

PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE

Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31st, 2018

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

28th November 2018

Hon Eugenie Sage Minister of Conservation Parliament Buildings WELLINGTON

Dear Minister

I have the honour to submit, pursuant to Section 26X of the Conservation Act 1987 and Section 44A of the Public Finance Act 1989, the Performance Report of the Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council for the year ended 31 August 2018.

Yours sincerely,

Bruce Bates

Chairman

Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council

HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

PERFORMANCE REPORT For the Year Ended 31 August 2018

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STATUTORY BASIS

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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

HAWKE'S BAY FISH & GAME COUNCIL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF

COUNCILLORS

BATES, Bruce (8/8) (Chairman)
DULEY, Greg (6/8)
HERN, David (8/8)
LUMSDEN, John (7/8)
MCINTOSH, Pete (0/8)
MACKIE, James (6/8)
NIBLETT, Jeff (8/8)
WILLIAMS, Kevin (8/8) (NZ Council Appointee)

Meeting attendance is shown in parentheses as is the total number of meetings that took place while each councillor was in office.

STAFF

Mark Venman
Regional Manager (until 3 May 2018)

Bruce Bates
Acting Regional Manager (From 23 May 2018)
Nathan Burkepile
Senior Fish & Game Officer

Christine Tuck
Office Administrator

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The 2017-2018 year has been characterised by the weather. A wetter and windier summer has caused issues with drift dives due to high river flows and strong winds caused the cancellation of some of our monitoring flights for black swan and paradise shelduck, this has been reported as under budget in the species management report. On the flip side the weather conditions contributed to a better breeding season for waterfowl, however the higher bird numbers didn't transfer well into a better gamebird harvest as the weather finally settled to give a warm still shooting season not conducive to better bag sizes.

As stated in last year's report the Water Conservation Order process was started for the Ngaruroro River, this will continue on into next year, these legal expenses are paid directly by NZ Fish & Game, all Plan change 5 legal expenses has been reimbursement by NZ Fish & Game.

We have had a significant underspend in employment due to a changeover in managers and during this time the chairman filled in as acting manager but did not receive remuneration. This also shows up as underreporting in hours as non-paid working hours were not included.

Even with the poorer than normal weather conditions it was pleasing to see that licence sales have stayed stable, however with an aging participant base it is increasingly important to concentrate on future licence holders, this has seen the council continue it's successful junior shooting & fishing programs and in the future we look forward to improving these under the R3 program started by National to retain, recruit and reactivate licence holders.

There has been a larger that budgeted amount of time spent on habitat due to last year's large number of successful habitat grants, we have another five for next year.

We have now had a new government for a year, this has undoubtedly helped with environmental issues that were shown to be so important during the election and we all look forward to once again having swimmable rivers, however some issues have changed and a spotlight has been put on our valued introduced species and their interaction with native species, we will continue to advocate for all our licence holders.

In finishing, I welcome a new council into office after our recent election, I look forward to their contribution and thank those councillors leaving us and I sincerely thank our loyal staff who goes above and beyond for our council and licence holders.

Bruce Bates

Chairman

Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council

HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

28th November 2018

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

In my opinion, the information set out in the following statements and attached notes to these statements fairly reflects the financial activities and performance of the Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council, for the period ended 31 August 2018.

Bruce Bates

Chairman/ Acting Regional Manager

HAWKE'S BAY

FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

For the year ended 31 August 2018

HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

	Note	Actual 2018	Budget 2018	Actual 2017
		\$	\$	\$
REVENUE				
Fish and Game licence sales	1	436,318	448,052	430,994
Grants and donations - Reparations	1	31,750	3,000	41,934
Interest		12,160	9,450	8,642
Other revenue	1	23,496	22,520	42,704
Total Revenue		503,724	483,022	524,274
EXPENSES				
Outputs				
Species management	2	43,368	53,800	45,736
Habitat protection & management	2	37,042	10,000	56,925
Angler & Hunter participation	2	13,405	19,500	12,004
Public interface	2	203	500	441
Compliance	2	676	2,700	1,988
Licensing	2	18,879	23,153	19,131
Council	2	1,242	2,500	1,195
Planning & reporting	2	6,893	7,300	6,580
Overheads				
Employee related costs	2	232,293	253,885	256,672
Depreciation	4	22,192	22,935	21,905
Other expenses	2	60,464	61,910	42,249
Total Expenses		436,657	458,183	464,826
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)		67,067	24,839	59,448
Less Other Expenses				
Levies to NZFGC		42,239	42,239	27,207
NET SURPUS/(DEFICIT)		24,828	(17,400)	32,241

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the Financial Statements



HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2018

	Note	Actual	Budget	Actual
		2018	2018	2017
		\$	\$	\$
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Bank accounts and cash	3	126,515	141,818	150,725
Debtors and prepayments	3	31,387	25,000	27,954
Investments	3	313,895	300,000	303,074
Other current assets	3	1,835	1,835	1,835
Total Current Assets		473,632	468,653	483,588
Non-Current Assets				
Property, plant and equipment	4	475,000	458,500	458,286
Investments	3	-		_
Total Non-Current Assets		475,000	458,500	458,286
TOTAL ASSETS		948,632	927,153	941,874
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Creditors and accrued expenses	3	76,756	90,000	87,161
Employee costs payable	3	22,497	30,000	30,162
Total Current Liabilities		99,253	120,000	117,323
TOTAL LIABILITES		99,253	120,000	117,323
NET ASSETS		849,379	807,153	824,551
EQUITY	5	849,379	807,153	824,551

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the Financial Statements

HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

	Actual 2018	Budget 2018	Actual 2017
	\$	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVIT	TIFO		
Cash was received from:	IES		
Licence sales	442 617	451.006	125.046
Grants, donations and fundraising	442,617	451,006	425,946
Interest	30,950	3,000	41,934
Other revenue	11,835	9,450	8,914
	19,273	22,520	48,432
Cash was applied to:			
Payments to suppliers	234,079	220,763	218,249
Payments to employees	239,958	254,048	245,325
GST (net)	5,120	-	7,879
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	25,518	11,165	53,773
CASHFLOW FROM INVESTING & FINANCI Cash was received from:	NG ACTIVITIE	S	
Sale of property, plant and equipment		21.054	
Sale of investments/deposits	-	21,854	•
Cash was applied to:	-	3,074	-
	20.005	45.000	
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	38,907	45,000	5,232
Purchase of investments/deposits	10,821		108,578
Net Cash Flows from Investing and Financing	(49,728)	(20,072)	(113,810)
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash	(24,210)	(8,907)	(60,037)
Opening Cash	150,725	150,725	210,762
Closing Cash	126,515	141,818	150,725
This is represented by:			
Bank accounts and cash	126,515	141,818	150,725
	120,515	171,010	130,723

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HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

ACCOUNTING POLICIES APPLIED

Reporting Entity

The Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council is a Public Entity under the Public Finance Act 1989 (Schedule 4). The Council was established on 4 May 1991 with the passing of the Conservation Law Reform Act 1990.

