings. This project is now complete having successfully exceeded all the targets for the FIF funding received.</i></p>
<p>8. Work closely with Nga Ruahine and other parties to remove Glenn Road weir.</p>	<p><i>The demolition of the Glenn Road weir was successfully completed on 02/03/2021. The concrete footing re-emerged during flood induced riverbed movement on 17/07/2021 and it will be broken up in summer 2022.</i></p>
<p>9. Explore options to remove Timaru Stream weir.</p>	<p><i>The TRC informed F&G (29/01/2021) that a neighbouring landowner has verbally agreed to allow machine access for weir removal from January 2022. The weir's owner had previously agreed to its removal.</i></p>
<p>10. Provide technical and administrative support and assistance to joint Orautoha Stream Riparian Project to protect water quality in this catchment and the many values it supports.</p>	<p><i>Annual report completed for 2020/21 and submitted to WRET along with an invoice for their contribution.</i></p>
<p>11. Engage in and actively advocate for provisions which protect and / or enhance sports fish & game bird habitat in the Taranaki Freshwater Plan Review process.</p>	<p><i>A TRC RPS focus group meeting was attended (22/04/2021).</i></p>

PARTICIPATION

2020/2021 Annual Plan – Planned Result	Progress to date
<p>1. Maintain and improve the Taranaki pages on the Fish & Game website so how to and where to go information is readily available, easily understood and up to date.</p>	<p><i>Updated information regarding Whanganui office and paradise special season/ game bird hunting opportunities</i></p>
<p>2. Work with National Office to upgrade website and prepare information re an 'Introduction to duck hunting in the</p>	

