



PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE

Northland

Fish & Game Council

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st AUGUST 2017

Presented to the House of Representative pursuant to Section 26X of the Conservation Act 1987

November 24, 2017

Hon Eugenie Sage
Minister of Conservation
Parliament Buildings
WELLINGTON

Dear Minister

I have the honour to submit, pursuant to Section 26X of the Conservation Act 1987 and Section 44A of the Public Finance Act 1980, the Performance Report of the Northland Fish & Game Council for the year ended 31 August 2017.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Durham', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Phil Durham
Chairman
Northland Fish & Game Council

NORTHLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
PERFORMANCE REPORT
For the Year Ended 31 August 2017

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GENERAL INFORMATION
NORTHLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

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STATUTORY BASIS

THE NORTHLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL WAS ESTABLISHED ON 4 MAY 1991 WITH THE PASSING OF THE CONSERVATION LAW REFORM ACT 1990. THE NORTHLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL WAS ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSES OF MANAGEMENT, MAINTENANCE AND ENHANCEMENT OF SPORTS FISH AND GAME IN THE RECREATIONAL INTERESTS OF ANGLERS AND HUNTERS.

MISSION STATEMENT

"TO MANAGE, MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE THE SPORTS FISH AND GAME RESOURCES IN THE INTEREST OF ANGLERS AND HUNTERS."

**NORTHLAND FISH & GAME COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF**

COUNCILLORS

Name	Locality
Phil Durham - Chairman	Whangarei
Kris Batelaan	Whangarei
Maurice Blyde	Whangarei
Ian Hogarth	Whangarei (Resigned January 2017)
Mark McGinley	Whangarei (Appointed as Councillor June 2017)
Chris Lynch	Whangarei
Dave Nicholson	Whangarei
Noel Birchall	Bay of Islands (NZ Appointee to NZFGC)
Mike Newson	Bay of Islands
Wayne Pepper	Whangarei
Cameron Shanks	Kaipara
Darryl Reardon	Kaipara

STAFF

Rudi Hoetjes
Regional Manager

Andrew Kirk
Fish & Game Field Officer

Fay Stodart
Office Administrator

NORTHLAND FISH & GAME COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

The last year has been an excellent year for Northland Fish & Game. Once again the staff has done an excellent job representing the council and licence holders in what has been a challenging year for them. My thanks go to Rudi, Fay and Andrew for the effort they have put in, often above and beyond their normal work requirements.

My thanks also go to my fellow councillors and representatives from DOC and the Northland Conservation Board. Meetings have been conducted in a timely manner with informal input from all councillors which makes chairing the meetings an enjoyable though sometimes challenging task. Special thanks to Councillor Noel Birchall for his representation at the New Zealand Council table. Noel has done a great job in representing Northland at these meetings.

Sadly during the year, Ian Hogarth resigned as councillor and shifted back to Waimate. Ian brought a wealth of experience to the job from his long career in the wildlife service and then DOC. During the year, I have had an opportunity to meet several others of his ilk most recently; John Cheyne from the NZ Game Gird Habitat Trust. It has made me very aware of what an asset Rudi is to Northland Fish & Game. Rudi has a long career in wildlife management and he has made relationships with other people with such experience. A life time's knowledge is not easily replaced as is the long relationship councillors such as Noel and others with long associations with the Acclimatisation Society days through to now with Fish & Game. Such commitment deserves to be truly appreciated.

We welcomed Mark McGinley on to the council during the year. Mark brings with him a career in accounting and financial expertise which is most welcome at the meetings and I extend a warm welcome to Mark.

The region's licence sales both fishing and game bird hunting have remained relatively steady with a small downward trend in hunting licences. This is most likely linked to several seasons of lower than expected harvest numbers. The trend counts show stable populations of shelduck, spoonbills with mallard populations anecdotally in decline. I am of the opinion that the population is cyclic and will soon be in a recovery phase as bird numbers increase and so will the hunter interest. Swans are still undervalued as a hunting resource and there is plenty of room for more hunter effort in the far north.

Fishing licence sales have exceeded expectation and Northland has bucked the trend of declining sales seen around the other regions. The Kai Iwi Lakes competition was again another success and though the size of the fish caught was smaller than previous years, there were plenty of fish taken.

The Council's statement of objectives and service performance is an impressive read with most of the objectives met and many outcomes exceeded. The staff has managed the finances well and have presented a financial report that shows the council is in a good financial position. Thank you to the auditors who have made the audit process a smooth one.

Highlights of the year in no particular order are:

- Hosting the NZC meeting and showing off our region.
- The official opening of the Underwood Wetland.
- Kai Iwi Lakes fishing competition.
- Sending the Manager off on an overseas sabbatical and having him return super enthused.
- The results of the Manager's meeting and the success of our contestable funding applications.
- Meeting with John Cheyne from the NZ Game Bird Habitat Trust and hearing his ringing endorsement for what the staff and previous councils have brought to fruition.

The dispute over the management of the Taharoa Recreation Reserve (Kai Iwi Lakes) is still on going. The Council has put the judicial review application on hold and is now part of a working group looking into the status and life cycle of the Dwarf Inanga. It is my hope that the consensus is reached without resorting to legal action.

As a result of a contestable funding application being approved, Northland Fish & Game can now employ another field officer. The position has been advertised and the process has started. This is I believe, a huge step forward for Northland Fish & Game, with the position to be based in the Far North area. The tyranny of distance has meant that we have not been as well represented in the Far North as we could have been and with an officer based in the North we have a huge opportunity to build strong relationships with Iwi, regional and district councils, licence holders and other interested parties and to further promote the shared values that Fish & Game have with these other groups.

The next year promises to be an exciting and challenging year indeed.

I take this opportunity to wish all our licence holders a successful year ahead.



Phil Durham

Chairman

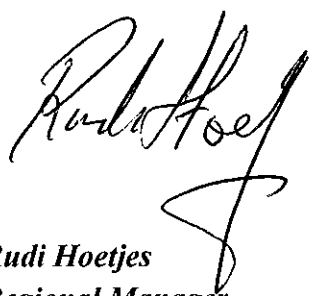
Northland Fish & Game Council

NORTHLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

November 24, 2017

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

In our opinion, the information set out in the following statements and attached notes to these statements fairly reflects the financial activities and performance of the Northland Fish and Game Council, for the period ended 31 August 2017.



Rudi Hoetjes
Regional Manager
NORTHLAND
FISH & GAME COUNCIL



Phil Durham
Chairman
NORTHLAND
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

For the Year ended

31 August 2017

Northland Fish and Game Council
Statement of Financial Performance
For the year ended
31 August 2017

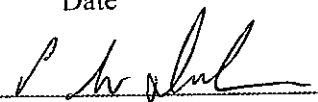
	Note	Actual 2017 \$	Budget 2017 \$	Actual 2016 \$
REVENUE				
Fish and Game licence sales	1	178,479	168,400	176,675
Grants and donations	1	247,850	236,005	251,070
Interest	1	14,911	11,744	18,010
Other revenue	1	102,895	8,000	51,145
Total Revenue		544,134	424,149	496,900
EXPENSES				
Outputs				
Species management	2	21,565	22,550	24,700
Habitat protection & management	2	39,770	30,000	32,738
Angler & Hunter participation	2	13,310	14,050	11,946
Public interface	2	56,012	2,150	10,454
Compliance	2	349	2,700	3,018
Licensing	2	8,095	10,020	8,007
Council	2	4,929	6,000	5,323
Planning & reporting	2	9,893	10,200	10,257
Overheads				
Employee related costs	2	250,577	237,200	239,901
Depreciation	4	22,583	7,189	16,495
Other expenses	2	80,250	82,090	79,654
Total Expenses		507,333	424,149	442,493
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)		36,801	-	54,407
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		36,801	-	54,407

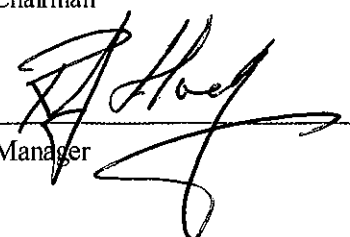
Northland Fish and Game Council
Statement of Financial Position
 As at
 31 August 2017

	Note	Actual 2017 \$	Budget 2017 \$	Actual 2016 \$
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Bank accounts and cash	3	203,602	211,341	288,129
Term Investments	3	413,002	400,000	400,000
Debtors and prepayments	3	15,975	7,995	7,243
Total Current Assets		632,579	619,336	695,372
Non-Current Assets				
Property, plant and equipment	4	301,232	222,566	215,377
Total Non-Current Assets		301,232	222,566	215,377
TOTAL ASSETS		933,811	841,902	910,749
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Creditors and accrued expenses	3	32,419	43,567	48,832
Employee costs payable	3	52,119	39,276	49,451
Total Current Liabilities		84,538	82,843	98,283
Non current liabilities				
Whangarei Hunting & Fishing	3	3,121	3,115	3,115
TOTAL LIABILITES		87,659	85,958	101,398
NET ASSETS		846,152	755,944	809,351
EQUITY		847,152	755,944	810,351

The Councillors of the Northland Fish & Game Council authorised these financial statements

for issue on 24-11-2017
 Date


 Chairman


 Manager

Northland Fish and Game Council
Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended
31 August 2017

	Actual 2017 \$	Budget 2017 \$	Actual 2016 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was received from:			
Licence Sales	170,818	168,700	189,977
Grants, donations	247,850	236,005	251,070
Interest	14,761	11,594	15,555
Other revenue	102,895	8,000	39,995
Cash was applied to:			
Payments to suppliers	247,307	176,249	183,251
Payments to employees	247,908	239,868	236,443
GST (Net)	4,194	1,358	(8,273)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	36,913	6,824	85,176
CASHFLOW FROM INVESTING & FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was received from:			
Sale of property, plant and equipment	-	-	58,696
Sale of investments/deposits	-	-	-
Cash was applied to:			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	108,438	82,612	76,235
Purchase of investments/deposits	13,002	-	400,000
Net Cash Flows from Investing and Financing	(121,440)	(82,612)	(417,539)
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash	(84,527)	(75,788)	(332,363)
Opening Cash	288,129	288,129	620,492
Closing Cash	203,602	212,341	288,129
This is represented by:			
Bank accounts and cash	203,602	211,341	288,129

Northland Fish and Game Council

Statement of Accounting Policies

For the year ended

31 August 2017

ACCOUNTING POLICIES APPLIED

Reporting Entity

Northland Fish and Game Council is a Public Entity under the Public Finance Act 1989 (Schedule 4).

The Council was established on 4 May 1991 with the passing of the Conservation Law Reform Act 1990.

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

Basis of Preparation

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

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

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

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Revenue Recognition

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

Licence Revenue

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

Grants Received

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

Grant From NZFGC

An annual grant was provided from the New Zealand Fish and Game Council, which is recognised as revenue when it is received. Conditional grants intended for a specific purpose are recognised in the year in which they are used where there is a use or return clause.

Interest

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

All other revenue

Revenue from sales in the course of ordinary activities is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable when the goods are sold.

Northland Fish and Game Council
Statement of Accounting Policies
For the year ended
31 August 2017

Outputs

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

Employee related costs

Wages, salaries and annual leave are recorded as an expense as staff provide services and become entitled to wages, salaries. Salary accruals mainly reflect annual leave owing to staff and are recognised in respect of employees' service to balance date and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

Performance payments are recorded when the employee is notified.

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

Bank Accounts and cash

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

Debtors and Prepayments

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

Term Investments

The term investments comprise of bank term deposits with a maturity date of less than 12 months.

Property, plant and equipment

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

Donated assets are recognised upon receipt of the asset if the asset has a useful life of 12 months or more, and the current value of the asset is readily obtainable and significant. Significant donated assets for which current values are not readily obtainable are not recognised.

For an asset to be sold, the asset is impaired if the market price for the equivalent asset falls below its carrying amount.

For an asset to be used by the Council, the asset is impaired if the value to the Council in using the assets falls below the carrying amount of the assets.

Depreciation is provided on a straight line basis at rates that will write off the cost of the assets over their useful lives. The useful lives and associated depreciation rates of the major classes of assets have been estimated as follows:

Land	
Plant & Equipment	20% DV
Motor Vehicles	20% DV
Office Equipment	30% DV
Habitat Development	2% DV
Leasehold Improvements	10% DV

Creditors and accrued expenses

Creditors and accrued expenses are measured at the amount owed.

Northland Fish and Game Council
Statement of Accounting Policies
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Game Bird Habitat Stamp levy

Levies of \$6,435 have been collected and are paid to New Zealand Fish and Game Council per the New Zealand Game Bird habitat Stamp Regulations 1993.

Employee costs payable

A liability for employee costs payable is recognised when an employee has earned an entitlement.

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

Restricted Reserves

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

Game Bird Habitat Development

This reserve is held by this Council for the purchase of land for game bird habitat and development. The amount is held within an investment bank account. All interest earned in this account is available for use as part of the Northland Fish and Game Council operating budget.