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

Basis of Preparation

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

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

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

SPECIFIC ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Revenue Recognition

Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council derives revenue through the sale of fish and game licences, interest, contracts, rentals, grants and miscellaneous sales.

Licence Revenue

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

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 condition of the grant is satisfied.

Interest

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



Other Income

Income from contracts, 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 & management, Angler & Hunter participation, Pubic interface, Compliance, Licensing, Council, and Planning & reporting. These are expensed when the related service has been received.

Employee related costs

Wages, salaries, and annual leave are recorded as an expense as staff provide services and 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.

Levies to NZFGC

A levy is paid each year to the New Zealand Fish and Game Council for the administration of the New Zealand Fish and Game Council, or redistribution to other Councils and for advocacy and research.

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.

Significant donated assets are recognised upon receipt at valuation. Significant donated assets for which current values are not readily obtainable are not recognised.

Depreciation is charged on all property, plant and equipment other than land, so as to spread the cost of the asset over its useful life. Depreciation for each of the major categories of assets is calculated on the basis noted below:

All Assets Purchased prior to 1 September 2009 are calculated as:

	<u>Life</u>	Depreciation Metho
Buildings	40 years	Straight Line
Plant & Equipment	2-10 years	Diminishing Value
Motor Vehicles	3-5 years	Diminishing Value
Office Fittings, Furniture & Equipment	2-10 years	Diminishing Value

All Assets Purchased after 1 September 2009 are calculated as:

	<u>Life</u>	Depreciation Method
Buildings	40 years	Straight Line
Plant & Equipment	2-20 years	Straight Line
Motor Vehicles	10 years	Straight Line
Office Fittings, Furniture & Equipment	2-20 years	Straight Line

Creditors and accrued expenses

Creditors and accrued expenses are measured at the amount owed.

Game Bird Habitat Stamp levy

Levies are collected and paid to New Zealand Fish and Game Council per the New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Stamp Regulations 1993. The levy is \$3 (last year \$2) for every game licence sold within the financial year.

Employee costs payable

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

Restricted and dedicated reserves

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

Asset Replacement Reserve

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

Hawke's Bay Wildlife Fund

The Wildlife Fund was set up on 23rd April 1987 for the purpose of furthering interests of Wildlife in New Zealand. The funds are held in a separate interest-bearing account.

River/Water Quality Donations

Donations have been made to the Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council for the sole purpose of improving water quality in the Hawke's Bay catchment.

Hawke's Bay Pheasants Unlimited

Hawke's Bay Pheasants Unlimited donated the balance of its funds when it wound up on 21 February 2011. These funds have been dedicated to the Benefit of Licence holders in the Hawke's Bay Region.

Back Country Fisheries Reserve

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

Income tax

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

Budget figures

The Budget figures are derived from the Council budget that was approved at the Council meeting in November 2017.

Tier 2 PBE Accounting Standards applied

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

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There have been not changes in accounting policy.



HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2018

Note 1 : ANALYSIS OF REVENUE	Actual	Budget	Actual
	2018	2018	2017
	\$	\$	\$
Licence sales			
Fish licence	275,341	292,322	275,613
Non Resident Fish Licence Levy	9,032	-	6,184
Game licence	151,945	155,730	149,197
Total	436,318	448,052	430,994
Grants and donations			
National Fish & Game Legal Funding	30,446	_	39,347
Walking Access Grant	1,000	1,000	-
Reparations	304	2,000	2,587
Donations/koha from the public	•	_	-
Total	31,750	3,000	41,934
Other revenue			
Administrative Contracts	2,520	2,520	4,480
Rents Received	16,338	17,000	19,035
Fines/Prosecutions	-	1,500	869
Sponsorship	-	_	-
Other Income	4,638	1,500	18,320
Total	23,496	22,520	42,704



Note 2 : ANALYSIS OF EXPENSES	Actual	Budget	Actual
	2018	2018	2017
	\$	\$	\$
Species management			
Population monitoring	11,331	25,300	8,388
Harvest assessment	2,700	4,000	3,099
Game farm	18,800	17,000	11,635
Releases	10,537	7,000	21,823
Control	-	500	791
Total	43,368	53,800	45,736
Habitat protection & management			
Resource management	30,896	2,000	39,469
Works & management	1,065	1,000	4,147
Assisted habitat	5,081	7,000	13,309
Assessing & monitoring	-	-,555	13,507
Total	37,042	10,000	56,925
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Angler & Hunter participation			
Access	999	4,700	278
Newsletters	8,058	9,250	8,062
Other publications	-	800	90
Training	3,036	2,500	1,590
Club relations	57	250	-
Huts	1,255	2,000	1,984
Total	13,405	19,500	12,004
Public interface			
Public promotions	203	500	441
Total	203	500	441
Compliance			
Ranging	299	1,500	1,027
Ranger training	377	700	544
Compliance	577	500	417
Total	676	2,700	1,988
Licensing			
Agent servicing	210	550	14.00
Agent servicing Commission	219	750	454
	18,660	22,403	18,677
Total	18,879	23,153	19,131



