



**EASTERN
FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**

***MEETING
AGENDA***

21 October 2015

AGENDA

The 154th Meeting of the Eastern Fish and Game Council

Venue: Eastern Fish & Game Office
Paradise Valley Road
ROTORUA

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**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE 153rd MEETING OF THE EASTERN FISH
AND GAME COUNCIL, HELD AT THE VISTA MOTOR LODGE, WAIROA
ON WEDNESDAY 19th AUGUST 2015 AT 12.00PM**

Present

Murray Ferris, Lindsay Lyons, Barry Roderick, Michael Little, Terry Sutton, Terry Wood, Neal Hawes, and Laurence Allingham

IN ATTENDANCE

Andy Garrick, Kate Thompson (Eastern Fish & Game); Sandy Bull (Gisborne Anglers Club), Alan Robinson, Ron Zeilstra (Wairoa Angling Club), Thomas Walker, Mike Metz, Norrie Day, Dave Withers, Ken Ross, James Brownlie and David Dods.

1.0 WELCOME

1.1 Cr Murray Ferris opened the meeting at 12.00pm and thanked the Wairoa community hosts and the licence holders who had taken the time to attend the Wairoa meeting.

2.0 APOLOGIES

2.1 Apologies were received from Crs Peter Storey, Steve Luscombe, Annaka Davis, and Steve Scragg; Kim Turia and Helen Neale (Department of Conservation); Colin Paton (T/T Conservation Board); Paul Badger, Ray Bushell, John McPherson, Bruce Ross.

2.2 *Agreed (Terry Sutton/Terry Wood) that the apologies for the 153rd meeting of the Eastern Region Fish and Game Council be sustained. [15/08/2.2]*

3.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (10 JUNE 2015)

3.1 *Agreed (Neal Hawes/Barry Roderick) that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2015 are confirmed as true and correct. [15/08/3.1]*

3.2 Identification of resolutions for inclusion in Council Policy.

3.3 *Agreed (Barry Roderick/Steve Luscombe) that there were no resolutions from the previous meeting warranting inclusion as Council Policy, but the title of Item 8.1 relating to Enhancing Habitat for Waterfowl should be amended to Enhancing Habitat for Greylards. [15/08/3.3]*

4.0 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Cr Mike Little requested an update on the Ruakituri following some earlier conflicting angling reports. Cr Murray Ferris confirmed that he was on the Ruakituri the weekend prior to closing with four other anglers, and said that the fishing was brilliant.

4.2 Cr Terry Sutton queried Andy Garrick as to whether he had anything further to report following his meetings with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council regarding the installation of a fish passage into the Ohau Channel diversion wall. Andy Garrick advised that the purpose of the first meeting he had, had been to confirm who should be approached to be part of the Ohau Channel Fishery Liaison Group and to discuss its terms of reference, while the second meeting that Matt Osborne attended also, was to welcome members and confirm the terms of reference. An agreed action arising from the second meeting was that Fish & Game would review what was currently known in relation to smelt and trout passage, and investigate/approach New Zealand fisheries biologists who might be able to assist with the design of such. Cr Terry Wood queried

whether water could be spilled into Rotoiti without compromising water quality gains that have been made there. Andy advised that the consent for the wall allowed for a specified quantity of water (cumulative total of 375 l/s) to pass through the wall and that this figure had, presumably, been identified on the basis that it would not have an impact on Rotoiti.

- 4.3 Thomas Walker queried Council as to why the Game Bird licence fee was increasing again despite hunters within the Eastern Region being restricted to a short season this year. He felt that game bird hunters from other Fish & Game regions, e.g. Hawke's Bay, were getting more for their money. Andy Garrick responded advising that significant work is being undertaken to research the decline in mallards within the Eastern Region and elsewhere in the country, and that the costs associated with game bird monitoring, habitat management, statutory advocacy and various other activities continue to increase and are not linked to mallard season length, bag limits or other game season conditions. Thomas asked what work was currently being undertaken by Fish & Game in the Wairoa area? Andy advised that Fish & Game continues to monitor populations in the area through its aerial trend count and banding programmes, and was likely to be expanding its aerial transect count programme. Cr Barry Roderick noted that Matt McDougall's work suggests we are at the bottom of the mallard population cycle, but with numbers still low Council must be responsible when setting season regulations to ensure birds are not over harvested. Cr Murray Ferris advised that banding is currently undertaken at Ohuia but suggested that if there were other suitable sites within the area Fish & Game would be keen to hear about them. Cr Lindsay Lyons suggested that Thomas may wish to assist staff when banding takes place in the area, and Andy advised Thomas that staff would contact him ahead of time.

5.0 NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR GENERAL BUSINESS

- Terry Wood - Winter shoreline fishing
- Barry Roderick - Hawke's Bay Fish & Game
- Lindsay Lyons - Tagged trout competition

6.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGISTER

- 6.1 Cr Lindsay Lyons registered his potential conflict of interest over items within the agenda relating to fishing licences due to his being an online agent for fishing licences himself.

7.0 COUNCIL PRIORITIES

- 7.1 *Angler and Hunter Access:* Cr Terry Wood asked for an update on the removal of row boats at Lake Waikareiti. Andy Garrick advised that he has had very favourable meetings with the various tiers of Te Urewera management and has not encountered anyone who was opposed to the reinstatement of the boats. He confirmed that Tuhoe had no input to their removal, rather the Director General of Conservation had made the decision on the basis of health and safety concerns. Andy reiterated that both Te Uru Taumatua and the Waikaremoana Tribal Authority were very preoccupied at present with the transition from DOC, and confirmed that Lorna Taylor was to take the issue to the next Tribal Authority meeting and we would await the outcome of this. He said that Tuhoe acknowledge the fishery is a key component of their economic

- future at Waikaremoana, and that no one had indicated they could foresee significant changes being sought to the way in which the fishery is currently managed.
- 7.2 Cr Barry Roderick commented on recent reports that Canadians are now the biggest investors in New Zealand and that a Canadian group was looking at buying the cutting rights to the Kaingaroa forest. He suggested that the statutory need for this proposal to go through the Overseas Investments Office could provide an opportunity to obtain better access for our anglers and hunters. Andy Garrick advised he would follow up on this.
- 7.3 *Water Quality:* Cr Barry Roderick spoke of Fish & Game's involvement in community groups established by the BOP Regional Council for consultation over how freshwater should be managed and the setting of limits. He felt that it was important that community groups have an input to decisions affecting the fate of our waterways. Andy Garrick confirmed that, while very resource demanding, it was imperative that Fish & Game be involved in these community processes to ensure the interests of anglers and hunters are recognised and provided for. Barry asked those present to inform Fish & Game of any new groups that they may hear about. Andy advised that participants within these groups would represent a wide diversity of interests including iwi, the horticultural sector, Federated Farmers, Regional Council and various others, and their job would be look at nutrient limits, land use, and water abstraction amongst other things. Sandy Bull noted that the Gisborne District Council had previously set up a committee to look at the Waipoua River and its tributaries but interest in this seemed to have drifted away. Andy advised that GDC's current focus in the Gisborne region was with the Freshwater Advisory Group and that Fish & Game via Eben Herbert was very involved with the Group. Feedback had been provided on a draft Freshwater Plan and this had been released for public consultation. Once the Plan has been finalised, attention will become more catchment focussed.
- 7.4 *More Waterfowl:* Following meetings with the BOP Regional Council Cr Barry Roderick said that he was delighted to hear that staff had been appointed with an interest in promoting stream and drain margin plantings. He commented on monitoring of East Coast ponds planted by Fish & Game and the high number of farm ponds not currently producing ducks. Andy Garrick confirmed an interest from various staff in both the Bay of Plenty and Hawke's Bay Regional Councils towards more sympathetic drain management practices, and this in addition with Fish & Game's current activities relating to drains and farm ponds will hopefully have a positive impact on mallard populations.
- 7.5 *Maximising Fishery Opportunities:* Cr Lindsay Lyons introduced the idea of a tagged trout promotion for the upcoming opening of the new fishing season. He felt that this would be a great way to increase participation on the Rotorua lakes, increase awareness, and make a real event out of the opening of the 2015-16 season. Andy advised that he and staff had initiated enquiries, and planning for the event was well underway. While time was short and there were some hurdles to overcome in relation to rules, insurance, and provisions in the Gambling Act, he was reasonably confident that an event would be able to be staged for the opening on 1 October 2015. Council was supportive of the idea and discussion followed on timing, prizes, costs, eligibility, and sponsorship.
- 7.6 Cr Barry Roderick commented on the fantastic back country fishing opportunities that were available within the Eastern Region this season with Murray Ferris adding that he had heard that the Waioeka has seen some of its best angling in 30 years. Cr Neal Hawes also commented on the success winter shoreline anglers were having. Ron

Zeilstra noted in contrast however, that he had been asked to advise Council of a lack of fish in Lakes Whakamarino and Kaitawa. David Dods said that he had a lot of complaints over fish size in these waters rather than numbers. Andy Garrick said he would pass these comments on to fisheries staff for their consideration.

- 7.7 *New Zealand Council Aspirational Outcomes:* Andy Garrick briefly commented on Eastern Region's contribution to national publicity and awareness activities, and how having Grant Dyson, Fish & Game's North Island Communications Advisor working out of our office two days/week greatly enhanced our ability to generate regular Eastern Region media releases.
- 7.8 Cr Barry Roderick spoke of the Fish & Game Council elections coming up in October which provide an opportunity for all licence holders to get involved whether it be standing for Council or registering to vote. Cr Terry Wood queried whether splitting a regional council into a sports fish council and a game bird council had ever been discussed noting that some councillors may have more experience in one area than the other. Responses included: Councils are generally made up of a good balance of Councillors with an interest in each area; a good percentage of a Councillor's role is involved with habitat and environmental protection for the benefit of both sports fish and game birds; and that there is an obligation on Councillors to become familiar with both - which comes with time.

8.0 THE 2015-2016 OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN

- 8.1 Andy Garrick informed Council that the final draft OWP had been updated with minor corrections to grammar and that no further submissions had been received.
- 8.2 *Agreed (Mike Little/Neal Hawes) that Council approves the Operational Work Plan and budget for the 2015-2016 year and delegates authority to the Regional Manager to approve expenditure during the 2015-2016 year as set out in the Operational Work Plan and budget. [15/08/8.2]*

9.0 2015-2016 LICENCE FEE

- 9.1 Council received the update on the proposed licence fees and categories for the 2015-2016 fishing season commencing 1 October 2015. Kate Thompson provided an overview of the new categories to Council and public present, and responded to questions raised. Cr Lindsay Lyons wished to acknowledge and thank Kate for her input into the Licence Working Party and her work with Eyede and other Fish & Game regions.
- 9.2 *Agreed (Lindsay Lyons/Terry Wood) that Council receives the 2015-2016 Fishing Licences update. [15/08/9.2]*

10.0 NON-RESIDENT FISHING LICENCE REVENUE

- 10.1 Cr Murray Ferris opened the discussion asking Council for its preferred option in dealing with the additional revenue generated from the sale of non-resident fishing licences. He advised that the options presented were to retain the funds regionally or to allocate this revenue to a central fund. He noted that the general feeling appeared to be that a central fund would be the most appropriate way of dealing with the additional proceeds from the non-resident licence sales. Andy Garrick highlighted the following for consideration:
- the region in which a non-resident angler purchases a licence is not necessarily the region in which they fish, and therefore there is unlikely to be a close relationship between the revenue generated in that region and its

back country fishery needs. Retaining the revenue in the region that collected it would be arbitrary and not necessarily in the best interests of anglers either regionally or nationally;

- back country fisheries are broadly defined;
- there are advantages of a national pool in that applications could be made for greater sums than would have been held within the individual regions.

However, Andy also noted that it would be important if the revenue went into a national pool that fair and reasonable allocation criteria be developed in consultation with all regions to ensure that every region having what it has deemed to be sensitive, significant fisheries within its boundaries had a realistic prospect of obtaining funding. The concern is that while back country fisheries have been broadly defined, some regions could experience considerable difficulty in measuring up against other regions in obtaining funding.

10.2 Council discussed the pros and cons of each option, the need to develop some criteria over distribution of the funds, and the listing of waters such as the Ruakituri in the proposed "back country or sensitive fishery" schedule. Cr Mike Little felt that it would be more appropriate to retain the funds within the region that generated them.

10.3 Dave Withers asked that the Council put a request to the Minister that the Ruakituri River remains Fly Fishing only in perpetuity. Cr Murray Ferris advised that proposals such as this which relate to regulations need to be dealt with through the Anglers Notice process which commences in February 2016. Murray commented that the criteria needing to be developed could identify those sensitive fisheries that funds could be applied for, and Cr Lindsay Lyons added that the previous Minister of Conservation, Kate Wilkinson, had intended that these funds would be held centrally and that regions would need to make application to utilise them.

10.4 *Agreed (Neal Hawes/Terry Wood) that Council agrees that the additional revenue from the sale of non-resident fishing licences should be allocated to a dedicated national fund, managed by the New Zealand Fish and Game Council, and that specific criteria for distribution of those funds be circulated to Councils for debate before being put into effect. [15/08/10.4] Cr Mike Little opposed.*

11.0 2015 FISH AND GAME COUNCIL ELECTIONS

11.1 Council received the 2015 Fish and Game Council Election schedule and Cr Murray Ferris provided a brief overview of the timeline. Cr Lindsay Lyons advised those who intended to stand to ensure that they received a receipt confirming electionz had received their nomination.

12.0 SPECIES MONITORING REPORTS

12.1 Cr Neal Hawes congratulated Matt Osborne, Matt McDougall, and the team on the production of excellent species monitoring reports. Cr Terry Sutton also thanked staff, and queried whether a weekly or regular current fishing report could be produced along the lines of that available for the Taupo fishery? Andy Garrick noted that while Eastern Region once produced a report of this nature, it was very time consuming and its continuation had to be balanced against other public awareness initiatives. Mark Sherburn did however put current news snippets out on Twitter for those who used that facility, and fishing reports were also produced by a number of anglers in various media.

12.2 *Agreed (Mike Little/Neal Hawes) that Council receives the 2014-2015 Rotorua Lakes Summer Creel Survey Report and the 2014-2015 Mallard Monitoring Report. [15/08/12.2]*

13.0 LIAISON OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Bay of Plenty Conservation Board

Not represented and no report received.

13.2 Tongariro-Taupo Conservation Board

Not represented but a written report provided by Colin Paton (see August Papers for Information).

13.3 East Coast/Hawkes Bay Conservation Board

Not represented and no report received.

13.4 Department of Conservation, Central North Island Region

Not represented and no report received.

13.5 Report from the New Zealand Council

Lindsay Lyons' report had been pre-circulated and Lindsay spoke briefly about the role of the Walking Access Commission, particularly the need for them to work with the Overseas Investment Office. Norrie Day advised that he had fished many times through Lochinver and informed Council that recently a colleague had been declined access.

13.6 Report from the Manager's Performance and Remuneration Committee

Cr Murray Ferris informed Council that he, Lindsay Lyons, Barry Roderick, and Andy Garrick had attended the Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council meeting following the recent departure of the Manager, Peter McIntosh and Fish & Game Officer, Tim Hopley. He referred to Eastern Region's agreement for provision of services to the Hawke's Bay Council and suggested that this be extended to include management services with Andy Garrick becoming Acting Regional Manager for Hawke's Bay until the upcoming election was over and a new Council elected. After that further discussions could take place to look at whether or not it might be desirable to provide ongoing management support of some kind. Cr Barry Roderick suggested that Council should make a formal resolution to extend the existing agreement to enable this. Cr Lindsay Lyons advised that Council would need to temporarily suspend standing orders to do this in accordance with section 1.4.1 of the Fish & Game Rules dated November 2009, and moved a motion to do so.

13.7 *Agreed (Lindsay Lyons/Barry Roderick) that Council temporarily suspends the standing orders for the purpose of discussing Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council agreement. [15/08/13.7]*

The following motion was then voted on:

13.8 *Agreed (Lindsay Lyons/Barry Roderick) that Council will continue with the existing agreement for provision of services to the Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council, and extend this to include hours for the provision of management services with Andy Garrick becoming its Acting Regional Manager until a new Council is in place. [15/08/13.8]*

14.0 MANAGEMENT REPORT

14.1 Cr Neal Hawes queried when the Datawatch draw was to occur. Kate Thompson advised that this had been completed on 18 August 2015 to ensure that letters were in the post prior to the 2015-16 licences becoming available for purchase on 20 August 2015.