Habitat Development Fund

Reparation paid to the Northland Fish & Game Council is set aside for the purpose of habitat development. The funds set aside for this purpose are held in a separate bank account. Interest earned on these funds remains with the reserve.

Back Country Fisheries Reserve

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

Income Tax

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

Budget Figures

The Budget figures are derived from the Council budget that was approved at the Council meeting on the 12th August 2016

Tier 2 PBE Accounting Standards applied

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

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There have been no changes in the Accounting Policies.

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

Northland Fish and Game Council

Notes to the Performance Report

For the year ended

31 August 2017

Note 1 : ANALYSIS OF REVENUE	Actual 2017 \$	Budget 2017 \$	Actual 2016 \$
Licence sales			
Fish licence	36,507	30,543	31,542
Game licence	141,972	137,857	145,133
Total	178,479	168,400	176,675
Grants and donations			
National Fish & Game Grant	236,005	236,005	242,072
Donations	41	-	650
Wetland Grants	11,804	-	8,348
Total	247,850	236,005	251,070
Interest			
Interest	14,911	11,744	18,010
Total	14,911	11,744	18,010
Other revenue			
Angler competitions	1,957	1,000	2,826
Fines/Prosecutions	30	-	690
Gain on sale/disposal of assets	-	-	11,150
Habitat grazing (Greenheart)	3,500	2,500	3,500
Advertising Income	-	-	250
Permit Fees	4,220	2,000	4,653
Works & Management	30,857	1,500	-
Predator Control Programme	2,143	-	2,009
Wairua Wildlife Management Reserve	1,040	-	6,332
Gamebird Dispersal	4,547	1,000	7,828
Sundry	518	-	1,265
Borrowcut Wetland	-	-	2,388
Overhead Recovery	54,083	-	8,254
Wetland Restoration Workshop income received	-	-	-
Total	102,895	8,000	51,145

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Note 2 : ANALYSIS OF EXPENSES	Actual 2017 \$	Budget 2017 \$	Actual 2016 \$
Species management			
Population monitoring	5,256	7,000	5,925
Harvest assessment	2,060	2,300	2,015
Releases	11,321	12,250	11,290
Control	2,928	1,000	5,470
Total	21,565	22,550	24,700
Habitat protection & management			
Works & management	38,361	30,000	32,738
Assisted habitat	1,409	-	-
Assessing & monitoring	-	-	-
Total	39,770	30,000	32,738
Angler & Hunter participation			
Access	7,500	7,100	5,769
Newsletters	5,810	6,500	6,177
Club relations	-	450	-
Total	13,310	14,050	11,946
Public interface			
Public promotions	868	1,600	1,651
Visitor facilities	408	550	549
Communication	54,736	-	8,254
Total	56,012	2,150	10,454
Compliance			
Ranging	253	1,700	1,016
Ranger training	96	500	104
Compliance	-	500	1,898
Total	349	2,700	3,018

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Note 2 : ANALYSIS OF EXPENSES	Actual 2017 \$	Budget 2017 \$	Actual 2016 \$
Licensing			
Licence production & distribution	1,054	1,400	1,121
Agent servicing	63	200	-
Commission	6,978	8,420	6,886
Total	8,095	10,020	8,007
Council			
Council meetings	4,659	6,000	5,323
Council elections	270	-	-
Total	4,929	6,000	5,323
Planning & reporting			
Reporting	2,600	2,600	2,600
Audit fee	7,100	7,100	7,070
Management/Strategic Planning	-	500	-
National liaison	193	-	587
Total	9,893	10,200	10,257
Employee related costs			
Salaries and wages	235,696	218,500	224,711
Fringe benefit tax	1,259	1,300	1,297
KiwiSaver contributions	5,760	7,500	5,541
ACC levies	519	1,200	794
Staff training and other expenses	7,343	8,700	7,558
Total	250,577	237,200	239,901
Other expenses			
Office Rent	30,114	30,500	30,712
Office premises	9,173	9,250	8,739
Office Equipment	1,391	2,050	1,876
Communications	17,686	16,500	19,482
General	2,540	2,770	1,847
Field Equipment	2,786	3,720	2,321
Vehicles	16,560	17,300	14,677
Total	80,250	82,090	79,654

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Note 3 : ANALYSIS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITES	Actual 2017 \$	Actual 2016 \$
Bank accounts and cash - ASB		
Cash on hand	200	200
Current account balance	25,805	3,415
Savings account balance	164,121	268,138
Bank Account held in Trust	7 3,123	3,116
Greenheart Wetlands	-	3,511
Habitat Development Fund	10,353	9,749
Total	203,602	288,129
Debtors and other receivables		
Accounts receivable	12,406	3,348
Accrued Interest	2,943	2,793
Prepayments	626	1,102
Total	15,975	7,243
Term Investments		
At 31 August 2017, the Council held 3 term deposits totalling \$413,002.		
These mature in September, October and November 2017.		
Term Deposits - ASB	413,002	400,000
Total	413,002	400,000
Creditors and accrued expenses		
Trade and other payables	17,223	35,056
Income Received in Advance	2,982	2,766
GST Payable	5,781	6,409
Gamebird Habitat Stamp levy	6,435	4,602
Total	32,421	48,833

Northland Fish and Game Council

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Note 3 : ANALYSIS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITES	Actual 2017 \$	Actual 2016 \$
Employee costs payable		
Annual leave and time in lieu	41,426	39,011
PAYE owing	6,740	7,507
Accrued salaries and wages	3,953	2,933
Total	52,119	49,451
Whangarei Hunting & Fishing		
Funds held for Whangarei Hunting & Fishing Club	3,121	3,115
Total	3,121	3,115

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Note 4 : PROPERTY PLANT & EQUIPMENT

2017

Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Sales/ Disposals	Current Year Depreciation and Impairment	Closing Carrying Amount
Land	106,986	39,070	-	-	146,056
Improvements	53,181	29,490	-	2,758	79,913
Plant & Equipment	2,122	-	-	424	1,698
Vehicles	48,378	39,878	-	17,688	70,568
Office Equipment	5,710	-	-	1,713	3,997
Total	216,377	108,438	-	22,583	302,232

2016

Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Sales/ Disposals	Current Year Depreciation and Impairment	Closing Carrying Amount
Land	36,229	70,757	-	-	106,986
Improvements	55,746	-	-	2,565	53,181
Plant & Equipment	2,652	-	-	530	2,122
Vehicles	101,399	5,478	47,546	10,953	48,378
Office Equipment	8,157	-	-	2,447	5,710
Total	204,183	76,235	47,546	16,495	216,377

Rating Valuation:

	Date of Valuation	Land	Improve-ments	Total
Far North District				
State Highway, Kawakawa	1/08/2016	4,500	-	4,500
Kaipara				
Flaxmill, Waihue Road, Dargaville	1/09/2014	83,000	2,000	85,000
Bob Taylor Road, Tangiteroria				
(Jack Bisset Wetland)	1/09/2014	11,000	1,000	12,000
Whangarei District				
Carruth Road, Maungatapere	1/09/2015	210,000	50,000	260,000
(Jack Bisset Wetland)				
		308,500	53,000	361,500

Northland Fish and Game Council

Notes to the Performance Report

For the year ended

31 August 2017

Note 5: EQUITY	Actual 2017 \$	Actual 2016 \$
Accumulated Funds		
Balance as at 1 September	432,693	325,840
Surplus/(Deficit)	36,801	54,407
Transfer to Reserves	-	(17,127)
Transfer from Reserves	4,372	69,573
Balance at 31 August	473,867	432,693
Restricted & Dedicated Reserves		
Balance as at 1 September	377,658	430,104
Transfer to Accumulated Funds	(4,372)	(69,573)
Transfer from Accumulated Funds	-	17,127
Balance at 31 August	373,286	377,658
Total Equity as at 31 August	847,152	810,351

Breakdown of Restricted Reserves		Actual 2017 \$	Actual 2016 \$
Name	Nature and Purpose		
Back Country Fisheries reserve	Management of back country fisheries		
Balance at 1 September		1,987	-
Non-resident portion of fish licence		2,385	1,987
Back Country Fisheries Cost incurred		0	0
Balance at 31 August		4,372	1,987
Game Bird Habitat Development	For purchase of game bird habitat		
Balance at 1 September		350,166	420,923
Interest earned		13,353	14,573
Interest Portion transferred to general		(13,353)	(14,573)
Purchase of Underwood Property		(68,560)	(70,757)
Balance at 31 August		281,606	350,166
Habitat Development Fund	For Habitat development		
Balance at 1 September		9,748	9,181
Transfer of reparation received from general account		341	350
Operational Costs for Habitat Trust		-	0
Interest earned on account		263	217
Balance at 31 August		10,352	9,748
Total Restricted Reserves		296,331	361,901

Equity includes separate disclosure of restricted reserves. There was previously no disclosure on these restricted reserves. The Northland Fish & Game Council are not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements

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Note 6 : COMMITMENTS & CONTINGENCIES

Commitment to:	Explanation and Timing	Actual 2017 \$	Actual 2016 \$
	Greenheart Wetlands - Lease Land for 35 year period commencing 1 September 2013. Annual Rent is \$1.00	1	1
	Whangarei District Council - 5 year lease for use of land adjacent to Wairua River. Annual licence fee is \$1.00	1	1
Lease or rent assets	The Council leases premises at Unit A5, 7-11 Nell Place, Raumanga, Whangarei. The annual lease totalled to \$30,114 + GST which included a CPI adjustment during the financial year. The lease was renewed on the 1st August 2016 and expires on 1st August 2019.	30,114	30,713
Contingency	Explanation		
Contingent liability		Nil	Nil

There is no Guarantees provided during the year (2016: Nil)

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Note 7: ASSETS HELD ON BEHALF OF OTHERS

Description of the Assets Held	Name of Entity on Whose Behalf Assets are Held
Bank Account	Whangarei Hunting & Fishing

Note 8: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There are no related party transactions. (2016: Nil)

Note 9: CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Statement of financial performance

There are no significant changes to the Statement of Financial Performance.

Statement of cash flows

There are no significant changes to the Statement of Cash Flows.

Note 10: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PREDATOR CONTROL PROGRAMME

The total amount dedicated to predator control programme within all the wetlands and forests for the 2017 year is \$2,143 excluding GST (2016: \$2,009)

Non-Resident Fishing Licence Income

NZFGC introduced a Non-resident fishing category for the 2014-15 fishing season. The cost of this licence is 1.3 times of an adult whole season licence which equates to an extra \$38.00, inclusive of GST and commission. The Minister of Conservation stipulated that any increased revenue obtained should be directed to specific management to improve back country fisheries which could be any New Zealand freshwater lake or rivers that provide some spectacular angling experiences. The NZFG Council resolved that all regions should define areas within their regions and all extra revenue from the sale of non-resident licences should stay within the region. In 2016-17, Northland Fish & Game sold 76 (2015-16:65) non-resident licences, and the extra revenue from the sale of these licences equated to \$2,385 (2015-16: \$1,987).

Note 11: Subsequent Events

There are no significant subsequent events. (2016: Nil)

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Note 13: ALLOCATION OF OVERHEADS TO OUTPUT AREAS FOR 2017

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

ACTUAL 2017

Output Area	Actual Direct \$	Actual Hours	Allocation of Overheads	Total Costs per Output
Species management	21,565	323	\$ 33,290	\$ 54,855
Habitat protection & management	39,770	820	\$ 84,513	\$ 124,283
Angler & hunter participation	13,310	406	\$ 41,844	\$ 55,154
Public interface	56,012	720	\$ 74,207	\$ 130,219
Compliance	349	87	\$ 8,967	\$ 9,316
Licensing	8,095	108	\$ 11,131	\$ 19,226
Council	4,929	391	\$ 40,298	\$ 45,227
Planning & reporting	9,893	574	\$ 59,159	\$ 69,052
Totals	153,923	3,429	\$ 353,410	\$ 507,333

Actual Overheads

Employee related costs	250,577
Depreciation	22,583
Other expenses	80,250
Total Overheads to Allocate	353,410

BUDGET 2017

Output Area	Budget Direct \$	Budget Hours	Allocation of Overheads	Total Costs per Output
Species management	22550	227	\$ 21,613	\$ 44,163
Habitat protection & management	30000	774	\$ 73,693	\$ 103,693
Angler & Hunter participation	14050	370	\$ 35,228	\$ 49,278
Public interface	2150	730	\$ 69,504	\$ 71,654
Compliance	2700	98	\$ 9,331	\$ 12,031
Licensing	10020	90	\$ 8,569	\$ 18,589
Council	6000	345	\$ 32,848	\$ 38,848
Planning & reporting	10200	795	\$ 75,693	\$ 85,893
Totals	97670	3,429	\$ 326,479	\$ 424,149

Budget Overheads

Employee related costs	237,200
Depreciation	7,189
Other Expenses	82,090
Total Overheads to Allocate	326,479

