



**PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE**

# **Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
AUGUST 31, 2020**

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

20 November 2020

**Hon Kiri Allan**  
Minister of Conservation  
Parliament Buildings  
**WELLINGTON**

Dear Minister

I have the honour to submit, pursuant to Section 26X of the Conservation Act 1987 and Section 44A of the Public Finance Act 1989, the Performance Report of the Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Yours sincerely,



Bruce Bates  
**Chairman**  
**Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council**

# **HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**

## **PERFORMANCE REPORT For the Year Ended 31 August 2020**

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## ENTITY INFORMATION

### **Legal Name**

Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council.

### **Type of Entity and Legal Basis**

The Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council was established on 4 May 1991 with the passing of the Conservation Law Reform Act 1990.

The Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council was established for the purposes of management, maintenance and enhancement of sports fish and game in the recreational interests of anglers and hunters.

The Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council is a Public Entity under the Public Finance Act 1989 (Schedule 4).

### **Mission Statement**

To manage, maintain and enhance the sports fish and game resources in the interest of anglers and hunters.

The Council's operations are based upon a national statement of purposes and priorities, a Sports Fish and Game Management Plan which sets long term goals and policies, and an annual Operational Work Plan, which sets out the specific work programme and budget.

### **Structure - Council and Staff**

The current Council comprises 12 Councillors, a Manager who is responsible for the day to day operations and reports to the Councillors, and 3 other part and full-time staff who support the Manager in delivering Council's objectives. Councils serve a term of three years at the end of which an election is called.

### **Councillors**

BATES, Bruce (6/7) (Chairman)

BOWCOCK, Gary (4/7)

DULEY, Greg (6/7) ( NZ Council Appointee from 14 November 2019)

ELSTONE, Paul (6/7)

HERN, David (5/7)

HICKMOTT, Tony (1/7)

LUMSDEN, John (7/7)

MACKAY, Ross (6/7)

NIBLETT, Jeff (7/7)

NIMON, Bruce (3/7)

PINKER, Mark (6/7)

WILLIAMS, Kevin (6/7) (NZ Council Appointee until 14 November 2019)

Meeting attendance is shown in parentheses as is the total number of meetings that took place while each councillor was in office.

## **Staff**

Jesse Friedlander  
*Regional Manager*

Tom Winlove  
*Casual Fish & Game Officer (4 Nov 2019 to 26 June 2020)*

Nick Page  
*Fish & Game Officer*

Christine Tuck  
*Office Administrator*

## **Offices**

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## **Main Sources of Cash and Resources**

Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council derives revenue through the sale of fish and game licences, interest, contracts, rentals, grants and miscellaneous sales.

## **Format of the Annual Report**

This report is structured to allow evaluation of all the projects planned at the commencement of the 2019-2020 work year. The work programme is based around eight outputs and one input. Within each of these functional areas the Statement of Service Performance provides summary details of the resources that were anticipated to be required, along with the actual results for the year. In addition, the performance standard for each project is listed along with a description of the result that was achieved.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

For the year ended 31 August 2020

Before writing this year's chairman's report I reviewed some of the previous chair's reports, never in the last thirty years of Hawke's Bay Fish and Game have we had the double whammy of an international COVID-19 pandemic on top of one of the worst droughts in living memory. For our licence sales to only drop by 23k shows the resilience of local hunters and how much of a way of life hunting is to the local community. Low water levels meant many hunters could not shoot their usual area and keeping to bubbles inhibited opening weekend traditions. We look forward to a 'normal' year to rebuild licence sales.

The Covid response from Fish and Game was implemented quickly with the aim of making savings in costs to help cover an expected downturn in licence sales. This was achieved and the surplus of 50k will allow NZFG to cover other regions in New Zealand who have been worse affected. I would like to thank our staff who have changed their work plan and prioritised saving money to help the entire organisation.

Many areas have been underspent in this year's work plan, this has been forced on us to save money, however we have been able to continue developing the novice fishing area and wetland education facility at our office base between the cities of Napier and Hastings. This area is now being used for programs including ladies and family fishing lessons in conjunction with our local fishing clubs, this is a wonderful investment in the future of our sports.

Some of the positives to come out of Covid are people getting back to nature, spending more time outdoors and returning to growing and harvesting food with their families. It is the perfect time for our organisation to remain relevant and reconnect with our clients. Hopefully, the audit of NZFG will be used as a health check of the organisation and I look forward to its results.

I would like to take the chance to thank the members of the NZFG Council for their leadership during the Covid response, they have been open and given clear direction, Paul Shortis and his team have spent a huge amount of time and energy on our organisation, we owe them a debt of gratitude. We live in ever-changing times with global warming, changing demographics and now an international pandemic, we must also change to survive, I look forward to how our council responds. We continue to develop our client-based focus with strong regional representation and must enhance Iwi and Regional Council relationships. Lastly, I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their support and the effort they put in, the councillors in their first term are well imbedded and taking leadership roles. My councillors and staff have had to endure through two years of a regional audit, I thank them for their patience and apologise for their treatment by an unknown complainant and for people leaking unbalanced information to the press. Two of the three regional audits have shown to be unsubstantiated attacks on Regional Chairs and their councils. I look forward to an apology and moving into the future in a positive direction.



Bruce Bates

**Chairman**

**Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council**

**HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**  
**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

20 November 2020

The Council and Management of the Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council, accept responsibility for the accuracy of and judgements used in the preparation of the following Performance Report, and the establishment and maintenance of systems of internal control designed to provide reasonable assurance of the integrity and reliability of financial reporting.

In my opinion, the information set out in the following statements and attached notes to these statements fairly reflects the financial activities and performance of the Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council, for the period ended 31 August 2020.



**Jesse Friedlander**  
**Regional Manager**



**Bruce Bates**  
**Chairman**





# **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**For the year ended  
31 August 2020**

**HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

	Note	Actual 2020 \$	Budget 2020 \$	Actual 2019 \$
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Fish and Game licence sales	1	433,525	457,309	457,274
Grants and donations	1	34,965	-	2,631
Interest		11,449	10,437	12,837
Other revenue	1	23,070	18,700	22,263
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>503,009</b>	<b>486,446</b>	<b>495,005</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>Outputs</b>				
Species management	2	24,686	30,524	40,845
Habitat protection & management	2	13,038	19,500	12,407
Angler & Hunter participation	2	5,616	14,850	11,730
Public interface	2	40,047	17,800	464
Compliance	2	888	3,500	2,784
Licensing	2	18,215	20,431	19,396
Council	2	4,561	2,000	13,143
Planning & reporting	2	7,282	7,200	6,290
<b>Overheads</b>				
Employee related costs	2	231,867	258,279	230,302
Depreciation	4	21,295	21,427	22,099
Other expenses	2	43,581	54,144	51,714
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>411,076</b>	<b>449,655</b>	<b>411,174</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		<b>91,933</b>	<b>36,791</b>	<b>83,831</b>
<b>Less Other Expenses</b>				
Levies to NZFGC		39,570	39,569	26,919
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>		<b>52,363</b>	<b>(2,778)</b>	<b>56,912</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the Financial Statements



**HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 31 AUGUST 2020**

	Note	Actual 2020 \$	Budget 2020 \$	Actual 2019 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Bank accounts and cash	3	184,623	195,383	179,243
Debtors and prepayments	3	31,983	27,000	28,910
Investments	3	395,531	350,000	349,439
Other current assets	3	1,835	1,835	1,835
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>613,972</b>	<b>574,218</b>	<b>559,427</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>				
Property, plant and equipment	4	438,764	439,295	455,825
Investments	3	-	-	-
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>438,764</b>	<b>439,295</b>	<b>455,825</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>1,052,736</b>	<b>1,013,513</b>	<b>1,015,252</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Creditors and accrued expenses	3	74,059	90,000	89,899
Employee costs payable	3	20,023	20,000	19,062
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>94,082</b>	<b>110,000</b>	<b>108,961</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITES</b>		<b>94,082</b>	<b>110,000</b>	<b>108,961</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>958,654</b>	<b>903,513</b>	<b>906,291</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>	5	<b>958,654</b>	<b>903,513</b>	<b>906,291</b>

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**HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**  
**STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

	Actual 2020 \$	Actual 2019 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>Cash was received from:</b>		
Licence sales	432,659	456,182
Grants, donations and fundraising	34,965	2,631
Interest	12,217	11,679
Other revenue	22,886	23,791
<b>Cash was applied to:</b>		
Payments to suppliers	217,461	176,059
Payments to employees	230,906	233,737
GST (net)	(1,346)	(7,258)
<b>Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	<b>55,706</b>	<b>91,745</b>
<b>CASHFLOW FROM INVESTING &amp; FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>Cash was received from:</b>		
Sale of property, plant and equipment	-	41,381
Sale of investments/deposits	-	-
<b>Cash was applied to:</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	4,234	45,653
Purchase of investments/deposits	46,092	34,745
<b>Net Cash Flows from Investing and Financing</b>	<b>(50,326)</b>	<b>(39,017)</b>
<b>Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash</b>	<b>5,380</b>	<b>52,728</b>
<b>Opening Cash</b>	<b>179,243</b>	<b>126,515</b>
<b>Closing Cash</b>	<b>184,623</b>	<b>179,243</b>
<b>This is represented by:</b>		
Bank accounts and cash	184,623	179,243

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**HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**  
**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

**ACCOUNTING POLICIES APPLIED**

**Reporting Entity**

The Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council is a Public Entity under the Public Finance Act 1989 (Schedule 4). The Council was established on 4 May 1991 with the passing of the Conservation Law Reform Act 1990.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Section 153-6 of the Crown Entities Act 2004.

**Basis of Preparation**

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

**Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

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

**SPECIFIC ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Revenue Recognition**

Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council derives revenue through the sale of fish and game licences, interest, contracts, rentals, grants and miscellaneous sales.

*Licence Revenue*

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

*Grants Received*

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

*Interest*

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



*Other Income*

Income from contracts, rentals and miscellaneous sales are recorded as revenue in the period they are earned.

