

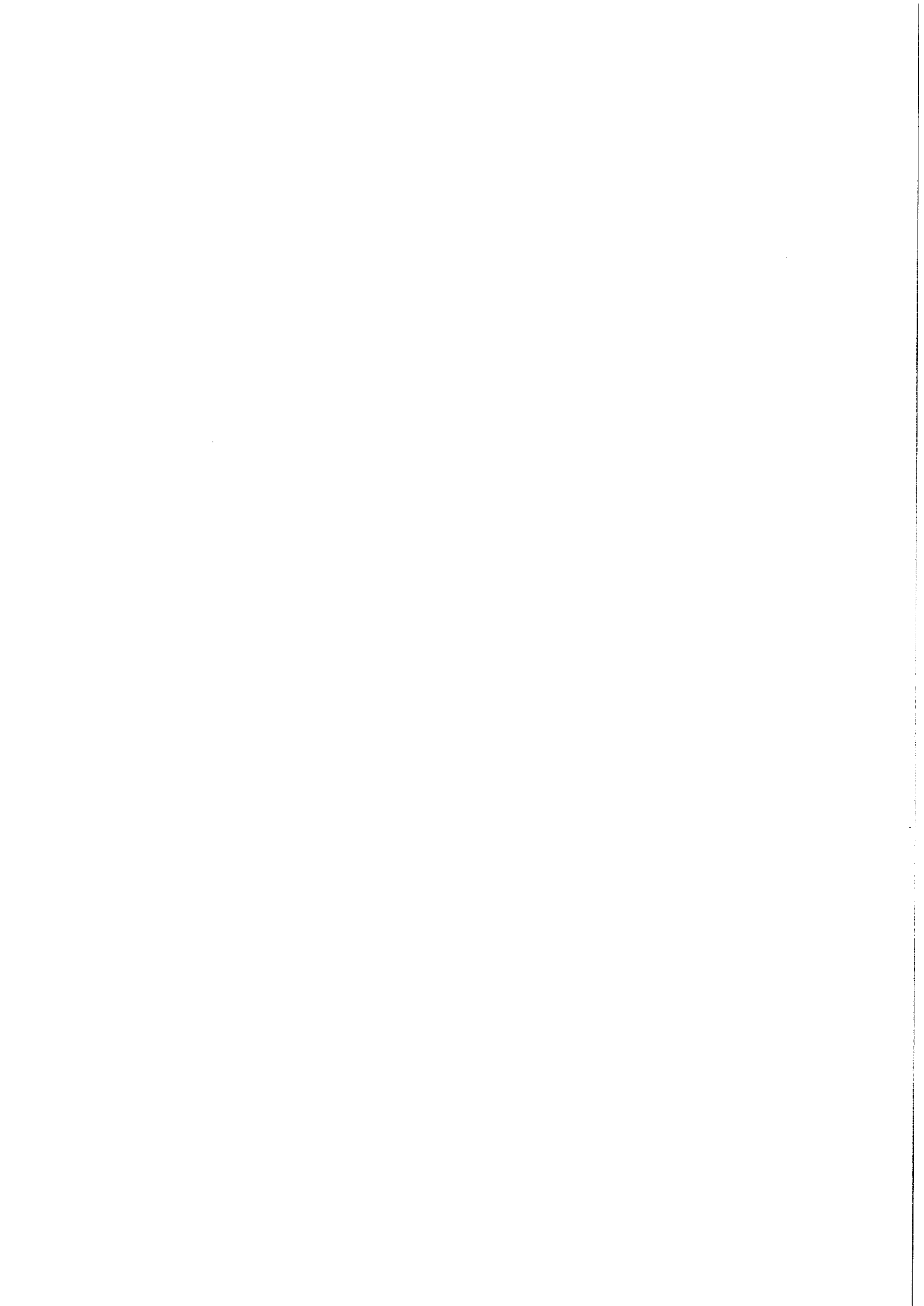


PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2022**

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



Taranaki Fish and Game Council Performance Report for The Year Ended 31 August 2022

Minister of Conservation
Parliament Buildings
WELLINGTON

Dear Minister

I have the honour to submit, pursuant to Section 26X of the Conservation Act 1987 and Section 44A of the Public Finance Act 1989, the Performance Report and Financial Statements of the Taranaki Fish and Game Council for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Donald', written in a cursive style.

Chris Donald
CHAIRMAN

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
6 December 2022

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PURPOSE OF TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Council is a Public Entity, created by statute (The Conservation Act 1987) to manage, maintain and enhance the sports fish and game bird resources of its region, in the recreational interests of anglers and hunters. Taranaki Fish and Game derives its revenue from the sale of fish and game licences, interest, contracts for services, grants and miscellaneous sales.

OPERATION OF TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

The Council currently consists of 8 Councillors who were elected in November 2021. Councillors are elected three-yearly by fish and game licence holders in the Council's region. The Council meets a minimum of six times each year, at sites around the region that enable licence holders to attend one or more council meetings should they desire.

The Council's office is in New Plymouth, with a branch in Whanganui. Council employs three staff, an Acting Manager and a Field Officer based in New Plymouth and a Secretary in Whanganui. The Field Officer was employed on a 2-year fixed-term contract beginning on 4th October 2021.

DIRECTORY COUNCILLORS

Name	Locality
Chris Donald – Chairman (from 3 rd November 2021)	Waitara
Paul Blewman – Chairman (till 3 rd November 2021)	Hamilton
Chris Bright (retired 16 th October 2021)	Raetihi
Craig McEwen	Egmont Village
Alan Flynn	New Plymouth
Daniel Gordon (retired 16 th October 2021)	Whanganui
Steve Hugo (retired 16 th October 2021)	Whanganui
Gerard Karalus	Hawera
John Nancarrow	Inglewood
Cory Potroz (retired 16 th October 2021)	Inglewood
David Potroz	Waitara
Romon Sargeson	Waiouru

STAFF

Allen Stancliff	Acting Manager, New Plymouth
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I am pleased to present the 31st Performance Report of Taranaki Fish & Game Council for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Following a government-initiated review of the governance of Fish and Game NZ and the regional Fish and Game Councils, Councillors and staff provided feedback to Fish and Game's regional structure review team confirming that the Council is committed to regional amalgamation. Councillors and Managers from the Taranaki, Wellington and Hawkes Bay regions met in July 2022 to discuss the way forward and Taranaki and Wellington are keen to progress with amalgamation as soon as possible. The Council is also committed to working collaboratively with other regions and the NZ Fish & Game Council to implement as many of the 36 governance review recommendations as can be done prior to legislative change.

Taranaki licence sales remained steady as licence holders made the most of the available opportunities to fish and hunt and along with prudent financial management this enabled the Council to maintain a sound financial position at year's end.

Our 2021/22 angler diary scheme results showed that the average catch rate of 0.52 large trout/hr was the lowest recorded over the five seasons monitored so far, although this was still very respectable when compared to other similar fisheries. An electronic satisfaction survey found that fewer anglers rated the 2021/22 season as excellent, although 93.6% of respondents still rated angling opportunities in the region as at least fair, which was higher than in the 2020/21 and 2019/20 seasons.

In support of fishing opportunities, Council released 1,594 yearling and older trout reared by our Hawera hatchery along with 500 two-year-old trout from Ngongotaha and 96 from the Tongariro National Trout Centre. These fish were used to support children's' fishing opportunities at New Plymouth, Stratford and Raetihi as well as sustaining highly valued fisheries in local lakes which have limited natural recruitment. A further 1,500 yearling trout were released into the lower Patea River in the fifth and final year of a project to assess whether restocking can mitigate the effects of the Patea Dam and hydro-electric power scheme on the trout fishery.

Highlighting the inherently fragile nature of fisheries, an intense rainfall event on Taranaki Maunga on 18/19 August 2022 produced record flows in many streams and re-started headwater erosion in the Hangatahua (Stony) River catchment. However, the Waiaua River near Opunake was relatively unaffected and it continues to show good recovery from a similar event in July 2021.