- 14.2 Andy Garrick highlighted the relationship staff had been developing with the Wairoa District Council towards enhancing angler access to the upper Waikaretaheke, and opening up access to other areas of public land within the Wairoa catchment that landowners had denied anglers access to.
- 14.3 Cr Terry Sutton requested an update following the recent Taupo Fishery Advisory Committee (TFAC) meeting and the proposal to raise trout for cultural harvest by a Tuwharetoa iwi group at the Tongariro National Trout Centre. Andy Garrick advised that there was some uncertainty around what their longer term aspirations were, and that TFAC had written to the Office of Treaty Settlements with a series of queries to clarify matters. Once a response had been received a further meeting would take place. Sandy Bull added that the implications of the proposal at Turangi were also of concern to the Federation of Freshwater Anglers.
- 14.4 *Agreed (Barry Roderick/Terry Wood) that Council receives the Management Report, Finance reports, and approves payments for May and June 2015 totalling \$348,326.84. [15/08/14.4]***
- 14.5 Kate Thompson provided a brief update on licence sales.
- 14.6 *Agreed (Lindsay Lyons/Neal Hawes) that Council receives the report on licence sales. [15/08/14.6]***
- 15.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**
- 15.1 Cr Terry Wood raised concern over boats seen fishing off the shore at Lake Tarawera and asked whether the signage shown in the current newsletter could be misinterpreted. Andy Garrick agreed this was a possibility and advised that staff would look in to this.
- 15.2 Cr Lindsay Lyons suggested Council might be interested in allocating half an hour at the commencement of each meeting for an “environmental scan’ to enable a general discussion of any Fish & Game related issues that Councillors might wish to raise. This was something he had introduced at New Zealand Council meetings and it had been favourably received. Andy Garrick suggested we trial this at Council’s next meeting in October.
- 15.3 Cr Neal Hawes asked about the possibility of extending the winter shoreline on Okataina as lake levels currently prevailing enable access to more fishable areas. Andy Garrick suggested that this item be put on the agenda for the next anglers notice review which commences in early 2016.
- 15.4 Other items raised by members of the public and discussed during this session included:
- concern over toxicity of steel shot, and unpinned shotguns (Thomas Walker);
 - Fish & Game’s response to submission on depletion of early spawning rainbows in Waikaremoana (David Dods);
 - addition of angler diary to earlier submission (David Dods);
 - usefulness of current Waitotukupuna trap monitoring programme (David Dods);
 - what’s happening with Waikareiti row boats (David Dods);
 - residents of Ruakituri disappointed over removal of sign by unknown persons (David Withers);
 - signage removed from swing bridge Hopuruahine (David Dods);
 - historic Hopuruahine fish trap data and use of it (Sandy Bull);

- availability of volunteers from various clubs to assist with trapping work at Waikaremoana (Ron Zeilstra);
- current arrangement with the Hapu Trust for trap work (Andy Garrick);
- Walking Access Commission review in two years and need to use the services of the commission (Lindsay Lyons).

16.0 MEETING CLOSED

16.1 The meeting was closed at 2.47pm.

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Murray Ferris,
Chairman

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Date

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

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6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGISTER

Ref: 7.02.01

28 September 2015

1. Purpose

A standing agenda item to disclose any Councillor Conflict of Interest or potential perceived Conflict of Interest, and record this in the Councillor Conflict of Interest Register

2. Background

The Eastern Fish and Game Council has developed a policy to deal with Conflict of Interest and must provide a standing agenda item to allow Councillors to disclose any Conflict or highlight any potential conflict. The "Interest Register" ring binder will be circulated in the first part of each meeting for Councillors to record any interests. The Council should then discuss how it wants to deal with any interest or perceived interest identified.

For Crown entities the definition of 'interested' is;

4. *Board members [Councillors] of Crown Entities should be aware of the very wide scope of what 'interested' means under the Crown Entities Act. A person is interested in a matter if he or she:*
 - *May derive a financial benefit from the matter;*
 - *Is the spouse, defacto partner (whether of the same or different sex), child or parent of a person who may derive a financial benefit from the matter;*
 - *May have a financial interest in a person to whom the matter relates;*
 - *Is a partner, director, officer, board member, or trustee of a person who may have a financial interest in a person to whom the matter relates;*
 - *May be interested in the matter because the Crown Entity's Act so provides; or*
 - *Is otherwise directly or indirectly interested in the matter.*

And any Conflict of Interest can be dealt with as follows:

- 6.6 *Members agree that the Council may, where appropriate, decide that a Council Member who has declared an interest in matters to be discussed by the Council:*
 - [1] should leave the meeting room for the duration of discussion on such matters or;*
 - [2] remain in the room and contribute to the discussion and be allowed to vote or;*
 - [3] remain in the room and contribute to the discussion but not be allowed to vote.*

Councillors should take this opportunity to disclose any Conflict of Interest and record it in the circulated Interest Register. If during the course of the meeting a conflict or perceived conflict is recognised, then this can also be disclosed at any time.

3. Recommendations

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

7. ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

9 October 2015

1. Purpose

To provide an opportunity for Councillors to discuss any Fish & Game related issues or matters of interest not on the agenda or likely to be raised during the course of this meeting.

2. Background

Cr Lindsay Lyons made the suggestion at Council's meeting in August, that Councillors might be interested in allocating some time at each meeting for an "environmental scan" prior to commencing more formal proceedings. The purpose of this would be to enable a general discussion of any Fish & Game related items that Councillors might wish to bring to the notice of Council. This was something he had introduced at New Zealand Council meetings and it had been favourably received. Andy Garrick suggested we trial this at the current meeting.

8. COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Ref: 8.02.01

9 October 2015

1. Purpose

To review progress and activities relating to Council's priorities in the first six weeks of the 2015-2016 year.

2. Background

At each meeting Council reviews the progress of projects and initiatives that relate to Council's key priorities for the current year, and discusses any other items it considers of relevance. At its last meeting in August, 2014-2015 priorities were largely reaffirmed for the 2015-2016 operational work plan year, but with some changes in emphasis within these priorities.

The Council's key regional priorities for the current year as stated in the 2015-2016 OWP year are:

- *Enhanced habitat for greylard production – in particular activities that increase duck numbers and as a result, hunter opportunities*
- *Water quantity and quality – addressing in particular, the pressures on our free-flowing water resources and the water quality of the Rotorua Lakes*
- *Access – making it easier for anglers and hunters to use the resource*
- *Maximising fishery opportunities*

The Council also supports long term aspirational outcomes of the New Zealand Fish and Game Council which are as follows:

- Fish & Game NZ is well recognised and well regarded as fish and game resource managers based on a user says/user pays system.
- Fish & Game's values and aspirations are reflected in statute.
- Sports fish and game birds are recognised as valued public resources with right of access.
- There is general recognition that wildlife habitat is a finite resource that must be protected.
- Completion and defence of Water Conservation Orders.
- The New Zealand public is sympathetic to Fish & Game NZ's goals.

Key undertakings since Council's last meeting have largely focussed around preparation for opening of the 2015-16 Fishing Season and associated events and activities, fish liberations, introduction of the new licence categories, monitoring and compliance in spawning streams, and implementation of core functions. These activities are described in the management report in Agenda Item 13. Additional items that Council might wish to discuss here are presented below.

3. Enhancing Habitat for Greylard Production (Priority One)

- Our investigation into the spatial and temporal use of drains by mallards in the lowland Bay of Plenty is now well underway. The key question we're asking is what are the characteristics of drains that influence their use and productivity by mallards? Matt

McDougall and Brigit Nieuwboer commenced field work in August. Eighty four randomly selected 200m sections of drain have been mapped and their characteristics recorded, the key focus being on their morphology, hydrology, vegetation both in stream and on the banks and berms, and how they are currently managed.

- We have had discussions with BOPRC science staff around opportunities to collaborate. They think the project is very worthy and are investigating if they can contribute staff and finances towards water quality and invertebrate sampling in particular.
- To date (9 October) we have conducted 181 counts and recorded ducks at 43 sites, 14 of which had broods present. Most of the ducklings were 3 – 17 days old with a few up to 23 days old.
- The exercise is attracting the attention of members of the public, local residents, and BOPRC rivers and drainage staff.
- We have received a submission (see October PFI) from three current balloted stand holders in Awaiti WMR requesting their term be extended from 3 years to 6 years to facilitate and incentivise proposals for stand and habitat enhancement works which they would undertake at their expense. Duration of tenure has been debated by Council on a number of occasions, the most recent being October 2013 when a comprehensive paper on balloting more generally was put before Council. Terms in excess of three years have been provided in the past for ‘development’ blocks, and it may be appropriate to provide similar opportunity for certain stands where the maintenance works required are well beyond what could reasonably be expected of the stand holder at that site.

4. Water Quality and Quantity (Priority Two)

- There have been no new or substantive developments since Council’s last meeting other than an encouraging change of direction by Landcorp signaled in the media earlier this month (see PFI). Landcorp have advised they will be engaging a panel of six environmentalists including Alison Dewes, Mike Joy and Guy Salmon to provide advice around sustainability of developments such as the Wairakei Estates forestry to dairy farming conversions in the upper Waikato area.

5. Angler and Hunter Access (Priority Three)

- The new Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 comes into effect on 4 April 2016. The Act can be viewed at:
<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2015/0070/latest/DLM5976660.html?src=qs>
- A series of regulations are being developed to support the new Act. More information on this is available at <http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe/about/reform>. We have a number of concerns/important questions we need answers to:
 - Does the meaning of PCBUs (person conducting or undertaking a business) exclude cost-recovery undertakings? Fish and Game Councils are arguably not an undertaking “conducted for profit or gain”;
 - Are members of Fish & Game’s governing bodies (i.e. elected councillors), who are not covered by the Local Electoral Act 2001, required to exercise ‘due diligence’?

- What is the situation with honorary rangers – are they exempt from the provisions of the Act?
- Don Rood, Fish & Game’s National Communications Manager, put out a media release just prior to Opening Day of the Fishing Season noting that some anglers have been anxious that new workplace safety legislation will restrict access to their favourite fishing spots because they have to cross farmland to reach them. He advised:

“Happily that’s not the case. When parliament recently passed the new Health and Safety Act, it clarified that the new law does not apply to recreational access. It says a farmer’s responsibility and duty does not apply to recreational users coming onto their farm land, except when work is being carried out in that particular part of the farm at the time. Anglers and farmers can now rest easy that the law doesn’t affect traditional access to favourite trout rivers and streams. This dispels fears that anglers would have to get detailed safety briefings from farmers and fill in paperwork every time they wanted to go fishing.”

“All that rumour and speculation was just that – rumour and speculation and Fish & Game and Federated Farmers have worked together to ensure recreational access is safeguarded. While the clarification is good news, anglers should still exercise common courtesy and talk to farmers and get permission to cross their land.”

- Establishing unequivocally what the new Health and Safety at Work legislation means for us all has still to be sorted out, and we’ll need National Office’s ongoing involvement in this.

6. Maximising fishery opportunities (Priority Four)

- Matt Osborne participated in an onsite inspection of the Ohau Channel Wall in early October in the company of other members of the Ohau Channel Fisheries Liaison Committee and a number of other Regional Council staff and advisers. The purpose of the field trip was to identify locations where up to three fish passage facilities in total could possibly be installed into the wall.
- Cr Lindsay Lyons has suggested consideration be given to releasing fish at the Rotorua lakefront in an endeavour to establish a shoreline fishery in the vicinity.

7. New Zealand Council Aspirational Outcomes

- Eastern continued to contribute to national publicity and public awareness as can be inferred from the “Public Communications” and “Public Promotions” management reports in Agenda Item 13. In addition to a series of articles leading up to Opening Day on fishing prospects and our red-tagged fish promotion, we put out a media release advising our strong opposition to commercial trout farming as recently promoted in the central government sponsored Bay of Plenty Regional Growth Study and a subsequent Action Plan.

9. 2016 GAME SEASON CONDITIONS

Ref: 1.07.03

9 October 2015

1. Purpose

To review the 2015 Eastern Game Season Conditions (see Appendix 1), and highlight the 2016 game season issues for consideration at Council's November meeting.

2. Introduction

Issues relating to game season regulations for the upcoming season need to be identified at the October meeting of Council. It is also appropriate at this time, to review the policies Council has established for setting conditions. Game season conditions based on these policies are generally finalised for recommendation to the Minister of Conservation once population information is available from summer monitoring programmes (see Appendix 2 for criteria used to set paradise shelduck and black swan conditions). The 2015 Game Hunter Survey results have been presented in the October Papers for Information, so Council can also take hunter effort and harvest for the preceding season into account.

Following this October meeting, clubs will be invited to comment on any issues they wish to raise for consideration at the November Council meeting.

In addition to any other issues Council wants to discuss, there are four topics that require Council's input as follows:

(1) We have had another request (verbal) to allow the use of harriers to hunt pukeko. Given the low number of pukeko reported to have been harvested in this manner previously, and the unanimous support of Council in relation to this proposal at the two previous meetings when it has been considered, staff suggest rolling the provision over from last year. Additional comments provide below.

(2) Last year Council introduced a 1 hen pheasant harvest policy for the opening weekend [Policy # 14/11/9.9]. There were a number of hunters that were not happy with this change. This is discussed in more detail below.

(3) Mallard and grey duck regulations are currently set on population size [Policy # 14/11/9.3]. The relationship between population size and appropriate season regulations was agreed for the 2015 season [Policy # 14/11/9.4 and 14/11/9.5] but needs to be ratified or amended for the 2016 season. See additional information below.

(4) Last year Waewaetutuki was closed to general hunting. Council agreed to a programme for novice hunters at the Waewaetutuki wetland during the 2015 Game Bird season [Policy # 15/02/11.2]. Council needs to determine if it wishes to continue this approach. Council may also wish to discuss the merits or otherwise of reinstating the closed game area at Lake Aniwhenua.

Council should use this Agenda item to identify any other ideas they would like to be developed for discussion at the November meeting and/or put out to hunters for consultation on prior to that meeting.

3. Additional Information

3.1 Application to Hunt Pukeko with Hawks

The New Zealand Falconers Association and Wingspan have again approached Eastern Fish & Game with a request to hunt pukeko with Australasian harriers (hawks) for the 2016 season. Staff are recommending the status quo.

At times hawks provide a viable and safe method of dealing with pukeko problems. Having trained birds capable of taking pukeko is of potential benefit to members of the public in situations where pukeko are causing crop damage and can't be controlled in the normal manner.

3.2 Hen Pheasant Harvest

During the opening weekend of 2015 Game Season, hunters were able to shoot one hen pheasant per day in addition to their normal bag of 5 cock pheasants.

The Eastern Region average opening weekend harvest of pheasant between 1993 – 2014 is 0.142 birds per hunter. The 2015 mean was 0.149. There is no evidence therefore, of any increase in the average opening weekend harvest of pheasant in 2015. However, the total harvest for opening weekend (Figure 1) may (see explanation below) have been up on the previous two years suggesting more hunters went out. Although a greater percentage of hunters reported going out over opening weekend in comparison with the previous two years, the percentage of hunters that reported going out after upland game in 2015 (8%) was less than the 1993–2014 average of 10%. If 2010 data is removed from the equation given its so much at odds with all other years, the total hours reported hunting upland game in 2015 (Table 1) appears to have been higher than average.

Opening Weekend Pheasant Harvest

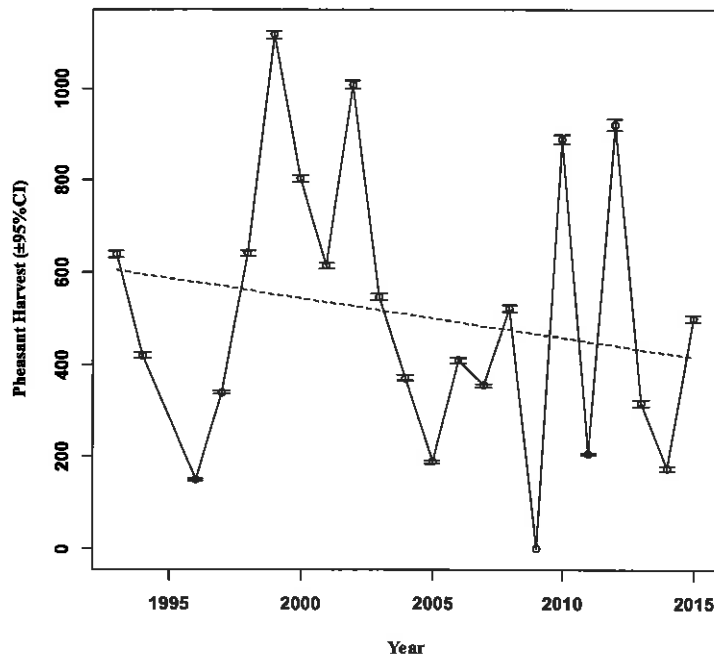


Figure 1: Estimated pheasant harvest for opening weekend in the Eastern Fish and Game Region 1993–2015. The dashed line is the linear regression line.

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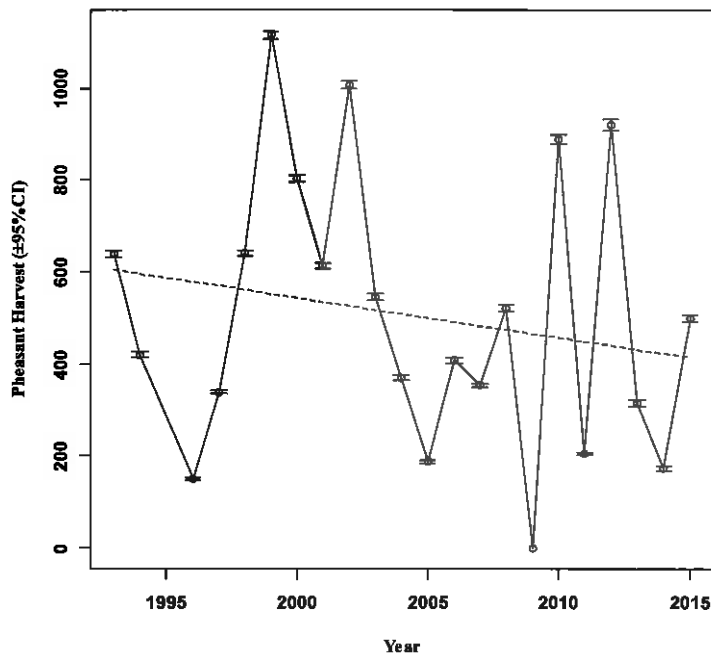


Figure 1: Estimated pheasant harvest for opening weekend in the Eastern Fish and Game Region 1993–2015. The dashed line is the linear regression line.

Table 1: Hours spent hunting upland game over opening weekend.