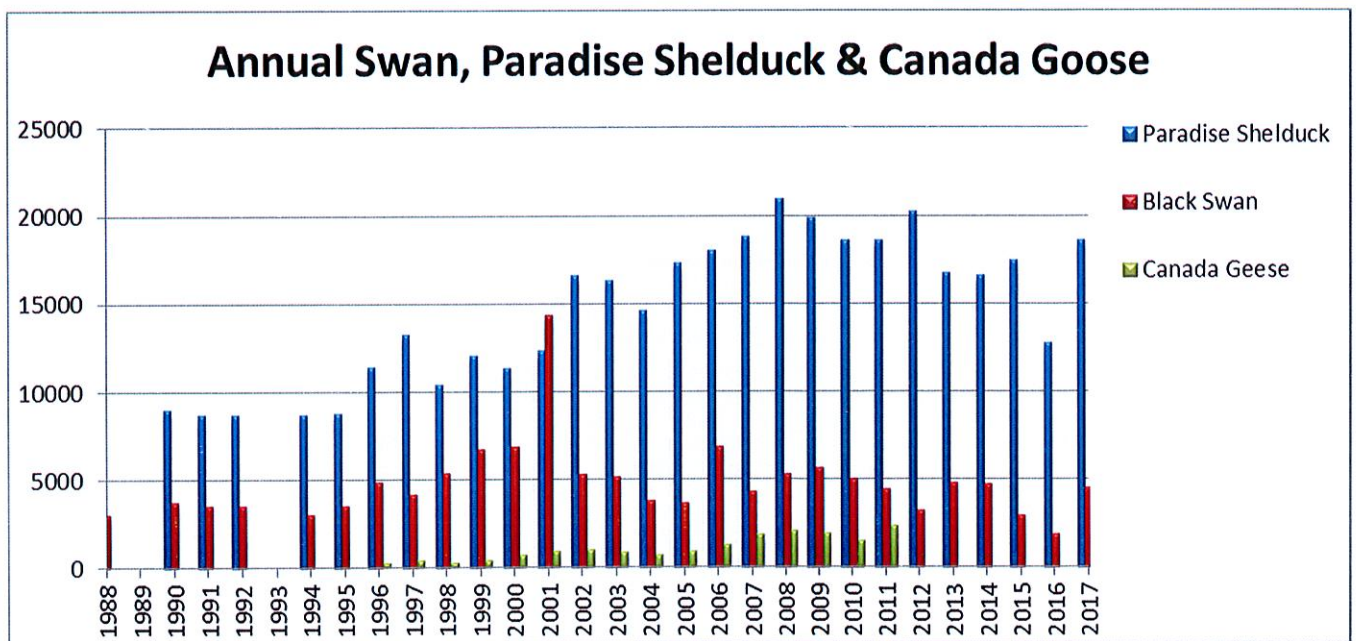
**Northland Fish and Game Council
Statement of Objectives and Service Performance
For the Year Ended 31 August 2017**

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES AND SERVICE PERFORMANCE

PROJECT 1111/1112/1113 – GAME BIRD MONITORING

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To monitor game bird populations by comparing repeated studies.	To present a report to Council by staff detailing population trends and implications for the management of the region's populations of Paradise Shelduck and Black Swan by 27 th January 2017. Supporting the A/WFGC by undertaking aerial trend counts over the Kaipara Harbour and adjoining land to estimate regional waterfowl populations. The surveying and monitoring of Shoveler and Pukeko populations as part of a nationally co-ordinated programme.	The Council used commercial aviation company, Swanair Ltd, based in the Bay of Islands to undertake the annual trend counts. The staff undertook aerial counts of waterfowl over the area north of Helensville to the regional boundary at Wellsford on behalf of A/WFGC and then right up to the Far North Harbours over 2 days. The results and report of the 2017 Trend Counts was presented to the Council on 10 th February 2017 detailing local population status, trends and any management implications for the region's population of Paradise Shelduck, and Black Swan. An annual survey for Shoveler ducks was carried out this year over 30 th & 31 st August 2017. The results were sent to the national co-ordinator based in Rotorua.
	Budget Hours 48 Budget External Cost \$7,000.00	Actual Hours 54 Actual External Cost \$5,256.00

Graph 1 Aerial Trend Counts 1988 to 2017



Graph 1 provides the numbers estimated to be at the main known moulting sites and locations of the overall population trends of the two monitored waterfowl species since 1988 to 2017. This information is obtained by undertaking flights in a small fixed winged aircraft. The reduced effort to count Black swan is reflected in the information provide in the graph.

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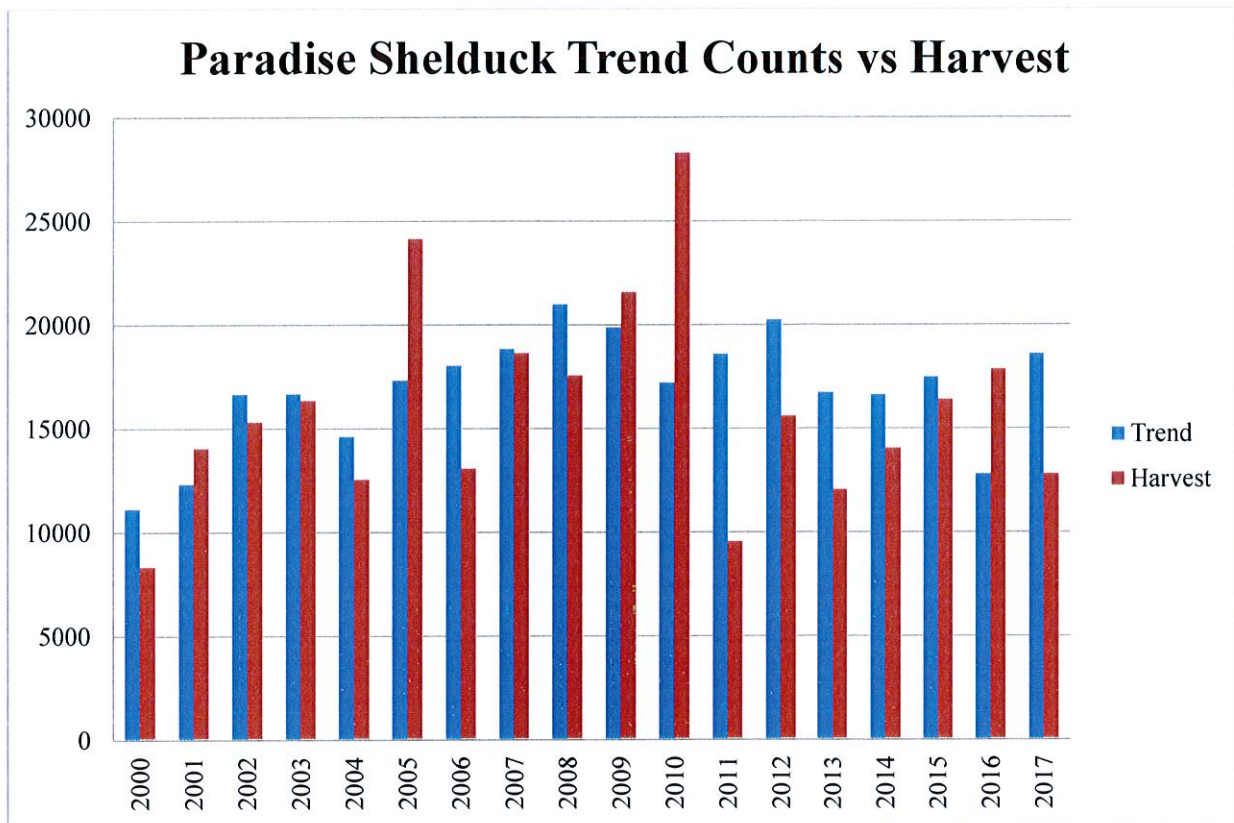
PROJECT 1121 - FISH HARVEST ASSESSMENT

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To monitor and review fishery data for trout releases and to determine 2017 stocking requirements. To collect fishery data via the Kai Iwi Lakes Fishing Competition in 2017 and through angler creel surveys run throughout the season.	To present a report to Council by staff detailing population status and implications for the management of the region's rainbow trout populations based on information gathered from the Kai Iwi Lakes.	Due to other priorities of the Council no regular data collection from anglers fishing at the Kai Iwi Lakes was undertaken during 2016/2017 fishing season. Rangers active in the field at the lakes recorded fish caught and angler effort.
	To follow up growth rates and catch rates of releases undertaken by Council in light of reduced stocking rates.	The Kai Iwi Lakes Trout Fishing Competition was held on the 24 th and 25 th June 2017. The data collected confirms the fishery continues to perform well and is providing anglers with reasonable catch rates and a fishery which has an above average growth rate.
	Budget Hours 0 Budget External Cost \$ Nil	Actual Hours 0 Actual External Cost \$ Nil

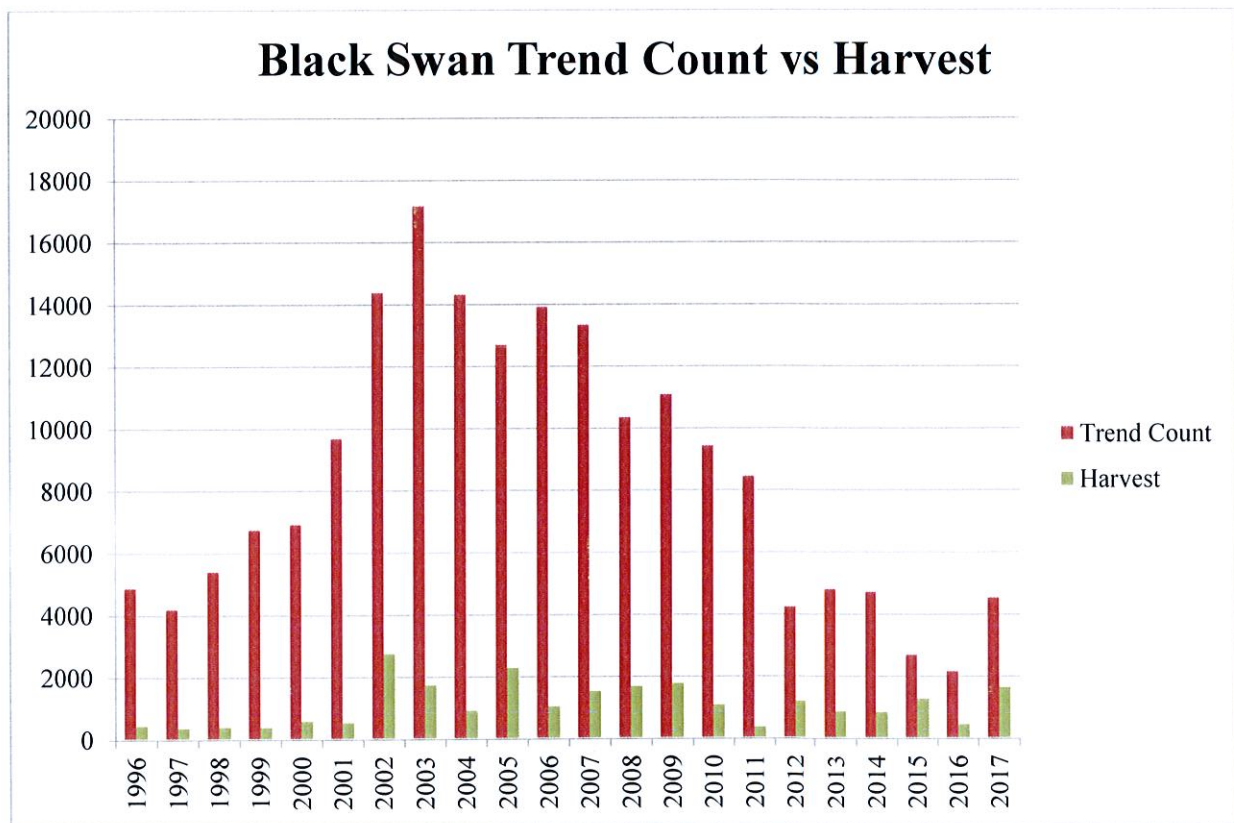
PROJECTS 1122-GAMEBIRD HARVEST ASSESSMENT

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To report to Council the results of the 2016 hunter harvest survey and implement the 2017 hunter survey.	To present a report to Council by professional staff detailing hunter survey results for the 2016 game season with implications for game bird management of the Northland Region by 9 th December 2016.	The Council employed a contract surveyor who collected data from individual hunter effort and success from 120 randomly selected licenced hunters at set fortnightly intervals for the full length of the Northland Game Bird Hunting Season as part of the 2017 National Hunter survey. Staff presented a summary of the 2016 survey results to the Council, with the implications for game bird management on 9 th December 2016.
	Budget Hours 32 Budget External Cost \$2,300.00	Actual Hours 60 Actual External Cost \$2,060.00