Council successfully carried out the third year of its grey and mallard duck banding programme in the Whanganui area, with 554 ducks banded and 33 previously banded ducks recaptured. Band returns by hunters are increasing our understanding of the characteristics of this local population and the significance of hunter harvest. National Hunter Survey results revealed that while there was a 10% reduction in hunting hours during the 2022 game season an increase in success rate meant that the harvest of mallard duck and paradise shelduck was very similar to the previous year.

A successful 2022 special paradise summer hunting season was held in Game Management Area C (Taranaki), with 105 hunters taking up the opportunity. Staff also worked proactively with landowners to manage problem aggregations of game birds, distributing gas guns and issuing 73 permits to disturb game birds under delegated authority.

Fundamental to maintaining sportfish and gamebird populations is the maintenance and improvement of habitat. At a practical level the Council continues to actively assist landowners with advice and funding assistance for wetland developments. Council also worked proactively and constructively with landowners, consent applicants, iwi, community groups, and local and

regional government to advocate for sustainable and effective land and water use that protects habitat and species values. Council's view is that it is important to take a holistic approach which recognises the importance of contributing to wider community aspirations as well as achieving specific Fish & Game objectives.

An example of this was undertaking a freshwater fish survey of sites upstream and downstream of a disused weir in the Timaru Stream at Tataraimaka to document the effects of the weir on native fish populations to aid in discussions about the weir's removal.

Council is committed to working closely with and in support of iwi as opportunities arise and it recognises that more work is required to fulfil its Section 4 responsibilities to give effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi. A key involvement has been for the Council's Acting Manager to take active role in Te Kōpuka which will develop Te Heke Ngahuru – an innovative collaborative process to address and advance the environmental, social, cultural and economic health and wellbeing of Te Awa Tupua.

A long-time key to the success of Fish & Game has been the contribution of volunteers. Council is indebted to the efforts of our Hawera hatchery volunteers for rearing quality trout for release and similarly to our honorary rangers who forgo their own hunting and fishing opportunities for the greater good. Council acknowledges and records our thanks for the unstinting efforts of these two groups of volunteers.

With the loss of contract management services at the end of last year, Council appointed its senior field officer as acting manager and employed a field officer on a fixed-term contract, both based in New Plymouth. Along with our Secretary working from home in Whanganui this ensured the Council has continued to function effectively while the recommendations of the governance review are worked through.

Finally, I would like to thank my own Council for their efforts, support and enthusiasm during the year. Mindful of the Fish and Game review recommendations, the Council reduced its size to eight elected members for the 2021 election and to have eight sitting Councillors re-elected was a vote of confidence that leaves the Council is well-placed to steer the organisation through the review process. Likewise, Council acknowledges the commitment, skills and professionalism of its staff and appreciates their continued support.

As this report highlights, Council continues to progress and achieve a great deal in the interests of Taranaki hunters and anglers and the wider community.

Chris Donald
Chairman



6 December 2022

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1. The Council and management of Taranaki Fish and Game Council accept responsibility for the preparation of the annual Financial Statements and the judgements used in them.
2. The Council and management of Taranaki Fish and Game Council accept responsibility for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity and reliability of financial reporting.
3. In the opinion of the Council and management of Taranaki Fish and Game Council, the annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2022, fairly reflect the financial position and operations of Taranaki Fish and Game Council.

Chairman
Chris Donald



Acting Manager
Allen Stancliff



6 December 2022

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**Statement of Financial Performance
For the Year Ended 31 August 2022**

	Notes	Actual 2022 \$	Unaudited Budget 2022 \$	Actual 2021 \$
Revenue				
Fish and Game licence sales	1	193,906	187,030	191,875
Grant and Donations	1	188,991	188,941	171,911
Interest		5,717	438	4,373
Other Revenue	1	20,179	21,850	21,432
Manganuioteao River Riparian Project	1	10,000	-	9,348
Taranaki Hunting & Habitat Scheme	1	-	15,000	-
Total Revenue		418,793	413,259	398,939
Expenses				
Species Management	2	42,087	36,900	29,614
Habitat Protection & Management	2	1,390	5,000	11,657
Angler / Hunter Participation	2	10,058	12,950	10,215
Public Interface	2	2,427	4,500	3,448
Compliance	2	2,291	3,100	1,074
Licencing	2	9,244	9,417	9,032
Council	2	9,205	9,000	9,378
Planning / Reporting	2	7,255	7,400	6,343
Manganuioteao River Riparian Project	2	16,670	5,000	11,613
Taranaki Hunting & Habitat Scheme	2	14,841	15,000	-
Overheads				
Employee and Contractor related costs	2	236,638	255,232	254,606
Depreciation	4	14,952	16,908	17,529
Other Expenses	2	53,356	58,670	54,264
Total Expenses		420,414	439,077	418,776
Surplus / (Deficit)		(1,620)	(25,818)	(19,837)

The accompanying statement of accounting policies and notes form an integral part of this performance report. This performance report should be read in conjunction with the attached Audit Report.

Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 August 2022

	Notes	Actual 2022 \$	Unaudited Budget 2022 \$	Actual 2021 \$
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Bank accounts and cash	3	129,274	110,000	112,449
Debtors and prepayments	3	7,469	29,000	2,770
Total Current Assets		136,743	139,000	115,219
Non-Currents Assets				
Property, plant and equipment	4	68,031	77,682	79,114
Investments	3	405,968	388,808	400,715
Total Non-Current Assets		473,999	466,490	479,829
TOTAL ASSETS		610,742	605,490	595,048
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Creditors and accrued expenses	3	41,685	55,000	36,627
Employee costs payable	3	39,857	24,000	30,503
Income in Advance	3	12,057	-	9,154
Total Current Liabilities		93,599	79,000	76,284
TOTAL LIABILITIES		93,599	79,000	76,284
NET ASSETS		517,144	526,490	518,764
ACCUMULATED FUNDS	5	517,144	526,490	518,764

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**Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended 31 August 2022**

	Actual 2022 \$	Actual 2021 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash was received from:		
Licence Sales	192,951	215,998
Grants, donations and fundraising	188,991	171,911
Interest	5,327	4,373
Other Revenue	30,297	48,334
GST (net)	7,169	(3,889)
Cash was applied to:		
Payments to suppliers	171,503	182,664
Payments to employees and contractors	227,285	248,996
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	25,948	5,068
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING & FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Cash was received from:		
Sale of property, plant and equipment		-
Sale of investments / deposits		-
Cash was applied to:		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	3,870	4,861
Purchase of investments / deposits	5,253	4,311
Net Cash Flows from Investing and Financing	(9,123)	(9,172)
Net Increase /(Decrease) in Cash	16,825	(4,104)
Opening Cash	112,449	116,553
Closing Cash	129,274	112,449
This is represented by:		
Bank accounts and cash	129,274	112,449

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**Statement of Accounting Policies
For the Year Ended 31 August 2022**

ACCOUNTING POLICIES APPLIED

Reporting Entity

The Taranaki Fish and Game Council is a Public Entity under the Public Finance Act 1989. 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.

Basis of Preparation

Taranaki 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.

SPECIFIC ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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.

Revenue Recognition

Taranaki Fish and Game Council derives revenue through the sale of fish and game licences, interest, sale of fish product, contracts, rentals, grants and miscellaneous sales.

Licence Revenue

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

Grants Received

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

Interest

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

Other income

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

Outputs

The Council has allocated expenditure based on the 8 output codes – Species management, Habitat Protection and Management, Angler and Hunter Participation, Public interface, Compliance, Licencing, Council and Planning and 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 became entitled to wages, salaries.

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.

Investments

Investments comprise investments in term deposits with banks.

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

Property, plant and equipment

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

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 are recognised upon receipt at valuation. 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 asset falls below the carrying amount of the assets.

