
PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE

WELLINGTON FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2015

Hon Maggie Barry
Minister of Conservation
Parliament Buildings
WELLINGTON

Dear Minister

I have the honour to submit, pursuant to Section 26X of the Conservation Act 1987 and Section 44A of the Public Finance Act 1989, the Performance Report and Financial Statements of the Wellington Fish and Game Council for the year ended 31 August 2015.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Strato Cotsilinis', written over a faint, light-colored signature line.

Strato Cotsilinis
CHAIRMAN
WELLINGTON FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

2nd December 2015

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PURPOSE OF WELLINGTON FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Council is a Reporting Entity, created by Statute (The Conservation Act 1987) to manage, maintain and enhance the sports fish and game bird resources of its region, in the recreational interests of anglers and hunters. Wellington Fish and Game derives its revenue from the sale of fish and game licences, interest, contracts, grants and miscellaneous sales.

OPERATION OF WELLINGTON FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

At balance date the Council had eleven Councillors, who are elected three yearly by the people who purchase fishing or hunting licences within the Council's region. The Council meets at least six times per year, spread around three main towns, cities, within the Wellington region, to direct the Council's management and to make its policy decisions.

The Council's office is in Palmerston North, with a branch in Wellington. The Council employs five full-time and three part time staff: a Regional Manager, one Senior Field Officer, one Environmental Officer, one Assistant Environmental Officer, on a part time basis, an Administration Officer, and Administration Assistant, on a part time basis, in Palmerston North, and a Field Officer based in Wellington. The Taranaki Fish and Game Council in Wanganui, provides its Secretary's services on a part time basis for Wellington Fish & Game Council's financial administration.

DIRECTORY COUNCILLORS

Name	Locality
Martin Taylor (Chairman) resigned as chairman 17/2/2015	Wellington
Richard Moore	Waikanae
Jim Cook	Rongotea
Strato Cotsilinis (Chairman from 17/4/2015)	Wellington
Mark Grace	Huntermville
Brad Johnson	Upper Hutt
Andrew Morris (NZ Fish & Game Council appointee)	Masterton
Eric Neumann	Palmerston North
Chris O'Meara	Lower Hutt
Andy Tannock	Palmerston North
Simon Muckley	Porirua

STAFF

Phil Teal	Regional Manager, Palmerston North
Steve Pilkington	Senior Fish and Game Officer, Palmerston North
Corina Jordan	Environmental Officer (Case Manager & Technical Advisor), Palmerston North
Hamish Carnachan	Fish and Game/Communications Officer, Wairarapa
Jilli Steedman	Financial Administrator (Part -Time), Palmerston North
Susan Wray	Office Manager, Palmerston North
Amanda Death	Office Assistant (Part –Time), Palmerston North (until 10 November 2014)
Corinne Deans	Office Assistant (Part-Time), Palmerston North (from 16 February 2015)
Stacy Tahere	Environmental Officer (Part-Time), Palmerston North (from 10 December 2013)

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Chairman's Report for the 2014/15 Financial Year

I am pleased to present this 2014/15 Performance Report on the operations of Wellington Fish and Game Council.

The Wellington Fish and Game Council continues to manage the fish and game resource in a sustainable way to achieve outcomes that have a strategic and long term benefit in terms of the resource itself and access to it by licence holders.

Resource Management Function – continued regional priority

Water quality and quantity continues to be a top priority for Wellington Fish and Game Council. Fish & Game's involvement in the resource management process continues to be essential to achieve habitat maintenance and enhancement, along with promoting public awareness of the issues in order to retain public support.

Following all the legal processes that saw the major regional planning framework and resource allocation principles defined in the Horizons Regional Council's One Plan Regional Plan, it is now critical that its implementation by the regional council reflects the direction and intent of the Environment Court decision. The lack of transparency as to how the regional council has been implementing provisions on nutrient loss from intensive land use does not instill full confidence that there is adherence to the principles of the operative plan.

Corina Jordan (Environmental Manager) has been hugely successful in case managing, and networking with leading technical, legal, and planning experts to provide a consistent approach to regional planning functions where there is acknowledged demand in the North Island and some South Island regions. This range of work has included:

- Hawke's Bay region: Ruataniwha case and subsequent Plan changes;
- CSI region: Variation 2 of the ECan regional plan and other advice on plan variations;
- Auckland/Waikato region: review of discharge consent into Whangamarino Wetland, and regional plan review processes;
- Wellington region: pre Regional Plan notification, irrigation project proposal
- National/All regions: LAWF small group technical advice; Technical advice; Natural Character Index research.

The implications of this body of work can not be understated as it provides the only credible legal and technical scrutiny to land use changes and planning framework in the resource management planning arena. There is a wide body of work such as the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment's November 2013 report (Water Quality in New Zealand: Land Use and Nutrient Pollution) that concludes the current practices and those promoted by industry to reduce nutrient losses will inevitably still lead to damage of fresh water ecosystems. It is important that the decisions made in these cases provide a basis for wider consideration of sustainable agriculture into the future and implications for water quality and the life-supporting capacity of New Zealand's waterways.

Apart from being highly effective in providing successful outcomes - Wellington Fish & Game Council continues to seek and promote efficiencies in delivering resource management advocacy to the collective of twelve regional Fish and Game Councils to best use of our limited resources.

The regional resource management function has continued to be a demanding exercise for staff, but dependable advocacy effort has been maintained to represent the interests of hunters and anglers.

There are some significant resource management issues dealt with over the year in the Wellington region including:

- Wairarapa Irrigation Project – the technical assessments of proposals for dam sites were narrowed down to two sites for full feasibility – which did not include the Mangaterere River site which is an important spawning stream in the Ruamahanga catchment. Wellington Fish & Game Council decided to withdraw from the Stakeholder Advisory Group set up by the regional council and engage directly with them as a statutory body – with the SAG process not providing a completely objective and transparent assessment of the irrigation proposals. We will be vigilant in assessing the potential “footprint” effect at these two sites still under consideration, but more importantly the implications for nutrient loss to waterways associated with land use intensification.
- The Proposed Regional Plan for Greater Wellington has been released for public submission and will provide direction for water management in the region. The consultation process for the Regional Plan review has taken a significant commitment of staff resources to be part of the collaborative process. The first formal submission phase of the Schedule 1 process for public consultation is complete and it is expected that the hearings for the Plan would commence in the second half of 2016.
- The Ruamahanga Zone (Whaitua) Committee process is being conducted concurrently to the Proposed Regional Plan process which is to use a ‘community based’ committee appointed by the Regional Council to provide recommendations on how to manage and allocate land and water resources-including nutrient limits for water quality. Fish & Game is still apprehensive about this approach in that the appointed laypeople are required to make decisions on complex issues at a sub-catchment level and the uncertainty that may result from compromising environmental bottom lines that protect ecosystem health (including the fish and game resource), to focus on ‘community values’ and economic priorities.
- These regional planning processes have highlighted the need for Fish & Game to maintain a high quality and up-to- date trout resource inventory as it will come under increased scrutiny from other parties. This will require more resources in the future to ensure it remains relevant in planning forums.
- Wairarapa rivers Flood Management Plans - continue to be developed, with these having significant influence on the direction of river management over the next few decades.
- There have been a number of successful advocacy examples such as removing a fish barrier on a culvert in the Mangaroa Stream in Hutt River Catchment which has been an impediment to fish passage from the 1980s. Staff continue to provide relevant and credible technical advice that can be incorporated into design and construction of projects that are beneficial for the trout resource.

Licence Sales & Licencing

Game licence sales were slightly down on the previous year’s sales at 99.6% of budget, even though there were some conservative and restrictive hunting conditions in place for

mallard ducks for the second successive year. Fish licence sales exceeded budget – being 105% of budget LEQs – likely due to good resource health with good numbers of trout in many rivers, combined with extended favourable weather conditions over summer – ensuring there was good opportunity for successful angling experiences.

EyeDe Ltd has performed well as the provider for licence sales management and maintains our confidence that our principal income sources are managed professionally and robustly. They have also provided continual improvement of software platforms to enable electronic processing of licences by agents or public online to become the core sales channels – reducing the need for paper licence options.

Fish & Game have also introduced some additional fish licence categories that were identified from market research to meet demand – short term, local area (regional), and senior loyalty licence options. The 2014/15 fishing season also saw the first year of a Non-resident Licence and were supportive that the treatment of the additional income be retained in the region where the licence sales were generated but utilised on relevant backcountry fisheries projects.

I would like to thank Phil Teal our Manager for the continued work he undertook on the NZ Fish and Game Council liaison committee (Licence Working Party) to help oversee the implementation of the updated licencing management system.

Communication with Licenceholders

Staff put considerable effort into following a communication plan trying to enhance the perceived 'value' of the licence to anglers and hunters, and also provide them with timely and relevant information to increase their fishing and hunting success.

In this regard there has been a strategic approach to link the communication channels to provide regular contact, and consistent messaging; Pre season Fish & Game NZ Magazine Special Issues, fishing and hunting Newsletters, regular e-zines such as Reel Life and Both Barrels; and weekly fishing and hunting reports. Hamish Carnachan has been excellent in providing relevant and well considered communications over the year, based on his considerable communications and media experience.

Species Management

The drift diving programme was diligently completed by Steve Pilkington and his team of divers. This provides us with a valuable resource on species population changes and is critical in maintaining relevant information of the trout resource. Overall trout numbers in the region's rivers were stable. The data from drift diving will complement the information gathered from spawning surveys, electro-fishing, and in-stream habitat measurements.

Staff also put in huge effort in obtaining otolith and water samples in the Ruamahanga catchment to enable water chemistry and otolith microchemistry investigation to help determine the importance of sub-catchments to recruiting trout into the main-stem Ruamahanga River where fishing activity is high.