<p>Taranaki Region' (year 2 of 2). Review angling information for Taranaki Ringplain.</p> <p>3. Develop and refine facebook and Instagram pages in line with any National Policy to regularly inform licence holders using these forums.</p> <p>4. Develop and utilise licence holder email list to keep hunters and anglers up to date.</p> <p>5. Complete Reel Life and Both Barrels supplements consistent with national R3 recommendations.</p> <p>6. Provide a quality 2-page regional supplement in each edition of Fish & Game Magazine.</p> <p>7. Publication of valued hunting and fishing newsletters sent to regional licence holders and hunting landowners. Hunting newsletter also distributed to all rural box holders in the region.</p> <p>8. Proactively provide timely and useful information to licence holders when requested.</p> <p>9. Replace / erect 2-3 new signs which provide anglers with helpful on-site information re access and regulations consistent with identified priorities.</p> <p>10. Produce information signs on the Retaruke and Whanganui Rivers to inform walkers on the Te Araroa trail.</p> <p>11. Begin process to install a 3rd angling platform on Lake Mangamahoe (yr 1 of 2).</p>	<p><i>Articles for Reel Life Ezine were prepared on 17/09/2020; 19/10/2020; 18/11/2020; 17/12/2020; 20/01/2021; 18/02/2021; 18/03/2021 & 20/04/2021. Articles for Both Barrels Ezine were prepared on 19/04/2021; 21/05/2021; 17/06/2021 & 21/07/2021.</i></p> <p><i>A 2-page supplement was prepared for the 2021 hunting special issue and a 1-page supplement for the 2021 fishing special issue, along with a contribution to the combined events and 'park and cast' pages.</i></p> <p><i>Regional fishing and regional hunting newsletters prepared and distributed. The hunting newsletter also went to rural box holders.</i></p> <p><i>Information was provided to anglers as requested. Angling access information was provided to the National Office for the "Park & Cast" promotion. Issued fishing permit for catch & release competition on the Manganuioteao (Sport Flyfishing NZ). NPDC Venue Hire Agreement completed for the Lake Rotomanu family fishing day.</i></p> <p><i>An angler information sign was erected (03/12/2020) at the new Lake Mangamahoe casting platform.</i></p> <p><i>An angler reported (08/06/2021) that the gate giving anglers access to the Patea HEPS tailrace had been locked and the F&G angling sign removed. Trustpower confirmed that access had been removed for H&S reasons following an audit.</i></p> <p><i>The access gate to the 2nd platform was vandalised and Councillor McEwen replaced the hinges. New latches have been purchased</i></p>
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<p>12. Undertake a review of fishing opportunities provided at Lake Mangamahoe.</p> <p>13. Provide organised fishing opportunities consistent with R3 objectives and branding and in association with volunteer groups for kids and families.</p> <p>14. Explore options for ongoing opportunities for kids and families based on trout releases into local waters and threshold experiences (yr 2 of 3)</p> <p>15. Review, negotiate, publicise and issue access permits to publicly available hunting areas and actively seek and develop new opportunities.</p> <p>16. Identify and explore mentoring schemes to support new hunters and implement most promising option (yr 2 of 2).</p> <p>17. Proactively take opportunities to make effective representation in statutory and other community processes to maintain or enhance hunting or angling access and opportunity.</p>	<p><i>for both existing platforms. After some discussion, NPDC declined approval for construction of a casting platform at the lake roundabout (01/07/2021) and said approval could be reconsidered in 3 years-time. Discussions regarding approval for a casting platform at the northern end of the lake are ongoing.</i></p> <p><i>Draft report worked on.</i></p> <p><i>A successful Lake Rotomanu family trout fishing trial promotion was held in conjunction with the Inglewood Rod, Gun & Recreation Club and Taranaki Hunting & Fishing on 31/10/2020, with 97 children registering. A grant application for the Stratford kids' trout fishing event was submitted to the Taranaki Electricity Trust on 5/11/2020 in conjunction with the Stratford Fishing Section and approved on 11/12/2020. The Stratford kids' trout fishing day (12/12/2020) was attended by 60 children who caught at least 42 trout. Lake Rotomanu booked (27/07/2021) for the next family fishing event to be held on 30/10/2021.</i></p> <p><i>Met with representative of Erua Forest owners re provision of angling access to Waimarino Stream. Inspected stream and decided against any new tracks as current tracking is sufficient. Received formal approval for anglers to use the river through the forest. Met with Summit Forests to agree hunting access conditions for Tauwhare Forest, also refined conditions for Harakeke with new local manager. Refined Hunting Access Permits to reflect these conditions.</i></p>
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<p>18. Complete review of Waingongoro River access information and implement identified opportunities to assist angler access.</p>	<p><i>Review started.</i></p>
<p>19. Assess satisfaction and success of Taranaki Region anglers using catch rates from a voluntary diary scheme and online satisfaction survey.</p>	<p><i>An angler diary scheme spreadsheet was emailed to 44 anglers to record their effort during the 2020/21 fishing season. An online satisfaction survey was sent to anglers with valid email addresses and the survey results analysed and reported to August 2021 Council meeting.</i></p>
<p>20. Implement initial actions to influence hunter behaviour as identified in hunter behaviour strategy to maximise enjoyment and participation and also public support for gamebird hunting.</p>	<p><i>Raised concept of using high profile influencers nationally with National Office.</i></p>
<p>21. Locate and publicise quality gamebird recipes especially for pukeko and paradise shelduck that enable hunters to make good use of these species (year 2 of 2).</p>	<p><i>Discussed with National Office who are developing a cookbook.</i></p>
<p>22. Provision of ready and valued support and assistance to licence agents such that they are kept up to date, resourced and operate as effective agents.</p>	

IWI & PUBLIC INTERFACTION

<p>1. Proactively engage, work and collectively share with iwi and hapu within the region on matters affecting wetland and freshwater resources or their use.</p>	<p><i>A draft Ngāruahine Kaitiaki Environmental Plan was received for comment (03/02/2021).</i></p>
<p>2. Liaise with Department of Conservation and Conservation Boards and proactively engage and work with Regional and District councils and community groups.</p>	<p><i>Attended four Horizon's RC 'Jobs for Nature' governance group meetings. Provided comment on Makotuku River Freshwater Fish signage. There was liaison with DOC New Plymouth regarding consent conditions for the Opunake power scheme (14/04/2021 & 27/08/2021) and the issue of permits for gamebird hunting at Te Morere, Umutekai & Looney's Lake Conservation Areas (March 2021) and at Lake Ngangana (April 2021).</i></p>
<p>3. Recognise and pursue opportunities to contribute to the wider community including 'Wild for Taranaki' and 'Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust'.</p>	<p><i>The Council's vote was lodged (9/10/2020) for 2 positions on the WfT Board. The WfT AGM was attended (22/10/2020) along with a quarterly meeting (03/06/2021). The TRC's annual Environmental Awards presentation was attended (29/10/2020). Responded to community request to release trout into the Mangateitei Stream. Provided informal advice to Rotokare SRT regarding an application to fish for eels in Lake Rotokare</i></p>