Depreciation is both Straight Line and Diminishing Value. Rates used are:

Buildings	25 Years
Plant & Equipment	10 – 21.6% DV
Motor Vehicles	10 - 30% DV
Office Equipment	14.4% to 80.4% DV

Creditors and accrued expenses

Creditors and accrued expenses are measured at the amount owed.

Game Bird Habitat Stamp Levy

Levies of \$4,369 (GST excl) 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 and retirement gratuities is recognised when the entitlement becomes available to the employee.

Restricted & Discretionary Reserves

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

Non-Resident Licence Income

The non-resident fisheries reserve is for the purposes of management of fisheries popular with non-resident anglers. The reserve was established with the introduction of the Non-Resident Licence Fee in 2014. A portion of this licence fee is transferred to this reserve based on the number of non-resident licence sales in the financial year.

Hunting & Habitat Scheme

The Hunting & Habitat Scheme fund is for the purpose of enhancing wetlands and upland game habitat within the Taranaki region of Fish and Game. The reserve was established in 2012 to ensure that proceeds from the sale of Tom Watt Farm would be used to enhance wetlands and upland game habitat.

Fisheries Project

The Fisheries Project fund is for the purpose of enhancing freshwater fisheries within the region.

Asset Replacement Reserve

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

Manganuioteao River Riparian Project

This is a collaborative project to complete riparian fencing and protect water quality on the Orautoha Stream and Manganuioteao River. External funds are held by Fish and Game on behalf of Fish and Game and two other third parties.

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 held on 14th August 2021

Tier 2 PBE Accounting Standards applied

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

Changes to Accounting Policies

There have been no changes to accounting policies, all policies have been applied on a consistent basis with previous years.

**Notes to the Performance Report
For the Year Ended 31 August 2022**

Note 1: ANALYSIS OF REVENUE	Actual 2022 \$	Unaudited Budget 2022 \$	Actual 2021 \$
Licence Sales			
Fish licence	100,447	104,072	100,723
Non-Resident Levy	703	-	478
Game licence	92,757	82,958	90,674
Total	193,906	187,030	191,875
Grants and donations			
National Fish and Game Grant	188,941	188,941	171,861
Donations / koha from the public	50	-	50
Total	188,991	188,941	171,911
MRP Income	10,000	-	9,348
Hunting & Habitat Scheme Income	-	15,000	-
Other Revenue			
Administrative Contracts	3,672	5,500	3,550
Gain on sale/disposal of assets	-	-	-
Fines / Prosecutions	-	1,000	700
Summer Season	465	500	452
Trout Liberations	12,200	13,900	13,926
Other revenue	2,922	200	1,964
Control	920	750	840
Total	20,179	21,850	21,432
Note 2: ANALYSIS OF EXPENSES			
Species Management			
1110 Population Monitoring	12,196	9,100	2,775
1120 Harvest Assessment	-	500	-
1140 Hatchery	10,719	10,000	8,909
1160 Releases	17,605	15,500	15,946
1180 Control	1,567	1,800	1,985
	42,087	36,900	29,614
Habitat Protection & Management			
1210 Resource Management	-	5,000	-
1230 Assisted Habitat	1,390	-	11,657
	1,390	5,000	11,657

	Actual 2022 \$	Unaudited Budget 2022 \$	Actual 2021 \$
Angler & Hunter Participation			
1310 Access	712	3,150	609
1330 Newsletters & Magazine	9,046	8,000	9,306
1340 Training	-	1,500	-
1360 Club Relations	300	300	300
	10,058	12,950	10,215
Public Interface			
1420 Liaison	-	100	-
1430 Advocacy	2,427	4,400	3,083
1440 Public Promotions	-	-	365
	2,427	4,500	3,448
Compliance			
1510 Ranging	57	500	-
1520 Ranger Training	2,185	500	1,018
1530 Compliance	50	2,100	57
	2,291	3,100	1,074
Licencing			
1620 Agent Servicing	997	1,000	990
1620 Commission	8,246	8,417	8,042
	9,244	9,417	9,032
Council			
1720 Council Meetings	9,205	9,000	9,378
	9,205	9,000	9,378
Planning & Reporting			
1820 Management Planning	-	1,000	-
1830 Annual / Other Reporting	7,005	6,300	6,316
1840 National Liaison	250	100	28
	7,255	7,400	6,343
Manganuioteao River Riparian Project	16,670	5,000	11,613
Taranaki Hunting & Habitat Scheme	14,841	15,000	-
Employee and Contractor related costs			
Salaries and Management Contract	232,914	245,794	252,920
Fringe Benefit Tax	1,240	970	1,004
ACC Levies	442	600	628
Staff training and other expenses	2,042	7,868	54
Total	236,638	255,232	254,606
Other Expenses			
Office premises	22,193	22,000	24,960
Office equipment	4,675	1,250	3,712
Communications	7,810	7,100	8,085
General	2,740	2,560	3,455
Field Equipment	761	700	665
Vehicles	15,177	15,060	13,386
Asset Replacement Funding	-	10,000	-
Total other expenses	53,356	58,670	54,264

Note 3: ANALYSIS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Actual 2022 \$	Actual 2021 \$
Bank accounts and cash		
Current account balance	124,643	105,154
Manganuioteao River Riparian Project	4,631	7,295
Total	129,274	112,449
Debtors and other receivables		
Accounts receivable and accrued income	6,702	2,572
Prepayments	767	198
Total	7,469	2,770
Investments		
Term Deposits	405,968	400,715
Total	405,968	400,715
Creditors and accrued expenses		
Trade and other payables	13,124	17,752
Accrued Expenses	9,121	6,604
GST Due	19,440	12,271
Total	41,685	36,626
Income in Advance	12,057	9,154
Employee costs payable		
Accrued salaries and wages	2,571	5,818
Annual leave	28,715	19,552
PAYE owing	8,571	5,133
Total	39,857	30,503

**Note 4: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT
2022**

Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Sales / Disposals	Current Year Depreciation and Impairment	Closing Carrying Amount
Plant & Equipment	8,824	1,460		923	9,361
Vehicles	63,267			10,888	52,380
Office Equipment	7,023	2,410		3,143	6,290
Total	79,114	3,870		14,952	68,031

2021

Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Sales / Disposals	Current Year Depreciation and Impairment	Closing Carrying Amount
Plant & Equipment	9,810	-	-	986	8,824
Vehicles	77,047	-	-	13,781	63,267
Office Equipment	4,926	4,861	-	2,764	7,023
Total	91,783	4,861	-	17,529	79,114

Note 5: ACCUMULATED FUNDS

	2022 Actual	2021 Actual
Accumulated Surpluses		
Balance as at 1 September	149,695	158,445
Surplus / (Deficit)	(1,620)	(19,837)
Transfer to Reserves	(31,551)	(15,526)
Transfer from Reserves	31,511	26,613
Total Accumulated Surpluses 31 August	148,034	149,695
Dedicated Reserves		
Asset Replacement Reserve		
Balance as at 1 September	4,540	4,540
Transfer from Accumulated Surpluses	10,000	-
Transfer to Accumulated Surpluses	-	-
Balance as at 31 August	14,540	4,540
Non-Resident Levy		
Balance as at 1 September	7,794	7,316
Transfer from Accumulated Surpluses	703	478
Transfer to Accumulated Surpluses	-	-
Balance at 31 August	8,497	7,794
Fisheries Project		
Balance as at 1 September	6,586	16,236
Transfer from Accumulated Surpluses	-	350
Transfer to Accumulated Surpluses	-	(10,000)
Balance at 31 August	6,586	6,586
Total Dedicated Reserves	29,623	18,920

Restricted Reserves		
Taranaki Hunting & Habitat Scheme		
Balance as at 1 September	347,521	347,171
Transfer From Accumulated Surpluses		350
Transfer to Accumulated Surpluses	(14,841)	-
Balance at 31 August	332,680	347,521
Manganuioteao River Riparian Project		
Balance as at 1 September	2,629	4,894
Transfer from Accumulated Surpluses	20,848	14,348
Transfer to Accumulated Surpluses	(16,670)	(16,613)
Balance at 31 August	6,807	2,629
Total Restricted Reserves	339,487	350,150
Total Accumulated Surpluses as at 31 August	517,144	518,764

Note 6: COMMITMENTS & CONTINGENCIES

Commitments

There were no commitments at balance date. (Last year Nil)

Contingencies

There are no contingencies as balance date. (Last year – nil)

Note 7: OTHER

Non-Cancellable Operating Lease Commitments

Operating leases means payments for the Taranaki Fish and Game Council premise in New Plymouth.