Three main changes in the Anglers Notice were recommended to the Minister this year in response to angler and angling club submissions, namely:

- Pohangina River – various limit and upper size limits to manage harvest pressure and protect spawning sites;
- Ohau River – upper size limit to protect larger fish that would favour productive spawning fish;

- o Ruamahanga River tributaries – provide clarity as to where sites are closed for spawning season.

The nationally co-ordinated mallard research to research mallard productivity has continued in Southland and Auckland/Waikato regions using telemetry tracking of mallard hens. Mr Teal successfully resolved project management issues to ensure the project ran more effectively this year and ensure clear communications and adherence to protocols were maintained. Initial results have indicated that the extent of predation of hens and their progeny by a range of predators exceeded expectations of incidence which is of obvious concern for nest disturbance and duckling survival.

Wellington region has continued to contribute to other mallard research projects such as the mallard banding programme that may result in population monitoring being considered as a wider environmental management unit. This year saw increased effort in banding mallard with nearly 1500 birds banded in the Manawatu area which will be used to confirm survival statistics and allow comparison with other sites within a proposed environmental management unit.

Wellington Fish & Game Council is keen for a dedicated fund resulting from licence fee to be continued to be targeted to mallard research to ensure momentum and continuation of existing work undertaken.

The monitoring of mallard populations using aerial transects in 2014 and 2015 provided indication of a need for a continued conservative approach and restrictive season conditions – with Council recommending a six week, six bag limit season harvest conditions for mallard. Council considered a range of restrictive approaches that had been used in other North Island regions; but these were not pursued – other than magazine extensions for shotguns for waterfowl hunting being restricted. Wellington Council also undertook an email survey to get hunter opinion on potential restrictive approaches and how these might affect hunting opportunity, the level of acceptability to hunters of different restrictions and the consequential compliance issues that might result. The survey was well received by hunters but did not indicate an overall preference from licence holders.

Council consented to a request for the release of reared mallard ducks in small numbers but this was on the provision that there was a strict adherence to the legal requirement of not selling of waterfowl game birds.

Opportunities for Junior and Novice Anglers

One of Council's priorities in the last three years has to been to focus on junior and novice recruitment and participation – and projects that provide educational, recreational, and fishing 'success' opportunities from 'fish-out' days for junior anglers. The Fish in Schools project has received a universally positive response by participants and has been particularly successful in providing a platform for introducing junior school students to trout habitat requirements as part of a wider environmental curriculum. It is envisaged that Wellington Fish & Game will develop a strategy to sustainably grow this programme in the next three years.

The junior fishing 'fish out day' programmes continue to be greeted with great enthusiasm by junior participants and remain an important component in introducing juniors to angling. Wellington Fish and Game Council acknowledge the efforts of fish and game club volunteers that have enabled junior and novice anglers and hunters to become involved in these pursuits. These include:

- Manawatu Freshwater Angling Club and local businesses support the children's fishing day at Duddings Lake, near Marton;
- Wellington Flyfishers Club run several fishing days each year at the Capital Trout Centre, Wellington providing opportunities for hundreds of young anglers from Wellington City and surrounding catchment;
- Hutt Valley Anglers Club, Kapiti Flyfishing Club, and Wairarapa Fish & Game Club are continuing with tuition days and a mentoring programme to build a relationship between the fishing club and novice anglers to retain novice participation beyond introduction.
- The Foxton Waterfowlers Club continue their Lake Omanu training programme and this receives regular plaudits and accolades from participants and peers.

It is recognised that Fish and Game need to leverage off these efforts to ensure recruitment initiatives are effective and enduring.

Staff are also continually reviewing potential fishing reservoir sites and have progressed or investigating five sites that might be pursued as junior fishing sites in coming years: this includes two sites in the Hutt Valley at the Royal Wellington Golf Club and Kaitoke Gardens (which have one-year-old brown trout introduced), and other sites at Otaki (reservoir site), Dannevirke, and Otaihangā near Waikanae.

Compliance

I once again thank the efforts of our warranted officers who have again done a great job in ensuring licence holders and public adhere to the relevant regulations. Our honorary rangers undertake their role in a voluntary capacity and are truly contributing something back into the pursuits. They provide Fish & Game with a professional image and continue to be an important part of our organisation.

There was also consideration of a National Reparation Policy which provides direction and protocols for implementation in Fish & Game regions.

Rangitikei River Fisheries Management

Following the Wellington Fish & Game study into access restrictions in the Upper Rangitikei River. Staff have been working collaboratively with NZ Defence Force to negotiate improved access including helicopter landing sites.

Lake Wairarapa Management

Fish & Game has been attending the second tier Wairarapa Moana Management Group with observer status but remains excluded from the Wairarapa Moana Governance Group. Wellington Fish & Game will strongly advocate for access for hunters and anglers as a priority. The treaty settlement negotiations are currently underway between the Crown and iwi negotiators (Kahungunu Wairarapa and Rangitāne Wairarapa) which will most likely see the establishment of a statutory board to manage the lake and wetlands.

Council decided to focus on wetland management of properties Fish & Game owned, and to this end work has been carried out to improve Yules Lagoon for novice hunters, and a plan will be established for active management focus on work on Simmonds Lagoon.

Consents for the continued operation of the weir in the Otakura Stream were renewed to enable water management regime to the JK Donald Wetland to continue. Spraying of the watercourses and margins of the open water areas was completed

Council reviewed how stands were allocated by ballot with a focus on length of tenure of new ballots. After consideration of the pros and cons of short and long tenure options in terms of motivation to actively maintain the site it was considered that for all new ballots a three year tenure with a three year right of renewal given evidence of active management of site.

Access – Walking Access Commission

The Walking Access Mapping System (WAMS), managed by the Walking Access Commission, has been incorporated into the Fish & Game website which can also be accessed by smartphone technology.

A range of specific access issues continue to be directed onto the Commission staff to consider including applications to stop paper roads, and sites that require clarification of public access rights. There are a number of examples of where progress to resolve access issues with other agencies is very slow. One such site was dealing with a LINZ grazing lease agreement on Bluff Road near Woodville, where angler access had been affected by some poor stock management practices.

There was concern that the review of the Health and Safety Legislation and how these changes to Health and Safety Act could affect access of recreational users to farmland given the proposed guidelines for SOPs for farms. A collaborative approach by Fish & Game NZ and Federated farmers resulted in relevant advocacy and consistent messaging that has resulted in recreational users not being caught up in impractical requirements that would have acted as an impediment to reasonable access to the resource.

Access – Pencarrow Lakes/Baring Heads

Hunter access to the Pencarrow (Parangarahu) lakes has been maintained following a negotiated outcome between Fish & Game, the Regional Council, and Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust. I thank the parties involved (Te Roopu Tiaki and our Manager Phil Teal) in being able to come to an outcome that respected all parties' positions. There have been increased involvement and resources required of our staff to undertake education seminars to ensure consistent messaging about protecting key values and access requirements is clearly provided to the hunters.

Fish & Game staff have continued to successfully operate a permit system with Greater Wellington Regional Council for gamebird hunting opportunities to the lower Wainuiomata area (Baring Head) without incident.

Biodiversity Threats

Wellington Fish & Game continues to provide assistance to regional councils in their monitoring for didymo *Didymosphenia geminata* – confirming that no positive cell occurrence has been noted. The Ministry for Primary Industries is considering a wider public awareness programme on a number of potential aquatic plant pests that will link in with the current didymo awareness programme.

Other Habitat - Gamebird Habitat Stamp Applications

There is still considerable demand for assistance for grants from the Gamebird Habitat Trust Board with a further successful grant being from within the Wellington region. Staff have provided advice on several other wetland projects and have also been requested to re-assess the projects from previous years that received assistance from the Trust.

Licence Holder Participation at Council Meetings

Council has continued to have a rotation of meeting venues alternating between the three main urban centres of Wellington, Palmerston North, and Masterton with attendance and identification of local issues enough to continue with this arrangement.

Liaison with NZ Fish & Game Council

In November 2014 there was a Fish & Game governors' workshop focused on external opportunities and threats, and internally on co-ordination role for NZ Fish & Game Council with the risks of a fragmented approach highlighted.

It is therefore with interest that Wellington Fish & Game Council observe the review of the financial management procedures within Fish & Game with the initial focus on the treatment of Fish & Game reserves.

Strategic Overview - Strategic Planning and Policy

Wellington Fish & Game Council have initiated a review of its Sports Fish and Game Bird Management Plan based on plans that have recently been approved by the Minister. The wider consultation process will begin in late 2015, and after consideration of submissions will be submitted for approval to the Minister in 2016.

General - Staffing

On behalf of Council I extend a genuine thanks to our staff, who have continued to provide stability to the organisation and have made some significant gains for the fish and game resource, and wider environment. We are fortunate to have staff that show strong commitment, dedication, enthusiasm, and skills in undertaking their duties. Each has made a significant contribution:

- Phil Teal continues to lead the team and provide timely support to Council, and communication to licence holders; He has also been instrumental in managing staff changes this year with the creation of a new role to make resource management advocacy across the organisation more efficient and effective;
- Corina Jordan was appointed to the role as Environmental Manager to provide technical expertise through Fish & Game regions. She has exhibited professionalism and outstanding dedication that has elevated her as a leading expert in New Zealand that can combine technical, planning, and legal aspects of land management on waterways. This has provided significant gains in the RMA area for Fish & Game and the wider environment.
- Steve Pilkington has expertly and diligently co-ordinated the monitoring programmes for sportfish and waterfowl, co-ordinated the ranger and compliance function, and contributed to novice recruitment opportunities;
- Hamish Carnachan has been an excellent addition to the team who has contributed significantly with effective communications to media and clients, steadfastly representing Fish & Game interests in resource management issues in the Wairarapa, and performing field tasks proficiently;
- Sue Wray continues to provide an outstanding standard of administrative skills with unwavering accuracy and reliability;
- Jillie Steadman and Corrine Deans effectively assist Sue and other staff in providing consistently accurate administrative and financial management input.

