

**Agenda For The Meeting of Otago Fish & Game Council
On Thursday 20th July 2023
At Clutha District Council Rooms, 1 Suffolk Street, Tapanui
Starting 12.00 noon with a light lunch**

Timetable	Item
11.00 am	Executive Meeting
12.00 pm	Lunch
12:30pm	Councillor only session
12:40 pm	Full council meeting begins
2:45 pm	Public Forum
3:00 pm	Afternoon Tea
3.15 pm	Full council meeting resumes
4:30pm	Presentation on Lower Clutha Trout – Ollivier Raven
5.30 pm	Light meal with Southland Fish and Game Councillors
6.30 pm	Joint workshop - Southland/Otago Councillors
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1.0 Present and Apologies

2.0 Matters to be raised not on the agenda

3.0 Declarations of Interest

4.0 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

**Minutes For The Meeting of Otago Fish & Game Council
On Wednesday 24th May 2023
At Otago Fish and Game Council Office
Cnr Hanover and Harrow Streets, Dunedin**

Cr Adrian McIntyre gave a presentation about duck hunting to Council. Cr Blair Trevathan appeared via video call during the presentation.

1.0 Present and Apologies

Present: Colin Weatherall (Chair), Adrian McIntyre, Mike Barker, Rick Boyd, Ian Cole, Vicky May.

Present via video conferencing: Ray Grubb, Richard Twining (Ngāi Tahu).

In attendance: Ian Hadland (CE), David Priest (Central Otago Operations Manager), Bruce Quirey (Communications Officer).

Apologies: John Highton, Blair Trevathan

Cr Trevathan, appearing via video, departed the meeting after apologies were noted. Cr Highton attended the presentation via video.

Mr Twining noted a Ngai Tahu South Island representative had been invited to attend the meeting and could not make it.

2.0 Matters to be raised not on the agenda

None

3.0 Declarations of Interest

The Chair asked Councillors to update and sign Declarations of Interest. Declarations were tabled. See attachment.

4.0 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Moved (Cr Boyd /Cr Barker)

That the minutes of the Council Meeting of Otago Fish & Game Council held on 23rd March 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried unanimously.

5.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

6.0 Health and Safety Report April/May 2023

The CE noted a firearm had been accidentally discharged by a duck hunter while being unloaded in a maimai during a compliance check by rangers on Opening Day. No harm was done as the gun had been pointed safely skywards. Following this incident, Fish & Game was nationally developing safety protocols to minimise the risk of reoccurrence. This is the second such incident to have occurred in Otago in the past decade or so. Cr McIntyre asked to be sent the protocols and the CE undertook to do so.

Moved (Cr McIntyre/Cr May)

That the Health and Safety Report be received.

Carried unanimously.

7.0 Items Requiring Decisions

7.1 2023-24 Anglers Notice Review

The CE said the Council needed to decide which Otago fisheries would be Designated Waters in the 2023-24 season and whether the Greenstone Controlled Fishery would be retained; and a Clutha River boating rule change to correct an oversight.

Cr May said she would like all of Otago's Backcountry Fisheries to become Designated Waters. Cr Cole said all Fish & Game region councils needed to embrace Designated Waters or the system would fail.

Cr McIntyre suggested the Designated Waters boundary for the Pomahaka River should be moved upriver to accommodate families camping and fishing in the middle section. The CE suggested the boundary should be above the Hukerere Station Bridge. The Chair, Cr Weatherall, asked councillors for a consensus and the change was agreed to.

Ngai Tahu representative Mr Twining asked if iwi had been notified of the Designated Waters proposal. Cr Weatherall thanked Mr Twining for raising the point and said the council would notify them.

Cr Boyd asked what information had been gathered on angler pressure. He questioned the criteria for Designated Waters, saying some rivers received more angler pressure than certain backcountry fisheries. The CE said fisheries could be added or removed from the Designated Waters system after it had been adopted and more information was gathered.

Cr Grubb suggested \$25,000 from backcountry fisheries reserves be budgeted to monitor angler use in Designated Waters fisheries. Cr Cole said he was concerned Designated Waters had been fast-tracked without discussion about funding or policing and there were implications for licence sales. Cr Weatherall said it was imperative all Fish & Game regions supported the Designated Waters system.

The CE undertook to notify Ngai Tahu about Designated Waters changes, acknowledging statutory significance in the Greenstone and Caples catchments.

Moved (Cr May/Cr Barker)

- **That the current backcountry fisheries; the Dingle Burn and Greenstone, Caples, upper Lochy, Nevis, Hunter, Young, Wilkin and upper Pomahaka rivers are gazetted as Designated Waters. The upper Pomahaka is defined as upstream from Hukerere Station Bridge.**
- **That the Controlled Fishery on the Greenstone River is retained.**
- **That the Clutha River above Roxburgh (excluding Deans Bank) is amended from Note 4 (*No licence holder may fish from any boat, canoe, pontoon or flotation device except in the tidal reaches of this waterway if applicable*) to Note 3 (*Licence holders may fish from any boat, canoe, pontoon or flotation device provided it is not being propelled by a motor*).**

Carried unanimously.

Resolved (Cr Grubb/Cr May)

That \$25,000 from Otago backcountry fisheries reserves is used to fund a monitoring programme for Designated Waters in the 2023-24 fishing season, and the CE will report back to Council.

Carried unanimously.

7.2 Licence Fee Recommendations 2023-24 From NZC

The CE drew to councillors' attention the NZC recommendations. The proposed fees were reviewed annually based on budgets and expected licence income. The recommended increase considered Designated Waters, fishing and game bird licences. Additional funds were associated with remuneration reviews as most staff were underpaid. Cr Cole said the proposed increase was beneath CPI. Fish & Game was completely reliant on licence sales.

(Cr Weatherall temporarily left the room. Cr McIntyre moved into the Chairperson's seat.)

Cr Boyd questioned the budgeting forecasts of some Fish & Game regions.

Councillors said the recommendations needed to be clear that anglers wishing to fish in Designated Waters would require a whole season fishing licence and a Designated Waters licence, and that residents would pay \$5 per region for Designated Waters.

Cr May expressed concern for people who could not afford to buy a licence and asked if the organisation could look at an Afterpay system. Cr Barker said the licence increase was the minimum required to maintain the organisation's core business.

Moved (Cr Grubb/ Cr Boyd)

That the NZC licence recommendations be accepted.

1. The licence fees and categories as set out in the appended schedule (Appendix 2) and specifically:

- a. **That the 2023/24 adult whole season sports fish licence fee is set at \$153 and that the adult whole season game licence is set at \$113 (inclusive of a \$5 fee for the Game Bird Habitat Stamp), with all proportional changes to remaining licence fees and categories including a \$5 fee being added to the sea run salmon licence endorsement (as a cost-recovery mechanism).**
- b. **That a new licence category is established called a Designated Waters Licence available as a \$5 annual licence per Fish and Game region for resident anglers and as a day licence to non-resident anglers at a fee of \$40.**

Carried (Against, Cr May)

(Cr Weatherall rejoined the meeting in the Chair's seat.)

Moved (Cr Cole/Cr Boyd)

That the meeting move into public excluded items.

Carried unanimously.

8.0 Public Excluded Items

8.1 Minutes of Otago Fish and Game Council meeting 23rd March 2023

Moved (Cr McIntyre/ Cr Boyd)

That the public excluded minutes of the meeting on 23rd March 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried unanimously.

8.2 Habitat Enhancement Application – Bullock Creek

Moved (Cr May/ Cr McIntyre)

That the Habitat Enhancement Fund application for \$3,600 for the Bullock Creek Hatchery Springs Restoration project is granted.

Carried unanimously.

8.3 Draft National Remuneration Policy

Moved (Cr Cole/Cr Barker)

That Council notes the Draft National Remuneration Policy document and will respond to NZC through the Chair with feedback.

Carried unanimously.

8.4 Wanaka Storm Water Update

The CE undertook to write to QLDC and ask to notify Otago Fish & Game Council of its decision, expected in June, regarding funding for the Wanaka Storm Water upgrade in sufficient time to be included in the agenda for the next Council meeting in July.

The CE was asked to seek ORC advice about options if there was a continuing refusal by a local authority to comply with an abatement notice.

8.5 Contact Energy Update

Moved (Cr Barker/Cr May)

That Contact Energy verbal report be received.

Carried unanimously.

Items to be moved to the Public Minutes.

Moved (Cr Boyd/Cr Cole)

a) HEF fund grant approved for Bullock Creek Hatchery Springs Restoration project.

b) Wanaka Stormwater Upgrade – Council resolved to ask the QLDC to notify its decision in sufficient time for its next meeting agenda in July.

c) Council notes the Draft National Remuneration Policy document and will respond to NZC through the Chair.

Carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2.55pm.

The meeting resumed at 3.10pm

9.0 Financial Report

The CE said the organisation was selling a Mitsubishi Triton vehicle and had taken possession of a Kia Niro EV as part of its carbon reduction programme. There was discussion about the location of the main office and the CE was asked if Fish & Game received carbon credits for wetland development. The CE replied wetland carbon credits sat outside of the ETS. Otago Fish & Game was tracking towards lower-than-expected licence sales for the year, but the licence fee increase meant the organisation was about on budget. Non-resident licence sales had increased and family and adult whole season licence sales had dropped. NR licence sales were behind pre-Covid levels.

Moved (Cr McIntyre/Cr Cole)

That the finance and licensing report be received.

Carried unanimously.

10.0 Chief Executive's Report May 2023

The CE said the final acoustic survey report would be due at the next council meeting in July. The draft report had indicated Lake Dunstan was not suitable for acoustic monitoring due to flooded timber. A staff member had been trained in the analysis of acoustic monitoring, which would enable the next surveys to be undertaken within the organisation.

Game bird harvest surveys have confirmed the opening of the game season was light, which was expected.