Total Operating Commitment (exclusive GST)

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Less than one year	\$ 20,800	\$ 20,800
Between one and two years	\$ 20,800	\$ 20,800
Between three and five years	\$ 62,400	\$ 62,400
Beyond five years	\$ 41,600	\$ 67,600
	<u>\$ 145,600</u>	<u>\$ 171,600</u>

Note 8: RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

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

Related-party transactions significant to the Council that require disclosure:

Related Party	Description of the Transaction	2022	2021	2022	2021
		\$	\$	\$	\$
		Value	Value	Amount Outstanding	Amount Outstanding
New Zealand Fish and Game Council	Grant received	188,941	171,861	-	-
Ruapehu Fish & Game Club	Annual grant paid	300	300	-	-

Note 9: EVENTS AFTER BALANCE DATE

There were no events that have occurred after the balance date that would have a material impact on the Performance Report.

Note 10: COVID-19

Covid-19 still has had a financial impact on Taranaki Fish and Game Council.

All Fish and Game Council's budgets have been scrutinised and are still at a reduced level from the 2019-20 pre covid financial year. The main reason for this is that the projection of licence income is reduced, due to border closures and the uncertainty of the border reopening.

Within the budgeting process, Taranaki Fish and Game Council agree to use reserves to cover any shortfalls forecast income in the 2021-22 and 2022-23 year.

Licence sales have exceeded forecasts in the 2021-22 year and the financial position is healthier than budgeted. Any surplus will be utilised in the 2022-23 year as forecasts for this year require Taranaki Fish and Game Council to use reserves.

The New Zealand Fish and Game Council maintains the policy to support all Fish and Game Councils to ensure liquidity and to ensure that all Fish and Game Councils remain a going concern.

Note 11: MINISTERIAL REVIEW

In February 2021 the Minister of Conservation, presented the review for Governance of Fish and Game New Zealand and the Regional Fish and Game Councils. This report sets out 36 recommendations to be implemented for the future of Fish and Game.

A review implementation team has been set up which includes Ray Grubb, the NZFGC Chair, Brian Anderton and DoC representatives.

Many of the recommendations require legislative change. One of the recommendations is the amalgamation of Councils (e.g. reducing the number of Councils from 12 to 6/7). This area is currently being investigated by a project team, and a consultation document is due to be released in November 2022.

Note 12: ALLOCATION OF OVERHEADS TO OUTPUT AREAS FOR 2022

In the Statement of 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 2022

Output Area	Actual Direct	Actual Hours	Allocation of Overheads	Total Costs per Output
Species Management	42,087	1,145	117,077	159,164
Habitat Management	1,390	465	47,562	48,952
Angler & hunter participation	10,058	272	27,781	37,838
Public interface	2,427	270	27,551	29,977
Compliance	2,291	192	19,653	21,945
Licencing	9,244	43	4,370	13,614
Council	9,205	236	24,151	33,356
Planning & reporting	7,255	360	36,802	44,057
Totals	83,956	2,983	304,947	388,903

Actual Overheads

Employee costs	236,638
Depreciation	14,952
Other Expenses	53,356
Total Overheads to Allocate	304,947

UNAUDITED BUDGET 2022

Output Area	Budget Direct	Budget Hours	Allocation of Overheads	Total Costs per Output
Species Management	36,900	865	81,945	118,845
Habitat Management	25,000	1,000	94,734	119,734
Angler & hunter participation	12,950	260	24,631	37,581
Public interface	4,500	420	39,788	44,288
Compliance	3,100	282	26,715	29,815
Licencing	9,417	80	7,579	16,996
Council	9,000	290	27,473	36,473
Planning & reporting	7,400	295	27,946	35,346
Totals	108,267	3,492	330,810	439,077

Budget Overheads

Employee costs	255,232
Depreciation	16,908
Other Expenses	58,670
Total Overheads to Allocate	330,810

**Statement of Performance
For the Year Ended 31 August 2022**

Introduction

This section of the Annual Report sets out what was planned to be achieved in each of the projects undertaken, as stated in the Council's Annual Plan, and against this, reports what was actually achieved.

Output Class		Species Management
Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
Obtain accurate and pertinent information to guide and enable effective management decisions to maximise user success and satisfaction while ensuring the sustainability of sports fish and gamebird populations across the region.	1. Obtain and report baseline information for the Waiongana / Mangaoraka Stream to identify threats to and opportunities for the maintenance and enhancement of these fisheries.	Baseline information on the Waiongana/Mangaoraka Stream catchment was assembled and a report presented to Council's 15 October 2022 meeting.
	2. Investigate Waingongoro fishery to determine current status and identify threats and opportunities (yr 1 of 2).	High river flows meant the assessment was deferred until December 2022. An electric fishing survey of 5 sites in the Waiau River was conducted to assess habitat recovery from a July 2021 flood and erosion event.
	3. Monitor and report information on the status of the region's trout fisheries sufficient to measure overall angler success (through a diary scheme), set effective regulations and inform management directions.	The average catch rate calculated from angler diary returns for rivers (0.52 large trout/hr) in the 2021/22 season was the lowest recorded over the five seasons monitored so far but was still very respectable when compared to average catch rates in other comparable fisheries. Diarists recorded more hours on lake fisheries than in the previous year and the average catch rate was slightly higher. An electronic satisfaction survey found fewer anglers rated the 2021/22 season as excellent, but 93.6% of respondents still rated angling opportunities in the region as at least fair, which was higher than in 2020/21 and 2019/20.
	4. Implement an effective grey and mallard duck banding programme in the Whanganui area as the first step to obtain an estimate of the population size and level of hunting harvest which will guide future monitoring requirements and regulation setting (yr 3).	Banding was carried out at three Whanganui sites with a total of 554 ducks banded and 33 previously banded ducks recaptured.
	5. Monitor and report information on the status of the region's mallard and grey duck, paradise shelduck, shoveler, swan and pukeko	A report was prepared on the current status of gamebird populations as part of the draft game gazette recommendations.