Note 2: ANALYSIS OF EXPENSES CON'T	Actual 2018	Budget 2018	Actual 2017
	2018 S	2016 \$	201 / \$
Council	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ
Council meetings	1,242	2,500	1,195
Council elections	- ,	_,500	-
Total	1,242	2,500	1,195
Planning & reporting			
Management/Strategic planning	5.5.5	500	
Annual planning	555	500	175
National liaison	6,250	6,500	6,202
Total	88	300	203
Total	6,893	7,300	6,580
Employee related costs			
Salaries and wages	213,764	237,279	241,619
Fringe benefit tax	4,016	3,000	3,384
KiwiSaver contributions	5,643	5,936	5,582
ACC levies	567	1,320	661
Staff Training and Other expenses	8,303	6,350	5,426
Total	232,293	253,885	256,672
Other expenses			
Houses and huts	23,846	12 000	4.246
Office premises	4,916	12,900 8,200	4,246
Office equipment	1,800	2,960	6,481
Communications	10,603	•	2,310
General	6,281	12,450 6,200	11,799
Field equipment	1,293	3,800	5,402
Vehicles	11,316	15,400	3,220 8,791
Bad Debt Written off	409	13,400	0,/91
Loss on sale of disposal of assets	-	-	-
Total	60,464	61,910	42,249



Note 3 : ANALYSIS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITES	Actual 2018 \$	Actual 2017 \$
Bank accounts and cash		
Current account balance	62,000	2,305
Deposits held on Call	4,090	88,894
Cash on hand	230	230
Donation Account	60,195	59,296
Total	126,515	150,725
Debtors and other receivables		
Accounts receivable	12,910	15,328
Other Debtors	4,781	4,051
GST Receivable	13,696	8,575
Total	31,387	27,954
Investments Current portion		
Term Deposits	313,895	303,074
Non- Current portion		
Term Deposits	-	
Total	313,895	303,074
Other current assets Farmlands Shares - 1835 Shares	1,835	1,835
Total	1,835	1,835
Creditors and accrued expenses		
Trade and other payables	33,691	39,240
Gamebird Habitat Stamp levy	6,750	6,552
Income in Advance	28,741	29,883
Accrued expenses	7,574	11,486
Total	76,756	87,161
Employee costs payable		
Accrued salaries and wages	6,060	6,565
Annual leave and time in lieu	13,167	19,473
PAYE owing	3,270	4,124
Total	22,497	30,162



Note 4: PROPERTY PLANT & EQUIPMENT

2018

Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Sales/ Disposals	Current Year Depreciation and Impairment	Closing Carrying Amount
Land	98,000	-	-	-	98,000
Buildings	291,587		-	10,391	281,196
Plant & Equipment	1,887	-	-	1,035	852
Vehicles	54,640	38,907	-	8,728	84,819
Office Equipment	12,172		-	2,039	10,133
Total	458,286	38,907	-	22,193	475,000

2017

Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Sales/ Disposals	Current Year Depreciation and Impairment	Closing Carrying Amount
Land	98,000	-	-	-	98,000
Buildings	299,265	2,485	-	10,163	291,587
Plant & Equipment	3,072	-	-	1,185	1,887
Vehicles	63,368	-	-	8,728	54,640
Office Equipment	11,254	2,747	-	1,829	12,172
Total	474,959	5,232	_	21,905	458,286

Significant Assets Recorded - Source and Date of Valuation

Land & Buildings 22 Burness Rd, Taradale

Napier City Council

1-Jul-17

1,080,000

Area 3.8838ha

Rating valuation



Note 5: EQUITY	Actual	Actual
	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Accumulated Funds		
Balance as at 1 September	645,551	635,464
Surplus/(Deficit)	24,828	32,241
Transfer to Reserves	(11,878)	(22,154)
Transfer from Reserves	(,0,0)	(==,15.)
Total Accumulated Funds	658,501	645,551
Dedicated Reserves		
Asset Replacment Reserve		
Balance as at 1 September	78,128	62,980
Transfer from Accumulated Funds	2,125	15,148
Transfer to Accumulated Funds	2,120	15,140
Balance at 31 August	80,253	78,128
	00,200	70,120
Non - Resident Levy- Back Country Fisheries Reserve Balance as at 1 September	10.220	10.144
_	19,328	13,144
Transfer from Accumulated Funds (Income)	9,032	6,184
Transfer to Accumulated Funds (Expenses)	20.450	
Balance at 31 August	28,360	19,328
Hawke's Bay Pheasants Unlimited		
Balance as at 1 September	1,602	1,602
Transfer from Accumulated Funds (Income)	-	-
Transfer to Accumulated Funds (Expenses)	<u>-</u>	-
Balance at 31 August	1,602	1,602
River Quality Donations		
Balance as at 1 September	57,694	57,583
Transfer from Accumulated Funds (Income)		111
Transfer to Accumulated Funds (Expenses)	-	_
Balance at 31 August	57,694	57,694
Total Dedicated Reserves	167,909	156,752
Restricted Reserves		
Hawke's Bay Wildlife Fund		
Balance as at 1 September	22,248	21,537
Transfer from Accumulated Funds (Income)	721	711
Transfer to Accumulated Funds (Expenses)	-	-
Balance at 31 August	22,969	22,248
Total Restricted Reserves	22,969	22,248
Total Equity	940 370	
I VIMI ENGLY	849,379	824,551

Note 6: COMMITMENTS & CONTINGENCIES

Commitments

There are no commitments as at 31 August 2018 (last Year - nil)

Commitments

There are no contingent liabilities as at 31 August 2018 (last Year - nil)

Note 7: OTHER

Goods or Services provided to the Entity in Kind

Honorary Ranging Activities - Our Honorary Rangers provide free ranging for the Hawke's' Bay Fish and Game Council.

Councillors meetings and events - No Councillor is paid for their service as per the Section 26ZF of the Conservation Act 1987. The Chairman acted as the Regional Manager in an unpaid capacity. from the 23rd May 2018.

Right to Occupy

A small hut is located at the Department of Conservation (DOC) Glen Falls campground. The Council has an agreement to occupy the site provided by DOC at no cost. The land area is approximately $1000 \mathrm{m}^2$. No cost has been accrued for the use of the property due to the immateriality of the rental.