The Otago Fish & Game stakeholders survey had been completed and the communications officer would make a presentation to the Council.

An angler prosecuted in Alexandra Court for providing false details after being caught fishing without a licence had been fined almost \$1500.

The next Council meeting would be held in Tapanui when the final budget would be adopted. Cr Weatherall suggested Council meet Southland Fish & Game representatives in Tapanui.

Cr McIntyre asked about media coverage of prosecutions. The CE noted that the media had already been covered the most recent prosecutions.

Moved (Cr Weatherall/Cr Barker)

That the Chief Executive's report be received

Carried unanimously.

11.0 RMA Planning and Consents Report

In response to an earlier query from Cr Highton, the CE said out of 600 deemed permits for the Manuherekia and Taieri rivers there were only 14 outstanding and two still in negotiation.

There was a discussion about removal of sediment in the Thomsons Creek project.

Moved (Cr Cole/Cr Boyd)

That the RMA Planning and Consents Report be received.

Carried unanimously.

12.0 Committee & Delegate Reports

12.1 CFT

Cr Cole, the Clutha Fisheries Trust chair, said CFT had engaged a contractor to look at fishing access tracks in upper Clutha. There were about seven tracks that CFT could be required to be responsible for. Not a lot of work was required, however, one of which was the Lochar Burn access which Fish & Game had negotiated with CFT. CFT agreed to support plans for the Bendigo Wildlife Management Area. CFT representatives attended a lagorasiphon weed management meeting in Cromwell, which was helpful. Photos showed the speed to which some native vegetation had reestablished in 12-18 months following weed eradication. CFT was getting a valuation for the Cromwell building, which will be reported at the next meeting.

Moved (Cr Boyd/Cr Barker)

That the CFT report be received.

Carried unanimously.

12.2 Ngai Tahu

Mr Twining said Fish & Game should start to incorporate te reo in its rules, regulations and pamphlets.

Mr Weatherall thanked Mr Twining for the suggestion. The organisation would be seeking advice to address this and had run te reo courses for staff.

Moved (Chair/Cr May)

That the Ngai Tahu report be received.

Carried unanimously.

12.3 Conservation Board

Nil.

12.4 NZC

Cr Barker, the Otago representative to NZC, said NZC had met twice since the last Otago meeting. The first meeting had considered an organisational strategy document. Revisions had been made but it was not finalised. The second was a meeting of the NZC board, which considered contestable fundings bids. Otago's contestable bid had been fully accepted. The costings justification for some funding bids, such as research applications, was not well laid out and needed more detail. He hoped the resource sub-committee would look at that.

The CE asked if NZC was privy to the research applications, because they came to the managers meeting and the recommendations then went to the NZC. Cr Barker said the detail was insufficient to make a decision.

NZC also discussed the remuneration policy, Designated Waters, residency definition, reserves policy, nominations for the Game Bird Habitat Trust, staff development grants, and the magazine. The decision was made that this year's fishing magazine would be published and no decision had been made to publish the game edition next year. Cr McIntyre expressed his displeasure if publication of the magazine was not to continue. Cr Grubb said the magazine costs were untenable and a communications group should be put together to consider alternatives.

Cr Barker said NZC discussed its submission to the select committee on the Natural and Built Environment Bill. Corina Jordan, the NZC CE, was concerned the submission had been ignored and the Government was pushing ahead with its proposed new legislation.

Moved (Cr Boyd/Cr Cole)

That the committee and delegate reports be noted and received and thanked.

Carried unanimously.

13.0 Correspondence

13.1 NZC to Otago

13.1.1 Resident/Non-Resident Definition

The CE said NZC was looking for feedback on the resident/non-resident definitions, which would be important when the Designated Waters system was implemented. The NZC proposed that the definition of a non-resident would be defined to align with Immigration Act. This would affect Queenstown workers on visas who wanted to fish. That was a downside that could have an

impact on licence sales. The CE recommended that Council to go along with the NZC proposal.

Cr Cole agreed consistency was important. Cr Boyd said there was no definition of a non-resident, only a definition of resident. In implementing the change, Fish & Game would have to be careful how they approached people to prove they were resident.

Moved (Cr Grubb/Cr Cole)

That Council supports the NZC recommendation amending the definitions of resident and non-resident to align with the Immigration Act and DoC Taupo.

Carried (Against, Cr May)

13.1.2 Draft National Reserves Policy Consultation

The CE said NZC needed to be clear about the thresholds in the draft reserves policy. The draft did not clearly spell out the purpose of reserves. Reserves existed to buffer the organisation against changes in income or catastrophes, such as earthquakes and severe weather. But some Fish & Game regions which had small licence-sales incomes relied on grants from the wider organisation but were not required to buffer themselves against the risk of licence-sales loss. Otago, which contributed about 20 percent of licence income for the whole organisation, should have a bigger level of reserves. If sales fell over, the organisation would be at risk.

The CE challenged the focus in the draft reserves policy on budget percentage and said it needed to consider income levels.

The other reason for reserves was to implement three-year priority activities. He proposed reducing the reserves of regions which had less income risk. He challenged the notion that restricted reserves needed to be notified to NZC. Spending of general reserves should be approved by NZC.

Councillors agreed using reserves to support cashflow was not a recipe for long-term success. What was missing was the ability to redistribute reserves in the case of national emergency. There also needed to be provision to commit towards a long-term strategy.

Cr Weatherall said the CE should look at the draft and circulate responses to the Council before sending them to NZC.

Moved (Chair)

That the Draft National Reserves Policy Consultation letter be received but Council withholds its response to NZC until proposed amendments are formulated by the CE.

Carried unanimously.

13.2 Otago to NZC

Nil Check Sharon added

13.3 General Correspondence In

13.3.1 Central Otago District Council – Lake Onslow Road

13.4 General Correspondence Out

Moved (Cr Boyd/Cr McIntyre)

That inward and outward correspondence be noted and received.

Carried unanimously.

14.0 Items to be Received or Noted

14.1 Aerial Mallard Monitoring 2023

The CE said the 2023 aerial mallard trend count was lower than average. Staff ecologist Jayde Couper had questioned whether the survey was fit for purpose: the trend count annual results were too late to use for regulation setting in the current year, and there was also only a loose correlation between survey results and opening weekend success. Mr Couper would investigate the survey methodology and its timing.

Broadly, councillors discussed long-term and short-term trends, the types of aircraft used, the number of locations counted, comparisons with paradise shelduck monitoring, and merits and disadvantages of banding programmes.

At Council's request, the Communications Officer undertook to publicise the Opening Weekend Harvest report graphic depicting average greylard and all waterfowl bag with long-term averages (1992-2022).

14.2 Opening Weekend Harvest May 2023

The Opening Weekend Harvest May 2023 report showed numbers were below average this season. The CE said it was useful data and he would like to see it continued. Cr McIntyre asked if the harvest graph could be shared on the website.

Moved (Cr Cole/ Cr May)

That the Mallard Monitoring Report and Opening Weekend Harvest reports be adopted.

Carried unanimously.

14.3 Otago Fish & Game Council Stakeholder Study Outcomes

The Communications Officer gave a presentation on the stakeholder survey conducted in March-April by a research company on behalf of the Council. The survey aimed to learn how Otago Fish & Game was viewed by its stakeholders, how it could work more effectively with them and contribute positively to the local community. Overall Otago Fish & Game received quite stellar ratings from its stakeholders for the job it did engaging and working with them. Key themes that emerged were that the organisation was pragmatic, responsive and open to other perspectives. There were a few poorer ratings from respondents who were less connected with Otago Fish & Game.

The next step would be to develop and adopt a Communications Strategy to improve advocacy and how the organisation engaged with stakeholders and other groups.

Moved (Cr Grubb/ Cr McIntyre)

That the Stakeholder Study Outcomes report be received.

Carried unanimously.

15.0 General Business

Cr Barker asked the CE about the organisation's Cyber security, including the licence holder data. The CE said Otago Fish & Game had just had a major IT overhaul. Security systems for the licensing system were audited. Cr Grubb congratulated Cr McIntyre, Mr Quirey, and Mr Hadland on the quality of the presentations to the Council. The Chair, Cr Weatherall, thanked the councillors and **the meeting ended at 4.55pm.**

5.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes

6.0 Health and Safety Report - June/July 2023

Events/Work Requiring OHS Planning

- Spawning Surveys – remote work

OHS Audits

Completed audits:

- Ranger/Volunteer training, Support, Policy
- Hazardous Substances - Cromwell and Dunedin
- Workshops, field equipment and PPE gear check complete.

Next audits:

- Office Hazard audit Dunedin and Cromwell

Incidents/Accidents/Near Misses/New Hazards

- Nil

Training Completed

- Two staff members recently completed their Boatmaster qualification. Dunedin staff practiced boat safety procedures at Lake Waihola. Both boats are up to date with Maritime audits, OHS regulations and recording.
- Level one training for new OHS representative was completed
- Two staff first aid refresher courses attended
- All staff attended a 'Building Resilience' workshop over four sessions.

General Discussions

- Dangerous winter driving conditions and care required, staff recommended to check snow chains.
- Proposed 4 wheel drive course in August
- New Electric vehicle working and hazards explained.
- Next CERT training for rangers to be in Temuka (CSI)

Recommendation

That this report be received

**Sharon Milne
Administration Officer
July 2023**

7.0 Items Requiring Decisions

7.1 Adoption of 2023/24 Operational Workplan and Budget

Background

In March the OWP and budget was circulated as a draft for approval and got the agreement of Council to be put forward into the national equation to establish licence fees and levies. Since then, the Minister has approved the Licence fees for next season which were promoted by the New Zealand Council after having assessed all budgets, including its own.

The fee for adult whole season licence for fishing has been set at \$153 and the gamebird at \$113 (which includes the gamebird habitat stamp fee of \$5). Otago's predicted total sales income is \$2,455,777.