<p>4. Take opportunities to promote the value of protecting freshwater, wetland and upland game habitats and the wider benefits from this.</p>	<p>(22/02/2021). The release of 52 captive-reared Pateke (brown teal) at Lake Rotokare was attended (13/05/2021).</p> <p><i>There was liaison with the TRC's summer CCD advocate regarding their presence at the Stratford kid's trout fishing day (10/11/2020). Gave a presentation to Whanganui Rotary Club on the challenges ahead for protecting freshwater.</i></p>
<p>5. Represent the interests of hunters and anglers and promote the validity of fishing and gamebird hunting including as a means of collecting natural organic foods and engaging in a physical healthy lifestyle.</p>	<p><i>An introduction to fly fishing evening hosted by Kyle Adams of the Manic Tackle Project was attended (2/09/2020) along with about 30 anglers. The IRG&RC AGM was attended (15/09/2020), along with their opening weekend fish season weigh-in (4/10/2020).</i></p>
<p>6. Maintain a positive and constructive profile in the media which encourages prospective participants and fosters support and understanding among the general public.</p>	<p><i>Fish season publicity was provided to 7 newspapers, the F&G website and for a national office press release (25/09/2020). An article was provided to 2 newspapers on the results of the IRG&RC's opening weekend fish season weigh-in. An article on the Mangamahoe casting platform & Hawera trout hatchery (7/10/2020) received good coverage in the Daily News and on-line. Publicity for the Rotomanu family trout fishing day received good coverage in print & on-line. Publicity for this event was also posted on "Neighbourly" (19/10/2020) and provided to 2 local radio stations for their community notices. Pre and post event publicity material for the Stratford kids' trout fishing day was sent to the Stratford Press & Hawera Star as well as "Neighbourly" and 2 local radio stations and generally received favourable coverage. Information on the Hawera trout hatchery was provided to Bonnie Waycott, a freelance writing for the Canadian publication "Hatchery International". A Press Release was made (04/02/2021) to publicise the 2021 Special Paradise Hunting Season, with further information provided to 2 local newspapers on 18/02/2021. This resulted in articles in the Daily News (hard copy & online), Stratford Press (hard copy & online) & North Taranaki Midweek. A 2021 game season press release to 4 Taranaki newspapers (20/04/2021), editorial to Whanganui Chronicle along with a national release (22/04/2021) resulted in 6 articles in print and online. Liaison with the</i></p>

<p>7. Review media strategy and including incorporating any National Policy.</p>	<p><i>Taranaki Daily News and Ruapehu Bulletin resulted in 3 further articles after opening weekend. Daily News liaison with F&G regarding mallard ducklings at Pukekura Park resulted in 3 articles (2 in print, 1 online). There was liaison with the Daily News regarding fishing in Covid-19 Levels 4 & 3 (25/08/2021).</i></p>
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COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

<p>1. Not less than six meetings of Council are held and meetings are conducted consistent with provisions of the Standing Orders.</p>	<p><i>A Council meeting was held in Whanganui on 3/10/2020. Council also met with F&G reviewers at this time. An ordinary Council meeting & AGM was held in Whanganui on 5/12/2020. Council meetings were held in Raetihi (13/02/2021); Waitara (27/03/2021) & Hawera (12/06/2021). An extraordinary council meeting was held by zoom on 29/07/21. A Council meeting was held in Stratford on 14/08/2021.</i></p>
<p>2. Identification of options and strategies to increase the diversity of Council and iwi involvement.</p>	<p><i>Extraordinary zoom meeting held to discuss reducing Council size to 8 elected members consistent with the Review recommendations</i></p>
<p>3. The 5-Year Strategy Plan is reviewed and agreed by Council by March 2021.</p>	<p><i>Draft 2021 plan prepared for February Council meeting and agreed changes included in final plan</i></p>
<p>4. Formulation and adoption of an Annual Operational Plan and Budget for 2021/22 consistent with the 5-Year Strategic Plan.</p>	<p><i>Draft budget and operational plan prepared for March 2021 Council meeting</i></p>
<p>5. Presentation by Council of its audited annual report for 2019/2020 not later than 31 December 2020. Report to be consistent with tier 2 Service Performance standards and requirements.</p>	<p><i>Annual report signed off by Council at their 5th December 2020 Council meeting.</i></p>
<p>6. Effective regional policies are developed, adopted and reviewed as required and are consistent with any National Policy requirements.</p>	<p><i>Council adopted new EEO and Bullying & Harassment policies at their October 2020 meeting.</i></p>
<p>7. Progress reporting of licence sales, work progress and financial position is timely and accurate and supports sound financial and operations management and oversight.</p>	<p><i>Included in all agendas</i></p>
<p>8. Effective administration such that the Council is within annual budget (\pm 5%), operates consistent with best practice and at least 90% of its annual plan is completed.</p>	<p><i>Closed Whanganui office and set up Secretary's work-space. Moved filing system to Microsoft sharepoint. Purchased new computers for secretary and SFO as part of</i></p>