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 in term and conditions no more of less favourable than those that is it 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:

-		2018	2017	2018	2017
		\$	\$	\$	\$
	Description of the			Amount	Amount
Related Party	Transaction	Value	Value	Outstanding	Outstanding
New Zealand Fish and Game Council	Levies paid	42,239	27,207	-	-
New Zealand Fish and Game Council	Legal Funding reimbursed	30,446	39,347	-	-
Eastern Fish and Game Council	Management, Administrative and	31,200	42,480	9,024	8,291
Eastern Fish and Game Council	Purchase of Fish	13,286	31,716	1,346	10,237

Note 9: EVENTS AFTER BALANCE DATE

There were no events that occurred after balance date that would have a material impact on the Performance Report. (last year Nil)



Note 10: ALLOCATION OF OVERHEADS TO OUTPUT AREAS FOR 2018

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

ACTUAL 2018

Output Area	Actual Direct \$	Actual Hours	Allocation of Overheads	Total Costs per Output
Species management	43,368	972	66,331	109,699
Habitat protection & management	37,042	791	53,979	91,021
Angler & hunter participation	13,405	900	61,418	74,823
Public interface	203	446	30,437	30,640
Compliance	676	183	12,488	13,164
Licensing	18,879	239	16,310	35,189
Council	1,242	462	31,528	32,770
Planning & reporting	6,893	421	28,730	35,624
Totals	121,708	4,414	301,221	422,930

Actual Overheads

Employee related costs	232,293
Depreciation	22,192
Other expenses	60,464
Less Administrative Income	(13,727)
Total Overheads to Allocate	301,222

BUDGET 2018

Output Area	Budget Direct \$	Budget Hours	Allocation of Overheads	Total Costs per Output
Species management	53,800	1,079	74,328	128,128
Habitat protection & management	10,000	660	45,465	55,465
Angler & Hunter participation	19,500	953	65,649	85,149
Public interface	500	466	32,101	32,601
Compliance	2,700	336	23,146	25,846
Licensing	23,153	296	20,390	43,543
Council	2,500	485	33,409	35,909
Planning & reporting	7,300	446	30,723	38,023
Totals	119,453	4,721	325,211	444,664

Budget Overheads

Employee related costs	253,885
Depreciation	22,935
Other Expenses	61,910
Less Administrative income	(13,520)
Total Overheads to Allocate	325,210



HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2018

INTRODUCTION

As required under Section 26W(b) of the <u>Conservation Law Reform Act 1990</u> and Section 45A of the <u>Public Finance Act 1989</u> Fish and Game New Zealand, Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council has prepared the following Statement of Service Performance for the 2017-2018 financial year.

The activities of Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council are planned under eight output areas detailed in the annual Operating Work Plan. This Statement of Service performance compares actual results against the stated performance measures from the plan.

MISSION STATEMENT

To manage, maintain and enhance the sports fish and game resource in the interests of anglers and hunters.

For the purposes of this statement the overhead expenses detailed in the Statement of Financial Performance (Administration, Employee Benefits & Management Fee, Depreciation and Profit/Loss on sale) have been allocated to each output area on the basis of the proportion of staff time directly expended in each area.

Summary Budget and Actual Expenditure for each output Area.

		Budget			Actual	
Project Cluster	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
Species Management	\$128,128	\$0	\$128,128	\$109,699	\$724	\$108,975
Habitat Protection	\$55,465	\$5,000	\$50,465	\$91,021	\$37,756	\$53,265
Angler & Hunter Participation	\$85,149	\$5,500	\$79,649	\$74,823	\$2,837	\$71,986
Public Interface	\$32,601	\$0	\$32,601	\$30,640	\$202	\$30,438
Compliance	\$25,846	\$1,500	\$24,346	\$13,164	-\$1	\$13,165
Licensing	\$43,543	\$448,052	-\$404,509	\$35,189	\$436,318	-\$401,129
Council	\$35,909	\$0	\$35,909	\$32,770	\$0	\$32,770
Planning & Reporting	\$38,023	\$0	\$38,023	\$35,624	\$0	\$35,624
Total Outputs	\$444,664	\$460,052	-\$15,388	\$422,930	\$477,836	-\$54,906
Levies paid & Interest earned	\$42,239	\$9,450	\$32,789	\$42,239	\$12,160	\$30,078
			\$17,400			-\$24,828



SPECIES MANAGEMENT

Goal

Maintain sustainable populations of harvestable species at levels to provide for angler and hunter satisfaction while mitigating significant adverse impacts of those species.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

			Budget			Actual	
Code	Project Cluster	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1110	Species Monitoring	\$75,036	\$0	\$75,036	\$58,145	\$0	\$58,145
1120	Harvest Assessment	\$9,786	\$0	\$9,786	\$7,886	\$0	\$7,886
1130	Fish Salvage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1140	Hatchery Operations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1150	Game Farm	\$29,537	\$0	\$29,537	\$26,648	\$0	\$26,648
1160	Liberations	\$7,689	\$0	\$7,689	\$11,629	\$724	\$10,905
1170	Regulations	\$4,409	\$0	\$4,409	\$1,706	\$0	\$1,706
1180	Control	\$1,671	\$0	\$1,671	\$3,685	\$0	\$3,685
	Total	\$128,128	\$0	\$128,128	\$109,699	\$724	\$108,975

1110: Species Monitoring: Assess and monitor fish and game bird populations within the Hawke's Bay Region

Projec	ct and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
(ii)		(ii)Report river fishery investigation results to Council by 31 July 2018.	(i)Didymo sampling completed 4 times in November 23, February 22, May 28 and September 3 as per sampling programme. (ii)Esk river drift dive trial. Upper Ngaruroro River trout health surveys- back country fishery survey. Tukituki River & Esk River spawning surveys weren't completed due to flooding issues. Activities reported to council – 13 Feb & 3 April 18 agendas.
1112	Data watch To monitor the Lake Tutira fishery using the "data watch" programme. Include evaluation of reporting rates.	(i) Tag and release 1,000 fish. Report on tag returns to each meeting of the Council.	(i)Tagged trout released into Lake Tutira with increased returns received during the 2017/18 season. 10 tags reported in each