Workplan

The final draft Operational Work Plan (OWP) for next year has previously been circulated to you. The only addition to the programme is the incorporation of the Designated Water implementation/compliance project. (1321). We do try to retain as much flexibility as possible but any additional work added to the workplan at this point will mean having to let some other tasks go.

Additional funding approve

In addition to the base funding, the NZC has also approved and confirmed our contestable funding bids and the spending from our own reserves. These are confirmed by the setting of the licence fee by the Minister of Conservation.

Base fund	\$1,051,407
Spending from Otago Non Resident Reserve:	
• Designated waters compliance	\$25,000
• DW IT contribution	\$38,930
Spending from Otago General Reserve	
• Communications Strategy	\$24,000
Spending from Otago Property Reserve	
• Wanaka Maintenance (\$15K over 2 years)	\$7,500
Contestable funding bids approved (from licence fee):	
• Salaries	\$178,058
• Office cost increases	\$11,500
TOTAL OWP BUDGET 23/24	\$1,329,280

The outcome is that Otago will have a budget of \$1,329,280 with \$95,430 of this being funded from the Councils own reserves.

Levies

The NZC has established levies for Otago at \$1,161,958 for 23/24 FY. In loose terms levies are calculated as the difference between budget expenditure and predicted licence income.

Recommendation

That the Council adopt the 2023/24 Operational Workplan and Budget

Ian Hadland
Chief Executive
12 July 2023

7.2 Legislative Compliance 2022-23 Financial Year

Introduction

Council adopted a Legislative Compliance Schedule in August 2015 (see below) and continues to update this as significant legislation impacting on the organization is adopted. The purpose of this schedule is to provide a framework for reporting on legislative compliance across relevant Acts and Regulations.

Changes in legislation

Covid-19 Public Health Response: The ability to hold meetings via video conferencing was altered during the year. The government revoked the Epidemic Preparedness Notice in October 2022 meaning that the previous arrangement under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act was reinstated. This allows for online meetings of local government and other entities (incl. F&G Councils) but this requires an in person quorum for meetings in order for any decisions to be recorded.

Compliance with Resource Management Act (RMA)

The Council holds RMA resource consents (water permits to dam, take and discharge water) for its Takitakitoa wetland. Staff report annually to the Otago Regional Council as per the consent conditions. A copy of that report is in the July meeting agenda. There have been no serious compliance issues raised to date.

The RMA Consent for a culvert in the Lower Clutha Lagoon has lapsed and staff continue to work with ORC over a solution. The ORC has confirmed that until a longer term solution is being found to the structure, it may remain in place and there is no ongoing liability to our Council.

Additional legislation added

Criminal Procedures Act and Evidence Act – The council is a prosecuting authority under the Conservation Act and undertakes between 20 and 40 prosecutions annually. Where matters are resolved by court assisted diversion, or taken to full prosecution, the prosecution processes and procedures must be followed. To have matters advance this far, the Evidence Act must be complied with as it relates to the admissibility and presentation of any evidence.

Legislative Compliance Statement

In my opinion the Council has been compliant with its legal obligations under the Acts and Regulations listed.

Recommendation

That Council notes that the Council currently complies with the relevant legislation described below.

Ian Hadland
Chief Executive - 1 July 2023

OTAGO FISH AND GAME COUNCIL - LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE			
The Council has to comply with all relevant legislation. This schedule includes the main Acts and Regulations relating to Fish and Game Council activities but is not exhaustive.			
Act or Regulations	Key provisions	Comments	Responsibility
Conservation Act 1987	S 17 s26 R, s26S s26T, s26X s26ZD, s40 (1) (5)	Council responsible for: preparation of Fish and Game Plan; compliance with Conservation Act and Wildlife Act, regulations and gazette notice conditions; preparation of Anglers Notices; appointment of staff; production of annual report; holding at least 6 meeting PA.	Chief Executive
- Fish and Game Council Election Regulations 1990	Regulation 3, 20, 26	Council responsible for: appointing a returning officer; returning officer responsible for preparing rolls and conducting elections. Council responsible for meeting post election and appointment of NZ Council member	Council Chief Executive
Crown Entities Act 2004	S150 (3)	Annual Report presented to Parliament	Chief Executive
Criminal Procedure Act 2011		Sets out prosecution processes and procedures	Operations Manager
Evidence Act		Processes and requirements relating to prosecution processes, preparation and admissibility of evidence	Operations Manager
Public Finance Act 1989	S 43, Part 5, subpart 2, Schedule 4	Council responsible for preparation of annual report including financial statements and statement of service performance	Chief Executive Administration Officer Accountant

Public Audit Act 2001	S4	Council defined as a public entity	
Wildlife Act 1953 - Wildlife Regulations	s15, s39 (1), s44, s53, s54 Parts 2 and 3	Council responsible for: annual game season recommendations; day to day management of Wildlife Management Reserves under delegation from the Minister [Inch Clutha, Little Hoopers Inlet, Styx Basin]; exercise any written authority from the DG for taking or killing of game	Chief Executive Fish and Game Officers Rangers
Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act	Parts 2 and 7	Council responsible for conduct of meetings in accordance with Act and responses to OIA requests	Council Chief Executive
Resource Management Act 1991	Parts 3 and 6	Council responsible for compliance with the Act in terms of buildings, structures and land and water use.	Chief Executive
Employment Relations Act 2000 huma		Amended 2018 for clarity around meal breaks and 90 day trials. Further amended in 2022 to provide for 10 days sick leave.	Council (CE) Chief Executive (staff)
Parental Leave and Employment Protection Act 1987	Parts 1 and 2	Employment contract obligations in respect of parental leave. Parental leave extended to 26 weeks in 2020	Council (CE) Chief Executive (staff)
State Sector Act 1988	s 56, s58	Council responsible for being a good employer	Council (CE) Chief Executive (staff)
Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992	Part 2	Council responsible for taking all practicable steps to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide and maintain a safe working environment for employees • Ensure employees are not exposed to hazards while at work 	Chief Executive Council

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop emergency procedures • Ensure employees are trained and supervised • Provide employees with information on hazards • Record, report and investigate accidents • Systematically identify and assess hazards • Control significant hazards 	
Maritime Transport Act 1994	Part 2	Council responsible for boat certification and safe use by staff	Operations Manager
Privacy Act 2020		Council responsible for appropriate handling of personal information notably licenceholder data; compliance reports; mail lists. CE appointed at 'Privacy Officer' in 2021	Chief Executive Administration Officer
Human Rights Act 1993		Council responsible for compliance with human rights obligations under the Act	Chief Executive Compliance Coordinator
Protected Disclosures Act 2000		Council responsible for compliance with obligations under the Act	Chief Executive
Search and Surveillance Act	S3, Part 4, s169 (2) (3), s171, s172`	Council responsible for compliance with obligations under the Act including annual reporting on exercise of surveillance powers during ranging.	Rangers and F&G and staff. Chief Executive
Holidays Act 2003		Employment contract obligations in respect of annual leave and public holidays. Changes proposed next year	Administration Officer Chief Executive
Crown Entities Act 2004	s25	Council responsible for exercise of its powers and performance of functions under the Act and other Acts	Chief Executive Council

Income Tax Act 2007	Parts CX and RD	Council responsible for FBT returns and PAYE deductions and returns	Administration Officer Chief Executive
Goods and Services Tax Act 1985	Parts 2 and 3	Council responsible for GST payments, deductions and returns	Administration Officer Chief Executive
KiwiSaver Act 2006	Parts 2 and 3	Council responsible for enrolment of staff in Kiwisaver	Administration Officer Chief Executive

7.3 Designated Waters Implementation Ranging and Survey

Context:

Councillors requested a draft program of work to assist with the implementation of the new Designated Water (DW) regime when it begins in October 2023.

Purpose:

Councillors requested anglers be surveyed and compliance checks be undertaken to ensure anglers are as far as possible compliant with the new DW rules and to undertake monitoring for any behaviour change in anglers - especially with the DW regime restricting overseas anglers to no more than 5 days fishing on DW in any region.

Designated Waters to be surveyed:

- *Dingle Burn*
- *Hunter River*
- *Young River*
- *Wilkin River*
- *Greenstone River*
- *Caples River*
- *Nevis River*
- *Lochy River*

Quantity:

\$25,000 has been committed from the Non-Resident Reserve fund to assist with this work. A contractor and the use of aircraft will be required to make the most efficient use of time and resources. This will be undertaken in addition to the 23/24 Otago Work Plan commitments. Staff will assist where work fits within the OWP. 200hrs staff time has been allocated in workplan for DW (includes installing new signage) in the 2023/24 financial year.

Work Programme

The work programme is defined in the table below (**Appendix 1**)

Makarora river will be surveyed at the same time as the Young and the Wilkin to assess if the Designated Waters program has changed the behaviour of anglers who would normally fish the nearby Young and the Wilkin DW.

Potential Issues:

The Young River is not suitable for aerial survey, and some parts of the Greenstone River will not be suitable for aerial surveys to be undertaken.

Dingle and Hunter Rivers have access issues that have reduced the anglers using these waterways. Last survey in 2016 had an average of 5 people per day on these waters, its likely to be less due to the access restrictions.

Greenstone River is a long flight in a Squirrel. The bigger machine also needs more space to land.

Lochy River DW use is likely to be low and requires targeted effort early season fishing which adds to aircraft costs.

Working in with DOC and NZDA to coordinate flights to save on aircraft costs, though it may affect the dates the flights occur.

Southern Lakes Helicopters 0800 801 616. Only operator approved to land in the Greenstone River. Glacier Southern Lakes Helicopters.

Could link in salmon spawning survey work in the Dart with the Greenstone/Caples flight in May to get better use out of the aircraft.

Estimated costs

Use Hughes 500 to surveying Wilkin, Hunter and Dingle, deploy staff to the Hunter and the Dingle for overnight stay and walk out the next day. \$3,150exc. Collect two days' worth of data from the Hunter and the Dingle.