<p>9. Effective staff management including performance reviews completed and new objectives agreed for staff, and regular staff meetings such that staff are aware of what is generally occurring and have ready opportunity for input into decisions and management direction.</p> <p>10. Undertake comprehensive process to review the Taranaki Sports Fish and Game Management Plan 2011. The review to include opportunity for submissions by anglers and hunters and also consultation with other parties, iwi and agencies to ensure the plan is comprehensive, appropriate and of value.</p> <p>11. Effective communication and liaison with NZ Fish and Game Council and other Fish and Game regions including valued input and comment on Fish and Game issues and attendance at Fish and Game Managers meetings.</p> <p>12. Contribute to National Office by providing valued advice, assistance and feedback on national issues and processes as requested.</p> <p>13. All processes and activities are undertaken consistent with Council Health & Safety Policy and Manual.</p> <p>14. Staff are actively involved in implementing HSAW policy and ensuring a safe work place, including by undertaking</p>	<p><i>this migration. Prepared Council paper on possible property offer.</i></p> <p><i>Staff performance reviews completed and new performance measures for 20/21 year agreed. Staff meeting held in the NP Office on 28/01/2021. Secretary completed XERO certification course 20 July. Job description prepared for fixed term field officer position in NP, position advertised, interviews held, employment contract prepared & signed by successful applicant.</i></p> <p><i>Council provided comment to NC on Commercial Origin Salmon Release paper, Customs Import Prohibition (Trout) Order, draft reserves policy principles, draft licence data MOU and gamebird guide latent licence provisions.</i></p> <p><i>Manager attended 2-day managers meeting in April and 14 managers zoom meetings. Engaged in internal discussion of impact of NES-FW on maimai construction and wetland maintenance and stock exclusion regs.</i></p> <p><i>Manager participated in Strategic Finance committee on reserves policy principles and zoom meeting and input into Stakeholder Reference Group re Resource Allocation Project. Provided staff remuneration stocktake information as requested.</i></p> <p><i>Council prepared response to the Review recommendations and sent this to NZ Council and also to the Implementation Committee.</i></p> <p><i>Provided comment on changing regulations in response to capture of the public resource and also pest fish permit conditions, proposed firearms storage legislation and on satellite communications options. Provided Opening Weekend summary for national CLE co-ordinator</i></p>
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two monthly staff meetings where HSAW is a specific agenda item.	
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15. Compliance with HSAW requirements and policy including scheduled reviews and audits along with any issues identified or near misses routinely reported to each meeting of Council.	
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Recommendation

That the Budget Report and Project Progress Report to 31 August 2021 be received.

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

Financial Reports to 31st August 2021

Please find attached the following reports;

1. Profit & Loss to 31 August 2021
2. Balance Sheet to 31 August 2021
3. BNZ Statement of Accounts 31 August 2021

RECOMMENDATION

That Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet to 31 August 2021, be received.