Graph 2 1996 to 2017 Paradise Shelduck Trend Counts Versus Annual Harvest



Graph 3 1996 to 2017 Swan Trend Counts Versus Annual Harvest



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PROJECTS 1161- RELEASES OF TROUT INTO STOCKED FISHERIES

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To co-ordinate the 2017 trout releases by 31/05/2017.	<p>To release healthy yearling Brown and Rainbow trout.</p> <p>Rainbows to be released:</p> <p>Kai Iwi Lakes 2200</p> <p>Whau Valley Dam 300</p> <p>Lake Manuwai 500</p> <p>Wilson's Dam 300</p> <p>Provide transport for trout to be stocked in Northland waters.</p>	<p>The Council staff liberated Rainbow trout into Northland's designated waters on the 26th May 2017.</p> <p>No losses were experienced during the trip from the Hatchery in Rotorua.</p> <p>No trout were released into Lake Kai Iwi.</p> <p>Stocking of the lakes and reservoirs were as follows;</p> <p>Taharoa 2,000</p> <p>Rainbow</p> <p>Waikere 300</p> <p>Rainbow</p> <p>Whau Valley 300</p> <p>Rainbow</p> <p>Lake Manuwai 700</p> <p>Rainbow</p> <p>Wilson's Dam 400</p> <p>Rainbow</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 46</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$12,250.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 48</p> <p>Actual External Cost 11,321.00</p> <p>Extra income from NRL \$2,385.00</p>

PROJECT 1171/1172 - SEASON REGULATIONS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To maintain and improve the region's sports fish and game bird resource by formulating and recommending conditions for fishing and game hunting seasons to the Minister of Conservation.	<p>The despatch of the Council's draft recommendations for 2017-2018 game bird hunting season conditions to NZ Fish & Game Council by 7th February 2017.</p> <p>Consult with the A/WFG Council and attempt to obtain a consistent daily bag and season length for game bird hunting at the regional boundary in the Wellsford area.</p> <p>The despatch of the Council's recommendations for 2017-2018 fishing season conditions to NZ Fish & Game Council by 30th June 2017.</p>	<p>Final game bird hunting season conditions and recommendations for 2017 were adopted by Council on the 9th December 2016 and dispatched to NZ Fish & Game Council on 13th December 2017 to be approved by the Minister, for the gazettal notice in March 2017.</p> <p>Council adopted the 2017- 2018 fishing season conditions on 9th June 2017 for the Regional Anglers Notice and approval given by the Minister, for the gazettal notice on the 25th August 2017.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 4</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$ Nil</p>	<p>Actual Hours 0</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$ Nil</p>

PROJECT 1181/1182-GAMEBIRD DISPERSAL

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>1. To reduce the damage to crops and pasture and maintain landholder relations from unwanted concentrations of game birds.</p> <p>2. The dispersal of Paradise Shelduck and other game species as required.</p>	<p>1. Dispersal of all unwanted congregations of game birds which are notified to the Council throughout the region, during the year. Maintain gas guns and bird scaring devices.</p> <p>2. Hold an extended Paradise Shelduck weekend in the last weekend of February 2017. Hold an extended Black Swan and Pukeko season during the last weekend of February and the first week of March 2017.</p>	<p>Permits or assistance to disturb and/or destroy game birds were issued to landowners or occupiers within 24 hours of receiving requests.</p> <p>Staff assisted in preventing despoliation of crops and pasture by hiring out gas operated bird scaring guns on affected landowner's properties.</p> <p>Permits were issued to destroy game birds causing damage to crops and other forms of wildlife. Pukeko: 15 permits issued to landowners. Shelducks: 17 permits issued to landowners. Black Swan: 1 permit issued to disturb swan from roosting and feeding on Houhora Harbour.</p> <p>The Council purchased 3 gas guns which were sold on to landowners for use on their farm properties. Gas guns were hired by 15 landowners to disturb game birds for varying lengths of time. This number is down due to the wet summer Northland experienced. Hunters and the public were advised in mid-February through the print media and on the Fish and Game website, of the Special Paradise Shelduck hunting weekend.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 97 Budget External Cost \$1,000.00 Income from Gas Gun hire \$1,000.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 160 Actual External Cost \$2,928.00 Income from gas gun hire \$4,547.00</p>

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PROJECT 1211 - 1212 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To seek to ensure that all Resource Management Act processes are undertaken in a way that provides appropriate protection for sports fish and game bird habitat and angler and hunter access.	To participate with the Northland Regional and local District Councils in the consideration of all plans, consents and enforcement issues coming to the Council's attention within its region throughout the year, that impinge upon sports fish and game bird habitat values, or upon angler and hunter access values, to provide the best advocacy for Fish and Game interests that is available to the Council.	Consideration and comments made on notified and non-notified consent applications. Staff reviewed the first proposed draft of the Regional Water and Soil Plan and made a submission mainly relating to wetlands and stock exclusion from waterways. Staff attended hearings on the NRC Proposed Regional Policy Statement and Proposed Regional Plans. Staff attended Catchment Environmental Group meetings in the Pouto and the Waitangi Catchments respectively. Council staff considered and reported back with comments to all local authorities on plan and proposed plans.
	<p>Budget Hours 64</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$ Nil</p>	<p>Actual Hours 110</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$ Nil</p>

PROJECT 1221 - JACK BISSET WETLANDS DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To maintain and enhance the game bird habitat at the Jack Bisset Wetlands area.	To carry out annual maintenance of any structures and make repairs if required. This wetland requires an ongoing maintenance to clear alligator weed from the plateau and river ponds. This may be achieved with agrichemicals or mechanical means. Work within conditions applied by the QEII covenant.	Sixteen bee hives were placed at the wetlands by a bee keeper in an area of the property which did not cause any concerns for hunters or livestock. The Council received \$45.00 plus GST per hive per annum. A long reach digger was used to clear away aquatic weed around some of the ponds for stand holders. There was no predator control work done in this wetland this year. The special levy on the permits sold to hunters has accrued for the 2017-2018 season. Council maintaining areas to comply with QEII covenant.
	<p>Budget Hours 40</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$1,000.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 56</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$2,390.00</p> <p>Beehive Income \$720.00</p> <p>Permit Levy Income \$710.00</p> <p>Reimbursement from stand holder \$412.00</p>

PROJECT 1222 - WAITANGI WETLAND DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To monitor requirements for the Waitangi Wetlands and to maximize habitat values while protecting downstream bore quality.	1. To maintain hunting opportunities and access to the Waitangi Wetlands. 2. To maintain and make repairs to any structures if required. 3. Ensuring water quality and quantity remains while providing and protecting values for downstream bore users. 4. Maintain a working relationship with adjoining landowners and DoC.	1 Vacant stands were allocated prior to the game season. 2. No repairs required to the dam wall. 3. Water quality and supply of water for downstream users maintained throughout the year. 4. Communications with DoC and adjoining landowners maintained.
	Budget Hours 8 Budget External Cost \$ Nil	Actual Hours 0 Actual External Cost \$ Nil

PROJECT 1223- SEASONAL CONTRACTOR

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To improve and accelerate property management and game bird habitat enhancement with the employment of a seasonal contractor.	To undertake maintenance and repairs to Fish and Game owned wetlands. To undertake maintenance on jointly managed lands administered by DoC including Wildlife Management Reserves. Some supervision and assistance for the contractor will be required by the staff. Ensure health and safety practises are followed by, complied with and used by contractors.	A seasonal contractor was engaged by the Council and was overseen on a minimal basis. The seasonal contractor spent his time working primarily at the Jack Bisset and Flaxmill Wetlands using a hired long reach excavator to remove aquatic vegetation from areas around ponds.
	Budget Hours 24 Budget External Cost \$14,000.00	Actual Hours 3 Actual External Cost \$13,123.00

PROJECT 1224 - BORROW CUT/HIKURANGI WETLAND MAINTENANCE

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To maintain and enhance the Hikurangi Wetland and fulfil a long-term lease obligation with the Whangarei District Council for the management of the wetland.	Spraying of noxious plants by staff and/or a commercial operator. Reduce vegetation height by slashing the weeds on the edge of the wetland to minimise impediment to water flow during floods. To maintain and make repairs to any structures if required.	No field work was undertaken at the Borrowcut Wetland. Some spraying with agrichemical was carried out by stand holders to reduce the amount of rank grass, providing open areas for waterfowl and pheasants.
	Budget Hours 40 Budget External Cost \$500.00	Actual Hours 0 Actual External Cost \$50.00

PROJECT 1225 – FLAXMILL WETLAND DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To complete a work programme that meets the Northland Fish and Game Council's objectives as approved in the Flaxmill Wetland Management Plan.	<p>To continue to develop and enhance the Flaxmill Wetland through appropriate management techniques in a cost efficient manner whilst providing habitat for both Game and protected waterfowl associated species.</p> <p>Control and eradication of pampas grass through spraying and stock control. Helicopter spraying if required to maintain open water areas. Undertake works to maintain security of all structures.</p> <p>The Flaxmill wetland property is on the east side of the Awakino River and the only access for heavy machinery is across the neighbouring property and their bridge. The Council has arranged legal access across the bridge via an easement but the Council has also taken on board to assist in the repair and maintenance of the structure. Repairs will be undertaken in conjunction with the owner as his funding becomes available. The Council holds \$5,177.00 in dedicated reserves to assist with any bridge repairs.</p> <p>Budget Hours 40 Budget External Cost \$2,500.00</p>	<p>A long reach digger was used to clear away aquatic weed around some of the ponds for stand holders as described in Project 1223.</p> <p>A local contractor with an excavator which had attached a heavy duty mulcher was engaged to clear and trim the access tracks and stop banks.</p> <p>There was no predator control work done in this wetland this year. The special levy on the permits sold to hunters has accrued for the 2017-2018 season.</p> <p>No helicopter spraying was undertaken.</p> <p>No bridge repairs have been undertaken.</p> <p>Actual Hours 30 Actual External Cost \$2,011.00 Permit Levy Income \$678.00</p>

PROJECT 1226 – KAWAKAWA WETLAND DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To follow an approved management plan that will provide habitat for waterfowl and the greatest possible hunter opportunity.	<p>To undertake a programme that meets the Northland Fish and Game Council's objectives.</p> <p>Control and eradication of numerous varieties of noxious plants through spraying.</p> <p>Budget Hours 40 Budget External Cost \$1,500.00</p>	<p>No field work has been undertaken in the Kawakawa Wetland this year.</p> <p>Actual Hours 2 Actual External Cost \$ Nil</p>

PROJECT 1226.1 – UNDERWOOD WETLAND DEVELOPMENT

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To follow an approved management plan that will provide habitat for waterfowl and the greatest possible hunter opportunity.</p>	<p>To undertake a programme that meets the Northland Fish and Game Council's objectives.</p> <p>Build a 4WD access track on public roadway leading into the property after obtaining a formal approval from the KDC.</p> <p>Improve internal tracks to allow for 4WD vehicle access.</p> <p>Control numerous varieties of noxious plants through spraying and mulching.</p> <p>Reinstate wetlands and game bird habitat in the upper reaches of the property.</p> <p>Budget Hours 170 Budget External Cost \$4,000.00</p>	<p>The Management Plan was approved and signed by DOC after being adopted by the Northland Fish & Game Council.</p> <p>Local contractors excavated an access road into the wetlands. The internal access road was also upgraded with DOC contributing 50% towards the cost of upgrading the internal access track.</p> <p>A boundary fence was constructed along the access road and between the two Underwood properties. DOC and the Underwood family each contributed 25% share of the cost to building the fence and fencing materials.</p> <p>Funds for this part of the development came out of dedicated reserves as agreed by the Northland Fish & Game Council.</p> <p>Associate Minister of Conservation Nikki Wagner opened the Scenic Reserve and Underwood Wetland on the 19th February 2017 with approximately 80 members of the public people attending the opening.</p> <p>Actual Hours 65 Actual External Cost \$69,292.00 Reimbursement of shared costs \$25,826.00 Bee Hive income \$3,375.00</p>



Associate Minister of Conservation Minister Nikki Wagner cutting the ribbon for the official opening with the Underwood Family.