Aerial survey Greenstone and Caples Rivers \$4,650. No extra cost to drop one person at the top of each river to overnight, then walk out the next day. Collect one, or two days of data.

External costs:

Contractor \$47.50/hr. 8-hour day \$380/day

Back Country Helicopters. Makarora. 03 443 8351

Hughes 500: \$2,100 excl Est flight time 1.5hrs estimated flight time. \$3,150

Cabri: \$900 excl, Est flight time (including ferry from Wanaka) 2.5 hrs estimated flight time. \$2,250

Wilkin River Jet. \$140 for Wilkin hut drop off only. \$750 incl, for an hour to use for survey.

Recommendation

That Council endorse the draft work programme and add this into the 2023/24 Operational Workplan.

David Priest

Operations Manager

Date: 10/07/23

Appendix 1

Location	Timing				Survey	Man Days
	October	November	February	May	Method	
Dingle Burn		Y	Y	Y	Aerial with overnight stay and walk out	5
Hunter River		Y	Y	Y	Aerial with overnight stay and walk out	5
Young River		Y	Y	Y	Walk in/ out	5
Wilkin River		Y	Y	Y	Walk in/ out and Aerial	5
Greenstone and Caples		Y	Use controlled fisheries data to survey Greenstone anglers. Walk in and out of Caples	Y	Walk in/ out (Caples in Feb) and Aerial with overnight stay	5
Nevis	Y		Y	Y	Drive in and out	5
Lochy		Y			Include in November Greenstone/Caples flight. Possibly undertake targeted flight in early December.	1-2

8.0 Public Excluded Items

8.1 Public Excluded Minutes from 24th May 2023

8.2 Cromwell Field Base Building Option

8.3 Drift Fishing Application

8.4 Bullock Creek Storm Water

8.5 Wanaka hatchery Subdivision

8.6 Contact Energy Trust

9.0 Financial Report

Finance and Licence Sales 30th June 2023

9.1 Finance Reports

The financial Profit and Loss report and Balance sheet for the period from 1st September 2022 to 30th June 2023 are below.

Expenditure at the 30th June for the 2022/23 financial year is \$2,189,385 (including levies \$1,000,068, agent commission \$82,463, depreciation \$48,017.

This also includes \$139,425 of approved spending from our reserves.

The annual expenditure budget including levies is \$2,505,806.

Budget and expenditure figures are exclusive of GST.

The draft accounts show a surplus at 30th June 2023 of \$244,598.

Bank Funds Position at 30th June 2023

ANZ 00 account \$ 68,832.71

ANZ 70 account \$135,068.80

Term Investments as at 30th June 2023

ASB 0079 \$376,399.25 @ 4.55% Maturing on 11th July 2023

ANZ \$516,442.13 @ 5.45% Maturing on 13th November 2023

ANZ \$400,000 @ 5.05% Maturing on 25th September 2023 (NEW March 2023)

Donations and Grants (not in budget)

Donation/Grant from	For	Amount GST excl
RICOH	Native Trees	1,000
Mt Aspiring Station	Bullock Creek Planting	60
Kaiwhakahaere Kaupapa Taiao	Bullock Creek Planting	300
Otago Community Trust	Take a Kid Fishing	2,900
W Houliston	Take a Kid Fishing	200
NZ Salmon Angers (Otago Branch)	Take a Kid Fishing	1,500
Donation box Bullock Creek	Bullock Creek	363
Clutha Fisheries Trust	Bendigo wetland	15,000
Otago Regional Council	Bullock Creek Plants	5,000
Total		\$26,323

Capital Expenditure

A fast charger for the electric car has been ordered.

We received a clean car rebate of \$7,500 towards the cost of our electric vehicle.

The sale of the Mitsubishi Truck is complete, it sold for \$30,000 including GST. A replacement vehicle has been ordered.

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Doubtful Debtors

nil

Unexpected Expenditure

The Cromwell boat (OFG1) motor has been damaged by rats eating wires. This is not insurable damage. Quote to fix the motor is \$4,353

Otago Fish and Game Reserves 30th June 2023

Otago Reserves Movements	Balance August 2022	Income (To) Reserve	Note	Outgoing (From) Reserve	Balance Feb 2023
Back Country Non-resident Levy	\$273,170	\$100,036	1	\$69,774	\$303,432
Habitat Enhancement & Research	\$20,642	\$10,980	2	\$9,600	\$22,022
Bullock Creek Reserve	\$3,121	\$4,323		\$3,855	\$3,589
Bendigo Reserve	\$2,039	\$23,000	9	\$9,622	\$15,417
Mining Rights Reserve	\$17,537		3	\$17,537	0
Priority Consents Reserve	\$41,697		7	\$	\$41,697
Historical Property Reserves	\$146,433	\$13,118	4	\$27,893	\$131,658
Regional Policy Statement Reserve	\$44,379		5	\$1,144	\$43,235
Priority Plan Changes	\$31,076		6	\$	\$31,076
Total	\$580,094	\$151,457		\$139,425	\$592,126
NZC RMA/Legal Funding					
Regional Policy Extra	60,000	\$	8	\$57,894	\$2,1060

Note 1 \$5000 a year for five years is to be taken from the Non resident fund for the Dr Donald Scott University Fund. Agreed by Council May 2021. 2021/22 is year three. Budget for 2022/23 Acoustic Central lake surveys \$38,930, Lakes summer advocates \$24,000 and development of designated waters \$25,000 also from this reserve. Agreed by council.

Note 2 Balance is \$22,022. Less committed but not yet paid out of \$3,000 so balance of \$19,022 available for dispersal by way of grants. See note below.

Note 3 \$150,000 (Mining Rights) approved prior to 2018 by NZC from our reserves.

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Includes \$80,000 of Lindis expenses, agreed by Council July 2019. **Remaining balance \$17,537 was put back into general reserves 23rd March 2023 as agreed at March meeting**

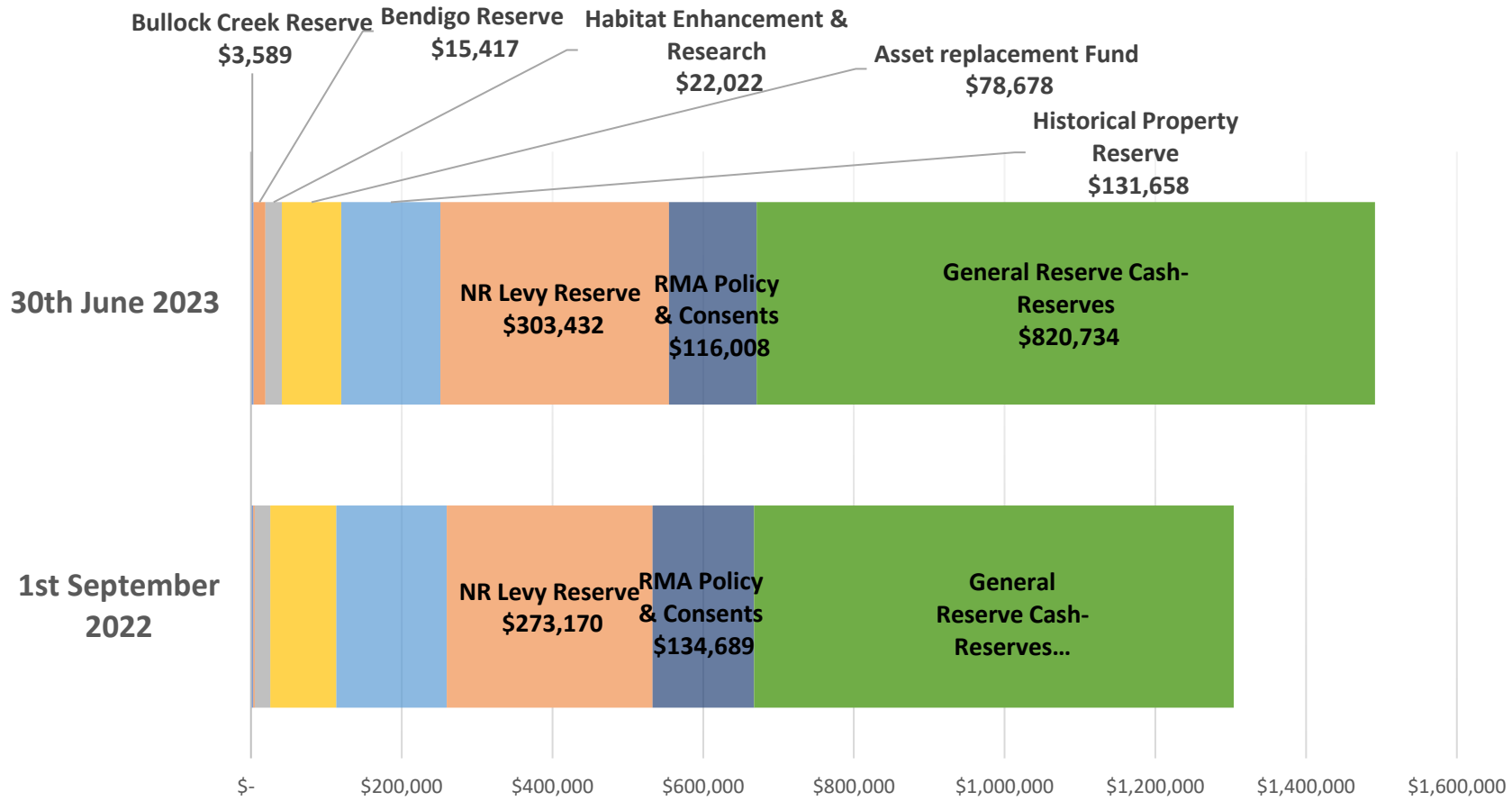
- Note 4 Historical Property Reserve, used on development of the Wanaka site
- Note 5 OF&GC agreed to \$60,000 May 2020. NZC notified.
- Note 6 OF&GC agreed to \$120,000 May 2020. NZC notified. \$81,000 agreed to be spent by council September 2020.
- Note 7 OF&GC agreed to \$60,000 May 2020. NZC notified.
- Note 8 August 2021 NZC approved the use of \$60,000 to be reimbursed by the Regional RMA legal fund towards our Regional Policy Planning Costs
- Note 9 May 2022 \$3,414 and March 2023 \$3,000 council agreed to Habitat Enhancement funds for Bendigo. CFT agreed to assist with grant of \$15,000 June 23. ORC Eco Fund \$5,000 June 23

Habitat and Enhancement Fund reallocations

Several HEF grants have expired or are no longer required. Staff recommend these be removed from the list of approved grants and the funds returned to the Reserve for reallocation. All have been contacted and confirmed as no longer required. They have been invited to reapply if the situation changes.

