



**EASTERN
FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**

***MEETING
AGENDA***

16 August 2018

AGENDA

The 171st Meeting of the Eastern Fish and Game Council

Venue: Eastern Fish & Game Region Offices
Paradise Valley Road
ROTORUA

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**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE 170th MEETING OF THE EASTERN FISH
AND GAME COUNCIL, HELD AT THE ROTORUA OFFICES OF FISH & GAME
NEW ZEALAND ON THURSDAY 14th JUNE 2018 AT 12.00PM**

Present

Murray Ferris, Lindsay Lyons, Barry Roderick, Neal Hawes, Peter Storey, David Woolner, Alan Baird, Ken Coombes, and Annaka Davis (arrived 12.10).

IN ATTENDANCE

Andy Garrick, Kate Thompson, Anthony van Dorp, Eben Herbert, John Meikle, Lloyd Gledhill, Matt Osborne, Carmel Veitch, Nigel Simpson, Lynne Sands and Mark Sherburn (Eastern Fish & Game)

1.0 WELCOME

1.1 Cr Murray Ferris opening the meeting at 12.03pm and welcomed Councillors and staff. Murray informed Council of the recent passing of Colleen Bull and that condolences had been sent to Cr Sandy Bull on behalf of Council.

2.0 APOLOGIES

2.1 Apologies were received from Crs Laurance Tamati, Steve Scragg and Sandy Bull; Helen Neale and Dave Conley (Department of Conservation); Ken Raureti (Bay of Plenty Conservation Board); Nicki Douglas (Te Arawa Lakes Trust); Matt McDougall (Eastern Fish & Game); and Ray Bushell. Cr Annaka Davis had advised that she would be delayed due to a prior commitment.

2.2 *Agreed (Peter Storey/Ken Coombes) that the apologies for the 170th meeting of the Eastern Region Fish and Game Council be sustained. [18/06/2.2]*

3.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (5 APRIL 2018)

3.1 *Agreed (Neal Hawes/Peter Storey) that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 April 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record. [18/06/3.1]*

4.0 IDENTIFICATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR INCLUSION IN COUNCIL POLICY

4.1 There were no items for inclusion in Council policy.

5.0 MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Cr Lindsay Lyons requested that Councillors contact the manager prior to a meeting's agenda being completed if they had matters arising from the prior meeting's minutes which might require a resolution to be passed, as this could only occur if the matter was included on the agenda for a meeting.

5.2 Cr Barry Roderick wished to confirm that proposed expenditure approved from the Waikaremoana Sports Fish Habitat Enhancement Fund and Non-Resident Anglers' Levy was in line with the purpose and objectives of these funds. Andy Garrick confirmed that the projects approved met the criteria associated with the reserves from which the funds were being sought.

5.3 Cr Murray Ferris queried whether the Waikaremoana Boating & Fishing Association had uplifted the funds approved for navigation markers? Andy Garrick advised that these funds had not yet been uplifted due to issues that had arisen he understood, in obtaining approval from Tuhoë.

6.0 NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR GENERAL BUSINESS

- Cr Alan Baird - Swans Lake Taupo
- Cr Alan Baird - Hunter conduct in balloted wetlands
- Cr Alan Baird - Reporoa restricted season
- Cr Barry Roderick - Discovery of lake snow in Lake Taupo
- Cr Lindsay Lyons - Rotoiti catfish update
- Andy Garrick (from Cr Steve Scragg) - Forestry practices
- Andy Garrick - Electoral process
- Andy Garrick - Ballot holder submission re proposed management fee
- Andy Garrick - Update on Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council
- Andy Garrick - Council appraisal

7.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGISTER

7.1 Cr Barry Roderick questioned whether Cr Lindsay Lyons might be conflicted over Agenda Item 9.0 relating to the proposed 2018-19 Licence Fees given he had been involved with the proposals at NZ Council level. Lindsay agreed to register his potential conflict and his ability to vote would be determined by the Council.

8.0 2018-2019 OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN

8.1 Andy Garrick updated Council on the changes that had been made to the 2018-19 Operational Work Plan since the last draft had been circulated. The amendments included the addition of two contestable fund bids that had been submitted and subsequently approved by the NZ Council (CPI increases to Salaries, and Compliance costs), and re-allocation of staff time within the plan. Andy advised that contestable fund bids for staff performance increases had been put on hold for all regions pending a national audit of staff salaries and conditions that the NZ Council had determined it would undertake. Andy noted that the proposed contestable fund allocations were subject to approval of the licence fees by the Minister.

8.2 Cr Peter Storey queried the reduction in staff input to the website. Andy advised that staff were keen to play a greater role in the management of content and administration of Eastern's webpages, but this was unlikely to be an option until a strategic view of the website was undertaken by the NZ Council Office in the year ahead.

8.3 *Agreed (Lindsay Lyons /Peter Storey) that Council receives the latest draft budget and approves that it be circulated to clubs and interested parties for comment. [18/6/8.3]*

9.0 2018-2019 LICENCE FEES

9.1 Andy Garrick informed Council that there were two matters to be considered, one being the proposal to increase licence fees by \$3 for the Adult Season Fish licence and \$2 for the Adult Season Game licence, the second being a proposal from the NZ Council to introduce new non-resident fish licence categories and also, to adjust licence fee ratios for three other fish licence categories for the 2018-19 Fishing Season. Council discussed the proposed licence fee increases and in particular, pricing structures for the various age groups. Some Councillors expressed their belief that the cost of licences is likely to be one of the barriers to increasing participation within some groups. Cr Peter Storey queried the background to the change which saw licences becoming inter-available throughout NZ rather than being linked to a specific Fish & Game region. Following some discussion Council asked if Kate Thompson

could look into and distribute some background information on the rationale for this change and what the consequences of doing so have been. Council also expressed its concern that the projected overspend of \$651,691 in this year's national budget for Fish & Game was due in part to North Canterbury's failure to operate within budget. Council also noted its concern about the magnitude of funding being directed to RMA/legal each year.

9.2 ***Agreed (Barry Roderick/Alan Baird) that the Eastern Fish and Game Council supports the proposed licence fees for 2018-19 of \$130 (GST inclusive) for the adult Whole Season Fishing licence, and \$93 for the Adult Whole Season Game licence plus \$3 for the Game Bird Habitat Trust (GST inclusive). Crs Peter Storey and Ken Coombes voted against the motion. [18/06/9.2]***

9.3 Council was supportive of the NZ Council's proposal to introduce new non-resident fishing licence categories but was divided on what those new categories should be, and what fees should be struck. Cr Barry Roderick moved and Cr Neal Hawes seconded, that a differential fee should apply to adult and junior licence categories for non-residents. This motion was lost. Council voted three for and five against, and Cr Lindsay Lyons abstained.

9.4 ***Agreed (Barry Roderick/Alan Baird) that the Eastern Fish and Game Council endorses the NZ Council's proposal to introduce new non-resident fishing licence categories. [18/06/9.4]***

9.5 The NZ Council's proposal to adjust licence fee ratios was discussed and Council agreed that a more in-depth review was needed to determine potential impacts of changing the fee ratios. Andy Garrick highlighted the NZ Council's approval of a contracted marketing person who would be looking at opportunities to increase participation and felt that the review of licence categories should be included as part of this process. Council supported deferring any changes to licence fee ratios and therefore fees until a review had been undertaken by the Licence Working Party. While Council noted that this would mean implementation of any changes to licence fee ratios and fees would effectively be held over until the 2019-2020 fishing season, Council wanted to acknowledge Noel Birchall's initiative and the thought that he had put into the proposal.

9.6 ***Agreed (Ken Coombes/David Woolner) that the Eastern Fish and Game Council requests that any changes to licence fee ratios or fees be deferred until the proposal has been reviewed by the Licence Working Party. [18/06/9.6]***

10.0 ANGLERS NOTICE REVIEW

10.1 Matt Osborne presented to Council the additional information and options that had been requested at the April meeting prior to finalising its recommendations for the 2018-19 Anglers Notice. Using a power point presentation Matt outlined staff recommendations for the removal of Fly Fishing Only (FFO) designation from some of the Rotorua lakes shoreline areas aimed at simplifying regulations and providing greater opportunity for all anglers.

10.2 Lake Rotorua

Staff recommended retaining FFO status within 200m of the Awahou Stream mouth landmark pole, and removing FFO status from within 200 metres of the Ohau channel landmarks. Council discussed the Awahou Stream mouth area and some felt that it saw similar levels of angler use to the Hamurana Stream mouth where fly and spin were permitted methods. With no particular concerns seen at the Hamurana Stream mouth it was suggested that the Awahou Stream mouth also be opened to fly/spin

methods, which would go further to simplifying regulations and provide opportunity to spin anglers and local children in the area. Council supported the removal of all FFO areas on Lake Rotorua shorelines on the basis that this could be reconsidered should concerns arise over conflict between methods.

10.3 *Agreed (Lindsay Lyons/Alan Baird) that Council supports the removal of all “fly fishing only” areas on Lake Rotorua itself, and amends permitted methods to “artificial fly or spinner” on the basis that this can be reviewed if conflict arises between fly fishers and spin fishers. Peter Storey abstained. [18/06/10.3]*

10.4 Lake Rotoiti

Matt Osborne provided background to the staff recommendation to retain FFO methods at the Ruato Bay Stream mouth and “The Pipe” landmarks and to remove from all other locations. Cr Neal Hawes questioned whether Hauparu Bay should not also be retained for FFO due to the very small stream mouth and restricted area where fish sit. Staff advised, from surveys undertaken, that the area saw very little use in winter and this was probably due to the need to walk to the site rather than being able to drive to it.

10.5 *Agreed (Neal Hawes/Alan Baird) that Council supports the staff recommendation to retain “fly fishing only” status within 200m of the Ruato Bay Stream mouth and “The Pipe” landmarks, and remove all other “fly fishing only” areas on Lake Rotoiti. [18/06/10.5]*

10.6 Lake Okataina

Staff recommended removal of FFO status from each of the currently gazetted fly fishing only areas, the rationale being that these areas see low to moderate pressure and are accessed and fished primarily by boat.

10.7 *Agreed (Neal Hawes/Alan Baird) that Council supports the staff recommendation to remove “fly fishing only” status from each of the currently gazetted “fly fishing only” areas on Lake Okataina. [18/06/10.7]*

10.8 Lake Tarawera

Staff proposed retaining FFO status within 200m of the Te Wairoa Stream and “The Landing” landmarks and remove this from all other locations. The rationale for retaining these areas is that these are the most intensely fished fly fishing locations where angler conflict could be an issue. Staff highlighted that shoreline surveys were undertaken throughout winter and any angler concerns that might subsequently arise would be detected or could be communicated through those.

10.9 *Agreed (Neal Hawes/Lindsay Lyons) that Council supports the staff recommendation to retain “fly fishing only” status within 200m of the Te Wairoa Stream and “The Landing” landmarks, and remove all other “fly fishing only” areas on Lake Tarawera. [18/06/10.9]*

10.10 Prohibit the use of multi-point hooks within Eastern Region Fish & Game waters

Andy Garrick advised that Eastern Council’s wish to include the possibility of banning treble/multi-point hooks in the national review of the First Schedule of the Sports Fishing Regulations was discussed and noted at the recent meeting of managers. Cr Neal Hawes questioned whether this could be dealt with in the First Schedule which applied to all of New Zealand as there were significant differences between trout and salmon. Eben Herbert pointed out that the result of a national review may highlight that this is an issue specific to regions.

10.11 *Agreed (David Woolner/Ken Coombes) that further discussion on the treble hook debate be deferred until the topic is discussed nationally during a NZ Council review of First Schedule Regulations. [18/06/10.11]*

- 10.12 *Amend the wording for 7.1(a) Use of Boats*
 Matt Osborne advised that this item was a housekeeping change i.e. a deletion of a rule that is superfluous and takes up space within the regulation guide.
- 10.13 ***Agreed (Peter Storey/Lindsay Lyons) that Council approves the deletion of Regulation 7.1(a) as it is covered in Section 3 Closed Waters and within Regulation 7, Note 1. [18/06/10.13]***
- 10.14 *Anglers Notice Policy*
 Andy Garrick noted that to accommodate the changes to the Fly Fishing Only areas previously discussed some changes to the Anglers Notice Policy needed to be made. Matt Osborne added that some elements of the Anglers Notice Policy (drafted 2003) also needed to be updated i.e. the inclusion of “scented soft baits” under the types of baits that can be used in bait fishing waters, and the months in which fishing from a boat is prohibited in winter shoreline areas.
- 10.15 ***Agreed (Peter Storey/Ken Coombes) that Council approves the recommended changes to the Anglers Notice Policy 2003. [18/06/10.15]***
- 10.16 ***Agreed (Lindsay Lyons/Neal Hawes) that Council concludes the Anglers Notice process for the 2018-19 season. [18/06/10.16]***
- 11.0 AUCKLAND WAIKATO FISH & GAME STERILE TROUT TRIAL**
- 11.1 Dr Adam Daniel, staff member from the Auckland Waikato Fish & Game Region, spoke to Council about his Council’s request for the hatchery to produce up to 2,000 sterile trout for liberation into Lake Arapuni. Adam provided background to the proposed trial, why it was being pursued, and what the outcomes were that they were hoping to achieve from it. After some discussion Council concluded that the request needed further discussion with input from Eastern staff and this item should be an item for discussion at the August meeting of Council. Cr Barry Roderick thanked Adam for his presentation adding that it was great to interact with staff from another region.
- 12.0 CAPTIVE REARED MALLARDS AS A RECOVERY TOOL**
- 12.1 Andy Garrick advised that while a resolution relating to this topic had been made at Council’s February meeting, it was being revisited as an outcome of Cr Barry Roderick’s request at Council’s last meeting where he had brought it up under matters arising from February’s meeting minutes. The resolution concerned was: ***“Agreed (Peter Storey/Barry Roderick) that Eastern Fish and Game Council does not support releasing CRMs as a tool to hasten the recovery of wild populations that are at low levels. Carried four/three, four abstained. [18/02/11.8]”***.
- 12.2 Barry noted there had been some confusion around the background to the discussion in February and what was meant in relation to the “recovery of wild populations that are at low levels”. On reflection he recognised the issue was about whether or not the release of CRMs was justifiable in circumstances in which there had been a major population collapse as a consequence of the likes of botulism, avian flu, or some other catastrophic factor. Council supported the passing of another resolution to supercede the original resolution made at the February meeting.
- 12.3 ***Agreed (Ken Coombes/Alan Baird) that Eastern Fish and Game Council supports releasing CRMs as a tool to hasten the recovery of wild populations that are at low levels and that this resolution overrides the resolution [18/02/11.8] passed at Council’s 15 February 2018 meeting. [18/06/12.3]***

13.0 INCREASING PARTICIPATION REPORT

13.1 Andy Garrick informed Council that the NZ Council had followed up on the report "Developing Revenue Through Increased Participation" provided in Papers for Information by establishing a working group comprising Martin Taylor, Steve Doughty, Robert Sowman, and four regional managers including himself. The primary focus of the group would be concerned with developing and communicating R3 strategies (recruitment, retention and re-activation) to all Fish & Game regions.