	<p>populations sufficient to assess harvest, identify and manage any population impacts, set effective regulations and information management directions.</p> <p>6. Implement outcomes of review of paradise duck moult count monitoring and how the data is reported and implemented.</p> <p>7. Participate in National Hunter Survey to derive a robust estimate of annual game bird harvest success.</p> <p>8. Recommend effective regulations that are timely, easily understood and which maximise licence holder opportunity while ensuring resource sustainability and public support. As part of this complete review and implement recommendations for Paradise shelduck hunting conditions including area boundaries.</p> <p>9. Review option for summer pukeko season.</p> <p>10. Provide advice and support practical and effective predator control opportunities that assist game bird populations.</p>	<p>Trend counts for paradise shelduck were consistent with recent years, indicating that the Taranaki ringplain population remains strong, while numbers remain at the low end in the Whanganui and Waimarino areas. Black swan trend counts were lower than the previous year but still consistent with the long-term average. Staff participated in the 2022 National Shoveler Survey in early August, counting 322 shoveler which was consistent with the long-term average. Trend counts were carried out for Pukeko on the Taranaki ringplain in April 2022, with the 18-year trend indicating that the population remains stable. Mallard monitoring was carried out in early April 2022 after a 2-year break owing to covid-19 budget cuts. The total count was similar to that in 2019.</p> <p>Results of the review were implemented, including using an additional method of data analysis.</p> <p>National Hunter Survey results revealed that while hunting hours were lower during the 2022 game season, an increase in success rate meant that the harvest of mallard duck and paradise shelduck was very similar to the previous year.</p> <p>The 2022 Game gazette recommendations were approved by Council at its 4 December 2021 meeting and passed to the National Office. The 2022/23 Anglers Notice was approved by Council at its meeting held on 11 June 2022 and passed to the National Office.</p> <p>A review report was prepared for Council's 13 August 2022 meeting where it was decided not to implement a summer season but to promote increased utilisation of the main and extended seasons.</p> <p>Information and advice was provided to gamebird hunters and landowners as opportunities arose.</p>
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<p>Supplement trout fishing opportunities with appropriate stocking that is valued, cost effective in terms of the return to the angler and which retains community support.</p>	<p>11. Undertake an annual trout stocking programme which concentrates on creating and maintaining valued lake fisheries.</p> <p>12. Undertake trial release of 2-year old trout into the lower Patea River to assess the potential for a long term programme.</p> <p>13. Undertake trout releases and monitoring of lower Patea River under contract to Trustpower Ltd. (now Manawa Energy)</p> <p>14. Operate Hawera hatchery in an effective, cost efficient and sustainable manner utilising volunteer support to meet the identified stocking objectives.</p>	<p>A total of 3,094 yearling and 596 2-year-old rainbow and brown trout were released into 6 lakes and 2 rivers in the region during the year (Appendix 1). In particular, these releases sustained valued fisheries in Lakes Mangamahoe and Rotomanu and also the Stony River.</p> <p>A third release of 16-month adipose fin-clipped rainbow trout from the Council's Hawera hatchery was made into the lower Patea River on 3 November 2021.</p> <p>A Trustpower-funded release of 1,000 tagged brown and 500 tagged rainbow trout yearlings from Ngongotaha was made into the lower Patea River on 3 November 2021 in the final year of a 5-year trial release programme. A report on the release was provided to Trustpower on 26 November 2021.</p> <p>A team of nine volunteers ran the Hawera hatchery on a daily basis on Council's behalf. Large well-conditioned rainbow trout up to 2kg were raised at a cost of \$4.27 per fish.</p>
<p>Provide effective compliance to protect resource sustainability (including revenue base) and user experience to maintain licence holder satisfaction.</p>	<p>15. Review and renew ranger warrants and maintain a skilled honorary ranger team of at least 12 rangers consistent with requirements and objectives of the Compliance Policy and Strategy and also R3 principles.</p> <p>16. Undertake safe and effective compliance coverage across the Taranaki Region, including at least 100 licence checks of anglers and also of hunters.</p>	<p>Renewed warrants were distributed to 9 honorary rangers and 1 warranted staff prior to the 2021/22 fish season opening. During the year, two experienced rangers re-joined the team following refresher training and two new rangers (1 staff, 1 honorary) completed training and were issued with warrants prior to the 2022 game season. One additional trainee had been accepted at year's end, bringing the team to 15 (13 honorary and 2 staff). A ranger training day scheduled for September 2021 was cancelled owing to Covid-19. A training day was held on 30 April 2022 prior to the game season opening.</p> <p>Compliance checks were carried out during the 2021/22 fishing season and the 2022 game season. An annual compliance report was prepared, which detailed that the number of hunters checked did not reach the target of 100, owing to compliance being carried out in low-density hunting areas. The number of anglers</p>

<p>Proactively manage problem aggregations of gamebirds in the interest of both hunters and property owners and managers.</p>	<p>17. Process detected offences in a fair and timely way consistent with national prosecution guidelines.</p> <p>18. Manage problem aggregations of gamebirds through implementation of a special Paradise Shelduck season in Area C and proactively responding to and assisting landholders.</p>	<p>checked also fell short of the target but was a significant improvement on 2020/21. The user compliance rate was 100% for hunters and 94.7% for anglers, which exceeded or was close to the target of 95% compliance.</p> <p>Four fishing without a licence offences were resolved by way of formal warning (3) and education (1).</p> <p>A successful 2022 special paradise hunting season was held in Area C, with 105 hunters taking up the opportunity. Staff also worked proactively with landowners to manage problem aggregations of gamebirds, distributing gas guns and issuing 73 permits to disturb gamebirds under delegated authority.</p>
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Output Class Habitat Protection and Management		
Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>Protect / improve habitat for sports fish & game as a fundamental and effective means to sustain the fish & game resource in the interests of licence holders and with biodiversity benefits for the wider community.</p>	<p>1. Provide valued advice and support to licence holders, landowners and the wider community regarding the importance of and how to protect and enhance habitat and also undertake predator control to benefit both fish and game and wider indigenous biodiversity resources.</p>	<p>Site visits were made to 10 farm properties to provide advice on wetland creation and enhancement and predator control. Advice was also provided to licence holders and landowners on request.</p>
	<p>2. Promote, encourage and support landowners to create, enhance and protect wetlands by providing sound technical advice and assistance to make successful applications to the Game Bird Habitat Trust and Hunting and Habitat Funds including the 1 billion tree programme.</p>	<p>Of seven 2021 applications to the Game Bird Habitat Trust, 5 were allocated grants totalling \$17,000. Council also approved grants totalling \$29,271 to 8 wetland projects from its Hunting and Habitat Fund during the year. Staff acted as Referee's for five applications to the Game Bird Habitat Trust's 2022 funding round. Wetland visits were made to 5 properties to sign off Game Bird Habitat Trust grants. Two Toko wetlands which had previously received Game Bird Habitat Trust funding were visited for a 5-year review. Both were in excellent condition, providing quality wetland and upland gamebird habitat. Following a successful application by the Game Bird Habitat Trust to the government's 1-billion trees fund, the planting of native trees in buffer zones around wetlands was approved on one farm property. A meeting was held with Taranaki Regional Council staff to discuss a collaborative approach to the creation and restoration of wetland habitat.</p>
	<p>3. Proactively take opportunities to make effective representation in statutory and other community processes to best achieve sports fish and game bird habitat protection and enhancement.</p>	<p>During 2021/22, the Council continued to be actively involved in Resource Management Act planning and consent processes, particularly in Taranaki. Staff worked closely and constructively with applicants and developers, local and regional authorities to reach solutions which met their objectives while also protecting trout and wetland habitat and fish passage (both trout and native fish) without the need for formal hearing processes.</p>
	<p>4. Establish an environmental award to acknowledge and highlight outstanding contributions to the</p>	<p>No opportunities to establish an environmental award were available during the year.</p>