**Outputs**

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

**Employee related costs**

Wages, salaries, and annual leave are recorded as an expense as staff provide services and become entitled to wages, salaries. Performance payments are recorded when the employee is notified. Superannuation contributions are recorded as an expense as staff provide services.

**Levies to NZFGC**

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

**Bank accounts and cash**

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

**Debtors and prepayments**

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

**Investments**

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

**Property, plant and equipment**

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

Significant donated assets are recognised upon receipt at valuation. Significant donated assets for which current values are not readily obtainable are not recognised.

Depreciation is charged on all property, plant and equipment other than land, so as to spread the cost of the asset over its useful life. Depreciation for each of the major categories of assets is calculated on the basis noted below:

All Assets Purchased prior to 1 September 2009 are calculated as:

	<u>Life</u>	<u>Depreciation Method</u>
Buildings	40 years	Straight Line
Plant & Equipment	3-10 years	Diminishing Value
Motor Vehicles	3-5 years	Diminishing Value
Office Fittings, Furniture & Equipment	3-20 years	Diminishing Value



All Assets Purchased after 1 September 2009 are calculated as:

	<u>Life</u>	<u>Depreciation Method</u>
Buildings	40 years	Straight Line
Plant & Equipment	2-20 years	Straight Line
Motor Vehicles	10 years	Straight Line
Office Fittings, Furniture & Equipment	2-20 years	Straight Line

**Creditors and accrued expenses**

Creditors and accrued expenses are measured at the amount owed.

**Game Bird Habitat Stamp levy**

Levies are collected and paid to New Zealand Fish and Game Council per the New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Stamp Regulations 1993. The levy is \$4 (last year \$3) for every game licence sold within the financial year.

**Employee costs payable**

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

**Restricted and dedicated reserves**

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

*Asset Replacement Reserve*

The asset replacement reserve is a reserve set up to enable Council to replace property, plant and equipment.

*Hawke's Bay Wildlife Fund*

The Wildlife Fund was set up on 23rd April 1987 for the purpose of furthering interests of Wildlife in New Zealand. The funds were held in a separate interest-bearing account and have been drawn down this year for the Game Farm Development Project.

*River/Water Quality Donations*

Donations have been made to the Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council for the sole purpose of improving water quality in the Hawke's Bay catchment.

*Hawke's Bay Pheasants Unlimited*

Hawke's Bay Pheasants Unlimited donated the balance of its funds when it wound up on 21 February 2011. These funds have been dedicated to the Benefit of Licence holders in the Hawke's Bay Region.

*Back Country Fisheries Reserve*

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



**Income tax**

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

**Budget figures**

The Budget figures are derived from the Council budget that was approved at the Council meeting in 3 December 2019.

**Tier 2 PBE Accounting Standards applied**

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

**CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

There have been no changes in accounting policies.





**HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2020**

<b>Note 1 : ANALYSIS OF REVENUE</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Licence sales</b>			
Fish licence	285,791	286,297	289,304
Non Resident Fish Licence Levy	14,085	14,400	15,702
Game licence	133,649	156,612	152,268
<b>Total</b>	<b>433,525</b>	<b>457,309</b>	<b>457,274</b>
<b>Grants and donations</b>			
National Fish & Game Legal Funding	-	-	731
Walking Access grant	499	-	-
Government Wage Subsidy	28,118	-	-
Grant from GBHT	3,478	-	-
Grant from Royston Health	2,396	-	-
Reparations	409	-	1,870
Donations/koha from the public	65	-	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,965</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,631</b>
<b>Other revenue</b>			
Rents Received	18,351	17,500	16,522
Fines/Prosecutions	-	-	348
Sponsorship	266	700	899
Other Income	4,453	500	4,494
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,070</b>	<b>18,700</b>	<b>22,263</b>



<b>Note 2 : ANALYSIS OF EXPENSES</b>	<b>Actual 2020 \$</b>	<b>Budget 2020 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2019 \$</b>
<b>Species management</b>			
Population monitoring	12,968	13,800	10,995
Harvest assessment	-	3,500	2,700
Game farm	-	-	16,360
Releases	9,267	11,624	10,790
Control	2,451	1,600	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,686</b>	<b>30,524</b>	<b>40,845</b>
<b>Habitat protection &amp; management</b>			
Resource management	3,395	10,000	731
Works & management	3,157	1,500	2,327
Assisted habitat	6,486	8,000	9,349
Assessing & monitoring	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,038</b>	<b>19,500</b>	<b>12,407</b>
<b>Angler &amp; Hunter participation</b>			
Access	389	2,500	1,654
Satisfaction surveys	470	-	470
Newsletters	2,989	6,250	6,326
Other publications	-	-	776
Training	1,744	4,500	1,801
Club relations	-	100	57
Huts	24	1,500	646
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,616</b>	<b>14,850</b>	<b>11,730</b>
<b>Public interface</b>			
Advocacy	-	-	-
Public promotions	464	1,500	464
Visitor facilities	39,583	16,300	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,047</b>	<b>17,800</b>	<b>464</b>
<b>Compliance</b>			
Ranging	-	2,000	1,831
Ranger training	888	1,000	304
Compliance	-	500	649
<b>Total</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>2,784</b>
<b>Licensing</b>			
Agent servicing	321	500	267
Commission	17,894	19,931	19,129
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,215</b>	<b>20,431</b>	<b>19,396</b>



<b>Note 2 : ANALYSIS OF EXPENSES CON'T</b>	<b>Actual 2020 \$</b>	<b>Budget 2020 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2019 \$</b>
<b>Council</b>			
Council meetings	4,561	2,000	13,143
Council elections	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,561</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>13,143</b>
<b>Planning &amp; reporting</b>			
Management/Strategic planning	-	-	-
Annual planning	7,205	6,900	6,150
National liaison	77	300	140
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,282</b>	<b>7,200</b>	<b>6,290</b>
<b>Employee related costs</b>			
Salaries and wages	222,460	245,079	213,171
Fringe benefit tax	2,306	4,000	3,650
KiwiSaver contributions	-	-	5,722
ACC levies	-	1,200	428
Staff Training and Other expenses	7,101	8,000	7,331
<b>Total</b>	<b>231,867</b>	<b>258,279</b>	<b>230,302</b>
<b>Other expenses</b>			
Houses and huts	1,707	8,000	7,964
Office premises	12,910	6,444	11,942
Office equipment	1,441	2,900	2,625
Communications	11,246	12,800	10,942
General	2,107	6,700	866
Field equipment	1,907	3,500	931
Vehicles	12,263	13,800	15,095
Bad Debt Written off	-	-	-
Loss on sale of disposal of assets	-	-	1,349
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,581</b>	<b>54,144</b>	<b>51,714</b>



<b>Note 3 : ANALYSIS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITES</b>	<b>Actual 2020 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2019 \$</b>
<b>Bank accounts and cash</b>		
Current account balance	115,092	103,793
Deposits held on Call	5,304	13,044
Cash on hand	230	230
Donation Account	63,997	62,176
<b>Total</b>	<b>184,623</b>	<b>179,243</b>
<b>Debtors and other receivables</b>		
Accounts receivable	23,459	17,875
Interest accrued	3,432	4,597
GST Receivable	5,092	6,438
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,983</b>	<b>28,910</b>
<b>Investments</b>		
<i>Current portion</i>		
Term Deposits	395,531	349,439
<i>Non- Current portion</i>		
Term Deposits	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>395,531</b>	<b>349,439</b>
<b>Other current assets</b>		
Farmlands Shares - 1835 Shares	1,835	1,835
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,835</b>	<b>1,835</b>
<b>Creditors and accrued expenses</b>		
Trade and other payables	19,825	42,035
Gamebird Habitat Stamp levy	7,552	6,516
Income in Advance	39,476	34,942
Accrued expenses	7,206	6,406
<b>Total</b>	<b>74,059</b>	<b>89,899</b>
<b>Employee costs payable</b>		
Accrued salaries and wages	722	7,745
Annual leave and time in lieu	12,463	6,279
PAYE owing	6,838	5,038
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,023</b>	<b>19,062</b>



**Note 4 : PROPERTY PLANT & EQUIPMENT**

**2020**

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Opening Carrying Amount</b>	<b>Purchases</b>	<b>Sales/ Disposals</b>	<b>Current Year Depreciation and Impairment</b>	<b>Closing Carrying Amount</b>
Land	98,000	-	-	-	98,000
Buildings	270,805	-	-	10,391	260,414
Plant & Equipment	2,330	2,396	-	1,143	3,583
Vehicles	76,200	-	-	8,226	67,974
Office Equipment	8,490	1,838	-	1,535	8,793
<b>Total</b>	<b>455,825</b>	<b>4,234</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,295</b>	<b>438,764</b>

**2019**

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Opening Carrying Amount</b>	<b>Purchases</b>	<b>Sales/ Disposals</b>	<b>Current Year Depreciation and Impairment</b>	<b>Closing Carrying Amount</b>
Land	98,000	-	-	-	98,000
Buildings	281,196	-	-	10,391	270,805
Plant & Equipment	852	2,303	-	825	2,330
Vehicles	84,819	43,350	42,730	9,239	76,200
Office Equipment	10,133	-	-	1,643	8,490
<b>Total</b>	<b>475,000</b>	<b>45,653</b>	<b>42,730</b>	<b>22,097</b>	<b>455,825</b>

**Significant Assets Recorded - Source and Date of Valuation**

<b>Land &amp; Buildings</b>				<b>\$</b>
22 Burness Rd, Taradale Area 3.8838ha	Napier City Council Rating valuation	1-Sep-20		1,080,000