14.0 LIAISON OFFICERS REPORTS

14.1 *Tongariro-Taupo Conservation Board*

Annaka Davis advised that many of the topics covered at the last Conservation Board meeting were of little or no relevance to Fish & Game, but reported that the fisheries team had recently completed an acoustic transect survey on Lake Taupo and the results of this had shown that smelt were abundant in the southern end of the lake and that they were looking forward to a good season. Cr Barry Roderick commented on the recent discovery of lake snow in Lake Taupo, and Andy Garrick noted that it was likely that it has been there for some time as it had been in Lake Waikaremoana.

14.2 *New Zealand Council*

Cr Lindsay Lyons briefly reported on topics addressed at the recent NZ Council meeting including cost saving opportunities, licence fee ratios, and the decision to incorporate all Fish & Game staff into a review of salaries and remuneration which had initially been intended for managers only.

15.0 EXTENSION OF MEETING TIME

Cr Murray Ferris asked that the Council agree to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.

15.1 *Agreed (Ken Coombes/Neal Hawes) that the meeting be allowed to proceed over the 3 hour time limit by an extra 10 minutes. [18/06/15.1]*

16.0 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

16.1 Cr Peter Storey asked whether the proposed research work and smelt study on Lake Tarawera was going to go ahead? Andy Garrick advised there had been delays and challenges in getting all of the parties together and securing the funding required to undertake the proposed programme, but with the new Lakes Chair (Prof. Troy Baisden) settling into his role at Waikato University this was about to be re-activated. A meeting was being convened with Prof. Baisden and Simon Stewart this month, and a meeting had also been arranged with Te Arawa Lakes Trust with this being one of the items to be discussed. Andy would be meeting with NIWA in Wellington in three weeks time to negotiate access to their echosounder transceiver and other assistance required from them in relation to smelt monitoring, and Matt Osborne had been having discussions with DOC Taupo in regards to the same. Smelt monitoring was tentatively scheduled to be commenced in November this year.

16.2 Cr Lindsay Lyons asked whether Fish & Game's concern over the catfish incursion in Lake Rotoiti had been documented? Andy Garrick advised that staff had attended minuted meetings with the Regional Council and other parties immediately concerned, and had contributed to discussions on what needs to be done in the short term.

16.3 *Agreed (Lindsay Lyons/Annaka Davis) that Council wishes to record its concern over the catfish incursion in Lake Rotoiti. [18/06/16.3]*

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- 16.7 *Agreed (David Woolner/Ken Coombes) that Council approves the business Mastercard transactions for the period 1 October 2017 to 30 April 2018. [18/06/16.7]*

17.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 17.1 Cr Alan Baird informed Council of a build-up of swan in Stump Bay at the southern end of Lake Taupo, in an area which had a daily bag limit of two and asked whether this might be increased next season. Andy Garrick advised that this could be raised on the October agenda where initial proposals for the 2019 Game season would be considered.
- 17.2 Cr Alan Baird also wished to raise concern over hunter conduct in balloted sites and at Reporoa where it appeared that hunters were taking more than the daily limit. Cr Ken Coombes also highlighted issues with ballot holders not turning up to shoot. Andy Garrick suggested that these were management issues and staff would obtain further detail in relation to Councillors' observations following the meeting.
- 17.3 The Chairman noted that Cr Barry Roderick's item relating to the discovery of lake slime in Lake Taupo, and Cr Lindsay Lyons' relating to the Rotoiti catfish situation had both been addressed earlier in the meeting.
- 17.4 Following advice from Robert Sowman that local authority electoral wards in Wellington were up for change, and a suggestion that Fish & Game regions might wish to consider the same, Andy Garrick suggested that Council had an opportunity to review its own sub-regions ahead of this year's election. Council's consensus on the matter was that there appeared to be no concerns or issues in relation to how the current system worked in the Eastern Region, and that the six sub-regions provided for representation of both anglers and hunters, and regional fish and game resources.
- 17.5 Andy Garrick informed Council of the resignation of the Hawke's Bay Regional Manager in early May and that the Council chairman, Bruce Bates, was to take on the position of acting manager pending the appointment of a new manager. Andy advised that at this point in time there was no reason to believe this would lead to changes in our involvement with Hawke's Bay, as both regions had contracted to provide specified services to the other and that these were incorporated into both this year's and next year's Operational Work Plans.
- 17.6 Cr Lindsay Lyons advised the issues around forestry practices raised by Cr Steve Scragg were on the NZ Council's agenda, and queried whether this region wanted to lend support to that. Eben Herbert advised that National Environmental Standards relating to plantation forestry came into force in early May and that a large part of the East Coast sat within the "Red Zone" which meant that the area would be monitored much more closely. He said the real issue was with replanting which would be more effectively addressed in future as a result of the NPS and new standards. More immediately there will be an investigation into what has occurred by the Gisborne District Council. Cr Murray Ferris said it was encouraging to see that forestry companies were helping with the clean-up. Andy Garrick advised that Cr Steve

Scragg's point was that while it is entirely appropriate for Fish & Game to be focussing closely on agriculture, forestry practices are another issue that we cannot overlook.

17.7 Andy Garrick referred Council to page 72 of the Papers for Information regarding an email from a ballot holder outlining his concern over the proposed ballot management fee. John Meikle advised that he had contacted the writer and established that his fundamental concern was not so much about the proposed management fee but rather that some/many ballot holders do not do the work expected of them.

18.0 MEETING CLOSED

18.1 The meeting was closed at 3.19pm.

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Murray Ferris
Chairman

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

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7. CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGISTER

Ref: 7.02.01

31 July 2018

1. Purpose

A standing agenda item to disclose any Councillor (“Member”) Conflict of Interest or potential Conflict of Interest, and record this in the Councillor Conflict of Interest Register.

2. Background

The Eastern Fish and Game Council at its October 2016 meeting revised its policy and rules for dealing with Conflicts of Interest and must provide a standing agenda item to allow Councillors to disclose any Conflict or highlight any potential conflict. The “Interest Register” ring binder will be circulated in the first part of each meeting for Councillors to record any interests. The Council should then discuss how it wants to deal with any interest or perceived interest identified.

Conflict of Interest (refer s2.7 Governance Policies) means when the member can be shown to have actual bias or apparent bias in respect of a matter¹ i.e:

- (i) A member can be shown to have actual bias when a member’s decision or act in relation to a matter could give rise to an expectation of financial gain or loss (that is more than trivial) to the member (and/or to the member’s parent(s), child(ren), spouse, civil union partner, de facto partner, business partner(s)/associate(s), debtor(s) or creditor(s)).
- (ii) A member can be shown to have apparent bias when a member’s official duties or responsibilities to the Council in relation to a matter could reasonably be said to be affected by some other interest or duty that the member has.
- (iii) A member’s “interest or duty” includes the interests of that member’s parent(s), child(ren), spouse, civil union partner or de facto partner that may be affected by the matter at issue. It also includes the interests of a person with whom the member has a close, personal relationship where there is a real danger of personal favouritism.
- (iv) There is no Conflict of Interest where the member’s other interest or duty is so remote or insignificant that it cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to influence him or her in carrying out his or her responsibility.

A potential conflict of interest (refer s2.8 Governance Policies) arises when:

- (i) There is a realistic connection between the member’s private interest(s) and the interest(s) of the Council;

¹ “Matter” means:

(i) The Council’s performance of its functions or exercise of its powers as set out in Part 5A of the Conservation Act 1987, subject to the Council’s statutory purpose set out in section 26P(1) of the Conservation Act; or

(ii) An arrangement, agreement, or contract made or entered into, or proposed to be entered into, by the Council.

- (ii) The member's other interest could specifically affect, or be affected by, the actions of the Council in relation to a matter;
- (iii) A fair-minded lay observer might reasonably consider that the member's private interest or duty may influence or motivate the actions of the member in relation to a matter; and
- (iv) There is a risk that the situation could undermine public trust and confidence in the member or the Council.

Conflicts of Interest should be dealt with as follows (refer s1.13 Standing Orders):

- 1.13.1 Every member present at a meeting must declare any direct or indirect conflict of interest that they hold in any matter being discussed at the meeting, other than an interest that they hold in common with the public.
- 1.13.2 When a conflict of interest arises in respect of a matter, the affected member will:
- (i) not vote on issues related to the matter;
 - (ii) not discuss the matter with other members;
 - (iii) conform to the majority view of other members present as to whether to be excluded from discussions regarding the matter and/or leave the room when the matter is discussed;
 - (iv) not, subject to the discretion of the Chairperson, receive further papers or other information related to the matter.
- 1.13.3 Where a member can be shown to have a potential conflict of interest, the Council (excluding the affected member) will determine an appropriate course of action, which may include the following:
- (i) applying some or all of the actions applied to a member with a conflict of interest (set out in 1.13.2 i) – iv) above);
 - (ii) providing a written explanation outlining why there is no legal conflict of interest that can be made available to all Fish and Game Councils, licence holders and other interested parties.
- 1.13.4 The conflicted member will be given the opportunity to be heard by the Council on the points raised and the member's submissions will be taken into consideration by the Council.
- 1.13.5 The minutes must record the declaration and member's subsequent abstention from discussion and voting.

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

3. Recommendation

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

8. 2018-2019 OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN

Ref: 8.02.01

31 July 2018

1. Purpose

To approve the Operational Work Plan prepared for the 2018-2019 year after taking into account any submissions received on the draft plan approved for circulation at Council's June meeting.

2. Background

During its February and April Council meetings Council identified and confirmed the priority work areas and projects that it wants to focus on next year. At its last (June) meeting, Council reviewed a revised version of the draft OWP and budget which incorporated staff hours and the additional funding we obtained as an outcome of the contestable funding process that was concluded in late April, and agreed (*Lindsay Lyons/Peter Storey*) that *Council receives the latest draft budget and approves its circulation to clubs and interested parties for comment. [18/6/8.3]*. No amendments to the draft were required.

Copies of the draft OWP were sent to 13 clubs and stakeholders after the meeting (clubs for whom we have a current address, the Conservation Boards, and Te Arawa Lakes Trust) with a request that any comments they might have be submitted by Friday 19 July. No submissions have been received on the draft at time of writing.

The Minister of Conservation approved the proposed 2018-2017 Sports Fish and Game Bird Licence fees on 14 July 2018 (see Papers for Information accompanying this agenda) meaning no changes as a result of the Minister declining the proposed licence fee increases are required to Eastern's draft 2018-2019 OWP budget presented to Council at its last meeting in June.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That Council approves the Operational Work Plan and budget for the 2018-2019 year, and**
- 3.2 That Council delegates authority to the Regional Manager to approve expenditure during the year as set out in the Council approved Operational Work Plan and budget.**

9. 2018 FISH AND GAME COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Ref: 7.01.02

31 July 2018

1. Purpose

To receive the confirmed timetable for the 2018 Fish and Game New Zealand Regional Council elections and other associated papers.

2. Background

Fish and Game council elections were initially held in April every third year. From the year 2000 this changed to November. A November election however presented problems in complying with the “Assumption of Office” and first meeting date requirements stipulated by the Fish and Game Council Elections Regulations as these fell close to, or during the Christmas statutory holiday period. To overcome this, the election process was brought forward in 2015 and now gets underway in August with voting taking place in mid October. Nominations for candidates will open on Monday 13 August and close on Thursday 30 August this year. Online voting closes on Friday 12 October and postal votes on 16 October. Results will be finalised by 31 October and the new Eastern Fish and Game Council will meet on Thursday 1 November to select one of its members to be an appointee to the New Zealand Council.

The election and call for candidacy and registration on electoral rolls will be publicly notified on Saturday 11 August, and a full schedule of events is provided below. Copies of the Candidacy Form, Candidacy Handbook, and Electoral Form for the 2018 Elections are provided in the Papers for Information accompanying this agenda, and further information is available at <https://fishandgame.org.nz/about/elections/>.

3. Recommendation

3.1 That Council receives the confirmed election schedule and associated papers.

Fish and Game New Zealand

2018 Regional Council Elections

ELECTION TIMETABLE 12 October 2018

Returning Officer: Elections Administrators	Warwick Lampp, Anthony Morton Michele Day	wlampp@electionz.com amorton@electionz.com mday@electionz.com	0800 666 029 0800 666 029 0800 666 029
Contract Manager:	Robert Sowman	rsowman@fishandgame.org.nz	04 499-4767 021 290 0625
Complexity:	<i>Postal and online voting, one issue for potentially 12 regions, more than 12 candidates for 12 places</i>		

May 2017	Proposal and timetable provided to F&G by Returning Officer
October 2017	Ratification of election timetable and appointment of Returning Officer
July 2018	RO to prepare nomination documents, setup communication systems with RMs, confirm service providers, costs finalised and contract drawn up
Friday 27 July	Public notices and nominations documents signed off
Mon to Fri 30 July to 3 Aug	Public Notices and Nomination Papers, candidate handbook sent to RMs
Friday 10 August	Interim electoral rolls via Eyede sent to Returning Officer
From Saturday 11 August roll	Public Notice of Election - Call for candidacy/registration for electoral roll
Monday 13 August	Nominations open
Thursday 30 August	Nominations Close at 5pm
Mon to Fri 3 to 7 September	Voting documents designed and sent to RMs (envelopes, voting papers, candidate profile booklets)
Wednesday 12 September	Electoral Roll closes at 5pm Voting Documents signed off, online voting site commenced
Friday 14 September	Final electoral rolls for contested regions sent to Returning Officer
Monday 17 September	Online voting site signed off
Thursday 20 September	Lodgement of Voter Packs with NZ Post
20 – 25 September	Delivery of voter packs by NZ Post
8 – 12 October	Progressive Processing of returned voting papers
Friday 12 October 2018	Election Day - Voting closes 5pm
Tuesday 16 October	Postal votes close - Official Results produced Returning Officer signs certificate, candidates advised of Final Results
Wednesday 17 October	Public notices prepared and signed off for publication

Saturday 20 October	<i>Official Declaration - Public Notice of Results in regional dailies</i> Voting papers sealed up and kept at RO's office
Wednesday 24 October	Closure for period for application to NZ Council for recount
Wednesday 31 October	Elected members to take office
Wednesday 21 November	Last day for new councils to have met and appointed one representative as member of the NZ Council (First meeting of new Eastern Fish and Game Council scheduled for 1 November 2018)
Monday 14 January 2019	Voting papers securely destroyed by RO

10. AUCKLAND WAIKATO FISH & GAME STERILE TROUT TRIAL

Ref: 1.04.02

31 July 2018

1. Purpose

To consider further the request from Auckland/Waikato Fish & Game to Eastern Fish & Game to raise up to 2,000 sterile rainbow trout for release into Lake Arapuni and/or other Waikato hydro lakes.