<p>Work collaboratively and proactively with landowners, other groups and Iwi recognising the synergistic benefits and wider outcomes that can be achieved by this approach.</p>	<p>protection of sportfish or gamebird habitat.</p> <p>5. Seek effective environmental outcomes as part of the consenting of the Mangorei and Motukawa hydro schemes.</p> <p>6. Promote and explore opportunities to improve water quality in Lake Rotomanu (yr 3 of 3).</p> <p>7. Engage proactively and collaboratively with iwi and community groups to identify and protect / enhance shared resource values including contributing to water related matters through the Taranaki Maunga Settlement process.</p> <p>8. Represent Fish and Game and provide valued input to the Te Awa Tupua process.</p> <p>9. Explore options with other parties to remove the Timaru Stream weir.</p>	<p>A zoom presentation of Manawa Energy's Motukawa draft Assessment of Environmental Effects was attended.</p> <p>During the year the Taranaki Regional Council was asked to consider Fish and Game an affected party to New Plymouth District Council's application to renew consent to divert 140 l/s from the Waiwhakaiho River into Lake Rotomanu, with a particular interest in the location of the river intake, which is no longer fit for purpose. There were discussions with New Plymouth District Council as to why no fish passage facility was designed or fitted to the new Lake Rotomanu outlet structure.</p> <p>There was liaison with Te Arawhiti (Office for Maori Crown relations) regarding the Taranaki Maunga settlement process and Ngāruahine letters of introduction. There was liaison with Ngati Tawhirikura hapu of Te Atiawa regarding a rahui on the lower Waiwhakaiho River. Council sponsored the release of a pāteke (brown teal) at Rotokare Scenic Reserve as part of the re-introduction of the species to Taranaki.</p> <p>The Acting Manager attended six Te Kōpuka zoom meetings during the year to help develop Te Heke Ngahuru (strategy to address and advance the environmental, social, cultural and economic health of Te Awa Tupua). Feedback was provided on the proposed objectives and engagement strategy for Te Heke Ngahuru.</p> <p>An electric fishing survey of 5 sites in Timaru Stream was conducted in early February 2022 to document the effects of the weir on fish populations to aid in discussions about the weir's removal. It was confirmed with the Taranaki Regional Council that the weir is scheduled for removal in autumn 2023, following resolution of access issues.</p>
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<p>Development of an effective Freshwater Plan that protects freshwater and wetland habitat which will minimise Council costs in consent process and free up resources for other management responses.</p>	<p>10. Provide technical and administrative support and assistance to joint Orautoha Stream Riparian Project to protect water quality in this catchment and the many values it supports.</p> <p>11. Engage in and actively advocate for provisions which protect and / or enhance sports fish and game bird habitat in the Taranaki Freshwater Plan Review process.</p>	<p>Identified works to protect water quality in Orautoha Stream and the Manganuioteao River were co-ordinated with Horizons Regional Council and successfully completed. An annual report was prepared and submitted to the Whanganui River Enhancement Trust along with an invoice for the agreed funding.</p> <p>A Primary Industries Freshwater Special Interest Group workshop was attended to discuss community freshwater values, as well as a water allocation workshop. Two zoom meetings were held with Taranaki Regional Council Planning and Science Managers to discuss Freshwater Management Unit's, water allocation and stream modification. Notification of the proposed Taranaki Natural Resources Plan is expected in mid-2024.</p>
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Output Class		Participation
Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>Add value to licence holders by increasing their opportunity, success and satisfaction and so retain them in the sport.</p> <p>Encourage past and prospective hunters and anglers into the sport through initiatives which make it easy to have a go and / or provide support.</p>	<p>1. Maintain and improve the Taranaki pages on the Fish and Game website so how to and where to go information is readily available, easily understood and up to date.</p>	<p>Information on the Taranaki web pages was kept up to date, providing a current and accurate resource for licence holders.</p>
	<p>2. Work with National Office to upgrade website and prepare information re an 'Introduction to duck hunting in the Taranaki Region' (year 3 of 3). Review angling information for Taranaki ringplain.</p>	<p>Preparation of web-based "introduction to duck hunting" and "introduction to angling" information is well underway, but completion has been put on hold until the new Fish and Game website is up and running. Angling information on the existing website was reviewed and updated where required.</p>
	<p>3. Develop and refine facebook and Instagram pages in line with any National Policy to regularly inform licence holders using these forums.</p>	<p>The Taranaki Fish and Game Facebook page was active as of 13 June 2022. Council decided not to develop an Instagram page but resolved to review the decision at its February 2023 meeting.</p>
	<p>4. Develop and utilise licence holder email lists to keep hunters and anglers up to date.</p>	<p>This was done nationally, with anglers and hunters kept up to date with pre-season information. An email list of families participating in the October 2021 Lake Rotomanu family fishing day was compiled to notify them of the 2022 event. Taranaki whole season licence holders were emailed regarding Horizons Regional Council's Oranga Wai consultation.</p>
	<p>5. Complete Reel Life and Both Barrels supplements consistent with national R3 recommendations.</p>	<p>Eight articles were prepared for Reel Life ezine and four for Both Barrels for distribution to all Taranaki licence holders who subscribe. These articles were written to keep users up to date with the current hunting and fishing conditions and to highlight potential opportunities.</p>
	<p>6. Provide a quality 2-page regional supplement in each edition of Fish & Game Magazine.</p>	<p>A 1-page supplement and season prospects combined feature was prepared for the 2022 Game Special Issue of Fish & Game Magazine. A 1-page supplement and season prospects combined feature was also prepared for 2022 Fish Special Issue to provide an overview of the current resource and highlight opportunities for the coming season.</p>
	<p>7. Publication of valued Hunting and Fishing Newsletters sent to regional licence holders and hunting landowners. Hunting newsletter also distributed to all rural box</p>	<p>A 12-page 2021/22 regional angling newsletter and an 8-page 2022 hunting newsletter were prepared and posted to regional licence holders. The hunting newsletter was distributed to all rural box holders within the region.</p>