<b>Note 5: EQUITY</b>	<b>Actual 2020 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2019 \$</b>
<b><u>Accumulated Funds</u></b>		
Balance as at 1 September	699,711	658,501
Surplus/(Deficit)	52,363	56,912
Transfer to Reserves	(14,085)	(15,702)
Transfer from Reserves	54,722	-
<b>Total Accumulated Funds</b>	<b>792,711</b>	<b>699,711</b>
<b><u>Dedicated Reserves</u></b>		
<b>Asset Replacement Reserve</b>		
Balance as at 1 September	80,253	80,253
Transfer from Accumulated Funds	-	-
Transfer to Accumulated Funds	(31,753)	-
<b>Balance at 31 August</b>	<b>48,500</b>	<b>80,253</b>
<b>Non - Resident Levy- Back Country Fisheries Reserve</b>		
Balance as at 1 September	44,062	28,360
Transfer from Accumulated Funds (Income)	14,085	15,702
Transfer to Accumulated Funds (Expenses)	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 August</b>	<b>58,147</b>	<b>44,062</b>
<b>Hawke's Bay Pheasants Unlimited</b>		
Balance as at 1 September	1,602	1,602
Transfer from Accumulated Funds (Income)	-	-
Transfer to Accumulated Funds (Expenses)	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 August</b>	<b>1,602</b>	<b>1,602</b>
<b>River/Water Quality Donations</b>		
Balance as at 1 September	57,694	57,694
Transfer from Accumulated Funds (Income)	-	-
Transfer to Accumulated Funds (Expenses)	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 August</b>	<b>57,694</b>	<b>57,694</b>
<b>Total Dedicated Reserves</b>	<b>165,943</b>	<b>183,611</b>
<b><u>Restricted Reserves</u></b>		
<b>Hawke's Bay Wildlife Fund</b>		
Balance as at 1 September	22,969	22,969
Transfer from Accumulated Funds (Income)	-	-
Transfer to Accumulated Funds (Expenses)	(22,969)	-
<b>Balance at 31 August</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,969</b>
<b>Total Restricted Reserves</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,969</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>958,654</b>	<b>906,291</b>



**Note 6: COMMITMENTS & CONTINGENCIES**

**Commitments**

There are no commitments as at 31 August 2020 (last Year - nil)

**Contingencies**

There are no contingent liabilities as at 31 August 2020 (last Year - nil)

**Note 7: OTHER**

**Goods or Services provided to the Entity in Kind**

Honorary Ranging Activities - Our Honorary Rangers provide free ranging for the Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council. Rangers received a petrol voucher in lieu of their private use of their vehicles whilst ranging.

Councillors meetings and events - No Councillor is paid for their service as per the Section 26ZF of the Conservation Act 1987.

**Right to Occupy**

A small hut is located at the Department of Conservation (DOC) Glen Falls campground. The Council has an agreement to occupy the site provided by DOC at no cost. The land area is approximately 1000m<sup>2</sup>. No cost has been accrued for the use of the property due to the immateriality of the rental.

**Note 8: RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Related-party disclosures have not been made for transactions with related parties that are within a normal supplier of client/recipient relationship in term and conditions no more of less favourable than those that is it reasonable to expect the Council would have adopted in dealing with the party at arm's length in the same circumstances.

		2020	2019	2020	2019
		\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Related Party</b>	<b>Description of the Transaction</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Amount Outstanding</b>	<b>Amount Outstanding</b>
New Zealand Fish and Game Council	Levies paid	39,570	26,919	-	-
New Zealand Fish and Game Council	Legal Funding reimbursed	-	731	-	-
Eastern Fish and Game Council	Admin and Field support	18,009	22,050	1,048	3,220
Eastern Fish and Game Council	Purchase of Fish	22,805	12,655	-	-



**Note 9: EVENTS AFTER BALANCE DATE**

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

**Note 10: COVID RESPONSE**

Covid-19 has had a financial impact on Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council. Licence revenue was reduced due to the lock down and the closure of the New Zealand borders.

At the beginning of the lockdown there was uncertainty as to whether there would be a game season, however, positive lobbying from the NZFGC ensured that there was a Game season, all be it, delayed and shortened. This softened the financial impact of reduced income.

The Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council opted to apply for the Wage subsidy, as it met the criteria and wanted to ensure all of our staff were fully employed.

The 2019/20 budget was scrutinised, and only essential work and spending was undertaken in order to reduce the impact of reduced licence income.

There has been a national response to the next financial year (2020/21) and the Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council has reduced the budget for the 2020/21 year along with a reduced projection of licence income. The Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council has accepted that in the 2020/21 year it will use reserves to cover any shortfalls.

The NZFGC has established a policy to support any Fish and Game region to ensure liquidity and to ensure that all Fish and Game Councils remain a going concern.





**Note 10: ALLOCATION OF OVERHEADS**

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

**ACTUAL 2020**

<b>Output Area</b>	<b>Actual Direct \$</b>	<b>Actual Hours</b>	<b>Allocation of Overheads</b>	<b>Total Costs per Output</b>
Species management	24,686	1,742	91,006	115,692
Habitat protection & management	13,038	820	42,838	55,876
Angler & hunter participation	5,616	716	37,405	43,021
Public interface	40,047	316	16,509	56,556
Compliance	888	202	10,553	11,441
Licensing	18,215	258	13,478	31,693
Council	4,561	434	22,673	27,234
Planning & reporting	7,282	297	15,517	22,799
<b>Totals</b>	<b>114,333</b>	<b>4,785</b>	<b>249,979</b>	<b>364,312</b>

**Actual Overheads**

Employee related costs	231,867
Depreciation	21,295
Other expenses	43,581
Less Administrative Income	(46,764)
<b>Total Overheads to Allocate</b>	<b>249,979</b>

**BUDGET 2020**

<b>Output Area</b>	<b>Budget Direct \$</b>	<b>Budget Hours</b>	<b>Allocation of Overheads</b>	<b>Total Costs per Output</b>
Species management	30,524	1,395	89,569	120,093
Habitat protection & management	19,500	512	32,877	52,377
Angler & Hunter participation	14,850	947	60,808	75,658
Public interface	17,800	646	41,480	59,280
Compliance	3,500	350	22,474	25,974
Licensing	20,431	258	16,567	36,998
Council	2,000	440	28,253	30,253
Planning & reporting	7,200	480	30,822	38,022
<b>Totals</b>	<b>115,805</b>	<b>5,028</b>	<b>322,850</b>	<b>438,655</b>

**Budget Overheads**

Employee related costs	258,279
Depreciation	21,427
Other Expenses	54,144
Less Administrative income	(11,000)
<b>Total Overheads to Allocate</b>	<b>322,850</b>



**HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**  
**STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2020**

**INTRODUCTION**

As required under Section 26W(b) of the Conservation Law Reform Act 1990 and Section 45A of the Public Finance Act 1989 Fish and Game New Zealand, Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council has prepared the following Statement of Service Performance for the 2019-2020 financial year.

The activities of Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council are planned under eight output areas detailed in the annual Operational Work Plan. This Statement of Service performance compares actual results against the stated performance measures from the plan.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*To manage, maintain and enhance the sports fish and game resource in the interests of anglers and hunters.*

For the purposes of this statement the overhead expenses detailed in the Statement of Financial Performance (Administration, Employee Benefits & Management Fee, Depreciation and Profit/Loss on sale) have been allocated to each output area on the basis of the proportion of staff time directly expended in each area.

Summary Budget and Actual Expenditure for each output Area.

Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
Species Management	\$120,093	\$0	\$120,093	\$115,692	\$0	\$115,692
Habitat Protection	\$52,377	\$5,000	\$47,377	\$55,876	\$2,080	\$53,796
Angler & Hunter Participation	\$75,658	\$2,700	\$72,958	\$43,021	\$3,317	\$39,704
Public Interface	\$59,280	\$0	\$59,280	\$56,556	\$5,874	\$50,682
Compliance	\$25,974	\$0	\$25,974	\$11,441	\$0	\$11,441
Licensing	\$36,998	\$457,309	-\$420,311	\$31,693	\$433,525	-\$401,832
Council	\$30,253	\$0	\$30,253	\$27,234	\$0	\$27,234
Planning & Reporting	\$38,022	\$0	\$38,022	\$22,799	\$0	\$22,799
Total Outputs	\$438,655	\$465,009	-\$26,354	\$364,312	\$444,796	-\$80,484
Levies paid & Interest earned	\$39,569	\$10,437	\$29,132	\$39,570	\$11,449	\$28,121
			\$2,777			-\$52,363



## SPECIES MANAGEMENT

### Goal

*Maintain sustainable populations of harvestable species at levels to provide for angler and hunter satisfaction while mitigating significant adverse impacts of those species.*

#### SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1110	Species Monitoring	\$80,574	\$0	\$80,574	\$74,091	\$0	\$74,091
1120	Harvest Assessment	\$16,984	\$0	\$16,984	\$8,620	\$0	\$8,620
1130	Fish Salvage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1140	Hatchery Operations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1150	Game Farm	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,352	\$0	\$16,352
1160	Liberations	\$13,229	\$0	\$13,229	\$10,782	\$0	\$10,782
1170	Regulations	\$3,211	\$0	\$3,211	\$627	\$0	\$627
1180	Control	\$6,095	\$0	\$6,095	\$5,220	\$0	\$5,220
	Total	\$120,093	\$0	\$120,093	\$115,692	\$0	\$115,692

#### 1110: Species Monitoring: Assess and monitor fish and game bird populations within the Hawke's Bay Region

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p><b>1111 River fisheries investigations</b></p> <p>(i) Contribute to the continuation of the regional Didymo surveillance programme.</p> <p>(ii) Instigate monitoring programmes for sports fish populations in the region's key river fisheries and where possible work with other agencies to collect fishery data.</p>	<p><i>Report river fishery investigation results to Council by 31 July 2020.</i></p>	<p>(i) Didymo sampling completed 4 times. On December 4, February 10, June 26 and August 22, as per sampling programme. All samples were confirmed as negative.</p> <p>(ii) Electric fishing surveys completed at three locations on the Esk River as well as the Mangaonuku, Tukipo and Makaretu rivers every 3 weeks from October-December 2019. This is an ongoing survey that will be repeated over the next three years to gain meaningful data on spawning success and fish movement in these catchments.</p>



Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
		<p>(iii) Esk River spawning surveys completed every three weeks from June-September 2020. Spawning surveys also conducted during this time on the Mangaonuku, Makaroro, Tukipo and Makaretu tributaries as well as the Tukituki and Waipawa Rivers above SH50 June-September 2020. Activities reported to council – December 2019 &amp; February, June &amp; August 20 agendas.</p>
<p><b>1112 Data watch</b> To monitor the Lake Tūtira fishery using the “data watch” programme. Include evaluation of reporting rates.</p>	<p><b><i>Tag and release 1,000 fish. Report on tag returns to each meeting of the Council.</i></b></p>	<p>(i) No trout were released into Lake Tūtira during the 2019/20 year as staff continue ongoing discussions with the Maungaharuru Tangitu Trust (MTT) regarding liberations into the lake. Tag returns reported in each Council agenda.</p> <p>(ii) 50 tagged trout released into Lake Hawkston. 50 tags reported for the 2019/20 year.</p> <p>(iii) Data watch complimentary licences were gifted to Tony Clegg and Simon Carrington.</p>



Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p><b>1114 Lake Tutira</b> To monitor the Lake Tūtira trout fishery.</p>	<p><i>Report activities to the following meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>Tūtira Creel Survey conducted during July/August 2020. Reported in August 2020 Agenda with report to be included in October 2020 meeting papers.</p>
<p><b>1115 Upland / Headwater Fisheries</b> To monitor headwater fisheries using drift dives and various other monitoring techniques.</p>	<p><i>Report activities to the following meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>Drift dives were carried out on 20/21 February 2020 on the Upper Ngaruroro and Mohaka Rivers and 24 February 2020 on the Mohaka and Taharua Rivers. This was reported to Council in its April meeting agenda.</p>
<p><b>1116 Game bird trend counts</b></p> <p>(i) To monitor black swan and paradise shelduck populations within the Hawke's Bay Region using aerial trend counts.</p> <p>(ii) Trial the use of drones for this project during the 2019/20 year and compare data quality with 'normal' counts.</p>	<p><i>Presentation to Council of a report by 30 October 2020.</i></p>	<p>(i) Paradise shelduck and Black Swan counts were undertaken on 11 February 2020 and the resulting report included in the June meeting agenda.</p> <p>(ii) The use of drones has been trialled, a protocol written, and wetland monitoring sites identified. The initial pilot run was postponed due to the Covid-19 lockdown period and will take place in the 2020/21 year. Reported in April 2020 agenda.</p>
<p><b>1117 Game Bird Research</b></p> <p>(i) Contribute to national research programmes on mallards.</p> <p>(ii) Implement a five-year strategic research and management work plan for game birds.</p>	<p>(i) <i>Promote predator control on existing and future habitat.</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>Provide Council with regular updates on the Mallard Research Program and the</i></p>	<p>(i) Provided landowners with information on predator control when requested and as part of free wetland habitat consultations. Provided Fish &amp; Game branded traps to</p>



Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
	<p><i>five-year strategic research and management work plan.</i></p> <p><i>(iii) Provide Council with a report on the predator project by 31 August 2020</i></p>	<p>licence holders at cost.</p> <p>(ii) Updates provided to Council in bi-monthly agendas on habitat projects, visits to offer wetland advice to landowners and mallard banding programme as per the gamebird research and management plan.</p> <p>(iii) Predator control group set up in conjunction with HBRC and reported in August 2020 agenda.</p>
<p><b>1118 Waterfowl Monitoring</b></p> <p>(i) Collaboratively monitor waterfowl populations within proposed Duck Management Units with adjoining Fish &amp; Game regions via a combination of trapping/banding and aerial surveys.</p> <p>(ii) Investigate the partial or full replacement of our waterfowl banding programme with aerial drone counts.</p>	<p><i>Report interim results to the February 2020 Council meeting and provide a full report detailing the status of these populations by 31 August 2020.</i></p>	<p>(i) Mallard banding was carried out Jan/Feb 2020. Data sent to Eastern Fish &amp; Game for R3 analysis and preparation of report. To be presented to Council at the December 2020 meeting.</p> <p>(ii) Shoveler counts carried out on 3rd August 2020 and reported on in the August meeting agenda. Duck banding occurred over January and February 2020. Reported in February and August 2020 agendas.</p> <p>(ii) Options for drone monitoring programme investigated, monitoring sites evaluated, and staff protocols written ready for a trial run in 2020/21. Reported in</p>





Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p><b>1119 Predator Control</b></p> <p>(i) Develop working relationships with Predator Free organisations within Hawkes Bay.</p> <p>(ii) Provide advice and assistance to landowners on trapping and poisoning methods including follow-up site visits to Gamebird Habitat Trust grant recipients.</p> <p>(iii) Investigate option of partnering with a local manufacturing firm to provide more cost-effective trap options for landowners.</p>	<p><i>Provide Council with an update by 31 August 2020.</i></p>	<p>bi-monthly agendas.</p> <p>(i) Volunteer predator control group set up conjointly with HBRC and including members from Predator Free organisations to check a network of traps on our local rivers.</p> <p>(ii) Provided advice and assistance to landowners on trapping and poisoning methods including follow-up 5yr site visits to Gamebird Habitat Trust grant recipients.</p> <p>(iii) Policy on providing of plants and predators traps for the enhancement of wetland/riparian habitat approved in 4 Feb 2020 Council meeting. Fish and Game branded traps produced by a local company are now passed on at cost to landowners/licence holders.</p> <p>All activities reported in bi-monthly agendas.</p>

**1120: Harvest Assessment: Assess angler and hunter activity and related harvest**

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p><b>1121 River fisheries creel surveys</b></p> <p>Utilise and review the online diary programme to assess angler catch, harvest and satisfaction from rivers and streams in the Hawke's Bay region.</p>	<p><i>Report on the 2019 winter creel survey by 28 February 2020 and the 2019-2020 summer creel survey by 31 August 2020.</i></p>	<p>Online angling diary operated over the summer period from October 2019 through until March 2020 and Winter angler diary from April-September.</p>



		Reported to Council in the April and June 2020 meeting agendas.
<p><b>1122 Game Bird Hunter Survey</b> Assess the harvest of game birds by hunters and hunter effort during the 2020 season.</p>	<p>(i) <i>Present the results of the 2020 game season hunter surveys to Council by 30 November 2020.</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>Complete the 2020 game bird hunter surveys by 31 August 2020.</i></p>	<p>(i) 2019 Game Season Hunter Survey report was completed and included in the October 2019 Council meeting papers for information</p> <p>(ii) Gamebird hunter surveys undertaken in house from July 2020 to the end of the Game Season (25 August 20)</p>

**1160: Liberations: To liberate fish to lakes within the Hawke's Bay Region where necessary to maintain adequate fish populations.**

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p><b>1161 Liberations</b></p> <p>(i) Complete the liberation of 2,250 trout (tag 500) and 500 brown trout into Lake Tutira if conditions in the lake are suitable.</p> <p>(ii) Liberate &amp; tag 50 fin marked yearling trout into Lake Hawkston near Patoka to increase lake fishing opportunities with the Hawke's Bay Region.</p>	<p><i>Complete liberations by 31 August 2020 and report liberations to the following meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>(i) Tūtira liberations currently on hold while staff work towards a long-term trout liberation agreement with Maungaharuru Tangitu (MTT).</p> <p>(ii) 50 1+year old fin marked rainbow trout were released into Lake Hawkston. Reported to council in the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 meeting/agenda.</p>

**Table 1 : 2019-2020 Liberation details**

Lake	Mark used	Tag	Species	Age	Number	Date Lib
Hawkston	Rp	HB1-HB50	RT	1+	50	21/11/2019
Game Farm	Rp		RT	1+	150	21/11/2019

**1170: Regulations: Develop regulations to ensure that harvest of sports fish and game birds is within sustainable limits**

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
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<b>1171 Sports Fish Regulations</b> To maintain sports fish resources through the development of an annual angler's notice.	<b>Recommend fishing season conditions for the 2019-2020 Anglers Notice by 30 June 2020.</b>	Anglers Notice recommendations sent to NZC office 18 June 2020.
<b>1172 Game Bird Regulations</b> To maintain game bird resources through the development of annual game season conditions.	<b>Recommend game season conditions for the 2020 season to the NZ Council by 3 February 2020.</b>	Game season conditions recommendations sent to NZC office via Sharepoint in January 2020.

**1180: Game Bird Control: Minimise significant damage caused by game birds to private land**

<b>Project and Objectives</b>	<b>Performance Measures</b>	<b>Actual Results</b>
<b>1181 Game Bird Control</b> (i) To reduce damage to crops from unwanted aggregations of game birds through assisting landowners and utilising the efforts of game bird hunters wherever practical.  (ii) Minimise avian botulism outbreaks through dispersal or collection.	<b>Respond to landowner requests for assistance to disperse game birds by issuing permits to disturb. Report to Council on number of permits issued in the year end Performance report.</b>	(i) 48 permits to disturb and disperse issued (see Table 4 below). Reported to council in Management reports.  (ii) No botulism outbreaks were reported this year.