Year	Hours Hunted	Variance Hours Hunted
1993	3377.8	271.1
1994	1961.3	112.9
1996	2609.8	412.6
1997	1967.5	86.9
1998	1671.1	57.0
1999	3298.7	262.7
2000	3070.8	166.0
2001	2269.7	88.1
2002	3148.5	222.0
2003	1024.7	41.5
2004	344.0	23.3
2005	488.2	38.8
2006	1046.7	44.6
2007	1584.6	92.7
2008	1319.3	38.5
2009	0.0	0.0
2010	30156.3	1658.7
2011	1049.2	70.1
2012	2823.6	285.1

2013	488.0	37.3
2014	785.3	79.6
2015	1946.7	124.6

All up there were about 500 pheasant harvested over the 2015 opening weekend. This is on par with the average for all previous years' opening weekends (average = 506). Given the above it is doubtful that many hens were shot. Although the person contracted to undertake the hunter survey was instructed to ask if any hens had been shot on opening weekend, none were recorded, and we suspect this is because the question was overlooked.

3.3 Setting of Game Season Regulations

Last year Council reintroduced a threshold approach to setting season regulations for mallard and grey duck. The threshold approach involves Council deciding on a set of regulations (season length and bag limit) for a given population size range. For example, if the population is below 400,000 a restrictive set applies, and above this level a relaxed set applies (see Figure 2). In 2015 the restrictive set comprised a bag limit of six mallard and grey ducks (combined) per day bag, and a season length of four weeks (plus Queens Birthday); had it been a relaxed season a six mallard and grey duck (combined) per day bag limit with a six week season would have applied.

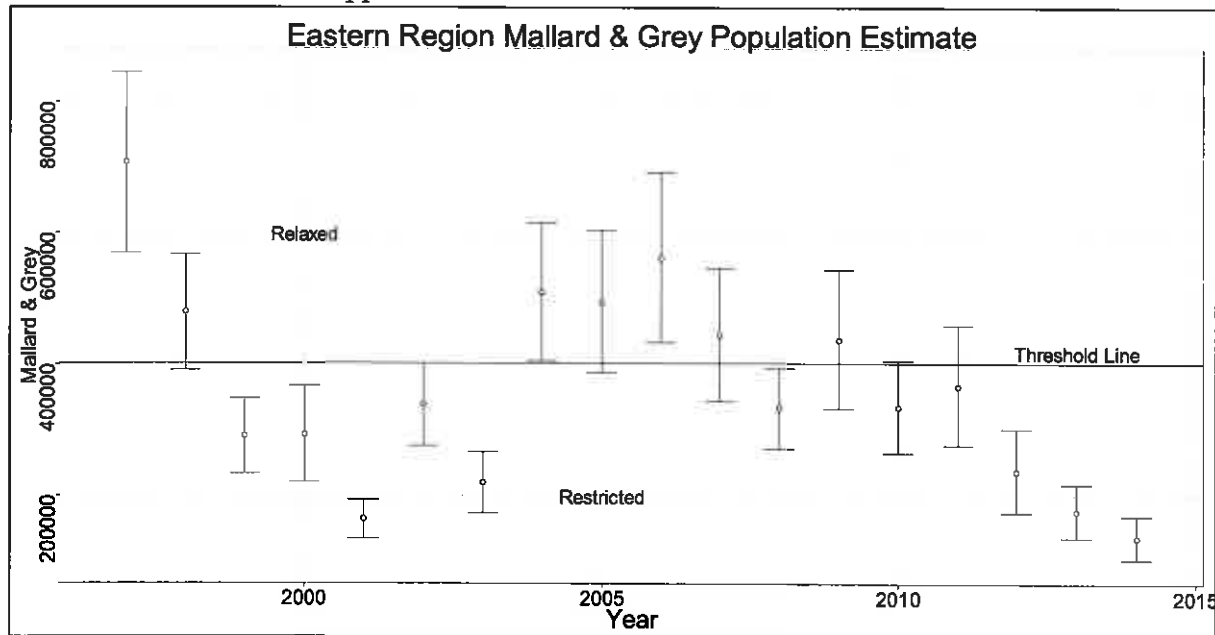


Figure 2: Mallard and grey duck population (mean \pm 95% credible interval) at the beginning of the waterfowl season in the Eastern Region and threshold zones “Relaxed” and “Restricted”. The solid line is the threshold at 400,000.

One of the big advantages of the threshold system is that it is easy to interpret, transparent, and easy to see what set of conditions are likely to apply in advance (especially since population size appears to cycle).

Staff are proposing three sets of regulations based on two thresholds (350,000 and 450,000) and three sets of conditions (see Figure 3). The proposed mallard and grey duck regulations to apply to each threshold are:

Restrictive: Four week season (including Queens Birthday when adjoined), 6 bird limit.

Intermediate: Six week season, 6 bird limit.
 Relaxed: Eight week season, 10 bird limit.

These are based on the fact that bag limits don't limit the majority of hunters (Figure 4) and that most of the hunter effort occurs over the first couple of weeks (Figure 5 – Figure 8).

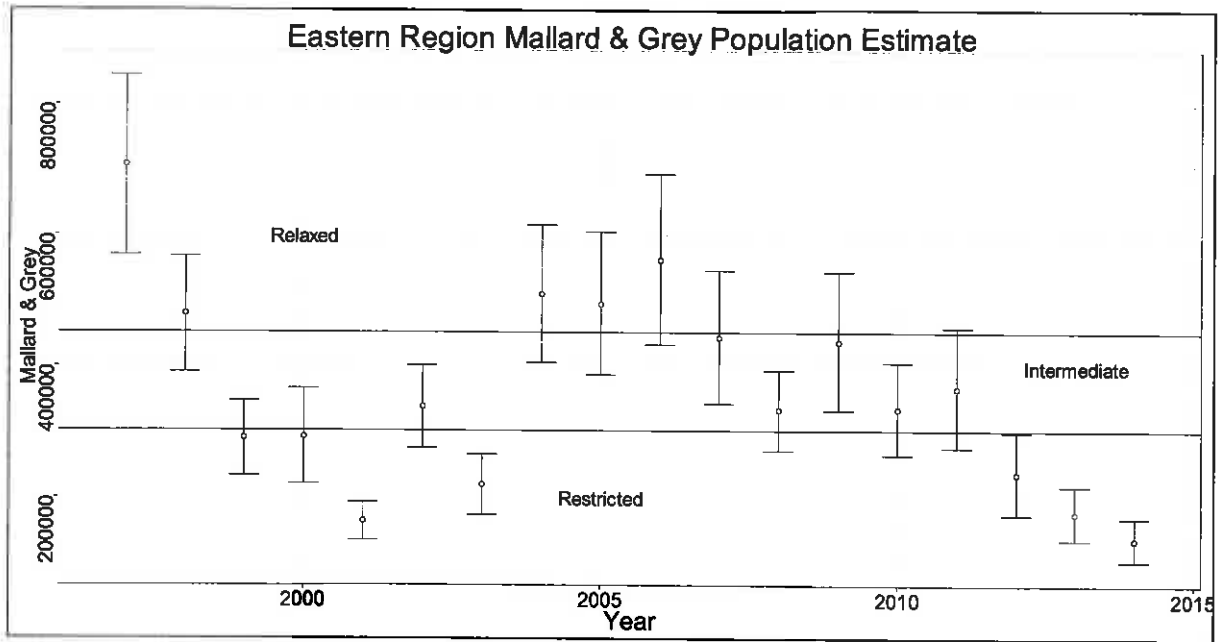


Figure 3: Proposed threshold limits against Eastern mallard and grey duck population estimates. Restrictive conditions apply when the population mean is estimated 350,000 or less, intermediate conditions apply when the population mean is between 350,000 and 450,000, and relaxed conditions apply when the population is greater than 450,000.

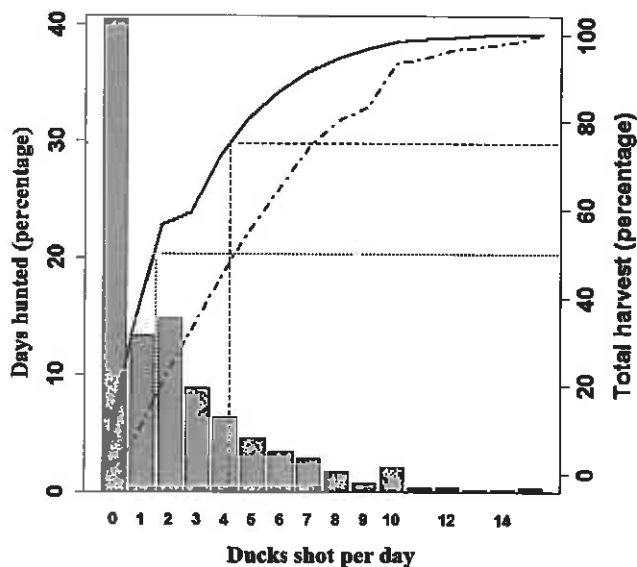


Figure 4: Percentage of days hunted in the Eastern Region, New Zealand from 1997–2012 ($n = 10,279$) where 0, 1, 2, ...15 mallards or grey ducks per day were shot. For example, on 40% of days hunted, hunters shot 0 ducks, and on 13% of days hunters shot 1 mallard or grey

duck. The right y-axis shows the cumulative harvest (percent), dot-dash line. For example, hunters that bagged 7 ducks or fewer per day accounted for 75% of the total harvest. The black solid line represents the estimated harvest under bag limits of 0, 1, 2, ...15. For example bag limits of <2 and <5 account for 50% (dotted line) and 75% (dashed line) of the total harvest respectively.

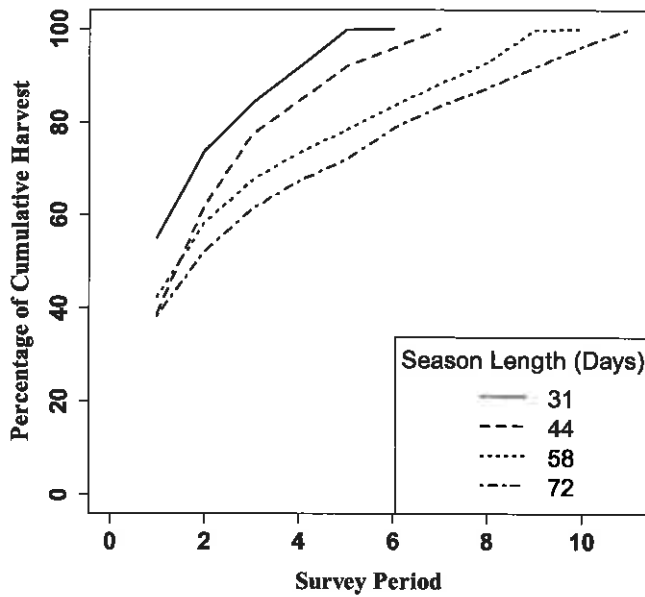


Figure 5: Cumulative harvest for different season lengths (1997 – 2012). Survey periods are opening weekend = 1, periods 2 – 10 are subsequent weeks. For example, over 50% of the total harvest in the 31 day seasons occurred over opening weekend and by the end of the first week under the 72 day season.

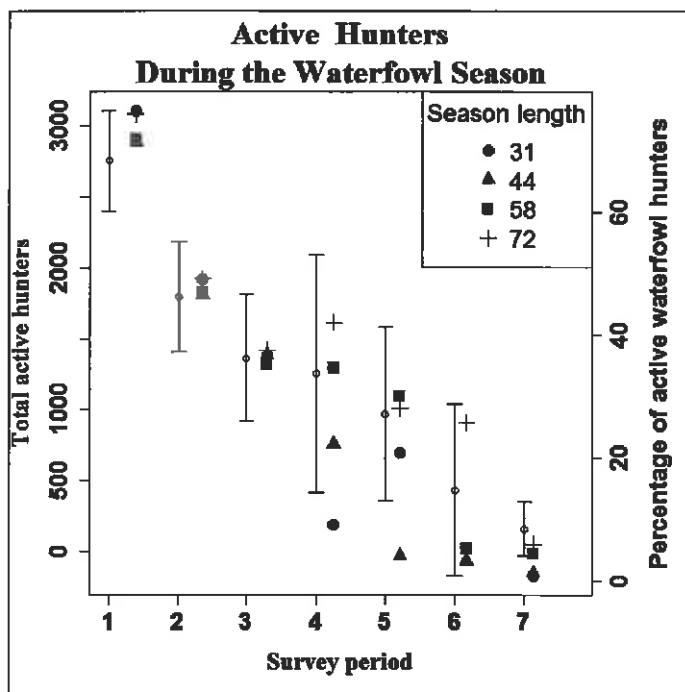


Figure 6: Total active hunters (licensed hunters that report hunting waterfowl) (mean \pm 85% CI) by survey period, Eastern Region, New Zealand 1997–2012. Period 1 is the opening weekend of the game bird season and subsequent 4 periods represent fortnights and the last two periods, months. The right y-axis shows the percentage of all licence holders that are active under different mallard season lengths (days).

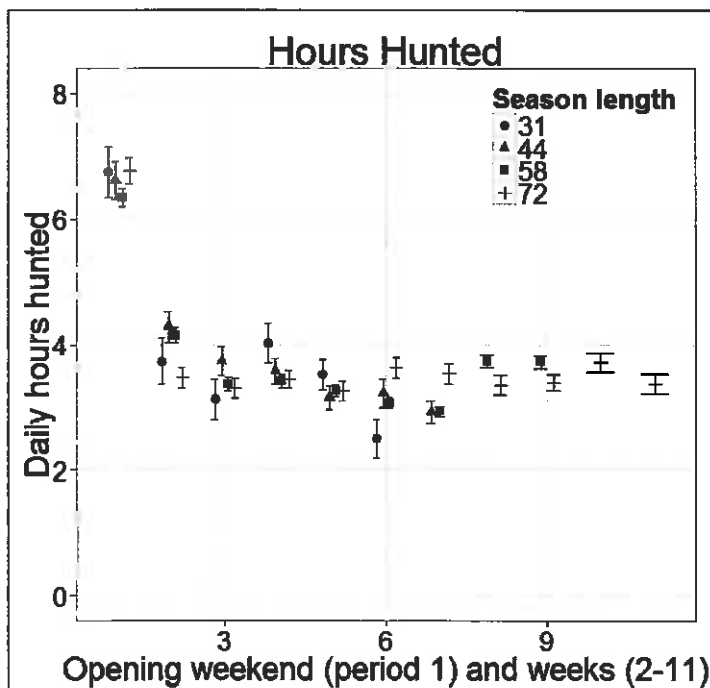


Figure 2: Average hours (mean \pm 85% CI) spent hunting mallard and grey ducks during the Eastern Region dabbling duck season in 1997–2012 by period for different season lengths (i.e., 31, 44, 58 and 72 days). Period 1 is the opening weekend of the game bird season and subsequent periods represent weeks.

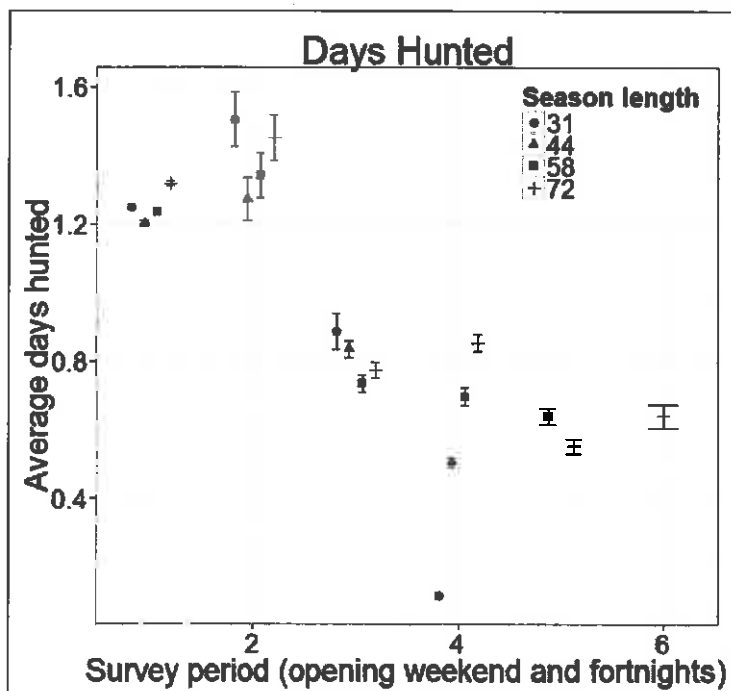


Figure 8: Average days (mean \pm 85% CI) spent hunting mallard and grey ducks during the Eastern Region mallard season in 1997–2012 by period for different season lengths (i.e., 31, 44, 58 and 72 days). Period 1 is the opening weekend of the game bird season and subsequent periods represent fortnights.

4. Recommendation:

- 4.1 That Council identifies any other game season condition matters they would like further information on, or consultation with hunters about, before the November Council meeting.
- 4.2 That Council considers the proposed threshold levels and criteria and identifies any variants for ratification at the November meeting.

