

AUCKLAND/WAIKATO FISH & GAME

A Meeting of Council will be held at the NZ Deerstalkers Hall, Wairere Drive, Hamilton, on Saturday 12th June 2021 commencing at 11 a.m.

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G. Annan
Chairman
28/05/2021



AUCKLAND/WAIKATO FISH & GAME

Minutes of a Meeting of Council
held at the NZ Deerstalkers Hall, Wairere Dr, Hamilton
on Saturday 20 March 2021 commencing at 11:00am.

PRESENT:

Chairman: G. Annan

Councillors: E. Williamson, D. Cocks, P. Shaw, A. Kerr, N. Juby, S. Smith.

Staff: B. Wilson, C Robertson, J Dyer.

1. APOLOGIES:

G. Avery, C. Sherrard.

It was moved;
that apologies be accepted.

Shaw/Kerr - CARRIED

2. POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM MEETING AGENDA:

None declared.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 20th February 2021:

It was agreed that the meeting had stated at 11am.

It was moved;
that the minutes of the previous meeting of 20th February 2021 as amended be accepted
as a true and correct record.

Shaw/Kerr - CARRIED

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Councillor Juby updated the meeting on his concerns over the lack of Fish & Game input into the decision by DOC to renew guiding concessions for another 20 years. Councillor Juby recognised that this was a much greater issue for South Island councils, and thus he was pleased to report that the manager of Nelson/Marlborough Fish & Game was actively working on a submission with assistance from Mischa Davis.

Mr Wilson was asked as to whether Mr Klee had reported back on the Lake Waikare section 128 review liaison group meeting. Mr Wilson replied that he would follow this up with Mr Klee.

Councillor Juby was asked whether the Minister of Conservation had approved the Fish & Game recommendation to phase out commercial pheasant preserves. Councillor Juby replied that he was unaware of any response to date by the Minister.

Councillor Shaw requested an update on the project to replace the netting on the banding cages. Mr Dyer replied that he was intending to employ a student to do the work. Councillors agreed that the work could be carried out by volunteers after the duck season. Councillor Shaw recommended that the netting be a larger gauge to stop ducks getting their bills caught in the wire.

Discussion took place on the Singer Wetland and the current rezoning application by the owners.

General discussion by Councillors on the current national review of Fish & Game, and the budgeting process.

5. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was tabled from Ray Grubb, Chair NZF&G Council and Andrew Hoggard, National President Federated Farmers, about building a positive Fish & Game/Federated Farmers working relationship.

Councillor Smith reported that he had noticed that local farmers were more likely to give access and were not as negative about Fish & Game.

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BI-MONTHLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Ms Robertson provided an update on the application for consents to carry out maintenance work on Council's wetlands. She had met with WRC staff to discuss the application and it was envisaged that the application would be lodged soon.

Councillor Juby updated Councillors on Mr Dyer's successful advocacy regarding the delays by police in reissuing firearms licence. Their issue had been taken up by the NZ Fish & Game Council who were now strongly advocating at a national level.

Financial Report

In reply to a question, Mr Wilson noted that he had not yet heard back from the insurance company as to whether they would pay for the replacement of the two sliding doors damaged in the recent burglary attempt.

It was moved;
that the Chief Executive's bi-monthly report and financial statement be accepted.
Smith/Williamson - CARRIED

The meeting rose for lunch at 12.45pm and resumed at 1:20pm.

7. LAND AND WATER HABITAT TRUST:

The 2020/21 Annual Accounts for the Land and Water Habitat Trust were tabled.

Mr Wilson advised that the Trust was now registered as a charity in the U.S.A and thus U.S.A residents could make tax deductible donations.

Councillor Cocks enquired as to whether the funds held by the recently defunct Te Kauwhata Fish & Game Club had been disposed of. Councillor Kerr replied that it was the intention of the club that the funds would be spent on a suitable project in their local area. He would discuss this issue with the club treasurer and report back to Council.

8. WARD RANCH UPDATE:

Mr Wilson updated Councillors on the Ward Ranch case noting that they had not yet heard back from the Wards as to the proposed discontinuance.

9. OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN AND BUDGET FOR 2021/22:

Mr Wilson introduced the draft 2021/22 operational workplan emphasizing that there was still considerable uncertainty as to funding due to the various internal and external reviews.

Councillors discussed the necessity of increasing the licence fees to maintain an adequate funding base.

It was moved;

That Council recommends to the NZF&G Council that the game licence be increased by \$2, the fish licence by \$3, and the non-resident licence by \$25.

Williamson/Cocks – CARRIED

It was moved;

That Council recommends to the NZF&G Council that the 5% cutback on regional budgets be reinstated.

Williamson/Cocks – CARRIED

Mr Wilson advised that the 5% reduction in budgeted expenditure had been achieved by deferring expenditure on wetland maintenance.

It was moved;

That a contestable funding application for \$20,000 be submitted for Council's RMA applications for maintenance work.

Smith/Cocks – CARRIED

The meeting rose for lunch at 1:14pm and resumed at 1:50pm.

10. OSH UPDATE:

Mr Wilson advised that Dr Daniel was on a training course to renew his Coastguard qualifications.

Councillor Annan informed the meeting that he and the field staff had attended the one-day CERT ranger course held the previous weekend at the Eastern Fish & Game office in Ngongotaha.

It was moved;

OSH report for March 2021 be accepted.

Smith/Shaw – CARRIED

11. GENERAL BUSINESS:

Councillor Juby provided a brief update on the recent NZ F&G Council meeting and recent staff change at the national office.

Councillor Kerr advised the meeting of the appalling state of Lake Waikare, which was perhaps in even worse condition than in past years. He considered that a causal factor was the ongoing discharge of treated effluent into the lake from the Te Kauwhata wastewater treatment plant and the lack of water being flushed through the lake.

Councillor Cocks considered that restoration of the lake would require the lake levels to be raised back to near historic levels.

Mr Wilson advised that staff had spent considerable effort on Lake Waikare in recent years, including successfully in getting the special status of Lake Waikare recognised in the proposed Healthy Rivers Plan and contributing to the catchment management plan.

Councillor Shaw asked whether Eyede received a commission on each licence sold. Mr Wilson replied that he believed Eyede was on a fixed contract for maintaining the licence database including the provision for selling licences.

Councillor Shaw enquired as to whether staff had contacted the maimai owner on Lake Ngaroto regarding their firing zone in relation to the adjacent walkway. Mr Wilson replied that he would ask Mr Klee to report back to Council on this issue.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 2:35pm.

TOWN COUNCIL
CONFIRMED

AUCKLAND/WAIKATO FISH & GAME

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Council
held at Auckland/Waikato Fish & Game Office, 156 Brymer Road, Hamilton
on Thursday 13th May 2021 commencing at 8 p.m.

PRESENT:

Chairman: G. Annan

Councillors: E. Williamson, D. Cocks, P. Shaw, N. Juby, S. Smith, C. Sherrard, W. Howard.

Staff: B. Wilson,

1. APOLOGIES:

G. Avery, A. Kerr.

It was moved;
that apologies be accepted.

Howard/Cocks- CARRIED

2. POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM MEETING AGENDA:

None declared.

3. DISCUSSION ON GOVERNANCE REVIEW:

It was agreed that Council did not support the implementation of any structural changes before the 2021 Fish and Game elections. Therefore, it was agreed that the 2021 election would be for a full council of 12 councillors.

Councillors reviewed the recommendations from the Governance Review as shown on the attached report.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS:

Councillor Cocks advised that he had met with Peter Ward to discuss fencing issues between the North Shepherd Wetland and the Ward property. Mr Ward had agreed to fund new boundary fences at his own expense. Mr Ward was also interested in taking over the existing grazing rights on the North Shepherd. Concern was expressed by Councillors given the ongoing and likely future legal issues between the Wards and Fish & Game over the Whangamarino Weir. Mr Wilson advised that he had requested Mr Dyer to produce a report on grazing in the North Shepherd and the impacts of new legislation

prohibiting the grazing of wetlands. Mr Wilson also informed that DOC had requested a meeting in early June to discuss grazing on the North Shepherd.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 10.15pm

UNCONFIRMED

Grant Annan
Chair
Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Council

Dear Grant,

Thank you for your Council's letter of 23 March re the current budget process. It will be referred to NZ Council at the April budget meeting including your recommendations for licence increases.

Please note there is a Contestable Fund of nearly \$900,000 allocated for 21/22.

It is clear that we need to live well within our means, both because of future uncertainty as to regularity of income and a new Minister's attitude to licence increases. The covid pandemic induced restrictions have made us take a fresh look at how we manage our finances and I would think the Standing Finance Committee of NZ Council may well ask for advice once this budget setting round has finished.

I look forward to seeing you at the April meeting, Grant.

Regards,



Ray Grubb
Chair
New Zealand Fish and Game Council

From: Brendon Masters <brendonjmasters@yahoo.com>
Reply to: Brendon Masters <brendonjmasters@yahoo.com>
Date: Monday, 3 May 2021 at 5:58 AM
To: Reception <nzcouncil@fishandgame.org.nz>
Subject: Regional time limit

Hi,

Not sure if this message will end up in the right place so of you can help with that it would be great. I am a duck shooter in the Waikato, and am pretty displeased with the shooting hours of this season, in the past it has been 6:30 till 6:30, last season was changed to finishing at 6pm due to the later season however, during this (2021) opening weekend it was very frustrating not to be aloud to shoot until dark

We missed out on some of the most enjoyable minutes of duck shooting!
Thanks Brendon.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Ben Wilson

From: Geoff Dickey <Geoff.Dickey@mtf.co.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 21 April 2021 9:34 am
To: Ben Wilson
Subject: Fish and Game Merit award

Morning Ben – I would like to nominate Gary Fraser for the above merit award. As you know Gary has been president of the Blythen Wetland block for a number of years now. Gary is instrumental in running and organising the block to maximise it's potential for the members and also other licence holders.

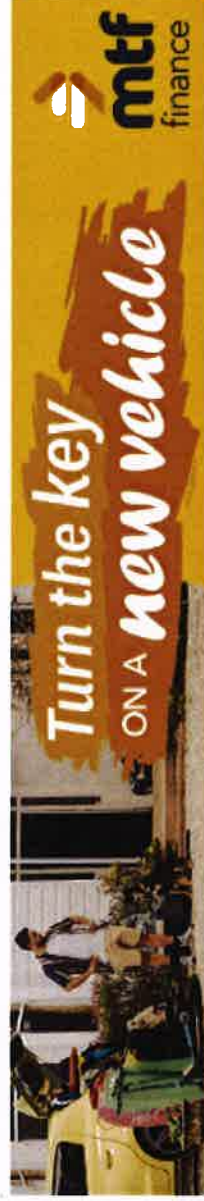
Gary organises working bee's, Pest control rosters and generally keeps everyone in line and on track to achieve the blocks objectives. He is a very valued member and president of the block and I thought it was time he was recognized for his past and ongoing efforts.

Your consideration would be greatly appreciated.

Regards

Regards

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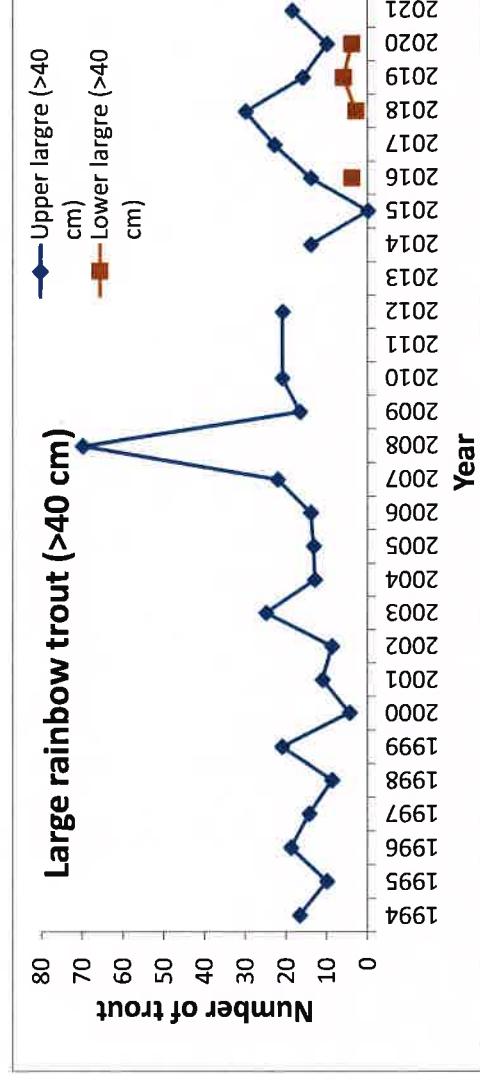
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Bi-Monthly Chief Executive’s Report
Auckland/Waikato Fish & Game Meeting June 2021

OUTPUT 1: SPECIES MANAGEMENT

Project 5111: Drift Diving

The 2021 Awakino River drift dive report was completed. In summary, the Awakino River trout population is within the normal range for large fish. Juvenile (age zero) fish were detected during the drift dive indicating recruitment during the 2020 spawning season. The current fish population should provide moderate to good fishing and there is no need to adjust bag limits. Overall, the river is in good shape with room for improvement in terms of suspended solids due to the unfenced streams and very steep hill country grazing.