**Table 2: Permits Issued for 2019-2020 Year**

<b>Species</b>	<b>Number of permits</b>
Pukeko	30
Paradise Shelduck	13
Black Swan	5
Ring-necked Pheasant	0



## SPORTS FISH AND GAME BIRD HABITAT PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE

### Goal

*To protect and increase suitable habitat for sports fish and game birds to the extent necessary to provide for the recreational interests of anglers and hunters.*

### SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1210	RMA	\$31,832	\$0	\$31,832	\$17,918	\$0	\$17,918
1220	Works & Management	\$3,234	\$5,000	-\$1,766	\$4,097	\$0	\$4,097
1230	Assisted Habitat	\$17,311	\$0	\$17,311	\$33,861	\$2,080	\$31,781
1240	Assessment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total		\$52,377	\$5,000	\$47,377	\$55,876	\$2,080	\$53,796

**1210: Resource Management Act: To effectively represent Fish & Game interests and the aspirations of anglers and hunters in resource management processes and strategies by advocating for sports fish and game bird habitat values, angling, and hunting values in statutory and non-statutory planning processes**

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p><b>1211 RMA Planning</b></p> <p>(i) Review plans, strategies and consents and advocate for decisions and conditions that promote sports fish and game bird interests and the interests of anglers and hunters.</p> <p>(ii) Contribute to the improvement of water quality in the Hawke's Bay rivers and Lake Tūtira via collaborative processes, research, and fishery and angler monitoring.</p> <p>(iii) Minimise effect to fisheries from impacts that may arise from activities intending to improve water quality in the Hawke's Bay region.</p> <p>(iv) Utilise river investigation projects to advocate for improved water quality.</p>	<p>(i) <i>Participation in collaborative processes; develop relationships and meet with interested and affected parties including iwi regularly and/or as required; provide staff support and assistance to Maungaharuru Tangitu Trust initiatives at Tūtira as appropriate.</i></p> <p><i>Report activities to each council meeting as appropriate.</i></p>	<p>(i) Resource consents reviewed and where appropriate submissions lodged. Inputted to the TANK and Tukituki Leaders Forum catchment processes through stake holder and working group meetings and prepared comments and submissions on the draft plans.</p> <p>(ii) Staff met with Maungaharuru Tangitu Trust Management to discuss working collaboratively on Tūtira initiatives in July 2020. Reported in August 2020 agenda.</p>



Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p>(v) Make submissions on regional and district council planning documents to promote rules that facilitate game bird habitat enhancement.</p> <p>(vi) Contribute to the HBRC programmes in the Mohaka, TANK and Tukituki catchments.</p> <p>(vii) Work with HBRC to monitor the effects of river management techniques on trout fisheries</p>		<p>(iii) Staff involved with Tukituki Leaders forum and submitted on TANK plan change in August 2020.</p> <p>(iv) See River Fisheries Investigations for details on 2019/20 projects.</p> <p>(v) Staff submitted on the TANK Plan Change (Plan Change 9) in August 2020.</p> <p>(vi) Staff attended and participated in HBRC, meetings which included Tukituki Leaders Forum and TANK online meetings.</p> <p>(vii) Discussions with HBRC ongoing around river raking and trout health projects.</p> <p>All activities reported to Council via email updates and bi-monthly meeting agendas.</p>
<p><b>1212 Consent Applications</b> Review and respond to consent applications and advocate for decisions and conditions that provide for sports fish and game bird interests and the interests of anglers and hunters.</p>	<p><i>Report activities to each meeting of Council as appropriate.</i></p>	<p>Consent applications reviewed weekly to satisfy Fish and Game interests and reported in council agendas.</p>
<p><b>1213 RMA Conservation Order</b> Support the Water Conservation order for the Ngaruroro and Clive rivers.</p>	<p><i>Report activities to each meeting of Council as appropriate.</i></p>	<p>NZ Fish and Game Council withdrew from its appeal on the WCO in November 2019.</p>



**1220: Works and Management: Wildlife Management and Other Wetland Reserves**

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p><b>1221 Reserves Management - Lake Pirimu, Railroad Wetland and HBRC Reserves</b></p> <p>(i) Manage water levels and habitat in wildlife management reserves, advocate and maintain optimum conditions for waterfowl.</p> <p>(ii) Work with Regional Council to obtain leases on Council Reserves.</p>	<p><i>Report activities to each meeting of Council as appropriate.</i></p>	<p>(i) Supported HBRC in removing willows and planting at Railroad Wetland. Release sprayed around older plantings. Checked weir structures to meet consent conditions at Lake Runanga on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July and Lake Pirimu on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020.</p> <p>(ii) Met with HBRC staff on multiple occasions to discuss the Waitangi Shooting area, potential new areas to lease on Council Reserves and river works.</p>

**1230: Assisted Habitat: Assist Habitat creation and enhancement by individuals and organisations and manage significant projects**

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p><b>1231 Maintain and Enhance Game Bird Habitat</b></p> <p>Develop positive working relationships with landowners and other parties with an interest or involvement in rural land management including local and regional authorities, DOC, Federated Farmers, and Dairy NZ</p> <p>(i) Provide advice to enable and encourage hunters/landowners to develop quality, productive wetland habitat.</p> <p>(ii) Advocate for better drain management and work collaboratively with agencies such as Hawke's Bay Regional Councils, Federated Farmers and Lamb</p>	<p>(i) <i>Respond to all landowners' requests for advice and contribute to the development and/or enhancement of habitat that enhances waterfowl productivity.</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>Make one application for external funding for an enhancement project.</i></p> <p>(iii) <i>Identify farm ponds for enhancement and develop management plans for ponds.</i></p>	<p>(i) All requests for advice from landowners responded to.</p> <p>(ii) Worked with three landowners to submit applications to the Game Bird Habitat Trust. All three were wetland restoration/creation projects.</p> <p>(iii) Continued receiving updates on drain management activities from HBRC staff.</p> <p>(iv) Provided advice to landowners who wanted to plant ponds for waterfowl habitat.</p>



Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p>&amp; Beef to enhance habitat in drainage canals.</p> <p>(iii) Investigate methods to enhance drainage ditches for waterfowl habitat and collaborate with HBRC staff to monitor results.</p> <p>(iv) Investigate management options to enhance stock ponds and implement enhancement projects.</p> <p>(v) Investigate opportunities to enhance game bird habitat (i.e. riparian plantings, planting erosive hillsides).</p> <p>(vi) Make at least one external funding application for wetland habitat development.</p> <p>(vii) Use media (press releases, articles, and video) to encourage the creation and enhancement of wetland habitats.</p> <p>(viii) Continue developing the native plant nursery at the Game Farm and investigate opportunities to work with other interested groups.</p>	<p>(iv) <i>Shade house operational and producing plants for future habitat projects.</i></p> <p><i>Report activities to the following meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>We provided over 300 plants to landowners carrying out habitat enhancement projects on their properties. All projects reported in management reports to council. Wetland projects posted on Facebook along with promotion of the Gamebird Habitat Trust and predator control. Multi-agency Tūtira forum meetings attended by staff and all projects reported on in bi-monthly agendas.</p> <p>(iv) Shade house operational and producing over 7,000 plants per year for habitat projects.</p> <p>(v) Plants provided to landowners for riparian habitat enhancement.</p> <p>(vi) Three applications for wetland developments submitted to the Gamebird Habitat Trust.</p> <p>(vii) Wetland development, plants and predator traps promoted using photos, video and articles on Facebook, magazines, and newsletters.</p> <p>(viii) Development of the nursery has continued with over 7,000 plants produced this year. Workers from the</p>



Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
		Department of Corrections pot plants every week.
<p><b>1232 Riparian Habitat</b> Enhance game bird riparian habitat</p>	<p><i>Report activities to the following meeting of Council.</i></p>	Plants provided to landowners and advice on riparian development/planting given to landowners.
<p><b>1233 Landowner Consultation</b> Meet with landowners to discuss the development and enhancement of wetlands in the Hawkes Bay region.</p>	<p><i>Report activities to the following meeting of Council.</i></p>	Met with landowners on multiple occasions to provide advice on wetland development and enhancement.
<p><b>1234 Implement 5-Year Habitat Plan</b> Implement the approved 5-year habitat plan.</p>	<p><i>Report activities to the following meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>5-year habitat plan implemented. Gamebird Habitat Trust applications submitted, private land wetland advice given to landowners and plants provided for wetland enhancement.</p> <p>All activities reported in bi-monthly Council meetings.</p>
<p><b>1235 Lake Tūtira Habitat</b> Work with Iwi and other agencies to improve habitat and water quality around the margins of Lake Tūtira.</p>	<p><i>Report activities to the following meeting of Council</i></p>	<p>Attended Tūtira forum meetings, received regular updates from HBRC freshwater science team. Met with GM of Maungaharuru Tangitu Trust in July 2020 to discuss working collaboratively at Tūtira.</p>





## ANGLER AND HUNTER PARTICIPATION AND SERVICES

### Goals

*To encourage angler and hunter participation while maintaining the quality of the recreational experience.*

#### SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1310	Access	\$8,921	\$0	\$8,921	\$4,621	\$499	\$4,122
1320	Satisfaction Survey	\$5,137	\$0	\$5,137	\$470	\$0	\$470
1330	Newsletters	\$21,661	\$500	\$21,161	\$14,639	\$1,100	\$13,539
1340	Other Publications	\$2,568	\$0	\$2,568	\$1,149	\$0	\$1,149
1350	Training	\$28,322	\$700	\$27,622	\$17,521	\$266	\$17,255
1360	Club Relations	\$3,632	\$0	\$3,632	\$1,724	\$0	\$1,724
1370	Huts	\$5,417	\$1,500	\$3,917	\$2,897	\$1,452	\$1,445
Total		\$75,658	\$2,700	\$72,958	\$43,021	\$3,317	\$39,704

#### 1310: Angler and Hunter Access: To maintain and enhance access to the sports fish and game bird resources to the Hawke's Bay Region

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p><b>1311 Maintain &amp; Enhance Access</b> Physical and legal access to angling and hunting opportunities.</p> <p>(i) Investigate new angling and hunting access opportunities in the Hawkes Bay region.</p> <p>(ii) Maintain signs and enhance access through signage at key fishing and hunting access points. Maintain signage inventory databases.</p> <p>(iii) Continue to maintain a good working relationship with the Walking Access Commission.</p> <p>(iv) Evaluate the opportunities to improve general hunter access to public hunting areas where access is under the control of groups outside Fish &amp; Game.</p>	<p>(i) <i>Investigate new access opportunities and allocate balloted hunting stands.</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>Maintain access tracks to significant, publicly accessible tracks within the Hawkes Bay region.</i></p> <p>(iii) <i>Maintain signage database.</i></p> <p>(iv) <i>Make submissions to WAC and Treaty settlements where appropriate.</i></p> <p>(v) <i>Allocate balloted hunting stands</i></p> <p><i>Report activities to the following meeting of</i></p>	<p>(i) Due to Covid-19 and the uncertainty of having a gamebird season no ballots were held.</p> <p>(ii) No track maintenance necessary in 2019/20 year.</p> <p>(iii) Signs maintained, and signage database updated. Regular contact maintained with local WAC representative.</p> <p>(iv) No submissions necessary in 2019/20 year.</p> <p>(v) Maintained balloted stands at Pekapeka Wetland. Stands not</p>



Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p>(v) Allocate and manage balloted hunting stands and forestry blocks.</p> <p>(vi) Develop and maintain physical access to the region's rivers and Lake Tūtira fisheries. The latter will involve the development and maintenance of a closer working relationship with iwi.</p>	<p><i>Council</i></p>	<p>allocated in 2020 due to Covid-19. Forestry blocks unavailable this year, but staff are continuing to work with forestry companies to provide access for upland game bird hunters.</p> <p>(vi) Met with Maungaharuru Tangitu Trust General Manager in July 2020 and discussed access issues at Lake Tūtira.</p> <p>All activities reported in bi-monthly meeting agendas.</p>
<p><b>1312 Signage</b> Maintain signs and enhance access through signage at key fishing and hunting access points. Maintain signage inventory databases.</p>	<p><i>Maintain signage database</i></p> <p><i>Report activities to the following meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>Angler access signs maintained to brand specifications and replaced as required.</p> <p>Reported to council bi-monthly agendas</p>
<p><b>1313 Hunter Ballots</b> Allocate and manage balloted hunting stands and forestry blocks.</p>	<p><i>Allocate balloted hunting stands.</i></p>	<p>No hunting stands balloted.</p> <p>No forestry blocks balloted this year.</p>

**1320: Licence Holder Satisfaction Survey: To undertake a licence holder satisfaction survey to better understand what our licence holders want.**

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p><b>1321 Satisfaction Survey</b> Create and circulate a satisfaction survey to all licence holders to understand what licence holders want and help increase future licence sales.</p>	<p><i>Create and circulate survey and collate survey results. Analyse survey result and report to Council.</i></p>	<p>Gamebird Hunter Satisfaction Survey created and circulated to 2020 Hawke's Bay Gamebird licence holders and report to be included in October agenda. Satisfaction survey sent to 2019/20 Hawke's Bay Fish licence holders.</p>





		Report to be circulated to Council for October 2020 meeting.
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**1330: Newsletters, Licence holder communications: To effectively inform anglers and hunters of matters relating to Fish & Game and opportunities for increased participation**

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<b>1331 Fish &amp; Game Newsletters</b> Prepare and distribute two pre-season newsletters.	<i>Distribute two fish and game preseason newsletters.</i>	The fish newsletter was distributed September 2019. Due to Covid-19 the 2020 Game bird letter was distributed electronically only and posted on Facebook and the website.
<b>1332 Fish &amp; Game Magazine</b> Prepare and mail two issues of Fish and Game New Zealand to 2019-2020 whole season fish licence holders and 2020 whole season game licence holders.	<i>Mail fish issue August 2019, game issue April 2020.</i>	Two regional supplements provided for the Fish and Game magazine.
<b>1333 Fish &amp; Game Web Site</b> (i) Maintain and regularly update Fish & Game information on the Hawkes Bay Region website and its Facebook page.  (ii) Prepare newsletters(E-zine)- Both Barrels and Reel Life	(i) <i>Report on activities to the following meeting of Council.</i>  (ii) <i>Prepare and circulate 8 fishing and 4 hunting electronic newsletters.</i>	(i) Hawkes Bay Fish and Game Facebook page regularly updated and promoted. Website updated as required. Reported to council in each management report  (ii) All Reel Life and Both Barrel newsletters provided to NZC Comms staff for circulation to licence holders.

**1340: Informational Publications: To assist anglers and hunters to access the hunting and fishing opportunities for the Hawke's Bay Region**

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<b>1341 Information Pamphlets</b> (i) Support the development of an access smartphone app at a national Fish and Game level and use website and other forms of communication to make access information more	<i>Report on activities to the following meeting of Council.</i>	(i) Staff have engaged with the development of a new F&G website and smartphone app via discussions at Managers' meetings.



<p>readily available.</p> <p>(ii) Maintain stocks of information pamphlets in licence agents and other outlets throughout the region.</p>		<p>(ii) Stocks of information pamphlets maintained at licence agents, local High Schools, libraries, I-Site, DOC, camping grounds and other outlets within the region and bordering regions. Reported in management reports of agendas.</p>
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**1350: Angler and Hunter Training: To encourage new participants to take up angling and hunting**

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p><b>1351 Children's Fishing Programme</b></p> <p>(i) Organise and run a Children's fish-out day to encourage young anglers to take up the sport.</p> <p>(ii) Continue to run children's fishing courses with support from fishing clubs.</p>	<p><i>Hold at least one children's fishing day. Report to Council as appropriate.</i></p>	<p>(i) Children's fish-out day held on 30 August 2020. Recorded on website and reported 9 August 2020 agenda.</p> <p>(ii) Due to Covid-19 the scheduled Junior/Novice fly fishing course was cancelled.</p>
<p><b>1352 Angler/Hunter Training</b></p> <p>(iii) Provide angler and hunter training information and make available novice hunter/angler starter packs.</p> <p>(iv) Investigate alternatives to encourage youth hunting/angling and increase opportunities.</p> <p>(v) Manage junior hunter/novice stand ballots and work with private landowners to create further junior ballot stands.</p> <p>(vi) Hold a steel shot patterning/duck hunter education event in conjunction with a local shooting club.</p>	<p>(i) <i>Hold a youth fly fishing course in conjunction with anglers' clubs.</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>Hold an adult novice flying fishing course in conjunction with anglers' club.</i></p> <p>(iii) <i>Organise at least 2 separate ballots for junior and novice hunters.</i></p> <p><i>Report to Council as appropriate</i></p>	<p>(i) Introduction to trout fishing and gamebird packs available &amp; distributed when inquiries came into the office. Youth fly fishing course cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.</p> <p>(ii) Held first ladies only fly fishing programme in November 2019 run in conjunction with the Hastings Anglers Club and reported in December agenda.</p> <p>(iii) Peka Peka ballots were not able to be balloted due to Covid-19 and</p>



Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
		<p>drought conditions in 2020.</p> <p>(iv) Hawke's Bay Fish and Game steel shot patterning day held at Hawke's Bay Sporting Shooters March 15 shoot and promoted on Facebook.</p> <p>All activities reported in bi-monthly meeting agendas.</p>
<p><b>1353 Angler/Hunter Enquiries</b> Respond to enquiries for information from anglers and hunters.</p>	<p><i>Provide information and respond to enquiries promptly</i></p>	<p>Angler and hunter enquiries responded to within 5 working days (usually the same day).</p>
<p><b>1354 Fishing Competitions</b> Review applications to hold fishing competitions and grant permits where appropriate.</p>	<p><i>Respond to applications within five working days and report on permits granted to each meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>Only one application received and responded to within 5 days. Staff discussed rules, recording of data and treatment of caught trout with the organiser.</p>
<p><b>1355 Maintain Ballot Stands</b> Maintain and enhance balloted stands for junior and novice hunters. Investigate new locations for additional junior/novice stands.</p>	<p><i>Ballot stands and ponds are maintained and improved. Undertake annual maintenance of structures.</i></p>	<p>Maintenance at stand 6 and 7 conducted at Pekapeka prior to the 2020 season and reported on in bi-monthly managers' report. Locations for additional novice/junior stands investigated with two options identified for the 2021 season.</p>

**1360: Club Relations: To maintain communications with Fish and Game related clubs and associations**

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p><b>1361 Fish &amp; Game Club Communications</b> Maintain club register and provide news updates to clubs on a monthly basis, attend club meetings as appropriate.</p>	<p><i>Attend at least one meeting for each club by 31 August 2020.</i></p> <p><i>Provide report to each meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>(i) Staff maintained communications with the regions club members throughout the year and appreciate their continuous support at</p>



		<p>the Kids Fish Out Day and game farm maintenance. Staff attended the June Hastings Anglers Club meeting and Napier Anglers Club BBQ on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Staff attended the Pekapeka Shooters Assn AGM on the 20 November 2019.</p>
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**1370: Fish and Game Huts: Manage hut maintenance and coordinate bookings**

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p><b>1371 Fish and Game Huts</b> Maintain Fish &amp; Game hut at Glen Falls, Mohaka River.</p>	<p><i>Report maintenance activities to Council.</i></p>	<p>Lawns mowed, water tank cleaned, and hut maintained. Reported to council in management reports.</p>



## PUBLIC INTERFACE

### Goal

*To maximise public awareness of the values associated with the sports fish and game bird resource, and support for the management role of Fish and Game New Zealand.*

#### SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

		Budget			Actual		
Code	Project Cluster	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1410	Liaison	\$6,421	\$0	\$6,421	\$2,978	\$0	\$2,978
1420	Communication	\$3,853	\$0	\$3,853	\$2,037	\$0	\$2,037
1430	Advocacy	\$2,568	\$0	\$2,568	\$2,508	\$0	\$2,508
1440	Public Promotions	\$7,664	\$5,000	\$2,664	\$2,867	\$0	\$2,867
1450	Visitors/Education	\$38,774	\$0	\$38,774	\$46,166	\$5,874	\$40,292
Total		\$59,280	\$0	\$54,280	\$56,556	\$5,874	\$50,682

**1410: Liaison: To avoid conflicts and maintain effective advocacy and liaison with statutory resource management agencies**

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p><b>1411 Statutory Liaison and Political awareness</b></p> <p>(i) Maintain a structured liaison and advocacy programme with key agencies and individuals.</p> <p>(ii) Engage with Regional Councils and the Department of Conservation to seek improved biodiversity and habitat protection leadership by these agencies in the Hawkes Bay region.</p> <p>(iii) Engage with Iwi groups and tribal authorities as required.</p> <p>(iv) Ensure political awareness of Fish &amp; Game activities and support for improved habitat performance.</p>	<p>(i) <i>Regional Manager to meet with Regional Councils SMT and DOC directors on a regular basis. Staff to attend Conservation Board meetings at least annually.</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>Make submissions to Regional Council and the Department of Conservation on significant regional matters. Engage in governor-governor meetings where appropriate.</i></p> <p>(iii) <i>Regional Manager and staff to visit some electorate MPs during the year.</i></p> <p><i>Report activities to following meetings of</i></p>	<p>(i) Staff met with individuals from government departments, regional councils, NGO's and environmental groups throughout the year.</p> <p>(ii) Met with senior staff and managers of various agencies at stakeholder group meetings and/or on other occasions. Regional Manager met with senior Regional Council staff as required.</p> <p>(iii) Staff have engaged with the Mangaharuru Tangitu Trust at Tūtira and representatives of Ngati Kahungunu over the TANK plan change process.</p>





Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
	<i>Council .</i>	(iv) Staff have started a new programme to supply Fish and Game branded predator traps to licence holders and groups/landowners undertaking habitat projects. Reported in bi-monthly agendas.