Appendix 1

EASTERN FISH AND GAME REGION¹

1 Game That May be Hunted or Killed—Duration of 2014/2015 Season

Species	Season Duration (dates inclusive)	Daily Bag Limit	Hunting Area
Grey/mallard duck	3 May to 2 Jun 2014	6	All areas
NZ shoveler duck	3 May to 2 Jun 2014	2	All areas
Paradise shelduck	3 May to 29 Jun 2014	6	Area A1, A2
	3 May to 29 Jun 2014	10	Area B2 and that part of B1, which lies south of the true right bank of the Uawa River Mouth, Tolaga Bay
	3 May to 13 Jul 2014	20	That part of B1, which lies north of the true right bank of the Uawa River Mouth, Tolaga Bay
Pukeko	3 May to 31 Aug 2014	10	All areas
Black swan	3 May to 31 Aug 2014	No limit	Area A1
	3 May to 29 Jun 2014	2	Area A2
	Closed season	0	Area B1 & B2
Bobwhite (Virginian) quail	3 May to 31 Aug 2014	No limit	All areas
Brown quail	3 May to 31 Aug 2014	5	All areas
California quail	3 May to 31 Aug 2014	No limit	Area A1 & A2
	3 May to 31 Aug 2014	5	Area B1 & B2
Cock pheasant	3 May to 31 Aug 2014	5	All areas excluding upland game properties with special conditions specified in clause 6 for this Region
Pheasant, both sexes	3 May to 31 Aug 2014	No limit	Upland game properties with special conditions specified in clause 6 for this Region
Cock pheasant	1 Sep to 28 Sep 2014	No limit	Upland game properties with special conditions specified in clause 6 for this Region (junior hunters only)
Red legged partridge	3 May to 31 Aug 2014	No limit	Upland game properties with special conditions specified in clause 6 for this Region

¹Reference to Description: *Gazette*, No. 83, of 22 May 1990, at page 1861

2 Definition of Areas

The following descriptions refer to Local Authority Boundaries described on the Infomap 242B-2 Land Information New Zealand for the Eastern Fish and Game region.

- 2.1 Area A1:** Tauranga District, Western Bay of Plenty District, that part of the South Waikato District within the Eastern Fish and Game region and east of State Highway 1, Rotorua District, Kawerau District, Whakatane District and Opotiki District.
- 2.2 Area A2:** Those parts of the South Waikato District west of State Highway 1 within the Eastern Fish and Game region, Taupo District and Ruapehu District, which lie within the Eastern Fish and Game region.
- 2.3 Area B1:** Gisborne District.
- 2.4 Area B2:** That part of Wairoa District within the Eastern Fish and Game region.

3 Shooting Hours

6.15am–6.15pm.

4 Decoy Limit

No limit.

5 Special Conditions

- 5.1** Unpinned magazine shotguns may be used.
- 5.2** No maimai shall impede the use of navigable channels in the Tauranga Harbour, Ohiwa Harbour, Little Waihi Estuary, Lake Aniwhenua and Lake Taupo.
- 5.3** Maimais erected in the Little Waihi Estuary, Lake Aniwhenua, Ohiwa Harbour, Stump and Waihi bays of Lake Taupo must be dismantled and removed within 2 weeks of the close of the season (ie by 12 September 2014).
- 5.4** Licenced game bird hunters that have a Department of Conservation permit for hawking/falconry may hunt with Australasian Harriers (*Circus approximans*) to take pukeko subject to the season length and bag limit specified in clause 1 for this Region to take pukeko and any conditions imposed by the Minister of Conservation under the permit to hold for the purpose of hawking/falconry.

6 Upland Game Properties with Special Conditions

- 6.1 Pirini Family Trust:** The property is located 8 kilometres up the Bush Road from Pongokawa. It is bounded by Pongakawa River, Rotoehu Forest and Bush Road, Sections 4, 5 and 7 SO 7437 Block IX Waihi South Survey District. The property is leased by N. Raven..
- 6.2 Equine Farm:** The property is located approximately 6 kilometres in a north-west direction from Lake Rotoehu with Rotoehu Road and Fletcher Challenge's Rotoehu Forest on the main boundaries. It is made up of 283 hectares being entirely enclosed within deer fence, DPS 17091. The property is owned by Equine Estate Limited.
- 6.3 Prime Pine:** The property is located on the Matata Highway and consists of some 120 hectares of pine forest. DPS 58240. It is bounded by Hingston, Fraser, Prinz and Knight properties. The property is owned by Prime Pine Partnership.
- 6.4 Harakeke Station:** 1034 State Highway 1, RD 1, Wairakei, being 946.37 hectares in total and consisting of Tatua East No 25 Block, Tatua East No 27 Blocks I, II and VI Tatua Survey District, Tatua East No 29 Blocks V and VI Tatua Survey District, Tatua

East No 28 Block V Tatua Survey District, Part X2A Block V Tatua Survey District, Lot 1 DP 330092, Lot 2 DPS 11900, Part Tatua East 11E1B MI 16902, Block V, Tatua Survey District, Lot 1 DPS 90819 Lot 1 DPS 10147 Part Tatua East 8 ML 14696, Block V, Tatua Survey District, Tatua East 11C1 ML 14696 Block V, Tatua Survey District 11B ML 14696 Tatua East Survey District 11A ML 14696 Tatua East Survey District Tatua East 12E1 MI. The property is owned by Harakeke Company Limited.

- 6.5 Totara Lodge Taupo:** 1093 State Highway 1, RD 1, Wairakei, being 1,478 hectares in total and consisting of Tatua East No 17 Blocks II and 1V Tuhingamata West Survey District, Lots 1, 2, 4 and 5 DPS 61926 Tatua East No 18 Block V Tatua Survey District Blocks II and IV Tuhingamata West Survey District, , Lot 3 DP 338327. The property is owned by E. F. Deadman Limited.

Appendix 2

GAME SEASON CONDITION POLICIES

2.1 Maximum Sustainable Harvest for greylard

- (i) That greylard season length range from 4-8 weeks.*
- (ii) That the regulation set includes all whole week combinations between 4 and 8 weeks inclusive (4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 weeks).*
- (iii) When the last weekend of the season falls on Queens Birthday weekend the season shall be inclusive of that Monday where Monday is a holiday.*
- (iv) That bag limits are set at 10 greylard per day.*
- (v) That the season length shall be set to maximise harvest while striving to maintain the female population in the following January at or above the current January level.*
- (vi) That the season length will be set as a function of the predicted number of hunters and expected level of effort given the chosen season length.*

Agreed (Colin Paton/Mike Little) [11/11/9.4]

[vii] Agreed (Ian Pirani/Lindsay Lyons) that Council authorises staff to make a decision on Game Season Regulations outside of policy when an issue has been flagged. [12/10/8.2]

Rationale for [vii] added 2012 from October 2012 Council minutes:

Cr Barry Roderick commented on the greylard population estimates being the lowest in 8 years and the mystery, last summer, with a very high ratio of juveniles in the traps. Matt McDougall said that in the last decade something had occurred in some years that's throwing us off track. Last year he was concerned over the reduced adults in the traps and those concerns were later vindicated by harvest results. Council discussed the policy for setting the season regulations and the short time frame available before these are presented to the Minister for approval. Rob Pitkethley said that in 4 out of 5 years the modelling policy would be used, but in the occasional year staff would like the ability to alter the policy direction if unusual results suggested something else was occurring. Staff were seeking guidance on how this unusual process could work and Cr Steve Scragg said that he would be comfortable with Matt McDougall and Rob Pitkethley making the appropriate call and providing confirmation by email to Council.

2.2 Threshold Criteria for Paradise shelduck

Table 1: Eastern Paradise Shelduck threshold levels.

LONG TERM POPULATION TREND	SEASON
Negative ie. population declining	Restricted
Zero ie. population stable	Intermediate
Positive ie. population growing.	Relaxed

Table 2: Eastern Paradise shelduck season conditions (Season per Table 1).

SEASON	Area	Specific Conditions	
		Length (weeks)	Bag Limit
Restricted	A1 & A2	4	4
	B2 & B1 South of true right bank Uawa River Mouth	4	4
Intermediate	A1, A2	8	6
	B2 & B1 South of the true right bank Uawa River Mouth	8	10
Relaxed	A1, A2, B2 & B1 South of the true right bank Uawa River Mouth	10	10
Fixed Season condition	B1 North of the true right bank Uawa River Mouth	10	20

2.3 Threshold Criteria for Black swan

Table 3: Eastern Black swan threshold levels.

POPULATION SIZE	TREND	SEASON
Low (below 1000)	Negative	Restricted
Low (below 1000)	Zero	Restricted
Low (below 1000)	Positive	Restricted
Moderate (between 1000 and 3000)	Negative	Intermediate
Moderate (between 1000 and 3000)	Zero	Intermediate
Moderate (between 1000 and 3000)	Positive	Relaxed
Greater than 3000	Negative	Relaxed
Greater than 3000	Zero	Relaxed
Greater than 3000	Positive	Relaxed

Table 4: Eastern Black swan season conditions (Season per Table 3).

SEASON	SPECIFIC CONDITIONS (LENGTH AND DAILY BAG).
Restricted	No season.
Intermediate	8-week season with a 2-bird limit for Management Units A1, A2 and B1. 6-week season with a 4 bird limit for Management Unit B2
Relaxed	16-week season with a no-bird limit.

10. INFORMATION FOR THE 2014-2015 DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT

Ref: 8.03.04

3 October 2015

1. Purpose

To review the draft Chairman's report, Statement of Service Performance report and draft Financial Statements for the 2014-2015 Annual Report.

2. Background

The Annual Report for the 2014-2015 year will be presented to the public annual general meeting to be held 18 November 2015 as per the requirement of Sections 26W and 26ZD(7) of the Conservation Act, 1987.

The Annual Report is required to contain a Statement of Service Performance (SOSP) so that readers can assess the performance of the Council against the targets set in the 2014-2015 Operational Work Plan (OWP). This Annual Report aligns with the OWP to clearly show actual outcomes against targets established in the annual work planning process.

The purpose of this paper is to enable the early consideration of the significant material being developed for inclusion in the Annual Report. A draft of the SOSP has been prepared, along with draft unaudited Financial Statements, and these have been circulated to Councillors prior to this meeting for comment. The draft Chairman's report is also included. The 2014-2015 Financial Statements have been prepared under a new set of accounting standards for Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting - Accrual (Public Sector) (PBE SFR-A(PS)). Comparative figures have been amended to reflect the new standards. All Fish and Game Councils have adopted this new format.

The reports will be revised after Council consideration then compiled into the final Annual Report. This then needs to be approved at the 18 November 2015 meeting held immediately prior to the public annual general meeting where the Annual Report is presented to the public.

3.0 Recommendation:

3.1 That Council receives the draft reports comprising the Statement of Service Performance, Chairman's reports and draft Financial Statements for the 2014-2015 year, and identifies any changes required before finalising the Annual Report for the 2014-2015 year.

11. WAIKAREMOANA SPORTS FISH HABITAT ENHANCEMENT FUND

Ref: 2.01.07.01

11 October 2015

1. Purpose

To review the work resourced from the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Habitat Enhancement Fund, and discuss work areas that funding in the short to medium term or further investigation could be directed towards.

2. Background

In 1999 ECNZ made a commitment to create a trust known as the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Habitat Enhancement Trust ("Trust") as part of its consent for the Waikaremoana Power Scheme before its transfer to Genesis. The Trust was set up in response to concerns about the environmental, recreational, social, cultural and economic effects of the Waikaremoana Power Scheme ("WPS"). Due to Inland Revenue issues and the Trust being subject to taxes on interest, the Trust was disbanded soon after its formation, and the settlement was paid to Fish & Game to form the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Habitat Enhancement Fund ("Waikaremoana Fund")

The objective of the Trust and now the Waikaremoana Fund is:

"To sustain and enhance habitat for sports fish within the Wairoa River catchment and enhance access of the public to recreational sports fish therein".

In addition to this key objective, there are a number of additional purposes that include:

- *To undertake research that furthers the objectives of the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Habitat Enhancement Fund;*
- *Identify and evaluate areas in the catchment worth protection, restoration, enhancement, etc.;*
- *Carry out creel surveys;*
- *Carry out trials and monitoring on improving sports fish habitat;*
- *To create, improve, maintain signage and access to sports fisheries.*

The Fund contained an initial investment of \$250,000. When the Fund was established in 2000 the Council agreed that the principal should be protected with an inflation-based adjustment and spending from the Fund should be maintained within the interest generated.

The table below shows projects and work areas that have been funded since 2001.

Work Area	Amount funded
Information & access pamphlets	6,177
Signage & Information panels	7,046
2002 Angler Creel Survey	4,130
Contributions to Access through jetties, gangplanks, carparks etc	13,333
Habitat studies (Lake & River (2) Inventories, Wildlands reports)	9,521
2007 Angler Creel Survey	5,376
Fish research (River fish age/source otolith analysis)	928
Buoy construction share and installation	21,577
Buoy maintenance/servicing expenses	6,752
2012 Angler Creel Survey	5,944

Lagarosiphon Project	1,000
Water Quality Monitoring Report	4,990
Waikaremoana Buoy Maintenance	250
2014-15 Wairoa Catchment Access Investigations	5,204
TOTAL	92,228

3. Discussion

3.1 Anticipated 2015-2016 Commitments

The projects that we anticipate will or may require resources from the Waikaremoana Fund in the coming year are:

- Regular servicing and maintenance of the Water Quality Monitoring Buoy. This has on occasions amounted to \$4,000 for boat fuel and staff expenses, along with some time from the University of Waikato technicians, technology upgrades/repair and payment for data acquisition. However, during the year just gone (2014-15), costs amounted to \$250 only, as Fish & Game does not seek reimbursement from this fund for staff time or vehicle running when maintenance activities are undertaken in conjunction with other programmes;
- Lake Waikaremoana Lagarosiphon Incursion. The remainder of the \$40,000 budgeted (approximately \$39,000) toward the Lagarosiphon Project (October 2012 Council Meeting) has been earmarked to be spent on constructing weed cordons and appropriate signage. The weed cordon at Home Bay ramp was constructed in 2014-15 but weed cordons at Mokau, Rosie Bay and Onepoto have yet to be installed along with other facilities to prevent pest plant (or pest fish) incursions;
- Continuation of the Waikaremoana summer and winter creel surveys and monitoring of key spawning tributaries commenced in 2014-15, and implementation of angler access initiatives in the upper Waikaretaheke.

4. Recommendation

4.1 *That Council identifies any work areas that funding in the short to medium term or further investigation could be directed to subject to 2015-16 allocations not being fully utilised.*

12. LIAISON OFFICERS REPORTS

12.1 Conservation Boards

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

12.2 Reports from other agencies

- Department of Conservation, Central North Island Region (Taupo, Rotorua, BOP)
- Department of Conservation, Lower North Island Region (Gisborne, Wairoa)

12.3 Report from New Zealand Council

Report from Cr Lindsay Lyons circulated in October Papers For Information.

13. OPERATIONAL REPORTS

13.1 MANAGEMENT REPORT

8 October 2015

SPECIES

1.0 River Fisheries Investigations

1.1 Didymo Monitoring

The latest round of water sampling to check for the presence of Didymo in the Ngongotaha Stream was completed on 9 September 2015. Monitoring to date suggests Didymo remains confined to the South Island.

2.0 Datawatch

The 2014-15 Datawatch tag season (for the licence draw) ended with 698 tags returned. This total is 320 returns behind the 2013-14 season. The database for recording information was kept up-to-date and the licence draw for the 20 free licenses was made on 18 August 2015. The draw contained all tags returned subsequent to those entered in the 2013-14 season licence draw. These were tags entered between 15 August 2014 and 17 August 2015.

2.1 Datawatch draw for 2014-15 season tag returns (drawn 18/8/2015)

There were 698 tags returned from Eastern Region waters that went into the draw. The 20 winners of the 2015-16 adult season licences were:

<i>First name</i>	<i>Surname</i>	<i>Town</i>
Chris	Taylor	ROTORUA
Dayhl	King	ROTORUA
Ian	Pederson	ROTORUA
Reece	Kendrick	ROTORUA
Philip	Bright	ROTORUA
Gay	Leach	PAPAMOA
Annette	Runciman	ROTORUA
Dave	Sorenson	TAURANGA
Andy	Wright	WHAKATANE
Gareth	Godfrey	HAMILTON
Glen	Reichardt	ROTORUA
Pat	Swift	ROTORUA
Shirley	Hayward	TE PUKE
Darrell	Black	ROTORUA
Josh	Morrison	ROTORUA
Trevor	Hedgman	ROTORUA
Kelvin	Heath	WHAKATANE
Grant	Dixon	AUCKLAND
Glenn	Griffin	TAURANGA
Kevin	Bowater	PALMERSTON NORTH

2.2 Datawatch Returns During the 2014-15 Season by Lake

During the 2014-15 season (1 October 2014 to 30 September 2015), the distribution of the tags returned (704 tags) was as follows:

	2014-15	2013-14	Variance
Lake Okareka	15	24	-9
Lake Okataina	111	160	-49
Lake Rerewhakaaitu	34	46	-12
Lake Rotoehu	14	42	-28
Lake Rotoiti	147	224	-77
Lake Rotoma	37	34	+3
Lake Rotorua	26	37	-11
Lake Tarawera	258	344	-86
Lake Tutira	62	87	-25

Tag returns were down across all lakes over the 2014-15 season other than Lake Rotoma. Highest numbers of tag returns were from Lake Tarawera (1,500 datawatch tags liberated each year), Lake Rotoiti (2,000 datawatch tags liberated in 2014-15), and Okataina (1,500 datawatch tags liberated each year).

3.0 Lake Waikaremoana

Staff have been unable to retrieve the sensor cables from the Lake Waikaremoana water quality monitoring buoy in recent visits to Waikaremoana. It appears that the sensor chain or the 'keel D-shackle' has become stuck on the substrate. University of Waikato technicians are considering options to retrieve the gear and perhaps reposition the anchoring systems. No information has been transmitted from the buoy since 21 September. This is probably due to transmission problems as have occurred in the area in the past rather than a fault with the buoy itself.