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
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1114 Lake Tutira To monitor the Lake Tutira trout fishery and work with iwi and other agencies to help improve water quality. 1115 Upland / Headwater Fisheries To monitor headwater fisheries	(i)Report activities to the following meeting of Council.	Data watch complimentary licences to Donald Calder & Cameron Foreman. (i)Participated in the Community Planting day 21 July 2018 organised by Maungaharuru Tangitu Trust, reported to council 14 June 2018.
using drift dives and various other monitoring techniques.	following meeting of Council.	scheduled for January/ February 2018 on the Ngaruroro river but were cancelled due to flooding. Reported to council 3
To monitor black swan and paradise shelduck populations within the Hawke's Bay Region using aerial trend counts.	(i)Presentation to Council of a report by 30 October 2018.	April 2018 agenda (i)Paradise shelduck and Black Swan counts were not undertaken in January due to extreme wind. The wind condition caused us to abandon the counts. Reported to council 13 Feb 2018. In November 2017, we conducted the second year of ring-necked pheasant crow counts. Data will be used to monitor changes in the population response to proposed changes to the management of the river berms.
 (i) Contribute to national research programmes on mallards. (ii) Implement a five-year strategic research and management work plan for game birds. 	(ii)Promote predator control on existing and future habitat.	(i)Staff started contributing to the long term gamebird strategy as reported in 14 June 2018 agenda. (ii)Provided landowners with information on predator control when requested. Held a predator control workshop during the Duck Hunters Education

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
	The same and a same and	Day held 14 April 18.
(iii) Investigate the impacts of predators on waterfowl productivity via field trials.	(iii)Apply for funding from at least one external source for predator control.	(iii)Supported the Hawke's Bay Regional Council's application to Predator Free 50 Limited for Predator Free Hawke's Bay Project. Reported 13 Feb 2018 agenda
	(iii)Provide Council with regular updates on the Mallard Research Program and the five-year strategic research and management work plan. Provide Council with a report on the predator control project by 31 August 2018.	(iii)Staff contributed to the long-term strategy for game bird research. Five-year strategic habitat management plan for game birds was drafted, presented, and approved by Council at the November 2017 meeting.
(i) Collaboratively monitor waterfowl populations within proposed Duck Management Units with adjourning Fish & Game regions via a combination of trapping/banding, aerial surveys.	(i)Report interim results to the February 2018 Council meeting and provide a full report detailing the status of these populations by 31 August 2018.	(i)Shoveler counts carried out on 6th and 7th August 2018 and report will be presented to Council will be in the 6 November 18 agenda. We also undertook the third year of duck counts in April 2018. Since this is the third year there is very little information that can be drawn from
(ii)Investigate the merits of releasing captive reared mallards into areas in which mallard populations are depressed.		these counts at this early stage. Banding occurred in January and February 2018. (ii) The merits of releasing captive-reared mallards are now being investigated at a national level.



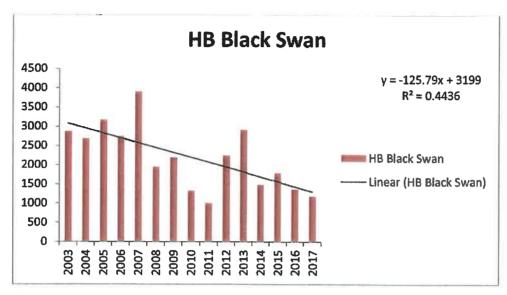
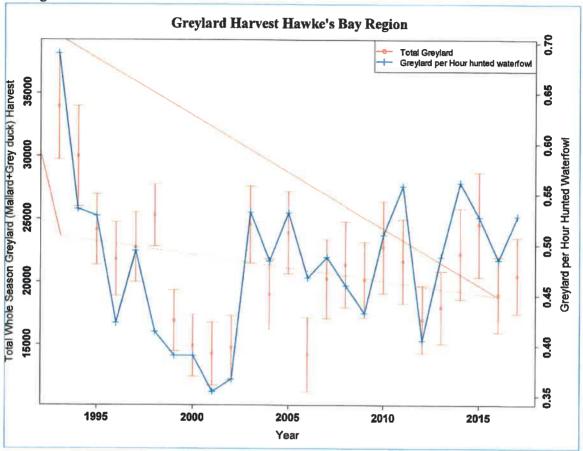


Figure 3. Mallard and grey duck counts (mean± 95% credible interval) from aerial transects flown at 100m in the Hawke's Bay Region for 2016 and 2017.

1120: Harvest Assessment: Assess angler and hunter activity and related harvest

Proje	ct and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1121	River fisheries creel surveys Continue to develop the online diary programme to assess angler catch, harvest and satisfaction from rivers and streams in the Hawke's Bay region.	(i)Report on the 2017 winter creel survey by 28 February 2018	(i)Online angling diary operated over the summer period from October 2017 through until March 2018.
		(ii) Report the 2017-2018 summer creel survey by 31 August 2018.	(ii)Summer 2017/18 report to Council will be presented at 6 November 2018 meeting/agenda.
1122	Game Bird Hunter Survey Assess the harvest of game birds by hunters and hunter effort during the 2018 season.	(i)Present the results of the 2018 game season hunter surveys to Council by 30 November 2018.	(i)2018 Game Season Hunter Survey Graphs will be presented at the 6 November 2018 Council meeting/agenda
		(ii)Complete the 2018 game bird hunter surveys by 31 August 2018.	(ii)Game Hunter Surveys undertaken from May 2018 to the end of the Game Season (26 August 2018). Report will be presented at the 6 November 2018 meeting/agenda (See Figure 4 below).

Figure 4. Hawke's Bay Region greylard (mallard & grey duck) harvest (mean ± 95% CI) from 1993 to 2018. Dashed line is the regression line on greylard harvest over time. The solid line represents greylard per hour hunting waterfowl.



1150: Game Farm: Maintain Game Farm and Buildings

Proje	ct and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1152	Game Farm Maintenance To maintain buildings and make further improvements to grounds. Organise old office building.	(i)Ongoing grounds maintenance and improvements. Report to Council as appropriate.	out work in august to survey the site & design a pond area and calculate volumes. (i)Lawns mown, paddocks grazed, gardens & vegetation trimmed. administration building guttering cleared, deck entrance ramp & steps water blasted and moss sprayed, bridge water blasted. Silver dollar tree limb trimmed away from electrical wires. Staff house interior & exterior painted and roof repaired. Reported activites in each agenda.
1155	Hatchery Building Maintain the hatchery building for educational purposes.	(i)Report to Council as appropriate.	(i)Adam Canning from Wellington Region and Russell Death visited the Game Farm to investigate the possibility of using the hatchery and display pond for research purposes. Reported to council in 3 August 18 agenda



1160: Liberations: To liberate fish to lakes within the Hawke's Bay Region where necessary to maintain adequate fish populations.