PROJECT 1227 – TE HIKU FOREST PREDATOR CONTROL PROJECT

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To remove as many predators as possible from Te Hiku Forest that will reduce predators for ground nesting birds.	To undertake a programme that meets the Northland Fish and Game Council's objectives. Control and eradication of numerous predators during the nesting season.	Summit Forest NZ Ltd, Managers of Te Hiku Forest funded the predator control operations within this forest. The kill traps which the Council purchased and NRC donated were used in the operations. Summit Forest NZ Ltd contributed staff time and vehicle running expenses to the programme.
	Budget Hours 8 Budget External Cost \$1,500.00 Income \$1,500.00	Actual Hours 0 Actual External Cost \$ Nil Permit Levy Income \$755.00

PROJECT 1228 – WAIRUA RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT RESERVE DEVELOPMENT

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To follow an approved management plan providing habitat for waterfowl and upland game with the greatest possible hunter opportunity in the Wairua River Wildlife Management Reserve.	To undertake a programme that meets the Northland Fish and Game Council and the Department of Conservation objectives. Control numerous varieties of noxious plants through spraying and mulching. Maintain tracks. To develop and enhance the Wetland property through appropriate management techniques in a cost efficient manner whilst providing habitat for both Game and protected fauna and flora species.	Maintenance work in the property has continued with spraying of fence lines and the spraying of access tracks to remove gorse and privet. A contractor mulched the tracks to reduce the amount of gorse, private and blackberry at the wetland. All tracks throughout the reserve were cleared of standing vegetation. DOC reimbursed the Council for 50% of the mulching costs.
	Budget Hours 42 Budget External Cost \$1,500.00	Actual Hours 32 Actual External Cost \$2,172.00 DOC Reimbursement \$1,040.00

PROJECT 1228.1 – AWAKINO WETLAND

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To follow an approved management plan providing habitat for waterfowl and upland game with the greatest possible hunter opportunity in the Awakino Wildlife Management Reserve.	The Awakino Wetland is a Conservation Wildlife Management Reserve and a joint project with the Department and Maori Trust block Topu Wharau C. It is planned to re-establish a weir to maintain water levels. Funding assistance from the NZGBHT.	The dam wall and weir were repaired and a control structure was installed to raise the height of the water within the wetlands. A new fence was constructed along the boundary to exclude stock from entering the wetland. The costs of the repairs were reimbursed by the NZ Game Bird Habitat Trust as an application was approved in 2014.
	Budget Hours 40 Budget External Cost \$500.00	Actual Hours 53 Actual External Cost \$7,089.00 NZGBHT Grant \$6,304.00

PROJECT 1228.2 – GREENHEART WETLAND

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To follow an approved management plan providing habitat for waterfowl and upland game with the greatest possible hunter opportunity on the Greenheart, Northern Wairoa River flats.</p>	<p>The development of a series of ephemeral wetlands on flats the Council has leased from Greenheart Forests for a period of 35 years.</p>	<p>The Council paid the annual rates on this portion of land to the Kaipara District Council and also holds a public liability insurance cover over this land.</p>
	<p>The property to be developed as a study area as part of the mallard research project.</p>	<p>A single wire electric fence was constructed and setback from the riparian area around the Wairoa River. Approximately 5,500 plants were planted within the riparian area by a team of volunteers and staff. These plants will in the future provide nesting cover for wildlife and reduce erosion from the river banks.</p>
	<p>Allow the flats to be grazed by light stock by neighbouring farmer under a formal lease agreement.</p>	<p>Fish & Game received funds from the DOC Living Waters – Kaipara Community Initiative Fund to purchase plants.</p>
	<p>Funds from lease to be utilised in the development and improvement to the land for stock control and animal health as well as habitat protection and enhancement.</p>	<p>Predator Control operations were undertaken by staff during the spring and summer months.</p>
	<p>Pay outgoings of rates and public liability insurances.</p>	<p>The property was inundated during 6 occasions from flood waters.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 80 Budget External Cost \$3,000.00 Income from grazing lease \$2,500.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 331 Actual External Cost \$10,793.00 Lease Income \$3,500.00 DOC Living Waters \$2,000.00</p>



Wetland plants being established at the Greenheart Wetland

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PROJECT 1231/1232 - HABITAT CONSULTATIONS/ HABITAT DATABASE

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To provide habitat assistance and advice to property owners.	To provide habitat development assistance to land owners and game bird hunters. This can be in the form of assistance and advice on construction, planting and water level control. Provide some assistance with planting if required.	The staff visited a number of private properties and provided information, assistance and suggestions to landowners for the development of habitat for game birds. Four applications were sent to the NZGBHT and one was successful for the Northland region with the projects to commence in the summer of 2017-2018. The Council staff signed off a number of referee reports so these applicants could receive reimbursement from the NZGBHT. Fish & Game received funds from the DOC Living Waters – Kaipara Community Initiative Fund to develop a wetland on private property. Development commenced but ceased due to weather and ground conditions. The development will recommence this coming summer.
	Budget Hours 154 Budget External Cost \$ Nil	Actual Hours 134 Actual External Cost \$1,409.00 DOC Living Waters \$3,500.00

PROJECT 1241 – PURCHASING HABITATS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To assess suitable properties for purchase from capital reserves held by NFGC.	To investigate any suitable properties for sale in the region that may have potential to provide game bird habitat and hunter access. The Council intends to investigate options to purchase a property for game bird habitat.	No suitable properties were found that were brought to the Council’s attention for further consideration.
	Budget Hours 24 Budget External Cost \$ Nil	Actual Hours 6 Actual External Cost \$ Nil

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PROJECT 1311 – NEGOTIATION

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To liaise with landowners, Landcorp Farming, DoC & Forestry Companies to gain and improve access for hunting on Conservation & private lands.</p> <p>Advocate the entitlement of hunters and anglers to public hunting and fishing resources.</p>	<p>To maintain and develop further improved access into the Conservation Estate through setting appropriate conditions on permits with DoC.</p> <p>Gain the support of Forestry Companies to allow Fish and Game to issue permits and manage hunting in large commercial forests.</p>	<p>The staff maintained the existing opportunities for access onto most of the Conservation Estate lands that had been available in previous years for game bird hunting by visiting DoC area offices and finalising details for permits and game bird regulations booklet.</p> <p>Hunting was available at all of the Matariki/Rayonier Forests including Glenbervie, Puhipuhi and Topuni. Hunting access was arranged with Hancock Forests NZ Ltd for licenced hunters to gain access into numerous commercial forests. Access was also re-negotiated with Northland Forest Managers to create further hunting opportunities.</p> <p>No hunting access was negotiated with Landcorp Farming. Three of the farm properties were returned to Maori ownership through Treaty Settlements in the Far North.</p> <p>Game bird hunting access into the Te Hiku Forest was approved by Summit New Zealand through the Te Hiku Forest Working Group.</p> <p>As part of the agreement, NFGC was required to have licence holders hold public liability insurance.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 16 Budget External Cost \$ Nil</p>	<p>Actual Hours 20 Actual External Cost \$ Nil</p>

PROJECT 1312 - ANGLER/HUNTER ACCESS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To promote the hunting and fishing resource of the region, Council administered properties etc., by the placement of appropriate signs.</p> <p>Meet landowners and obtain background information in preparation for Anglers and Hunter Access Guides.</p>	<p>To continue to develop Hunter and Angler's access programme based on National Policy. Arrange onsite meetings with landowners and gain approval to erect appropriate signs to inform public of access points. Comply with approvals from Whangarei District, Far North District and Kaipara District Councils to erect signs. Erect signs and construct stiles to cross fencing and maintain and replace damaged signage as required. Gather information to prepare for publication identifying access points.</p>	<p>This project is on-going and continues to be developed as part of the regions overall access programme.</p> <p>Regional signage was maintained and kept clean as required.</p> <p>A new cycleway and information sign was erected at the Kawakawa Wetlands. The sign was jointly funded with the Far North District Council.</p>
	<p>Budget Hour 16 Budget External Cost \$200.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 2 Actual External Cost \$872.00 FNDC Contribution \$523.00</p>

PROJECT 1313 - BALLOTS/PERMITS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To issue hunting permits on Northland Fish and Game Council owned properties. Issue hunting permits on behalf of DoC, Landcorp and Private Forestry companies where applicable.	Advertise the availability of sites through a ballot. To conduct ballots and issue hunting permits to provide access onto private and crown owned properties. Income from issuing permits of \$2,000.00.	Ballots and permits were promoted and advertised through the regional insert mailed out with the special issue of the Fish and Game magazine and also on the Northland Fish and Game website. Public liability insurance was taken out for hunters with permits to enter forests managed by Hancock Forests NZ Ltd, Northland Forest Managers, Matariki/Rayonier Forests, and Te Hiku Forest. NFGC created one permit which provided permit conditions for access into the Hancock, Northland Forests Managers and Matariki/Rayonier forests. Licence holders paid a flat fee of \$50.00 (incl. GST) which met the public liability insurance requirements, to gain access into all of the forests nominated by the forestry companies. Applications for permits were made available through email to reduce expense. Wherever possible, all permits were issued within two days of receiving a request. A levy of \$12.17 was collected from each permit holder who wished to hunt in the Te Hiku forest to contribute to a contractor to undertake pest control operations. A levy of \$33.91 was collected from each permit holder from the Flaxmill Wetlands to contribute to a contractor to undertake pest control operations. A levy of \$16.52 was collected from each permit from the Jack Bisset Wetlands to fund a pest control operation within the wetlands.
	Budgeted Hours 75 Budget External Cost \$1,500.00 Income from Permits \$2,000.00	Actual Hours 113 Actual External Cost \$694.00 Income from Permits \$4,220.00

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Permits Issued from 2007 to 2017

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Northland Forests	49	45	47	50	40	43	51	49	3	36	23
Te Hiku/ Summit Forest	158	157	168	173	141	121	102	102	81	62	62
Landcorp Blocks	35	44	35	34	25	16	25	20	21	0	0
D O C Areas	293	273	269	224	248	187	180	165	180	139	148
Waitangi Wetland	25	19	24	17	17	11	15	13	5	4	3
Kawakawa Wetland	7	11	13	11	9	12	11	12	8	13	13
Flaxmill Wetland	30	37	41	22	28	27	25	30	21	18	20
Borrow Cut Wetland	23	21	12	23	19	18	11	12	15	19	28
Jack Bisset Wetland	65	61	65	63	62	66	50	53	49	39	43
Total Permits Issued	685	668	674	617	589	501	470	456	383	330	340

PROJECT 1314 - PRE-GAME SEASON MEETINGS

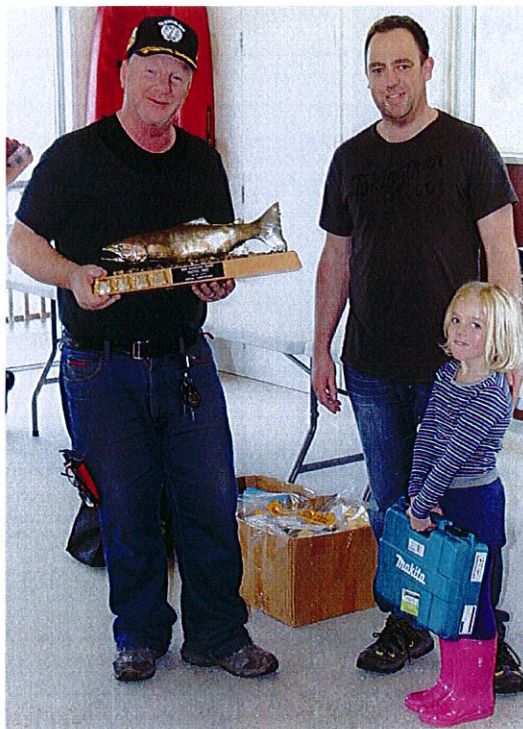
Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To hold four pre Game Season Meetings throughout the region.	<p>To promote the Northland Fish and Game Council and Game Season Regulations to hunters.</p> <p>Sponsor and support club outings held for game bird hunters prior to commencement of game season.</p> <p>Budget Hours 0 Budget External Cost \$500.00</p>	<p>Some of the Councillors attended registered gun club shoots throughout the region which commenced one month prior to the beginning of the game bird season.</p> <p>Council provided sponsorship by supplying non-toxic shotgun cartridges and some Fish and Game clothing to those clubs that requested support for a pre-game season event.</p> <p>Some of the Councillors attended events held in hunting store promotions leading up to the 2017 game bird season.</p> <p>Actual Hours 0 Actual External Cost \$557.00</p>

PROJECT 1315 - FISHING COMPETITIONS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To support, revitalise and maintain an involvement with the Kai Iwi Lakes Fishing Competition.</p>	<p>To continue organising the competition. Assist and encourage sponsorship for the event. Provide administrative support by mailing invitation-advertising flyers to all Northland Freshwater fishing licence holders. Ensure Competition rules comply with the Regional Anglers Notice. Manage the competition.</p> <p>Budget Hours 70 Budget External Cost \$500.00 Income from competition \$1,000.00</p>	<p>The Kai Iwi Lakes Trout Fishing Competition was held over the weekend of the 24th and 25th June 2017, following approval from the KDC to hold the event at the Lakes. The event attracted 57 licenced anglers: 45 adults, 5 juniors and 7 children. A total of 73 trout were weighed in at the weigh station.</p> <p>The winning fish was caught by Steve Lloyd from Auckland, weighing in at 1.40 kilograms.</p> <p>As part of the “Take a Kid Fishing Programme”, the juniors and child anglers were not charged an entry fee.</p> <p>The fishery saw a decline in the winning fish caught on the day of the competition.</p> <p>The Council provided sponsorship and considerable staff time for the event.</p> <p>The sponsorship and support provided by the local community was fantastic. A kayak was sponsored by Viking Kayaks and won by Christine Goodhue from Whangarei. A newsletter and entry form was sent either by email or by post to all holders of a Northland Fishing Licence. The staff organised and ran all of the competition.</p> <p>Actual Hours 98 Actual External Cost \$1,323.00 Income from Entry Fee \$1,957.00</p>