4.0 Tarawera Spawning Monitoring

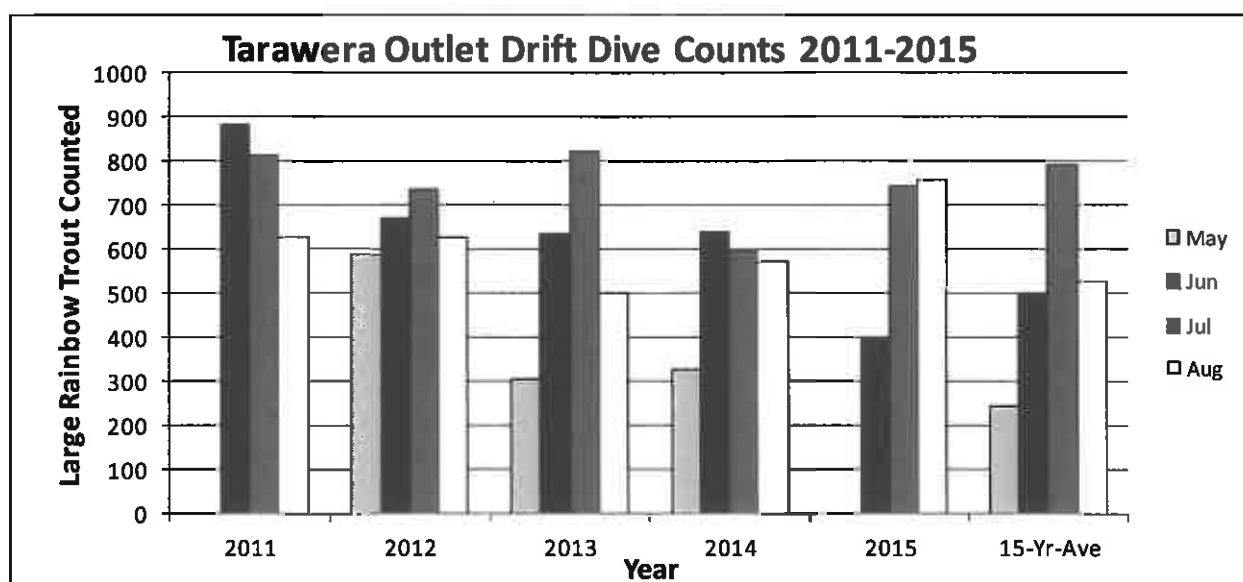
4.1 Tarawera Outlet drift dives (August)

Fish & Game staff completed the third and final spawning trout count of the Tarawera Outlet on 13 August 2015.

	Size range			2015	2014	2013
	Small	Medium	Large	Total	Total	Total
May	-	-	-	-	866	1356
June	247	32	402	681	1063	900
July	0	42	745	787	838	742
August	1	23	757	781	510	668

The number of large spawning fish counted during August 2015 was higher than the count undertaken during August 2014, and was the highest August total since 2005. The pattern for spawning at the Tarawera Outlet during the 2015 winter was later than in recent years. Both the June and July counts were behind the averages for the past 15 years whilst the August count was higher.

The number of large trout (spawners) in this 1km stretch of river remains at a high level. The Outlet provides the best quality and most stable spawning habitat for Lake Tarawera.



4.2 Te Wairoa Trap

The Te Wairoa Fish Trap (Lake Tarawera) was removed on 31 August. The total run this year was 1,040 fish. This total was greater than the number of trout trapped during the 2014 winter and the highest since the 2009 winter. The largest fish through the trap was a 690mm, 3.30kg Lp male. The average size of the fish trapped this winter was smaller than the average fish size recorded during the 2014 winter. Hatchery fish trapped this year measured 552mm and 2.09kg compared to 564mm and 2.2kg during the 2014 winter, and 584mm and 2.4kg in 2013. The average size of the wild fish trapped measured 517mm and 1.75kg compared to 514mm and 1.74kg during 2014, and 524mm and 1.79kg in 2013.

Year	Total run	Wild run	Wild %	Ave length	Ave weight
2009	1455	155	10.6	570	2.41
2010	777	119	15.0	579	2.30
2011	608	118	18.9	576	2.52
2012	900	173	19.6	585	2.51
2013	757	209	27.6	568	2.23
2014	902	302	33.5	547	2.05
2015	1040	339	32.6	541	1.95

5.0 Lakes Fisheries Research

5.1 Ngongotaha Stream Trap Run (July and August 2015)

July 2015

	Av. Length	Av. Weight	Trap Run	Fish/night	10 pound+	% Brown
Rainbow	506	1.62	52	5	0	
Brown	581	2.62	40	4	0	43%

During July 2015, the Ngongotaha trap was operated for 10 nights. A total of 92 fish were trapped running upstream. No ten pound or larger fish were encountered. The largest fish trapped was a 655mm, 4.15kg brown female.

August 2015

	<i>Av. Length</i>	<i>Av. Weight</i>	<i>Trap Run</i>	<i>Fish/night</i>	<i>10 pound+</i>	<i>% Brown</i>
<i>Rainbow</i>	501	1.49	25	3	0	
<i>Brown</i>	555	2.34	5	1	0	17%

The trap was installed for 10 nights during August. Low numbers of trout were trapped in late August this winter. The largest fish recorded was a 660mm, 4.05kg brown female.

5.2 Ngongotaha Stream trap run (September 2015)

The September trap run data for the Ngongotaha Stream has not yet been received and entered into the spreadsheet.

5.3 Ohau Channel

The Ohau Channel Creel Survey funded by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council as a condition of the Ohau Channel Wall Consent was organized by Matt Osborne and the contracted surveyor briefed. Two seasons of pre-wall surveying have been carried out as well as seven seasons post completion. The survey is randomly stratified and based on a similar design to the Fish & Game summer and winter creel surveys.

Matt participated in an onsite inspection of the Ohau Channel Wall in early October in the company of other members of the Ohau Channel Fisheries Liaison Committee and a number of other Regional Council staff and advisers. The purpose of the field trip was to identify locations where up to possibly three fish passage facilities in total could be installed into the wall.

5.4 Hamurana Koaro Restoration Project

John Meikle attended a public open day at Hamurana Reserve to represent Fish & Game involvement in the koaro restoration project. John handed out Fish & Game material and talked about habitat enhancement within the Eastern Region.

6.0 Waterfowl Monitoring Programme

Matthew McDougall collated and analysed the data collected during the early August National Shoveler Survey and has compiled a report on the results. This has been circulated with the October PFI. Population numbers at the sites counted appear to be stable and may have increased slightly in the short term.

7.0 Upland Game and Forest Management

Nothing to report this meeting. Crow counts will be undertaken in early November.

8.0 Harvest Assessment

8.1 Winter Creel Surveys

The 2015 winter survey was completed in August and results are currently being entered into the database.

8.2 Opening Day Survey 1 October

Preparation was carried out for the Opening Day angler creel survey on Thursday 1 October including the compilation of survey books and sampling equipment, and tasking of staff. Volunteers to assist with the survey were organized from the University of Waikato, DOC Taupo Fishery, honorary rangers, and Councillors (Crs Ferris, Lyons, Roderick, Wood).

Anglers interviewed and fish measured at the 2015-16 Opening are summarised below.

Interviewers	Site	Anglers	Fish	Fish/Angler
Mark, Mark, Jeremy, Harriet	Stoney Pt.	87	90	
Matt, Grant, Lee, Vanessa, Katie, Paula	Boat shed bay	146	140	
Matt M, Kate, Murray	Boat	44	51	
Eben	Landing	41	32	
	Tarawera Total	318	316	0.99
Lloyd, Terry	Okataina Beach	112	154	
	Boat			
	Okataina Total	112	154	1.38
Andy, Lynne	Gisborne Point	67	92	
Anthony, Mike	Boat	149	49	
Barry, John	Otaramarae	112	110	
Nigel, Ellie	Delta/Camp	40	45	
	Rotoiti Total	368	296	1.13
	Total Contacts	798	766	

A quick look at the data we collected shows that the Tarawera 2-year-old fish look to be slightly smaller in size to the 2-year-olds measured at the 2014 opening. We expected them to be smaller than in previous years due to the staggered liberation strategy adopted since September 2012 which means that some of these fish have been in the lake for up to three months longer than others. Growing conditions in Tarawera have also been poor over the past year. This opening, the 2-year-olds (2014 spring releases) came in at 478mm and 1.30kg (indicative figures) which is 8mm and 40g smaller than the 2-yr-old 2014 opening fish. A quick estimate of catch rate, from the fish/angler calculation, suggests that the average catch rate was lower than last opening. Anglers fishing early (till 10am) reported things were going well, and fish were being hooked up everywhere. After this positive start however, fishing tended to go flat and anglers returning to ramps later in the day reported fishing for 8-12 hours without touching a fish. Fish & Game undertook some follow up 'boat to boat' surveys on Saturday 3rd October and spoke to another 63 anglers. The fishing was again proving fairly hard with the largest fish measured being 3.0kg.

Lake Rotoiti anglers had a solid start to their season. The average size of the 2-year-olds was 490mm and 1.52kg. This was just 3mm smaller than last opening but 50g heavier, so growth over the winter appears to have improved. The surveyors commented that fish looked in good condition. Rotoiti angler numbers were up compared with the 2014 opening day, and catch rate on Rotoiti was better than on recent openings (1.13 fish/angler as opposed to 0.99 in 2014 and 0.94 in 2013). The largest fish measured was a 5.5kg rainbow male (3-year-old autumn release). Extra surveys were undertaken on Lake Rotoiti on Sunday 4th October and a further 39 anglers were talked to, but only five additional fish were measured.

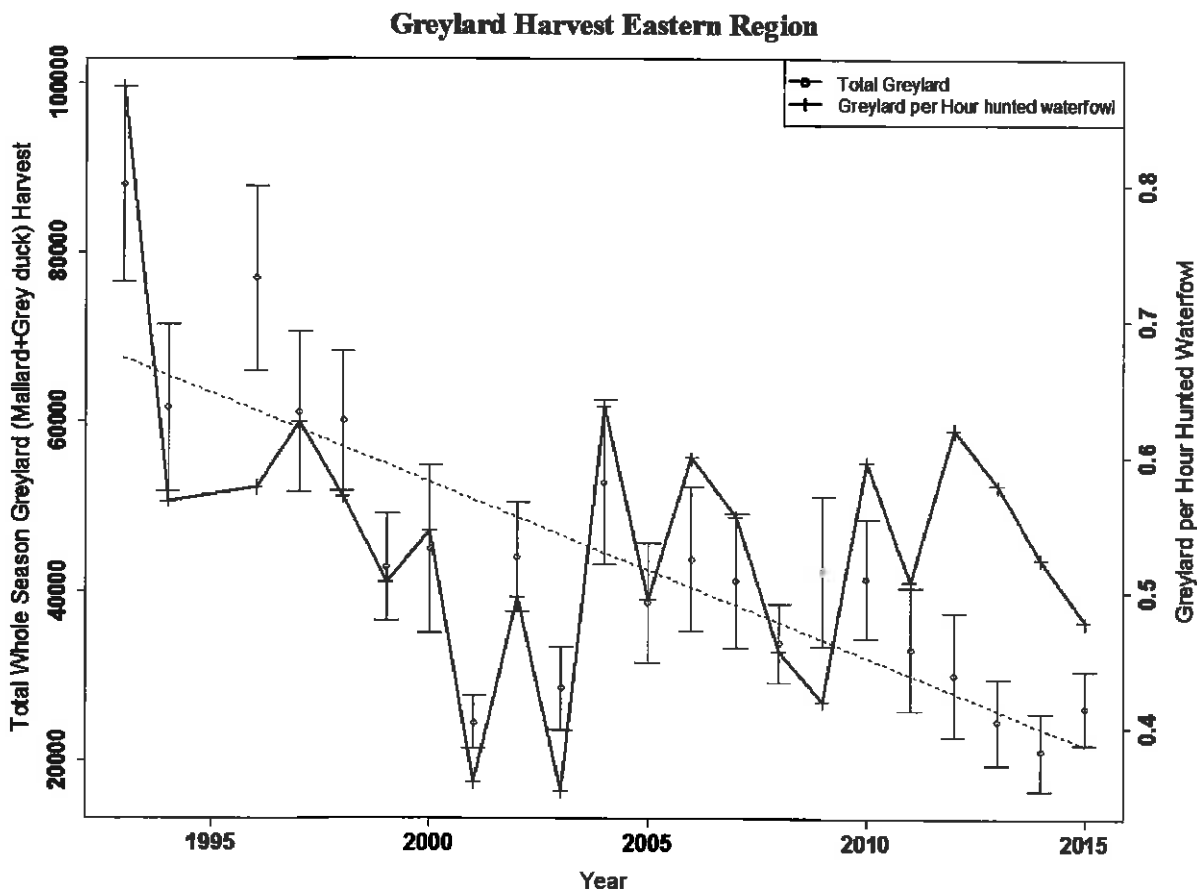
The anglers at Lake Okataina had another high-quality opening day. Angler numbers surveyed were well up on last year because of the poor weather encountered at the 2014 opening which meant boats were difficult to launch. The harvest rate was down on last season's opening with 1.38 fish/angler compared to 2.23 fish/angler last opening, and 1.70 fish/angler in 2013. The size of the 2-year-olds looked to be slightly smaller than last opening with the average spring released fish weighing in at 504mm and 1.49kg compared to 506mm and 1.57kg. The largest fish weighed in at opening from Okataina was 3.54kg.

9.0 Game Bird Hunter Survey

The results of the 2015 Game Bird Hunter have been analysed and these are provided in a report accompanying the October PFI.

9.1 Opening Weekend Harvest

The game hunter survey is on track and the sixth survey has been completed. Indications are that the total harvest of mallard and grey duck is up on last year, and possibly that in 2013, although greylard per hour hunting was down on the last five years (see graph below).



10.0 National Angler Survey

Nothing to report this period.

11.0 Hatchery Operations

Ova collection for the winter has been completed with 82 quality rainbow trout crosses successfully taken producing almost 387,000 ova. The Te Wairoa fish trap was removed at the end of August.

A small number of ova were again provided to Whakatane High school for purposes of education. Teacher Peter Fergusson oversees this project and the resulting fry are liberated into nearby waterways before the end of the school year.

Liberations for the period included releases within the Eastern Region plus supply to Northland Fish & Game, Huka Prawn Park, Wellington Fish & Game Region (yearling's and children's fishing) and NIWA.

Children's fishing events were run with Rotorua Anglers Association and the Motu Trust plus three special needs groups.

Fish locations at 9 October 2015:

Location	Type	Qty (approx)	Comment
Tank A	0+ Brown	2000	Eastern liberations 2015
Tank C	1+ Brown	500	HB
Tank D	1+ Brown	450	Eastern
Tank D	1+ Rt	200	
Pond 3	1+ Rt	25,000	Eastern spring liberations and other regions
Pond 4	1+ Rt	3,000	Eastern spring liberations
RW 2	2+ Rt	2,000	Children's fishing programs, various 2015

12.0 Pest Awareness

12.1 2014-15 Advocacy Programme

Fish & Game staff met with Environment Bay of Plenty staff on 14 September to discuss the Opening Day and 'Check, Clean and Dry' programme planned for this summer encompassing didymo, pest fish and aquatic weed awareness and advocacy. This programme will be undertaken on lakes and rivers throughout the Bay of Plenty. A range of giveaway items (prop flags, key floats and trout bags) will be given out to anglers on Opening Weekend and over the summer period with the "Check/ Clean and Dry" and "Stop the Spread" message.

HABITAT

13.0 RMA Planning

13.1 Gisborne District Council – Freshwater Advisory Group and Freshwater Plan

Following the work of the Freshwater Advisory Group the Gisborne District Council is intending to notify the proposed freshwater plan on October 12. Submissions will close in early December.

13.2 Kaimai Catchments Forum

The forum has now created several smaller focus groups to address areas of particular concern with a more manageable sized group. No new developments.

13.3 Whakatane District Council

Submissions were lodged on the Proposed Whakatane District Plan in September 2013. Concerns with the plan were generally in relation to barriers to the enhancement of scheduled wetlands on public and private land, and also to the ongoing maintenance of wetlands. Additionally we have some concerns with the activity status of maimai requiring resource consents in some zones, including areas such as Ohiwa Harbour, large parts of the coastal area, and in most of our balloted hunting areas. The majority of our concerns have been accepted in the decisions which are being released periodically.

13.4 Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Bay of Plenty Regional Council has recently established a Regional Water Advisory Panel. This is a collaborative group with representatives from a wide range of sectors which has been set up to provide context and direction for how freshwater resources are managed in the Bay of Plenty. The most recent meeting of this group was attended in September. Community groups to consider catchment specific regulations are currently being established in three catchments as reported last meeting. Fish & Game representatives have applied for membership on each of them and we await confirmation of who the members will be and when they'll first meet.

14.0 Water Quality

Following the adoption of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management in 2014, Regional Councils are now required to implement its provisions. Fish & Game remains involved in the Gisborne Freshwater Advisory Group and the Bay of Plenty Regional Water Advisory Panel. These collaborative groups comprise representatives from a wide range of sectors and have been established to assist the councils with freshwater management planning, to provide context and direction for how freshwater resources are managed, and to assist in the implementation of the National Policy Statement.

The Bay of Plenty Regional Council is in the process of establishing community groups to look at values and limits within the Rangitaiki, Kaituna/Maketu and Pongakawa/Waitahanui Water Management Areas as outlined above. Fish & Game representatives have applied for membership on each of them. Community groups will also be established in the other seven Water Management Areas in the future.