Jilli Steedman
SECRETARY
30 September 2021

Profit and Loss

Taranaki Fish and Game Council For the year ended 31 August 2021

2021

Trading Income

3000 - Non-Resident Licence Revenue	478
3007 - Fish Licence Sales 2019-2020 POL	3,377
3007A - Fish Licence Sales 2019-2020 AOL	3,979
3008 - Fish Licence Sales 2020-2021 POL	50,241
3008A - Fish Licence Sales 2020-2021 AOL	43,030
3017 - 2020 Game Licence Sales POL	83
3017A - 2020 Game Licence Sales AOL	106
3018 - 2021 Game Licence Sales POL	16,523
3018A - 2021 Game Licence Sales AOL	73,962
4226 - Gamebird Habitat Enhancement	1,190
4314 - Summer Season permit sales	452
4315 - Gas Gun Rental	840
4354 - Kid's Fishing Days	1,726
4532F - Diversion Fish Offences	350
4532G - Diversion Game Offences	350
4910 - Contracts	3,550
4970 - General	174
4971 - Interest Income	4,261
4971A - Interest Income MRP	2
4974 - Grants Received	171,861
Total Trading Income	376,535

Gross Profit 376,535

Other Income

4111 - Fish Population Monitoring (income)	600
4355 - Liberations - Other	12,200
4972 - Donations	50
4975 - Manganuioteao River Riparian Project Income	14,348
Total Other Income	27,198

Operating Expenses

1111 - Fish Population Monitoring	2
1112 - Gamebird Population Monitoring	2,773
1141 - Hatchery	4,278
1143 - Hatchery Power	665
1145 - Fish Food Costs	3,288
1148 - Hatchery Insurance	678
1161 - Kids Fishing Days	5,349
1162 - Other Liberations	10,596
1181 - Gamebird Dispersal	1,985
1231 - Sports Fish Habitat Management & Enhancement	10,000

1232 - Gamebird Habitat Management & Enhancement	1,657
1234 - Manganuioteao River Riparian Project Expenses	16,613
1311 - Angler Access	222
1312 - Hunter Access	387
1333 - Regional Newsletter	9,306
1361 - Clubs	300
1421 - Information to Clients	261
1432 - Hunting & Angling Promotions	2,822
1441 - Angling promotions	365
1521 - Ranger Training	550
1522 - Ranger Catering & Travel	468
1531 - Compliance	57
1621 - Licence Agents	990
1631 - Commission on Sales	6,256
1632 - Eyede Charges - Inc GST	243
1634 - Eyede Charges No GST	1,543
1721 - Council Meeting Expenses	1,525
1723 - Council Catering	3,094
1724 - Council Travel	4,690
1725 - Council Venue hire	70
1831 - Other Reporting / OSH	476
1833 - Audit	5,840
1841 - Managers / National Office Liaison	28
1911 - Salaries	148,004
1912 - Management Contract	101,000
1921 - ACC Levy	628
1922 - Fringe Benefit Tax	1,004
1923 - Staff Training	26
1925 - Staff Expenses	28
1942 - Office Premises Rent	23,677
1943 - Maintenance Administration Building	225
1945 - Power Administration Building	307
1946 - Cleaning Administration Building	717
1947 - Security	34
1951 - Purchases (Under 2,000)	1,655
1953 - Equipment Maintenance	2,057
1961 - Telephone/fax	4,784
1962 - Postage	1,384
1964 - Stationery	1,910
1965 - Photocopying	8
1971 - Advertisng	867
1972 - Subscriptions	675
1974 - Bank Charges	195
1975 - Office General (was Petty cash)	235
1976 - Insurance - General	1,483

2021

1981 - Field Equip -Purchases (Under \$2,000)	36
1983 - Field Equipment Maintenance	630
1993 - Vehicle Maintenance	2,814
1994 - Vehicle Insurance	1,730
1995 - Vehicle Registration (1995)	198
1996 - Vehicle Fuel & RUC	7,672
1997 - Polaris side x side	457
1999 - Trailer - Hatchery	338
1999A - Trailer - Side X Side	176
2005 - Depreciation	17,529
Total Operating Expenses	419,860
Net Profit	(16,127)

Balance Sheet

Taranaki Fish and Game Council As at 31 August 2021

31 AUG 2021

Assets

Bank

BNZ Current Account	105,153.59
BNZ Term 3031	400,715.37
MRP	7,294.53
Total Bank	513,163.49

Current Assets

Accounts Receivable	2,461.78
Prepayments and Accrued Income	102.91
Total Current Assets	2,564.69