Project 5115: Population Surveys

Early results from angler returns indicate that the sterile rainbow trout released into Lake Arapuni are being caught at a much lower rate than the non-sterile fish. This is to be expected as most of the early returns, apart from the Arapuni Fishing Competition, are from the base of the Waipapa Dam where the non-sterile hatchery-reared rainbows are accumulating as they try and find somewhere to spawn. We anticipate that we will start to see a difference in size in 2022.

Additional fish tags were ordered and received for the Sterile Trout Project, and fish will continue to be tagged for subsequent releases.

Project 5121: Harvest survey

Adam attended the Arapuni Fishing Competition to assist with data collection and to present the \$100 voucher draw for anglers that turned in tagged fish. The turnout and catch were good with 66 fish entered including 11 tagged fish.

Harvest Surveys and Hunter Feedback; if you think this has been the worst season ever, you are not alone. On opening day nearly, a third of hunters reported that they didn't shoot a single duck. We knew duck numbers were low at banding sites and some areas in our region had extremely poor breeding success. Coupled with the conditions on opening weekend it proved to be a shocker for many. Stories of success are few and far between with only isolated pockets of the region appearing to fair well. We need rain and quickly to recharge aquifers, fill seasonal wetlands and allow birds to get into good condition for the breeding season. We then need a prolonged wet spell well into late spring/early summer in order to maintain those ephemeral areas and increase duckling survival. Another drought would be bordering on disastrous.

We have also copped some flak from some of the positive PR that is being spun by national office. We understand the need to sell licences, however, telling hunters that there are plenty of birds around when quite clearly the opposite is true, undermines regional staff who are saying quite the opposite. We have requested that in future such media releases are worded more carefully.

Project 5161: Trout Releases

Two-year-old rainbow trout were released into Lake Pupuke's Quarry Lake (400 fish), Parkinson Lake (200 fish) and Lake Moana-nui (200 fish). The two-year-old fish releases have been popular with anglers. Initial reports on the Quarry Lake release were excellent with a father & daughter pair landing 30 fish in a day. Adam contacted North Shore Fly Fishers Club to ask them to keep an eye on the newly released fish and report any fish caught. Reports of browns from the 2020 Parkinson's release are also encouraging considering the lake is extremely low and warm.

Project 5181: Control

Twenty five permits were given during March/April to disturb or cull low numbers of pukeko or shelducks. This was slightly more than previous years.

The current law surrounding what landowners can and cannot do about rouge harrier hawks killing ducklings, or anything else such as Fully Protected and Partially Protected Species, has been summarised by John Dyer for the Ducks Unlimited "Flight" magazine.

OUTPUT 2: HABITAT PROTECTION/MANAGEMENT

Project 5211: RMA

Leader's Forum on the future of water in the Waikato region

I attended a "forum", where presentations were made by the CE/Chairs of Dairy NZ, WRA, WRC, Mercury Energy, Tainui on how we should all work together to enhance water quality in the Waikato. However, there was little consensus amongst the various viewpoints on how we can "deliver transformational changes in water management".

Essential Freshwater Interpretation Guidance: Wetlands Definition

Mischa prepared a feedback paper on behalf of the New Zealand Fish and Game Council on the recently released exposure draft of the Essential Freshwater Interpretation Guidance: Wetlands Definition from the Ministry for the Environment which seeks to clarify the definition of 'natural wetland' in the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020 ("Freshwater NES") and National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 ("NPS-FW"). Central to the Freshwater NES is the definition of 'natural wetland' which determines whether a wetland, and any activities being undertaken in or near it, is captured by the regulations. We stated that overall we support the definitions provided we have the further amendments we sought to the Freshwater NES accepted. In our opinion those changes are a necessary first step to ensuring that these definitions are appropriate and allow for wetland restoration activities. Beyond that we do not support a weakening of the definition of wetlands in the NPS-FM and Freshwater NES as the priority for the definition should be to protect wetlands. An area of concern for us however relates to what constitutes an artificially constructed wetland – there is a grey area here however seems to turn on what the purpose of constructing the wetland was for. We sought that the Exposure Draft expand on this point and that the list of examples the paper provides is not helpful as the assessment is more complex than that.

Puke Coal

Adam conducted a review of the Puke Coal case and attended expert conferencing as per instructions by the hearing panel after they differed in their decision. This is for a proposed waste dump at the old mine site. Leachate and stormwater from the site enters a nearby stream which flows into Lake Waahi.

Waikato District Plan

Our submissions opposing the following zoning changes were all accepted in the consultant reports (Section 42a reports), and thus it is very unlikely that the proposed zoning changes will proceed.

- Ward Demolition proposed change from Rural to Industrial next to our North Shepherd Wetland.
- Kainga Moana Nui Limited from Rural to Village, a property on the shores of Lake Waikare.
- Madsen Lawrie Consultants from Village to Residential, and Rural to Village at 114 Dean Road.

However, the applicants can still apply for a zoning change via a resource consent.

Guiding on Public Land paper

Mischa prepared a paper on Guiding on Public Land after concerns were raised about the impact that commercial sports fish guiding is having on the DOC estate and other recreational anglers. The DOC concession system is essentially diminishing the wilderness experience sought by unguided anglers by allowing for increased access of anglers or groups of anglers to the DOC estate, which in turn increases pressure on rivers that may not be able to handle it. There is also the further concern that DOC's issuing of concessions for commercial guiding may be conflicting with Fish and Game's statutory responsibility to manage the sports fishery resource. This report found that under the Conservation Act, DOC is required to 'allow for'

tourism’s use of natural and historic resources, but only to the extent that these activities do not conflict with its conservation mandate. In the context of granting concessions, these can only be justified if their exercise is not inconsistent with the Conservation Act or any conservation management strategies and plans. For example, due to DOC’s statutory obligation to protect recreational freshwater fisheries on land managed by it, if a concession application was made for a fishery that is already known to be under pressure DOC has the power to impose restrictions or controls in the form of conditions, or to decline the concession application altogether. In terms of powers within Fish and Game, we can set specific requirements for the issuing of licences for certain fisheries, such as the Controlled Fishery Licence. There also exists the function for Fish and Game Councils to issue sports fishing guide licences under section 26(Q)(1)(f)(iii) of the Conservation Act 1987.

Waikato Regional Council – 2021-2031 Long Term Plan

Mischa made a submission on the Waikato Regional Council’s 2021-2031 Long Term Plan which mainly concerns rates increases and how that money is proposed to be spent by the regional council.

One of the proposals was regarding cost recovery for consent holders which included increasing the cost of dam consents. This we strongly opposed. We made the point that damming is often required to restore natural wetland hydrology and that the Waikato Regional Plan requires the Waikato Regional Council to promote the creation, enhancement, and remediation of wetlands. By increasing the cost of dam consents the council is essentially disincentivising wetland restoration and is therefore at odds with the Waikato Regional Plan. We therefore sought to leave the charges as they currently are.

Clare spoke to our submission at the hearing on May 12th on behalf of AWFG, going over the reasons behind our LTP submission points and outlining our concerns in regard to increasing the cost of dam consents.

Waikato Regional Council - Regional Pest Management Plan

Mischa made a submission on the Waikato Regional Council’s Regional Pest Management Plan (RPMP).

Our main concern is that the list of pest species identified in the RPMP has been largely reduced and as a result those species previously considered pests now have inadvertent protection through other rules and regulations. For example, the Waikato Regional Plan requires any landowner to apply for a resource consent when seeking to remove vegetation in or near a river, lake or wetland, unless that vegetation is identified as a pest plant in the RPMP. The extra cost and time of applying for resource consents will mean that less weed clearance is carried out in the future than has been in the past. For this reason, we sought the inclusion of an appendix or list of “unmanaged pest species” in the PRMP and to also clearly state where management would require a resource consent. The RPMP hearing will be held in August.

Healthy Rivers

The Waikato Regional Council came back to us mid-May with their response on our Environment Court appeals to the proposed Plan Change 1 (Healthy Rivers) for the Waikato

River catchment. The WRC stated whether they supported or opposed each of our 121 appeals and the reasons for this.

Sarah Ongley (consultant RMA lawyer) and Clare are going through the appeal points and the WRC responses, to work out which appeals require further evidence for the mediation meetings which are scheduled for September.

Prior to this there will be meetings of likeminded groups (similar appeals) on each broad topic.

Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Submissions

Clare has submitted on both the Paeroa and Tokoroa WWTP consent applications. Paeroa has requested a 5-year short term consent to provide time for the district council to work on a Strategic Plan to optimisation improvements. Our concerns were on the short consent timeframe without any upgrades and any reduction in contaminants. Other concerns were the lack of certainty that all the proposed upgrades will go ahead, and the potential for botulism outbreaks. A meeting was had between Clare and the district council to discuss the proposed consent conditions. The district council could not provide any definite timeframe for the Strategic Plan as this has not yet been decided.

Tokoroa's consent was better in terms of scheduled upgrades over a proposed 35-year consent. There are some concerns over the potential for additional wastewater taken from industrial sites which is 'assumed' to be pre-treated at the source, which in the past has contributed to non-compliance. Avian botulism is also an issue as they are considering building a wetland to receive the treated effluent before discharging into a tributary of the Pokaiwhenua Stream.

Open Country Dairy

We have essentially agreed to final set of conditions that will allow the Environment Court appeal to be settled and are just awaiting the final consent orders. The application which originally sought a year-round discharge to the Waitoa River has been reigned in significantly and will now incorporate a dual discharge regime requiring discharge to land during summer coupled with low flow restrictions. When this is considered in conjunction with the treatment plant upgrade we can call this process a win. We received thank from WRC for our determination in facilitating such a good environmental outcome. Likewise, we were satisfied that the Council took a hard line on this application and believe it sets precedence for future discharges. We are already noticing that subsequent applicants have reviewed the case and are taking the decision into account when developing their discharge proposals.

Cambridge WWTP

David attended the latest virtual meeting for the Cambridge WWTP consultation group. WDC have decided to progress with the Cambridge only option which will mean that the council has 6 years to design and implement their state of the art WWTP on the same site as the existing one.

Te Kauwhata WWTP

David attended the latest virtual meeting for the Te Kauwhata WWTP consultation group meeting. It was reaffirmed by Waikato District Council Staff that they still intend to have the

treated wastewater removed from Lake Waikare within the previously agreed timeframe of 2023. This is positive; however, concerns were raised regarding the lack of actual action on the ground to achieve this goal and what would happen if the deadline was not met. David also raised concerns about the meetings and how they were being run. The agreement all the parties signed and consent conditions set criteria for the purpose of the meetings and these need be better adhered to.

Sleepyhead Development

The rezoning application for sleepyhead was approved paving the way for the development. We got some good concessions including a negotiated third-party agreement that will require no complaint covenants to be included on all residential lots. The plan change also included the following criteria for predator control based on David's evidence of the potential adverse effects associated with and increased number of cats and dogs in the area. From this point resource consent applications will be required which will need to implement these provisions. As such, we will need to keep a watching brief on the process to ensure both are implemented correctly.

A predator control programme including;

- a) An overarching goal of mitigating the adverse effects associated with an increase of cats and dogs in nearby high value conservation areas and contributing to the restoration and enhancement of indigenous biodiversity within the site, and within the adjacent Rotokawau Reserve;*
- b) Objectives of increasing Ohinewai zone occupants' awareness of predator threats, and the need for predator control, including control of domestic cats and dogs, to reduce the threat of predation on indigenous fauna;*
- c) A predator control strategy designed to achieve the above goal and objectives;*
- d) Predator control methods that extend to at least the western portion of the Rotokawau Reserve, subject to the agreement of the Department of Conservation to undertake those activities on the Reserve;*
- e) Predator control methods that include the effective control of cats and dogs;*
- f) A monitoring programme to ensure the objectives are being achieved and predator populations are being suppressed sufficiently to achieve biodiversity gains;*

Project 5221: Fish & Game land.