Name	Year	Grant	Reason
Rutter	May2021	\$1000	Wetland not built
Royalburn station	Nov 2020	\$2000	Work not completed. Expired
Begg	Jul 2020	\$2500	Wetland not built
Otewhata/Fraser R	Jul 2021	\$2000	Work not proposed to be completed

MOVEMENT IN RESERVES FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 2022 TO 30TH JUNE 2023



Balance Sheet

Otago Fish and Game Council As at 30 June 2023

	30 JUN 2023	31 AUG 2022
Assets		
Current Assets		
Bank	204,082	432,082
Receivables		
Accounts Receivable	149,138	77,117
Prepayments and Accrued Income	13	-
Total Receivables	149,151	77,117
GST	13,491	42,695
Investments	1,292,841	872,159
Inventory	21,151	21,151
Accrued Interest	-	4,959
Total Current Assets	1,680,717	1,450,162
Fixed Assets		
Property Plant & Equipment	1,355,087	1,348,413
Total Fixed Assets	1,355,087	1,348,413
Credit Card SM 6180	(2,630)	(3,799)
Total Assets	3,033,173	2,794,777
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	63,305	74,951
Other Payables	209,807	192,806
Employee Entitlements	46,253	60,441
Rounding	-	-
Salmon Endorsement	2,722	91
Total Current Liabilities	322,087	328,289
Total Liabilities	322,087	328,289
Net Assets	2,711,086	2,466,488
Equity		
Accumulated Funds		
Accumulated Funds	1,622,094	1,607,045
Current Year Earnings	244,598	15,049
Transfer (To)/From Reserves	173,589	176,937
Total Accumulated Funds	2,040,281	1,799,031
Dedicated Reserves		
Non Resident Levy Reserve	303,432	273,170
Habitat Enhancement & Research	22,022	20,642
Priority Plan Changes Reserve	31,076	31,076
Priority Consents Reserve	41,697	41,697

	30 JUN 2023	31 AUG 2022
Regional Policy Statement Reserve	43,235	44,379
Mining Privileges Reserve	-	17,537
Historical Property Reserve	131,658	146,433
Renovation Reserve	-	-
Asset Replacement Funding	78,678	87,363
Total Dedicated Reserves	651,798	662,296
Restricted Reserves		
Bullock Creek Reserve	3,589	3,121
Bendigo Reserve	15,418	2,039
Total Restricted Reserves	19,007	5,161
Total Equity	2,711,086	2,466,488

Profit and Loss

Otago Fish and Game Council For the 10 months ended 30 June 2023

	MAY 2023	JUN 2023	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	VARIANCE	% OF YTD BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET	LAST YEAR
Income								
Licence Sales								
Fish Licence Sales	12,917	11,071	1,829,155	1,959,517	(130,362)	93%	1,959,517	1,750,886
Non-Resident Licence Revenue	1,828	1,902	100,036	-	100,036	-	-	10,364
Game Licence Sales	133,498	1,904	352,721	370,659	(17,938)	95%	370,659	340,189
Total Licence Sales	148,243	14,877	2,281,911	2,330,176	(48,265)	98%	2,330,176	2,101,439
Other Income								
Contact Energy Mitigation Income	22,189	10,401	47,454	-	47,454	-	-	94,109
Reserves Mngt Income	-	-	-	1,080	(1,080)	-	1,300	-
Govt Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,210
Interest Income	10,018	537	24,992	12,770	12,222	196%	15,322	14,008
Fines - Fishing & Game Offences	-	42	180	1,668	(1,489)	11%	2,000	265
Rent Received	2,953	3,819	43,897	46,980	(3,083)	93%	56,386	60,320
Fishing Competitions	-	-	1,544	-	1,544	-	-	493
Profit on Sale of Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,080
Donations & Grants	15,363	-	21,323	-	21,323	-	-	4,249
Merchandise Sales/Other	-	-	200	-	200	-	-	196
Sundry Income	-	-	1,503	-	1,503	-	-	7,582
Diversion - Habitat Enhancement and Research Fund	3,795	1,215	10,980	-	10,980	-	-	14,700
Total Other Income	54,318	16,015	152,071	62,498	89,573	243%	75,008	219,212
Total Income	202,561	30,891	2,433,983	2,392,674	41,309	102%	2,405,184	2,320,651
Gross Profit	202,561	30,891	2,433,983	2,392,674	41,309	102%	2,405,184	2,320,651

	MAY 2023	JUN 2023	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	VARIANCE	% OF YTD BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET	LAST YEAR
Expenses								
Species Management								
Population Monitoring	-	18,505	48,872	40,780	8,092	120%	48,930	12,844
Harvest Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	3,500
Hatchery Operations	-	-	9,469	7,500	1,969	126%	9,000	1,792
Releases	71	-	544	834	(290)	65%	1,000	911
Game Bird Control compliants	-	-	444	-	444	-	-	750
Total Species Management	71	18,505	59,328	49,114	10,214	121%	60,930	19,797
Habitat Protection & Mngt								
Contact Sports Fish Management Plan	13,500	2,793	33,031	-	33,031	-	-	53,487
Resource Mngt Act	-	36	47	834	(787)	6%	1,000	57,010
Works & Management	-	21	881	4,168	(3,287)	21%	5,000	3,131
Habitat Enhancement Research Fund Grants	-	-	2,870	-	2,870	-	-	-
Total Habitat Protection & Mngt	13,500	2,850	36,829	5,002	31,827	736%	6,000	113,628
Participation								
Access and Signage	90	74	1,932	2,084	(152)	93%	2,500	2,681
Back Country Surveys/Monitoring	-	-	116	-	116	-	-	-
Publications and Web Site	-	-	3,350	-	3,350	-	-	-
OF&G Training Events	-	-	2,441	1,918	523	127%	2,000	2,023
Club Relations and Grants	221	-	221	834	(613)	27%	1,000	1,132
F&G Advocacy at Popular Fisheries	-	-	14,929	24,000	(9,071)	62%	24,000	-
Total Participation	311	74	22,989	28,836	(5,847)	80%	29,500	5,836
PUBLIC INTERFACE								
Liaison								
Liaison DoC Unin Govt CFT IWI	4	30	238	834	(596)	28%	1,000	566
Total Liaison	4	30	238	834	(596)	28%	1,000	566

	MAY 2023	JUN 2023	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	VARIANCE	% OF YTD BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET	LAST YEAR
Communication								
Publications	-	-	400	-	400	-	-	-
World Wetlands	-	-	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	1,000	-
Total Communication	-	-	400	1,000	(600)	40%	1,000	-
Media Releases								
Advocacy Statutory	-	-	-	834	(834)	-	1,000	-
Weekly Fishing Reports/ social media	-	-	2,940	-	2,940	-	-	-
Communications Strategy	27	-	14,051	11,660	2,391	121%	13,840	361
Media Release	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	854
Total Media Releases	27	-	16,991	12,494	4,497	136%	14,840	1,215
Total PUBLIC INTERFACE	30	30	17,628	14,328	3,300	123%	16,840	1,781
COMPLIANCE								
Ranger Training and Expenses	645	8	4,993	5,084	(91)	98%	5,500	6,543
Compliance	6,246	-	6,246	4,168	2,078	150%	5,000	26
Total COMPLIANCE	6,892	8	11,239	9,252	1,987	121%	10,500	6,569
LICENCING								
Agent Servicing	35	-	141	418	(277)	34%	500	441
Commission/Fees	6,222	564	82,463	104,856	(22,393)	79%	104,858	85,709
Total LICENCING	6,257	564	82,604	105,274	(22,670)	78%	105,358	86,150
COUNCIL								
Council Meetings and Agendas	2,502	10	10,495	12,500	(2,005)	84%	15,000	14,080
Total COUNCIL	2,502	10	10,495	12,500	(2,005)	84%	15,000	14,080
PLANNING & REPORTING								
Reporting/Audit	-	-	15,990	16,000	(10)	100%	16,000	16,891