**1420: Communication: Develop and maintain effective communication with the wider public and the media, stakeholders and strategic allies**

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p><b>1421 Public Communications</b></p> <p>(i) To advocate the interests of anglers and hunters through maintaining effective communication with non-statutory groups or individuals such as farmers, Iwi and the general public via public awareness events.</p> <p>(ii) Implement regional public awareness programme and identify and progress marketing opportunities.</p> <p>(iii) Maintain a strong presence in general public media.</p> <p>(iv) Engage and communicate with rural community and landowners. Develop relationships with groups including Federated Farmers, Fonterra and Dairy NZ.</p> <p>(v) Engage with Iwi and initiate formal relationships with key Iwi groups across the region and participate in Treaty Settlement processes that affect anglers and hunters.</p>	<p>(i) <i>Contribute to national public awareness network.</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>Support public awareness events.</i></p> <p>(iii) <i>Review website content and manage to increase effectiveness as a tool for public awareness and communicating with licence holders.</i></p> <p>(iv) <i>Extend media programme to include items of general interest.</i></p> <p>(v) <i>Submit on Treaty Settlements affecting angler/ hunter access and develop relationships with key Iwi groups.</i></p> <p>(vi) <i>Prepare and distribute media press releases including rural media.</i></p> <p><i>Report to Council as appropriate.</i></p>	<p>(i) National public awareness initiatives supported.</p> <p>(ii) Ongoing public awareness and marketing of Fish and Game</p> <p>(iii) Website and Facebook page updated regularly.</p> <p>(iv) Media enquiries responded to and releases prepared as required. These included features on the kids fishing day, duck hunting season, compliance efforts/results and local fisheries issues.</p> <p>(v) Met regularly with landowners in the rural community for wetland consultation. Staff met with Ngati Kahungunu and Forest and Bird to collaboratively work on RMA issues affecting all parties. Staff met with</p>



Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
		<p>management of Maungaharuru Tangitu Trust to discuss ongoing issues and potential collaboration on initiatives in the Tūtira catchment.</p> <p>(vi) Worked with local media to promote our kids fishing event as well as promote the opening of Game Season/ranging efforts and publicise season changes due to Covid-19.</p> <p>Reports to Council included in the Management report of each agenda.</p>

**1430: Advocacy:**

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p><b>1431 Angler and hunter interests</b>                      Represent the interests of anglers and hunters at forums of significance to Fish &amp; Game New Zealand.</p>	<p><i>Report to Council as appropriate.</i></p>	<p>Represented hunters and anglers at the Tukituki Leaders' Forum.                      Reported to Council via bi-monthly meetings.</p>

**1440: Public Promotions: To actively promote the work of Fish & Game with the wider public and the media**

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p><b>1441 Public Promotions</b></p> <p>(i) Develop and increase awareness of Fish &amp; Game New Zealand in the Hawkes Bay.</p> <p>(ii) Encourage school groups to visit the Game Farm Site</p>	<p><i>Display at Expos &amp; Field Days.</i></p>	<p>(i) Due to limited staff it was decided not to display at the Hawkes Bay A&amp;P show on 18 and 19th October 2019. Staff gave a presentation at the Tukipo Catchment group meeting on the role of Fish and Game in wetland development on the</p>



Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
		<p>15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and attended the Hawke's Bay Farm Forestry day in Central Hawke's Bay on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019.</p> <p>(ii) School groups encouraged to visit the site. 6th September 2019- 6 students from EIT visited the Game Farm. 12 adults and 16 children from Manawatu School visited on 8 October and Pakowhai School children visited 28th November 2019 . All visits reported in bimonthly management reports.</p>

**1450: Visitors/Education: To educate the wider public on the role of Fish & Game New Zealand**

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p><b>1451 Education</b></p> <p>(i) To educate people in sports fish and game bird management, conservation, angling and hunting.</p> <p>(ii) Maintain grounds and facilities and increase use of the Game Farm, hatchery and grounds to promote Fish &amp; Game to schools and the wider public.</p>	<p><i>Use the site as an educational tool during fish out days and other scheduled events</i></p> <p><i>Report to Council as appropriate.</i></p>	<p>(i) Site used during kids fish out day in August 2020, school visits and Womens' flyfishing course.</p> <p>(ii) Grounds and facilities maintained. Facilities and events promoted via newsletters, magazines and Facebook.</p> <p>All activities reported in bi-monthly agendas.</p>
<p><b>1452 Game Farm Operations</b></p> <p>To maintain and improve the fish-out pond to ensure that there are enough trout for kid's fish-out days.</p>	<p><i>Report activities to the following meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>150 1+-year-old trout added to the Game Farm on 21 November 2020</p>





<p><b>1453 Game Farm Maintenance</b> To maintain buildings and make further improvements to grounds.</p>	<p><i>Ongoing grounds maintenance and improvements. Report to Council as appropriate.</i></p>	<p>Lawns mown, gardens &amp; vegetation trimmed. Predator control maintained, hedge trimmed to keep clear of powerlines. Reported activities in each agenda</p>
<p><b>1454 Game Farm Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) To develop the paddock adjacent to the Fish and Game office into an educational wetland site for landowners and local schools.</li> <li>(ii) Apply for funding from three different sources before February 2020.</li> <li>(iii) Instigate a partnership schools programme for this project.</li> </ul> <p><b>1455 Hatchery Building</b> Maintain the hatchery building for educational purposes.</p>	<p><i>Report to Council as appropriate</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Stage 1 &amp; 2 (all three ponds) were dug by Jamieson Earthworks creating the wetland /educational ponds. Planting of site is ongoing. Reported in the 14 April 20 Agenda.</li> <li>(ii) The \$4k GBHT grant deposited 24 April 2020 and reported in June 20 Agenda. \$2415 applied for from the Trees that Count Foundation in August 2020 and approved in September 2020.</li> <li>(iii) Six local schools contacted regarding a partnership programme. All responded positively, however school planting events have been held off due to Covid-19 restrictions during the 2020 planting season.</li> <li>(iv) Wellington Region F&amp;G science staff visited the Game Farm and used the hatchery and display pond for research purposes. HBRC science staff also conducted fish</li> </ul>



		passage experiments using the hatchery facilities. Reported to council in bi-monthly agendas.
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## COMPLIANCE

### Goal

*To protect the sports fish and game bird resource and its user management through enforcement and education of legislative requirements.*

#### SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

		Budget			Actual		
Code	Project Cluster	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1510	Ranging	\$12,916	\$0	\$12,916	\$8,672	\$0	\$8,672
1520	Ranger Training	\$6,137	\$0	\$6,137	\$1,567	\$0	\$1,567
1530	Compliance	\$6,921	\$0	\$6,921	\$1,202	\$0	\$1,202
Total		\$25,974	\$0	\$25,974	\$11,441	\$0	\$11,441

**1510: Ranging: Maintain compliance with angling and hunting regulations through enforcement activities**

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p><b>1511 Ranging</b></p> <p>(i) Maintain a high level of participant contact through enforcement and monitor compliance with licensing and season conditions.</p> <p>(ii) Check backcountry and headwater fisheries throughout the season.</p> <p>(iii) Check game bird hunters throughout the season.</p>	<p><i>Organize ranging activity to achieve 300 angler and hunter contacts. Aim for 95% compliance with legal requirements and season regulations from anglers and hunters contacted.</i></p> <p><i>Provide report to each meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>(i) Total of 131 contacts made with anglers/hunters. A total of 2 offences were detected. Low contact numbers due to Covid-19 restrictions.</p> <p>(ii) Mohaka backcountry fishery was checked on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020.</p> <p>(iii) Staff ranged the opening weekend of the Gamebird Season.</p> <p>All activities reported to bi-monthly meetings of Council agenda.</p>

**1520: Ranger Training: To ensure effective ranging across the region with suitably trained and resourced personnel**

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p><b>1521 Training -Regional Honorary Rangers</b></p> <p>Manage the regional network of</p>	<p><i>Complete one organised training exercise for</i></p>	<p>One new honorary ranger received Cert refresher</p>



Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p>Honorary Fish &amp; Game Rangers and ensure that a sufficient level of training and support is provided.</p>	<p><i>honorary rangers and report to Council by 31 August 2020.</i></p>	<p>training in August 2020 before receiving a warrant.</p> <p>Due to Covid-19 the planned training evening for Rangers held before opening weekend of the game season was cancelled.</p> <p>Reported to bi- monthly meetings of Council.</p>

**1530: Compliance/Prosecutions: To follow a consistent policy driven approach to dealing with non-compliance to regulations**

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p><b>1531 Prosecutions</b> Follow Council Prosecution and Reparation Policies to prosecute individuals found unlicensed or in non-compliance with season regulations without just cause.</p>	<p><i>Report details of prosecutions to each Council meeting.</i></p>	<p>Details of all prosecutions reported to bi- monthly meetings of Council and national prosecution database updated.</p>