AWFG Comprehensive Wetland Consent

A consultation letter and the draft consent was sent to four iwi groups whose rohe extends over the area of our wetlands in the Waikato District. We requested that they respond by the end of May. So far, Tainui are the only ones to respond to this letter and they have expressed an interest to visit the wetlands. The inclusion of a Consultation section has been added to the consent application, which will be sent to the WRC sometime in June.

Williamson Wetland Compliance Audit

We received a high level of compliance overall; however it was noted that a site visit would be preferable for the next audit and therefore issues such as adherence to the weed

management plan will require vigilance. Another area which received low priority non-compliance was reporting of predator control as required by the Predator Control Plan. A few individuals appear to be doing the bulk of the predator control work in the block, but this is somewhat ad hoc and the activities are not being logged as required. David is happy to set up the trap NZ app for the wetland which allows for easy on-site recording into an online database, however before doing so we need to ensure that the committee are willing to do this work. Alternatively, a contractor may need to be engaged in order to ensure that we can comply with the plan. The next audit is proposed for July 2022.

Whangamarino Weir Section 128 Review

David has attended 2 meetings to further develop the technical work plan for this project. We are working towards a timeline of December 2021 to complete the following goals which all have their own associated work streams. If any councillors would like the more detailed reports and documentation, we are happy to send them through.

Goal 1. Prepare a technical summary of the current hydrological regime (incl. water levels, water storage,), extent of sedimentation, land drainage, and ecosystem response, in relation to the existing Whangamarino weir. *This will inform assessment of adverse effects and provide a base scenario to identify and screen potential options*

Goal 2. Re-evaluate the optimal hydrological regime for Whangamarino Wetland to i) enhance biodiversity and cultural values, and ii) address any adverse effects associated the operation of the existing weir.

Goal 3. Identify and screen options for improving the hydrological function of Whangamarino weir

Goal 4. Technical report prepared and submitted to RUD and other parties.

North Shepherd Wetland

A number of issues have arisen with the grazier who has been in this block recently. These included stock in the area after Opening Day when they were all supposed to be removed. There was also quite a number of dead stock. This grazier has several times been asked to leave and as of 17 May seems to have finally gone.

Aka Aka Wetland

Council requested an Aka Aka User Group be set up. The Inaugural Meeting of this group was called by Mr Dyer on site on 18 April. Of the 18 active ponds in this wetland, only three were not represented; one pondholder sent an apology, one was in hospital and one was a no show. A President and a Secretary were elected and all members present agreed to share their contact details with the Secretary so as to call future meetings, working bees and so on. Issues concerning this wetland were discussed, including in particular the collapsing portions of the western access track. It was agreed that Matsudana willow poles with possum guards fitted would be worth trying. Mr Dyer said there were trees near Pokeno that would provide suitable poles and would only need to have possum guards fitted.

Project 5231: Other Land

The Closed Game Area sign marking the southern boundary on the Waikato River Delta is somewhat the worse for wear, having been shot at several times. A replacement has since been ordered and will be erected when ready.

Whangamarino Weir

Mr Dyer landed a boat on the far side of the weir to check recent DoC repairs. Three new roles of wire were present but clearly it would have benefited from a fourth roll to secure a dozen or so smallish remaining holes in the older wire mesh used to secure the gabion baskets. These holes were completely random and had most likely been caused by the wire mesh being snagged by drifting willow log-branches, rather than any human interference. Wire ends seemed to be broken off rather than sharply cut. DoC are meeting onsite to follow this up.

WCEET funded

We have had to alter some of the WCEET funded projects in order to avoid non-compliance with new NES provisions. Our project manager has been very understanding and many other applicants are facing similar issues.

For one project David is writing a consent application in order to test how the new provisions will be treated by WRC and to determine how supportive the council will be in providing for wetland enhancement activities through the consenting framework.

OUTPUT 3: PARTICIPATION

Project 5311: Access negotiation

Adam conducted two site visits to work out if walking access was safe on the upper Waimiha River. Adam then met with the Whenuatupu-Ohinemoa trust twice and negotiated driving access during working hours through their farm and walking access to the upper Waimiha River. Adam will further the relationship and install signage as soon as it is approved by the trust. The total cost of the signs trail markers and fence crossing structures will be under \$500.

Adam negotiated walking access and constructed a fishing platform to be installed in Lake Whatihua near Waiuku.

Adam and Roslyn updated the coarse fishing pamphlet and Adam visited the Chelsea Sugar ponds to review access and give advice on potential restoration options.

Project 5331: F&G Newspapers

Mr Dyer has used Both Barrels to warn hunters of the considerable, 6-months+ delays, for getting firearms licences renewed and 12-month+ plus delays of getting a new licence to go hunting. It is clear that numbers of people, (how many we can only guess), would have gone gamebird hunting this year but for the fact their firearms licence is being held up excessively. Shooters whose licence has expired need to transfer their firearms into another licensed hunter's safe until Police get their act together. They cannot travel with these firearms nor

shoot with them except under another shooters “immediate supervision”. Several have expressed to Mr Dyer they have missed their first season in many, many decades because they could not travel with their guns “supervised”. F&G National Office has twice written to the Police Minister but had yet to receive any reply.

Adam began interviews for an article on breaking down barriers to going fishing for female anglers.

Project 5341: Other publications

Duck Gun Podcast

David did an interview for the Duck Gun Podcast, a U.S. based waterfowl podcast that also have several YouTube and social media channels.

Waikato Lakes Book

David wrote a pop-up box on Avian Botulism for the Waikato Lakes Book.

Project 5361: User Group Costs.

F&G National Office put in a submission on the newest Arms Act Amendment. Mr Dyer also put in his own personal submission as well as helping EPCM put in theirs and also assisted another Auckland rifle club. Mr Dyer is a committee member of both these clubs. There are considerable implications for gun clubs in terms of these new, over the top, expensive and frankly largely impractical security requirements, that the Amendment would require for the transport of arms and ammunition to ranges in private vehicles.

OUTPUT 4: PUBLIC PROMOTIONS

Project 5431: liaison advocacy

Waitomo Caves

Adam met with the new environmental manager at Waitomo Caves to discuss their lack of progress on the WWTP and to help them with their koi carp problem. Waitomo Caves staff are also embarking on a planting program for the stream.

Koi carp commercial venture

Adam submitted his concerns of a DoC proposal for a special permit that would allow koi carp fishing potentially anywhere in the Waikato Region using set nets. The proposal was to simplify the permit process and lower the cost to under \$200. The potential bycatch of birds and sports fish could be huge. Developing a commercial carp industry would also incentivise the spread of koi carp and create a financial incentive to oppose future eradication. Staff have already received warnings that any attempt to remove koi carp will be blocked.

Adam also reviewed a koi carp harvest permit that requested the use of any size mesh for set nets in both lakes and river in the Waikato Region. MPI restricted the permit to fishing in Lake Waikare and staff have initiated an OIA request to review what information was submitted and what the permit allows for as MPI would not give any details.

Project 5441: Displays/Promotions.

Staff attended and spoke at the Franklin Acclimatisation Sub-Society AGM in Pukekohe, Pukekohe Hunting & Fishing Duck Night, Hamilton F&G Association, Warkworth and Waikato Hunting & Fishing Duck Nights.

OUTPUT 5: LAW ENFORCEMENT

Project 5511 Ranging/Training

Ranger Training

David, Adam, John and most of our honorary rangers have recently attended refresher courses hosted by Eastern F&G.

Markup disputes

The earlier than normal mark-up day caught plenty out this year and when coupled with competition for hunting spots caused by the dry conditions led to a large number of disputes. Some were relatively easy to resolve when people claimed that they had tagged up earlier but the licence database subsequently revealed that they hadn't actually purchased their licence at the time. Others became a messy case of he said, she said and without any good evidence such as video or photos to substantiate either sides story it was difficult to determine who was telling the truth. Some maimai changed hands after decades of ownership.

Ranging

On opening weekend Adam and David targeted private land in the central and southern part of the region. The first pond checked had 3 generations of the same family, all fully compliant and with a decent morning bag of mainly paradise ducks but also a dozen or so mallards. From there the next few maimais were generally compliant with a few children hunting with their grandparents or parents not having duck shooting licences. The last maimai checked on a private lake had 7 occupants 5 of which were non-compliant. Two Juniors (15 and 16) were HWL and also had a mix of lead shot and unplugged gun offences. Three of the 5 adults present similarly had lead shot and unplugged guns. The 5 shotguns were seized and infringement notices issued.

We received multiple complaints of hunters shooting under power including photos which clearly showed boats driving at high speeds with occupants that had guns in hand, so on the Sunday Adam and David went out on the work boat to try and catch up with the offenders. Instead, they came across a maimai with 2 male occupants and a child. No-one in the maimai had a GBHL and later enquiries with the police found neither adult had a FAL. Infringement notices were issued for HWL and lead shot. Further up river a group of 6 Junior and child hunters who were out with Grandad for the morning. One of the children was given a verbal warning for using lead 20-gauge ammo. The rest were compliant. Later in the day the rangers came across 2 large boats that claimed to be drift shooting. One was under power but the occupants claimed to be 'trying to find a woundy' a very common excuse being used up when hunters are found with loaded guns on motorised vessels. Overall duck numbers were well down which was anticipated, but coupled with the clear calm conditions it was one of the

poorest opening weekends in living memory. In total 32 hunters were checked by Adam and David and 7 offences detected.

Post opening weekend we are getting consistent complaints of power shooting and last weekend had a further call out for two boats shooting under power near Rangariri. The police also received multiple calls as the hunters were allegedly discharging their firearms towards the expressway and in the direction of residents that were working on their section next to the River. The use of motorised boats for 'drift shooting' remains one of the biggest compliance issues in this region and given the number of near misses in recent years it seems inevitable that sooner or later a serious incident will occur.

On Opening Weekend, a joint-ranging event was planned between F&G and Police at Hoods Landing. Unfortunately, Police staff on the ground somehow had the impression it had been cancelled and Mr Dyer had to go find them after an hour of waiting. With hunters' boats coming and going on the full tide at this wharf, this waiting time was put to good use by our 3 hononaries present. Two of them then returned to their bach and, in the process, bumped into other police officers operating from boats and were able to assist them. Two alleged F&G offenders were also identified then, both lead-shot offences, and so their guns and ammunition, (a whole slab in one instance), were seized.

There have also been reports of one group of hunters, who shoot Opening Weekend only, killing Fully Protected Species and shooting at anything else that flies past. This maimai's coordinates have been identified for a future compliance check by police or rangers in that area. Clearly such activities have potential to reflect badly on all other good hunters.

Mr Dyer reported that it was otherwise very good compliance, even when checking out maimais where foul-play had been suspected by others. It is not unusual, if one group are shooting lots and another not, that suspicion sets in about why that may be. Many hunters checked commented about their ponds being "the driest in 20 years" also that birds were few and far between. Yet other hunters in these same areas did well.

Project 5841: National liaison

Adam obtained two large koi carp traps from the University of Waikato to help Northland respond to the potential koi carp release in Kai Iwi lakes. During the visit Adam used a drone to hunt for carp over 8km of the lake edge. Adam will continue to assist where needed. This is a unique situation due to an unsubstantiated threat of a koi release by angry trout fishermen after iwi refused to allow trout stocking in the lake. There has also been a confirmed release of koi in Lake Rototoa (Ototoa) about 90km to the south of Kai Iwi in the Auckland/Waikato Region.

B. Wilson,
Chief Executive

Financial Report for June 2021 Meeting

Income during January-February 2021

Non-resident levies are down some \$17,000, but these funds are outside of budget funding and do not contribute to bulk funds.

Fish licence sales are up slightly from 2019 due to an increase in licence sales to residents compensating for the decline in non-resident sales (0.8%). Neighbouring regions are down considerably (Northland -15% and Eastern -7%).

Game licence sales are down slightly from 2019 (-0.7%), but have held up well considering the dry conditions and comparatively poor game season. Neighbouring regions are again down considerably (Northland -8% and Eastern -4%)

Given the current discussions over amalgamating with Northland, it's worth looking at the licence sales for both regions to date (24 May 2021). Note that these are gross sales before licence agent commissions. Northland would have contributed 14.4% in an amalgamated region.

	Fish LED	Fish \$	Game LED	Game \$	Total \$
Northland	242	\$32,682	1,608	\$158,443	\$191,125
Auckland/Waikato	3,658	\$491,377	6,459	\$636,007	\$1,127384

Other income came from interest income (\$3,218), fines and diversion (\$1,262), forestry permits (\$1,913) and zon gun hire (\$196). Reimbursements for legal expenditure from NZF&G was \$2,000

Expenditure during January-February 2021

Access: Adam is building a small fishing platform for Lake Whatihua, as the lakeshores have been extensively planted.