	MAY 2023	JUN 2023	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	VARIANCE	% OF YTD BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET	LAST YEAR
National Liason	-	-	282	1,668	(1,386)	17%	2,000	248
Total PLANNING & REPORTING	-	-	16,272	17,668	(1,396)	92%	18,000	17,139
ADMINISTRATION								
Salaries	92,802	65,317	645,936	682,449	(36,513)	95%	818,935	745,060
Staff Expenses								
ACC Levy	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	1,441
Fringe Benefit Tax	6,805	-	6,805	5,000	1,805	136%	5,000	6,196
Staff Training	1,824	3,483	11,824	15,000	(3,176)	79%	18,000	3,947
Staff Clothing Branded	-	-	545	1,668	(1,123)	33%	2,000	1,079
Staff Personal Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Staff Expenses	622	519	7,800	4,168	3,632	187%	5,000	8,250
Staff Employment Expenses	-	-	683	-	683	-	-	-
Total Staff Expenses	9,251	4,002	27,657	25,836	1,821	107%	32,000	20,914
Office Premices	7,452	5,667	95,162	87,370	7,792	109%	104,839	105,980
Office Equipemnt	19	21	1,017	2,084	(1,067)	49%	2,500	2,802
Communications	2,533	2,121	19,895	18,254	1,641	109%	21,900	20,367
General Exp (incl Insurance)	226	5,770	8,401	3,484	4,917	241%	3,900	2,794
General Field Equipment	-	-	2,497	2,752	(255)	91%	3,300	2,962
Vehicles	4,018	4,012	48,444	44,502	3,942	109%	52,000	55,113
Total ADMINISTRATION	116,301	86,909	849,007	866,731	(17,724)	98%	1,039,374	955,993
Approved Reserve Expense	2,153	(4,707)	19,397	-	19,397	-	-	60,289
Depreciation	5,499	5,499	48,017	3,520	44,497	1,364%	4,222	60,101
Licencing and Data base	-	10,512	10,512	-	10,512	-	-	-
NZ Fish & Game Levies	100,007	100,007	1,000,068	1,000,070	(2)	100%	1,200,082	959,241
University of Otago Research Grant	-	-	5,000	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Total Expenses	253,524	220,262	2,189,385	2,112,295	77,090	104%	2,505,806	2,305,602

	MAY 2023	JUN 2023	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	VARIANCE	% OF YTD BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET	LAST YEAR
Net Profit	(50,964)	(189,371)	244,598	280,379	(35,781)	87%	(100,622)	15,049

9.2 Licence Sales

Fish Licence Sales 2022/23 Season to 30th June 2023

See Appendix 1 for a table showing fish licence sales categories and numbers. This table shows fish licences sales for seasons 2021/22 and 2022/23 to the 30th of June of the season.

In summary, fishing licence sales in whole season licence equivalents (LEQs) 14,669.2 LEQs compared with 14,619.62 LEQs for the same period last year.

Adult and family resident licence sales are down this year. All Non resident categories and day licences are up due to increased international tourism.

Fish licence revenue from the Profit and Loss statement for the 2022/23 season recorded to 30th June 2023 total \$1,929,191 compared with \$1,882,872 for the 2021/22 season. These figures include both resident and non resident sales.

Figures exclude GST and commission to agents.

The 2022/23 budget for fish licence sales is \$1,959,517 exclusive of GST so are on target to meet budget.

Game Licence Sales to 30th June 2023

The Gamebird licence sales began online and at agencies on the 9th of March 2023.

A full adult licence has an increase of \$7 from the previous year.

See table following for game licence sales categories and numbers at opening of season 2022 and 2023.

In summary, game licence sales in whole season licence equivalents (LEQs) 3,981.76 LEQs for the 2023 opening day compared with 4,072.69 LEQs for the same period 2022 season.

Game licence revenue from the Profit and Loss statement for the 2022/23 season recorded to 30th June 2023 total \$352,721 compared with \$339,405 for the 2021/22 season also to the 30th June of the season.

Figures exclude GST and commission to agents.

The 2022/23 budget for game licence sales is \$ 370,659 exclusive of GST.

9.3 Agents Debts - Nil

9.4 Recommendations

1. ***To withdraw the grants allocated Rutter, Begg, Royalburn Station and Otewhata Fraser River projects and return the funds to the Habitat Enhancement Reserve Fund.***
2. ***That the finance and licencing report be received.***

Sharon Milne
Administration Officer
10/07/2023

Otago Region Fish Licence Sales to the 30th June of the Season

2022/23																				
Sales	FWFA	FWA	FWNA	FSLA	FLAA	FWIA	FLBA	FSBA	FDA	FDNA	FWJ	FWNJ	FDJ	FDNJ	FWC	FWNC	FDNC	SRSE	Total	Fish LEQ
Public	2107	2358	537	363	397	188	34	344	2554	1981	531	40	351	80	1752	15	40	0	13672	7,360.61
Agency	2191	3061	201	698	156	112	19	149	673	1016	391	20	77	67	15	9	21	626	9502	7,308.59
Total	4298	5419	738	1061	553	300	53	493	3227	2997	922	60	428	147	1767	24	61	626	23174	14,669.2

2021/22																				
Sales	FWFA	FWA	FWNA	FSLA	FLAA	FWIA	FLBA	FSBA	FDA	FDNA	FWJ	FWNJ	FDJ	FDNJ	FWC	FWNC	FDNC	SRSE	Total	Fish LEQ
Public	2128	2575	82	311	418	203	26	420	2491	134	466	7	254	3	1353	2	1	0	10874	6,834.86
Agency	2414	3494	13	749	171	132	10	215	719	51	409	0	71	2	20	0	6	0	8476	7,784.76
Total	4542	6069	95	1060	589	335	36	635	3210	185	875	7	325	5	1373	2	7	0	19350	14,619.62

FWF (Family), FWA (Adult), FWNA (Non Resident), FSLA (Senior Loyal), FLAA (Local Area),
 FWJ (Junior), FWNJ (Junior non resident), FLBA (Long Break), FSBA (Short Break), FDA (Adult Day), FDJ (Junior Day)
 FDNJ (day non resident Junior), FWNC (non resident Child), FDNC (day non Resident child day)
 SRSE (Salmon Endorsement)

Season 1 Dates used in Fishing 2022/ 2022-07-01-2023-06-30

Season 2 Dates used in Fishing 2021/ 2021-07-01-2022-06-30

Otago Region Game Licence Sales To the 30th June of the Season

2023							
Sales	GWA	GWJ	GWC	GDA	GDJ	Total	Game LEQ
Public	790	88	45	47	1	971	816.51
Agency	3116	237	93	14	1	3461	3,165.25
Total	3906	325	138	61	2	4432	3,981.76

2022							
Sales	GWA	GWJ	GWC	GDA	GDJ	Total	Game LEQ
Public	818	82	25	26	1	952	839.42
Agency	3183	240	68	14	0	3505	3,233.27
Total	4001	322	93	40	1	4457	4,072.69

GWA Full Season Adult, GWJ Full season Junior, GWC Full season Child
 GDA Adult Day, GDJ Junior Day

Season 1 Dates used in this Report: Game Bird 2023 2023-02-01-2023-06-30
 Season 2 Dates used in this Report: Game Bird 2022 2022-02-01-2022-06-30

10.0 Chief Executives Report July 2023

10.1 SPECIES MANAGEMENT

Lakes Fisheries Monitoring

A report on Poolburn angler surveys and the wider fishery is enclosed in this agenda. In summary, the fish size and condition over the last summer was outstanding.

Spawning Surveys

Staff have completed spawning surveys for salmon in the Makarora catchment and brown trout in tributaries of the Taieri. Salmon were confirmed spawning in a tributary of the Makarora on Mt Albert Station which is a significant find. Spawning areas for Wanaka salmon have been particularly difficult to pinpoint and this is the first record from that area in a decade. A report will be presented to the next meeting.



Acoustics Survey of Southern Lakes

Acoustic surveys of Hawea, Wakatipu, Wanaka and Dunstan are reported on in this agenda. There is a recommendation to continue the method using our own staff and hiring the gear. This would reduce costs allow for greater frequency of surveying. See separate report.

Regulations

The Anglers Notice submission was lodged to NZC and the most significant change approved by the Minister was the Designated Waters regime which replaces our present Back country fisheries. There were no other significant changes apart from the small adjustment to the Pomahaka River Designated Waters boundary.

CE to update

10.2 HABITAT PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT

Contact Energy – Lower Clutha Sportsfish Management Plan Implementation

An item in the Public Excluded part of the agenda will provide an update to the proposed Trust Deed and funding agreement.

Lower Clutha Trout Origin Study

The Contact Energy funded project to identify important trout natal streams in the Lower Clutha catchment has concluded and ecology student Olivier Raven who analysed the otoliths will be presenting his work to the Tapanui meeting.

Wetland/Reserve work

The Bendigo Wildlife Management Plan draft has been completed by staff of both CFT and Fish and Game. It is now ready for consultation with manawhenua before being released for public submissions. Staff will keep you up to date with progress.

10.3 USER PARTICIPATION

Backcountry Fisheries

The Designated Waters will now be implemented in the new fishing season having been recently approved by the Minister of Conservation. Now the hard work begins in updating licence holders, signage, online content to explain the changes and adjusting the licence purchase facility. There is also a monitoring proposal to consider in this meeting following a request from Council to ensure its implementation goes smoothly. If agreed, it will be added to this year's workplan and funded from Reserves.

Publications

The magazine content for the next fishing season issue has been finalised and sent to the publishers. The magazine is set to be mailed out mid August.

10.4 PUBLIC INTERFACE

Media

A steady stream of media releases were distributed over the period. The ODT coverage of the Clutha trout work and Manuherikia was particularly positive. (Nigel Paragreen had his photo on the front page)

Social media content continues to roll out with staff producing some quality posts and videos. Please let us know immediately if any of it is off colour rather than responding to it publicly.

CE to update

Advocacy

In addition to our local advocacy efforts, the Communications officer (and other staff) continue to be utilised by the NZC to assist with a national campaign related to legislation changes coming down the line including the National Built and Environment Act and the proposed review of the Conservation Act. These could all have an impact on the future of the organisation.

10.5 COMPLIANCE

Prosecutions

The backlog of angling cases and most of the recent gamebird season offenders have been processed and have either completed diversion or are in the process of doing so. Two matters are before the court and hearing dates are coming up. One unlicensed angler was recently convicted in the Alexandra District Court and fined a total of \$1,380 for fishing without a licence and providing false information to a ranger.

10.6 LICENCING

The CE and other staff have also been involved in supporting the NZC to get the designated waters licencing system integrated into the national online licencing system. User testing is continuing and should be ready to go live mid August.

10.7 COUNCIL

Next Council Meeting

Just a reminder that the next Council meeting is in Dunedin on the 28th September 2023.