Wellington Fish & Game Council Performance Report For The Year Ended 31 August 2015

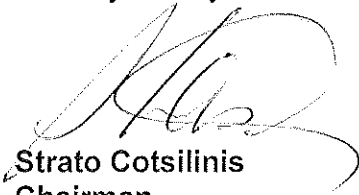
- Undergraduate student Stacy Tahere, has provided accurate input while undertaking the resource management function on a part time basis throughout the year, as well as contributing to field monitoring components.

Wellington Fish & Game Council has recognised that it could better recognise the outstanding service of volunteers and contributors to wider Fish & Game and this will be an action that we will be looking to progress next year.

I wish to acknowledge the contribution of Martin Taylor who stepped down from the Chairmanship in February due to work commitments and constraints. He has provided a well considered and reasoned approach to key issues facing Fish & Game with very professional leadership and providing relevant strategic direction to the governance role.

This year saw the triennial elections for representatives on the twelve regional Fish & Game Councils. I acknowledge that this year saw four Wellington councillors not seeking re-election after making significant contributions in the last six years or more, and the last three years in particular. There are five new councillors who join Council with innovative ideas, relevant focus on strategic direction, and an enthusiasm to contribute. I would like to thank those retiring councillors, and those councillors that continue to contribute, for the time and effort they voluntarily put in to ensuring all of our licence holders rights and interests are promoted.

Thank you for your efforts.



Strato Cotsilinis
Chairman

Wellington Fish and Game Council
2 December 2015

**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015**

The Council of Wellington Fish & Game Council accepts responsibility for the preparation of the Annual Financial Statements and the judgements used in them.

The Council of Wellington Fish and Game Council accepts responsibility for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity and reliability of financial reporting.

In the Opinion of the Council of the Wellington Fish and Game Council, the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2015, fairly reflect the financial position and operations of Wellington Fish & Game Council



Chairperson
Strato Cotsilis
2nd December 2015



Manager
Phil Teal
2nd December 2015

Statement of Financial Performance
For the Year Ended 31 August 2015

	Note	Actual 2015 \$	Budget 2015 \$	Actual 2014 \$
REVENUE				
Fish and Game licence sales	1	639,026	630,843	635,931
Grants and Donations	1	114,596	110,604	29,306
Interest	1	18,255	15,544	15,846
Funding from central or local government	1	4,000	4,000	4,000
Other Revenue	1	28,601	11,400	81,402
Total Revenue		806,137	772,391	766,485
EXPENSES				
Outputs				
Species Management	2	53,511	42,300	32,386
Habitat Protection & Management	2	11,131	14,450	53,723
Angler & Hunter Participation	2	39,903	34,805	28,982
Public Interface	2	462	2,500	10,674
Compliance	2	6,267	7,000	8,441
Licencing	2	33,565	31,542	32,784
Council	2	4,414	6,000	5,901
Planning & Reporting	2	9,302	9,000	9,668
Overheads				
Employee Related Costs	2	473,867	475,436	361,112
Depreciation	4	34,314	21,679	25,114
Other Expenses	2	126,735	127,679	129,320
Total Expenses		795,130	772,391	698,105
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		11,007	-	68,380

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of this performance report. This performance report should be read in conjunction with the attached report.



Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 August 2015

	Notes	Actual 2015 \$	Budget 2015 \$	Actual 2014 \$
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Bank accounts and cash	3	220,017	159,221	150,250
Debtors and prepayments	3	42,427	70,000	113,769
Investments	3	336,312	180,000	371,408
Total Current Assets		598,756	409,221	635,427
Non Current Assets				
Property plant and equipment	4	261,661	187,109	266,207
Total Non-Current Assets		261,661	187,109	266,207
TOTAL ASSETS		860,417	596,330	901,634
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Creditors and accrued expenses	3	105,895	90,000	173,231
Employee costs payable	3	112,165	50,000	97,852
Other current liabilities	3	800	-	-
Total Current Liabilities		218,860	140,000	271,083
TOTAL LIABILITIES		218,860	140,000	271,083
NET ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)		641,557	456,330	630,551
ACCUMULATED FUNDS	5	641,557	456,330	630,551

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended 31 August 2015

	Note	Actual 2015 \$	Actual 2014 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was received from:			
Licence Sales		685,558	601,262
Grants, donations and fundraising		134,410	9,389
Interest		18,308	15,984
Funding from central or local government		-	4,000
Other Revenue		6,473	93,385
GST (net)		2,769	-
Cash was applied to:			
Payments to Suppliers		285,440	294,333
Payments to Employees		450,180	354,828
GST (net)		-	8,632
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities		111,898	66,227
CASHFLOWS FROM INVESTING & FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Cash from received from:			
Sale of property, plant and equipment		13,043	-
Sale of investments/deposits		35,896	-
Cash was applied to:			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		91,070	-
Purchase of investments/deposits		-	62,469
Net Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities		(42,131)	(62,469)
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash		69,767	3,758
Opening Cash		150,250	146,492
Closing Cash		220,017	150,250
This is Represented by:			
Bank accounts and cash		220,017	150,250

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Statement of Accounting Policies
For the Year Ended 31 August 2015

ACCOUNTING POLICIES APPLIED

Reporting Entity

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

Basis of Preparation

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

SPECIFIC ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Goods & Services Tax (GST)

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

Revenue Recognition

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

Licence Revenue

Licence revenue is recognised in relation to the period covered by the Game bird or Fish Licence. Any licence money received for a licence in advance will be treated as a liability.

Grants Received

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

Grant from NZFGC

An annual grant was provided from the New Zealand Fish and Game Council, which is recognised as revenue when it is received.

Interest

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

Outputs

The Council has allocated expenditure based on the 8 output codes – Species management, Habitat Protection & management, Angler & Hunter participation, Public interface, Compliance, Licencing, Council and Planning & reporting. These are expensed when the related service has been received.



Employee related costs

Wages, salaries and annual leave are recorded as an expense as staff provide services and became entitled to wages, salaries.

Performance payments are recorded when the employee is notified.

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

Levies to NZFGC

A levy is paid each year to the New Zealand Fish and Game Council for the administration of the New Zealand Fish and Game Council, or redistribution to other Council and for advocacy and research.

Bank accounts and cash

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

Debtors and Prepayments

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

Investments

Investments comprise investments in term deposits with banks.

Deposits with banks are initially recorded at the amount paid. If it appears that the carrying amount of the investment will not be recovered, it will be written down to the expected recoverable amount.

Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment is recorded at cost, less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Donated assets are recognised upon receipt of the asset if the asset has a useful life of 12 months or more, and the current value of the asset is readily obtainable and significant. Significant donated assets for which current values are not readily obtainable are not recognised. For an asset to be sold, the asset is impaired if the market price for the equivalent asset falls below its carrying amount. For an asset to be used by the Council, the asset is impaired if the value to the Council in using the assets falls below the carrying amount of the assets.

Depreciation is provided on a diminishing value basis at rates that will write off the cost of the assets over their useful lives. The useful lives and associated depreciation rates of the

Buildings	40 years (2.5%)
Plant & Equipment	2 – 20 years (11.4% to 40%)
Motor Vehicles	10 Years (20% to 30%)
Office Equipment	3 – 10 years (11.4% to 80.4%)

Creditors and accrued expenses

Creditors and accrued expenses are measured at the amount owed.

Game Bird Habitat Stamp levy

Levies of \$7,120 have been collected and are paid to New Zealand Fish and Game Council per the New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Stamp Regulations 1993.

Employee costs payable

A liability for employee costs payable is recognised when an employee has earned an entitlement. These include salaries and wages accrued up to balance date and annual leave earned but not yet taken at balance date. A liability and expense for long service leave and retirement gratuities is recognised when the entitlement becomes available to the employee.



Restricted and Discretionary reserves

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

Non-Resident Licence Income

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

Rangitikei Fish Monitoring Reserve

This reserve is used for the monitoring of the upper reaches of the Rangitikei River.

JK Donald Block Track

This reserve is to fund the maintenance and upkeep of the JK Donald Block track at Lake Wairarapa. Income for this fund is derived from the sale of vehicle access stickers.

Kilmore Lodge

This fund is for the maintenance and upkeep of Kilmore Lodge at Lake Wairarapa. Income for this reserve is derived from hunters paying for accommodation costs.

Reparation

This reserve is for works and projects that contribute to the fish & game resource such as habitat maintenance and compliance management.

Income Tax

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

Budget Figures

The Budget figures are derived from the Council budget that was approved at the Council meeting in November 2014.

Tier 2 PBE Accounting Standards applied

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

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This is the first set of financial statements prepared using the new PBE-SFR-A(PS) standard, and comparative information for the year ended 31 August 2014 has been restated to comply with the new standard. The significant adjustments arising on transition to the new standard are provided in note 10.

Wellington fish and Game Council has elected to report Outputs as direct costs. In previous years the overheads have been allocated across the output areas based on the hours worked within each output.