	<p>holders in the region.</p> <p>8. Proactively provide timely and useful information to licence holders when requested.</p> <p>9. Replace / erect 2 – 3 new signs which provide anglers with helpful on-site information re access and regulations consistent with identified priorities.</p> <p>10. Produce information signs on the Retaruke and Whanganui Rivers to inform walkers on the Te Araroa trail.</p> <p>11. Install a 3rd angling platform on Lake Mangamahoe (yr2 of 2)</p> <p>12. Provide organised fishing opportunities consistent with R3 objectives and branding and in association with volunteer groups for kids and families.</p> <p>13. Explore options for ongoing opportunities for kids and families based on trout releases into local waters and threshold experiences (yr2 of 3)</p> <p>14. Explore future options for Stratford fishing day and identify preferred option.</p> <p>15. Review, negotiate, publicise and issue access permits to publicly</p>	<p>Staff actively provided information to licence holders regarding fishing and hunting opportunities in the region as requested. Information was also provided to gamebird hunters on the 2022 special season for paradise shelduck.</p> <p>The Taranaki Fish and Game Regional Boundary sign at Mokau was replaced during the year.</p> <p>Information signs were produced and are awaiting erection on-site.</p> <p>A letter from New Plymouth District Council giving approval to install a third casting platform at Lake Mangamahoe with certain conditions was received on 5 October 2021. Permission to build a casting platform at the preferred “roundabout” site was declined and New Plymouth District Council will reconsider this in 3 years-time. Trustpower gave approval for a site near the northern end of the lake on 28/09/2021.</p> <p>A successful family trout fishing promotion attended by 95 families was held at Lake Rotomanu in conjunction with the Inglewood Rod, Gun & Recreation Club and Taranaki Hunting and Fishing on 30 October 2021.</p> <p>The 2020 and 2021 fishing promotions at Lake Rotomanu demonstrated that events where parents and caregivers are equipped with the information and skills to bring their kids back fishing after the initial event can be a successful way to get families into freshwater fishing.</p> <p>Owing to the risk of covid-19 no Stratford fishing day was held in 2021, but three releases totalling 217 rainbow trout were made into the scout den pool in the Patea River in November and December so that families could still come and fish while maintaining social distancing. The Stratford Fishing Club is keen to hold an organised event in early December 2022.</p> <p>Forest owners and leaseholders were contacted to confirm access arrangements for the 2022 game season. Hunting access</p>
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	<p>available hunting areas and actively seek and develop new opportunities.</p> <p>16. Identify and explore mentoring schemes to support new hunters and implement most promising option (yr2 of 2).</p> <p>17. Develop web based introductory package for anglers highlighting access opportunities and methods to get started.</p> <p>18. Proactively take opportunities to make effective representation in statutory and other community processes to maintain or enhance hunting or angling access and opportunity.</p> <p>19. Complete review of Kaupokonui River access information and implementation identified opportunities to assist angler access.</p> <p>20. Assess satisfaction and success of Taranaki Region anglers using catch rates from a voluntary diary scheme and online satisfaction survey.</p> <p>21. Locate and publicise quality gamebird recipes especially for pukeko and paradise duck that enable hunters to make good use of these species.</p> <p>22. Implement actions to influence hunter behaviour as identified in hunter behaviour strategy to maximise enjoyment and participation and also public support for gamebird hunting.</p>	<p>permits were produced for Tauwhare Forest, Harakeke Forest and Nukumarū Recreation Reserve. There was liaison with Department of Conservation regarding hunter access permits for four Conservation Areas.</p> <p>On hold awaiting the outcome of the Fish and Game review and directions of the likely new wider region.</p> <p>Development well underway but will not be completed until the new Fish and Game website is up and running.</p> <p>There was liaison with Whanganui District Council regarding hunter access to two Nukumarū Recreation Reserve grazing leases.</p> <p>Information on existing legal access was collated and ground-truthed.</p> <p>An angler diary scheme spreadsheet was emailed to 32 anglers to record their effort during the 2021/22 fishing season with results included in the 2021/22 Fishery Monitoring Report. An on-line satisfaction survey was sent to anglers with valid email addresses and the survey results analysed and reported to Council at its 13 August 2022 meeting.</p> <p>Fish and Game's new cookbook was promoted.</p> <p>A review identified that the use of national role models was the most effective tool and the concept of using high profile influencers needs to be taken up nationally.</p>
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	<p>23. Provision of ready and valued support and assistance to licence agents such that they are kept up to date, resourced and operate as effective agents.</p>	<p>All licence agents were visited three times during the year. Permits and support were provided to licence agents in Area C for the 2022 Paradise Special Season. Support was also provided to licence agents in respect of Fish and Game's new on-line platform to sell licences, which went live on 25 July 2022.</p>
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Output Class Iwi and public interaction		
Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>Work proactively and collaboratively with iwi at all levels consistent with Treaty of Waitangi obligations and responsibilities regarding the protection and use of natural resources.</p> <p>Strong relationships and involvement with DOC and local regional councils to effectively represent the interest of hunters and anglers in formal decision-making process.</p> <p>Engender support for hunting and fishing and the activities of Fish & Game by the general public and others who recognise that these activities contribute to a better environment and healthy lifestyle and in turn who support protecting these resources and the opportunity to participate.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proactively engage and work and collectively share with iwi and hapu within the region on matters of affecting wetland and freshwater resources or their use. 2. Liaise with Department of Conservation and Conservation Boards and proactively engage and work with Regional and District Councils and community and industry groups. 3. Recognise and pursue opportunities to contribute to the wider community including 'Wild for Taranaki' and Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust'. 4. Take opportunities to promote the value of protecting freshwater, wetland and upland game habitats and the wider benefits from this. 5. Represent the interests of hunters and anglers and promote the validity of fishing and gamebird hunting including as a means of collecting natural organic foods and engaging in a physical healthy lifestyle. 6. Maintain a positive and constructive profile in the media which encourages and fosters support and understanding among the general public. 	<p>Taranaki Fish and Game Council worked closely with iwi groups as opportunities arose. This reflects that we have many shared concerns and also skills and knowledge to contribute, and collectively achieve strong environmental outcomes that will benefit both indigenous and introduced species and the wider community.</p> <p>The Acting Manager attended three Horizon's Regional Council "Jobs for Nature" governance group zoom meetings during the year. There was liaison with Department of Conservation, New Plymouth regarding the re-consenting of the Opunake power scheme, Manawa Energy's Motukawa power scheme and fish passage at Lake Rotomanu. A Department of Conservation/Taranaki Regional Council fish passage workshop was attended.</p> <p>A Wild for Taranaki AGM (zoom) was attended with 3 new Trustees elected. A Wild for Taranaki quarterly catchup was attended, along with a seminar (zoom) on feral cats. The Council helped sponsor a release of pāteke (brown teal) at Rotokare Scenic Reserve, which was attended on 19 May 2022.</p> <p>A Check-Clean-Dry catchup with Taranaki Regional Council and Nga Rauru biosecurity staff was attended. There was liaison with Taranaki Regional Council's summer Check-Clean-Dry advocate ahead of their presence at the 2022 Stratford kid's trout fishing day.</p> <p>Promotional press releases and advertising were provided to local newspapers for the beginning of the fishing and gamebird hunting seasons, the special paradise shelduck hunting season and kids' trout fishing events. These resulted in a number of positive articles, both in hard copy newspapers and on-line. There was liaison with the Koitiata Wetland Restoration Project about plastic shotgun wads on Turakina Beach and the availability of fully biodegradable shotgun wads for steel shot</p> <p>During the year, fish season publicity was provided to 6 newspapers, the Fish and Game website and for National Office press release. Game season publicity was provided to 6 newspapers, the Fish and Game website and for a National Office press release. The 2022 Special Paradise Hunting Season was publicised in 4 Taranaki newspapers. There was also publicity for the Lake Rotomanu Family Trout Fishing Day and Stratford kid's fishing releases.</p>

	7. Implement and revise media strategy including incorporating any National Policy.	On hold awaiting the outcome of the Fish and Game review. Comment was provided on the draft National Communications Strategy.
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Output Class Council Administration		
Objective	Planned Result	Actual Result
<p>Sound and affective governance which facilitates a co-operative and supportive relationship between Council, staff and licence holders that enables effective management of resources in the best interests of the licence holder and the fish & game resource</p>	<p>1. Not less than six meetings of Council are held and meetings are conducted consistent with provisions of the Standing Orders.</p>	<p>Seven Council meetings were held during the year (Appendix 3). Two informal meetings were also held via zoom.</p>
	<p>2. Identification and implementation of options and strategies to increase the diversity of Council and iwi involvement.</p>	<p>On hold pending implementation of the Ministerial Review and regional amalgamations.</p>
	<p>3. Provide support and training for new Council post 2021 election.</p>	<p>All elected Councillors had significant previous experience on the Council. An updated Councillor Guide was sent to Councillors on 20 October 2021.</p>
	<p>4. The 5-Year Strategic Plan is reviewed and agreed by Council by March 2022.</p>	<p>The plan was reviewed by Council at its 12 February 2022 meeting and adopted at its 26 March 2022 meeting.</p>
	<p>5. Formulation and adoption of an annual Operational Plan and Budget for 2021/22 consistent with the 5-Year Strategic Plan.</p>	<p>The draft plan and budget were received at the Council's 26 March 2022 and was approved at Council's 11 June 2022 meeting.</p>
	<p>6. Presentation by Council of its audited annual report for 2020/21 not later than 31 December 2021. Report to be consistent with tier 2 Service Performance standards and requirements.</p>	<p>Council's audited Annual Report for 2020/21 was adopted and presented at a public annual general meeting in Whanganui on 4 December 2021.</p>
	<p>7. Effective regional policies are developed, adopted and reviewed as required and are consistent with any National Policy requirements.</p>	<p>The Council's Vehicle Replacement Policy was reviewed at its 13 August 2022 meeting.</p>
	<p>8. Progress reporting of licence sales, work progress and financial position is timely and accurate and operational management and oversight.</p>	<p>A progress report on licence sales was included as an item in each Council meeting agenda.</p>
	<p>9. Effective administration such that the Council is within annual budget (\pm 5%), operates consistent with best practice and at least 90% of its annual plan</p>	<p>Budget vs expenditure was closely monitored, and the Council maintained a tight rein on non-essential expenditure in the light of covid-19's potential implications for revenue.</p>