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
 (i) Complete the liberation of 2,250 trout into Lake Tutira if conditions in the lake are suitable. 	(i) Complete liberations by 31 August 2018 and report liberations to the following meeting of Council.	(i)Liberation completed in 13 December 2017. Reported to council 13 Feb 2018 agenda
(ii) Liberate & tag 50 Fin marked yearling trout into Lake Hawkston near Patoka to increase lake fishing opportunities with the Hawkes Bay Region.		(ii)50 fin marked yearling rainbows liberated into Lake Hawkston on 13 December 2017 and 500 tagged brown trout yearlings liberated into Maraetotara on 13 December 2017.

Table 3: 2017-2018 Liberation details

Lake	Mark used	Tag	Species	Age	Number	Date Lib	modal length
Craggy Range	Lp		RT	1+	100	13/12/2017	210
Tutira	Lр	L17	RT	1+	500	13/12/2017	180
Tutira	Lp		RT	1+	1750	13/12/2017	180
Hawkston	Lр	HB1- HB50	RT	1+	50	13/12/2017	210
Maraetotara	Lр	M17	ВТ	1+	500	13/12/2017	235
Game Farm	Ĺр		RT	1+	100	13/12/2017	210



1170: Regulations: Develop regulations to ensure that harvest of sports fish and game birds is within sustainable limits

Proje	ct and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results	
1171	Sports Fish Regulations To maintain sports fish resources through the development of an annual anglers notice.	(i)Recommend fishing season conditions for the 2017-2018 Anglers Notice by 30 June 2018.	(i)Anglers Notice recommendations sent to NZC office 29 June 2018.	
1172	Game Bird Regulations To maintain game bird resources through the development of annual game season conditions.	(i)Recommend game season conditions for the 2018 season to the NZ Council by 3 February 2018.	(i)Game season conditions recommendations sent to NZC office 15 February 2018.	

1180: Game Bird Control: Minimise significant damage caused by game birds to private land

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Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1181 Game Bird Control		
(i) To reduce damage to crops from	(i)Respond to landowner	(i)Twenty- six permits to
unwanted aggregations of game	requests for assistance to	disturb and disperse
birds through assisting	disperse game birds by	issued (see Table 4
landowners and utilising the	issuing permits to disturb.	below).
efforts of game bird hunters		
wherever practical.	Report to Council on	
	number of permits issued	Reported to council in
	in the year end	Management reports.
	Performance report.	
(ii) Minimise avian botulism		
outbreaks through dispersal or		(ii)We had one botulism
collection.		outbreak on Lake
		Rotokare. Staff spent 2
		weeks picking up dead
		and dying waterfowl.
		Reported 3 April 2018
		agenda

Table 4: Permits Issued for 2017-2018 Year

Species	Number of permits
Pukeko	18
Paradise Shelduck	8
Black Swan	0
Ring-necked Pheasant	0



SPORTS FISH AND GAME BIRD HABITAT PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Goal

To protect and increase suitable habitat for sports fish and game birds to the extent necessary to provide for the recreational interests of anglers and hunters.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

			Budget			Actual	
Code	Project Cluster	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1210	RMA	\$26,799	\$0	\$26,799	\$60,445	\$30,446	\$29,999
1220	Works & Management	\$7,889	\$5,000	\$2,889	\$2,293	\$5,043	-\$2,750
1230	Assisted Habitat	\$20,777	\$0	\$20,777	\$28,283	\$2,267	\$26,016
1240	Assessment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total	\$55,465	\$5,000	\$50,465	\$91,021	\$37,756	\$53,265

1210: Resource Management Act: To effectively represent Fish & Game interests and the aspirations of anglers and hunters in resource management processes and strategies by advocating for sports fish and game bird habitat values, angling, and hunting values in statutory and non-statutory planning processes.

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
(i) Review plans, strategies and consents and advocate for decisions and conditions that promote sports fish and game bird interests and the interests of anglers and hunters.	(i) Participation in collaborative processes	(i)Resource consents reviewed and where appropriate submissions lodged. Inputted to the TANK catchment processes through stake holder and working group meetings and prepared comments and submissions on the draft plans. The draft plan is currently being reviewed by Regional Policy Committee.
(ii)Contribute to the improvement of water quality in the Hawke's Bay rivers and Lake Tutira via collaborative processes, research, and fishery and angler monitoring.	(ii) Develop relationships and meet with interested and affected parties including iwi regularly and/or as required; provide staff support and assistance to Maungaharuru Tangitu	(ii)Attended monthly Maungaharuru Tangitū Trust, Tūtira Mai Nga Iwi, Governance Group Hui.

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
	Trust initiatives at Tutira as appropriate.	2200002 22000000
(iii) Minimise effect to fisheries from impacts that may arise from activities intending to improve water quality in the Hawkes Bay region.		(iii)Staff involved with the improvement of water quality at Lake Tutira.
(iv) Utilise river investigation projects to advocate for improved water quality.		(iv) Ngaruroro WCO is still ongoing, no other projects have been used directly
 (v) Make submissions on regional and district council planning documents to promote rules that facilitate game bird habitat enhancement. 		(v)Prepared for Environment Court Case Plan Change 5 definition of wetlands. Staff participated in the wetlands and lakes
(vi) Contribute to the HBRC programmes in the Mohaka, TANK and Tukituki catchments.		wetlands and takes working group in the TANK process. (vi) Staff attended and participated in the HBRC, meetings which included the TANK process &
(vii) Work with HBRC to monitor the effects of river management techniques on trout fisheries		Tukituki Water Uaers Forum meetings (vii) Discussions with HBRC ongoing around
	Report activities to each council meeting as appropriate.	river raking and trout health projects. Reported to Council via email and bi-monthly meeting agendas.
1212 Consent Applications Review and respond to consent applications and advocate for decisions and conditions that provide for sports fish and game bird interests and the interests of anglers and hunters.	(i)Report activities to each meeting of Council as appropriate.	(i)Consent applications reviewed weekly to satisfy Fish and Game interests and reported in council agendas.
1213 RMA Conservation Order Support the Water Conservation order for the Ngaruroro and Clive rivers.	(i)Report activities to each meeting of Council as appropriate.	(i)Updates provided to Council when information was available.