Southland Councillors attending

Southland Councillors will be joining our Council after the Council meeting for an informal catchup. A light agenda will be circulated beforehand but its primary focus will be on opportunities for working together and creating efficiencies.

10.8 PLANNING AND REPORTING

Budgets for 2023/2024

The licence fee has now been confirmed and the final OWP and budget is ready for adoption. Its an ambitious work programme but staff are determined to see it through.

The end of August is the end of the financial year and staff will be onto annual reporting shortly after that. There is a new reporting standard required and we are expecting to hear more about that in the next few weeks.

Recommendation

That this report be received

Ian Hadland

Chief Executive

July 2023

11.0 RMA Planning and Consents Report

15 May – 5 July 2023

Current Legislation, Policy and Planning Processes

Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement (PORPS)

Fish and Game staff have been engaging with both the Freshwater Planning Process (**FPP**) and the non-FPP within the PORPS. Within each process:

1. The non-FPP hearing has closed. Staff presented to the panel in April and May.
2. The FPP submission has been written and evidence has been recently completed. The hearing is expected to take place across a couple of weeks in August and September.

Land and Water Regional Plan (LWRP)

The Regional Council is continuing its work writing the LWRP. They have recently released a series of background reports which detail proposed approach for the LWRP on key topics. It is too long to summarise in this report but is worth a read for those who are interested.

<https://orc.govt.nz/plans-policies-reports/land-and-water-regional-plan/how-we-develop-a-new-land-and-water-plan>

Natural and Built Environment Act (NBA)

Nationally, Fish and Game has been providing input to the replacement of the Resource Management Act (**RMA**), via the Natural and Built Environment Bill. Originally, this did not include similar protections for the habitat of trout and salmon as we had relied upon in the RMA. However, very recent announcements show this to have changed, likely due to the input of anglers and hunters as part of a campaign on the issue. The language in the bill could still be improved but this change represents a significant and helpful step for people who like to spend time in nature.

Current Notification processes

Applicant	Activity	Outcome
Otago Regional Council, Queenstown Lakes District Council and Central Otago District Council applications		
Peter Hall	To undertake suction dredge gold mining and to disturb the bed of the Clutha River/Mata Au	Fish and Game has submitted in opposition, citing concerns around spawning protections, disturbance to anglers and the mobilisation of sedimentation. Staff are in contact with the applicant to try and resolve the issues outside of a hearing and that process is ongoing.

Written approval provided during the period

Applicant	Activity	Outcome
Otago Regional Council applications		
Glenorchy Gravel Ltd.	To extract gravel from the Rees River and Precipice Creek	Conditions were negotiated which avoided spawning areas during the spawning season and protected natural character. Affected party approval was provided as a result.

No written approvals were provided during the period for consents from the following bodies:

- Central Otago District Council
- Queenstown Lakes District Council
- Dunedin City Council
- Clutha District Council
- Waitaki District Council

Recommendation:

1. That this report be received.

Nigel Paragreen
Environmental Officer
5 July 2023

12.0 Committee & Delegate Reports

12.1 CFT

12.2 NZC

12.3 Ngai Tahu

12.4 Conservation Board

13.0 Correspondence

13.1 NZC to Otago

Nil

13.2 Otago to NZC

13.2.1 Notification of Spending from Non Resident Reserves



26th May 2023

Chief Executive,
New Zealand Fish & Game Council
Via email

Re: Notification of spending from Non Resident Licence Reserves – Designated Waters implementation.

Dear Corina,

Otago Council considered the Designated Waters proposal at its recent meeting and agreed to roll over its present Back Country waters directly into Designated Waters as part of its Anglers Notice recommendations to the Minister.

Council discussed implementation of the proposal and the importance of monitoring and compliance to ensure the change to Designated Waters was well communicated and enforced. It was seen as critical to bedding in this fundamental change to pressure sensitive fisheries.

Otago Fish & Game Council resolved to dedicate \$25,000 for additional monitoring and compliance to be funded from its Non Resident Licence Reserve. This is notification of that commitment.

Obviously, spending from this reserve will be subject to the Ministers final signoff of the Anglers Notice and Forms and Fees Notice which will allow the Designated Water proposal to proceed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ian Hadland".

Ian Hadland
Chief Executive
Otago Fish & Game Council

13.2.2 Feedback on 2022/2024 Licence Fee Recommendations



26th May 2023

Chief Executive Officer
New Zealand Fish & Game Council
Via email

Re: Feedback on 2023/2024 licence fee recommendation

Dear Corina,

Otago Council considered the NZC Licence Fee recommendation paper at its meeting held on the 24th May 2023.

Council **agreed** (6/1) to the following recommendation provided by the New Zealand Council on licence fees:

- a. That the 2023/24 adult whole season sports fish licence fee is set at \$153 and that the adult whole season game licence is set at \$113 (inclusive of a \$5 fee for the Game Bird Habitat Stamp), with all proportional changes to remaining licence fees and categories including a \$5 fee being added to the sea run salmon licence endorsement (as a cost-recovery mechanism).*
- b. That a new licence category is established called a Designated Waters Licence available as a \$5 annual licence per Fish and Game region for resident anglers and as a day licence to non-resident anglers at a fee of \$40.*

It was noted that this was beneath CPI for the last year.

The Council acknowledges that this may cause some discomfort to licence holders but remarked that increased direct costs, including those for staffing, inevitably have to be covered by an increase in licence fees if the organisation is to retain its current capacity, particularly its staffing.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian Hadland".

Ian Hadland
Chief Executive
Otago Fish & Game Council

13.2.3 Feedback on Reserves Policy

31th May 2023



Chair,
New Zealand Fish & Game Council
Via email

Re: Feedback on Reserves Policy

Dear Barrie,

Otago Council considered the paper provided by NZC on Reserves Policy at its 24th May 2023 meeting.

Council does not support the draft Reserves Policy at this time and wanted to make the following points by way of feedback/amendments.

1. Otago F&G Council understands and appreciates the need for establishing a policy for the use of reserves to ensure that Regions do not overspend funds (and therefore become a financial risk to the wider organisation) or spend reserves inappropriately as has happened in the past.
2. The element missing from the policy is a description on what purpose reserves serve. This would help build context around the need for setting appropriate levels and any restrictions on reserve use. In our view reserves are held to mitigate risks and fund opportunities. More specifically:
 - To buffer against changes in budgeted licence income.
 - Provides a receptacle for surpluses in income and can be used to make up for shortfalls in budget income.
 - Fund large urgent projects such as building repairs, consenting costs to reinstate wetlands and other unbudgeted surprises.
 - To ringfence funds for specific purposes to meet the councils statutory functions – property purchases and sales etc.
 - To fund additional priorities identified in a three-year or ten-year plan.
 - To hold funds for projects which carry over more than one financial year.
3. With the above context it makes little sense to base maximum or minimum reserve levels on regional budgets alone because:
 - Grant receiving regions are not exposed to the same level of risk for income as a levy paying region. Otago has to commit to over \$1.2 million by way of levies in 2022/23 and penalty payments are due if these levies are overdue. Otago contribute nearly 20% of all levies gathered so there is substantial risk to the organisation if Otago could not fund levy payments (including from reserves) if there was a catastrophic decrease in licence sales. (earthquake scenario)

20%-50% of budget for reserves equates to reserves between \$200,000 and \$500,000. That is only 8% - 20% of income. That creates an unreasonable risk to F&GNZ viability.

- The solution is to set a minimum reserve level which is the larger of:
 - 20% of budget for grant receiving regions or
 - 30% of income for levy paying regions.
4. The policy states that NZC should hold reserves of 30% -50% of budget.
- Firstly, it is not clear which NZC budget this relates to – the budget of New Zealand Council or the total budget including the budget held on behalf of Regions (for licencing, RMA and the like)
 - Secondly, 30% is excessive for a Council which does not need a buffer against income loss as it is entirely funded by levies provided by other regions. Those regions already cover that risk with their own reserves. 10% -20% of the NZC's own budget should be adequate.
5. There are a few specific wording changes suggested for accuracy;
- 3c – Add the word 'Councils' after Fish and Game.
 - Under 5 – Reserves over 50%, (a) funding from the licence fee could be considered for one off regional projects if they have 'national significance'. Specific national research projects conducted in regions might be examples. (b) Excess funds held in reserve shouldn't be available at the next contestable funding round for redistribution as stated, they should be pro-rata'd back out to the regions from which they were levied. Excess funds in NZC reserves is a consequence of over estimating budget expenditure and/or over levying of regions.
 - 6 Restricted Reserve use – No notification to NZC should be necessary to use restricted reserves. They are restricted for a particular purpose and the use should simply be noted in the regional councils annual report.

In summary, there is little by way of analysis on what appropriate levels of reserves should be and the purpose for holding them. However, the figures above do act as a starting point. That should not delay a deeper analysis of what might be required to cover risks in individual regions. Part of any analysis should include a review of non cash assets (property etc) which could be liquidated in the event of financial strain, or to fund a mission critical project.

Thank you

Yours sincerely



Colin Weatherall, Chair
Otago Fish & Game Council

13.2.4 Feedback Draft Remuneration Policy



6th June 2023

Chair and Chief Executive,
New Zealand Fish & Game Council
Via email

Dear Barrie and Corina,

Re: Draft Remuneration Policy – Feedback from Otago Fish and Game Council

Otago Council considered the Draft Remuneration Policy paper at 24th May 2023 meeting.

Review of roles against general market

Firstly, the Otago Fish & Game Council wanted to express its gratitude for the NZC completing the review of salary bands for common roles across the organisation. This was long overdue. Otago Council had previously written to NZC asking for this to be completed with urgency so that it could retain its best staff and attract suitably qualified replacements for those departing. The summary report from Strategic Pay has been welcomed.