The Gisborne District Council has identified ten Water Management Areas and is expected to follow a similar process of establishing community groups.

15.0 Resource Consents

Date In	Authority	Applicant	Type	Resource Involved	Action
27-Jul-15	BOPRC	E&R Merriman	WP- pasture irrigation	Whirinaki River	S95E3A
31-Aug-15	BOPRC	Tablelands Irrigation Scheme	WP- pasture, domestic supply and frost protection	Otara River, Opotiki	S95E3A
14-Sep-15	BOPRC	Motu Metal & Crushing Ltd	WP/LUC – gravel abstraction	Motu River, Opotiki coast	S95E3A

15.1 Consent issues of note

On 20 September we received complaints of the de-watering of Lake Aniwhenua. Investigations have revealed that NOVA Energy obtained emergency works approval from BOPRC to undertake repairs in their head pond for the power station. This required a significant reduction in water flows into the power station canal and subsequently the lake level dropped by 1.3m. We attended the site and undertook some trout salvage on 20 September in the tail race below the dam. We continued to monitor the situation but no further distressed or dead trout were located. Lake water levels resumed to normal on Saturday 26 September. We were not advised of the emergency operation prior to it being implemented, and there are a number of issues we're following up with BOPRC regarding notification and current resource consent conditions.

16.0 Reserves Management

No significant works have occurred in the reserves since the last Council meeting. Scheduled summer works are currently being programmed with mowing and spraying commencing mid October.

The planting day at the Kaituna went well with 3,000 plants put into the ground, with anticipated flight lines for the yet to be constructed maimai being taken into account during the placement of plants. Representatives from Transit were present and all enjoyed a BBQ put on by DOC.

The remaining old fencing materials at Thornton WMR have been buried onsite by DOC. The remains are there due to DOC's contractor not cleaning them up after completing the replacement landward boundary fence. The trees that were inadvertently cut down and put into burn piles (by the same contractor) will be burnt late October, with the fencing placed around the burn piles retained to protect planned native plantings. The planting area is in mitigation for upland game habitat loss with the tree removals. We have yet to source funding for the native plants for these areas.

The newly installed culverts and fish passage system for the Thornton WMR installed in December 2014 has consolidated. The intent is to commence gradual opening of these culverts in December 2015. Numerous conditions are in place to protect the wildlife habitat of the reserve should the new culvert system be deemed detrimental. A bird survey will be undertaken just prior to opening of the culverts and annually thereafter.

A field trip with the new DOC staff managing the Rangitaiki wetlands, the new BOPRC wetland ecologist, and Fish & Game staff, will take place in early October, to enable discussions for future management decisions to be made about these wetlands. We do not believe any significant changes are likely but we're keen to ensure new staff are briefed on they are managing and making decisions on.

Renewal of gazette notices for management of the Crown owned wetlands within the Eastern Region between DOC and Fish & Game has stalled a little as ongoing changes in DOC mean it has yet to be established who is to take charge of this and liaise with Fish & Game staff. Both parties are still determining what interests they have in each of the wetlands concerned and whether some gazette conditions need to be changed.

We continue to work with DOC towards combining all of the Bay of Plenty wetlands managed by the parties into one long term resource consent, both for maintenance and

development projects. We await Bay of Plenty Regional Council staff providing some guidance as to how best to achieve this. This process will take some time as considerable consultation is required with representative iwi.

16.1 Awakaponga WMR

Nearly \$30,000 of funding was approved by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Innovation Fund for the Awakaponga Water Proposal. This is considered to be an innovative project utilising solar energy and compressed air pumping to enhance water levels within Awakaponga Wildlife Management Reserve. The system is now operational except for some minor calibration work and fine tuning which will be undertaken over the next couple of months. A demonstration of the system to the Innovation Panel and other interested parties was held on site in September.

17.0 Maintain and Enhance Game Bird Habitat

17.1 Landowner Information

One landowner visit has occurred since last Council meeting. The Gisborne landowner currently has resource consent to construct a bund and flood a wet grazing paddock to create a 7 ha wetland. Fish & Game advice has been given on the water control structure and general wetland management. Our future involvement will be advice on a planting plan and long term management. This wetland is principally for waterfowl and aesthetics values and has potential as a banding site.

18.0 Habitat Creation Projects

18.1 Ohaaki Wetland

The management agreement with landowners Ngati Tahu / Whaoa and Fish & Game has been completed and signed off by both parties. We are currently working through a Health & Safety Plan to ensure compliance for both parties. The relationship is progressing well with future joint initiatives being explored.

18.2 East Coast Pond Trial

A site visit was undertaken in early September to assess the planted areas and if any nesting was occurring. Multiple waiting pairs were again sighted but no nests located. The site previously damaged by stock has had fencing repairs. All sites will be again visited in early November.

19.0 Drain Management

Our investigation into the spatial and temporal use of drains by mallards in the lowland Bay of Plenty is now well underway with field work having been commenced in August. Eighty four randomly selected 200m sections of drain have been mapped and described. As at 9 October, we have conducted 181 counts and recorded ducks at 43 sites, 14 of which had broods present. Most of the ducklings were 3 – 17 days old with a few up to 23 days old.

ANGLER AND HUNTER PARTICIPATION

20.0 Maintain & Enhance Access

Annual angler access work is beginning with maintenance on tracks and access points, and signage.

Following notification by DOC of a marginal strip exemption process relating to the Whakamaru Power Station site, we have been in negotiations with Mighty River Power along with the Walking Access Commission for an easement or access instrument to be created to allow for angler access to a part of the site identified as of value to anglers and other recreational users. This is in the process of being developed. To date MRP already allows access to much of this area along the Waikato River Trail via a cycle and walking trail.

Two new angler access tracks have been marked in the Waikaretaheke River system, and arrangements are being made to engage contract workers to form these tracks.

A quote has been received for the work involved in creating an extension to the angler access track at the Kaituna River Trout Pool reserve. This track has been put on hold due to the high cost of bridging a gully along the track route. Unfortunately there was no other option and the high cost of bridging, which would require a building consent, outweighs the value the track would have added to angler opportunity- which in itself would have been fairly limited.

21.0 Licence Holder Communications

Project Area	Actions/Progress
1331 – Reel News, Both Barrels	Reel Life was produced in September covering prospects for the new season.
1333 – Fishing reports	A fishing prospects was added to the Reel Life for September and numerous reports featured on Twitter.
1334 – Web	Updates or changes to the Eastern Web site included: Council agendas and minutes, children's fishing notice, Fish for Gold page. 31 Tweets were sent out for the period. Our Twitter account has 277 followers.
1341–Pamphlet/ handouts	No pamphlets have been produced for the period. A <i>local area</i> licence map has been produced and distributed to dealers
1351 – Children's Fishing	Four children's fishing events were held for the period with approximately 700 children participating..
1352 – Angler training/ seminars	No angler hunter training was held for the period.
1354 – Fishing comps	11 fishing competition permits were processed for the period. Work commenced on the Fish For Gold promotion late in August. At closing of entries on September 30 the event had attracted 868 entrants. Of those entered 14% said the promotion <i>had encouraged them to purchase a licence</i> . Staff have received very positive feedback from the angling community and at writing one eligible tag (and another ineligible tag) have been caught. Further analysis of the event will be undertaken and reported.
1361 – Club meetings	Four club visits were attended for the period.
1371 – Fish & Game huts	No hut maintenance has been undertaken since the last report.

PUBLIC INTERFACE

22.0 Statutory Liaison

Andy Garrick had meetings with senior BOPRC managers to discuss matters of mutual interest, and senior Rotorua Lakes Council and Department of Conservation staff to discuss wetland proposals. Andy also attended two Hawke's Bay Regional Council meetings, one being a Science and Technology Strategy Stakeholder Workshop convened by Sapere Group consultants, the other being to further the development of a Hawke's Bay Biodiversity Strategy Accord and Implementation Plan.

22.1 Conservation Boards

No meetings attended this period as a consequence of timing and locations at which meetings were being held.

22.2 Media Releases

Media report covering August / September 2015:

This was an extremely busy period with a large amount of publicity generated on a variety of topics. More than a dozen releases were issued and a number of direct 'pitches' were made for media to cover particular events or openings. Communications Advisor Grant Dyson worked with Mark Sherburn to develop a newsletter, logos and banner website ads to publicise the Fish for Gold promotion. A number of media releases were also generated.

As usual, a package of releases was prepared in advance of the new trout fishing season. They included a release on prospects for the season based on angler surveys, and another on a rise in spawning fish numbers (based on trap data). Eastern staff work at Lake Waikaremoana was also highlighted in a release which noted the lake was in 'great shape.' Grant Dyson liaised with the producers of the TV3 show Story to successfully arrange filming of festivities at The Landing, and the opening of Lake Tarawera the next day.

A release prompted by a question from a Tauranga journalist allowed Andy Garrick to outline Fish & Game's opposition to trout farming.

Other media releases focused on the end of the game bird season and the 'last chance' to target upland game birds.

Throughout this period, Eastern work was also featured in a number of other media releases such as the big trout caught in Northland. This release noted that fish from the Eastern hatchery were trucked to Northland to re-stock Kai Iwi and other lakes.

Grant Dyson notes that he has spent some time over recent months assisting Kate Thompson with the wording of letters and information emails to licence agents and other stakeholders, on the new licence categories.

22.3 Non Statutory Groups

Andy Garrick met with the Kapenga M Trust which owns the Kapenga Wetland to communicate our interest in continuing to be involved with the wetland once the current DOC lease expires in 2019. This will be followed up with a field inspection in late October.

COMPLIANCE

23.0 Compliance Activities

Compliance over the last two months has focused largely on remaining winter shoreline lake angler checks, and other popular winter fishing locations. Monitoring of trout spawning streams and closed water areas where problems are frequently experienced over the winter/closed season period has been ongoing. Several areas with late spawning runs in particular are receiving attention from poachers, and so far during September we have had several poacher apprehensions in these areas. Relatively small quantities of trout have been taken in these instances. The game bird hunting season concluded end of August with no issues.

Waikaremoana monitoring and compliance work around spawning areas has continued. Evidence of a small amount of trout poaching has been found in the Hopuruahine River area. This has been advised to other relevant agencies in the area, and visits by staff will continue when in the Waikaremoana area.

Angler and hunter contacts over the 2014-2015 year totalled 3,726. A yearly comparison of number of contacts is provided below:

23.1 Contacts: Year 2014-2015 (to 31 August)

Month	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	5 yr AVG
September	96	82	66	50	62
October	1183	997	984	960	1056
November	223	129	175	112	153
December	494	598	387	392	440
January	466	497	355	381	390
February	170	234	151	395	204
March	184	300	279	275	236
April	340	195	299	264	256
May	503	516	446	498	479
June	422	209	325	203	315
July	224	120	79	120	129
August	74	131	77	76	92
Total	4379	4008	3623	3726	3785

24.0 Ranger Training and North Island/National CLE Liaison Role

This role continues with input into CLE/training/prosecutions and legal matters. Anthony Van Dorp has also been running the Hawke's Bay Region honorary rangers programme and getting this back on track. This has included time spent in Napier meeting rangers, providing training, dealing with their re-warranting processes, and training two new Hawke's Bay rangers.

25.0 Prosecutions

25.1 Offences 2014-2015 Year

Over the 2014-15 year 79 offenders were dealt with for 123 offences. Compliance rate was approximately 98 %. The total number of offences is up on the previous year, largely due to

the higher than usual incidence of offending over summer at the Rotorua stream mouths locations.

The table below shows offences – Year 2014-2015 (to 31 August 2015)

Offence name	Numbers
Fish without licence	57
Fish closed waters	21
Fish with illegal tackle	13
Give false details	8
Disturb spawning gravels	6
Common Assault	1
Possess net – vicinity of spawning grounds	2
Fish with more than 1 rod	4
Fails to hold rod	1
Obstruction	2
Lead shot	4
Hunt without licence	1
Shoot protected species	1
Fails to answer court bail	2
Total	123

Resolutions of offences by offender

Resolution	Numbers
Court	25
Reparation	30
Youth action includes warning	7
Warn/no prosecution decision	17
Total	79

25.2 Offences 2015-2016 Year

For the year 2015- 2016 year to date we have dealt with 6 persons for 12 offences as tabled below.

The table below shows offences – Year 2015-2016 (to 29/09/2015)

Offence name	Numbers
Fish without licence	4
Fish closed waters	1
Fish with illegal tackle	2
Disturb spawning gravels	2
Take trout with net/spear/device	3
Total	12

25.3 Offences Pending Resolution

To date (29 September 2015) , 38 separate offences are pending resolution, by 18 offenders. Four of these persons have warrants for arrest, nine are either before the courts or will have charges filed in court, and five are currently pending reparation resolution.

18 offenders are pending resolution for 38 separate offences.

The table below shows offences currently pending resolution, as at 29/09/2015

Offence name	Numbers
Fish without licence	13
Illegal tackle	5
Fish closed waters	6
False details	2
Disturb spawning grounds	4
Possession of net	1
Take trout with net/spear/device	4
Possess lead shot ammunition	1
Failure to answer District Court bail	2
Total	38

26.0 Rangers

Annual ranger training was held in August at Eastern's offices. All Eastern rangers other than two who were otherwise committed attended, as well as one Hawkes Bay Region honorary ranger. This training was aimed primarily at being a refresher of rangers' powers and field practice as well as an update on the new licence categories coming into effect in the 2015 – 16 season.

The 2012 – 2015 ranger warrant period expired on 30 September 2015, and honorary rangers have been re-warranted for the period 2015 – 2018. One ranger who was not performing was not reissued with a warrant. Eastern is currently holding 11 warranted honorary rangers, and in addition we have one ranger from another region (Auckland Waikato) who often assists in our area and attends our training.

Eastern Rangers have been provided with new polo shirts to increase their professional appearance while ranging.

We currently have two other persons who are interested in the honorary ranger scheme and who have lodged applications. These are in the process of being dealt with, which involves interviews, Police vetting and training.

LICENSING

27.0 National Licence Management

Kate Thompson has continued to work with Eyede and regional staff as required through the transition to online licensing and the introduction of the new licence categories

28.0 Licence Agent Support

Contact with licence agents was continued over the period to ensure their preparedness and understanding of the new licence categories. Feedback was received from four agents that have found the transition to the online facility difficult due to staffing and location of computer equipment. Kate Thompson offered support to local agents for the day prior to opening, however, most had anticipated an increase in customer traffic and were able to bring in additional help.

COUNCIL

29.0 Council Election

Seventeen candidates put their names forward for the election. Voting closed at 5pm on Friday 9 October and results will be available by 17 October.

30.0 Meetings

Minutes for the August Council meeting were prepared and circulated, and the confirmed June meeting minutes and unconfirmed August minutes were posted on the web site.

PLANNING AND REPORTING

31.0 National Liaison

Various staff continued to provide input to national projects.

ADMINISTRATION

32.0 Annual Leave

Staff annual leave accruals are reported each month. Due to employment anniversary dates, the leave accruals for individuals vary depending on the time of the year. We have established leave for individual staff as at 5 October 2015. We currently have one staff members four weeks behind where we would like them to be, one staff member three weeks behind, two staff members two weeks behind, and two staff members one week behind. The remainder are in a neutral leave position.

33.0 Staff Training

Writing workshop and first aid course for all staff, and ranger training as outlined in Section 24.0 above.

34.0 Work Place Accident Register

As at 8 October 2015

Number of workplace injuries in 2014-2015 year	1
Number of workplace injuries in 2013-2014 year	3
Total number of workplace injuries since 1 Sept 1995	28
Total number of lost work injuries since 1 Sept 1995	1
Total number of days since last lost-work injury (7/12/13)	670
Total number of days prior to last lost work injury since 1 Sept 1995	6,672

35.0 Action Schedule

	Meeting	Action Schedule	Progress
1	C14/11	Complete previous minutes and post to web	Done
2	C15/02	Complete & circulate draft minutes	Done
3	C15/02	Update Policy database	Done
4	C15/02	Record any Conflict of Interest on Register	Done
5	C14/08	Opening 1st Saturday - background national position	Ongoing
6	C14/06	Region name change – query NZC	Ongoing
7	C14/06	Meeting with hunters re Mangawhio lagoon	On hold
8	C14/04	Back Country Fisheries – identify	Pending
9	C13/10	Councillor Recognition Policy	Underway
10	C13/06	Tauranga Harbour Swan Management Plan	Under investigation
11	C13/06	Kaingaroa Ownership - clarification	Done
12	C12/04	Opportunity evaluation	Required?
13	C11/04	Waikato River wetland opportunities	Ongoing
14	C14/11	Lake Waikareiti dinghys - liaise Tribal Authority	Ongoing
15	C14/11	Rangitaiki - meet with owner reps re access	Ongoing
16	C14/11	Investigate access to Kaituna Trout Pool	Done
17	C14/11	AGM - organise function for 2015	Pending
18	C15/02	Consider extra Council meeting for strategic planning	Pending
19	C15/02	Effects of unpinned autos – prepare staff report	Pending
20	C15/02	Destination Rotorua – meet re lake fisheries marketing	Pending
21	C15/02	TFAC – nominate Andy Garrick to be F&G rep	Done
22	C15/02	Schedule field trip for new Council	November meeting
23	C15/02	Invite neighbouring Councils to attend our meetings	Ongoing
24	C15/06	Circulate OWP to interested parties	Done
25	C15/06	Confirmation of adoption of licence fee to NZC	Done
26	C15/06	Reparation policy – promote emphasis on education	Done
27	C15/06	Refine captive reared mallard liberation policy	Pending
28	C15/06	Report August Meeting re Trout for Cultural Harvest	Done

13.2 Finance Report

Ref: 8.03.01

9 October 2015

1.0 Purpose

To inform the Council of the current financial position, and approve payments for the months of July and August 2015.