## LICENSING

### Goal

*To optimise the sale of angling and hunting licences as valued products.*

#### SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

Code	Project Cluster	Budget			Actual		
		Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1610	Licence Production	\$9,311	\$457,309	-\$447,998	\$8,411	\$433,525	-\$425,114
1620	Agent Servicing	\$7,756	\$0	\$7,756	\$5,388	\$0	\$5,388
1630	Agent Payments	\$19,931	\$0	\$19,931	\$17,894	\$0	\$17,894
	Total	\$36,998	\$457,309	-\$420,311	\$31,693	\$433,525	-\$401,832

#### 1610: Licensing: Maintain and monitor a readily available and efficient licensing system

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p><b>1611 Licence production and distribution</b> To issue fishing and hunting licences and the appropriate regulations in a timely manner and market new fishing licence categories to existing and potential licence holders.</p>	<p>(i) <i>To have available fish licences and regulation guides for the 2019-2020 season by 1 September 2019.</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>To have available game licences and regulation guides for the 2020 season by 31 March 2020.</i></p>	<p>(i) Fishing licences and regulation guides were available for purchase 22 August 2019.</p> <p>(ii) Game licences and regulation guides were available for purchase on 19 March 2020.</p>
<p><b>1612 Analysis of Licence Information</b> Evaluate licence sales information during the year and identify targeted marketing opportunities.</p>	<p><i>Provide detailed reports of licence sales performance to each meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>Detailed licence reports provided at bi-monthly Council meetings.</p>
<p><b>1613 National Licence Management</b> To support the operation of the national licence management provider.</p>	<p><i>Report activities to the following meeting of Council.</i></p>	<p>Licence sales numbers reported bi-monthly. Assistance provided to and from Eyede with the online agency and public online.</p> <p>Reported to bi- monthly meetings of Council.</p>
<p><b>1614 Increase Licence Sales</b> Actively promote Fish and Game licences to the public and</p>	<p><i>Report activities to the following meeting of</i></p>	<p>Introductory packs and complimentary magazines</p>



Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
contribute to the national sales targets.	<i>Council</i>	and how to guides together with DIDYMO packs were available and provided when necessary

**1620: Agent Servicing: Management and support of Fish & Game licensing through licence agents**

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<b>1621 Licence Agent Support</b> Communicate and work with licence agents providing agent training as required.	<i>Complete at least three visits to all significant licence resellers by 31 August 2020.</i>	Regular contact made with agents to ensure staff are educated with the online facility, licence categories, backcountry licence, and the importance of identifying non- resident licence holders. Six agent visits conducted supplying regulation booklets, access pamphlets and promotional material and posters on Covid-19.

**Table 3: Licence Sales Figures**

	FISH					GAME				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Adult Whole Season	1,143	1,115	1,029	1,020	1,037	1,912	1,855	1,853	1,825	1,591
Junior Whole Season	133	113	144	149	173	189	179	173	179	141
Family	446	438	413	398	387					
Senior Loyal	163	173	185	197	202					
Local Area	237	181	176	211	177					
Non Resident Adult Whole Season	253	197	287	321	252					
Non Resident Junior Whole Season	3	4	8	10	5					
Adult Winter	142	81	102	169	153					
Junior Winter	0	0	0	0						
Long Break	14	19	16	19	16					
Short Break	161	162	157	172	157					
Adult 24hr	1,146	1,258	1,078	572	606	92	112	141	108	85
Non Resident Adult 24hr				457	361					
Junior 24hr	93	124	150	139	93	3	0	4	2	11
Non Resident Junior 24hr				12	9					
Non Resident Child Season				3	5					
Non Resident Child 24hr				4	1					
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,934</b>	<b>3,865</b>	<b>3,745</b>	<b>3,853</b>	<b>3,634</b>	<b>3,771</b>	<b>2,146</b>	<b>2,171</b>	<b>2,114</b>	<b>1,828</b>
<b>LEQ</b>	<b>2,671</b>	<b>2,525</b>	<b>2,486</b>	<b>2,583</b>	<b>2,463</b>	<b>3,313</b>	<b>1,913</b>	<b>1,915</b>	<b>1,884</b>	<b>1,637</b>



## COUNCIL

### Goals

*To provide for the democratic governance of the fish and game system by fish and game licence holders.*

#### SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

		Budget			Actual		
Code	Project Cluster	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1710	Council Elections	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1720	Council Meetings	\$30,253	\$0	\$30,253	\$27,234	\$0	\$27,234
	Total	\$30,253	\$0	\$30,253	\$27,234	\$0	\$27,234

#### 1720: Council Meetings: Effective governance and efficient Council support

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p><b>1721 Council</b></p> <p>(i) Provide effective direction and support to the management of Council's business.</p> <p>(ii) Keep Council informed of relevant national and regional matters.</p> <p>(iii) Prepare information reports and agenda for Council meetings and any minutes resulting from these meetings.</p>	<p>(i) <i>Hold at least 6 meetings of the Hawke's Bay Fish &amp; Game Council prior to 31 August 2020.</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>Distribute agendas 8 working days prior and draft minutes as soon as practicable after meeting.</i></p>	<p>(i) Seven council meetings held and one annual general meeting prior to 31 August 2020.</p> <p>(ii) Council informed</p> <p>(iii) Agendas, reports, information and minutes all prepared on time.</p>





## PLANNING AND REPORTING

### Goal

*To ensure cost efficient and appropriate business management of fish and game resources.*

#### SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

		Budget			Actual		
Code	Project Cluster	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1810	Management Plan	\$642	\$0	\$642	\$52	\$0	\$52
1820	Annual Planning	\$10,274	\$0	\$10,274	\$3,082	\$0	\$3,082
1830	Reporting	\$22,953	\$0	\$22,953	\$16,452	\$0	\$16,452
1840	National Liaison	\$4,153	\$0	\$4,153	\$3,213	\$0	\$3,213
	Total	\$38,022	\$0	\$38,022	\$22,799	\$0	\$22,799

#### 1811: 2018-2028 Management Plan

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<b>1811 Management Plan Implementation</b> To implement the Hawke's Bay Region Sports Fish & Game Bird Management Plan via the OWP.	<i>Report activities to following meeting of Council.</i>	Management plan implemented via OWP but current plan not yet signed off by the Minister of Conservation

#### 1820: Annual Planning

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<b>1821 OWP preparation</b> To prepare an operational work plan for the 2020-2021 year.	<i>The adoption of a proposed operational work plan for 2020-2021 by the Council by 30 August 2020.</i>	2020/21 Operational Work Plan approved on 11 August 2020.

#### 1830: Reporting and Audit

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<b>1831 Performance Report and Statement of Service Performance</b> To complete the Performance (annual) Report and Statement of Service Performance for the 2018-2019 year.	<i>Complete Annual Performance Report for 2018-2019 financial year.</i>	Performance report (Annual Report) and SOSp presented and adopted at the annual meeting on 3 December 2019.





<p><b>1832 Audit</b> To have the Performance Report for the 2018-2019 year audited in accordance with the Public Audit Act 2001.</p>	<p><i>The audit of the annual Performance Report for the 2018-2019 financial year in time for the public annual general meeting.</i></p>	<p>2018-19 Performance Report was presented at the Public Annual General Meeting held at the Game Farm on 3 December 2019.</p>
<p><b>1835 Annual Meeting</b> To conduct a public annual general meeting no later than 31 December 2019.</p>	<p><i>Adoption of the audited 2018-2019 annual report by Council, and presentation to a public annual general meeting not later than 31 December 2019, as well as to the Minister of Conservation.</i></p>	<p>2018-19 Performance Report was presented at the Public Annual General Meeting held at the Game Farm on 3 December 2019 Annual Report sent to the Minister 4th December 2019.</p>

**1840: National Liaison**

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<p><b>1841 New Zealand Fish &amp; Game liaison</b> The maintenance of effective liaison with New Zealand Fish &amp; Game to meet all statutory requirements. Contribute to the efficient management of Fish &amp; Game nationally through participation with working parties, networks and national research and monitoring.</p>	<p><i>Attend all meetings of the Regional Fish &amp; Game Council managers and participate where required with working parties established by the New Zealand Council.</i></p>	<p>All managers meetings attended.</p>



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**TO THE READERS OF HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

The Auditor-General is the auditor of Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council (the Fish and Game Council). The Auditor-General has appointed me, Richard Owen, using the staff and resources of Owen McLeod & Co Ltd, to carry out the audit of the financial statements and statement of performance of the Fish and Game Council on his behalf.

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

We have audited:

- the financial statements of the Fish and Game Council on pages 9 to 24, that comprise the [statement of financial position as at 31 August 2020, the statement of financial performance, and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date and the notes to the financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the statement of performance of the Fish and Game Council on pages 25 to 56.

In our opinion:

- the financial statements of the Fish and Game Council: on pages 9 to 24:
  - present fairly, in all material respects:
    - its financial position as at 31 August 2020; and
    - its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
  - comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Public Sector); and
- the statement of performance of the Fish and Game Council on pages 25 to 56:
  - presents fairly, in all material respects, the Fish and Game Council's performance for the year ended 31 August 2020, including for each class of reportable outputs:
    - its standards of performance achieved as compared with the forecasts included in the description of the annual operating work plan for the financial year; and
    - its actual revenue and expenses as compared with the forecasts included in the description of the annual operating work plan for the financial year; and
  - complies with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

Our audit was completed on 26 November 2020. This is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

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

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Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to the disclosures in note 10 on page 23 which outline the possible effects of the Covid -19 Lockdown.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- We evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Council.

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

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

Our responsibilities arise from the Public Audit Act 2001.

#### **Other Information**

The Council is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information up to page 7, but does not include the financial statements and the statement of performance, and our auditor's report thereon.

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

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

#### **Independence**

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

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



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 On behalf of the Auditor-General  
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