From left to right, Nigel Slight, Don Anton, Kevin Thomlinson with their catch

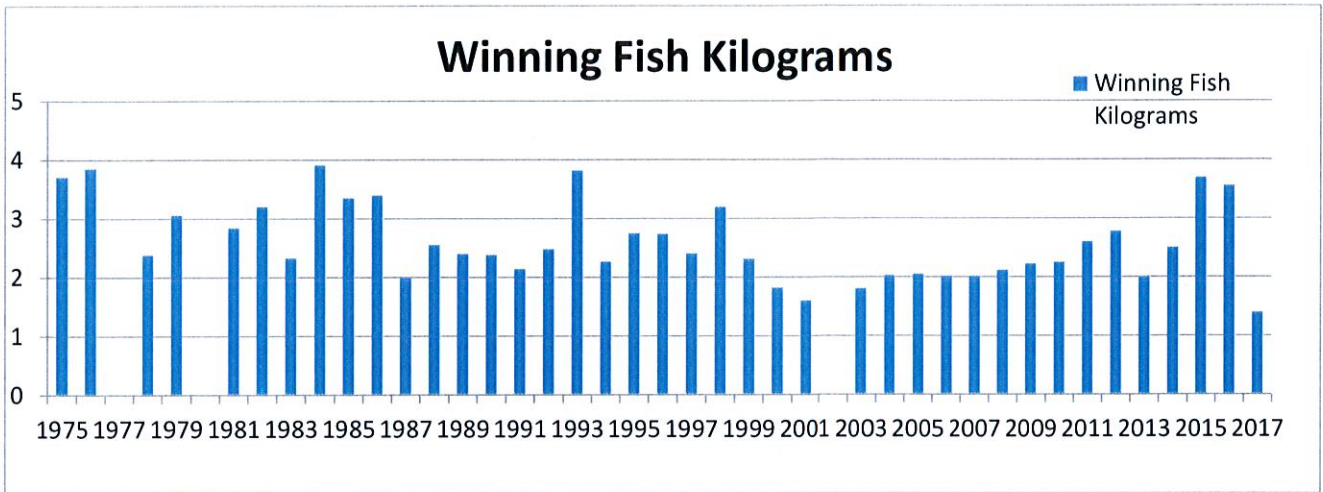


Steve Lloyd, winner of the 2017 Kai Iwi Lakes Trout Fishing Competition. Presentation of trophy and prizes by Rod Prins and his daughter, Crystal from Hardie Fasteners



Northland Fish and Game Manager, Rudi Hoetjes presenting Christine Goodhue, winner of the Kayak

Graph 4 Kai Iwi Lakes Fishing Competition Results 1975 - 2017



PROJECT 1316 – NORTHLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS CLAY TARGET COMPETITIONS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>The Council has also agreed to support and sponsor the Northland Secondary Schools Clay Target Shooting Competition. The Council has purchased trophies and provided Fish and Game branded medals as part of the sponsorship as well as purchasing sporting goods. It is an effort to have the Regional Secondary Schools recognise Fish and Game and also providing new shooters with the appropriate skills that will allow them to become proficient and safe hunters.</p>	<p>This competition runs over 5 days at different clay target clubs in the region. The Council has agreed to extend the amount of sponsorship and support by increasing the amount of sponsorship and prizes for the woman's/girls section.</p> <p>The overall result will be recognising a number of champions in a range of disciplines for both boys and girls as individuals and in the team's events.</p>	<p>The competition was run over a 5 month period and held at five different clay target clubs in the Northland region. Results were collated and listed on the Fish and Game and Sport Northland websites.</p> <p>At each event the highest overall individual boy and girl and the highest scoring team were presented prizes.</p> <p>This year, the competition was very close with a number of shoot offs required to determine the overall winners for the competition.</p> <p>At the conclusion of the five round series the overall winners were presented with trophies, medals and monetary vouchers to purchase sporting good prizes.</p> <p>The results achieved by the shooters from various schools both at a local and national level are very commendable.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 75 Budget External Cost \$4,000.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 46 Actual External Cost \$3,881.00</p>

Highest Overall Gun for 2017 – BOYS



1st Jake Symonds (centre) Whangarei Boys High 444
 2nd Blair Thomas (right) Tauraroa Area School 435
 3rd Skye Martinac (left) Tauraroa Area School 432

Highest Overall Gun for 2017 – GIRLS



1st Mikayla Gardner (centre) Kaitaia College 420
 2nd Carlissa McCarroll (right) Tauraroa Area School 402
 3rd Trinity Peirson-Harrop (left) Tauraroa Area School 371



Highest Overall Team – Whangarei Boys High1
 Ethan Hare, AJ Dickson, Jago Irving, Jake Symonds, William Hamlin

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PROJECT 1317 DEVELOPMENT OF A JUNIOR HUNTER & ANGLER PROGRAMME

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
The Northland Fish and Game Council assisted in the establishment of regional hunting and fishing clubs. It is important for these clubs to remain focused on providing licence holders the opportunity to further develop their hunting and fishing skills. The Council will provide some funding for the sponsorship of club run events by encouraging the introduction of "take a kid hunting" promotion.	This will involve the clubs to hold a sporting clay event aiming at children who have not held a firearm before, to attend this event. This event will be subsidised by the Council. Provide a kids fishing event. It is seen as being very important to introduce novice children into the sports, which include safe firearm practices.	The Council sponsored a junior shoot at the Kaipara Hunting & Fishing Club prior to the commencement of the game bird season.
	Budget Hours 0 Budget External Cost \$400.00	Actual Hours 0 Actual External Cost \$174.00

PROJECT 1331 - GAME HUNTER MAGAZINE

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To produce written material for the National and Regional insert in the Special issue of Fish & Game Magazine.	To produce a two page regional insert before 10 th February 2017 and then send to the publishers of Fish and Game New Zealand magazine. Distribute via the magazine printers to all 2016 Northland Whole Season Game Bird Licence holders before 15 th March 2017.	The Council staff produced an excellent regional insert of two pages for special issue (44) of the national magazine. These were well received by hunters and members of the public. The Council further supplemented this with a 12 page regional newsletter that was packaged with the magazine to reduce postage expense. This worked very well and gave licence holders a lot more relevant and updated information prior to the commencement of the 2017 game bird season. Staff met all deadlines as set by the printer to allow the magazine to be sent out to all licence holders on or about the 15 th March 2017.
	Budget Hours 40 Budget External Cost \$1,500.00	Actual Hours 38 Actual External Cost \$1,541.00

PROJECT 1332 - ANGLER MAGAZINE

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To produce written material for the National and Regional insert in the Special Anglers issue of Fish & Game Magazine.	To produce a 2 page regional insert then send to the Fish & Game magazine before 4 th July 2017. Distribution via the magazine printers to all 2015- 2016 Northland Whole Season and Winter Season Fish Licence Holders before 20 th August 2017.	The Council staff produced a two page regional insert of interesting information and updates on the regional fisheries pages for special issue (45) of the national magazine. This was well received by anglers and members of the public. Staff met all the deadlines as set by the printer to allow the magazine to be mailed out to all licence holders on or about the 20 th August 2017.
	Budget Hours 20 Budget External Cost \$1,500.00	Actual Hours 40 Actual External Cost \$1,304.00

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PROJECT 1333 - REGIONAL NEWSLETTER

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To produce one annual newsletter for all Whole Season and Winter Season Northland Fish and Game bird licence holders.	To provide an interesting newsletter for anglers and hunters promoting the issues relating to Northland.	The Council produced one newsletter.
	To mail a newsletter to land occupiers who have an interest in game bird hunting.	The newsletter was posted directly to regional anglers and posted on the Fish and Game website. It was provided as an extra supplement and posted out with the special issue (44) of the 2017 Fish & Game magazine.
	To help promote and encourage support for regional hunting and fishing clubs.	The newsletter followed a similar layout from the previous years.
	Provide a newsletter to lapsed hunters and anglers to encourage renewed participation.	The newsletter was made available to the public at shop counters in sporting good outlets.
	To obtain sufficient advertising and sponsorship to offset printing and production expenses.	Regional Sports Fish and Hunting Clubs were invited to produce articles for the newsletter advising licence holders of Club events and activities.
	Post the newsletter onto the Fish & Game website.	The Council was successful in receiving some advertising income.
	Budget Hours 50	Actual Hours 50
	Budget External Cost \$3,500.00	Actual External Costs 2,965.00

PROJECT 1361/1362/1363/1364/1365 -CLUB SUPPORT

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To support and provide information to Club structures throughout the Northland region.	To attend at least one meeting at each of the regional recreational Hunting and Fishing Clubs.	The staff did not attend any club events to promote the Council due to other work commitments.
	Provide sponsorship of \$150.00 to each club for worthy licence holder run events.	Contact with the executive of the different clubs was maintained. Requests for special information were provided as and when necessary.
		Copies of the Council minutes and the Manager's reports were sent to clubs for their information following each bi-monthly Council meeting. No clubs requested sponsorship funds for club events during the course of the year.
	Budget Hours 8	Actual Hours 1
	Budget External Cost \$450.00	Actual External Cost \$ Nil

PROJECT 1411 – CONSERVATION BOARD AND DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION LIAISON

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>Ongoing liaison with DoC, and Conservation Boards.</p>	<p>To keep regular communication with DoC staff both at Conservancy and at area levels throughout the region. Attendance at Conservation Board Meetings.</p>	<p>Regular communications with DoC including meetings with the Director of Conservation Services Northern North Island, and with other senior staff at the area offices throughout the Northland Region. Joint work programmes on habitat enhancement and recommendations on season lengths and bag limits was maintained. The Living Water Project (a joint partnership between DOC and Fonterra) produced a Management Strategy Plan on the Wairua River GPWMR. This document will be used to assist with the development of the Wairua River GPWMR management agreement between Ngati Hau, Fish & Game and Department of Conservation. Board member Alan Martin attended most of the Councils meetings. Conservation Officer, Ross Atkinson, was appointed the liaison appointee for DoC to attend the Northland Fish & Game Council meetings.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 72 Budget External Cost \$ Nil</p>	<p>Actual Hours 42 Actual External Cost \$ Nil</p>

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PROJECT 1421 - COMMUNICATION

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To respond to enquiries for information and to issues affecting the interests of anglers/hunters through the provision of suitable information to the public, the media and sector interest groups.	The provision of suitable information to the public, media and sector groups, including Iwi, District and Regional Councils.	<p>Staff attended meetings with the Regional and District Councils about planning and environmental issues.</p> <p>The Taharoa Domain Governance Committee adopted the final Kai Iwi Lakes (Taharoa Domain) Reserve Management Plan 2016. The final Management Plan included ceasing all trout releases in to the Lakes by 2018.</p> <p>The Northland Fish & Game Council challenged this decision by way of preparing to seek a judicial review. NFGC applied to NZFGC for funding of all legal costs associated with the judicial review. This application was approved by NZFGC and all costs (\$54,083) were reimbursed by NZFGC.</p> <p>Legal representatives and staff of NFGC met with KDC and Board Members of the Taharoa Governance Committee and they agreed to defer the cessation of trout-stocking from 2018 until results of a proposed research and monitoring programme is known.</p> <p>NFGC agreed to defer issuing any court proceedings. A working group has been formed to research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The life cycle and its ecology of the Dune Lakes Galaxias (DLG) ▪ Explore the interactions between the DLG, trout and Gambusia ▪ Identify management options which will benefit the DLG. <p>Kai Iwi Lakes Navigational Bylaw. A submission was presented to the NRC on the navigational bylaw for the Kai Iwi Lakes. Staff attended the hearing and spoke on angler access and the banning of all power boats to Lake Waikare.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 250</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$ Nil</p>	<p>Actual Hours 304</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$54,083.00</p> <p>Overhead Recovery \$54,083.00</p>

PROJECT 1422- WORLD WETLANDS DAY

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To promote the value of wetlands.	To promote the value of wetlands by inviting the wider community to a wetland.	To commemorate World Wetlands Day, an official opening for the Scenic Reserve and Underwood Wetland took place on the 19 th February 2017. The Associate Minister of Conservation attended the event and a light barbeque lunch was provided after the official opening. During the official ceremony, the 2017 NZ Game Bird Habitat Painting was unveiled.
	<p>Budget Hours 0</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$ Nil</p>	<p>Actual Hours 51</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$653.00</p>



The Associate Minister of Conservation, Nikki Wagner and the Manager, Rudi Hoetjes, unveiling the 2017 NZ Game Bird Habitat Painting

PROJECT 1423- FISH AND GAME WEBSITE MAINTENANCE AND UPDATES

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To maintain and update the regional website of Fish and Game.	To ensure the website for the Northland Fish and Game Region has current and relevant information for hunters and anglers and the wider public.	Regional updates, material of interest and photographs as well as public information notices were uploaded onto the website as required.
	Budget Hours 8 Budget External Cost \$ Nil	Actual Hours 12 Actual External Cost \$ Nil