Fish lure: Purchased to give away to children who assist with mallard banding (\$164).

Fish Tags: Tags were purchased for the Lake Arapuni releases (\$3,875).

Forest Permits: After we pay Rayonier Forests and for the liability insurance, we will break even on the forestry permits.

Brennan Wetland: This wetland project is funded by Ingham's Ltd from mitigation funding.

Office Maintenance: Some work was completed to repair damage to a window and door during one of the recent burglary attempts. We also received an insurance pay-out for the sliding doors (\$8,802), and I've ordered replacements.

General Legal expenses: I have requested reimbursement for our legal expenses for Ward Ranch from the insurers.

Insurance: The annual fees were similar to previous years.

Stationary: The order was for business cards and postage-paid envelopes (\$1760).

Term deposits

We currently have the following term deposits:

			<u>Term</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Matures</u>
0075	\$300,000.00	1.55%	270 days	7 Sep 20	4 Jun 21	
0076	\$200,000.00	0.85%	8 months	13 Nov 20	13 Jul 21	
0077	\$100,000.00	0.85%	8 months	12 Feb 21	12 Oct 21	
0078	\$300,000	0.80%	12 months	22 Mar 21	22 Mar 22	

Ben Wilson
Chief Executive

Regional Sales - To 18th May

GWA GWJ GWC GDA GDI LEQ Game \$

2018	6,667	536	228	23	0	6,778	\$639,121
2019	6,378	520	207	48	1	6,494	\$625,412
2020	3,918	312	145	0	0	3,981	\$391,720
2021	6,316	531	254	50	0	6,433	\$633,347

-0.9 (Comparing 2019 with 2021)

FWF FWA FWNA FSLA FLA FWA FLBA FSBA FDA FDNA FWJ FWNJ FDI FDNJ FWNC FDNC LEQ Fish \$

2017-18	676	1,611	372	175	128	145	31	215	966	584	185	17	94	5	0	0	3,587	\$469,687
2018-19	646	1,587	407	203	181	181	27	214	939	386	174	21	102	12	5	3	3,614	\$491,318
2019-20	611	1,634	397	232	175	72	23	193	795	307	178	14	71	4	17	1	3,507	\$489,862
2020-21	738	1,869	83	257	129	148	16	253	982	46	219	1	112	0	8	0	3,636	\$488,343

FWF	\$173 Full Season Family
FWA	\$133 Full Season Adult
FSLA	\$113 Full Season Senior
FLA	\$106 Full Season Local Area
FWIA	\$80 Winter Adult
FLBA	\$93 Long Break Adult
FSBA	\$48 Short Break Adult
FDA	\$21 Day Adult
FWJ	\$27 Full Season Junior
FDJ	\$5 Day Junior
FWC	Free Full Season Child
FWNA	\$180 Non-Resident Full Season Adult
FDNA	\$34 Non-Resident Day Adult
FWNJ	\$34 Non-Resident Full Season Junior
FDNJ	\$20 Non-Resident Day Junior
FWNC	\$34 Non-Resident Full Season Child
FDNC	\$20 Non-Resident One Day Child

BUDGET 2020/21**ACTUAL 2020/21 (as of 30/04/2021)**

Project	Expenditure	Income	Net Cost	Expenditure	Income	Net Cost	Variance
SPECIES MANAGEMENT							
POPULATION MONITORING							
Drift diving	3,520	3,500	20	383		383	363
Banding/shoveler study/wetlands stud	9,500		9,500	8,978		8,978	(522)
Aerial transects	2,000		2,000				(2,000)
Trend counts	3,000		3,000	3,523		3,523	523
Fish surveys	2,000	2,000	-	10,889		10,889	10,889
Gamebird Research				-			
HARVEST ASSESSMENT							
Gamebirds				188		188	188
RELEASES							
Fish	7,000	7,000	-	6,693		6,693	6,693
CONTROL							
Gamebirds (zon guns)	2,500	2,500			1,410	(1,410)	(1,410)
HABITAT PROTECTION/MANAGEMENT							
RESOURCE MAN. ACT							
R.M.A	20,000	-	20,000	2,792		2,792	(17,208)
FISH & GAME PROPERTIES							
Council Land-maint,grass,fence,spray	11,000	10,500	500	3,048		3,048	2,548
Rates	1,000		1,000	1,349		1,349	349
NON COUNCIL LAND							
Non Council Land	20,000	20,000		15,032	15,032		
MRP & Genesis mitigation monies	60,000	60,000		20,246	20,246		(20,246)
Trees	5,000	5,000	-	2,843			-
ASSESSING & MONITORING							
Assessment & Monitoring	2,000	2,000		38		38	38
PARTICIPATION							
ACCESS							
Access negotiation				1,080	1,913	(833)	(833)
Signs/tracks etc	500		500				(500)
NEWSLETTERS							
Magazine/Newsletters	1,000		1,000	45		45	(955)
OTHER PUBLICATIONS							
Pamphlets	200		200				(200)
PUBLIC PROMOTIONS							
Displays/promotions/PR	500		500	-		-	(500)

Budget without hours

BUDGET 2020/21 ACTUAL 2020/21 (as of 30/04/2021)

Project	Expenditure	Income	Net Cost	Expenditure	Income	Net Cost	Variance
COMPLIANCE							
RANGING							
Ranging	500		500	623		623	123
RANGER TRAINING							
Training	500	500					
COMPLIANCE							
Legal	15,000	6,000	9,000	4,061	8,530	(4,469)	(13,469)
COUNCILS							
COUNCIL MEETINGS							
Meeting costs	2,000		2,000	1,606		1,606	(394)
PLANNING/REPORTING							
REPORTING/AUDIT							
Annual Report/Audit	16,000		16,000	16,300		16,300	300
NATIONAL LIAISON							
National Liason				44		44	44
ADMINISTRATION							
SALARIES							
Salaries	574,680		574,680	351,723		351,723	(222,957)
STAFF EXPENSES							
ACC Levy	2,300		2,300	1,309	1,309		(2,300)
Super/KS	19,440		19,440	19,305		19,305	(135)
Fringe Benefit Tax	13,600		13,600	3,164		3,164	(10,436)
Staff Training	750		750	69	69		(750)
Clothing	500		500	391	391		(500)
Reimb allowances	10,000		10,000	10,000		10,000	
OFFICE PREMISES							
Rent	1,500		1,500	120		120	(1,380)
Rates	1,200		1,200	744		744	(456)
Maintenance	4,000		4,000	6,152	8,803	(2,651)	(6,651)
Insurance (includes off equipment)	4,000		4,000	3,887		3,887	(113)
Power	2,800		2,800	1,378		1,378	(1,422)
OFFICE EQUIPMENT							
Purchases (Under \$2,000)	1,900		1,900	2,320			(1,900)
Asset Replacement Funding							
Eqpmt Maintenance	1,500		1,500	307		307	(1,193)
COMMUNICATIONS/CONSUMABLES							
Telephone/fax	12,000		12,000	9,110		9,110	(2,890)
Postage	1,200		1,200	43		43	(1,200)
Courier							
Stationery	3,000		3,000	2,546		2,546	(454)
Photocopying	1,000		1,000	709		709	(291)

Budget without hours

BUDGET 2020/21		ACTUAL 2020/21 (as of 30/04/2021)					
Project	Expenditure	Income	Net Cost	Expenditure	Income	Net Cost	Variance
GENERAL							
Donations				257		257	257
Bank Charges (Interest calc by NZC)				4,917		4,917	3,417
General Office expenses	1,500		1,500				
Insurance - General	1,350		1,350	30,198		30,198	28,848
Legal - General	1,200		1,200	1,619		1,619	419
Public Liability insurance							
GENERAL EQUIPMENT							
Purchases (Under \$2,000)	2,000		2,000	607		607	(1,393)
Asset Replacement Funding							
Equipment Maintenance	1,500		1,500	1,400		1,400	(100)
Equipment Insurance	-		-				-
Equipment Hire/rental/running expenses				551		551	551
VEHICLES							
Vehicle Maintenance	13,000		13,000	6,776		6,776	(6,224)
Vehicle Insurance	6,200		6,200	6,000		6,000	(200)
Vehicle Registration	1,000		1,000	424		424	(576)
Vehicle Fuel	22,000		22,000	13,988		13,988	(8,012)
	889,840	119,000	770,840	559,529	57,703	501,826	(269,014)

Account Transactions

Auckland/Waikato Fish & Game Council

For the period 1 March 2021 to 30 April 2021

Description	Debit	Credit
Access Negotiation		
Mitre 10 Mega - Screw Ground Stirrip	30.27	0.00
Pest Control Research - Track Markers X 100	58.13	0.00
Mitre 10 Mega - Supplies to build a platform at end of paper road for access.	443.20	0.00
Mitre 10 Mega - Supplies for platform	10.64	0.00
Adam Daniel - Hyde Pipe systems Ltd	205.53	0.00
Bunnings - Strap and Decking	145.35	0.00
Bunnings - Bracket/Post	120.23	0.00
Thomsons ITM - Supplies for building platform	59.26	0.00
Assessment/Monitoring		
Adam Daniel - Mitre 10 Sampling fish equipment	37.58	0.00
Banding/Shovler Study		
Fish City Hamilton - Baifish lures	164.28	0.00
Council Meeting Expenses		
HCS Hamilton Limited - 20th March 2021 - LunchINV-1721	224.00	0.00
HCS Hamilton Limited - Delivery	15.00	0.00
New World - New World - Council meeting	3.98	0.00
Drift Dive		
Adam Daniel - Hunting & FishingGun cleaning supplies1 can only of Rem Oil Pro.	65.20	0.00
Field Equipment Maintenance		
Adam Daniel - Speedy Luge & tyre	43.48	0.00
Field Equipment Running Exps		
Pivotel - A Daniel - Satellite M2MInv:3003407	22.95	0.00
Pivotel - J Dyer - Satellite M2MInv:3003415	22.95	0.00
Pivotel - D Klee - Satellite M2MInv:3003419	22.95	0.00
Pivotel - J Dyer - Satellite M2MInv:3030626	22.95	0.00
Pivotel - D Klee - Sattellite M2MInv:3030618	22.95	0.00
Pivotel - A Daniel - Satellite M2MInv:3030618	22.95	0.00
Fish Releases/Liberations		
BOC Limited - Oxygen	115.82	0.00
Fish Surveys		
hallprint - Fish tags	3,827.37	0.00
hallprint - ITF Fee	48.44	0.00
Forestry Permits		
James Dymock - Permit	0.00	43.48
Mike Blake - Forest permit	0.00	43.48
Bank Deposit - Permits - RC317/318	0.00	86.96
Robert Copetti - Permit	0.00	43.48
John Lambert - Permit	0.00	43.48
Christopher King - Permit	0.00	43.48
Brett Farrell - Permit	0.00	43.48
William Dunn - Permit	0.00	43.48

Bank Deposit - Forest Permit - Alan CowdenRC319	0.00	43.48
Anton van Loggerenberg - Permit	0.00	43.48
Joe Murphy - Permit	0.00	43.48
Bank Deposit - PermitsRC321/322	0.00	86.96
Jacques Pienaar - Permit	0.00	43.48
Aaron Menzies - Permit	0.00	43.48
Shaun Brown - Permit	0.00	43.48
Scott Evans - Permit	0.00	43.48
Bank Deposit - Permit - Anthony WattsRC324	0.00	43.48
Kelvin Hazell - Permit	0.00	43.48
Doug Menzies - Permit	0.00	43.48
Bank Deposit - PermitPhillip HillRC325	0.00	43.48
Carl Turner - Permit	0.00	43.48
Wayne Merrie - Permit	0.00	43.48
Bruce Purdie - Permit	0.00	43.48
Ben Smith - Permit	0.00	43.48
Damon Scott - Permit	0.00	43.48
Bank Deposit - PermitTim McGowanRC326	0.00	43.48
Thomas Schubert - Permit	0.00	43.48
Dave Cunningham - Permit	0.00	43.48
Bank Deposit - PermitsGreg & Joseph MorganRC328	0.00	86.96
Reece Brown - Permit	0.00	43.48
Warren Airey - Permit	0.00	43.48
Nicolas Saunderson - Permit	0.00	43.48
Callum Wells - Permit	0.00	43.48
Warren Paton - Permit	0.00	43.48
Nathan Johnson - Permit	0.00	43.48
Shannon Prout - Permit	0.00	43.48
Nigel Airey - Permit	0.00	43.48
John Walker - Permit	0.00	43.48
Vincent Carmine - Permit	0.00	43.48
Bank Deposit - PermitsMihailo BoskovicTerry PhilburnRC329/330	0.00	86.96