Notes to the Performance Report
For the Year Ended 31 August 2015

NOTE 1: ANALYSIS OF REVENUE	Actual 2015 \$	Budget 2015 \$	Actual 2014 \$
Licence sales			
Fish Licence	372,961	353,705	355,061
Game licence	266,065	277,138	280,870
Total	639,026	630,843	635,931
Grants and donations			
Grant from Genesis	19,967	16,000	19,917
National Fish & Game Grant	94,604	94,604	9,389
Donations / Koha from the Public	25	-	-
Total	114,596	110,604	29,306
Interest			
Other interest	18,255	15,544	15,846
Total	18,255	15,544	15,846
Funding from central or local Government			
General funding from central or local government	4,000	4,000	4,000
Total	4,000	4,000	4,000
Other revenue			
Fines / Prosecutions	4,927	5,000	12,960
RMA Income received	-	-	47,609
Trout liberations	8,756	2,000	4,913
Lake Wairarapa Hunter Access	1,239	1,000	1,109
Hunter Access	2,635	3,000	3,901
Kilmore Lodge	1,122	-	1,209
Centennial Lagoon	-	-	7,503
National Projects	-	-	280
Public Awareness	13	-	70
Hunter Training	348	400	348
Other RMA Income	541	-	1,500
Gamebird Population Assessment	1,740	-	-
Duddings Lake Junior Anglers	6,087	-	-
Gain on sale / disposal of assets	1,193	-	-
Total	28,601	11,400	81,402



NOTE 2: ANALYSIS OF EXPENSE	Actual 2015 \$	Budget 2015 \$	Actual 2014 \$
Species management			
Population monitoring	34,422	15,000	24,647
Harvest assessment	3,943	14,800	2,644
Liberations	15,016	11,500	4,912
Control	130	1,000	183
Total	53,511	42,300	32,386
Habitat protection & management			
Resource management	1,499	1,200	45,598
Works & management	8,953	8,000	5,204
Assisted habitat	679	5,250	2,921
Total	11,131	14,450	53,723
Angler & Hunter participation			
Access	8,500	10,800	3,999
Newsletters	15,518	13,500	13,679
Information to Clients	5,114	3,500	4,857
Training	10,344	7,005	5,576
Huts	427	-	871
Total	39,903	34,805	28,982
Public interface			
Advocacy	60	500	1,006
Public promotions	402	2,000	9,668
Total	462	2,500	10,674
Compliance			
Ranging	2,380	1,000	3,761
Ranger training	682	1,000	708
Compliance	3,205	5,000	3,972
Total	6,267	7,000	8,441
Licensing			
Licence production & distribution	-	-	461
Agent Service	341	-	2,042
Commission	33,224	31,542	30,281
Total	33,565	31,542	32,784
Council			
Council meetings	4,414	6,000	5,901
Total	4,414	6,000	5,901
Planning & reporting			
Reporting	9,244	9,000	9,668
National liaison	32	-	-
National projects	26	-	-
Total	9,302	9,000	9,668
Employee related costs			
Salaries and wages	471,673	471,836	357,787
ACC Levies	2,194	3,600	3,325
Total	473,867	475,436	361,112
Other expenses			
Office premises	38,697	43,050	42,601
Office equipment	12,596	3,000	1,594
Communications	23,730	17,479	22,531
General	8,201	10,650	12,190
Field equipment	1,663	2,500	4,140
Vehicles	41,848	51,000	46,264
Total	126,735	127,679	129,320



NOTE 3: ANALYSIS ASSETS AND LIABILITIES	Actual 2015 \$	Actual 2014 \$
Bank accounts and cash		
Current account balance	220,017	150,250
Total	220,017	150,250
Debtors and other receivables		
Accounts receivable	40,871	112,146
Prepayments	1,556	1,623
Total	42,427	113,769
Investments		
Term Deposits	336,312	371,408
Total	336,312	371,408
Creditors and accrued expenses		
Trade and other payables	21,622	93,801
GST Payable	43,476	40,564
Income in advance	31,008	29,077
Audit fees accrual	6,339	6,339
Accounting fees accrual	3,450	3,450
Total	105,895	173,231
Employee costs payable		
Accrued salaries and wages	11,777	11,007
Annual leave	90,234	75,691
PAYE owing	10,154	11,154
Total	112,165	97,852
Other current liabilities		
ANZ Advantage Account	800	-
Total	800	-

NOTE 4: PROPERTY PLANT & EQUIPMENT

2015					
Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Sales / Disposals	Current year Depreciation and Impairment	Closing Carrying Amount
Land	126,552				126,552
Buildings	4,204			182	4,022
Plant & Equipment	13,155			1,777	11,378
Vehicles	110,192	41,619	11,850	25,344	114,617
Office Equipment	12,104			7,011	5,093
Total	266,207	41,619	11,850	34,314	261,661

2014					
Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Sales / Disposals	Current year Depreciation and Impairment	Closing Carrying Amount
Land	126,552				126,552
Buildings	4,386			182	4,204
Plant & Equipment	15,257			2,102	13,155
Vehicles	87,082	42,482		19,372	110,192
Office Equipment	8,594	6,968		3,458	12,104
Total	241,871	49,450		25,114	266,207

The combined value of the Council's landholdings at Simmonds Lagoon and at Lake Omanu is disclosed in the Schedule of Fixed Assets at a total value of \$126,552. The Council considers that the fair values of these land holdings are respectively \$265,000, as determined at 1 September 2014 for South Wairarapa District Council, and \$445,000, as determined at 1 August 2013 for Horowhenua District Council, by Quotable Value New Zealand Ltd. The Council does not consider the cost of formal revaluation that would be required to substantiate any write up of the land holdings' values to be warranted at this time

NOTE 5: ACCUMULATED FUNDS	Actual 2015	Actual 2014
	\$	\$
Accumulated Funds		
Balance as at 1 September	504,070	454,851
Surplus / (Deficit)	11,007	68,380
Transfer to Restricted Reserves	(24,972)	(19,161)
Transfer from Restricted Reserves	4,528	-
Balance at 31 August	494,633	504,070
Restricted and Discretionary Reserves		
Balance as at 1 September	126,481	107,320
Transfer to Accumulated Funds	(4,528)	-
Transfer from Accumulated Funds	24,972	19,161
Balance at 31 August	146,925	126,481
Total Accumulated Funds as at 31 August	641,557	630,551



Breakdown of Restricted and Discretionary Reserves		Actual 2015 \$	Actual 2014 \$
Name	Nature and Purpose		
Rangitikei Fish Monitoring Reserve	To monitor upper reaches of the Rangitikei River	118,883	101,548
Reparation Income	For works and projects that contribute to the fish & game resource.	23,191	20,361
Kilmore Lodge	For the maintenance and upkeep of Kilmore Lodge	1,974	1,279
JK Donald Track	For the maintenance and upkeep of the JK Donald track	4	3,293
Non Resident Licence Income	Back Country Fisheries	2873	-
Total Restricted & Discretionary Reserves		146,925	126,481

NOTE 6: COMMITMENTS & CONTINGENCIES	Actual 2015 \$	Actual 2014 \$
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Commitment to:	Explanation and Timing		
Office Lease	Lease expiring 28 February 2016	12,750	38,250

Commitments

There are no capital expenditure commitments as at 31 August 2015. (Last year – nil)

Contingent Liability	Explanation	Actual 2015 \$	Actual 2014 \$
Court Case	Prosecution under the Wildlife Act	-	3,000

NOTE 7: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related Party	Description of the Transaction	2015 Value	2014 Value	2015 Amount Outstanding	2014 Amount Outstanding
NZ Fish and Game Council	Grants received	94,604	9,389		
Strato Cotsilinis	Trout partly paid for by Wellington Fish & Game Council in respect of children's fishing days	6,756	4,913		

The New Zealand Fish and Game Council is by statute a related party, with a financial redistribution for regional Fish and Game Councils. In the reporting year, Wellington Fish & Game Council received a grant totaling \$94,604 to the New Zealand Fish & Game Council (2014 received grant; \$9,389). There are nil outstanding balances at year end (2014; nil).

Strato Cotsilinis is a Councillor, and a member of the Executive Committee of Wellington Flyfishers Club. The Wellington Flyfishers Club organizes children's fishing days with trout partly paid for by Wellington Fish & Game Council. The total external cost of trout was \$6,756 excl GST (2014; \$4,913). A contribution of \$4,913 (2014; \$5,302) was received from Wellington Flyfishers Club. There are nil outstanding balances at year end (2014; nil).

There were no other related party transactions. There are nil provisions for doubtful debts or expenses for bad debts, and no guarantees given or received for all related parties.

NOTE 8: EVENTS AFTER BALANCE DATE

There were no events that have occurred after the balance date that would have a material impact on the Performance Report (Last year nil).

NOTE 9: SIGNIFICANT ADJUSTMENTS ARISING ON TRANSITION TO NEW PBE SFR-A (PS) STANDARD

The main adjustments to the 31 August 2014 comparative statement of the financial performance and statement of financial position arising on the transition to the new PBE SFR-A (PS) standard are explained below:

Statement of Financial Performance

Expenses within the report are now shown as direct costs – in the 2014 accounts the outputs were reported with an overhead allocation based on the number of hours worked within each output. Overheads – Employee related costs, depreciation and other expenses have been reported in the face of the report.

Statement of Financial Position

Creditors and accrued expenses have been increased by \$29,077 to reflect the Income in Advance accrual for 2013/2014 Fish Licences sold. Equity has been adjusted by \$29,077 to reflect the Income in Advance accrual.