1220: Works and Management: Wildlife Management and Other Wetland Reserves

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1221 Reserves Management (i) Manage water levels and habitat in wildlife management reserves, advocate and maintain	(i)Report activities to each meeting of Council as appropriate.	(i)Lake Pirumu was returned to Iwi during Treaty Settlements. However, Fish & Game
optimum conditions for waterfowl.		will still manage the property. We have ongoing consultation with Heretaunga-Tomatea Trust on the continuing management plan.
		Received funding to enhance Pukeora ponds. With that funding we expanded the wetland area. We also planted the exposed areas with 600
		native plants.reported 3 April agenda Willow control on the Railroad Wetland and planted 128 native plants in the area.
(ii) Work with Regional Council to obtain leases on Council Reserves.		(ii) Ongoing development of management arrangement for Waitangi and Ahuriri Shooting areas.

1230: Assisted Habitat: Assist Habitat creation and enhancement by individuals and organisations and manage significant projects

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1231 Maintain and Enhance Game		
Bird Habitat		
Develop positive working	Respond to all	All requests for advice
relationships with landowners	landowners' requests for	from landowners
and other parties with an interest	advice and contribute to	responded to.
or involvement in rural land	the development and/or	_
management including local and	enhancement of habitat	
regional authorities, DOC,	that enhances waterfowl	
Federated Farmers, and Dairy	productivity.	and the same of the same of

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
NZ		
(i) Provide advice to enable and encourage hunters/landowners to develop quality, productive wetland habitat.	(i) Make one application for external funding for an enhancement project.	(i) Worked with 7 landowners to submit applications to the Game Bird Habitat Trust. Six projects were wetland restoration/creation projects. One was a farm pond enhancement project. ii) Began working with the
(ii) Advocate for better drain management and work collaboratively with agencies such as Hawke's Bay Regional Councils, Federated Farmers and Lamb & Beef to enhance habitat in drainage canals.		Raupere Enhancement Group. This year planted 700 m of drain. Provided sedges to a landowner to plant along the drain that flows into Muddy Creek on his property, Lake Tutira -MTT and Ahuriri Lagoon
(iii) Investigate methods to enhance drainage ditches for waterfowl habitat.	(iii) Identify farm ponds for enhancement and develop management plans for ponds	(iii)Provided advice to landowners who had ponds that they wanted to plant for waterfowl habitat.
(iv) Investigate management options to enhance stock ponds and implement enhancement projects.		(iv)We provided 394 plants to a landowner who wanted to plant his farm dams. This dam will be used to demonstrate converting farm dams for waterfowl habitat.
(v) Investigate opportunities to enhance game bird habitat (i.e. riparian plantings, planting erosive hillsides).		(v)Working with Waitangi Shooters Association and Pekapeka Shooters Association to improve waterfowl habitat and
(vi) Make at least one external funding application for wetland habitat development.		landowner wetlands. (vi) refer to (i)
(vii) Use media (press releases, articles, and video) to encourage the creation and enhancement of wetland habitats.	Report activities to the following meeting of Council.	vii) Wetland projects posted on Facebook
		All projects reported in management reports to

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
		council



ANGLER AND HUNTER PARTICIPATION AND SERVICES

Goals

To encourage angler and hunter participation while maintaining the quality of the recreational experience.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

			Budget			Actual	
Code	Project Cluster	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1310	Access	\$15,860	\$1,000	\$14,860	\$5,639	\$1,000	\$4,639
1320	Satisfaction Survey	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1330	Newsletters	\$25,714	\$1,500	\$24,214	\$22,457	\$1,098	\$21,359
1340	Other Publications	\$10,995	\$0	\$10,995	\$1,638	\$0	\$1,638
1350	Training	\$24,819	\$2,000	\$22,819	\$39,477	\$0	\$39,477
1360	Club Relations	\$3,212	\$0	\$3,212	\$2,173	\$0	\$2,173
1370	Huts	\$4,549	\$1,000	\$3,549	\$3,439	\$739	\$2,700
	Total	\$85,149	\$5,500	\$79,649	\$74,823	\$2,837	\$71,986

1310: Angler and Hunter Access: To maintain and enhance access to the sports fish and game bird resources to the Hawke's Bay Region

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1311 Maintain & Enhance Access Physical and legal access to		
angling and hunting opportunities.		
(i)Maintain angling tracks and the access inventory.	(i)Maintain access tracks to significant, publicly accessible tracks within the Hawkes Bay region.	(i)Angling tracks not maintained.
(ii)Investigate new angling and hunting access opportunities in the Hawkes Bay region.	(ii) Create new access opportunities.	(ii)Not achieved.
(iii) Maintain signs and enhance access through signage at key fishing and hunting access points. Maintain signage inventory databases.	(iii) Maintain signage database.	(iii)Signs maintained, and signage database updated.
(iv) Continue to maintain a good working relationship with the Walking Access Commission.		(iv)Completed upgrading the Tukituki access signs as detailed in the WAC grant.
(v)Evaluate the opportunities to improve general hunter access to	(v) Make submissions to WAC and Treaty	(v)Working with HBRC's

Proje	ct and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
	public hunting areas where	settlements where	Works Group to provide
	access is under the control of	appropriate.	better access and create
	groups outside Fish & Game.		more waterfowl habitat on
l .			the river margins.
(v	i)Allocate and manage balloted	(vi) Allocate balloted	
(vii)D ac La in	hunting stands and forestry blocks. evelop and maintain physical cess to the region's rivers and ake Tutira fisheries. The latter will volve the development and aintenance of a closer working lationship with iwi.	hunting stands. Council.	(vi) We upgraded the 2 stands at Pekapeka wetland. This past year we made both ballots for juniors and/or novice hunters and promoted on Facebook. Forestry blocks unavailable this year, but staff are continuing to work with forestry companies to provide access for upland game bird hunters. (vii) Worked with landowners regarding access to rivers and with Iwi regarding access at Lake Tutira.
1312	Signage Maintain signs and enhance access through signage at key fishing and hunting access points. Maintain signage inventory databases.	(i)Report activities to the following meeting of Council.	(i)Angler access signs maintained to brand specifications and replaced as required. Signage database maintained. Reported to council 3 April agenda
1313	Hunter Ballots Allocate and manage balloted hunting stands and forestry blocks.	(i)Allocate balloted hunting stands.	(i)Two junior/novice hunting stands balloted at Peka Peka wetland and reported to Council and posted on Facebook. No forestry blocks balloted this year.