2.0 Finance Report

The cash flow summary for the two months ending 31 August 2015 is attached. This report documents the income and expenditure for the final period of the 2014-2015 financial year.

There are some minor end of year adjustments to be finalised which will be included in the financial statements for the year.

Income

Licence revenue is reported to be just \$1,260 below budget in total with game bird licence revenue down \$3,779 and fish revenue sitting just over budget \$2,159. This positive fish revenue total does however include the additional revenue from the non-resident licence (\$12,580) which is not budgeted and will be transferred to a restricted reserve within the financial accounts. There are still a few licence books to be returned and a final accrual of these will only improve this result.

Revenue from other sources totalled \$79,548 for the period and this was made up of sale of fish and product (\$23,285), fishing competitions (\$626), tours (\$122), rentals (\$3,720), fines (\$1,181), reparations (\$1,478), donations (\$22), and kids fishing (\$228). Funds were also received from Bay of Plenty Regional Council to fund expenses associated with the Awakaponga pump project (\$1,536), Rainbow Springs for their sponsorship of the kids fishing programme (\$2,000), reserve grazing (\$5,200), interest (\$19,462), and Hawke's Bay for the quarterly provision of services fee (\$9,826). The NZ Council also provided funding for the Auckland Boat Show expenses (\$1,500) and for Carmel Veitch's additional work on the review of financial reports and implementation new accounting standards (\$3,948). The final interest accruals have been processed and general interest income has ended the year just short of budget (\$700), while interest income on the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Fund is ahead of budget (\$5,559).

As a whole, income from "Other" sources has ended the year ahead of budget \$26,031, this figure includes the increased interest generated on the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Fund (\$5,559). Additional unbudgeted revenue was gained through work associated with the Waiotukupuna trap work, NZC financial services, additional services to Hawke's Bay Region, increased rentals from tenanted property, and a transfer of funds from the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Fund for planned access investigations and work. Hatchery revenue was down on budget \$6,070 due in part to changes to regional orders during the year.

Species Management

The Population Monitoring expenses for the period related to an additional order of datawatch tags which included the 40 red tags supplied for the season opening promotion. Waterfowl monitoring spending included the purchase of a tablet for the recording of data in the field for drain studies.

Within the Harvest Assessment budget expenses are reported relating to game bird hunter surveys and water proof paper.

Hatchery expenses for the period included fish food (\$3,514), hatchery maintenance (\$863), and minor equipment purchases (\$153). The usual expenses are also reported relating to rates, electricity, oxygen, and fuel. The hatchery spending ended the year \$3,688 over budget due to an increase in the cost of fish food and increased vehicle maintenance. As a whole however, the Species output direct costs ended the year \$3,092 under budget.

Habitat

The Works and Management spending over the period relates to a security pin and lock plate for Kaituna weir (\$99).

Within the assisted habitat budgets the final expenses associated with the solar power supply for the Awakaponga pump project are reported (\$6,109). The costs associated with this project on completion totalled \$41,044. The Bay of Plenty Regional Council provided funding of \$29,500 for the project and the balance has come from a reduction in spending within the Works and Management and Assisted Habitat budgets.

The spending from the Waikaremoana Sports Fish fund for the period totalled \$4,906 which is made up of \$5,204 for access work less \$298 for survey expenses incorrectly coded. A summary of budget allocations and spending for the year follows;

Purpose	Budget 2014-15	Expenses 2014-15
Waikaremoana buoy maintenance	\$4,000	\$250
Lagarosiphon response	\$39,000	Nil
Access enhancement	\$20,000*	\$5,204

*Prior to the February 2015 meeting of Council these funds had been provisionally tagged to fund willow and poplar control but were subsequently reallocated to improve access to the upper Waikaretaheke, put additional signage into the Waiiau, and open up opportunities in the Putere Lakes. Investigations and implementation planning for these initiatives was well advanced by 31 August.

The Habitat output direct costs have ended the year \$58,060 below budget and this is attributed to the unspent portion of budgets approved from the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Fund.

Customer Services

Access spending for the period related to Flaxy and Mangaone signs, spray and equipment, and a software update for Tumonz. Expenses are also reported relating to equipment for kids fishing, repairs to the shade sail, and electricity for the Waikaremoana hut. The customer services area ended the year \$201 over budget.

Public Interface

Within the Public Interface budgets the sole expenses related to Grounds maintenance and rubbish removal. The Public Interface area ends the year \$875 over budget due to increased expenses associated with the boat show and grounds maintenance.

Compliance

The Compliance expenses for the period relate to the purchase of polo shirts and embroidery, ranger note books, and the 0800 poaching service. Ranger training expenses relate to food and refreshments purchased for the recent ranger training day and legal expenses are reported

relating to two prosecutions through the courts. The compliance area as a whole has ended the year over budget \$2,255 and this is due to increase in legal fees resulting from a high number of prosecutions through the courts.

Licensing

Licensing expenses relate to the A4 regulation pads, and commissions and fees associated with 0800, and internet sales. The commission expense has ended the year below budget (\$4,253), however this is in line total sales for the year.

Council

Council expenses for the period relate to the catering, advertising, and travel for the Council meeting held in Wairoa. The Council expenses ended the year \$764 below budget.

Planning

NZ Fish & Game levies were paid as budgeted in July and small expenses for airport parking, airport levies and taxi fares associated with Managers meetings is also reported. The balance of the audit fee is also reported. Within budget for the year.

Administration

Administration budgets as a whole ended the year \$8,211 over budget. Increased leave accruals, deferred maintenance and expenses associated with health and safety requirements all contribute to this result. This overspend is more than offset by reduced expenditure within other administration areas and increased revenue from services to other regions and increased rental income.

Notes on individual areas:

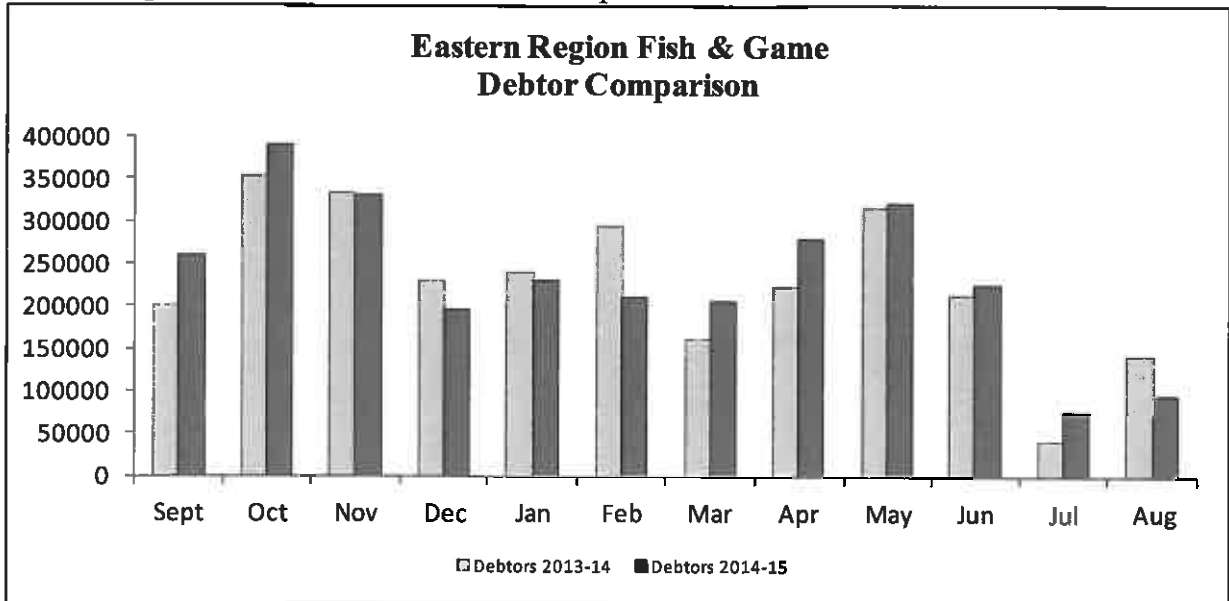
Salaries	Salaries ended the year \$3,548 over budget due to an increase in annual leave accruals and additional staff time on national projects. This additional work was funded by the New Zealand F&G Council and this revenue is seen within "Other Income".
Staff Expenses	Staff expenses were significant for the period and included ACC levies, first aid training for all staff, a writing workshop for all staff, an electrical audit of hatchery and work station assessments for health & safety. The staff expenses area ended the year over budget (\$1,502) and this relates to employment and health and safety expenses.
Staff Houses	Staff house maintenance included a septic tank clean, a meter board upgrade, and replacement of the shower in the staff quarters. The staff houses spending is over budget by \$5,135 and this additional maintenance spending is offset by increased rental income.
Office Premises	Within the office premises budgets the standard electricity, cleaning, and security expenses are reported. The maintenance expense was high again this period with expenses including lighting upgrades/repairs, septic tank cleaning, and painting of the administration building doors. One of the rear rooms of the garage has also been lined in preparation for dry storage of documents. The office administration budgets are overspent by \$5,517 due to increased electricity costs and maintenance. This overspend is offset by reductions within other administration budgets.
Office Equipment	The monthly expense relating to the phone and eftpos leases are

	reported as is the non cash transfer to asset replacement reserves. Office equipment budgets are overspent for the year by \$375 due to phone system repairs resulting from lightning damage.
Communications/ Consumables	Communications expenses for the period included phones, broadband, stationery, photocopying, courier bags, and envelopes. Computer expenses are reported relating to the monthly subscription to Xero, a Tumonz upgrade and Trend antivirus renewal. The communications expenses for the year were \$1,052 below budget.
General	General expenses for the period relate to morning tea expenses, first aid products, and bank fees. General expenses for the year were \$1,102 below budget.
General Equipment	Equipment expenses for the period included a replacement PLB battery, safety equipment, scrub bar repairs, and workshop tools. The workshop lighting was upgraded during the period and a gun safe purchased for storage of seized firearms. Equipment/boat fuel expenses are also reported within the period. The cost of boat pads for Kotare was transferred from fixed assets contributing to and overspend within the equipment area of \$975.
Vehicles	The expenditure reported within the vehicles budgets for the period relates to two vehicle services, two replacement tyres, a wheel alignment, and a puncture repair. The standard fuel expense (including RUC's) is reported and asset replacement funding totalled \$4,818 for the period. Vehicle expenses ended the year \$4,647 below budget. Savings were made across the board on insurance, registration, fuel, and maintenance.

Cash Position: \$663,258 (includes \$97,559 for asset replacement reserve and \$440,359 for Waikaremoana Fund) as at 31 August 2015.

Debtors: Outstanding Debtors \$95,523.77 as at 31 August 2015 (\$141,515 as at 31 August 2014).

Eastern Region Fish and Game - Debtors Comparison 2013/14 – 2014/15



At the end of August 2015 the outstanding debtors consisted primarily of licence sales (\$48k), and invoices to other F&G regions (\$33k). All debtor accounts are current.

3.0 Variance Report

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

2014/15 REPORT OF VARIANCES BETWEEN TOTAL BUDGET AND YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

As at 31 August 2015

Schedule 2 Code	Project	EXTERNAL COSTS		HOURS		INTERNAL COST		NETTABLE INCOME		NET COST		NET COST Variations	%
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual		
1110	Population Monitoring	\$ 25,000	\$ 19,558	1,658	2,308	\$ 93,521	\$ 132,183	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 118,521	\$ 151,739	\$ (33,218)	128.0
1120	Harvest Assessment	\$ 2,980	\$ 1,844	980	1,114	\$ 54,150	\$ 61,792	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,130	\$ 63,636	\$ (6,507)	111.4
1140	Hatchery Operations	\$ 63,650	\$ 67,309	3,178	3,368	\$ 179,258	\$ 187,582	\$ 97,800	\$ 91,985	\$ 145,108	\$ 162,935	\$ (17,827)	112.3
1170	Regulations	\$ -	\$ -	76	149	\$ 4,287	\$ 6,601	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,287	\$ 6,601	\$ (2,314)	154.0
1180	Control	\$ 200	\$ -	64	38	\$ 3,610	\$ 1,720	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,610	\$ 1,720	\$ 2,090	45.1
	TOTAL - SPECIES MANAGEMENT	\$ 91,830	\$ 88,738	5,936	7,028	\$ 334,925	\$ 389,877	\$ 97,800	\$ 91,985	\$ 328,855	\$ 386,630	\$ (57,775)	117.6
1210	Resource Management Act	\$ 200	\$ -	1,142	887	\$ 64,416	\$ 49,187	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 64,616	\$ 49,187	\$ 15,428	76.1
1220	Works & Management	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,401	1,084	1,871	\$ 61,708	\$ 103,769	\$ 5,500	\$ 6,142	\$ 71,208	\$ 108,023	\$ (36,815)	151.7
1230	Assisted Habitat	\$ 9,400	\$ 59,949	1,664	816	\$ 93,859	\$ 45,179	\$ -	\$ 37,283	\$ 103,259	\$ 58,865	\$ 44,394	57.0
1240	Assess & Monitor	\$ -	\$ -	40	1	\$ 2,256	\$ 28	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,256	\$ 28	\$ 2,228	1.2
1250	Lake Waikaremoana	\$ -	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0
	TOTAL - HABITAT PROTECTION & MAM	\$ 24,600	\$ 61,350	3,940	3,573	\$ 222,239	\$ 188,163	\$ 5,500	\$ 43,410	\$ 241,339	\$ 216,103	\$ 25,236	89.5
1310	Access	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,658	804	544	\$ 45,350	\$ 30,147	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49,150	\$ 33,805	\$ 15,345	68.8
1330	Newsletters	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,309	334	281	\$ 30,121	\$ 14,464	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ 43,121	\$ 27,373	\$ 15,748	63.5
1340	Other Publications	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	92	94	\$ 5,189	\$ 4,646	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,189	\$ 5,646	\$ 544	91.2
1350	Training	\$ 600	\$ 585	85	78	\$ 48,171	\$ 44,181	\$ 11,000	\$ 15,649	\$ 37,771	\$ 29,117	\$ 8,654	77.1
1360	Club Relations	\$ -	\$ -	200	38	\$ 11,281	\$ 2,857	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,281	\$ 2,857	\$ 8,425	25.3
1370	Huts	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,400	36	1	\$ 2,031	\$ 749	\$ 400	\$ 274	\$ 3,081	\$ 1,974	\$ 1,107	64.1
	TOTAL - ANGLER & HUNTER PARTICIP	\$ 19,850	\$ 20,051	2,620	1,750	\$ 142,143	\$ 97,043	\$ 11,400	\$ 18,323	\$ 150,593	\$ 100,771	\$ 49,822	66.9
1410	Liaison	\$ -	\$ -	136	168	\$ 7,671	\$ 8,265	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,671	\$ 8,265	\$ (594)	107.7
1420	Communication	\$ 800	\$ 150	420	186	\$ 23,690	\$ 10,331	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,490	\$ 10,481	\$ 14,009	42.8
1440	Public Promotions	\$ 3,800	\$ 6,289	358	158	\$ 20,193	\$ 8,556	\$ -	\$ 1,504	\$ 23,993	\$ 13,341	\$ 10,653	55.6
1450	Visitor Facilities/Education	\$ 3,456	\$ 3,904	762	808	\$ 42,981	\$ 38,274	\$ -	\$ 153	\$ 46,437	\$ 42,118	\$ 4,320	90.7
	TOTAL - PUBLIC INTERFACE	\$ 8,056	\$ 10,431	1,676	1,180	\$ 94,536	\$ 65,426	\$ -	\$ 1,652	\$ 102,692	\$ 74,204	\$ 28,388	72.3
1510	Ranging	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,145	982	1,204	\$ 55,391	\$ 67,020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,491	\$ 69,165	\$ (11,675)	120.3
1520	Ranger Training	\$ 1,000	\$ 422	76	121	\$ 4,287	\$ 6,726	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,287	\$ 7,149	\$ (1,862)	135.2
1530	Compliance Prosecutions	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,287	220	478	\$ 12,409	\$ 26,043	\$ 7,500	\$ 8,999	\$ 5,909	\$ 23,140	\$ (17,230)	391.6
	TOTAL - COMPLIANCE	\$ 4,100	\$ 6,355	1,278	1,799	\$ 72,087	\$ 99,789	\$ 7,500	\$ 6,680	\$ 68,687	\$ 99,454	\$ (30,767)	144.8
1610	Licensing	\$ 800	\$ 798	372	365	\$ 20,983	\$ 32,463	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,783	\$ 33,259	\$ (11,476)	152.7
1620	Agent Servicing	\$ -	\$ -	261	368	\$ 14,891	\$ 12,189	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,891	\$ 12,189	\$ 2,702	81.9
	TOTAL - LICENSING	\$ 800	\$ 798	636	805	\$ 35,874	\$ 44,653	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,674	\$ 45,449	\$ (8,774)	123.9
1710	Council Elections	\$ -	\$ -	20	8	\$ 1,128	\$ 347	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,128	\$ 347	\$ 781	30.7
1720	Council Meetings	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,236	614	659	\$ 34,633	\$ 38,797	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44,633	\$ 48,023	\$ (3,389)	107.6
	TOTAL - COUNCILS	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,236	634	708	\$ 35,761	\$ 39,133	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,761	\$ 48,369	\$ (2,608)	105.7
1810	Management Planning	\$ -	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0
1820	Annual Planning	\$ -	\$ -	180	164	\$ 10,153	\$ 8,570	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,153	\$ 8,570	\$ 1,583	84.4
1830	Reporting/Audit	\$ 8,900	\$ 8,707	522	457	\$ 29,444	\$ 25,335	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,344	\$ 34,042	\$ 4,301	88.8
1840	National Liaison	\$ 250	\$ 254	472	460	\$ 26,624	\$ 22,534	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,874	\$ 22,788	\$ 4,086	84.8
	TOTAL - PLANNING/REPORTING	\$ 9,150	\$ 8,961	1,174	1,018	\$ 66,220	\$ 56,440	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,370	\$ 65,401	\$ 9,970	86.8
	TOTAL	\$ 188,386	\$ 205,918	17,794	17,857	\$ 1,003,686	\$ 980,523	\$ 122,200	\$ 160,060	\$ 1,049,872	\$ 1,036,381	\$ 13,491	98.7