Statement of Cash Flows

There were no comparatives as the Statement of Cash Flows was not required under the last NZIFRS standards



NOTE 10: ALLOCATION OF OVERHEADS TO OUTPUT AREAS FOR 2015

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

ACTUAL 2015

Output Area	Actual Direct \$	Actual Hours	Allocation of Overheads	Total Costs per Output
Species management	53,511	1,882	120,537	174,048
Habitat protection & management	11,131	4,360	279,320	290,451
Angler & hunter participation	39,903	1,282	82,162	122,065
Public interface	462	589	37,702	38,164
Compliance	6,267	390	24,985	31,252
Licencing	33,565	45	2,883	36,447
Council	4,414	189	12,076	16,490
Planning & reporting	9,302	639	40,937	50,239
Totals	158,555	9,375	600,602	759,155

Actual Overheads

Employee related costs	473,867
Other expenses	126,735
Total Overheads to allocate	600,602

BUDGET 2015

Output Area	Actual Direct \$	Actual Hours	Allocation of Overheads	Total Costs per Output
Species management	42,300	1,910	129,462	171,762
Habitat protection & management	14,450	4,000	271,124	285,574
Angler & hunter participation	34,805	1,470	99,638	134,443
Public interface	2,500	252	17,081	19,581
Compliance	7,000	246	16,674	23,674
Licencing	31,542	124	8,405	39,947
Council	6,000	316	21,419	27,419
Planning & reporting	9,000	580	39,313	48,313
Totals	147,597	8,898	603,115	750,712

Actual Overheads

Employee related costs	475,436
Other expenses	127,679
Total Overheads to allocate	603,115

STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE

For the Year Ended 31 August 2015

Introduction

This section of the Annual Report sets out what was planned to be achieved in each of the projects undertaken, as stated in the Council's Annual Plan, and against this reports what was actually achieved.

PROJECT 1111 SPORTS FISH POPULATION MONITORING

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
Trout populations in all fisheries in the Wellington Fish & Game Region, that are valued by licence holders, will remain stable over time.	Information gained by drift diving and spawning surveys, as planned in Council's adopted Sports Fish Monitoring Strategy, will result in identifying implications for sports fish management. A report by professional staff on the results of the year's fieldwork will be presented to the Council by 31 August 2015. An overview to investigate the environmental drivers for trout fisheries in the Wellington region using existing drift dive data and externally sourced (Regional Councils) water quality and flow data.	Drift dive surveys were undertaken in 65 transects of 23 rivers, and a report on the results of this, by professional staff, was presented to the Council on 13 October 2015. Trout spawning surveys were conducted on 23 rivers and streams.
(Mgt Plan ref A9.1.1)	Budget Cost \$63,285	Actual Cost \$88,036

PROJECT 1112 RANGITIKEI TROUT FISHERY MANAGEMENT

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
Sports fisheries that exhibit characteristics that are valued by anglers will be identified and safeguarded.	The implementation of a program of research, monitoring and compliance work, with financial support from, and a report to, Genesis Power Ltd, by 31 August 2015. Operate a backcountry licence for the Upper Rangitikei fisheries. Budgeted income of \$16,000	Obtained information on trout abundance, spawning and recruitment where there was currently little or none. Drift dived portions of the Moawhanga (2.6km) and Kauwhata (0.8km) rivers as major tributaries of the Rangitikei River. Drift dived three reaches of the Rangitikei River - Dives were conducted at Springvale (3.9km [2.3km above the bridge] and 1.3km below the bridge). A 1.2km section of the river was dived at Mangaohane. A backcountry licence has continued with results presented to Council 9 June 2015. A report to Genesis Power Ltd was completed in June 2015 and presented to Council 9 June 2015.



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(Mgt Plan ref A9.3.5)	Budget Cost \$19,769	Receipt of \$19,967 was received from Genesis Power Ltd. Some of these funds have been carried forward to 2014/2015. Actual Cost \$2,650
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PROJECT 1113 RIVER CONTROL FISHERY ASSESSMENT

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
The quality and quantity of trout habitat in the Wellington Fish & Game region will remain stable over time. (Mgt Plan ref A9.1.3).	Information gained by drift diving will result in assessment of the impacts of river control works on trout habitats and populations in the Hutt and Waikanae Rivers. A Progress report by professional staff on the results of the fieldwork will be presented to Wellington Regional Council by 31 August 2015. Income of \$4,000 was budgeted from Wellington Regional Council.	Drift diving in the Hutt, Otaki and Waikanae rivers' was undertaken as part of an ongoing program. A report by professional staff, summarising the results of the field work was presented to Greater Wellington Regional Council June 2015, and the report was presented to Wellington Fish and Game Council on 9 June 2015. Receipt of \$4,000 from Greater Wellington Regional Council.
	Budget Net Cost \$5,151	Actual Cost \$0

PROJECT 1114 GAMEBIRD POPULATION ASSESSMENTS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
The Wellington regional populations of gamebirds are managed to remain relatively stable over time. (Mgt Plan ref C9.1.1, D9.1.1, E9.1.1, F9.1.1, G9.1.1, H9.1.1).	Information gained by autumn counts of the regional populations of Mallard/grey ducks and Pukeko, summer trend counts of paradise shelduck and black swan and late winter counts of shoveler ducks, will result in identifying implications for game bird management. A report by professional staff on the results of the fieldwork will be presented to the Council by 31 August 2015.	A report by professional staff, detailing autumn population assessments and trends for mallard/grey duck hybrids, paradise shelduck, shoveler, black swan and pukeko, with management implications, was received by the Council on 13 October 2015.
	Budget Cost \$44,170	Actual Cost \$50,366



PROJECT 1122 NATIONAL HUNTER SURVEY

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>Hunter harvest of gamebirds will be controlled so it is not the cause of any population's demise.</p> <p>(Mgt Plan ref C9.1.2, D9.1.2, E9.1.2, F9.3.1, G9.1.2, H9.1.2, I9.1.1).</p>	<p>Information gained from game licence holders during the 2015 game season, collected by participation in this externally analysed and nationally coordinated annual survey, will result in identifying implications for game bird management.</p> <p>A report by professional staff on the results of the 2015 survey will be presented to the Council by 31 August 2015.</p> <p>Budget Cost \$5,689</p>	<p>The 2015 national hunter survey was undertaken during the 2015 game season, and a report by professional staff detailing game bird harvest levels for the 2015 game seasons, comparing these with 23 previous years' harvest assessments and detailing management implications, was received by the Council on 13 October 2015.</p> <p>Actual Cost \$5,737</p>

PROJECT 1123 REGIONAL ANGLER SURVEY

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>85% of licensed anglers have a satisfactory angling experience, and will be satisfied with the availability, quality and extent of information available.</p> <p>(Mgt Plan ref A9.3.2, A9.3.6.)</p>	<p>Information gained by surveying fish licence holders during the 2014/15 financial year will result in identifying implications for fisheries management.</p> <p>A report by professional staff on the results of the survey will be presented to the Council by 31 August 2015.</p> <p>Budget Cost \$4,974</p>	<p>Contribution made to a nationally co-ordinated research project on angler usage of rivers – the National Angler Survey which is conducted every seven years.</p> <p>Actual Cost \$192</p>

PROJECT 1124 REGIONAL HUNTER SURVEY

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>90% of dabbling duck hunters have a satisfactory hunting experience, and will be satisfied with the availability, quality and extent of information available.</p> <p>(Mgt Plan ref C9.3.1 C9.3.6).</p>	<p>Information gained by surveying game licence holders during the 2014/15 financial year will result in identifying implications for game management.</p> <p>A report by professional staff on the results of the survey will be presented to the Council by 31 August 2015.</p> <p>Budget Cost \$3,211</p>	<p>As part of the National Gamebird Harvest Survey a series of questions relating to Wellington region hunters' satisfaction and participation were undertaken.</p> <p>Analysis of the results completed and report was presented to Wellington Fish and Game Council on 13 October 2015.</p> <p>Actual Cost \$2,024</p>



PROJECT 1161 TROUT LIBERATIONS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
The maintenance and improvement of trout fisheries by stocking with hatchery-reared fish where this is necessary, achievable and cost effective.	The provision of 2,000 healthy two-year-old rainbow trout at Capital Trout Centre, Wellington, by 31 January 2015.	300 rainbow trout from Tongariro Hatchery, Turangi were delivered to Capital Trout Centre 18 December 2014.
	The provision of at least 500 healthy two-year old rainbow trout at Centennial Lagoon, Palmerston North with view to supporting a junior novice fishing day promotion. Income of \$2,000 was budgeted.	1000 rainbow trout liberated into Duddings Lake, Bulls for a junior/novice fishing day promotion on 30 November 2014. Planning and confirmation of event for November 2015. 200 rainbow trout from Tongariro Hatchery, Turangi were delivered to Capital Trout Centre 8 May 2015 Total costs for the Capital Trout Centre were \$6,756 offset by the receipt of \$6,756 from Wellington Flyfishers Club. Total costs for the Duddings Lake, Bulls were \$24,939, offset by the receipt of \$7,503 from sponsors. (see project 1357)
(Mgt Plan ref A9.1.5).	Budget Cost \$12,856	Actual Cost \$15,177

PROJECT 1171 SEASON REGULATIONS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
The maintenance and improvement of the region's sportfish and gambird resources, by the formulation and recommendation to the NZ Fish & Game Council of season conditions for fishing and game hunting seasons, that can be demonstrated to be sustainable.	The dispatch of the Council's draft recommendations for 2015 game hunting season conditions to New Zealand Fish and Game Council by 31 December 2014.	Council's draft recommendations for the 2015 game hunting season conditions were sent to New Zealand Fish & Game Council on 21 December 2015 and 18 February 2015.
	The dispatch of the Council's draft recommendations for the 2015/2016 fishing season conditions to New Zealand Fish and Game Council by 30 June 2015.	Council's draft recommendations for 2015/2016 fishing season conditions were sent to New Zealand Fish & Game Council on 18 June 2015.
(Mgt Plan ref A9.1.2)	Budget Cost \$5,151	Actual Cost \$3,075



PROJECT 1172 KEEP AND RELEASE APPROVALS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>The protection of Wellington Fish & Game region's indigenous biodiversity and trout habitat.</p> <p>(Mgt Plan ref A9.1.3, A9.2.2, I9.2.2)</p>	<p>All keepings of gamebirds, and all releases of sportfish, other fish, and gamebirds will be subject to appropriate statutory approvals.</p> <p>Budget Cost \$542</p>	<p>One game preserve was approved at Hunterville by the Council on 29 November 2006 and agreement renewed by Council in with amendments October 2012.</p> <p>These operations continue and comply with information sought.</p> <p>An application to establish a game preserve at Waituna, Feilding was approved by the Council on 9 December 2014.</p> <p>Actual Cost \$1,281</p>