2. Background

Auckland/Waikato Fish & Game approached us in September 2017 to establish whether Eastern Region's hatchery could be used to rear a batch of 2,000 or more triploid, i.e. sterile trout for experimental release into Lake Arapuni. Staff's response was that we might have the capacity to rear 1,000 fish with our existing facilities, but before proceeding with that would want to table the proposal with both this Council given the concerns it had previously raised in relation to the rearing and release of triploids, and other Fish & Game regions. This Council's concerns related in part to the belief that some members of the public might perceive triploid trout to be genetically modified organisms despite this not being the case, and that this perception could lead to backlash of varying sorts. Adam Daniel from Auckland Fish & Game subsequently produced a paper which was presented to the Regional Managers Meeting in February this year, and more recently, presented an updated version to this Council at its meeting on 14 June. The Managers did not consider potential perceptions to be cause for concern, and concluded that Auckland/Waikato Region's proposal was a matter to be decided by the Eastern and Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Councils. This Council thanked Adam for his presentation but noted it would like further discussion with staff in relation to the request.

To aid this discussion, the paper Adam presented at Council's June meeting has been reprinted in the Papers for Information accompanying this agenda along with a Discussion Document produced for Council on triploid trout in 2011.

3. Recommendation

3.1 That Council determines its position on use of the hatchery for the rearing of sterile rainbow trout.

11. USE OF DRAINS BY MALLARDS INVESTIGATION

Ref: 1.00.11

1 August 2018

1. Purpose

To receive the executive summary for the report recently produced by Matthew McDougall, Brigitta Nieuwboer and Andy Garrick on an investigation into the characteristics of drains influencing the use by, and productivity of mallards.

2. Background

Collectively, drains in the lowland Bay of Plenty represent what is likely to be the most extensive area of freshwater habitat remaining within that part of the Bay of Plenty as is the case in many other lowland sites within the region. In recognition of that Eastern Region commenced an investigation into the spatial and temporal use of these drains by mallards in 2015. The key question we asked was what are the characteristics of drains that most influence their use and productivity by mallards? The project built on “snap shot” brood counts undertaken by staff in recent years in selected drains and more intensive counts carried out by Cr Barry Roderick and Ray Bushell. Matt McDougall designed, oversaw, and was actively involved in the project from the outset, and was assisted during the field work stage by Brigitta Nieuwboer who we hosted under the Royal Society of New Zealand’s Science Teaching Leadership Programme. For this we received approximately \$3,000 to offset costs.

This agenda item presents the key findings from the project. A copy of the full reports is available in the Papers for Information accompanying this agenda.

3. Executive Summary

“Drainage networks in the Bay of Plenty (BOP) have been instrumental in the loss of over 98% of wetlands. These drains have now become important habitat for what remains of local waterfowl populations. Regional Councils have obligations under the RMA to manage natural habitat sustainably, and this includes drains. Given the paucity of wetland habitat we sought to establish if maintenance, management, and design of drains could be approached in a way that enhances their habitat values for local and regional mallard populations. We conducted a randomised survey of mallard brood use of BOP drains during the 2015 breeding season. We used general linear models to investigate the association between mallard broods and drain morphology, associated vegetation, and maintenance practices. We modelled the average number of ducks (mallards not directly associated with broods), Class Ia (1–7 days old), and Class III (43–55 days old) against 58 drain characteristics (morphological, vegetative, and maintenance practices). We found that drain width explained the presence of ducks and broods better than any other factor while presence of floating vegetation in the drain, extent of grass cover on the banks, the presence of a small number of overhanging trees and shrubs, and no recent drain maintenance activity having been undertaken were all important in explaining the number of mallards and broods observed in the drains. Some characteristics such as bank profile which we suspected might play a role were similar amongst all drains so provided no insight to their importance. We recommend that drain maintenance be avoided during the breeding season wherever possible, that grass cover be retained on the banks of the drains, and that small copses of trees be planted at intervals along the drain margins. Where an option, construction of wider rather than narrower drains is also desirable.”

12. NOVEMBER MEETING OF NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL

Ref: 8.04.04

1 August 2018

1. Purpose

To discuss the request from the Chief Executive of the NZ Council to support and/or participate in its planned meeting in the Eastern Region on 23-25 November this year.

2. Background

The letter from Martin Taylor provided below refers. Staff have been investigating accommodation options and associated arrangements, and will be able to provide more detail in relation to these on the day this agenda item is considered. Aside from this it would be useful for Council to discuss options for field trips on Saturday 24 November, and any other opportunities that this visit makes possible.

9 April 2018

Murray Ferris
Eastern Fish and Game Council
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ROTORUA 3046

NZ Fish and Game Council meeting in the Eastern region, November 2018

Dear Murray

I want to make you aware of, and seek your support for, a planned meeting of the New Zealand Fish and Game Council in the Eastern Fish and Game region in November 2018.

As you will be aware, the NZ Council meets five times a year, with three of these meetings held in Wellington and two rotated around different venues within the twelve Fish and Game regions. The NZ Council last met in the Eastern Fish and Game region in March 2012.

Our 2018 meeting schedule has us meeting in the West Coast region in March and the Eastern region in November. These away meetings are typically three days – Friday to Sunday – with the middle day allocated to a field trip of Fish and Game relevant sites and issues in each region. The costs for these meetings, meals and field trip are met by the NZ Council.

There is no requirement on the regional Fish and Game Council to participate in these events. However, it is always nice to be able to meet, exchange views and share our understanding with members of the local Fish and Game Council. Its members and staff are most welcome to participate in the field trip and sit in on the meeting. An allocation of time, up to one hour of the actual meeting, is usually provided for the region, its chairperson or regional manager to address the NZ Council and discuss matters of mutual concern. Similarly, an invitation is always extended to regional councillors and regional manager to join us for dinner on the Saturday night.

At this point in time there is no confirmed location for such a meeting in the Eastern region but NZ Council staff will liaise with Andy and his staff to finalise details and work out a suitable route for the field trip.

I look forward to catching up with you and your fellow crew in November.
Yours sincerely

Martin Taylor
Chief Executive

CC Andy Garrick, Manager Eastern Fish and Game Council
Lindsay Lyons, NZ Council Chairperson & Eastern appointee

13. LIAISON OFFICERS REPORTS

13.1 Conservation Boards

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

13.2 Reports from Other Agencies

- Department of Conservation

13.3 Report from New Zealand Council

14. OPERATIONAL REPORTS

14.2 MANAGEMENT REPORT

31 July 2018

SPECIES MANAGEMENT

1111 River Fisheries Investigations

Didymo Monitoring

The Bay of Plenty Regional Council has downgraded the didymo surveillance monitoring regime within the Bay of Plenty following recommendations from NIWA Freshwater Ecologist Cathy Kilroy. The adjustment is based on the low risk of infestation in waterways having higher levels of Dissolved Reactive Phosphorus (DRP). Field observations and experiments in the South Island support the hypothesis that low DRP concentrations (less than about 2mg/m³) stimulate didymo blooms. From this point forward the BOPRC monitoring will be undertaken twice yearly in:

- the Motu River (Houpoto)
- the Kaituna River (below Rotoiti)
- a Wairoa River tributary (Tauranga at Ngamuwahine Bridge)
- the Aongatete River (SH2)

These waters are considered the most likely areas in which didymo could establish a viable population within the Bay of Plenty. Didymo however has yet to be identified within any North Island waterway.

The Ngongotaha will not be monitored as it has been since 2008, as ongoing monitoring lower in the catchment in the Kaituna River is considered sufficient at this stage..

Drift Dive Monitoring

Nothing further to report as weather and river conditions precluded programmed drift dives this year.

Online Diary

We have recently created an online site for anglers to record their fishing logs and experiences. This has yet to be taken up by anglers but will be advertised in the newsletter accompanying the magazine issue and more widely as time goes on.

1112 Datawatch

During the ten months following the season opening (1 October), a total of 541 datawatch tags have been returned and entered into the database. The distribution is as follows:

Lake Okareka	13
Lake Okataina	98
Lake Rerewhakaaitu	23
Lake Rotoehu	6
Lake Rotoiti	92

Lake Rotoma	20
Lake Rotorua	12
Lake Tarawera	265
Lake Waikaremoana	4
Lake Tutira	8
Maraetotara	0

Datawatch entered to 16/7/2018

The number of tag returns since the opening of the angling season on 1 October is 17% ahead of returns to the same point in time in July 2017. The datawatch programme has been advertised in the latest Fish & Game magazine (fish supplement and newsletter) and on the Fish & Game website to prompt anglers to keep sending in tag returns. An online data entry system via survey monkey has been created to make it easier for anglers to return information.

Tag returns are ahead on Lakes Tarawera, Rerewhakaaitu, Rotoma, and Waikaremoana. Tarawera is ahead by 97 returns which is due in part to the very large winter trap run. All other lakes are close to neutral or just behind, the exception being Okataina (down 22%) and Rotoehu which is typically quite variable from year to year.

1113 Lake Waikaremoana

Lake Waikaremoana Monitoring Buoy Update

The Lake Waikaremoana monitoring buoy sensor lines are expected to be worked on in the week of 23-27 July. This will mean an August redeployment is on track.

Waikaremoana Fishery Investigation

Fish & Game staff travelled to Waikaremoana on 28 May. A survey was undertaken in the Waiotukupuna Stream investigating the feasibility of conducting walkup spawning counts to monitor the Waikaremoana brown trout fishery over the 2019 winter. The Hopuruahine was also surveyed and few fish were found to have entered the spawning tributaries at that time. The 'Walk up Fish Counting' method has been used at Waikaremoana over the past four winters and staff believe it is a more appropriate alternative replacement to fish trapping in the Waiotukupuna.

A visit evaluating angler access was made to several of the East Coast streams including the Waikaretaheke, Nuhaka and Mangapoike Rivers. The Wairoa Anglers Club AGM was also attended.

An area of Lake Waikaremoana adjacent to Home Bay was surveyed using the Lowrance sounding equipment to obtain additional bathymetric mapping for the Insight Genesis Social Map.

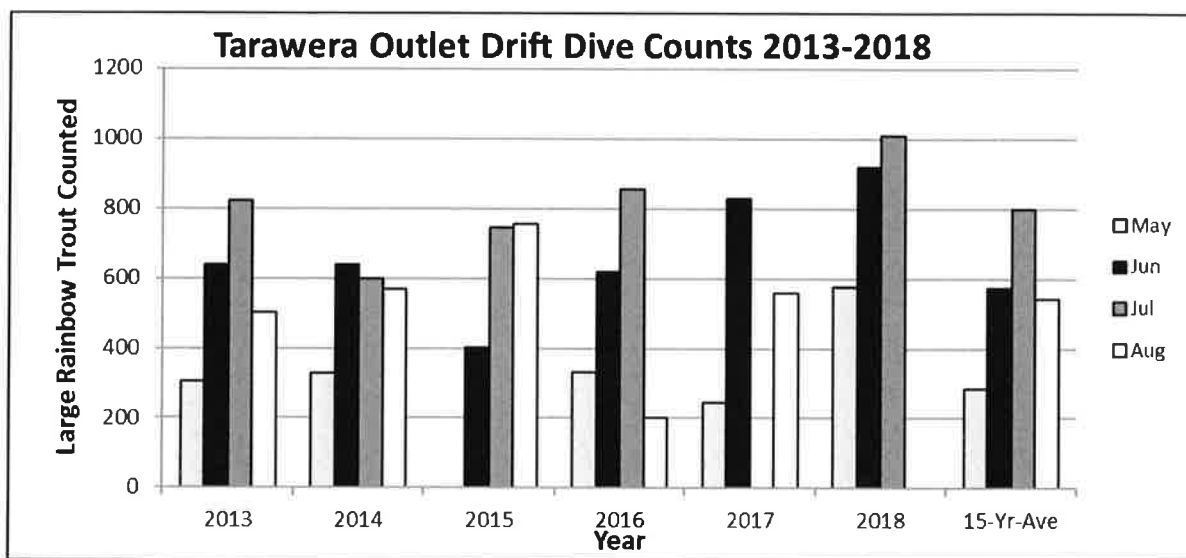
1114 Lake Tarawera

Tarawera Outlet Drift Dives

Fish & Game staff have completed three drift dive counts of trout in the Tarawera Outlet to date during the 2018 winter. The May dive was undertaken on 22 May. A total of 575 large trout, 25 medium trout and 33 small size class trout were counted. The number of large spawning trout seen during the early part of the run in May was higher than has been recorded since May 2012 and well above the May average of 285 fish. Numbers of small and medium

size class fish were however, well below the usual May counts as they are displaced by the more aggressive and larger spawning trout. The June drift dive (18 June) resulted in 919 large size class fish being counted which again was significantly higher than the past 15-year June average of 571 large fish. The July drift dive (19 July) resulted in our third highest recorded total of 1,011 large spawning fish during this month. The Tarawera Outlet was not dived in July 2017.

	Size range			2018	2017	2016
	Small	Medium	Large	Total	Total	Total
May	33	25	575	633	249	695
June	0	11	919	930	846	636
July	0	0	1,011	1,011	-	860
August						



The final drift dive for the winter will be undertaken in August.

The numbers of spawning fish recorded in the Te Wairoa Stream spawning run this year have similarly been very high this year.

Te Wairoa Trap Run

A total of 1,788 fish have been processed through the Te Wairoa trap to 16 July 2018. These fish have averaged 533mm and 1.88kg overall. They have been 5mm smaller but 60g heavier than the average sized fish entering the trap in the 2017 winter (538mm and 1.82kg). No ten-pound (4.54kg) fish have been recorded through the trap this season. This remains unchanged since 2012. The largest fish to date has been a 600mm, 3.65kg LpAd clipped female. Wild fish have made up 29% of the total run compared with 26.5% to the same point of time in 2017, and 29% in 2016. The measured run this season is currently 1,174 fish ahead of the 2017 winter run to the same date. The wild fish this winter have averaged 501mm and 1.63kg. The wild fish trapped have been 4mm larger and 120g heavier than the 2017 wild fish through the trap. Hatchery liberated fish have averaged 546mm and 1.99kg. This is 7mm smaller but 60g heavier on average than the hatchery liberated fish measured in the trap during the 2017 winter.

Wairua Angling Data

The Fish & Game Wairua Stream hut facility was available for hire to anglers over the 2018 late summer to winter period (1 March - 30 June). A total of 54 angler hours were recorded. This was disappointing as it only made up to half of the 2017 effort and one third of the effort recorded during 2016. Catch rate recorded from the Wairua Stream mouth was 0.26 fish per hour or one fish for slightly less than every four hours spent angling. A total of 13 fish were recorded as kept, 8 legal sized returns and 2 under sized returns. Fish caught averaged 462mm and 1.71kg. Wild fish made up 68% of the catch.