Game Bird Control (Zon guns)

James Bailey - Zon gun hire	0.00	112.00
Alan Curry - Zon gun hire	0.00	42.00
Alan Curry - Zon gun hire	0.00	42.00

Habitat Works F & G Land

John Dyer - PaknSave - Flyspray for wasp control on F & G Wetlands	3.47	0.00
Working bee expenses F & G Land	573.05	0.00

Ingham Wetland Fund

Site Land Development - Earthworks for Chris Brennan Project	3,495.25	0.00
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Interest Income

Westpac - Westpac Term Deposit - 0072	0.00	3,195.62
Westpac	0.00	3.31
Westpac	0.00	8.57
Westpac	0.00	0.26
Westpac	0.00	2.75
Westpac - Interest	0.00	7.18
Westpac	0.00	0.23

Legal Expenses Reimbursement by NZ Council

New Zealand Fish & Game Council - Reimbursement:Healthy Rivers - Waikato Regi	0.00	2,000.00
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Legal General

Susan Hughes QC - Ward ranch Limited proceedings	1,400.00	0.00
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Miscellaneous Income

Tim Lelo - Take a mate	0.00	3.48
NZI Insurance - Insurance - break in	0.00	8,802.84
Saul Partridge - Take a Mate	0.00	3.48
Tim Montgomery - Take a Mate	0.00	3.48
Sam Holt - Take a Mate licence	0.00	3.48
Seth Notman - Take a Mate	0.00	3.48
Theunis Oosthuizen - Take a Mate	0.00	3.48
Brian Pinton - Take a Mate	0.00	3.48

National Liaison

Air New Zealand - Flight changed from 2:30pm to 6:35pm.Ben Wilson - Wellington to Hamilton Airport - Carparking	206.09	0.00
New Zealand Fish & Game Council - Air fares - Change to later flight Wellington to H	0.00	206.09
New Zealand Fish & Game Council - Parking - Hamilton airport	0.00	34.78

NZ F&G Levy

New Zealand Fish & Game Council - Quarterly Levy InstalmentINV-0632	29,493.91	0.00
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Office Equipment

PB Tech Hamilton - Cable	22.24	0.00
PB Tech Hamilton - Webcam	88.23	0.00
PB Tech Hamilton - Monitor stand	49.95	0.00

Office General

Adam Daniel - Raglan Roast - Coffee	17.39	0.00
Adobe Systems Software - Adobe Acrobat Pro SubInv:1363724877	22.05	0.00
Mailchimp - Mailchimp sub	124.99	0.00
Countdown - Office supplies	28.43	0.00
Raglan Computer Services - Inv:769408	350.92	0.00
Eastern Fish and Game Council - Xero SubscriptionINV-3444	59.30	0.00
Adobe Systems Software - Adobe AcrobatInv:1376711475	19.02	0.00
Department of Internal Affairs - Agency FeesInv:1800364775	12.70	0.00
Stuff Ltd - Waikato Times sub	50.30	0.00
Allied Security - Inv:140539	35.00	0.00
Mischa Davis - Uber broadband - INV-468836April	51.30	0.00
Adobe Systems Software - Acrobat subInv:1382745905	22.26	0.00
Countdown - Batteries for cameras	17.39	0.00
Mailchimp - Mailchimp sub	124.99	0.00
Countdown - Countdown - office supplies	15.30	0.00
Mister Minit - Front door key x 2	18.96	0.00
Select Alarms - Checking issues with alarm system.Inv:346381	120.80	0.00
Adam Daniel - Raglan Roast	16.52	0.00
Zoom - Standard Pro Annual feeINV81543747	186.29	0.00
Arlo - Camera software sub	6.95	0.00
Adobe Systems Software - Adobe standard	18.79	0.00
Eastern Fish and Game Council - April subscription - Xero accounting packageINV-3	68.00	0.00
Countdown - Office supplies	19.99	0.00
Allied Security - Alarm MonitoringInv:142243	37.04	0.00
Stuff Ltd - Waikato Times Sub	50.30	0.00

Office Insurance

Frank Risk Management Limited - Material Damage Insurance Renewal	3,253.65	0.00
Frank Risk Management Limited - Management Fee	633.28	0.00

Office Maintenance

Adam Daniel - Mitre 10Rat bait	43.47	0.00
Acorn Building Supplies - Supplies for repair to garage side door.Quote:19802	819.16	0.00

Green Acres - LawnmowingInv: 965742	69.57	0.00
Green Acres - Lawn mowingInv:971109	69.57	0.00
Frankton Aluminium Ltd - 30% deposit for replacement joinery.Quote #14658	2,901.72	0.00
Green Acres - LawnmowingInv:985480	69.57	0.00
Raglan Adventures Limited - Work on framing door and window after break in.Inv:00:	1,050.00	0.00

Office Power

Meridian - Power - Office	158.15	0.00
Meridian - Power	170.41	0.00

Office Premises Rates (inc Water)

Hamilton City Council - Rates - 156 Brymer Road, Hamilton	33.04	0.00
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Photocopier

Canon - Photocopier	132.50	0.00
Canon - Photocopier	56.02	0.00

Prosecutions Fines

Ministry of Justice - Green/Simon/Trevor	0.00	59.40
Ministry of Justice - Brown/Hamish	0.00	537.82
Ministry of Justice - Lockley/Nathan/Daniel/Burgess	0.00	108.00
Ministry of Justice - Barron/Jessie/Lee	0.00	90.00
Ministry of Justice - Marr/Patrick/John	0.00	72.00
Ministry of Justice - Green/Simon/Trevor	0.00	118.80
Ministry of Justice - Lockley/Nathan.Daniel.Burgess	0.00	106.20
Ministry of Justice - Barron/Jessie/Lee	0.00	97.56
Ministry of Justice - Marr/Patrick/John	0.00	72.00

Rates - F & G Land

Ruapehu District Council - Rates for Stone Jug Road2021/102965	366.63	0.00
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Spec Pari Season Permits

Richard Schrieber - Permit	0.00	4.35
Bruce Leineweber - Permit	0.00	4.35
Hayden Cram - Permit	0.00	4.35
Bank Deposit - PermitsRC309-316	0.00	78.26

Stationery

Graphicpress & packaging Ltd - F & G Printed stationeryInv:101906	1,760.00	0.00
OfficeMax - Mouse matInv:20428068	3.99	0.00
OfficeMax - LabelsInv:20428068a	47.06	0.00
Warehouse Stationery - StationeryInv:8990371	87.80	0.00
Warehouse Stationery - NotebookInv:9041236	0.87	0.00
Warehouse Stationery - CopyingInv:9053900	14.21	0.00
Warehouse Stationery - Ranger craft tagsInv:9058579	9.56	0.00

Telephone/fax/internet

Vodafone - Broadband - Office Data/PhonesInv:49852174	377.76	0.00
Spark - B wilson - Data - B Wilson	118.20	0.00
Spark - 0800 - 0800 phone	20.00	0.00
Wireless Nation Limited - Internet - David KleeInv:2021021293	86.87	0.00
Vodafone - A Daniel - Data/Internet - Adam DanielInv:602937949	91.64	0.00
Vodafone - Mobiles - MobilesInv:603129187	240.57	0.00
Spark - C Robertson - Data - C Robertson	68.57	0.00
Spark - J Dyer - Data - John Dyer	104.97	0.00
Mischa Davis - Uber broadband - INV-457944February	51.30	0.00
Mischa Davis - Uber broadband - INV-463382March	51.30	0.00
Vodafone - Broadband - Phone/dataInv:49971870	387.13	0.00

Spark - B wilson - Data - Ben Wilson	118.20	0.00
Spark - 0800 - 0800 charges	19.99	0.00
Wireless Nation Limited - Data - David KleeInv:2021030220	129.04	0.00
Vodafone - A Daniel - Data - Adam DaniellInv:603746758	94.75	0.00
Vodafone - Mobiles - MobilesInv:603944039	294.32	0.00
Spark - C Robertson - Data - Clare Robertson	68.57	0.00
Spark - J Dyer - Data - John Dyer	104.30	0.00

Vehicle Fuel & RUC

NZ Transport Agency - VN9271467 - Adam Daniel	6.35	0.00
NZ Transport Agency - VN9281469 - Adam Daniel	6.35	0.00
NZ Transport Agency - RUC - MGE86	1,325.91	0.00
BP Oil New Zealand Limited - Inv:58553196Adam Daniel	363.03	0.00
BP Oil New Zealand Limited - John Dyer	195.23	0.00
BP Oil New Zealand Limited - Ben Wilson	115.62	0.00
BP Oil New Zealand Limited - David Klee	114.14	0.00
Z Energy Limited - Inv:10851619Adam Daniel	136.92	0.00
Z Energy Limited - Ben Wilson	76.10	0.00
Z Energy Limited - David Klee	72.32	0.00
Z Energy Limited - John Dyer	41.54	0.00
BP Oil New Zealand Limited - Inv:58566736Adam Daniel	537.34	0.00
BP Oil New Zealand Limited - John Dyer	193.71	0.00
BP Oil New Zealand Limited - Ben Wilson	231.01	0.00
BP Oil New Zealand Limited - David Klee	379.57	0.00

Vehicle Insurance

Frank Risk Management Limited - Commercial Motor Vehicle Insurance Renewal	4,221.24	0.00
Frank Risk Management Limited - Commercial Hull Insurance Renewal	812.37	0.00
Frank Risk Management Limited - Management Fee	966.72	0.00

Vehicle Maintenance

John Dyer - Western Auto Electrical Ltd	146.61	0.00
Beurepaires - LJK556 - David KleeTyresInv:N202324703	1,418.00	0.00
Adam Daniel - Tony's Tyre ServiceInv:4544643Truck tyre replacement/alignmentMW	1,544.35	0.00
Adam Daniel - Trailer tyre replacement/alignment4L892	313.04	0.00
Fairview Motors Limited - MWT840Doc# MZC1H632352A	173.91	0.00

Vehicle Registration

NZ Transport Agency - Registration LJK556 - David Klee	169.63	0.00
NZ Transport Agency - Registration KNS717 - John Dyer	169.63	0.00

Westpac Term Deposit - 0074

Westpac - Maturity term deposit 074	0.00	300,000
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Westpac Term Deposit - 0078

Westpac - Term Deposit - 78 Matures 22/03/22	300,000	0.00
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Transaction List

Mastercard Business Card - 5474-33**-****-*090

Payment Date	Description	Reference	Debit	Credit
30/04/2021	ADOBE ACROBAT STD ADOBE LY ENAU IRL	993004	\$18.79	
30/04/2021	COUNTDOWN DINSDALE HAMILTON NZL	993004	\$22.99	
30/04/2021	PB TECHNOLOGIES HAMILT HAMILTON NZL	993004	\$57.44	
27/04/2021	MailChimp Atlanta GA	992604	\$143.74	
23/04/2021	ARLO 408 638 3750 IRL	992304	\$7.99	
22/04/2021	PB TECHNOLOGIES HAMILT HAMILTON NZL	992204	\$101.46	
22/04/2021	ZOOM US 888 799 9666 SAN JOSE CA	992204	\$214.23	
20/04/2021	PIVOTEL COMMUNICAT SOUTHPORT QLD	992004	\$26.39	
20/04/2021	PIVOTEL COMMUNICAT SOUTHPORT QLD	992004	\$26.39	
20/04/2021	PIVOTEL COMMUNICAT SOUTHPORT QLD	992004	\$26.39	
19/04/2021	Hamilton INT Airport Hamilton NZL	991804	\$40.00	
19/04/2021	DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENT			
15/04/2021	MR MINIT TE AWA HAMILTON NZL	991504	\$21.80	
14/04/2021	Air NZ Online Auckland NZL	991404	\$237.00	
13/04/2021	COUNTDOWN DINSDALE HAMILTON NZL	991304	\$17.60	
13/04/2021	NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY PALMERSTON NO NZL	991304	\$195.08	
12/04/2021	COUNTDOWN DINSDALE HAMILTON NZL	991004	\$20.00	
09/04/2021	ADOBE ACROPRO SUBS ADOBE LY ENAU IRL	990904	\$22.26	
09/04/2021	NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY PALMERSTON NO NZL	990904	\$195.08	
07/04/2021	PB TECHNOLOGIES HAMILT HAMILTON NZL	990704	\$25.58	
31/03/2021	PEST CONTROL RESEARCH SYDENHAM NZL	993103	\$66.85	
30/03/2021	ADOBE ACROBAT STD ADOBE LY ENAU IRL	993003	\$19.02	
26/03/2021	MailChimp Atlanta GA	992603	\$143.74	
22/03/2021	NEW WORLD HILLCREST HAMILTON NZL	992103	\$4.58	
21/03/2021	DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENT			
19/03/2021	PIVOTEL COMMUNICAT SOUTHPORT QLD	991903	\$26.39	
19/03/2021	PIVOTEL COMMUNICAT SOUTHPORT QLD	991903	\$26.39	
19/03/2021	PIVOTEL COMMUNICAT SOUTHPORT QLD	991903	\$26.39	
17/03/2021	COUNTDOWN DINSDALE HAMILTON NZL	991703	\$32.70	
09/03/2021	ADOBE ACROPRO SUBS ADOBE LY ENAU IRL	990903	\$22.05	
09/03/2021	NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY PALMERSTON NO NZL	990903	\$32.48	
04/03/2021	NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY PALMERSTON NO NZL	990403	\$1,524.80	
02/03/2021	ADOBE ACROBAT STD ADOBE LY ENAU IRL	990203	\$18.66	
02/03/2021	NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY PALM NTH NZL	990203	\$14.60	
			\$1,872.78	
				\$783.14

Current Balance as at 31/05/2021: \$574.01 DR

Fish and Game New Zealand Licence Fee Recommendation Consultation

1. Proposal

The New Zealand Fish and Game Council (NZC) seeks consultation from Fish and Game Councils on the 2021/22 licence fee recommendations.