<p>Development of new Taranaki Sports Fish & Game Management Plan which accurately reflects the aspirations of anglers and hunters and provides effective and valued high level direction and guidance for management activities and to other statutory plans.</p> <p>Operate consistent with National Policy and make valued contributions to the management of the resource and F&G nationally in the interests of all licence holders.</p> <p>Make best use of new systems, processes and technology to maximise administrative efficiencies and minimise costs so resources are available for use elsewhere.</p>	<p>is completed.</p> <p>10. Effective staff management including performance reviews completed and new objectives agreed for staff, and regular staff meetings such that staff are aware of what is generally occurring and have ready opportunity for input into decision and management direction.</p> <p>11. Undertake comprehensive process to review the Taranaki Sports Fish and Game Management Plan 2011. The review to include opportunity for submissions by anglers and hunters and also consultation with other parties, iwi and agencies to ensure the plan is comprehensive, appropriate and of value.</p> <p>12. Implement any outcomes and directions from Fish and Game review and / or National Council reviews.</p> <p>13. Effective communication and liaison with New Zealand Fish and Game Council and other Fish and Game regions including valued input and comment on Fish and Game issues and attendances at Fish and Game Manager's meetings.</p> <p>14. Contribute to National Office by providing valued advice, assistance and feedback on national issues and processes as requested.</p> <p>15. Refine financial administration, reporting and analysis working with New Zealand Fish and Game Council staff.</p>	<p>Following the contract Manager's resignation on 31st August 2021, the Council appointed its Senior Field Officer as Acting Manager and created a fixed term Field Officer position based in New Plymouth. A new graduate began work in the Field Officer role on 4 October 2021. Regular staff catch-ups were held throughout the year alongside programmed Health and Safety meetings.</p> <p>A 3-year extension to the Plan Review is being sought from the Minister of Conservation and the Plan Review has been put on hold pending the outcome of the Ministerial Review, including regional amalgamations.</p> <p>Council engaged with and provided comments to the Fish and Game Regional Structure Review and is committed to regional amalgamation and implementing the Ministerial Review recommendations. A joint meeting of Councillors from the Hawkes Bay, Wellington and Taranaki regions was held in Palmerston North on 9 July 2022 to discuss regional amalgamation.</p> <p>Comments were provided to the New Zealand Fish and Game Council on an Environmental Protection Agency reassessment request for Diazinon, Pressure Sensitive Fisheries, Cyber-Insurance, Backcountry fish licence fee and a Wetland National Environmental Standard exposure draft. The Acting Manager attended the April 2022 Managers Meeting and 19 Managers zoom meetings.</p> <p>The Acting Manager took frequent opportunities to provide regular input to National Office on a range of national issues</p> <p>During the year it was agreed nationally that interest would be treated as income and budgets would be adjusted for loss of interest funding.</p>
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<p>Demonstrate a commitment to Health & Safety and ensuring the welfare of staff and others through effective policy, systems, resourcing and oversight.</p>	<p>16. All processes and activities are undertaken consistent with Council Health and Safety Policy and Manual.</p> <p>17. Staff are actively involved in implementing Health and Safety policy and ensuring a safe workplace, including by undertaking two monthly staff meetings where Health and Safety is a specific agenda item.</p> <p>18. Compliance with Health and Safety requirements and policy including scheduled reviews and audits along with any issues identified of near misses routinely reported to each meeting of Council.</p>	<p>A Health and Safety report is included as an item in each Council agenda identifying any new issues and progress with addressing existing issues. A 3-yearly review of the Council's Health and Safety Policy and Plan was conducted and adopted by Council at its 11 June 2022 meeting to address Council responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015. An annual self-audit of processes was completed in August 2022 which identified that the Health and Safety Policy and Manual were being implemented as required.</p> <p>A Health and Safety at Work meeting was held prior to each 2-monthly Council meeting.</p> <p>A report on Health and Safety at Work is included as an item in each Council agenda. Over the year there were two accidents and one near miss reported.</p>
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**Appendix 1 Taranaki Fish and Game Council
Trout Liberations, 2021/2022**

Releases of fingerling or yearling brown and rainbow trout into Taranaki Region rivers and lakes during the 2021/2022 financial year. All fish raised at the Hawera hatchery were produced from Lake Tarawera-strain ova received from the Eastern Fish and Game Region.

Total number

Water	Number Released
Lake Ratapiko	150
Lake Mangamahoe	450
Lake Rotomanu	50
Lake Namunamu	250
Lake Ngangana	200
Stony River	200
Patea River (upper)	217
Patea River (lower)	1,577*
Total Released	3,094

* includes 1,000 brown trout and 500 rainbow trout transported from the Eastern Fish and Game Region's Ngongotaha hatchery.

Releases of 2-year-old hatchery rainbows in the Taranaki Region during the 2021/2022 financial year:

Water	Date	Hatchery Origin	Number Released
Lake Rotomanu	21.10.21	F&G Ngongotaha	500
Sattlers Dam	11.04.22	DOC Turangi	96

Appendix 2

Licence Sales

FISHING LICENCES	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
Family	137	145	144	129	134	125	127	108	154	135
Adult Season	597	573	556	472	437	477	390	424	499	482
Junior Season	73	57	72	56	49	75	66	69	86	88
Loyal Senior				46	44	55	66	63	72	79
Local Area				28	22	25	37	32	47	39
Winter Adult	40	61	54	26	13	27	50	33	36	31
Winter Junior	8	5	7							
Long Break				6	5	4	8	4	2	3
Short Break				64	57	51	49	56	55	56
Adult Day	324	326	312	277	269	170	220	178	163	156
Junior Day	27	15	27	38	23	28	25	13	29	46
Non-Resident Adult			22	49	58	61	73	48	11	9
Non-Resident Junior						1	3	2	1	3
Non-Resident Child								4		
Non-Resident Adult Day						110	78	72	4	30
Non-Resident Junior Day				4	1	2	4	1		
Non-Resident Child Day								1		
LEQ Total	880.5	873	877	870	810	866	831	791	897	855
Actual Total	1,206	1,182	1,194	1,195	1,112	1,211	1,196	1,108	1,159	1,157

HUNTING LICENCES	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
Adult	1,110	1,106	1,128	1,099	1,104	1,113	1,034	970	1,081	1,091
Junior	120	109	108	100	79	93	85	81	95	80
Child	33	53	41	47	53	28	28	42	47	39
Adult Day	38	38	41	44	44	50	45	28	43	31
Junior Day	4	5		1	3	1		1	2	3
LEQ Total	1,145	1,136	1,158	1,132	1,129	1,141	1,062	992	1,109	1,113
Actual Total	1,305	1,311	1,318	1,291	1,283	1,285	1,192	1,122	1,268	1,244

Appendix 3

Attendance at Council Meetings 2021/2022

Taranaki Fish and Game Council meetings were held as follows.

Date	Place	Councillors Present
6 October 2021	New Plymouth	10
3 November 2021 – 1 st meeting of new council	Zoom	8
4 December 2021	Raetihi	5
12 February 2022	Zoom	7
26 March 2022	Zoom	7
11 June 2022	Waitara	7
13 August 2022	Stratford	5

Councillors attended meetings as follows

Councillor	Number of Meetings Attended.
P Blewman	4
A Flynn	7
G Karalus	5
R Sargeson	7
C Donald	7
C McEwen	5
D Potroz	6
J Nancarrow	5
C Bright	1
S Hugo	-
C Potroz	1
D Gordon	1

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**TO THE READERS OF TARANAKI FISH AND GAME COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

The Auditor-General is the auditor of Taranaki fish and game council (the Fish and Game Council). The Auditor-General has appointed me, Vivien Cotton, using the staff and resources of Cotton Kelly Smit Limited (CKS Audit), 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 6 to 19, that comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 August 2022, 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 20 to 38.

In our opinion:

- the financial statements of the Fish and Game Council: on pages 6 to 19:
 - present fairly, in all material respects:
 - its financial position as at 31 August 2022; 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 the Public Benefit Entity Simple Formant Reporting – Accrual (Public Sector) framework; and
- the statement of performance of the Fish and Game Council on pages 20 to 38:
 - presents fairly, in all material respects, the Fish and Game Council's performance for the year ended 31 August 2022, including for each class of reportable outputs:
 - its standards of performance achieved as compared with the forecasts included in the annual operational plan for the financial year; and
 - its actual revenue and expenses as compared with the forecasts included in the annual operational plan for the financial year; and
 - complies with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

Our audit was completed on 07 December 2022. This is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

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

Basis for our 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 operational plan.

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

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

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

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

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

Our responsibilities arise from the Public Audit Act 2001.

Other Information

The Council is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included on pages 1 to 5, but does not include the financial statements and the statement of performance, and our auditor's report thereon.

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

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

Independence

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

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



Vivien Cotton
CKS Audit
On behalf of the Auditor-General
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