Two of the fish caught at the stream mouth had fresh Te Wairoa trap clips indicating they had entered the Te Wairoa Stream from April 2018 possibly feeding on smelt then had travelled up into the Wairua Arm and were heading into the Wairua Stream to spawn. Several occupants of the Wairua Hut were not anglers but assisted instead with other fishery observations in the Wairua Stream. Staff also used the Wairua facility as a base for undertaking stream investigations looking at the flooding and sedimentation damage to the stream environs and observation of fish movement into the stream.

Lake Tarawera Fishery Research Update

A meeting was held with NIWA's Principal Fisheries Scientist in Wellington and he has offered to make their freshwater echosounding transceiver available to us at a very modest cost to undertake the smelt monitoring trials at Tarawera in November this year. Michel Dedual from DOC Taupo will provide the transducer to which this is coupled, and will train and assist staff in implementing the survey.

A meeting was also held with Prof Troy Baisden the new Lakes Chair at the University of Waikato who replaces Prof David Hamilton, and Dr Simon Stewart who was originally lined up to undertake the proposed research programme. Prof Baisden is enthusiastic about the project but felt it needed some restructuring to make it more attractive for funding by other agencies. He and Simon undertook to get back to us later in August with a revised proposal and a prescription for complementary undertakings we could initiate before the end of the year.

Discussions were also held with Nicki Douglas the Environmental Manager for Te Arawa Lakes Trust who has expressed an interest in elements of the proposed programme, and also, Trust involvement in associated data collection if that's viable.

1115 Other Lake Fisheries Investigations

Ngongotaha Stream Trap

The Ngongotaha fish trap was not operated during June due to flooding and unavailability of staff. At time of writing the Ngongotaha Stream fish trap had yet to be set for the July period.

Angler Diaries

A steady number of angler diaries have been sent into the office recently. Both individuals and fishing club members have made the effort to compile and forward these. The diaries are providing excellent coverage for some of the further afield lakes such as Waikaremoana and Rerewhakaaitu as well as the closer and more regularly surveyed lakes. We have created an online site for anglers to record their fishing logs and experiences. This will be advertised in the newsletter accompanying the magazine issue and more widely.

1116 Waterfowl Monitoring

Aerial Counts

Staff conducted aerial transect counts of mallards just prior to the game bird season. The final report is still in preparation but will be available for Council at its next meeting. It appears that mallards in the Bay of Plenty have been increasing, as has the population in Reporoa though the numbers are still very low there (Figure 1).

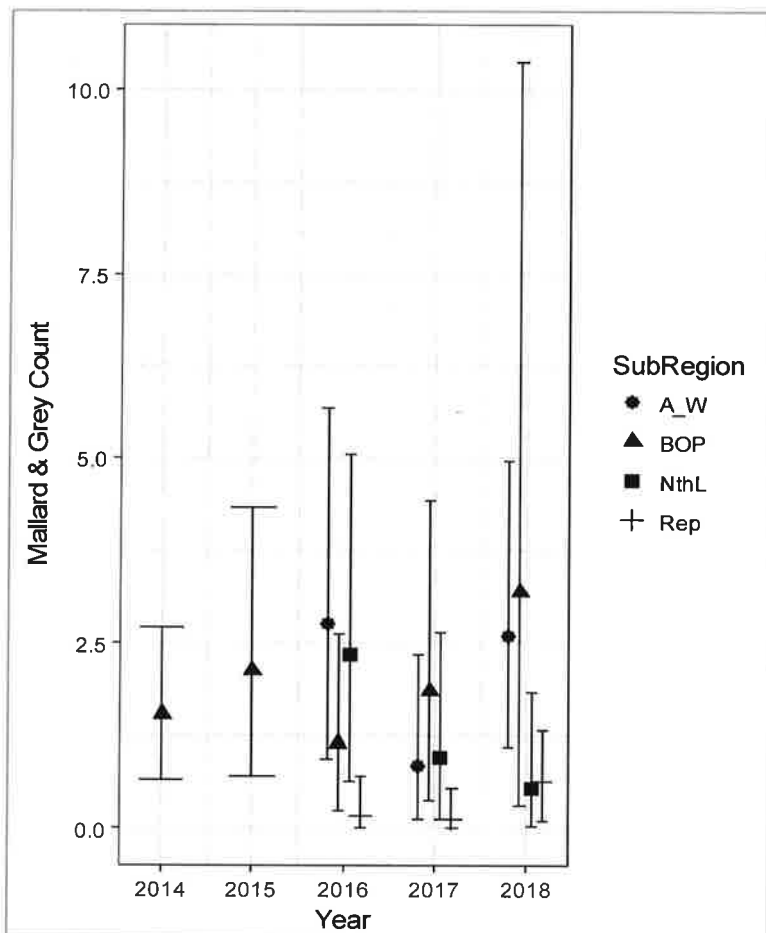


Figure 1. Aerial transect counts of mallard per kilometre (median \pm 95% credible limit) for the Waikato (A_W), Bay of Plenty (BOP), Reporoa (Rep), and Northland (NthL) 2014-2018. The majority of counts were from 10km transects, the exception being some transects that had to be shortened due to other aircraft in the vicinity or difficult terrain.

Band Returns

188 band returns have been processed and letters sent to hunters. The oldest recovery to date is 18 years after banding. A female mallard that was banded as an adult at Aniwhenua in 1999 and shot in the Piako (Waikato) in 2017. The second oldest was shot in the Kaituna 16 years after being banded at Dodds, Gisborne in 1999. The furthest recovery this year was about 170km, a juvenile male mallard banded at Grandiek's in Gisborne this year and shot at Kaituna in June; well short of the 1000 plus kilometres that a couple of birds banded in 2000 and 2007. These birds were recovered in Otahuti - 20 km NE of Invercargill and Waiwera River, South Otago respectively.

A full report will be prepared following the end of the hunting season.

1118 Game Bird Research

A draft strategy for research and management of greylards has been prepared but needs input from other regional Fish & Game staff which has been difficult to obtain. Staff will endeavour to convene a meeting with other specialist staff prior to the end of this calendar year to advance the project ahead of the NZ Council call for research proposals for 2019-2020.

1121 Lake Fisheries Creel Surveys

Summer Creel Survey

The 2017-18 summer creel survey is currently being prepared and will be forwarded to Council by 31 August.

Winter Creel Survey

Winter creel surveys are nearing completion for the 2017-18 season. Once field work has been completed the data collected will be entered into a database and analysed.

Ohau Creel Survey

The Ohau Channel survey contracted by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council as a condition of its resource consent for the Ohau Channel Wall has been completed for the 2017-18 season. The data has been analysed and reports will be presented to the independent Fisheries Panel Meeting to be held in November. Ten years of survey data are now available for the Ohau Channel since the Wall was installed along with two years of monitoring prior to its construction.

A new panel has been appointed this year to review the data collected and provide advice. The panel comprises Dr Michel Dedual (DOC fishery scientist), Dr Ian Kusabs (independent ecologist) and Dr Dave Rowe (ex NIWA scientist).

1123 Game Bird Hunter Survey

Mallard and grey duck harvest

Interim harvest results indicate that the mallard and grey duck (greylard) harvest for the Eastern Region overall during the 2018 season was the best since 2010 (Figure 1). Hunters shot 8.7 greylards on average for the season but hours hunted were also high compared with those in recent years (Table 1). Previous studies have shown that hours hunted tends to increase when the population is high.

A full report will be produced at the end of the game season.

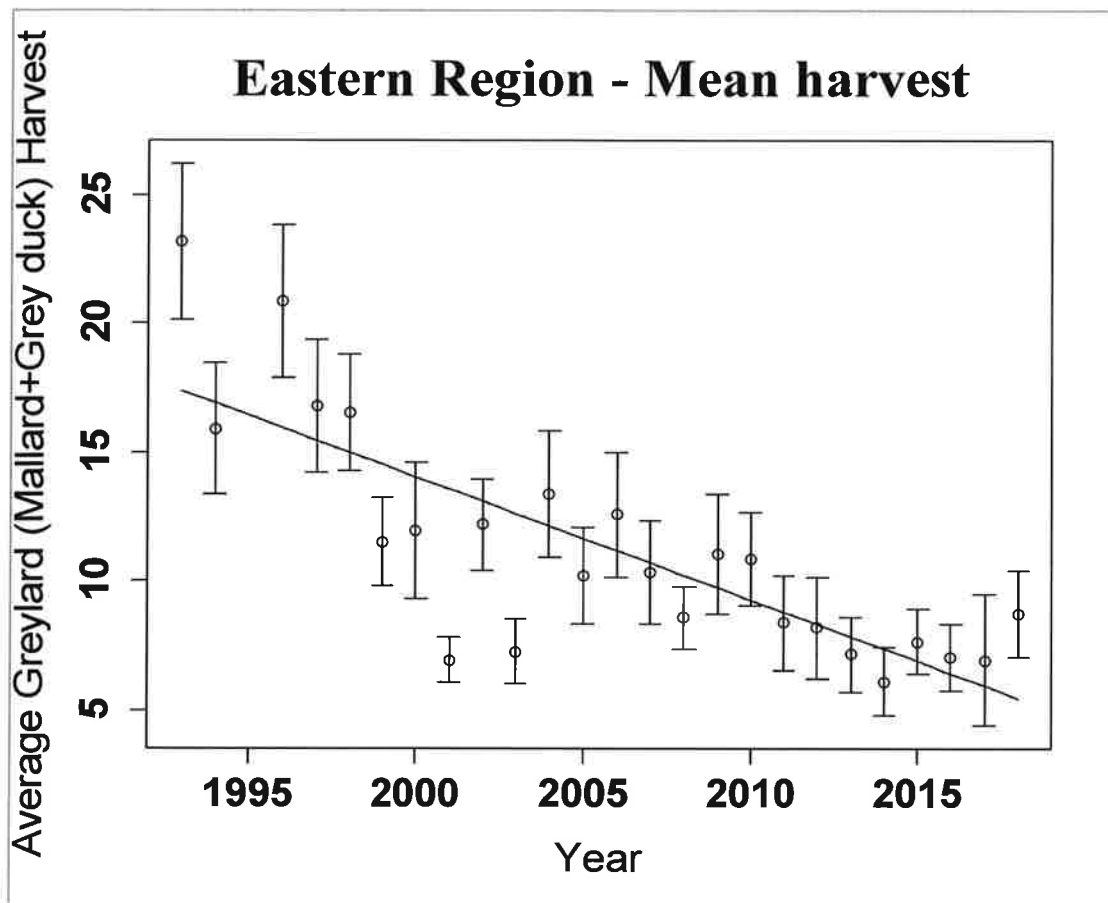


Figure 1. Average greylard (mean±95% CI) harvest in the Eastern Region 1993–2018 with regression line (the solid line).

Table 1. Average hours hunting waterfowl, in the Eastern Region 1993–2018 and average harvest of mallard, grey and, greylard (mallard + grey) duck.

Year	Hours (WF)	Mallard	Grey	Greylard
1993	26.6	18.1	5.1	23.2
1994	28.1	14.3	1.6	15.9
1996	36.1	17.9	3.0	20.9
1997	26.9	13.8	3.0	16.8
1998	29.0	14.4	2.1	16.5
1999	22.7	10.4	1.2	11.5
2000	22.0	10.4	1.6	12.0
2001	19.3	5.9	1.1	7.0
2002	24.6	10.1	2.1	12.2
2003	20.6	6.5	0.8	7.3
2004	21.0	11.0	2.4	13.4
2005	20.7	9.3	0.9	10.2
2006	21.0	11.8	0.8	12.6
2007	18.6	9.5	0.9	10.4
2008	18.8	7.4	1.2	8.6

2009	26.4	9.9	1.1	11.1
2010	18.3	10.2	0.7	10.9
2011	16.5	7.9	0.5	8.4
2012	13.2	7.2	1.0	8.2
2013	12.4	6.4	0.8	7.2
2014	11.7	5.3	0.8	6.1
2015	16.2	6.3	1.4	7.7
2016	15.5	6.4	0.6	7.0
2017	13.3	6.3	0.7	7.0
2018	16.4	8.3	0.5	8.8

1141 Hatchery Operations

Hatchery operations have been dominated by a busy fish trapping period at Te Wairoa, Lake Tarawera.

Fish were fin marked and collected for liberation by Northland Fish & Game Region, eyed ova were despatched to eight schools in the Wellington area, and display fish were provided for a local tourist attraction. No liberations took place to the Eastern Fish & Game region. Prior to commencing the spring release, rainbow trout yearlings have been moved and spread-out to enhance growth rates.

Fish locations at 24 July 2018

Location	Type	Qty (approx)	Comment
Tank B	0+ Tiger	20	Display
Tank C	1+ Bt	1,430	Liberations spring 2018
Tank D	1+Bt	1,290	Liberations spring 2018
Pond 2	1+Rt	8,000	Spring liberations and orders 2018
Pond 3	1+Rt	8,000	Spring liberations and orders 2018
Pond 4	1+Rt	1,000	Spring liberations and orders 2018
Pond 5	1+Rt	9,000	Spring liberations and orders 2018
Pond 6	1+Rt	9,000	Spring liberations and orders 2018
Pond 7	1+Rt	9,000	Spring liberations and orders 2018

1143 Te Wairoa Trap

At the time of writing 48 crosses have been produced from the fish selected and these have produced around 190,000 green ova. [Stop Press – 73 crosses as at 31/7/18].

1161 Sports Fish Liberations

There were no liberations undertaken within the period to 31 July.

1171 Sports Fish Regulations

The 2018-19 Anglers Notice Process for the Eastern Region Fish and Game was finalised at the 14 June Council meeting. Recommendations from the Eastern Fish and Game Council for Ministerial approval were sent to the NZ Fish and Game Council on 26 June 2018.

Letters and email notifications were sent to statutory organisations, clubs and submitters notifying them of Council's decisions on 27 June 2018.

HABITAT PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE

1211 RMA Planning

Gisborne District Council – Freshwater Advisory Group and Freshwater Plan

Hearings decisions were released in August 2017. An appeal on parts of these decisions was lodged in September 2017. The appeal points relate to some fish passage provisions, the activity status for new maimai, crop survival water allocation provisions, and activities in riparian margins. Mediation was attended during the first 2 weeks of May 2018, with positive outcomes on most of our appeal points. We are continuing to work with GDC staff regarding unresolved matters.

Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Proposed Plan Change 9 (Water Quantity) submissions were lodged in mid-December 2017. The Hearing was attended in March, and recommendations from the Panel are scheduled to be released in August.