PROJECT 1431 – MEDIA LIASION/ ADVERTISING GAME/FISH ACTIVITIES

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To produce editorial for Northland Papers promoting the Council's activities. To produce information for web based media including Reel life and Both Barrels.	To provide information to strategic sector groups regarding issues that affect game bird management and habitat. To convey to the wider community to accepting who Fish and Game are, the issues the Council deals with and projects it undertakes.	Editorial and photo material was provided to all major newspapers throughout the region giving information on Fish & Game activities during the year. The Northern Advocate promoted Fish & Game activities with a number of interesting stories and articles through its daily paper and special supplements. Regular contributions were made to Reel Life and Both Barrels for internet users.
	Budget Hours 80 Budget External Cost \$ Nil	Actual Hours 79 Actual External Cost \$ Nil

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PROJECT 1441 -ADVERTISING FISH AND GAME OPENING OF SEASONS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To produce and provide editorials in Northland Papers regarding game hunting and angling opportunities at the commencement of each season.	To provide and promote suitable information on opportunities to the public for angling and hunting.	Material was supplied to all of Northland's newspapers. Not all of the material was used or published. Material to promote the opening of the game bird season and Kai Iwi Lakes Trout Fishing Competition was supplied to national and regional papers and other forms of media. The Council places an advertisement in the papers in order to get some media print coverage.
	Budget Hours 8 Budget External Cost \$1,600.00	Actual Hours 3 Actual External Cost \$868.00

PROJECT 1451 REGIONAL A & P SHOWS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To promote Fish & Game through involvement at a number of Northland A&P Shows.	Promotion of Fish and Game at Regional A & P Show.	The Council did not attend any A & P Society Shows due to other staff commitments. Promotional items were purchased as thank you gifts for the Manager's sabbatical leave in the USA.
	Budget Hours 16 Budget External Cost \$250.00	Actual Hours 0 Actual External Cost \$180.00

PROJECT 1453 - DISPLAY MATERIALS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To purchase and/or obtain specimens of Game Birds and Fish that can be used for display purposes. Habitat Print for office.	Display material constructed and purchased for use in the office, attending public displays and meetings.	Display material was purchased for the regional office and for use at public events. A Habitat Print was purchased from the NZGBHT for the office.
	Budget Hours 0 Budget External Cost \$300.00	Actual Hours 0 Actual External Cost \$228.00

PROJECT 1454 - SCHOOL EDUCATION/ INSTRUCTION

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To support efforts of local and regional schools in the promotion of Hunting and Fishing.	Promote and assist in education programmes by coaching angling techniques in regional schools.	The staff was over committed in other areas of the operational work plan and did not have the opportunity to speak to schools on the importance and value of freshwater fisheries and wetlands.
	Budget Hours 16 Budget External Cost \$ Nil	Actual Hours 0 Actual External Cost \$ Nil

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PROJECT 1455 – INFORMATION TO LICENCE HOLDERS & GENERAL PUBLIC

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To provide information to licence holders and members of the public about the sports of Hunting and Fishing.	To assist and provide information to licence holders and members of the public about the hunting and fishing resources available in the Northland Region through enquiries by phone, email and direct contact.	Information about the Northland Regions hunting and fishing resources was provided to licence holders and members of the public through various forms including direct contact, email, telephone and post. Enquiries are also received from overseas tourists intending to visit NZ.
	Budget Hours 280 Budget External Cost Nil	Actual Hours 254 Actual External Cost \$ Nil

PROJECT 1511/1512/1513 – RANGING and RANGER SUPPORT

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>The compliance of anglers and game bird hunters with legal requirements and season regulations.</p> <p>To co-ordinate the 2017 Game Season, law enforcement programme including any follow-up prosecutions.</p> <p>Ensure adequate coverage of trout fishing waters by rangers during the year.</p> <p>To review Honorary Ranger list in relation to performance and geographic location.</p> <p>To purchase and update legislation for Honorary Rangers.</p>	<p>Seek at least 60% of warrant holders in the field over the first two weekends of the Game Season.</p> <p>Provide reimbursement of vehicle running expenses.</p> <p>2. Plan, support and co-ordinate a ranging exercise somewhere in the Northland Region.</p> <p>3. Promote an active ranging programme amongst anglers by rangers.</p> <p>To review applications received from interested members of the public who wish to hold warrants.</p> <p>To ensure current Warrant Holders are supplied with appropriate material to undertake duties</p> <p>Organise the issuing of warrants for new and current Rangers.</p> <p>To provide copies of relevant legislation for all Honorary rangers.</p> <p>Provide rangers with appropriate material necessary for them to undertake their duties.</p>	<p>90% of Northlands warranted rangers were ranging in the field for the opening weekend of the Game Season.</p> <p>The Far North, mid North, Ruawai, Dargaville, Maungaturoto and in parts of the Whangarei areas were ranged on the Saturday and Sunday of the Opening Game Bird Weekend.</p> <p>Ranging also took place throughout the 2017 Game Season and during the 2017 Paradise Shelduck Hunting Weekend which resulted in approximately 150 licence holders being interviewed.</p> <p>No offences were detected during the 2017 game bird season.</p> <p>Ranger activity took place in trout fishing locations with priority given to the Kai Iwi Lakes. No offences were detected for the 2016-2017 fish season.</p> <p>Rangers who made an application were reimbursed for out of pocket expenses including vehicle running expenses.</p> <p>Legislation updates were provided to rangers as updates occurred.</p> <p>Rangers received correspondence advising of training dates, ranging requirements and general information on safety and compliance issues.</p> <p>All rangers received copies of the regional newsletters and both copies of the Fish and Game magazine.</p> <p>Offence notebooks and other ranging tools supplied as required.</p>
	Budget Hours 66 Budget External Cost \$1,700.00	Actual Hours 51 Actual External Cost \$253.00

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PROJECT 1521 - RANGER TRAINING

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To convene Ranger Instruction/Training Days, in April 2017 and seek 90% attendance.	<p>1. To run a professional training programme for all Rangers to ensure every aspect of law enforcement work is covered.</p> <p>2. To provide support in specialist training, where necessary, to ensure Rangers are seen to be confident and professional with a good knowledge of the relevant acts.</p> <p>3. To supply suitable training manuals and notes to all Warrant Holders and Probationary Rangers.</p> <p>4. Supply appropriate equipment to undertake ranging activities.</p>	<p>The Council ran a one day training course on the 29th April 2017 at the DoC office in Kerikeri.</p> <p>The refresher course concentrated on the legal powers of the rangers and in particular, the Search and Rescue Surveillance Act</p> <p>The importance of the new Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 was also highlighted.</p> <p>All rangers are required to fill out a Health & Safety Tail Gate form which identifies a number of hazards whilst out ranging in the field.</p> <p>Three honorary rangers resigned due to relocating to other areas in NZ and other work commitments.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 20</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$500.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 34</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$96.00</p>

PROJECT 1531 - PROSECUTIONS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To arrange prosecutions, liaise with NZ Police and Crown Law Office to present evidence and follow-up work including return of confiscated equipment and account for fine money outstanding.	<p>The prosecution or the use of reparation as per the prosecution policy established by the NZFGC, for offenders found unlicensed or in non-compliance with their legal requirements and season regulations.</p> <p>Employ legal counsel to assist in prosecution of offenders.</p> <p>Try and recover sufficient fine moneys and costs to pay for legal counsel.</p>	<p>No prosecutions were made as there were no offences detected.</p> <p>The legal fine income (\$30.00) related to an offence made in the 2015 game bird season. This offender has now paid off the fine.</p> <p>A cash habitat donation (\$41.00) was made through the office.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 12</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$500.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 2</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$ Nil</p> <p>Legal Fines Income \$30.00</p> <p>Habitat Donation \$41.00</p>

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PROJECT 1611/1612/1613/1614/1615/1617 - LICENCE PRODUCTION/PROCESSING FISH/GAME SPORTSFISH & HUNTING REGULATION & GUIDE BOOKLETS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To issue hunting and fishing licences.	<p>To have 2016/2017 Fishing licences available to resellers and participants throughout the region by 10th September 2016.</p> <p>To have 2017/2018 hunting licences available to resellers and participants throughout the region by 15th March 2017.</p> <p>To recover all licence income from agents on a monthly basis via Eyede. Pay for bank fees associated with licence transactions.</p> <p>Collate information and provide anglers with a clear and precise copy of the Regional Anglers Notice.</p> <p>Collate information and provide hunters with a clear and precise copy of Season Bag limits and Season length.</p> <p>Provide sufficient information that will allow local and visiting anglers & hunters the opportunity to hunt game and fish in Northland.</p> <p>To produce mailing lists for magazine distribution, produce random names for national hunter survey.</p>	<p>The 2016/2017 Fishing Licence and regulation guides were available for sale at all agents throughout the region on the 10th September 2016.</p> <p>The 2017 hunting licences and regulation guides were delivered and available for sale at all agents throughout the region on the 20th March 2017.</p> <p>Licence income recovered from all agents through Eyede.</p> <p>Both fish and game licence books and regulation guides were delivered and managed by the national licencing contractor Eyede for Fish and Game.</p> <p>Information and details, with maps, was supplied to NZFGC for printing in the 2017 Game Bird Hunting Guide. Details supplied included season length, bag limits, permits required to enter hunting blocks and which hunting blocks were open to hunting.</p> <p>An accurate fish and game licence holder database maintained throughout the year by Eyede Ltd.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 50</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$1,400.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 60</p> <p>Actual External Costs \$1,054.00</p>

PROJECT 1621/1622 – VISITING AGENTS, SUPPLY PRODUCT AND SIGNAGE

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To maintain positive working relationships with Licence Agents.</p> <p>To provide high impact visual signage and display material for major licence agents.</p>	<p>To continue to maintain positive working relationships with Licence Agents and to provide good information that will result in increased support and licence sales.</p> <p>Develop signage for agents, which advertise to the public the availability of licences and information, and meets National Brand Standards.</p>	<p>Council staff has continued to maintain a high level of contact with all licence agents with visits during the course of the year as required or necessary. All agents are using the Agency Online system.</p> <p>Phone and letter/email contact was also undertaken to ensure agents were kept informed of any matters in particular agency on line and recovery of licence income.</p> <p>All agents were sent copies of the regional newsletters and Fish and Game Magazines.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 40</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$200.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 24</p> <p>Actual External Costs \$63.00</p>

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PROJECT 1631/1632 – AGENTS COMMISSION

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To provide a commission to Licence Agents selling Fish and Game Licences on behalf of the Council	<p>To provide a commission incentive for Licence Agents.</p> <p>To ensure Agents are accountable who sell incorrect licences or make mistakes on moneys returned.</p> <p>Ensure Eyede pays commission to agents based on their sales.</p> <p>Commissions are paid out of licence income received from agents.</p>	<p>The Council paid out a commission fee to all agents through Eyede. The Council office maintained its direct licence sales.</p> <p>Commission payments are offset against licence income.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 0</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$8,420.00</p> <p>Income from licences \$8,420.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 0</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$6,978.00</p> <p>Actual Income \$6,978.00</p>

PROJECT 1711 – COUNCIL/ELECTIONS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To co-ordinate a bi election should a councillor resign.	<p>Ensure to maintain an accurate database of all licence holders and their history & check the eligibility of voters.</p>	<p>Councillor Ian Hogarth resigned as a Northland Fish & Game Councillor in January 2017.</p> <p>An advertisement was placed in all of the local newspapers, Fish & Game website and in the regional Fish & Game newsletter, advising all licence holders that a vacancy on the Northland Fish & Game Council was available.</p> <p>One licence holder nomination was received by the Council. There was no response from licence holders to hold an election.</p> <p>Councillor Mark McGinley was appointed as Councillor with full voting rights at the Council meeting held on the 9th June 2017.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 0</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$ Nil</p>	<p>Actual Hours 0</p> <p>Actual External Costs \$270.00</p>

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Council Attendance	14/10/2016	09/12/2016	10/02/2017	07/04/2017	09/06/2016	11/08/2017	Attendance Number
Location	ALL MEETINGS HELD IN WHANGAREI						
Phillip Durham (Chairperson)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	5
Kris Batelaan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	5
Noel Birchall (NZFGC Representative)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6
Maurice Blyde	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6
Ian Hogarth	Yes	No	Resigned in January 2017				1
Chris Lynch	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	5
Mark McGinley					Appointed as new Councillor	Yes	2
Mike Newson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6
Dave Nicholson	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	4
Wayne Pepper	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5
Darryl Reardon	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	5
Cameron Shanks	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6
Alan Martin (Conservation Board)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	4
Ross Atkinson (Dept. of Conservation)					Yes	No	1
Rudi Hoetjes (Manager)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6
Fay Stodart (Office Administrator)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5
Andrew Kirk (Field Officer)	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	1

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PROJECT 1721/1722/1723 - COUNCIL