NZC met with regional managers on 16th April to consider the 2021/22 budgets and licence fees. Following that meeting, NZC agreed to recommend an increase of \$4 to the sports fish adult whole season licence and an increase of \$2 to the game adult whole season licence. In recommending these fees, NZC also recommended that all other licence categories increased on the agreed proportions. A full list of recommended licence fees and categories is detailed at the end of this letter.

2. Background

Legislation provides for the following:

Section 26Q of the Conservation Act 1987 sets out the functions of Fish and Game Councils. Subsection (l)(d)(a) requires councils:

to assess the costs attributable to the management of sports fish and game;

Section 26Q(l)(d)(ii) requires Fish and Game councils:

to develop and recommend to the New Zealand Fish and Game Council appropriate licence fees to recover costs and game bird habitat stamp fees;

Section 26C(l)(e) requires NZC:

to recommend to the Minister of Conservation an appropriate fee for fishing and hunting licences, after considering the views and recommendations of Fish and Game Councils.

Section 26C(l)(ia) also requires NZC:

to recommend to the Minister, after considering the views and recommendations (if any) of Fish and Game Councils and the New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust Board, an appropriate fee in respect of any game bird habitat stamp and the form of such stamps (the form of the stamp to be approved as part of the 2011 Game Notice).

Operationally, national policy of NZC specifies that all expenditure needs to be approved as part of the budget round, including capital expenditure and expenditure from reserves for all councils.

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

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3. Reserves

National policy sets reserve levels equal to between 30-50% of licence income for those councils which generate licence sales income above their budget, or of total budget for those councils which receive a grant. This level of general reserve is considered adequate to provide security against fluctuations in income and to ensure adequate operational cash flow. In the May 2020 meeting, in response to Covid the prescribed reserve level was reduced to 20% of total budget for all councils.

The budget policy specifies that all expenditure from general and dedicated reserves needs to be approved by NZC as part of the budget round, or by making an application for Exceptional Funding. There are consequences across all sectors of the organisation where any council's reserves are reduced outside of policy.

4. Budget process

The method of increasing funding levels for individual councils is through a contestable funding application at the April budget setting meeting. Applications can be for either a one-off funding allocation for a specific project, or for ongoing additional funding. The latter in effect raises the total baseline funding level for that council.

The funding required to cover base funds and approved contestable funding is assessed against the expected licence sales for the year ahead (established from the last two years of actual sales), to determine the new licence fees.

This process is summarised in the following budget cycle:

Feb	NZC set Regional base funds for the 2021/22 year at \$9,607,893. This was approximately 95% of the original previous year's budget
March	All council budgets were reviewed against audited actual expenditure for the year ending 31 st August 2020.
	Budgets over or under 10% variance are reported against. The variance reports for the 2019/20 year were prepared, however because of Covid they were not appropriate to use as a guide in determining contestable funding applications.
April	Preparation of business and operational work plans for new financial year (NFY)
	Priorities for NFY are discussed at Regional Manager & NZC meetings April
	Draft budgets developed by NZ and regional F&G councils
	Councils apply for 'new' contestable funding with applications circulated beforehand, reviewed against criteria, considered and prioritised at the meeting of regional managers, which recommends the allocation of contestable funds, research and legal fund allocations and new licence fees for NFY
	NZC make recommendation on licence fees, having considered base funding levels and contestable fund applications, and send to regional councils for consideration.
June	Regional councils consider NZC licence fee recommendation. Due back to NZC 16 th June
	NZC consider regional response and finalise licence fee recommendations for approval by the Minister of Conservation.

The recommended licence fee is effectively set by dividing the sum of the proposed budgets of the 13 Councils by the number of the adult whole season licence equivalents that F&G NZ expects to sell during the year (LEQ targets).¹

¹ A licence equivalent (LEQ) sets the adult whole season licence as the standard unit of measure with a value of one (1) and other categories of licence are amalgamated as adult whole season equivalents in accordance with their proportionate value of the adult whole season licence. For example, the value of a junior whole season licence is 20% of an adult whole season licence. Therefore 5 junior whole season licences equal 1 LEQ.

5. 2021/22 LEQ targets

	2018-2019 LEQ'S (Actual)		2019-2020 LEQ'S (Actual)		2021-2022 Traditional LEQ'S (Extrapolated)		2021-2022 LEQ'S (Recommended LWP)	
	Fish	Game	Fish	Game	Fish	Game	Fish	Game
Northland	300	1,788	313	1,600	313	1,506	230	1,603
Auckland-Waikato	3,781	6,583	3,746	6,245	3,729	6,076	3,546	6,256
Eastern	9,884	3,162	9,020	2,749	8,588	2,543	8,554	2,754
Hawkes Bay	2,576	1,884	2,472	1,637	2,419	1,514	2,438	1,640
Taranaki	831	1,064	791	992	770	956	874	994
Wellington	3,005	3,504	3,026	3,134	3,026	2,949	3,142	3,139
Neelson-Marlborough	4,076	882	4,069	816	4,089	783	3,373	817
North Canterbury	11,969	2,530	11,333	2,309	11,016	2,198	11,290	2,313
West Coast	2,072	343	1,761	379	1,606	379	1,828	380
Central South Island	12,188	2,358	11,458	2,091	11,093	1,958	11,177	2,095
Otago	14,843	4,142	14,435	3,867	14,231	3,729	14,191	3,874
Southland	8,626	4,860	8,065	4,628	7,785	4,512	7,603	4,636
Total	74,151	33,101	70,510	30,448	68,665	29,103	68,245	30,500

The following components featured in the 2021-2022 budget discussions:

6. Contestable funding applications

A total of 62 contestable funding applications were received (up from 24 last year), seeking additional funding of \$1,219,639 (last year \$1,031,345). \$50,000 of this is from the Northland Restricted Reserve.

Budgets for all councils making application for increased funding were received and circulated for review prior to the April managers meeting.

7. Contestable funding recommendations

Managers considered all contestable funding applications and assigned each a priority rating. This was then explained at a joint meeting with NZC. The outcome recommended that applications totaling \$1,216,672 (\$331,701 from reserves) be funded, including provision for national RMA/legal funding.

Of this, \$608,371 (\$331,701 from reserves) was recommended for funding on a one-off basis, meaning this funding would be freed-up and become available in next year's budget round. The \$50,000 approved for Northland was from their restricted reserve. As this was from their Restricted Reserve it is simply a notification.

8. Research fund allocation

To avoid inflating the budget in any one year an allocation is made annually to the Research Fund. In past years, this allocation has been \$134,000. However, in the 2019-2020 financial year it was agreed to reduce this amount to \$70,000 due to Covid budgetary restrictions.

The Managers recommended to the NZC that the Research fund be increased by \$30,000 for the 2021/22 budget. This takes the Research Fund allocation to \$100,000 per annum. No proposals for research were put forward at this meeting.

A further \$30,000 has been recommended for the National Anglers Survey and for this to be an ongoing amount coming directly from the licence fee and not the Research fund.

9. Staff Development Fund

A staff scholarship of \$10,000 was available annually for Fish and Game staff to apply for support from the organisation for national and international study, work experience or participation in events or conferences. Again, due to Covid restrictions this budget was set to

zero for the 2020/21 year.

The Managers recommended to the NZC to reinstate this fund for 2021/22 budget (\$10,000) and ongoing.

Applications for this will open later in the year.

10. RMA/Legal fund allocation

The RMA/legal fund receives budget allocations on a reimbursement basis. It covers payment of costs through a national fund rather than separate funding allocations in individual council's budgets where approved legal projects occur.

The original application for RMA/Legal was for \$300,000 but Managers recommended that \$500,000 be allocated to the national legal pool fund for this 2021/22 year, an increase of \$186,000 from last year. This is considered the amount we are likely to spend in the 2021/22 year due to demands relating to the NPS-FW.

11. 2021/22 NZC Contestable Funding Approval and 2021/22 Budgets

The NZC approved 58 of the contestable funding applications at a total value of \$1,116,672. Of this \$288,385 were ongoing from the licence fee, \$546,586 one off from the licence fee and \$281,701 one off from reserves.

CPI on salaries for 1.4% was approved to all regions who applied. The loss of interest Income that was applied for was taken from regions reserves if reserves could sustain it. (See attached schedule of approved CF applications)

The proposed budget for the 13 Fish and Game councils for 2021/22 (including funding from reserves) is \$10,724,565. Individual budgets are shown in the table below alongside the previous financial year (both shown as GST exclusive) (excluding the \$50,000 from Northland Restricted Reserve).

National Budget	Approved 2020/21	Approved 2021/22
Northland	508,200	550,915
Auckland\Waikato	795,379	810,240
Eastern	1,071,572	1,141,059
Hawkes Bay	368,127	376,208
Taranaki	357,970	376,464
Wellington	762,502	696,199
Nelson-Marlborough	444,491	466,818
North Canterbury	775,672	783,400
West Coast	346,448	346,448
Central South Island	673,164	729,030
Otago	961,612	1,039,442
Southland	643,699	713,199
NZC only	1,134,917	1,102,607
National inc Research	1,390,640	1,592,536
TOTAL	10,234,393	10,724,565

² National issues include the cost of shared services benefiting the organisation nationwide, such as the special editions of the F&G magazine, the F&G NZ website, licence administration system, administration of elections, ranger health & safety training, etc; Commission is paid to licence sale agents (mostly retailers). Current policy sets commission at 4.5% per licence sold. Commission funding is aligned to both the licence sales estimate taken into the budget system and the subsequently adopted licence fee.

12. NZ Game Bird Habitat Stamp

No change to the Game Bird Habitat Stamp was recommended for the 2021/22 year.

13. Licence fee recommendation

Based on the estimated LEQs (extrapolated from the current sales figures and analysis of sales trends over the last two seasons (2018/19 and 2019/20)) and of generated revenue, established base funds, approved contestable funding, plus research and legal fund allocations, the NZ Council recommends:

The 2021/22 licence fees be based on a sports fish adult whole season fee of \$137 and the game adult whole season licence to be based on \$96 plus \$4 (Total \$100) for the Game Bird Habitat Stamp (GST inclusive).

14. Modification to licence categories and ratios with whole season fees

The NZ Council discussed the differential pricing for non-resident licences and agreed that the sports fish categories and ratios be maintained at the same as previous years.

15. Use of Reserves & Impact on Reserves

The recommendation for licences fee of \$137 and \$100, along with the recommendation of a total budget of \$10,724,565 requires Regions to use their reserves to cover the shortfall. Nine Regions are using reserves to cover one off project for the year (\$281,701). On top of that there is a shortfall of \$247,147, which is 2.37% of budgets. Each region will need to draw on their reserves by 2.37% in order to cover this shortfall.

In this scenario Taranaki is the only region that will require a top of Reserves in order to maintain reserves at 20%.