Fixed Assets

Accum Dep Vehicles	(43,015.64)
Accum Dep Buildings	(16,451.00)
Accum Dep Office Equipment	(22,513.72)
Accum Dep Plant & Equipment	(16,189.81)
Buildings	16,451.00
Office Equipment	29,536.63
Plant & Equipment	25,014.26
Vehicles	106,281.59
Total Fixed Assets	79,113.31

Total Assets 594,841.49

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	17,752.26
Accruals and Prepaid Licences	5,770.00
BNZ Credit Card - Allen	826.53
BNZ Credit Card - Glenn M	6.84
Employee Entitlements	21,454.78
GST	12,271.20
Income in advance	9,154.17
PAYE Clearing	5,132.64
Rounding	0.01
Total Current Liabilities	72,368.43

Total Liabilities 72,368.43

Net Assets 522,473.06

Equity

Accumulated Funds	130,622.19
Asset Replacement Funding	4,540.00

31 AUG 2021



Back Country Fisheries Reserve	7,315.67
Current Year Earnings	(16,127.23)
Fisheries Project	16,236.30
Hunting & Habitat Scheme	347,170.74
Manganuioteao River Riparian Project	4,893.29
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	27,822.10
Total Equity	522,473.06

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Statement of Accounts as at 31 August 2021

Your Accounts at a Glance

Account	Account Number	Maturity Date	Balance
 Non Profit Org A/C	02-0792-0332133-000		105,153.59
 MRP	02-0792-0332133-001		7,294.53

Your Other Accounts at a Glance

Account	Account Number	Maturity Date	Balance
 Term Deposit	36332133-03031	18 Feb 2022	400,715.37

Our investment statements and current disclosure statement may be obtained free of charge from any Bank of New Zealand store, or viewed at www.bnz.co.nz.

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Chairman
Taranaki Fish and Game Council

Correspondence Schedules

Please find attached Inwards and Outwards correspondence schedules to 30 September 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

That Inwards and Outwards correspondence schedules to, 3⁰ September 2021, be received.

Jilli Steedman
SECRETARY
30 September 2021

Inwards Correspondence

Date	Meeting	From	Staff Councillor	Subject
4.8.21	Oct-21	Julia Straka NPDC	Allen	NPDC District Plan – indicative hearing timetable updated
5.8.21	Oct-21	Lisa Mead – Trustpower	Allen	Motukawa Scheme Reconsent – Draft Assessments
5.8.21	Oct-21	Waide Crockett – STDC	Allen	2021-2031 Long Term Plan – Outcomes of Submission
6.8.21	Oct-21	Cassie Callard – mpi	Allen	Freshwater Biosecurity Patnership: Current State Evaluation
9.8.21	Oct-21	Fred McLay – TRC	Allen	Draft consent conditions for Opunake Power #2
11.8.21	Oct-21	Dan Casey – gfi	Allen	Normanby fish pass – Initial findings/notes
24.8.21	Oct-21	Allan Chesswas	Allen	STDC pipeline waterblasting discharge permits
25.8.21	Oct-21	Christine Bromell – NPDC	Allen	Proposed New Plymouth District Plan – Hearing 5 Notification
1.9.21	Oct-21	Paula Harborne – wsp	Allen	Lower Whanganui Flood Protection Scheme
27.9.21	Oct-21	Josh Penn	Allen	Native plants – Tapuarau Lagoon
28.9.21	Oct-21	Adam Macfarlane-Hill Trustpower	Allen	Lake Mangamahoe Casting Platform – approval for 3 rd site

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Outwards Correspondence

Date	Meeting	To	Staff Councillor	Subject
4.8.21	Oct-21	Rose Hogwood – NPDC	Allen	Venue hire agreement – kids fishing day at Lake Rotomanu
24.8.21	Oct-21	Leah Miller – TRC	Allen	Draft conditions for Horizon Trust – whenuku Road Quarry consent application
27.8.21	Oct-21	Fred McLay – TRC	Allen	Opunake Power Ltd – Minimum residual flow in the Waiaua River
31.8.21	Oct-21	Jacob Morison	Allen	Offer of Employment
17.9.21	Oct-21	Whanganui Chronicle	Allen	New trout fishing season article
17.9.21	Oct-21	Ruapehu Bulletin	Allen	New trout fishing season article
23.9.21	Oct-21	Taranaki Daily News	Allen	New trout fishing season article