Waikato Regional Council

In March Auckland/Waikato and Eastern Fish and Game Council's lodged a joint submission on Waikato Regional Council's Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora: Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1.

Bay of Plenty Water Advisory Panel

Fish & Game remains involved in the Bay of Plenty Regional Water Advisory Panel, and community catchment groups.

Bay of Plenty Draft Regional Pest Management Plan

Comments were lodged on the Bay of Plenty Draft Regional Pest Management Plan in 2017 opposing the inclusion of sports fish (perch and tench) in the document. The existing Pest Management Plan remains in operation until September 2018. Regional Council intends publicly notifying the next plan before the current one expires and has forwarded Eastern Fish & Game a pre-notification copy for comment if we wish to do so.

1212 Consent Applications

Date In	Authority	Applicant	Type	Resource Involved	Action
31 5 18	RLC	R Freeman	LUC -Install driveway bridge	Trib of Ngongotaha Stream	APPROVED S95E3A
20 6 18	BOPRC	Harvey & Perry	LUC - Construct jetty	Lake Tarawera	APPROVED S95E3A
28 6 18	GDC	GDC	LUC - District wide global road maintenance consent	GDC plan scheduled protected rivers	ONGOING
3 7 18	BOPRC	Fonterra	DP- dairy liquid and wastewater truck spread to farms	Region wide farms except sensitive areas	ONGOING

Resource consents of note

Rotorua Lakes

The BOPRC and LINZ resource consent renewal for discharging Diquat to the Rotorua lakes was opposed by Fish & Game, and we have heard nothing subsequent to our submission. BOPRC has not been in contact to discuss it with us nor has a hearing been scheduled. We are endeavouring to ascertain where things are at regarding this application.

Fonterra

Fonterra is attempting to consolidate the resource consents it requires for dairy liquids and wastewater being truck spread to farms into a single global consent for the area administered by each regional council. Reduced nitrogen and phosphorus application rates are proposed, but the planned area for spreading is the whole of the Bay of Plenty region, bar scheduled sensitive areas (i.e. the Lake Rotorua and Rotoiti catchments). Fish & Game is concerned about other sensitive areas such as the upper Rangitaiki River catchment, and areas with porous soils in proximity to wetlands and watercourses. We intend convening a meeting with Fonterra to discuss our concerns and may lodge a submission in opposition to the application.

Awaiti Canal

The Awaiti Canal water abstraction resource consent discussions are progressing, but slowly. Landowners are currently investigating canal water level monitoring options and costs. Once received, consent conditions relating to minimum flows and levels can be set which are in line with minimum levels within the Awaiti WMR wetland and fair and reasonable for abstractors.

Gisborne District Council

GDC has proposed a draft global consent enabling road maintenance within the district. Fish & Game is not opposed to global consents, but we have opposed this draft application as the Council wishes to be able to undertake works in streams and rivers during spawning periods. DOC is also opposing this application in principle. All parties hope to work through a solution prior to formal submission of the application.

1221 Reserves Management

Lower Kaituna WMR

17,000 native plants have been planted around the northern contoured borrow pit and scrapes. The contractors awarded the Kaituna River diversion contract, J Swaps, are to begin abstracting the remainder of the sand ridge in late July and August. This area will again be contoured and planted out in wetland plants once sand abstraction has been completed. A

joint partner meeting of DOC, Fish & Game and BOPRC staff met to discuss broad principles regarding the ongoing development of the remainder of the grazing paddocks into wetland and mitigation/new water inlet options. A landscape architect is to provide interpretation graphics illustrating what was agreed upon. Council will be informed of progress of designs, graphics and options once we receive them.

Ngapouri and Tutaeinanga

This project is on time and within budget. Planting is scheduled to commence mid-September with Fish & Game maintaining its role of day to day oversight of the project.

Ohaaki and Hardcastles

A large-scale predator trapping programme has been laid out around the Ohaaki Wetland and in the newly planted riparian strip adjacent to Hardcastles Lagoon southern boundary. Fish & Game will monitor traps and collate data of species trapped for the months of July to December inclusive. In late December traps will be uplifted and stored until July the following year. Traps and bait have been provided by Ngati Tahu - Ngati Whaoa in whom the Ohaaki wetland is vested.

Awakaponga WMR

To our dismay the shed at Awakaponga was broken into for a second time in June. Most of the solar equipment including panels and batteries was stolen. We are working with the insurance company and electricians to get the equipment replaced and re-fitted. We are also looking at options to further improve security at the site.

Joint Management Agreements

Final drafts of the joint management agreements between DOC and Fish & Game for the gazetted WMR wetlands we manage have been forwarded to DOC for their final assessment. The agreements have been in the making for two years and our concern has been to ensure Fish & Game continues to manage game bird hunting, game bird habitat values, and access to these resources for the next twenty-five years. We await DOC's sign off.

1231 Maintain and Enhance Game Bird Habitat

Three new wetland developments/enhancement requests have been received since the last Council meeting. One Wairoa landowner was provided \$500 of appropriate nesting and feeding plants for a newly constructed pond on his farm. We provided this as seed funding to encourage the landowner to develop more opportunities on this property. A second landowner will be constructing a bund to create approximately one hectare of wetland just out of Taupo. Construction, consent and planting advice will be given. Thirdly, a Reporoa landowner has requested a visit in early August to ascertain if two in-stream dams can be created for waterfowl. Potential size of these is not yet known.

1232 Habitat Creation

Applications for Funding to Create Habitat in the Waikato Catchment

Matt McDougall is the Eastern Fish and Game representative on the WCEET. In this last round of applications there were 25 applications requesting \$1,065,351 of which 20 were approved with grants totalling \$506,775.

Trustees are allocated projects to manage. After this last round Matt has picked up several new projects but they are in the main small catchment protection initiatives. He has recently visited two of the three new sites.

Pukehina Wetland Proposal

Earlier this year the Regional Manager was approached in strict confidence by a property developer and his consultants interested in purchasing a low lying dairy farm at Pukehina. The developer's intention was to subdivide approximately 30ha to create an 'eco-village', and put the remaining c.130ha into a wetland which could be shot over. He wished to know whether Fish & Game would be interested in taking over the wetland once it had been constructed and be responsible for managing it thereafter. Since then a number of meetings to develop and refine the concept have taken place, and this has culminated in the recent signing of a Heads of Agreement by five parties, two of whom are companies representing the developer's interests. The other parties are Eastern Fish & Game, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, and Ngati Whakahemo. Cr Murray Ferris and Andy Garrick are the Fish & Game signatories to the agreement. The agreement records that the parties will work together towards achieving the vision of turning the bulk of this former dairy farm into freshwater wetland for the benefit of wetland game birds and indigenous biodiversity, subject to various conditions being met. The project is entirely dependent on the Western Bay of Plenty District Council granting consent for subdivision and creation of the wetland. The consent application is due to be lodged in the near future.

ANGLER AND HUNTER PARTICIPATION

1311 Maintain & Enhance Access

Further access work carried out in Kaingaroa Forest on the Rangitaiki River system. The winter access is half way through the open season which continues to the end of September-possibly longer fire risk depending.

Liaison is ongoing with forest/land owners and managers regarding access and access maintenance work.

Sign maintenance has been carried out as required around the region.

1331 Electronic Newsletters

Reel Life was produced in May 2018 and covered angling reports, soft baits, fishing tips, fish liberations, anglers notice, and social media. Both Barrels was produced for May and June.

1332 Fish & Game Magazine

Two Eastern feature pages were prepared for the Fish & Game Magazine and licence holder mailing databases prepared for its distribution. The Region's 2018-19 Fishing Newsletter has also been developed for distribution with the magazine and to licence agents prior to mid August.

1333 Fish & Game Website

Updates or changes to the Eastern Web site included council agendas and minutes, children's fishing event pages, end of season news, and fishing report.

1334 Social Media

Our Twitter account has 462 followers and received approximately 6,000 impressions for the reported period. Regular posts are being made to our new Facebook page and this is now attracting some traffic.

1351 Children's Fishing

A children's page has been set-up on our web site, an event poster created and provided to Rotorua Anglers, and an event booking page created on-line for the August event.

1354 Fishing Competitions

Eight fishing competition permits were processed for the period.

1355 Fish Out Facilities

Staff met with Crs Lindsay Lyons and Barry Roderick to scope options for the establishment of a fish out facility in the vicinity of McLarens Falls. Further consideration of the issues and options will be given to this project in the new OWP year.

1361 Fish & Game Club Communications

Three club visits were undertaken during the period.

1371 Fish & Game Huts

Wairua Hut

At time of writing the concession process for the site the hut occupies has not been concluded with points of difference with DOC still needing resolution.

PUBLIC INTERFACE

1411 Statutory Liaison and Political Awareness

Meetings were convened by the Regional Manager with Nicki Douglas, Environment Manager for Te Arawa Lakes Trust, Ken Raureti member of TALT's Komiti Whakahaere and Chairman of Bay of Plenty Conservation Board, Allan Munn Central North Island Director of Department of Conservation, and Kirsti Luke, Chief Executive for Tuhoe.

1421 Public Communications

Media April to July 31

Nine media releases were issued over this period, along with a media 'package' to assist magazines and newspapers with their coverage of the start of the game bird season.

In April, a release summarising the conviction of a Rotorua teen for poaching from the hatchery drew 'front page treatment' from local media. We reported that the 19 year old had pleaded guilty in the Rotorua District Court to charges of fishing in hatchery ponds without a licence and being on the grounds unlawfully.

In early May a release quoted Anthony van Dorp on the plan for joint ranging patrols with police officers on Opening Weekend. This was closely followed by the distribution of a pre-season 'package' for media covering bag limits, safety rules, etc. This information package was aimed in particular at meeting early magazine deadlines, but was also sent to local media such as the Daily Post.

On May 8, two releases were issued, the first tipping 'good hunting ahead' for the rest of the season in Eastern Region. The second was on the eight shotguns seized in the Eastern Region, with a comment from Anthony (plus photo).

In mid-June, a release promoted great fishing on offer on Rotorua lakes, with spawning numbers at record levels as measured by fish caught in the stream that feeds Lake Tarawera. Another release urged anglers to make the most of boat fishing before closure of three popular Rotorua lakes for winter from July 1.

Another release in July reported fish being trucked from Ngongotaha hatchery to Lake Pupuke for the annual school holidays release.

Releases also reminded hunters to return their bands and go in the draw for the prizes provided by Hunting & Fishing. We stressed the importance of band data for the research led by Matthew McDougall.

Communications advisor Grant Dyson filmed the first of a multi-part series on the work of the Ngongotaha hatchery called *How Do You Breed 100,000 Trout?*

Part Two featured Lloyd Gledhill at work in Fort Knox, stripping eggs for fertilisation. Part Three will focus on what happens indoors at the hatchery as the young fish are grown to liberation size.

The two videos were posted on Fish & Game's main Facebook pages and by the end of July, the Fort Knox video had already attracted well over 6000 views.

Grant Dyson, as usual, also interviewed staff to prepare Eastern's contributions to Reel Life and Both Barrels newsletters.

1461 Education

One school tour of the hatchery facility was provided for the period.

COMPLIANCE

1511 Ranging

Winter shoreline angler surveys have been ongoing along with monitoring of spawning streams, and compliance checks of areas still open to fish, and closed waters locations.

Spawning stream monitoring has included use of covert cameras as and when appropriate. There has been some poaching activity around some spawning streams, and this is being monitored.

All offences which arose from the game season opening have now been resolved. Prosecution action with diversion is working very well - while there is more work and upfront cost involved, resolutions have been very quick and straightforward. A number of matters have involved out of town summons service, and we have been able to recover costs associated with this as part of the diversion process.

Ranging has continued around the region, including input by honorary rangers.

Overall compliance rate continues to be in excess of 98 %.

Contacts Year to Date

Contacts year to date are at 2,423 angler and hunter contacts. Angler contacts are down on last year's numbers as we've located fewer anglers out and about, and fewer hunters were located during the game season also.

Contacts: Year 2017-2018 to June 2018.

Month	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Last 5 yr average
September	66	50	59	29	21	57
October	984	960	1,223	903	836	1,013
November	175	112	20	62	69	100
December	387	392	293	310	390	396
January	355	381	335	217	195	357
February	151	395	418	293	137	298
March	279	275	253	191	199	260
April	299	264	53	214	178	205
May	446	498	272	292	226	405
June	325	203	277	171	172	237
July	79	120	107	94		104
August	77	76	42	27		71
Total	3,623	3,726	3,352	2,803	2,423	3,502

North Island/National CLE role

This role continues with current matters including the ranger re-warranting process which is underway. This is more complex now with rangers being checked and vetted to ensure our ranger teams are the best possible people for the role. Staff warrants are also being re-issued to ensure they are up to date.

A national ranger newsletter was completed and distributed nationally.

Rangers

We have recently issued a warrant to a new ranger based in the Tauranga area following a training period.

1521 Training

Preparation is underway for a ranger training exercise for honorary rangers and warranted staff scheduled for 18 August 2018.

1531 Prosecutions

Currently 7 offenders have offences pending resolution, details as per the table below.

This includes some warrants to arrest, as well as currently active matters.

We have no official updates regarding the progress of the infringement notice system bill currently being dealt with by parliament. However, we have not had any negative news either!

Offences Year to Date 2017-2018 Year:

For the year 2017- 2018 year to date we have dealt with 46 persons for 66 offences as tabled below. Note some of these offences are representative of multiple offences by the same offenders.

Offence table 2017-2018 year to 18/07/2018

Offence name	Number of offences
Fish without licence	21
Fish closed waters	9
False details	1
Take sports fish with net, spear, gaff or device.	1
Possession of net/spear	1
Illegal tackle	5
Obstruction	1
Exceed bag limit - fish	1
Unlawfully on property	4
Fish with more than 1 rod	1
Unrestricted gun magazine	7
Lead shot	6
Fish during closed hours	4
Disturb spawning grounds	4
Total	66

Offences Pending Resolution

To date 14 separate offences are pending resolution, by 7 offenders.

The table below shows offences currently pending resolution, as at 17/07/2018:

Offence name	Numbers
Fish without licence	8
Possess spear-net- gaff	1
Fish closed waters	2
False details	1
Illegal tackle	2
Total	14

LICENSING

1612 Analysis of Licence Information

Kate Thompson continues to provide regular updates of licence sales for all regions. Additional reports are also supplied to the Licence Working Party.

1621 Licence Agent Support

Licence agents have been provided with pre-season information for the upcoming 2018-19 Fishing Season. Regulation guides will be distributed by staff early in August. Administration staff continue to liaise with licence agents as required.

PLANNING AND REPORTING

1841 National Liaison

In addition to staff's ongoing contribution to a wide range of national projects and work areas, the Regional Manager provided ongoing input to enquiries and discussions associated with NZC Council initiatives and Hawke's Bay governance and management related issues. Andy also participated in a R3 Reference Group Meeting in Wellington in early July aimed at developing strategies for increasing participation. Membership of this group comprises Martin Taylor, Steve Doughty (marketing consultant), Robert Sowman and the managers of the Eastern, Wellington, Nelson/Marlborough and Otago Regions.