16. Conclusion

The NZ Council seeks consultation from Fish and Game Councils on the following resolutions:

That for consultation with regional Fish and Game Councils, a 2021/22 recommended adult whole season sports fish licence fee of \$137 and an adult whole season game licence fee of \$100 (inclusive of a \$4 fee for the Game Bird Habitat Stamp) inclusive of GST be accepted.

To enable the New Zealand Council to consider feedback and make recommendations to the Minister of Conservation at its June 17th 2021 meeting, responses to these changes are requested by 16th June 2021.



Paul Shortis
Acting Chief Executive

Schedule of F&G NZ's proposed Licences & Fees for 2021/22 (inclusive of GST)

Sports Fish Licence		2020/21	2021/22	
Category of licence	Class of applicant	Current fee \$	Proposed fee \$	Fee difference
Whole season (1 Oct – 30 Sep)	Adult	133	137	\$4.00
	Junior	27	27	Nil
	Child	free	free	Nil
Family		173	178	\$5.00
Non-resident Whole season	Adult	180	185	\$5.00
	Junior	34	35	\$1.00
	Child	34	35	\$1.00
Winter (1 Apr – 30 Sep)	Adult	80	82	\$2.00
Loyal senior	Adult	113	116	\$3.00
Local area	Adult	106	110	\$4.00
Short-break	Adult	48	49	\$1.00
Long-break	Adult	93	96	\$3.00
Day	Adult	21	22	\$1.00
Non-resident Day	Junior	5	5	Nil
	Adult	34	35	\$1.00
	Junior	20	21	\$1.00
Child	20	21	\$1.00	
Back country		free	free	Nil
Controlled-period		free	free	Nil

Game Bird Licence*		2021	2022	
Category of licence	Class of applicant	Current fee \$	Proposed fee \$	Fee difference
Whole season (primarily 1st Sat in May to 31 Aug)	Adult	98	100	\$2.00
	Junior	23	23	Nil
	Child	4	4	Nil
Day (available from 2nd Monday of season)	Adult	23	23	Nil
	Junior	8	8	Nil

All licence category fees are set as a percentage of the fish or game adult whole season fee and rounded to the nearest \$, hence in some instances the fee difference remains nil.

*Game bird hunting licence fee includes the \$4.00 NZ Game Bird Habitat Stamp.

Notes:

A junior means a person aged 12 years or over, but under 18 years at the start of the season.

A child means a person aged under 12 years at the start of the season.

Back country and controlled-period licence mean an endorsement on an adult or junior whole season or family fish licence with special conditions for fishing specified waters.

Whole Season for sports fish extends from 1 October through to 30 September the following year.

Whole Season for game birds can extend from the first Saturday in May to beyond the traditional closing dates for upland game hunting at the end of August due to special season conditions between February to April the following year for some species, eg. Paradise shelduck and Pukeko.

A Game Bird Habitat Stamp fee of \$4.00 (incl GST) is payable on all categories of game hunting licence and is included in the fees shown in the game hunting licence table above.

2020 Fish Price 137.00 \$
2020 Game Price 100.00 \$

TABLE 4 Surplus/(Deficit) Sales Forecast 2021/22 2.37%

Region	Forecast Total Licence Income	Base Funds Budget	Approved base 2122	Approved use of reserves	Less use of Reserves %	Levy/ (Grant)	Forecast Surplus/(Deficit)
Northland	\$153,949	\$508,200	\$513,048	\$37,867	12,142	(\$346,957)	(\$50,009)
Auckland/Waikato	\$902,102	\$775,379	\$783,020	\$27,220	18,531	\$137,614	(\$45,751)
Eastern	\$1,192,669	\$1,071,572	\$1,083,357	\$57,702	25,639	\$134,951	(\$83,341)
Hawkes Bay	\$408,053	\$368,127	\$368,127	\$8,081	8,712	\$48,638	(\$16,793)
Taranaki	\$178,613	\$357,970	\$376,464	\$0	8,910	(\$188,941)	(\$8,910)
Wellington	\$607,711	\$682,502	\$689,199	\$7,000	16,311	(\$65,177)	(\$23,311)
Nelson-Marlborough	\$448,955	\$444,491	\$462,773	\$4,045	10,952	(\$2,866)	(\$14,997)
Nth Canterbury	\$1,468,889	\$775,672	\$783,400	\$0	18,540	\$704,029	(\$18,540)
West Coast	\$238,206	\$346,448	\$346,448	\$0	8,199	(\$100,043)	(\$8,199)
Central SI	\$1,438,637	\$673,164	\$700,450	\$28,580	16,577	\$754,764	(\$45,157)
Otago	\$1,923,353	\$961,612	\$987,483	\$51,959	23,370	\$959,241	(\$75,329)
Southland	\$1,234,580	\$643,699	\$653,952	\$59,247	15,477	\$596,104	(\$74,724)
NZC	\$0	\$1,102,607	\$1,102,607	\$0	26,095	(\$1,076,512)	(\$26,095)
National nc Research & RM	\$0	\$896,450	\$1,592,536	\$0	37,690	(\$1,554,845)	(\$37,690)
TOTAL	\$10,185,717	\$9,607,893	\$10,442,864	\$281,701	\$247,147	\$0	(\$528,848)

-2.37%

TABLE 5: Re-Forecast Reserves Position as at 31 August 2022

Council	Forecast Reserves 1/9/21	Forecast Reserve 31/8/22	Reserves required 20% of Budget	Top up Reserves Required to achieve 20%	Adjusted Reserves to no less than 20% of Base Fund	% of Base Fund
Northland	\$311,556	\$261,547	110,183	0	\$261,547	47%
Auckland/Waikato	\$327,283	\$281,531	162,048	0	\$281,531	35%
Eastern	\$466,283	\$382,942	228,212	0	\$382,942	34%
Hawkes Bay	\$526,215	\$509,422	75,242	0	\$509,422	135%
Taranaki	\$73,845	\$64,735	75,293	10,558	\$75,293	20%
Wellington	\$479,215	\$455,904	139,240	0	\$455,904	65%
Nelson-Marlborough	\$154,466	\$139,468	93,364	0	\$139,468	30%
Nth Canterbury	\$207,495	\$188,955	156,680	0	\$188,955	24%
West Coast	\$218,400	\$210,200	69,290	0	\$210,200	61%
Central SI	\$735,289	\$690,131	145,806	0	\$690,131	95%
Otago	\$1,146,266	\$1,070,936	207,888	0	\$1,070,936	103%
Southland	\$770,104	\$695,380	142,640	0	\$695,380	98%
NZC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
NZC & National nc Research	\$612,145	\$548,360	539,029	\$10,558	\$548,360	20%
TOTAL	\$6,028,360	\$5,499,512	\$2,144,913	\$10,558	\$5,510,069	20%

CONTESTABLE FUND APPLICATION SUMMARY 2021-2022 Approved by NZC April 2021

Region	App No	Base Funding	VE	Description	Region	App No	Base Funding	VE	Description
L	47	\$	961,612	CPI on Salaries 1.4%	47	\$	961,612		CPI on Salaries 1.4%
L	48			Performance increments	48				Performance increments
L	49			Leave/retirement increases	49				Leave/retirement increases
L	50			Loss of Interest Income	50				Loss of Interest Income
R	51			Lakes Fisheries Workshop	51				Lakes Fisheries Workshop
R	52			Poll of Public	52				Poll of Public
R	53			Asset replacement Fund	53				Asset replacement Fund
TOTAL Otago									
L	54	\$	643,699	CPI on Salaries 1.4%	54	\$	643,699		CPI on Salaries 1.4%
R	55			Loss of Interest Income	55				Loss of Interest Income
R	56			Asset replacement Fund	56				Asset replacement Fund
TOTAL Southland									
L	57	\$	896,450	Bin and Game Cook book - seed funding	57	\$	896,450		Bin and Game Cook book - seed funding
L	58			Mā & Regional Planning	58				Mā & Regional Planning
L	59			Local Development Grant (replacement of)	59				Local Development Grant (replacement of)
L	60			Reservoir - in reserves in 2027	60				Reservoir - in reserves in 2027
L	61			Māi portions	61				Māi portions
L	62			National Angler Survey	62				National Angler Survey
TOTAL National									
NZC \$1,402,607									
No Funding Applications									
TOTAL NZC									
TOTAL CF Bids									
Total Bids Rejected									
Total Excluding the RMA									
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Total Excluding the RMA									
Any cells in yellow have been changed from MAJ to NZC recommendations									

Summary of Licence Fee and National Budgets from NZC recommendations April 21 for 2021/22

Licence Forecast		2021-2022		Game Licence Fee		Fish Licence Fee		Net Licence Income		Total Licence Income		Comms/Fees Expense		Net licence	
Projected LEQ's	Fish Game	Fish Licence Income	Fish less COS (4.5%)	Net Fish	Game Licence Income	Game less COS (4.5%)	Net Game	Income	Income	Income	Expense	Income	Income	Income	Income
230	1,603	27,396	1,233	26,163	133,808	6,021	127,786	161,203	7,254	153,949	178,613	8,416	145,507	153,949	153,949
3,546	6,256	422,381	19,007	403,374	229,867	10,344	219,523	1,248,868	56,199	1,192,669	1,438,889	19,228	1,419,669	1,192,669	1,192,669
8,554	2,754	1,019,001	45,855	973,146	229,867	10,344	219,523	1,248,868	56,199	1,192,669	1,438,889	19,228	1,419,669	1,192,669	1,192,669
2,438	1,640	290,381	13,067	277,314	136,900	6,160	130,739	427,281	19,228	408,053	488,889	19,228	427,669	408,053	408,053
874	994	104,072	4,683	99,389	82,958	3,733	79,225	187,030	8,416	178,613	178,613	8,416	170,200	178,613	178,613
3,142	3,139	374,288	16,843	357,445	262,059	11,793	250,266	636,347	28,636	607,711	607,711	28,636	579,075	607,711	607,711
3,373	817	401,867	18,084	383,783	68,243	3,071	65,172	470,110	21,155	448,955	448,955	21,155	427,800	448,955	448,955
11,290	2,313	1,345,020	60,526	1,284,495	193,083	8,689	184,394	1,538,104	69,215	1,468,889	1,468,889	69,215	1,400,000	1,468,889	1,468,889
1,828	380	217,712	9,797	207,915	31,718	1,427	30,291	249,430	11,224	238,206	238,206	11,224	227,000	238,206	238,206
11,177	2,095	1,331,557	59,920	1,271,637	174,869	7,869	167,000	1,506,426	67,789	1,438,637	1,438,637	67,789	1,370,848	1,438,637	1,438,637
14,191	3,874	1,690,619	76,078	1,614,541	323,364	14,551	308,812	2,013,982	90,629	1,923,353	1,923,353	90,629	1,832,724	1,923,353	1,923,353
7,603	4,636	905,763	40,759	865,003	386,991	17,415	369,576	1,292,753	58,174	1,234,580	1,234,580	58,174	1,176,406	1,234,580	1,234,580
0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
68,245	30,500	8,130,057	365,853	7,764,204	2,546,087	114,574	2,431,513	10,676,143	480,426	10,195,717	10,195,717	480,426	9,715,291	10,195,717	10,195,717

Carmel Veitch:
Also adjusted for 85.3k
funding that was a 5 yr
for field officer inc
overheads