PROJECT 1181 GAMEBIRD DISPERSAL

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>The dispersal or control of congregations of gamebirds, where they cause unacceptable damage to farmers' crops, is undertaken in a timely and cost effective manner.</p> <p>(Mgt Plan ref C9.2.1, E9.2.1, F9.2.1, F9.2.2, G9.2.1, H9.2.1)</p>	<p>The dispersal and control of game birds where they cause unacceptable damage to farmers' crops is undertaken in a timely and cost effective manner.</p> <p>A report by professional staff on the performance of game bird dispersal throughout Wellington Fish & Game region for the reporting year will be presented to Council by 31 August 2015.</p> <p>Budget Cost \$6,422</p>	<p>Fish and Game issue permits to disturb game birds in specified areas and in specific circumstances.</p> <p>59 permits were issued, compared to 62 the previous year, with details reported to Council on 13 October 2015.</p> <p>Actual Cost \$5,511</p>



PROJECT 1211 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>The quality and quantity of trout habitat in the Wellington Fish & Game region will remain stable over time.</p> <p>(Mgt Plan ref A9.1.3)</p>	<p>Submissions on resource consent applications and plan proposals will be made as appropriate, seeking to achieve trout habitat protection and wetland conservation.</p> <p>Budget Cost \$220,811</p>	<p>Report was presented to Wellington Fish & Game Council on 13 October 2015.</p> <p>Council staff responded to resource management issues throughout the year as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Section 95 approvals (non-notified) 13 Section 96 submissions in opposition 3 Pre-hearing meetings 2 Formal hearings 1 Policy Statement / Regional Plan submission. <p>An Environment Manager position was created to work with other Fish & Game regions undertaking nationally significant resource management and regional planning projects.</p> <p>A report was prepared and presented to Wellington Fish & Game Council on 13 October 2015 and NZ Fish & Game Council on 26 September 2015.</p> <p>Actual Cost \$248,018</p>

PROJECT 1212 HABITAT ADVOCACY

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>The quality and quantity of trout habitat in the Wellington Fish & Game region will remain stable over time.</p> <p>(Mgt Plan ref A9.1.3)</p>	<p>The promotion of habitat protection and enhancement, outside the Resource Management Act procedures, as opportunities allow.</p> <p>Budget Cost \$15,454</p>	<p>Fish & Game staff met local government and other officials, and undertook investigations to advocate for habitat protection and enhancement on 8 occasions.</p> <p>Actual Cost \$15,704</p>



PROJECT 1222 LAKE WAIRARAPA HABITAT

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To maintain and enhance the gamebird habitat at the northeast margin of Lake Wairarapa. (no Mgt Plan ref, Statutory ref sec 26Q(1)(b)(v).)	The payment of rates on the Council's "Simmonds Lagoon" property. The management of water levels within the wetlands of the "JK Donald Reserve" at Lake Wairarapa as authorised by Greater Wellington Regional Council. The management of open water at Boggy Pond and Matthews Lagoon as authorised by the Department of Conservation. Involvement of Fish & Game in the Lake Wairarapa Moana management organisation.	Water diversion channels at the J.K. Donald Wetland were cleared and reporting on the operation of the diversion was completed, as required by the consent. Application made for consent renewal of stream diversion into JK Donald Wetland. Consent. Met with Greater Wellington Regional Council to discuss management issues on Wairarapa Moana project. Assisted in joint project with Department of Conservation and Greater Wellington Regional Council to spray willows on JK Donald Wetland.
	Budget Cost \$28,368	Actual Cost \$16,224

PROJECT 1223 JK DONALD DRAIN CLEAN

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To maintain and enhance the gamebird habitat at the northeast margin of Lake Wairarapa. (no Mgt Plan ref, Statutory ref sec 26Q(1)(b)(v).)	To clean drain in the JK Donald Reserve wetland to comply with arrangements with adjoining landowners.	Drain status compliant with agreement.
	Budget Cost \$2,000	Actual Cost \$3,620

PROJECT 1231 WETLAND ENHANCEMENT

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
The Wellington regional populations of gamebirds are managed to remain relatively stable over time. (Mgt Plan ref C9.1.1.)	The provision of advice on request, and the promotion of sources of funding for the construction and enhancement of waterfowl habitat by landholders within the Council's region by 31 August 2015.	Advice on wetland improvement was provided to land holders on request on ten occasions, with assistance with two funding applications for land holders (and other projects) with suitable wetland enhancement projects being provided by Gamebird Habitat Stamp Trust with one project receiving funding.
	Budget Cost \$14,192	Actual Cost \$6,885



PROJECT 1232 HABITAT MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>The Wellington regional populations of gamebirds are managed to remain relatively stable over time.</p> <p>(Mgt Plan ref C9.1.1)</p>	<p>To provide part funding for habitat enhancement projects.</p> <p>Budget Cost \$2,000</p>	<p>Advice provided to five habitat enhancement projects with one project receiving part funding.</p> <p>Actual Cost \$0</p>

PROJECT 1233 TROUT RESERVOIR FEASIBILITY & MANAGEMENT

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>Not less than 5,000 licenced anglers will undertake not less than 40,000 angling visits per year in the Wellington Fish & Game region.</p> <p>(Mgt Plan ref A 9.3.1)</p> <p>The maintenance and improvement of trout fisheries by stocking with hatchery-reared fish where this is necessary, achievable and cost effective.</p> <p>(Mgt Plan ref A9.1.5)</p>	<p>To investigate the feasibility of potential reservoir fisheries in the Hutt Valley and Wainuiomata river systems.</p> <p>A report by professional staff on potential fisheries will be presented to the Council by 31 August 2015.</p> <p>Budget Cost \$2,750</p>	<p>Preliminary investigations into the feasibility of establishing and/or maintaining a reservoir fishery at nineteen potential sites.</p> <p>Professional staff reported to the Council on 14 October 2014 and 18 August 2015 identifying potential reservoir sites and management implications.</p> <p>Actual Cost \$0</p>

PROJECT 1311 ANGLER ACCESS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>Not less than 1,000 kilometres of angling water will be accessible to anglers in the Wellington Fish & Game Region.</p> <p>(Mgt Plan ref A9.3.3.)</p>	<p>The identification and negotiation of angler access as part of an access programme, with access signage and angler access brochures made available to licence holders by 31 August 2015.</p> <p>Liaison with the Walking Access Commission to identify potential improvements in public (and specifically angler) access.</p> <p>Budget Cost \$15,313</p>	<p>Angler access programme was maintained and angler access signage erected.</p> <p>Liaisons were held with relevant authorities including Walking Access Commission on particular angler access issues.</p> <p>Collaborative project for developing electronic formats for angler access points, in conjunction with Walking Access Commission.</p> <p>Actual Cost \$5,166</p>

PROJECT 1312 LAKE WAIRARAPA HUNTER ACCESS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>The management of hunter access and the allocation of maimai sites shall be undertaken by Council, where a mutually acceptable written agreement to this effect between the council and the landholder or land administering authority can be negotiated.</p> <p>(Mgt Plan ref C9.3.3.)</p>	<p>Maintenance of Eric Kilmore Lodge, with some costs recovered from users.</p> <p>The implementation of Council policy for the management of gamebird hunter access at Lake Wairarapa, in accord with agreements with the Department of Conservation and farmers to this end, with some costs recovered from users.</p> <p>Income of \$1,000 was budgeted.</p> <p>Budget Net Cost \$10,134</p>	<p>Eric Kilmore Lodge was used for 3 club weekends, and on 107 other hunter nights.</p> <p>Liaison meetings held with land owners and land administering authorities with an interest in the management of hunter access to Conservation wetlands at Lake Wairarapa.</p> <p>Kilmore Lodge fees of \$1,122 were received.</p> <p>Donald Reserve track stickers produced income of \$1,239 exl.GST.</p> <p>Actual Cost \$11,040</p>

PROJECT 1313 HUNTER ACCESS PERMITS AND BALLOTS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>The management of hunter access and the allocation of maimai sites shall be undertaken by Council, where a mutually acceptable written agreement to this effect between the Council and the landholder or land administering authority can be negotiated.</p> <p>(Mgt Plan ref C9.3.3, I9.3.2)</p>	<p>The availability of duly negotiated and agreed access permits, with a small administration charge, to licenced hunters, by 31 March 2015 for the 2015 game season, for all areas publicly available to hunters in the Wellington region.</p> <p>The management of the allocation by ballot of available hunting sites at Pukepuke, Koitiata and Lake Wairarapa Wetlands, in time for 2015 game season.</p> <p>Income of \$3,000 was budgeted.</p> <p>Budget Net Cost \$17,888</p>	<p>Access for game bird hunters was negotiated and agreed on all "public" areas available last year, and permit booklets for game bird hunter access onto nominated areas were available from 19 March 2015.</p> <p>A report to Council on the 13 October 2015 showed 747 permits were issued on request to Wellington Fish and Game region licence holders. (747 permits last year).</p> <p>Permit income of \$3,901 exl. gst was received.</p> <p>Actual Cost \$3,826</p>



PROJECT 1331 MAGAZINE & NEWSLETTERS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
Not less than 85% of licenced anglers and hunters will be satisfied with the availability, quality, and extent of information available.	<p>The provision of a two page regional supplement in each of the two Special Editions of Fish & Game magazine to be published during the reporting year.</p> <p>The preparation and publication of two regional newsletters to licence holders during the reporting year.</p>	<p>Wellington regional supplements of two pages were provided in Special Editions 40 and 41 of <i>Fish & Game NZ Magazine</i>.</p> <p>Two regional newsletters for the Wellington region were made available both through licence agents and posted in spring 2014 pre Fish #14) and autumn (pre-Game #15) 2015.</p>
(Mgt Plan ref A9.3.6.)	Budget Cost \$23,532	Actual Cost \$35,026