ADMINISTRATION

Training

Staff had a CLE refresher session, and a three monthly boat operations refresher session. One staff member also successfully completed his Power Boat Level 2 re-assessment.

Staff Houses

An HRV ventilation system was installed into the brick house to address condensation and mould issues that have worsened over the winter period.

Office Premises

The heat pump in the manager's office has been replaced and a new heat pump installed into the compliance officers' office. Both of these items have been provided for from the asset replacement fund.

Equipment

Following the upgrading of trailers the transport trailer and a small single axle trailer have been sold.

14.3 HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

Ref: 9.01.07

18 July 2018

1. Background

As part of its commitment to Health and Safety and providing a safe workplace, the Eastern Fish and Game Council is provided with a report at each meeting describing:

1. Implementation and adherence to the Health and Safety plan – including Health and Safety as an agenda item for staff & ranger meetings;
2. Monitoring and Reporting – in accordance with the Health and Safety plan;
3. Risk Management (identification and treatment) – any new issues or hazards that have arisen and how these have been addressed;
4. Training programme – information sharing and training of staff and volunteers;
5. Health and Safety incidents – near misses or injuries sustained, plus updates on past events;
6. Recommendations.

2. June/July 2018 Update

1. Implementation and Adherence to the Health and Safety Plan

Tail Gate Forms were used by staff out on site for the Tarawera trap.

Regular (weekly) staff meetings.

The whiteboard is continually being used by staff which has improved communication between staff and makes it easier to know where staff are.

MS has trained A Veitch and G Veitch on safe trap operations. Both volunteers have read and signed the ‘Safe Procedures for Operators of the Fish Traps, Eastern Fish and Game Region’ 26/5/18

Carmel to follow up with staff the Safety App developed by Nelson/Marlborough.

2. Monitoring and Reporting

Work Place Accident Register

	18/7/18	25/5/18
Number of workplace injuries in 2017-2018 year	1	1
Number of workplace injuries in 2016-2017 year	2	2
Number of workplace injuries in 2015-2016 year	1	1
Number of workplace injuries in 2014-2015 year	1	1
Number of workplace injuries in 2013-2014 year	3	3
Total number of workplace injuries since 1 Sept 1995	35	35
Total number of days lost work injuries since 1 Sept 1995	9	9
Total number of days since last lost work injury (31/8/2017) <i>Note the lost work days were in Dec/Jan 17/18 after remedial surgery, not immediately after the injury.</i>	267	267
Total number of days prior to last lost work injury since 1 Sept 1995	8,035	8,035

3. Risk Management (identification and treatment)

Notes taken for the H&S minutes at the weekly staff meeting:

28/5 – Beware of slippery decks

5/6 – Nil

11/6 – Poaching in spawning streams – be vigilant, and slippery decks

18/6 – Nil

25/6 – Beware of hazards when ranging spawning streams – range in pairs where possible

2/7 – Netting has been completed on decking, Lloyd to place sand on boardwalks' steps, and beware of black ice on the roads when driving.

9/7 – Nothing to report

16/7 – Dead tree at Hatchery entrance

23/7 – Beware of activity around streams

30/7 – Earmuffs have been purchased for use when shooting shags on site - these are stored on top of gunsafe. Safety step purchased for use in boat shed. Reports of Mongrel Mob poaching at Ohau Channel. If you get a call out, do a reccie first and back off and call police if necessary. Trout pools getting a lot of attention. Be careful. Get offenders away from the water first. This is a dangerous area with limited cell coverage.

4. Training Programme

Training for volunteers on trap

5. H&S Incidents

None to report

6. Recommendation

That Council acknowledges it has received this report.

14.4 FINANCE REPORT

Ref: 8.03.01

1 August 2018

1. Purpose

To inform the Council of its current financial position and approve payments for the months of May and June 2018.

2. YTD Profit and Loss

The Profit & Loss statement for the period ending 30 June 2018 is attached. This report documents the income and expenditure for the period.

Income

Fish licence revenue is reporting to be below budget by \$45,432. This result is consistent with the licence sales report which shows fish licence sales to be down on 2016-17 results by 3.4% and taking into consideration the increased target for 2017-18 being some \$8,200 higher than last season. The levy component of non-resident licence sales is not budgeted and is transferred into the Non-Resident Levy Reserve on completion of the financial year. Licence sales by category and LEQ are reported in detail within the licence sales report and this will provide a more up to date picture of licence sales YTD.

Revenue from other sources over the period was made up of the following: hatchery (\$12,503), fishing competitions (\$1,600), tours (\$30), rentals (\$5,823), and interest (\$1,558). Fines from prosecutions collected through the courts totalled \$1,142 and funds were also received from diversion processes for expense recovery and junior education programmes (\$304 and \$608 respectively). Legal expenses were reimbursed by the NZ Fish and Game Council relating to the Gisborne Fresh Water Plan appeal (\$3,508), and funds were received from Hawke's Bay Fish & Game and the NZ Council for staff contract work (\$9,833). Interest on the Waikaremoana Fund term investments was paid in June and amounted to \$15,118.

Species Management

Population monitoring expenditure for the period related to meal expenses for Waikaremoana work. Within budget YTD.

The spending within the harvest assessment budget related to game hunter surveys. Within budget YTD.

The purchase of fish food (\$8,164) was the most significant Hatchery expense for the period. The Te Wairoa trap expenses included the purchase of river stones and posts, a boat net, rodent traps and other minor purchases. Expenses are also reported relating to the packaging and couriering of ova for the Fish in Schools project, and tyres and a neoprene seat cover for the flat deck. The regular expenses for rubbish removal, electricity, fuel, and oxygen are also reported. Hatchery expenditure is over budget \$5,738 YTD and this is due primarily to timing of fish food purchases.

Habitat

A small expense for predator traps is reported within the reserves budget and plants were purchased to assist a landowner with duck habitat from the Habitat Creation budget.

Resource management expenditure related to professional advice associated with the Gisborne Regional Freshwater Plan (\$3,503). These expenses have been reimbursed by the New Zealand Council's legal fund. Excluding this funded expenditure, the Habitat area, as a whole, is within budget YTD.

Participation

A boundary sign was purchased from the Signs budget and within the Huts budget minor expenses are reported relating to hut maintenance and electricity. Within budget YTD.

Public Interface

Grounds maintenance expenditure related to the removal of several, at risk, gum trees by the children's fish out pond, materials and netting for the decks, and cleaning of the public toilets. This area as a whole is within budget YTD.

Compliance

The Compliance expenses for the period related to the 0800 Poaching service and cell phone, and the purchase of two cameras and a stab proof vest. Legal expenses were incurred for a prosecution and for document serving. Within budget YTD.

Licensing

The Commission budget includes agent commissions and the fees associated with the Public Online and 0800 sales. The total for commission and fees paid YTD is under budget as a result of reduced licence sales but also due to the increased use of Public Online and reduced costs associated with these sales.

Council

Council expenditure for the period related to catering, and travel expenses for the April and June meetings of Council. Within budget YTD.

Planning

A small expense is reported for airport parking within the Planning budgets. Within budget YTD.

Administration

Notes on individual areas:

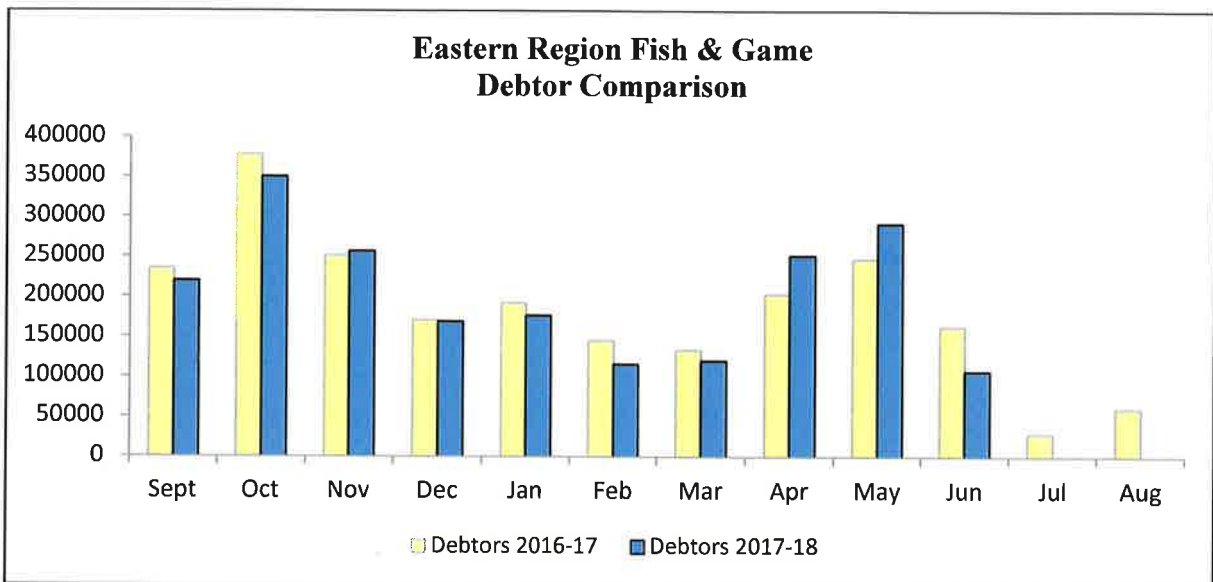
Salaries	Within Budget YTD.
Staff Expenses	FBT was paid in May as budgeted. Other expenses related to staff flu vaccines and accommodation for Gisborne hearings. Within budget YTD.
Staff Houses	Staff houses maintenance included fire extinguisher servicing and plumbing repairs, and the annual fee for the staff quarters' gas cylinders is also reported. Following a recent inspection of the brick house concerns were raised about the levels of mould and condensation in the house, which is in part due to its location near the forest and minimal sunlight in winter. A number of options were considered which resulted in the installation of an HRV ventilation system. The staff houses area is under budget \$2,540 as a result of delayed/deferred painting and this will now contribute to the cost of the HRV (\$3,750) which is not reported as an expense, rather this cost is allocated to fixed assets.

Office Premises	The usual expenses are reported associated with electricity, cleaning, and security. Other expenses related to the construction of shelving in one of the back rooms of the garage for file storage, fire equipment servicing, and document destruction bins for old licence books. The Office Premises budget is overspent \$1,572 primarily due to increased maintenance and electricity costs.
Office Equipment	Expenses relating to the phone and eftpos lease are reported. Repairs to the hatchery phone line and replacement of a trunk card in the PABX contribute to the overspend YTD in the office equipment budgets (\$564).
Communications/ Consumables	Standard communications expenses are reported for the period including phones, broadband, stationery, and photocopying. The spending reported in June also included the BOP directory listing and the purchase prepaid envelopes. There is also a small expense related to a subscription to Survey Monkey which is now being utilised for children's fishing bookings and angler diaries. Within budget YTD.
General	Minor expenses are reported for morning teas and bank fees. This area is over budget (\$899) due to increased insurance costs which are offset by reduced insurance costs elsewhere e.g. in Vehicles.
General Equipment	Maintenance expenses for the period included fire extinguisher servicing, servicing and repairs to Parera and Kotare, a boat radio inspection, and repairs to the tandem trailer which were required prior to sale. A Garmin GPS was purchased for use by staff working in the field and the equipment fuel expenses are also reported. Within budget YTD.
Vehicles	Vehicle maintenance expenses for the period included servicing of one vehicle and a puncture repair. The standard fuel expenses are reported which include RUCs on six vehicles. Within budget YTD.

Cash Position: \$1,137,284 (includes \$117,011 for asset replacement reserve and \$454,919 for Waikaremoana Fund) as at 30 June 2018.

Debtors: Outstanding Debtors \$106,704 as at 30 June 2018 (\$162,481 as at 30 June 2017).

Eastern Region Fish and Game - Debtors Balance Comparison 2016/17 – 2017/18



Game licence sales were purchased earlier this year and as a result invoicing to agents was higher than in previous years in the months of April and May falling away in June. There are currently no overdue debtors.

Fixed Assets

The following assets were purchased/sold within the period:

Asset purchased	Asset sales
Daikin Heat Pump (Compliance Office)	
HRV Ventilation System (Brick house)	
Canon C5540i photocopier	