Legislation

Council raised a question as to whether it was appropriate for New Zealand Council to promote national policy development for matters which are not part of its statutory mandate. Remuneration and management of staff are the functions of individual F&G councils and this separation of duties, including operation of a 'personnel policy' is well laid out in the Conservation Act.¹ It confirms that staffing matters are the strict preserve of individual councils.

Ministerial Review

There has been some discussion - at both a management and governance levels - about the adoption of common policy across the organisation and this being based on the outcome of the Ministerial Review. We assume that was grounded upon Recommendation 17 *NZC develop a full suite of Governance and Corporate policies which are binding on itself and all Fish and Game Councils*'. We don't consider this extends as far as development of national policy on Human Resources as the review was silent on this aspect and it was strictly a review of 'governance' rather than management at Fish and Game.

¹ s26F allows NZC to appoint a manager and other staff and s26G provides for the adoption of personnel policy that complies with the principle of being a good employer. These sections are duplicated in the powers for regional Fish & Game Councils in s26T (1) and (2).

Should there be National policy on remuneration?

In saying the above, Council agrees that policy is useful to ensure a consistency in approach to regional F&G staff management including performance and remuneration. Whether that should be national policy or policy adopted at a local level is an important decision. National policy needs to be very high level (all operational aspects removed) if it is to be agreed by councils. Local approval of consistent policy or guidelines by councils could have more guiding detail which could be more helpful to the regional council and its manager. Local adoption of the policy or guidelines should create the desired consistency across the organisation – provided it is adopted by every Council.

Amendments sought

If the NZC proposes to persist with the document as national policy, Otago submits the following amendments and comments;

- Overall the Policy draft looks to be an edited version of policy for a standard top down organisation. There have been attempts to make it fit our federal system of Councils but the result is now somewhat confusing. Adding the word 'Councils' after Fish and Game everywhere it appears would help considerably, especially in the recognition of Councils as individual entities and is more consistent with s26T of the Cons.Act.
- Section 2: 2.1c Change shareholders for "licence holders".
- 2.1d Add the word 'experience' in here.
- 2.2 Assumes that NZC make decisions on allocation of funds for remuneration. It does not. It receives budgets (which include salaries) from regions and sets an appropriate licence fee for recommendation to the Minister. Edit sentence to say "Decisions made by Councils on the allocation of funds...."
- 2.2b needs to directly recognise staff contributions to national level projects.
- 2.5 85% of the range for the position they hold is fine, provided that job description exactly matches the role which has been job sized.
- 2.6 Needs to recognise experience alongside performance.
- Section 3: Policy might apply to all F&G Councils rather than all F&G staff as stated in 3.1. Rest of this section is business as usual.
- 3.7 Change "CEO's" to Councils or managers sole discretion...". National CEO has no authority to stipulate conditions of employment in regions.
- Section 4: This is out of line with the process for budget setting. NZC determine levies and propose a licence fee to the Minister to cover the organisations costs. Distribution of funds within each Council is their own care. Section should be removed from this policy.
- Section 5: A 'fixed package' needs to be further described. Use of consistent terms is encouraged. There is no clear link between 'fixed package' and 'salary'.
- 6, 7 and 8: Provide good policy guidance. 6c needs clarifying further or remove midpoint reference.
- Section 9: 9.1 needs to be clearer that remuneration increases are part of a wider budget submitted to NZC. Change 'Human Resources' to " a Third party provider (such as Strategic Pay) ...". Present 'human resources' role is temporary.
- 9.2 needs rewording to: "The budgets including any contestable funding bids for salary budget increases are approved by NZC in April".
- 9.5 This needs to be further described and linked to a standard performance review system (in train we are told)

- 9.6 needs to be carefully reworded to ensure that individual staff do not have their privacy breached.
- Section 10.2: Again, the present role of ‘Human Resources’ is temporary. Who will do this role when the present staff members contract runs out? This is a confused section.
- 10.2b should be provide advice to regional managers and CEO’s. Provided that role is retained in the longer term.
- 10.3 is not required. Remove.

Missing components

- Long service leave – Recognition of long service seems to be missing but this might be covered in a contract rather than enshrined in a policy. There have been rumours of generous retirement provisions in contracts which should be either standardised or removed.
- Needs a sentence to describe that it will comply with all legal and regulatory requirements and be updated in line with these. s73 an s74 of the Public Service Act 2020 applies.
- Add a provision on how and when job descriptions will be evaluated if the present set of defined roles changes. Perhaps a 3 yearly evaluation process should be in place to assess the relative value and complexity of different roles within the organisation. This was suggested in the Strategic Pay report.

The Otago CE would be available to help with redrafting the policy if that were helpful.

Yours sincerely



Ian Hadland
Chief Executive
Otago Fish & Game Council



Colin Weatherall
Chair
Otago Fish & Game Council

13.3 General Correspondence In

13.3.1

Nil

13.4 General Correspondence Out

13.4.1 Bendigo Wildlife Management Reserve Funding Plan



11 July 2023

Chairperson
Gamebird Habitat Trust Board
gbht@fishandgame.org.nz

Dear Andy,

Bendigo Wildlife Management Reserve, Regionally Significant Wetland – Flagging of large funding application in 2024

Otago Fish and Game Council write to inform the Trust of a wetland restoration project OFGC plan to apply for funding starting in 2024. The proposal involves a significant work program spread out over multiple years. OFGC as managers of the reserve plan to control willows and revegetate the reserve with eco sourced native wetland plant species. A rabbit proof fence needs maintenance and ongoing rabbit control needs to be undertaken to protect the seedlings, and to assist the natural revegetation process of rabbit palatable species within the fenced area. A draft management plan is currently being prepared for Iwi and public consultation.

OFGC has started replanting part of the reserve with Cromwell Youth Trust and has funding from the Upper Clutha Fisheries Trust to undertake small scale willow control on isolated islands, a grant from Otago Regional Council for eco sourced plants has also been obtained. OFGC has partnered with Corrections who have been growing eco sourced seed for Bendigo and other replanting projects in the region. OFGC will continue to seek funds from other external sources and partners to support the project.

Lake Dunstan was created on the Clutha/Mata Au River by the commissioning of the Clyde Dam. The Wildlife Service and subsequently the Department of Conservation advocated on behalf of hunters for the creation of a 152ha Wildlife Management Reserve at the Delta of the Clutha/Mata Au River where it meets the head of the newly created Lake Dunstan.

A variation to the Consent to operate the Clyde Dam was required for the establishment of Bendigo WMR, with gazetting of the reserve under the management of Otago Fish and Game

Council occurring in 2019, after a Deed of Covenant for Bendigo WMR was formed in 2018 between Contact Energy Ltd, LINZ (Land Information New Zealand), Minister of Conservation and OFGC.

Since the creation of the Lake, the reserve area has become a popular spot for game bird hunting and sports fishing. The natural wetland characteristics of Bendigo WMR includes extensive shallow water areas, braided river channels, islands, and lagoons. This is a unique opportunity to enhance wetland values and associated recreational amenity particularly gamebird hunting and sports fishing in Central Otago, as well as engaging the community in a wetland restoration project, and providing an advocacy role for hunter led wetland conservation.

OFGC has in principle approved the proposed Wanaka to Cromwell cycle trail link to be routed through the edge of the reserve, with conditions. This section of the reserve will be publicly accessible and is seen as an advocacy opportunity for hunter led conservation with the cycle trail expected to become as popular in summer as the Cromwell to Clyde section of the Lake Dunstan cycle trail it will be an extension of. Information panels are currently planned to inform cyclists of the hunter led efforts to restore wetland plants that previously occurred naturally, which have been lost in the Central Otago drylands.

This year the Council is hoping to advance development of the management plan and obtain consents for large scale willow control in this regionally significant wetland. This letter is simply advance warning of a large application for funding from the GBHT fund which will be lodged next year. We trust this helps with your planning for this funding round.

In the meantime, I have included a map of the area to demonstrate both the scale of the project and help you to appreciate the potential of this site.

Please contact me if you need any further information on the Bendigo WMR project.

Yours faithfully

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Otago Fish and Game Council Meeting 20th July 2023

13.4.2 Email to Ngai Tahu Tourism

From: Ian Hadland
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2023 9:28 AM
To: tourism@nttourism.co.nz
Subject: Otago Angling Regulation Changes

Kia ora,

This is just a quick note to say there has been a few minor changes to Otago angling regulations at they relate to our back country fisheries which include the fisheries in the Greenstone and Caples rivers.

The change (which was recently signed off by the Minister of Conservation) is largely in the phrasing of a few select fisheries around the motu which are presently designated as '*Backcountry Fisheries*'. They will become '*Designated Angling Waters*'. These waters have some additional angler restrictions applied to them to help preserve the angling experience that Aotearoa is internationally recognised for. The designated waters regime also includes some minor limitations on the use of the trout fishery by non residents in favour of locals. The change allows better management of the trout fishery, and the experience, and we are confident the impact on anglers will be minimal. Find out more here:

<https://fishandgame.org.nz/freshwater-fishing-in-new-zealand/designated-waters-licence-proposal/>

The Ngai Tahu appointee to our Otago Fish & Game Council (and those elsewhere in the Sth Island) have been kept up to date with the changes but our council thought it important to contact you directly as Ngai Tahu are a significant landowner in the Greenstone Valley. We are unsure if you have commercial arrangements in the valley related to the trout fishery but if you do then I'd be happy to have a further discussion to see how the change might impact on any of your operations.

Nga mihi

Ian Hadland | **Chief Executive**

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14.0 Items to be Received or Noted – (Separate Pack)

14.1 Summary of Fishing Competitions for the 2022/23 season

14.2 Creel Survey summary of Lake Hāwea

14.3 Report on Takitakitoa Wetland Restoration Project

14.4 Poolburn Dam - Creel Surveys/Spawning Surveys/Rock Marking

14.5 Acoustics Monitoring of the Southern Lakes Report

15.0 General Business