277,349

National Budget		2021/22		2021/22		2021/22		2021/22		2021/22		2021/22		2021/22	
Net licence	Base Funds	Surplus/Shortfall	Approved CF from 2021/22 Ongoing Licence Fee -	Approved CF from 2021/22 Licence Fee - One Off	Approved CF from 2021/22 Shortfall	Approved Budget 2021/22	Approved CF from 2021/22 Reserves	Approved Budget 2021/22 (incl AII CF)	Approved CF from 2021/22 Reserves	Approved Budget 2021/22 (incl AII CF)	Approved CF from 2021/22 Reserves	Approved Budget 2021/22 (incl AII CF)	Approved CF from 2021/22 Reserves	Approved Budget 2021/22 (incl AII CF)	Approved CF from 2021/22 Reserves
153,949	508,200	(354,251)	4,848	0	513,048	37,867	550,915	37,867	550,915	37,867	550,915	37,867	550,915	37,867	550,915
902,102	775,379	126,723	7,641	0	119,082	783,020	27,220	810,240	27,220	810,240	27,220	810,240	27,220	810,240	27,220
1,192,669	1,071,572	121,097	11,785	0	109,312	57,702	1,141,059	57,702	1,141,059	57,702	1,141,059	57,702	1,141,059	57,702	1,141,059
408,053	368,127	39,926	0	0	39,926	8,081	376,208	8,081	376,208	8,081	376,208	8,081	376,208	8,081	376,208
178,613	357,970	(179,357)	15,000	0	(197,851)	0	376,464	0	376,464	0	376,464	0	376,464	0	376,464
607,711	682,502	(74,791)	6,697	0	(81,488)	7,000	696,199	7,000	696,199	7,000	696,199	7,000	696,199	7,000	696,199
448,955	444,491	4,464	12,782	0	(13,818)	4,045	466,818	4,045	466,818	4,045	466,818	4,045	466,818	4,045	466,818
1,468,889	775,672	693,217	7,728	0	685,489	783,400	783,400	783,400	783,400	783,400	783,400	783,400	783,400	783,400	783,400
238,206	346,448	(108,242)	0	0	(108,242)	346,448	346,448	346,448	346,448	346,448	346,448	346,448	346,448	346,448	346,448
1,438,637	673,164	765,473	27,286	0	738,187	700,450	987,483	700,450	987,483	700,450	987,483	700,450	987,483	700,450	987,483
1,923,353	961,612	961,741	25,871	0	935,870	987,483	1,039,442	987,483	1,039,442	987,483	1,039,442	987,483	1,039,442	987,483	1,039,442
1,234,580	643,699	590,881	10,253	0	580,628	653,952	713,199	653,952	713,199	653,952	713,199	653,952	713,199	653,952	713,199
-	1,102,607	(1,102,607)	0	0	(1,102,607)	0	1,102,607	0	1,102,607	0	1,102,607	0	1,102,607	0	1,102,607
-	896,450	(896,450)	170,000	526,086	(1,592,536)	1,592,536	1,592,536	1,592,536	1,592,536	1,592,536	1,592,536	1,592,536	1,592,536	1,592,536	1,592,536
10,195,717	9,607,893	587,824	288,385	546,586	(247,147)	10,442,864	281,701	10,724,565	281,701	10,724,565	281,701	10,724,565	281,701	10,724,565	281,701
9,810,978	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



Consultation Document: Change Freeze

Introduction

It is the intention of New Zealand Council that the underlying can be adopted as national policy, following regional consultation, as soon as possible potentially short cutting the normal policy setting process and timeline. While not ideal, there is some urgency, and this policy may not be in place for an extended period.

Until it has been ratified by all thirteen councils, can we also request that individual regional councils adhere to the spirit and guidelines below.

Finally, it should be acknowledged that even when policy, this will be legally unenforceable. These are, however, extraordinary times under which we are asking all councils, including NZC, to agree.

Purpose

1. New Zealand Council are about to embark on a consultation process with the Regional Councils in order to prepare a response to the Ministerial Review.
2. In the interim and during the implementation of the Ministerial Review, it is important that the status of significant assets are not altered in such a way that the new proposed regions may be handicapped when they are formed.
3. For example, forming a trust for a specific purpose out of general reserves will limit the utilisation of those funds by the new council and we must agree not to limit the effectiveness of the new regional entities.
4. In a similar fashion, the sale and purchase of vehicles, and other significant capital items, must be entered into with the agreement of all parties likely to be affected. In the case of vehicles this would mean with the agreement of the neighbouring region(s) currently proposed for amalgamation.
5. Finally, hiring new staff, either in new positions or as replacements, should be done in consultation with the regional councils through the managers group and NZC.

Guidelines

6. To minimise disruption to the organisation during the process of implementing the review's recommendations, all Fish and Game Councils (regional Fish and Game Councils and the New Zealand Fish and Game Council) agree not to:
 - a. Dispose of or purchase any assets of a value less than \$70,000 without the agreement of the amalgamating region.
 - b. Dispose of or purchase any assets of a value greater than \$70,000 without approval from the regional councils through the managers group and NZC.
 - c. Create or dissolve any trusts, regardless of monetary value - or dispose of assets within those trusts without approval from NZC.

- d. Make any significant staffing changes without first receiving approval from the Managers Group and NZC.
 - i. NB. Significant staffing changes means employing new staff in a full-time capacity or undertaking any restructure of staffing.
 - ii. Noting that several regions may require new personnel to carry on business as usual, it is recommended that these appointments are made as fixed term contracts.
7. The process by which approval will be given for the disposal or purchase of assets greater than \$70,000 or a significant staffing change is modelled on the CF bid process and is set out as follows:
 - a. A proposal will be put forward by a Fish and Game Council initially to the Managers' group, who will consider it taking into account:
 - i. The organisation's circumstances at the time.
 - ii. The direction the organisation is moving in implementing the review's recommendations.
 - b. The Managers' group will make a recommendation to the New Zealand Fish and Game Council in support or opposition to the proposal.
 - c. The New Zealand Fish and Game Council will then consider the matter and decide, applying the same lens of:
 - i. The organisation's circumstances at the time.
 - ii. The direction the organisation is moving in implementing the review's recommendations.
8. This set of processes will be reviewed annually until the Ministerial Review has been fully implemented.
9. Because of the indeterminate timeframe involved in implementing the recommendations of the review, this policy must be reviewed and reaffirmed or revoked annually. This annual review must include the opportunity for regions to provide input on how the policy is working for them.



Eastern Letter re 'Saturday-ising' the Opening of the Fishing Season Request for Feedback

Background

1. Eastern Fish and Game Council have recently sent a letter (attached) to NZC on the concept of 'Saturday-ising' the opening of the fishing season.
2. Currently there are a number of 'opening dates' for the sports fishing season, with the primary nation-wide opening being the 1st of October. The high country fisheries in Central South Island, Otago and Southland all open on the 1st of November, whereas the North Canterbury high country fisheries open on the first Saturday in November.
3. The reasons mooted by Eastern for Saturday-ising the opening are:
 - a. To create more of an event-based opening to the fishing season.
 - b. To align with the Saturday-ised opening of the game bird season.
 - c. To increase participation on opening day by maximising opportunity.
4. Risks they have identified are:
 - a. Regulatory and compliance implications, particularly for the first few years.
 - b. Congested fisheries and access facilities (boat ramps etc)
 - c. Many anglers are happy currently to take 1 October off work.
 - d. Some families may be excluded as it is likely the first Saturday in October will be the last weekend of the school holidays.

Request for Feedback

5. Given the significance of this decision, and the fact that regulations are set by individual regions, it is proposed that the process for considering this concept is as follows:
 - a. Regions are consulted initially on a simple express of interest basis;
 - b. If there is sufficient interest, NZC staff will prepare a risk/benefit paper for NZC's consideration;
 - c. If approved, this will return to regions for a substantive consultation;
 - d. NZC will then consider the matter a final time and make a recommendation to regions (note: in this instance the strongest directive NZC could give is to recommend to regions to either Saturday-ise opening or to retain the status quo).
6. NZC is seeking your council's feedback on the following:

Does your council believe there is merit in exploring the idea of a nationally standard fishing season opening date of the 1st Saturday in October?



23 March 2021

The Chair
New Zealand Fish and Game Council
via email

Dear Ray

RE 'SATURDAY-ISING' THE OPENING OF THE FISHING SEASON

In June last year the Eastern Fish and Game Council resolved to move the opening date for lakes Tarawera, Rotoiti and Okataina to the first Saturday in October rather than 1 October which it has traditionally been. The initial intention was for this to come into effect for the 2021-22 Sports Fishing Season commencing 1 October 2021, but on reflection Council agreed to defer its implementation until the 2021-2022 Season. The relevant agenda and minutes from that meeting are attached to the email accompanying this letter, but a precis of what was discussed is as follows:

“Council discussed at some length the proposal to change the opening of lakes Rotoiti, Tarawera and Okataina to the first Saturday in October each year. Those in support of the change felt that there was a need to raise the profile of the opening of the lakes, to create a carnival atmosphere to promote trout fishing, increase participation and interest in the sport, and bring it into line with the opening of the game season. Arguments against the proposal which were raised by some Councillors and staff included issues around congested boat ramps and parking facilities, many anglers already being happy to take 1 October off work whatever day of the week it was, some not liking the crowded conditions a Saturday opening might generate, and by pushing opening out to the first weekend may exclude some families as this would quite likely be the last weekend of the school holidays. Looking at it from a compliance perspective, some staff felt ‘Saturday-ising’ would add unnecessary complexity to the regulations and it might take several years before people became acquainted with the new rules. It was suggested by some that the proposal be put to the New Zealand Council for a national change to the rules rather than applying it just to these three lakes. Council agreed that an approach should be made to the New Zealand Council for consideration of a national change to the opening of the season with the majority supporting a change for the three lakes regardless of that outcome.”



Subsequent to this, Steve Doughty offered to canvas all other Fish & Game regions and establish what level of support there might be to do this right across the country. He received responses from the managers of five regions, four of whom felt it warranted further consideration and that the proposal be put forward to the New Zealand Council. The fifth advised that it would make no real difference to them. Steve personally also saw merit in the proposition from an R3 programme point of view.

Based on all of the above, Eastern Fish & Game asks that the topic be tabled with the New Zealand Council, at such time as it can be accommodated, with a view to obtaining support for putting it out to regional Fish & Game councils for more formal consideration.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Garrick".

Andy Garrick
Manager

Eastern Fish and Game Council



CSI Salmon Committee Letter Request for Feedback

Background

1. Central South Island Fish and Game Council have recently sent a letter (attached) to NZC on the future of the National Sea-Run Salmon Committee (NSRSC). They note the committee believe that the policy work of the committee has been completed, and recommend to NZC that:
 - ‘...the *National Sea-Run Salmon Committee be disbanded and that the day-to-day management of the Sea-Run salmon fishery be undertaken collaboratively by the South Island salmon regions.*’
2. Note: The NSRSC operates as a sub-committee of the New Zealand Fish and Game Council, with membership comprised of Fish and Game governors, primarily from the salmon regions, as well as representatives from recreational salmon angling associations. Its purpose is to ‘develop and promote a co-ordinated approach within Fish and Game and key stakeholders to ways that will restore and enhance the sea run salmon fisheries in the interests of anglers’.

Request for Feedback

3. In order to make an informed decision, NZC is now seeking your feedback on CSI’s recommendation; specifically, does your council believe:
 - a. that the NSRSC should be disbanded and the management of the sea run salmon fishery be undertaken collaboratively by regional Fish and Game councils; or
 - b. that there is still a place for national co-ordination of sea run salmon policy development and management strategies.
4. We are primarily seeking feedback from South Island salmon regions given the immediate relevance to them, however all Councils are welcome to provide feedback.



26 March 2021

Mr Ray Grubb
NZ Fish & Game Council, Chair
PO Box 25 055
WELLINGTON 6140

Dear Ray,

Future of National Sea-Run Salmon Committee

The National Sea-Run Salmon Committee (Salmon Committee) was formed by the New Zealand Fish and Game Council (NZC) following a recommendation by the Salmon Symposium held in Ashburton in November 2017. The Salmon Committee was chaired by the NZC Chief Executive and was made up of governor representatives from the South Island “salmon regions” plus stakeholder representatives.

Progress was made after the Salmon Committee sought advice from experienced salmon management practitioners, primarily from the CSI and North Canterbury Fish and Game regions. The Salmon Committee’s main accomplishments were to adopt a definition of “wild salmon” and to successfully initiate a season limit bag to the Minister of Conservation, with the assistance of the NZC staff. The previous Minister approved the “principle” of a season limit bag, which was to be referred to Cabinet. We await that referral and the necessary Cabinet decision.

Since these achievements, the Salmon Committee has not met for just over a year. CSI believes that this signals that the policy work of the Salmon Committee has been completed and it is now time for implementation by the South Island “salmon regions”.

The CSI Council resolved:

TO RECOMMEND TO THE NZ COUNCIL THAT THE NATIONAL SEA-RUN SALMON COMMITTEE BE DISBANDED AND THAT THE DAY-TO-DAY MANAGEMENT OF THE SEA-RUN SALMON FISHERY BE UNDERTAKEN COLLABORATIVELY BY THE SOUTH ISLAND SALMON REGIONS.

Please can NZC consider this recommendation and advise NZC’s decision.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'Andrew Simpson'.

Dr Andrew Simpson
Chair, Central South Island Fish and Game Council

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

Central South Island Region

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OSH Report for June 2021 Council Meeting

No OSH incidents occurred over the last reporting period.

Office renovations: We've had some renovation work done, including closing off an outside door and window, but we're waiting on the sliding doors to be manufactured before proceeding with the other planned renovations.

Personnel Locator Beacons: The batteries on John's and David's PLB expired. It was more efficient and cost effective to purchase new PLBs, at the discounted price of \$280, than to replace the batteries. The new PLB will have to be re-registered.

Ben Wilson
Chief Executive

27/05/2021