3. Variance Report

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

2017/2018 REPORT OF VARIANCES BETWEEN TOTAL BUDGET AND YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

As at 30 June 2018

Schedule B	Code	Project	EXTERNAL COSTS		HOURS		INTERNAL COST		NETABLE INCOME		NET COST		NET COST	Variance	%
			Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual			
	1110	Species Monitoring	\$ 34,000	\$ 24,683	2,369	1,864	\$ 136,761	\$ 105,524	\$ -	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ 158,761	\$ 130,207	\$ 28,554	82.0
	1120	Harvest Assessment	\$ 2,150	\$ 770	850	761	\$ 49,070	\$ 43,087	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,220	\$ 43,857	\$ 7,363	85.6
	1140	Hatchery Operations	\$ 69,650	\$ 71,684	2,925	2,855	\$ 168,859	\$ 161,648	\$ 78,500	\$ 67,496	\$ -	\$ 160,009	\$ 165,836	\$ (5,827)	103.6
	1150	Game Farm	\$ -	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0
	1160	Releases	\$ 500	\$ -	220	169	\$ 12,700	\$ 9,540	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,200	\$ 9,540	\$ 3,660	72.3
	1170	Regulations	\$ -	\$ -	156	168	\$ 9,006	\$ 9,484	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,006	\$ 9,484	\$ (478)	105.3
	1180	Control	\$ 200	\$ -	52	18	\$ 3,002	\$ 1,019	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,202	\$ 1,019	\$ 2,183	31.8
		TOTAL - SPECIES MANAGEMENT	\$ 108,500	\$ 97,137	6,572	5,834	\$ 379,398	\$ 330,302	\$ 90,500	\$ 67,496	\$ 395,398	\$ 359,943	\$ 35,456	\$ 91.0	
	1210	Resource Management Act	\$ 200	\$ 8,992	1,154	1,388	\$ 66,820	\$ 78,559	\$ -	\$ 8,548	\$ 66,820	\$ 79,003	\$ (12,183)	118.2	
	1220	Works & Management	\$ 31,580	\$ 27,630	1,048	890	\$ 60,501	\$ 50,377	\$ 23,080	\$ 18,927	\$ 69,001	\$ 59,080	\$ 9,921	85.6	
	1230	Assisted Habitat	\$ 9,400	\$ 770	1,004	455	\$ 57,960	\$ 25,762	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 67,360	\$ 26,532	\$ 40,829	39.4	
	1240	Assess & Monitor	\$ -	\$ -	120	5	\$ 6,928	\$ 283	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,928	\$ 283	\$ 6,644	4.1	
		TOTAL - HABITAT PROTECTION & MAN	\$ 41,180	\$ 37,392	3,326	2,737	\$ 192,008	\$ 154,981	\$ 23,080	\$ 27,475	\$ 210,108	\$ 164,898	\$ 45,211	78.5	
	1310	Access	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,226	648	533	\$ 37,409	\$ 30,150	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44,909	\$ 35,376	\$ 9,533	78.8	
	1330	Newsletters/Information	\$ 13,000	\$ 11,347	411	172	\$ 23,727	\$ 9,710	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,727	\$ 21,057	\$ 15,670	57.3	
	1340	Other Publications	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,310	116	37	\$ 6,697	\$ 2,095	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,697	\$ 4,405	\$ 4,292	50.7	
	1350	Training	\$ 1,850	\$ 129	978	604	\$ 56,459	\$ 34,212	\$ 13,500	\$ 8,447	\$ 44,809	\$ 25,895	\$ 18,915	57.8	
	1360	Club Relations	\$ -	\$ -	95	49	\$ 5,484	\$ 2,774	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,484	\$ 2,774	\$ 2,710	50.6	
	1370	Huts	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,599	36	61	\$ 2,078	\$ 3,468	\$ 400	\$ 334	\$ 3,128	\$ 4,733	\$ (1,605)	151.3	
		TOTAL - ANGLER & HUNTER PARTICIP	\$ 25,800	\$ 20,611	2,284	1,456	\$ 131,854	\$ 82,409	\$ 13,900	\$ 8,781	\$ 143,754	\$ 94,240	\$ 49,515	65.6	
	1410	Liaison	\$ -	\$ -	216	176	\$ 12,470	\$ 9,951	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,470	\$ 9,951	\$ 2,519	79.8	
	1420	Communication	\$ 500	\$ -	249	113	\$ 14,375	\$ 6,384	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,875	\$ 6,384	\$ 8,491	42.9	
	1440	Public Promotions	\$ 3,500	\$ 490	176	110	\$ 10,160	\$ 6,214	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,660	\$ 6,704	\$ 6,956	49.1	
	1450	Visitor Facilities/Education	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,066	568	501	\$ 32,790	\$ 28,352	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,790	\$ 31,418	\$ 2,372	93.0	
		TOTAL - PUBLIC INTERFACE	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,556	1,209	899	\$ 69,795	\$ 50,901	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 74,795	\$ 54,457	\$ 20,338	72.8	
	1510	Ranging	\$ 2,100	\$ 1,454	956	801	\$ 55,189	\$ 45,324	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,289	\$ 46,778	\$ 10,512	81.7	
	1520	Ranger Training	\$ 1,000	\$ 563	108	122	\$ 6,235	\$ 6,879	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,235	\$ 7,442	\$ (207)	102.9	
	1530	Compliance Prosecutions	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,363	344	287	\$ 19,859	\$ 15,089	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,733	\$ 18,359	\$ 13,719	\$ 4,640	74.7	
		TOTAL - COMPLIANCE	\$ 7,600	\$ 4,380	1,408	1,189	\$ 81,283	\$ 67,292	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,733	\$ 82,883	\$ 67,939	\$ 14,944	82.0	
	1610	Licensing	\$ 800	\$ -	322	225	\$ 18,589	\$ 12,753	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,389	\$ 12,753	\$ 6,635	65.8	
	1620	Agent Servicing	\$ -	\$ -	200	107	\$ 11,546	\$ 6,030	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,546	\$ 6,030	\$ 5,516	52.2	
		TOTAL - LICENSING	\$ 800	\$ -	522	332	\$ 30,135	\$ 18,783	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,935	\$ 18,783	\$ 12,151	60.7	
	1710	Council Elections	\$ -	\$ -	4	1	\$ 231	\$ 28	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 231	\$ 28	\$ 203	12.3	
	1720	Council Meetings	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,847	880	674	\$ 50,802	\$ 38,161	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,802	\$ 43,008	\$ 17,794	70.7	
		TOTAL - COUNCILS	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,847	884	675	\$ 51,033	\$ 38,190	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61,033	\$ 43,037	\$ 17,996	70.5	
	1810	Management Planning	\$ -	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0
	1820	Annual Planning	\$ -	\$ -	125	97	\$ 7,216	\$ 5,506	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,216	\$ 5,506	\$ 1,710	76.3	
	1830	Reporting/Audit	\$ 9,200	\$ 6,702	528	304	\$ 30,481	\$ 17,198	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,681	\$ 23,900	\$ 15,781	60.2	
	1840	National Liaison	\$ 100	\$ 73	422	310	\$ 24,362	\$ 17,538	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,462	\$ 17,611	\$ 6,851	72.0	
		TOTAL - PLANNING/REPORTING	\$ 9,300	\$ 6,775	1,075	711	\$ 62,059	\$ 40,242	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71,359	\$ 47,017	\$ 24,342	65.9	
		TOTAL	\$ 206,180	\$ 174,698	17,280	13,831	\$ 997,566	\$ 783,099	\$ 133,480	\$ 107,485	\$ 1,070,266	\$ 850,312	\$ 219,954	79.4	

Profit and Loss - Council
Eastern Fish and Game Council
For the 2 months ended 30 June 2018

Income	May 2018	Jun 2018	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Total Budget	Var YTD	Var %
Licence Income	105,730	32,633	1,336,361	1,389,000	1,412,354	(52,639)	(4)
Non-Resident Licence Levy Revenue	504	94	14,759	0	0	14,759	0
Other Income	32,359	19,684	193,164	168,038	221,246	25,126	15
Total Income	138,592	52,411	1,544,284	1,557,038	1,633,600	(12,754)	(1)
Operating Expenses							
Depreciation	5,601	5,643	58,989	59,720	71,662	(731)	(1)
Loss on Disposal	0	0	294	670	670	(376)	(56)
1100 SPECIES MANAGEMENT							
1110 Population Monitoring	90	0	24,683	27,500	34,000	(2,817)	(10)
1120 Harvest Assessment	240	240	770	800	2,150	(30)	(4)
1140 Hatchery Operations	1,983	9,876	71,684	65,946	69,650	5,738	9
1160 Releases	0	0	0	500	500	(500)	(100)
1180 Game Bird Control	0	0	0	200	200	(200)	(100)
Total 1100 SPECIES MANAGEMENT	2,312	10,116	97,137	94,946	106,500	2,191	2
1200 HABITAT PROTECTION							
1210 Resource Management Act	3,508	0	8,992	200	200	8,792	4,396
1220 Works & Management	28	0	27,630	30,580	31,580	(2,950)	(10)
1230 Assisted Habitat	0	476	770	7,160	82,400	(6,390)	(89)
Total 1200 HABITAT PROTECTION	3,536	476	37,393	37,940	114,180	(547)	(1)
1300 PARTICIPATION							
1310 Access	0	280	5,226	6,550	7,500	(1,324)	(20)
1330 Newsletters	0	0	11,347	13,000	13,000	(1,653)	(13)
1340 Other Publications	0	0	2,310	2,000	2,000	310	16
1350 Training	0	0	129	1,650	1,850	(1,521)	(92)
1370 Huts	114	114	1,599	1,220	1,450	379	31
Total 1300 PARTICIPATION	114	394	20,611	24,420	25,800	(3,809)	(16)
1400 PUBLIC INTERFACE							
1420 Communication	0	0	0	500	500	(500)	(100)
1440 Public Promotions	0	0	490	2,910	3,500	(2,420)	(83)
1450 Visitor Facilities/Education/Interpretation	1,534	52	3,066	1,000	1,000	2,066	207
Total 1400 PUBLIC INTERFACE	1,534	52	3,555	4,410	5,000	(855)	(19)
1500 COMPLIANCE							
1510 Ranging	66	717	1,454	1,750	2,100	(296)	(17)
1520 Ranger Training	0	0	563	1,000	1,000	(437)	(44)
1530 Compliance	145	100	2,363	3,750	4,500	(1,387)	(37)
Total 1500 COMPLIANCE	211	817	4,379	6,500	7,600	(2,121)	(33)
1600 LICENSING							
1610 Licence Prod/Distrib	0	0	0	0	800	0	0
1630 Commission	5,074	1,197	56,120	69,450	70,618	(13,330)	(19)
Total 1600 LICENSING	5,074	1,197	56,120	69,450	71,418	(13,330)	(19)
1700 COUNCIL							
1720 Council Meetings	114	856	4,847	8,330	10,000	(3,483)	(42)
Total 1700 COUNCIL	114	856	4,847	8,330	10,000	(3,483)	(42)
1800 PLANNING/REPORTING							
1830 Reporting/Audit	0	0	6,702	7,340	9,200	(638)	(9)
1840 National Liaison	9	0	182,441	182,453	243,258	(12)	(0)
Total 1800 PLANNING/REPORTING	9	0	189,144	189,793	252,458	(649)	(0)
1900 ADMINISTRATION							
1910 Salaries	68,515	70,367	726,901	737,426	912,561	(10,525)	(1)
1920 Staff Expenses	12,506	88	17,034	19,980	23,900	(2,946)	(15)
1930 Staff Houses	242	399	9,475	12,015	12,600	(2,540)	(21)
1940 Office Premises	713	3,030	16,497	14,925	17,500	1,572	11
1950 Office Equipment	187	150	4,064	3,500	3,900	564	16
1960 Communications/Consumables	920	1,455	14,021	15,930	17,910	(1,909)	(12)
1970 General	77	111	8,282	7,446	8,450	836	11
1980 General Equipment	1,588	1,527	12,423	14,390	16,500	(1,967)	(14)
1990 Vehicles	3,877	2,236	37,006	41,700	48,700	(4,694)	(11)
Total 1900 ADMINISTRATION	88,624	79,362	845,704	867,312	1,062,021	(21,608)	(2)
Total Operating Expenses	107,129	98,913	1,318,173	1,363,491	1,727,309	(45,318)	(3)
Net Profit	31,463	(46,501)	226,111	193,547	(93,709)	32,564	3

14.5 LICENCE SALES REPORT

Ref: 6.01.05

2 August 2018

1. Introduction

This report provides an overview of licence sales for the 2017-2018 season YTD.

2. 2018 Game Licence Sales

- 2.1 Game licence sales for the 2018 season YTD are summarised in Table One.
- 2.2 Total sales YTD are reporting to be 1.4% ahead of the 2017 season. There will be minimal change to this result with the 2018 Game Season coming to an end.
- 2.3 A total of 97.9% of the annual sales target has been achieved despite having exceeded the total sales reported for 2017. The 2018 target for game sales increased to 3,316 LEQs from 3,101 LEQs in 2017. As a result of this increase it's estimated that the 2018 season will end some 1.9% below the budgeted target i.e. 64 LEQs.
- 2.4 Nationally to 31 July, game licence sales are sitting just below sales reported for the same period last year (-0.3%).

Table One

Comparison of Game Licence LEQs to 31 July 2018

SALES CHANNEL	Adult Season	Junior Season	Child Season	Adult Day	Junior Day	Whole Season Equiv.	% Increase/ Decrease on 2017
Agent Online Sales	2833	300	140	97	1	2912	3.4%
Agent Book Sales						0	-100.0%
Direct Sales*	315	30	14	65	1	334	-12.2%
Total Game 2018	3148	330	154	162	2	3245	1.4%
<i>Agent Online Sales</i>	<i>2732</i>	<i>291</i>	<i>121</i>	<i>131</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>2817</i>	
<i>Agent Book Sales</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>1</i>				<i>5</i>	
<i>Direct Sales*</i>	<i>358</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>380</i>	
Total Game 2017	3095	342	138	191	8	3202	
TARGETS	Adult Season	Junior Season	Child Season	Adult Day	Junior Day	Whole Season Equiv.	Actual to date % of Target
2018 Total Budget	3202	352	142	220	10	3316	97.9%
2017 Total Sales	3097	342	138	212	8	3208	101.2%
2018 Estimated year end						3252	98.1%

3. 2017-2018 Fish Licence Sales

- 3.1 Fish Licence sales for the 2017-2018 season YTD are summarised in Table Two and are currently reporting to be down on the 2016-17 season YTD results by 3.4% (350 LEQs). A total of 95.6% of the annual sales target has been achieved.
- 3.2 Chart One provides a comparison of daily sales YTD by LEQ compared to the prior three seasons. The small gains highlighted in the licence sales report for Easter 2018 have dropped away with the June/July period seeing 44 fewer LEQs sold when compared with the same period in 2017.
- 3.3 The categories that have seen the largest decline in LEQs for the year to date are Family (156), Adult Non-resident (77), Short Break (64), and Local Area (46).
(refer to Charts Two and Three)
- 3.5 The sole category to see an increase in LEQs sold is the Loyal Senior category (50). This is likely to be a result of more licence holders becoming eligible for this category and migrating away from Season and possibly Family categories. We could also be seeing an increase in retention in this age group with continued purchase of a season type or loyal senior licence required to remain eligible for this discounted licence.
- 3.6 On 24 December the difference in LEQs between the 2016-17 and 2017-18 seasons was just nine. Since then, the LEQ comparison has fallen by a further 341 and of this total, 265 were lost over the peak holiday period between 25 December and 31 January. The categories that saw the largest decline over this short period were Family (108), Short Break (47), Adult Season (40), Day (34), and Local Area (21).
(refer to Charts Four to Nine)