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>1. To provide for the democratic management of the Fish and Game system by Fish and Game Licence Holders.</p> <p>2. To service Fish and Game Councillors.</p>	<p>1. Compile and distribute agendas and all relevant papers and reports 10 days before Council Meetings.</p> <p>2. Write up minutes from meetings and send out draft minutes to Councillors no later than 10 days following meeting.</p> <p>3. Facilitate the running of Council meetings and reimburse Councillors expenses.</p>	<p>Council agendas were generally sent out 10 to 14 days prior to any meeting being held.</p> <p>All of the Council Meetings were held at the Council office in Whangarei.</p> <p>The Council's Office Administrator attended the meetings and recorded the minutes, writing up the unconfirmed minutes in the following week.</p> <p>The Manager undertook any other matters relating to the Council meeting as soon as practicable following any meeting.</p> <p>Reimbursement for travel expenses and accommodation paid to Councillors who attended meetings within the region.</p> <p>The Manager held several meetings during the year with the current Chairman and various Councillors in the office over a range of issues.</p> <p>No induction course was required for the new Councillor.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 345</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$6,000.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 391</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$4,659.00</p>

PROJECT 1811/1812 –MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC PLANNING

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To produce and provide a draft Sports Fish and Game Management Plan for public comment	The Northland Council adopts a Sports Fish and Game Management Plan to meet the aspirations of licence holders and statutory requirements.	A monkey survey was undertaken of all licence holders asking a series of questions. Peter Wilson, a Senior Environmental Officer and Planner from Wellington Fish & Game organised the survey and collated the results. The Northland Sports Fish & Game Management Plan is work in progress.
	<p>Budget Hours 120</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$500.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 4</p> <p>Actual External Costs \$ Nil</p>

PROJECT 1821 - OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN/BUDGET

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To produce an Operational Work plan for NFGC and NZFGC to establish licence fee setting.	The adoption of an Annual Operational Work plan for 2017-2018 financial year by the Council on 31 st August 2017.	Council set its goals and adopted a draft Operational Work Plan that was sent to the NZFGC for approval to establish licence fees.
	<p>Budget Hours 20</p> <p>Budget External Cost \$ Nil</p>	<p>The Council revisited the Operational Work Plan and Budget which was adopted on the 11th August 2017.</p> <p>Actual Hours 25</p> <p>Actual External Cost \$ Nil</p>

PROJECT 1822- PREPARATION OF ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To co-ordinate, the preparation of an Annual Report and Financial Statements by the Council's Accountant for the year ended 31st August 2016.</p> <p>To furnish the Minister of Conservation with an Annual Report on the operations of the Council for the year</p>	<p>The adoption by the Council at a Public Meeting of its audited Annual Report for the 2015-2016 on the 9th December 2016.</p> <p>Print the Annual Report and dispatch to the Minister of Conservation and Parliament directly thereafter.</p>	<p>Full financial reports have been presented at all Council meetings during the year and adopted by the Council.</p> <p>The financial reports and accounting software the Council operates forms the basis of the year-end annual report.</p> <p>The 2015-2016 Annual Report was printed and sent to the Ministers office and presented to Parliament in February 2017.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 150 Budget External Cost \$2,600.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 132 Actual External Cost \$2,600.00</p>

PROJECT 1831 & 1832 AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & ANNUAL REPORTS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To provide accurate financial information to Council's auditors for the year ended 31st August 2016.</p>	<p>To provide copies of the Annual Report for the Minister, Parliament, NZFGC and Licence Holders.</p>	<p>The Council presented the 2015/2016 Annual Report to the public at a meeting held on the 9th December 2016.</p> <p>The Annual Report was sent to The Minister of Conservation and the House of Representatives in February 2017.</p> <p>Copies sent to libraries and universities.</p> <p>A PDF file was also produced and sent to the office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives and downloaded on the Fish & Game website.</p>
	<p>Budget Hours 45 Budget External Cost \$7,100.00</p>	<p>Actual Hours 45 Actual External Cost \$7,100.00</p>

PROJECT 1841 - NATIONAL LIAISON

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To maintain effective two-way communication/liaison with NZ Fish and Game Council to meet all statutory requirements.</p>	<p>To consult with the NZFGC and other Fish & Game Councils re: information, analysis and policy issues.</p> <p>To attend Managers Meetings and National Conferences or other meetings as required and necessary.</p> <p>Representation to NZ Fish and Game Council by 31st July 2017 of the Council's recommendations for licence fees, fund redistribution, research requirements and national policy development.</p> <p>To support and assist with the management processes and National ends policy.</p> <p>Budget Hours 300 Budget External Cost \$ Nil</p>	<p>Regular communication maintained with other Fish and Game Councils and the NZFGC throughout the year, via email and telephone, to discuss issues or provide information as required or requested.</p> <p>The Manager attended three National Managers Meetings in Wellington.</p> <p>The NZ Fish & Game Council held their November meeting in Whangarei. Northland Fish & Game organised a field trip and visited the Kai Iwi Lakes and other Fish & Game owned wetlands.</p> <p>Staff members attended a national staff conference and workshop which was held in July in Dunedin.</p> <p>The Council provided comments and recommendations to the NZFGC regarding licence fees, fund redistribution, research requirements and national policy development.</p> <p>Actual Hours 259 Actual External Cost \$9.00</p>



NZ Fish & Game Councillors exploring the Jack Bisset Wetlands

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PROJECT 1842 - NATIONAL MOSS

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To maintain a National MOSS system for staff which operate Fish & Game vessels.	<p>To consult with the NZFGC and other Fish & Game Councils re: information, and ensuring that Certificates of Competency are maintained and kept valid.</p> <p>Maintain the National MTOC plan and update as required.</p> <p>To support and assist with the management processes and National policy relating to Fish and Game vessels.</p> <p>Budget Hours 120 Budget External Cost \$ Nil</p>	<p>The Council Manager coordinated the national MTOC system for all vessels operated by NFGC Councils and has been approved by Maritime NZ.</p> <p>The Manager is also the national delegate to issue a Part 35 Certificate of Competency approval by Maritime NZ to any Fish and Game staff member allowing them to use a boat for work purposes.</p> <p>Actual Hours 45 Actual External Cost \$ Nil</p>

PROJECT 1843 – MALLARD RESEARCH

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
To provide technical knowledge and assist with the national mallard research programme.	<p>To provide staff assistance and resources in the national mallard research programme.</p> <p>The project also includes monitoring of local populations through pond studies.</p> <p>To determine patterns of habitat use during specific life history phases of mallard hens (nesting, brood rearing and moult).</p> <p>To utilise public participation in the observation and baseline ecological measures of mallard duck survival and the impacts of various conditions on seasonal duck numbers over time.</p> <p>Budget Hours 40 Budget External Cost \$ Nil</p>	<p>Time lapsed cameras were placed around various ponds and wetlands to monitor the number of birds nesting, brood rearing or just general use of the ponds</p> <p>All cameras were recovered and photos downloaded and sent off to Nathan Burkepile, coordinator of the mallard research programme.</p> <p>As part of the national monitoring program for Mallard and Grey Duck, an aerial trend count was conducted in April prior to the opening of the game bird season. Eastern Fish & Game carried out aerial counts for the Northland, Auckland/Waikato and Eastern regions.</p> <p>Actual Hours 45 Actual External Cost \$184.00</p>



Trail camera installed at the Wairua for the Mallard Research Project

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PROJECT 1900 - ADMINISTRATION

Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>To maintain an office and a profile to the community as a focus of the Northland Fish and Game Council.</p>	<p>To provide an office that is readily accessible to the licence holder and general public.</p> <p>Answer general queries concerning the resources the Council manages.</p> <p>Staff time allocated to general activities associated with the running of the office, providing information, answering the telephone, collecting mail, banking the Council's income, payment of accounts etc.</p> <p>Maintenance of field equipment, which is normally stored in the workshop. Ensure that all equipment is maintained to a high standard of operation including sufficient funding to meet asset replacement over the normal life of the asset. Ensure there are adequate insurances to protect assets.</p> <p>The Council is required to meet all legal obligations under Health and Safety.</p> <p>To provide and ensure staff have sufficient training to undertake their roles in a professional manner.</p> <p>Budget Hours Administration 1,569 Annual Leave 722 Total overhead staff hours 2,291 Budget External Cost \$319,290.00 Budgeted Interest Income \$11,744.00</p>	<p>The Council leases and maintains an office and workshop facilities at Nell Place, Whangarei providing easy access and parking for licence holders and the general public.</p> <p>The office fully maintained its services during normal business hours of 8.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday.</p> <p>All public enquiries were answered through a range of forums including direct contact, phone and email or through the post.</p> <p>All of the Councils equipment has been maintained to a high standard and is kept in clean and very secure storage. All equipment is fully insured.</p> <p>The Council meets all of its requirements for Health and Safety.</p> <p>Staff took their annual leave and any Time in Lieu owing as time and projects allowed.</p> <p>Actual Hours Administration 2,293 Ann/Leave/Stats/Sick 606 Total overhead staff hours 2,899 Actual External Costs \$330,828.00 Miscellaneous Income \$518.00</p>

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SUMMARY OF FISH LICENCE

FISH LICENCES	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Family Licences (FWE)	35	29	34	56	41	61	52	62	48	33	50	49	39	43	42
Adult Whole Season (FWA)	120	137	182	208	167	156	145	134	129	137	144	153	123	100	97
Junior Whole Season (FWJ)	19	29	34	27	37	22	23	17	15	11	9	8	5	12	10
Non-Resident Fish Adult (FNWA)													57	65	76
Non-Resident Fish Junior (FNWJ)													2	5	4
Adult Winter Licence (FWIA)	61	52	56	48	73	51	49	48	44	58	49	56	57	36	47
Junior Winter Licence (FWIJ)	4	4	7	3	6	5	4	10	4	1	4	7	2	0	0
Loyal Senior FSLA														9	16
Local Area FLAA														17	7
Adult 24 Hour (F24A)	114	88	118	123	109	133	127	137	85	107	119	149	155	130	145
Junior 24 Hour (F24J)	21	7	40	11	21	22	13	15	3	5	10	5	14	8	8
Short Break FSBA														27	30
Long Break FLBA														4	5

New Fish Licence categories were included in the 2015-16 fish season. The new categories are Loyal Senior (FSLA), Local Area (FLAA), Short Break (FSBA), over 3 consecutive days) and Long Break (FLBA, over 9 consecutive days).

SUMMARY OF GAME BIRD LICENCES

GAME LICENCES	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Adult Whole Season (GWA)	1686	1625	1673	1692	1730	1756	1899	1885	1854	1799	1774	1724	1719	1794	1748
Junior Whole Season (GWJ)	174	162	266	270	280	277	267	254	232	252	218	239	232	222	215
Whole Season Child (GWC)	63	70	36	90	87	116	122	112	131	124	119	110	100	97	84
Adult 24 Hour (GDA)	28	47	98	96	88	78	105	120	104	114	107	130	83	129	45
Junior 24 Hour (GDJ)	0	5	5	20	13	15	6	0	14	8	14	6	7	5	3



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE READERS OF NORTHLAND FISH AND GAME COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

The Auditor-General is the auditor of the Northland Fish and Game Council (the Fish and Game Council). The Auditor-General has appointed me, Adelle Allbon, using the staff and resources of BDO Northland, to carry out the audit of the financial statements and statement of performance of the Fish and Game Council on his behalf.

Opinion on the financial statements and the statement of performance

We have audited:

- the financial statements of the Fish and Game Council on pages 8 to 23, that comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 August 2017, the statement of financial performance, and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date and the notes to the financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the statement of performance of the Fish and Game Council on pages 24 to 60

In our opinion:

- the financial statements of the Fish and Game Council: on pages 8 to 23
 - present fairly, in all material respects:
 - its financial position as at 31 August 2017; and
 - its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
 - comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand in accordance with Public Benefit Entity, Simple Format Reporting- Accrual (Public Benefit Entity)
- the statement of performance of the Fish and Game Council on pages 24 to 60
 - presents fairly, in all material respects, the Fish and Game Council's performance for the year ended 31 August 2017 including for each class of reportable outputs:
 - its standards of performance achieved as compared with the forecasts included in the annual operating work plan for the financial year; and
 - its actual revenue and expenses as compared with the forecasts included in the the annual operating work plan for the financial year; and
 - complies with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

Our audit was completed on 24 November 2017. This is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

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

PARTNERS: Adelle Allbon Angela Edwards Scott Kennedy Robyn Terlesk

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Basis for opinion

We carried out our audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Professional and Ethical Standards and the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Responsibilities of the auditor section of our report.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Also:

- We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and the statement of performance, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- We obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fish and Game Council's internal control.
- We evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Council.
- We evaluate the appropriateness of the reported performance information within the Fish and Game Council's framework for reporting performance.
- We conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Council and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fish and Game Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements and the statement of performance or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fishing and Game Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- We evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements and the statement of performance, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements and the statement of performance represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

Our responsibilities arise from the Public Audit Act 2001.

Independence

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

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



Adelle Allbon
BDO Northland
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Whangarei, New Zealand