OVERHEADS		EXTERNAL COSTS		NETTABLE INCOME		NET COST		NET COST		%	
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Variance	%
1910	Salaries	\$ 861,316	\$ 864,774	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 840,102	\$ 835,589	\$ -	\$ 4,513	\$ -	99.5
1920	Staff Expenses	\$ 25,500	\$ 27,002	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,500	\$ 27,002	\$ -	\$ (1,502)	\$ -	105.9
1930	Staff Houses	\$ 6,415	\$ 11,504	\$ 16,300	\$ 20,521	\$ (9,885)	\$ (8,971)	\$ -	\$ (914)	\$ -	90.8
1940	Office Premises	\$ 19,210	\$ 24,727	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,210	\$ 24,727	\$ -	\$ (5,517)	\$ -	128.7
1950	Office Equipment	\$ 7,120	\$ 7,495	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,120	\$ 7,495	\$ -	\$ (375)	\$ -	105.3
1960	Communications/Consumables	\$ 22,500	\$ 21,448	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,500	\$ 21,448	\$ -	\$ 1,052	\$ -	95.3
1970	General	\$ 8,970	\$ 7,870	\$ 11,140	\$ 20,324	\$ (2,170)	\$ (12,454)	\$ -	\$ 10,284	\$ -	573.9
1980	General Equipment	\$ 19,000	\$ 18,026	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,000	\$ 18,026	\$ -	\$ 975	\$ -	94.9
1990	Vehicles	\$ 82,309	\$ 77,862	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 82,309	\$ 77,862	\$ -	\$ 4,647	\$ -	94.4
	Administration	\$ 1,052,340	\$ 1,060,553	\$ 48,654	\$ 70,030	\$ 1,003,886	\$ 990,523	\$ -	\$ 13,163	\$ -	98.7
	Total Overhead Net Cost			\$ 1,003,886	\$ 990,523						
	Total Outputs Staff Hours			\$ 17,794	\$ 17,857						
	Internal Cost Per Hour			56.41	55.47						

2014/15 REPORT OF VARIANCES BETWEEN TOTAL BUDGET AND YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

Schedule Code	Output	EXTERNAL COSTS		HOURS		INTERNAL COST		NETTABLE INCOME		NET COST		NET COST		%	
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Variance	%
1	Species Management	\$ 91,830	\$ 88,738	5,936	7,029	\$ 334,825	\$ 369,877	\$ 97,800	\$ 91,985	\$ 328,855	\$ 386,630	\$ (57,775)	\$ -	117.6	
2	Habitat Protection & Management	\$ 24,600	\$ 61,350	3,940	3,940	\$ 222,239	\$ 198,163	\$ 5,500	\$ 43,410	\$ 241,339	\$ 216,103	\$ 25,236	\$ -	89.5	
3	Angler & Hunter Participation	\$ 19,850	\$ 20,051	2,520	1,750	\$ 142,143	\$ 97,043	\$ 11,400	\$ 16,323	\$ 150,593	\$ 100,771	\$ 49,822	\$ -	66.9	
4	Public Interface	\$ 9,056	\$ 10,431	1,676	1,180	\$ 94,536	\$ 85,426	\$ -	\$ 1,652	\$ 102,592	\$ 74,204	\$ 28,388	\$ -	72.3	
5	Compliance	\$ 4,100	\$ 6,355	1,278	1,798	\$ 72,087	\$ 99,798	\$ 7,500	\$ 6,890	\$ 68,687	\$ 99,454	\$ (30,767)	\$ -	144.8	
6	Licensing	\$ 800	\$ 796	636	805	\$ 35,874	\$ 44,653	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,674	\$ 45,449	\$ (8,774)	\$ -	123.9	
7	Councils	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,236	634	706	\$ 35,761	\$ 39,133	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,761	\$ 48,369	\$ (2,608)	\$ -	105.7	
8	Planning, Reporting	\$ 9,150	\$ 8,961	1,174	1,018	\$ 66,220	\$ 56,440	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,370	\$ 65,401	\$ 9,970	\$ -	86.8	
9	Administration														
	Total Overhead Staff Hours			5,675	5,796										
	TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 169,386	\$ 205,918	23,469	23,062	\$ 1,003,886	\$ 990,523	\$ 122,200	\$ 160,060	\$ 1,049,872	\$ 1,036,381	\$ 13,491	\$ -	98.7	

Licence Income 2014/15		Budget	Actual
2014/15 Fish Licence Income		\$ 1,174,864	\$ 1,177,383
Less Commission		\$ 58,743	\$ -
Net Fish Licence Income		\$ 1,116,121	\$ 1,177,383
2015 Game Licence Income		\$ 244,903	\$ 241,126
Less Commission		\$ 12,245	\$ -
Net Game Licence Income		\$ 232,660	\$ 241,126
Total Licence Income		\$ 1,419,789	\$ 1,418,509
Total Commission		\$ 70,988	\$ 66,739
Total Net 2013/14 Licence Revenue		\$ 1,348,781	\$ 1,351,770

Approved Budget		Actual	Surplus	YTD
% year complete				
OWP Bulk Fund				
Adjustment to OWP budgets per budgeted SOSP				
Plus NZ Fish & Game Levies				
Less Licence Revenue				
Plus Commission Expense				
Less Waikaremoana Fund Interest				
Plus Waikaremoana Fund Expenses				
Adjustment for depreciation				
Approved Budget		\$ 26,296	\$	\$ 154,119

Eastern Region 2014-15 Projected Cash Flow - Schedule B

31-Aug-15	July Budget	July Actual	Aug Budget	Aug Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Est. Final Position	Total Budget 14/15	Var
INCOME									
Licence	22000	20136	25769	26150	1419769	1418509	1418509	1419769	-1260
Other	17911	12554	43619	66994	224377	250408	250408	224377	26031
	39911	32690	69388	93144	1644146	1668917	1668917	1644146	24771
SPECIES									
1110 Population Monitoring	0	315	0	2020	25000	19556	19556	25000	-5444
1120 Harvest Assessment	600	240	480	469	2980	1844	1844	2980	-1136
1140 Hatchery Operations	1653	4656	937	1865	63650	67338	67338	63650	3688
1180 Control	0	0	0	0	200	0	0	200	-200
	2253	5211	1417	4355	91830	88738	88738	91830	-3092
HABITAT									
1210 Resource Mngemt Act	0	0	0	0	200	0	0	200	-200
1220 Works & Management	0	0	3000	99	15000	10401	10401	15000	-4599
1230 Assisted Habitat	21536	-174	41000	11313	109663	56403	56403	109663	-53261
	21536	-174	44000	11412	124863	66803	66803	124863	-58060
CUSTOMER SERVICES									
1310 Access	400	115	0	548	3800	3658	3658	3800	-142
1330 Newsletters	0	0	0	0	13000	13309	13309	13000	309
1340 Other Publications	0	0	0	0	1000	1000	1000	1000	0
1350 Training	100	159	100	94	600	585	585	600	-15
1370 Huts	135	116	135	142	1450	1499	1499	1450	49
	635	390	235	784	19850	20051	20051	19850	201
PUBLIC INTERFACE									
1420 Communication	0	0	0	0	800	150	150	800	-650
1440 Public Promotions	0	0	0	0	3800	6285	6285	5300	985
1460 Visitors/Education	246	512	250	220	3456	3996	3996	3456	540
	246	512	250	220	8056	10431	10431	9556	875
COMPLIANCE									
1510 Ranging	175	35	175	724	2100	2145	2145	2100	45
1520 Ranger Training	850	0	0	248	1000	423	423	1000	-577
1530 Compliance	83	200	87	0	1000	3788	3788	1000	2788
	1108	235	262	972	4100	6355	6355	4100	2255
LICENCING									
1610 Licence Production	800	796	0	0	800	796	796	800	-4
1630 Commission	1100	952	1288	1690	70988	66739	66739	70988	-4249
	1900	1748	1288	1690	71788	67535	67535	71788	-4253
COUNCIL									
1720 Council Meetings	0	0	2000	787	10000	9236	9236	10000	-764
	0	0	2000	787	10000	9236	9236	10000	-764
PLANNING & REPORTING									
1830 Reporting	0	0	1860	1860	8900	8707	8707	8900	-193
1840 National Liaison	58502	58477	25	55	234158	234162	234162	234158	4
	58502	58477	1885	1915	243058	242869	242869	243058	-189
ADMINISTRATION									
1910 Salaries	65640	65906	67641	163849	861316	864774	864774	861316	3458
1920 Staff Expenses	7025	4672	175	3209	25500	27002	27002	25500	1502
1930 Staff Houses	750	1141	190	3651	6415	11550	11550	6415	5135
1940 Office Premises	1577	2655	810	4280	19210	24727	24727	19210	5517
1950 Office Equipment	509	489	521	525	7120	7495	7495	7120	375
1960 Communications	1864	1214	1526	2368	22500	21448	21448	22500	-1052
1970 General	704	180	154	203	8970	7868	7868	8970	-1102
1980 General Equipment	1183	993	1587	2193	19000	18025	18025	19000	-975
1990 Vehicles	6075	6339	6084	5768	82309	77662	77662	82309	-4647
	85327	83589	78688	186046	1052340	1060551	1060551	1052340	8211

5.0 Recommendation

5.1 That the payments for July and August 2015 totalling \$287,411.70 be approved.

<i>July 2015</i>	<i>\$120,640.12</i>
<i>August 2015</i>	<i><u>\$166,771.58</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$287,411.70</i>

13.3 Licence Sales Report

Ref: 6.01.05

9 October 2015

1. Introduction

This report provides an overview of the licence sales returned up until the end of August 2015 for the 2014-2015 season, and the initial sales for the commencement of the 2015-2016 season. A small number of books are yet to be returned, which may alter the final results for the 2014-15 season.

2. 2014-2015 Fish Licence Sales

- 2.1 Total Fish licence sales for the 2014-2015 season are reported in Table one.
- 2.2 The 2014-2015 Fish licence sales have ended the financial year 1.2% ahead of sales reported at the same time last year. Although sales are up on 2013-2014 results they are just short of budget with 99.2% of the annual sales target achieved for the year.

Table one: 2014-2015 Fish Licence Sales Performance
Comparison of Fish Licence LEQs to 31 August 2015

SALES CHANNEL	Family Season	Adult Season	Adult NonRes	Junior Season	Adult Winter	Junior Winter	Adult 24 Hour	Junior 24 Hour	Whole Season Equiv.	% Increase/Decrease on 2013-14
Direct Sales*	991	976	151	77	252	20	2063	97	3011	14.0%
Agent Book Sales	767	1071	0	116	340	25	3129	191	2947	-41.5%
Agent Online Sales	1458	2003	238	223	400	37	2482	117	4939	59.7%
Total Fish 2014-2015	3216	4050	389	416	992	82	7674	405	10897	1.2%
<i>Direct Sales*</i>	1006	926		44	206	15	1421	78	2641	
<i>Agent Book Sales</i>	1294	1885		179	625	49	5423	368	5035	
<i>Agent Online Sales</i>	1075	1375		139	181	15	955	47	3093	
Total Fish 2013-2014	3375	4186	0	362	1012	79	7799	493	10768	

TARGETS	Family Season	Adult Season	Junior Season	Adult Winter	Junior Winter	Adult 24 Hour	Junior 24 Hour	Whole Season Equiv.	Actual to date % of Target
2014-2015 Total Budget	3443	4271	369	1032	80	7955	502	10985	99.2%
2013-2014 Total Sales	3375	4186	362	1012	79	7799	493	10768	101.2%
2014-2015 Estimated year end								10897	99.2%

* Direct Sales - Internet, 0800, Mail order

- 2.3 The introduction of the non-resident licence for the 2014-2015 season has resulted in shifts in the distribution of licence sales between the categories. The whole season categories of Family, Adult Season and Adult Non-Resident are up 94 licences on last season whereas winter and day licences have fallen by 145 licences.
- 2.4 A reduction in Junior 24 hour licence sales has seen a good increase in Junior Season licences sold (up 54 licences).

3. 2015 Game Licence Sales

- 3.1 Total Game licence sales for the 2015 season are reported in Table two.
- 3.2 The 2015 Game licence sales have ended the financial year 1.1% behind sales reported for the same period last year. 98.5% of the annual sales target has been met.

Table Two: 2015 Game Licence Sales Performance
Comparison of Game Licence LEQs to 31 August 2015

SALES CHANNEL	Adult Season	Junior Season	Child Season	Adult 24 Hour		Whole Season Equiv.	% Increase/ Decrease on 2014
Direct Sales*	236	30	14	56	2	253	32.8%
Agent Book Sales	1149	154	73	79		1196	-23.2%
Agent Online Sales	1620	176	78	59	3	1668	18.8%
Total Game 2015	3005	360	165	194	5	3117	-1.1%
<i>Direct Sales*</i>	<i>180</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>191</i>	
<i>Agent Book Sales</i>	<i>1495</i>	<i>177</i>	<i>99</i>	<i>131</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>1558</i>	
<i>Agent Online Sales</i>	<i>1369</i>	<i>149</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>22</i>		<i>1404</i>	
Total Game 2014	3044	351	177	181	13	3152	
TARGETS	Adult Season	Junior Season	Child Season	Adult 24 Hour		Whole Season Equiv.	Actual to date % of Target
2015 Total Budget	3060	340	171	177	10	3165	98.5%
2014 Total Sales	3044	351	177	181	13	3152	98.9%
2015 Estimated year end						3117	98.5%

* Direct Sales - Internet, 0800, Mail order

4. 2015-2016 Fish Licence Sales

- 4.1 The initial sales for the opening of the 2015-2016 season are summarised in Table three.
- 4.2 2015-16 licence sales are 5.7% ahead of licence sales reported for the same period last season. The new season's sales will be more accurately reported this year due to very few agents holding books, enabling reporting of results as soon as the sale is made via the Agency Online or Public Online purchasing channels. We must, however, bear in mind that the new licence categories and publicity may have influenced earlier purchasing of licences this season.

Table three: 2015-2016 Fish Licence Sales Performance
 Comparison of Fish Licence LEQs to 9 October 2015

SALES CHANNEL	Family Season		Adult Season		Adult NonRes		Adult Local Area		Adult Junior Season		Adult Long Break		Adult Short Break		Adult 24 Hour		Junior 24 Hour		Whole Season Equiv.	% Increase/Decrease on 2013-14
	594	407	30	116	191	30	2	38	127	10	1501	39.0%								
Direct Sales*	594	407	30	116	191	30	2	38	127	10	1501	39.0%								
Agent Book Sales	939	487	19	162	683	92	2	86	230	37	2497	-100.0%								
Agent Online Sales	1533	894	49	278	874	122	4	124	357	47	3999	30.4%								
Total Fish 2015-2016	484	408	14	278	874	22	4	124	357	47	3999	5.7%								
Direct Sales*	292	369	0	31	166	15	790													
Agent Book Sales	719	909	20	66	181	5	1915													
Agent Online Sales	1495	1686	34	119	463	22	3784													
Total Fish 2014-2015																				

- 4.3 The Family licence sales are up on last season by 38 licences and do not appear to have been influenced by the new categories which are proving popular to Eastern licence buyers.
- 4.4 The Adult season category is down 792 licences on last season with a good number of these licence buyers clearly opting for the new loyal senior (278) or local area options (874).
- 4.5 The Eastern Region is currently the largest seller of local area licences (874) in the country followed not so closely by Central South Island region at 263 YTD. This significant move to local area was not unexpected and may impact on the bottom line at the end of the season. It is anticipated however that the increased range of licence options will increase participation overall.
- 4.6 Eastern Region is the number five seller of Loyal Senior licences (278) with North Canterbury leading at 526 YTD. This category has resulted in a relatively small number of queries from licence purchasers, many of whom were not identified as eligible for the loyal senior due to a second record held within the licence system.
- 4.7 Interest has also been good in the new short term adult categories with 765 days purchased YTD in comparison 463 for the same period last season.

15. PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

Ref 8.04.07.01

11 October 2015

1. Purpose

To discuss Eastern Region's future relationship with the Hawke's Bay Region.

2. Recommendations

2.1 *That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely a discussion on management arrangements with Hawke's Bay and staffing options.*

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED	REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER	GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF THIS RESOLUTION
6.3.1.1 Discussion on staffing and management matters.	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

ITEM	REASON UNDER ACT	SECTION	PLAIN ENGLISH REASON
16 3.1.1	Protect the privacy of natural persons including that of deceased natural persons.	Sec. 7(2)(a)	To allow Council to have frank discussion about issues relating to employment of staff.

Note

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

“(4) Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public, and the text of that resolution (or copies thereof):

- (a) Shall be available to any member of the public who is present; and
- (b) Shall form part of the minutes of the Council.”