Chart One: Cumulative Fish LEQ comparison 2016-17 and 2017-18 YTD

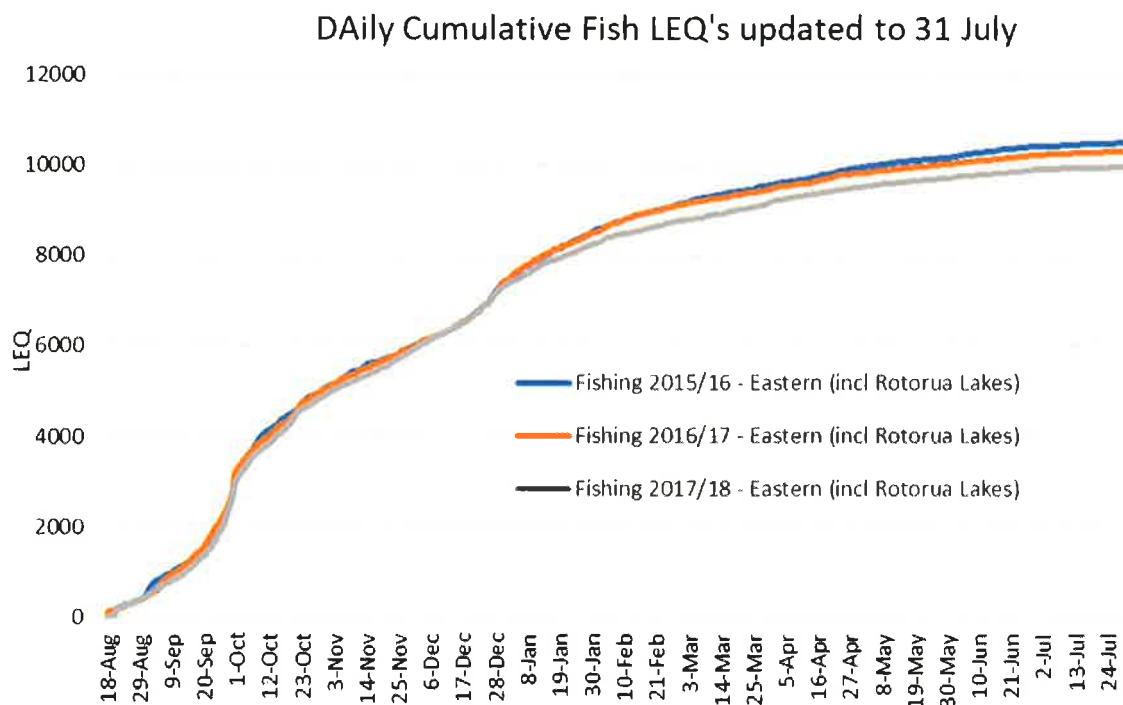


Table Two

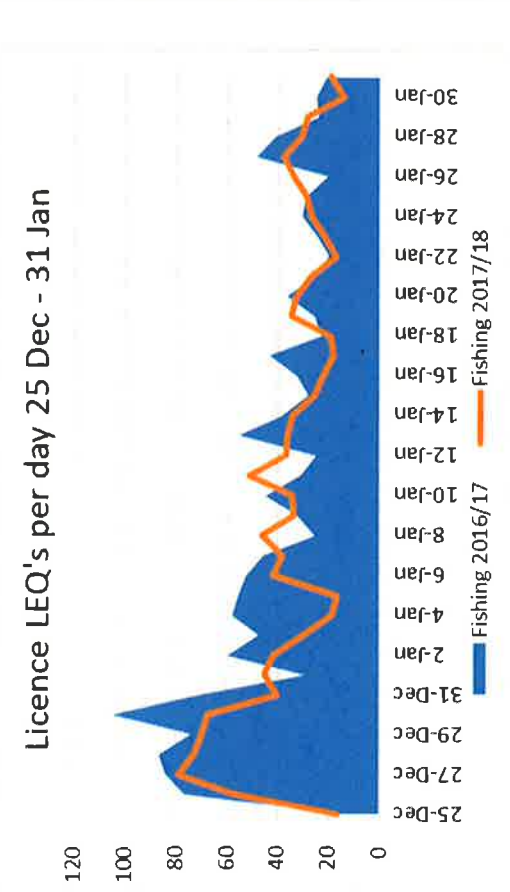
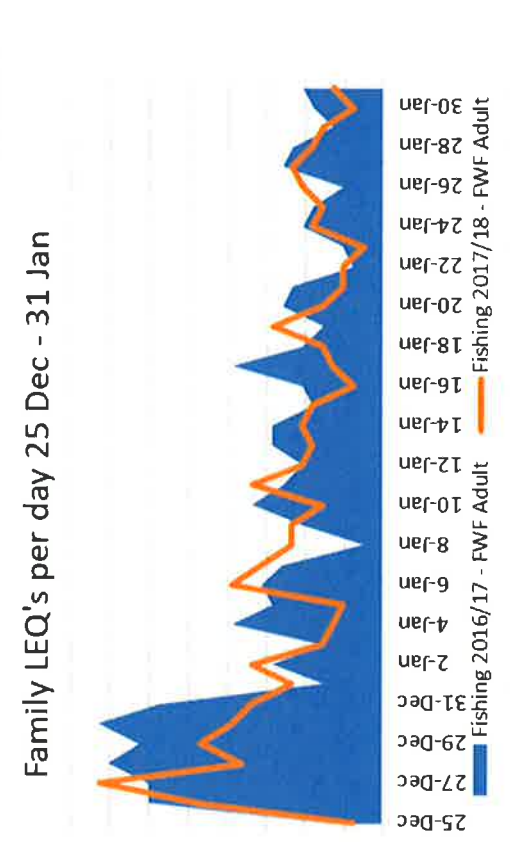
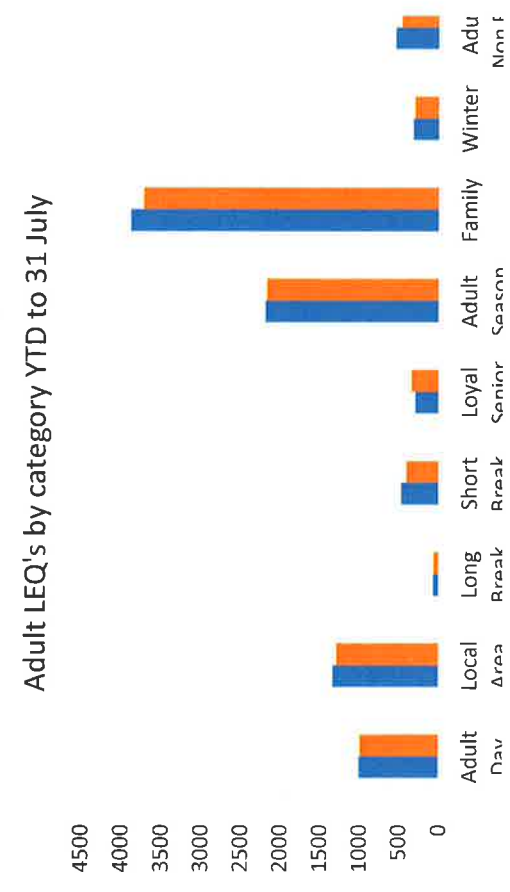
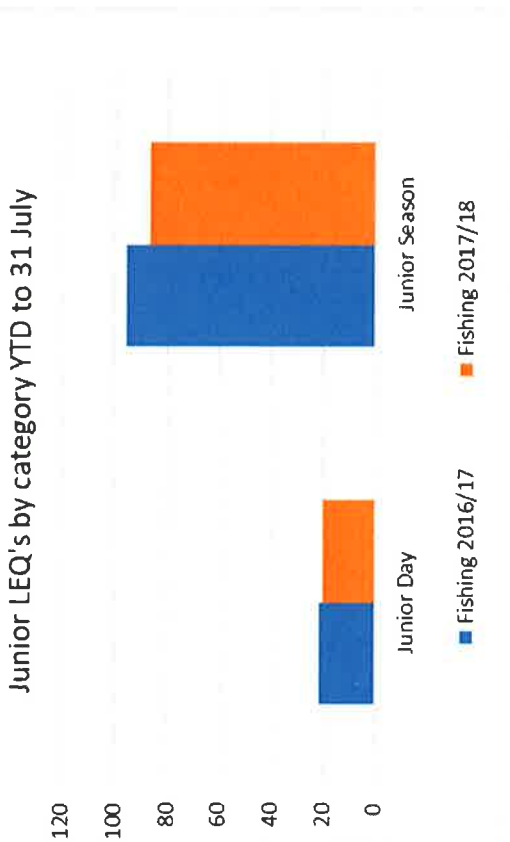
Comparison of Fish Licence LEQs to 31 July 2018

SALES CHANNEL	Family Season	Adult Season	Adult NonRes	Adult Loyol Senior	Adult Local Area	Junior Season	Adult Winter	Adult Long Break	Adult Short Break	Adult Day	Junior Day	Whole Season Equiv.	% Increase/Decrease on 2016-17
Agent Online Sales	1589	1229	286	240	1130	275	301	63	563	3401	320	5722	-6.0%
Agent Book Sales	1288	953	189	173	488	167	218	44	586	2960	188	0	-100.0%
Direct Sales*	2877	2182	475	413	1618	442	519	107	1149	6361	508	9956	1.5%
Total Fish 2017-2018	1711	1209	351	205	1213	314	336	71	755	3456	300	6087	-3.4%
Agent Online Sales	16					6			197	24		50	
Agent Book Sales	1275	976	201	150	469	158	212	41	578	2647	219	4170	
Direct Sales*	2986	2201	552	355	1682	478	548	112	1333	6300	543	10306	

TARGETS	Family Season	Adult Season	Adult NonRes	Adult Loyol Senior	Adult Local Area	Junior Season	Adult Winter	Adult Long Break	Adult Short Break	Adult Day	Junior Day	Whole Season Equiv.	Actual to date % of Target
2017-2018 Total	2980	2248	500	400	1700	500	550	150	1500	6300	500	10413	95.6%
Budget	2982	2196	553	354	1681	481	568	111	1368	6416	548	10339	96.3%
2016-2017 Total Sales												9987	95.9%

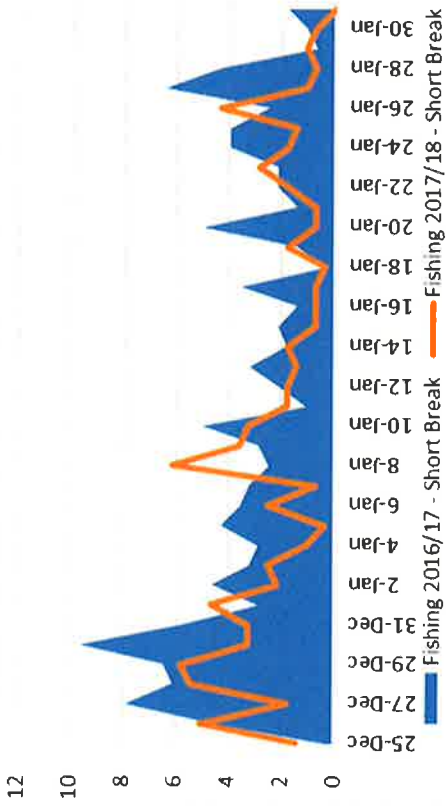
* Direct Sales - Internet, 0800 Licence

Charts Two - Five

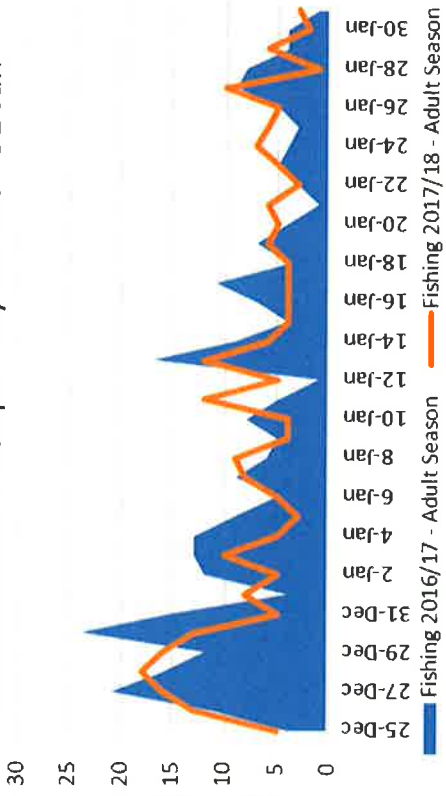


Charts Six - Nine

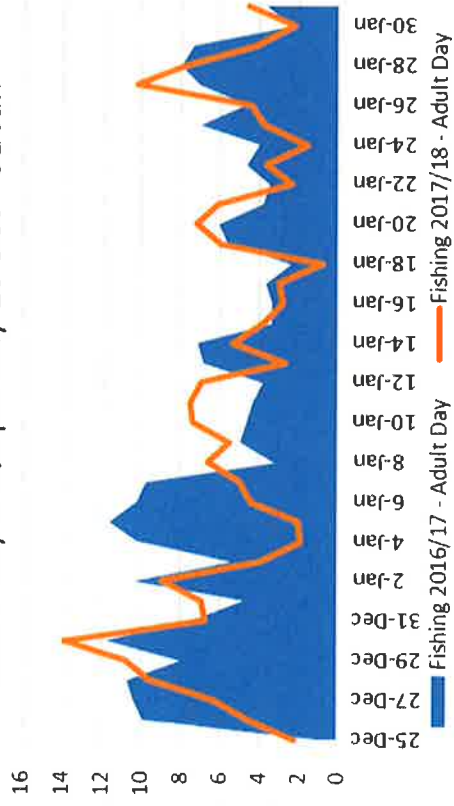
Short Break LEQ's per day 25 Dec - 31 Jan



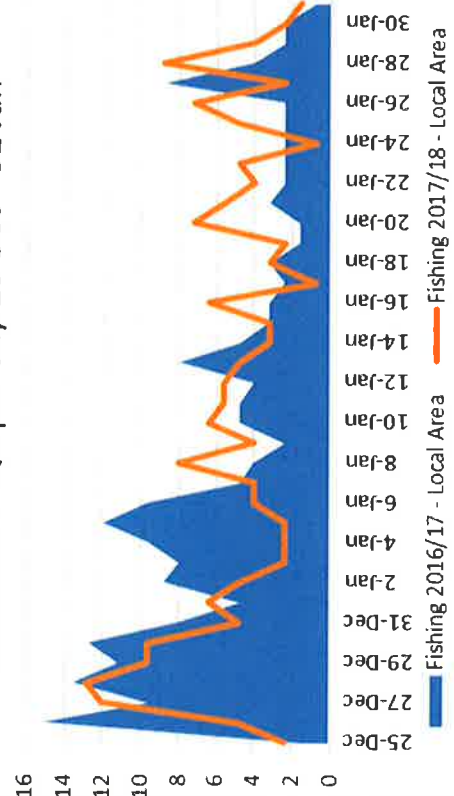
Adult Season LEQ's per day 25 Dec - 31 Jan



Adult Day LEQ's per day 25 Dec - 31 Jan



Local Area LEQ's per day 25 Dec - 31 Jan



16. PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

Ref: 9.01.04

3 August 2018

1. Purpose

To discuss Eastern Fish and Game Council's self appraisal of its performance and other confidential matters.

2. Recommendations

2.1 *That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely a discussion on Council's self-appraisal of its performance and other confidential matters.*

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

GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED	REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER	GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF THIS RESOLUTION
Information provided in confidence	Good reason to withhold exists under section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982	Section 48(1)(a)(ii)

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

ITEM	REASON UNDER ACT	SECTION	PLAIN ENGLISH REASON
Protect the privacy of natural persons.	Sec. 9(2)(a)	Information provided identifies a particular person or can easily be connected with a particular person.	Once the person to whom the information relates consents to its disclosure.
Protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence ... where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied	Sec 9(2)(ba)(i)	Disclosing the information would jeopardise the relationship with the supplier because the supplier may no longer trust the Council to hold its information in confidence.	Not unless there is a public interest in disclosure of the specific information.

Note:

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

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

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