PROJECT 1341 INFORMATION TO LICENCE HOLDERS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
Not less than 85% of licenced anglers and hunters will be satisfied with the availability, quality and extent of information available.	<p>Responses to requests for information will be provided as required.</p> <p>Weekly email reports from October to end of March that provide anglers with information on river levels and angling potential.</p> <p>Weekly email reports from May to June that provide hunters with information on weather and hunting potential.</p> <p>Council's portion of the NZF&G website will be maintained as an important communication means with licence holders by 31 August 2015.</p>	<p>Report on communications prepared for Wellington Fish & Game Council on 13 October 2015</p> <p>Council staff provided responses to requests for information as required.</p> <p>A monthly e-newsletter Reellife was regularly distributed electronically to anglers.</p> <p>Both Barrels e-newsletter was distributed to hunters electronically on 3 occasions throughout the game season.</p> <p>Weekly Fishing Reports (32) sent out from September 2014 – March 2015.</p> <p>Weekly Game Season Reports (7) sent out from May - June 2015.</p> <p>The website has downloads of access pamphlets and also river level information. Other information on Council meetings, organised hunts, and e-newsletters are also available on the website.</p>
(Mgt Plan ref A9.3.6, C9.3.6.)	Budget Cost \$19,496	Actual Cost \$17,094



PROJECT 1342 LAPSED PARTICIPANT SURVEY AND PARAMETER ANALYSIS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
The participation of hunters and anglers are to be at levels that will sustain effective management of the sport. (Mgt Plan ref A9.3.1, B9.3.1, C9.3.4)	Assist NZ Fish & Game Council undertake testing of marketing opportunities to lapsed participants and existing participants. Budget Cost \$678	NZ Council are currently reviewing licence categories to assist in retaining and recruiting licence holders. Actual Cost \$673

PROJECT 1351 HUNTER TRAINING – LAKE OMANU

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
Game licence sales are at a level that will sustain effective management of the sport. (Mgt Plan ref C9.3.4.)	The Foxton Waterfowl and Wetlands Club will be assisted to run a hunter training programme at Lake Omanu. Income of \$400 was budgeted from a grazing lease. Budget Net Cost \$1,047	The Junior Hunter Trainee Programme was run with existing trainees. The training programme, and this year's opening weekend shooting were reported to Council on 13 October 2015. Grazing lease income of \$348 was received. Actual Cost \$157

PROJECT 1354 JUNIOR ANGLER TRAINING

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
Not less than 5,000 licenced anglers will undertake not less than 40,000 angling visits per year in the Wellington Fish & Game region. (Mgt Plan ref C9.3.1)	Establish an inventory of equipment that can be used in junior angler promotions. Develop a "Fish in Schools" education and recreation module for introduction into schools. Support two "getting started in fishing" programs Budget Cost \$29,655	Inventory of equipment for junior angler promotions maintained. Four schools received support for the Fish in Schools module. Activities related to junior angler training undertaken as part of Duddings Lake public promotion, and Capital Trout Centre youth fishing open days. Actual Cost \$17,111



PROJECT 1355 JUNIOR HUNTER TRAINING

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
The management of hunter access and the allocation of maimai sites shall be undertaken by Council, where a mutually acceptable written agreement to this effect between the council and the landholder or land administering authority can be negotiated.	Maintain up to three maimai sites at Yules Lagoon, Wairarapa.	Limited maintenance work undertaken at Yules Lagoon.
(Mgt Plan ref C9.3.3.)	Budget Cost \$1,500	Actual Cost \$64

PROJECT 1357 DUDDINGS LAKE JUNIOR ANGLERS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
Not less than 5,000 licenced anglers will undertake not less than 40,000 angling visits per year in the Wellington Fish & Game region.	To liberate 1000 2 year old rainbow trout into Duddings Lake, Marton and co-ordinate promotional day for Fish & Game interests and values.	Assisting in the Duddings Lake Junior Fishng Open Day – linked to project 1354 Junior Angler Training – 300 participants 29-30 November 2014.
(Mgt Plan ref C9.3.1)	Budget Cost \$9,778	Actual \$25,428

PROJECT 1361 CLUB LIAISON

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
The maintenance of a positive working relationship with clubs.	Attend meetings on regular basis or as required.	Maintain open communication with 13 active Fish and Game Clubs. 8 club meetings were attended.
	Budget Cost \$5,422	Actual Cost \$6,054



PROJECT 1411 ADVOCACY AND LIAISON

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>Not less than 80% of the Wellington regional general public knows and accepts the activities and interests of anglers and hunters.</p> <p>(Mgt Plan ref A9.2.4, C9.3.5.)</p>	<p>Liaison with Conservation Boards and Regional Councils at a governor level as opportunities permit by 31 August 2015.</p> <p>Budget Cost \$3,525</p>	<p>Signatory of the Manawatu River Accord which involved intent and commitment from iwi, environmental groups, industry and Territorial Local Authorities to clean up the Manawatu River.</p> <p>No Conservation Board meetings were attended, and two Conservation Board members attended 3 meetings of the Council during this year.</p> <p>Attended 3 Wairarapa Moana meetings dealing with management of Lake Wairarapa and surrounding wetlands.</p> <p>No Department of Conservation staff attended Council meetings during this reporting year.</p> <p>The regular receipt by the Council of agendas of the Conservation Boards in the region, and by the regular provision of Council meeting agendas to two Conservation Boards, maintained mutual liaison.</p> <p>Actual Cost \$19,123</p>

PROJECT 1412 IWI LIAISON

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>A positive relationship with the Wellington Fish & Game region's Iwi will be sought in respect of the management of trout.</p> <p>(Mgt Plan ref A9.2.5.)</p>	<p>The establishment of a positive working relationship with Iwi Authorities with a view to defining appropriate contacts by 31 August 2015.</p> <p>Budget Cost \$3,211</p>	<p>Maintained contacts with Iwi representatives from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ngati Raukawa ki te Tonga • Ngati Kahungunu • Rangitaane o Wairarapa • Te Mauri o Rangitaane o Manawatu. <p>Actual Cost \$961</p>

PROJECT 1441 PUBLIC AWARENESS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>Not less than 80% of the Wellington regional general public knows and accepts the activities and interests of anglers and hunters.</p> <p>(Mgt Plan ref A9.2.4, C9.3.5.)</p>	<p>Publicity on angling, hunting, and the work of Fish & Game New Zealand is provided, with the coverage reported to Council by 31 August 2015.</p> <p>Budget Cost \$11,845</p>	<p>7 Press releases to newspapers and magazines.</p> <p>2 Advertising – Radio Campaign and Newspapers.</p> <p>Regular updates to website / Facebook.</p> <p>Actual Cost \$16,589</p>

PROJECT 1443 PROMOTIONS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
The provision of news releases, displays and other forms of public communication as appropriate (Mgt Plan ref A10.2.10, A9.2.4, A9.3.6.)	To be involved in public promotions which advocate for Fish & Game interests and values. Budget Cost \$1,000	Attended 1 Children's Hunting and Fishing days with displays as appropriate. Attended 1 public display on sustainability with wetland management as focus. Actual Cost \$1,491

PROJECT 1511 RANGER MANAGEMENT

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
Sufficient ranging resources to enforce fishing and hunting season conditions. (Stat. ref Sec 26Q (1)(b)(iv.) Conservation Act.)	The recruitment of Council's ranger team meets adopted policy, and is reported to Council by 31 August 2015. Budget Cost \$9,540	At 31 August 2015, Council had 23 warranted honorary rangers, and 4 staff rangers. Council received a report on the year's performance against its adopted Rangers Policy on 13 October 2015. Actual Cost \$9,555

PROJECT 1521 RANGER TRAINING

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
The maintenance of an adequate number of properly trained Rangers' an annual ranging programme to check the compliance of ten percent of the region's anglers. (Mgt Plan ref A10.2.7)	Provide safety and compliance training and skill maintenance and is reported to Council by 31 August 2015. Budget Cost \$1,000	At 31 August 2015, Council had 23 warranted honorary rangers received formal training, and all 4 field staff rangers had received training. A pre-gamebird season ranger training day was held in Palmerston North. A pre-fishing season ranger training day was held in Palmerston North. 2 Ranger Newsletters were sent to all Rangers. Council received a report on the year's performance against its adopted Policy on 13 October 2015. Actual Cost \$682

PROJECT 1531 COMPLIANCE

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>The protection and enhancement of the region's sportsfish and game resources by the operation of an enforcement program to deliver not less than 95% compliance of anglers and gamebirds hunters with licence and legal requirements and season regulations.</p> <p>(Mgt Plan ref A9.1.4.)</p>	<p>Ranging to check compliance of not less than 750 anglers and hunters throughout the region throughout the year, in line with adopted policy.</p> <p>The prosecution of all participants found unlicensed or in substantial non-compliance with legal requirements or season regulations without just cause, in line with adopted policy.</p> <p>Fines income of \$5,000 was budgeted.</p> <p>Budget Cost \$13,134</p>	<p>The Council's 23 active Rangers and 4 Fish & Game staff checked 175 anglers and 167 hunters for compliance during 75 ranger day-equivalents.</p> <p>A report to Council on 13 October 2015 noted 16 offences were detected, No prosecutions occurred, 12 alleged offenders opted for the reparation policy, and all have paid. 4 were to produce, 3 pending, 3 unable to serve, 1 adult warned, 6 children warned, 2 tourists warned.</p> <p>Fines/reparation income of \$3,188 was received.</p> <p>Actual Cost \$19,276</p>

PROJECT 1611 LICENCING

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To issue hunting and fishing licences.</p> <p>(Stat. ref Sec 26Q(1)(f), Conservation Act.)</p>	<p>2015 Game licences will be available to licence agents and participants throughout the region by 31 March 2015.</p> <p>2015/2016 fishing licences will be available to licence agents and participants throughout the region by 31 August 2015.</p> <p>An up to date data base of licence holders will be maintained.</p> <p>Progress reporting on licence sales will be provided to the Council throughout the year.</p> <p>Budget Cost \$2,711</p>	<p>2015 game licences were delivered to all licence agents by 27 March 2015.</p> <p>2015/16 fishing licences were delivered to all licence agents by 4 September 2015. Due to the implementation of the online licence system, agents were allocated emergency licence books, a small minority of agents not using the online system were allocated licence books to cover initial sales.</p> <p>Licence sales are tabulated in Appendix 1.</p> <p>An up to date licence holder database was regularly maintained throughout the year.</p> <p>Sportsfish and Gamebird licence sales reports were included in all Council agenda's throughout the year.</p> <p>Actual Cost \$448</p>



PROJECT 1621 LICENCE AGENTS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
An effective and efficient network of licence resellers. (No Stat. or Mgt Plan ref.)	Council's Licence Agent Network is managed in line with adopted Council policy. Budget Cost \$37,236	At balance date, Council has a network of 37 licence agents. Council's licence agent network was managed in line with adopted Council policy, as reported to Council on 13 October 2015. A licence management agreement with Eyede Ltd to manage licence sales production, distribution, and invoicing was signed by Council as part of the NZ F&G collective. Actual Cost \$35,999

PROJECT 1721 COUNCIL

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
The effective direction of the management of the Council's business. (Stat. ref. Sec 26ZD, Conservation Act.)	Not less than six meetings of the Council, that comply with all legal and policy requirements, to be held before 31 August 2015. Budget Cost \$27,419	Wellington Fish and Game Council held 6 meetings during the year; with at least a quorum present at all times. Meeting attendance is tabulated in Appendix 2. Actual Cost \$16,490

PROJECT 1811 MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
Policies reflect national policies and good governance. (Mgt Plan refs A9.2.4, C9.3.5, C9.3.4, A9.3.1, A9.3.5)	Policies will be developed and adopted covering a Public Awareness Strategy, a Regional Marketing Strategy, and a Regulation-setting model for the region's sports fisheries and game bird populations, by 31 August 2015. Council will undertake a review of its approved Management Plan by 31 August 2015. Budget Cost \$16,945	Policy reviews were undertaken as required. The Health and Safety Policy was reviewed and adopted. A formal review of the Sports Fish & Game Bird Management Plan was initiated with draft being prepared. Formal consultation will occur when Draft Plan is finalised. Actual Cost \$2,499

PROJECT 1821 ANNUAL PLAN

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To formulate and adopt an annual operational work plan. (Stat. ref. Sec 26Q(3), Conservation Act)	Adoption of a Proposed Annual Plan for 2015/16 that meets National Council requirements, by the Council, by 31 August 2015. Budget Cost \$3,389	Council's Annual Plan for 2015/16 was adopted on 18 August 2015. Actual Cost \$2,402

PROJECT 1831 ANNUAL REPORTING

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To furnish the Minister of Conservation with an Annual Report on the operations of the Council for the year. (Stat. ref. Secs 26X, and 26ZD (7), Conservation Act.)	The adoption and presentation by the Council at a public Annual General Meeting of its audited Annual Report for 2013/14 not later than 30 November 2014, and its dispatch to the Minister directly thereafter. Budget Cost \$15,100	Council's audited Annual Report for 2013/14 was adopted and presented at a public Annual General Meeting on 9 December 2014, and was delivered to the Minister and Parliament on 14 December 2014. Actual Cost \$17,604

PROJECT 1841 NATIONAL LIAISON

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
Effective liaison with New Zealand Fish & Game Council to meet all statutory requirements. (Stat. Ref. Sec 26C (1), Conservation Act.)	Representation to New Zealand Fish and Game Council by 31 August 2015 with respect to coordination, of the Council's recommendations for licence fees, fund redistribution, research requirements, and national policy development. Budget Cost \$8,134	The Council Manager attended 3 national Fish and Game Managers' meetings. The Council's recommendations for licence fees were decided on 9 June 2015, and conveyed to New Zealand Fish & Game Council. Actual Cost \$10,539



PROJECT 1842 NATIONAL PROJECTS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
Wellington Fish & Game region remains free of <i>Didymo</i> .	Staff assistance with <i>Didymo</i> surveys will be provided at cost to Biosecurity NZ as required.	<p>Staff liaised on measures to prevent the incursion of <i>Didymo</i> into the North Island.</p> <p>Specific assistance was sought from Horizons Regional Council for <i>Didymo</i> monitoring and this was provided at no cost.</p> <p>Staff co-ordinated work on reaffirming the Standard Operating Procedures for species monitoring.</p> <p>Staff co-ordinated defining research requirements for mallard in NZ</p> <p>Manager attended two meetings of the Licence Working Party as part of the regular annual pre-season licence management approvals.</p> <p>The Licence Working Party was involved in managing a review of additional licence categories including introduction of non-resident licence.</p> <p>Budget Cost \$4,745</p> <p>Actual Cost \$17,195</p>



Appendix 1

WELLINGTON FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**LICENCE SALES****FISHING LICENCES**

	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15
Family	417	470	493	523	588	585	580	523	593	605	602
Whole Season (Adult)	2,361	2,151	2,291	2,504	2,310	2,252	2,190	2,095	2,214	2,219	2,288
Whole Season (Junior)	320	293	258	266	206	196	220	211	217	229	202
Winter Season (Adult)	155	208	291	216	251	253	195	233	225	217	201
Winter Season (Junior)	30	40	30	33	22	21	21	34	23	14	22
24 Hour (Adult)	656	699	767	825	763	662	662	677	679	809	718
24 Hour (Junior)	89	90	76	71	101	84	44	60	59	49	64
Non Resident											94
LEQ Total	3,201	3,094	3,313	3,538	3,428	3,330	3,242	3,094	3,293	3,338	3,472
Actual Total	4,028	3,951	4,206	4,438	4,241	4,053	3,912	3,833	4,010	4,142	4,191

GAME LICENCES

	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15
Adult Whole Season	3,398	3,388	3,422	3,448	3,578	3,572	3,582	3,595	3,503	3,555	3,474
Adult Day	124	88	143	158	164	186	184	174	144	186	172
Junior Whole Season	416	416	370	386	374	344	298	291	320	297	290
Junior Day	9	10	10	16	7	15	12	16	8	3	10
Child	55	126	140	159	127	137	126	100	117	141	148
LEQ Total	3,506	3,487	3,542	3,580	3,702	3,693	3,693	3,699	3,610	3,664	3,568
Actual Total	4,002	4,028	4,085	4,167	4,250	4,254	4,202	4,176	4,092	4,182	4,094



Appendix 2

WELLINGTON FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

Meeting Date	Locality	Meeting	Councillors Present
9 December 2014	Upper Hutt	Ordinary, AGM	10
17 February 2015	Masterton	Ordinary	6
7 April 2015	Upper Hutt	Ordinary	8
9 June 2015	Palmerston North	Ordinary	7
18 August 2015	Masterton	Ordinary	7
13 October 2015	Upper Hutt	Ordinary	6

Councillor attendances at these meetings were as follows:

Councillor	Meetings Attended	Apologies
Jim Cook	5	1
Strato Cotsilinis	6	-
Mark Grace	0	6
Brad Johnson	5	1
Richard Moore	2	4
Andrew Morris (NZ Council Appointee)	6	-
Simon Muckley	3	3
Eric Neumann	5	1
Chris O'Meara	4	2
Andy Tannock	6	-
Martin Taylor (Chairman)	2	4



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE READERS OF
WELLINGTON FISH AND GAME COUNCIL'S
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

The Auditor-General is the auditor of Wellington Fish and Game Council (the Fish and Game Council). The Auditor-General has appointed me, Vivien Cotton, using the staff and resources of Cotton Kelly, to carry out the audit of the financial statements and statement of performance of the Fish and Game Council on her behalf.

Opinion on the financial statements and the statement of performance

We have audited the performance report that includes:

- the financial statements of the Fish and Game Council on pages 12 to 24, that comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 August 2015, the statement of financial performance and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date and the notes to the financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the statement of performance of the Fish and Game Council on pages 25 to 44.

In our opinion:

- the financial statements of the Fish and Game Council:
 - present fairly, in all material respects:
 - its financial position as at 31 August 2015; and
 - its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
 - comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand and have been prepared in accordance with the Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting-Accrual (Public Sector) framework.
- the statement of performance of the Fish and Game Council:
 - presents fairly, in all material respects, the Fish and Game Council's performance for the year ended 31 August 2015, including for each class of reportable outputs:
 - its standards of performance achieved compared with the forecast included in the annual plan for the financial year;
 - its actual revenue and output expenses compared with the forecasts included in the annual plan for the financial year; and
 - complies with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

Our audit was completed on 2 December 2015. This is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

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

Basis of opinion

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

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

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

An audit also involves evaluating:

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

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

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

Responsibilities of the Council

The Council is responsible for preparing financial statements and a statement of performance for the Fish and Game Council that:

- comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand and the Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting- Accrual (Public Sector) framework;
- present fairly the Fish and Game Council's financial position, financial performance and cash flows; and
- present fairly the Fish and Game Council's performance and outcomes.

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

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

Responsibilities of the Auditor

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

Independence

When carrying out the audit, we followed the independence requirements of the Auditor-General, which incorporate the independence requirements of the External Reporting Board.

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



Vivien Cotton
Cotton Kelly
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Palmerston North, New Zealand