1330: Newsletters, Licence holder communications: To effectively inform anglers and hunters of matters relating to Fish & Game and opportunities for increased participation

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1331 Electronic Newsletters Prepare newsletters (E-zine) – Both Barrels and Reel Life	(i)Prepare and circulate 8 fishing and 4 hunting electronic newsletters.	(i)Ten 'Reel Life' fishing newsletters and four 'Both Barrels' hunting newsletters circulated electronically.
(i) Prepare and mail two issues of Fish and Game New Zealand to 2017-2018 whole season fish licence holders and 2017 whole season game licence holders. (ii) Prepare and distribute preseason newsletters.	(i) Mail fish issue August 2018, game issue April 2018. (ii) Distribute two fish and game pre- season newsletters.	(i)Two regional supplements provided for the Fish and Game magazine. (ii)Two pre-season newsletters distributed by mail. Fish Newsletter — September 2017 and Game Newsletter — March 2018.
1333 Fish & Game Web Site Maintain and regularly update Fish & Game information on the Hawkes Bay Region website and its Facebook page.	(i)Report activities to each meeting of Council.	(i)Hawkes Bay Fish and Game Facebook page regularly updated and promoted. Website updated as required. Reported to council in each management report

1340: Informational Publications: To assist anglers and hunters to access the hunting and fishing opportunities for the Hawke's Bay Region

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1341 Information Pamphlets (i) Review and redesign the region's access pamphlets to ensure a consistent and easy to follow format. Reprint maps and distribute. Look for a digital format and use website and other forms of communication to make	T er for mance ivieasures	(i)Not achieved.
access information more readily available.		

(ii) Maintain stocks of information Report on activities to the (ii)Stocks of information pamphlets in licence agents and following meeting of pamphlets maintained at other outlets throughout the Council. license agents, local High region. Schools, libraries, I-Site, DOC, camping grounds and other outlets within the region and bordering regions. Reported in management reports of agendas.

1350: Angler and Hunter Training: To encourage new participants to take up angling and hunting

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1351 Children's Fishing Programme		
(i) Organise and run a Children's fish-out day to encourage young anglers to take up the sport.	(i)Hold at least one children's fishing day. Report to Council as appropriate.	(i)Children's fish-out day held on 3 March 2018. Recorded on website and reported in 3 April 2018 agenda
(ii) Investigate opportunities to run additional days with support from other individual fishing clubs.		(ii) Pilot youth programme discussed with clubs
 (i) Provide angler and hunter training information and make available novice hunter/angler starter packs. (ii) Investigate alternatives to encourage youth hunting and increase opportunities. 	(i)Report to Council as appropriate. Provide Council with a report on opportunities to encourage youth hunting. (ii)Organise one paradise shelduck shoot for juniors Organise at least 3 separate ballots for junior and novice hunters Ensure that at least one forestry block is available	(i) Introduction to trout fishing and gamebird packs available & distributed when inquiries came into the office (ii)Not achieved (ii) Not achieved (ii) Not achieved
(ii) Manage junior hunter/novice stand ballots.(iii) Continue Novice hunter training programme.(iv) Implement a gamebird hunting workshop.	for upland game bird hunting (iii)Organise at least one youth shoot at a game preserve (iv)Hold at least 1 game bird hunting workshop	(ii) Peka peka ballots papers distributed to licence agents (iii) Junior driven Pheasant shoot held at Tuna Nui preserve on 3 September 2017, reported in 17 October 2017 agenda. (iv) Held a Steel Shot Patterning Training Day

		Report to council as appropriate	on the 25 th March 2018. Held a Duck Hunter Education Day on the 15 th April Events reported to Council in bi monthly Management report.
1353	Angler/Hunter Enquiries Respond to enquiries for information from anglers and hunters.	(i)Provide information and respond to enquiries promptly	(i)Angler and hunter enquiries responded to within 7 working days (usually the same day).
1354	Fishing Competitions Review applications to hold fishing competitions and grant permits where appropriate.	(i) Respond to applications within five working days and report on permits granted to each meeting of Council.	(i)Only one application received and responded to within 5 days. Staff attended the February 2018 Sports Fly Fishing New Zealand Hawkes Bay Regional fly fishing championships held on the Tukituki River.

1360: Club Relations: To maintain communications with Fish and Game related clubs and associations

associations		1
Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1361 Fish & Game Club		Electronic register of clubs
Communications		maintained.
Maintain club register and provide	(i)Attend at least 1	(i)Staff maintained
news updates to clubs on a monthly	meeting for each club by	communications with the
basis, attend club meetings as	31 August 2018.	three regions club
appropriate.		members throughout the
	Provide report to	year and appreciate their
	following meeting of	continuous support at the
	Council.	Kids Fish Out day and
		planting day at Lake Tutira
		-
		Staff attended the
		Pekapeka Shooters
		Association AGM in late
		2017 and the Hastings
		Branch of the Deerstalkers
		Association. Staff held
		discussions with the
		Waitangi Shooters
		Association officers to
		negotiate agreement
		between Hawke's Bay.

1370: Fish and Game Huts: Manage hut maintenance and coordinate bookings

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1371 Fish and Game Huts(i) Maintain Fish & Game hut at Glen Falls, Mohaka River.	(i)Report maintenance activities to Council.	(i) New fireplace installed on 2 May 2018. Reported to council 14 June 2018 agenda



PUBLIC INTERFACE

Goal

To maximise public awareness of the values associated with the sports fish and game bird resource, and support for the management role of Fish and Game New Zealand.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

			Budget		Actual		
Code	Project Cluster	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1410	Liaison	\$3,789	\$0	\$3,789	\$9,554	\$0	\$9,554
1420	Communication	\$4,133	\$0	\$4,133	\$2,320	\$0	\$2,320
1430	Advocacy	\$9,644	\$0	\$9,644	\$6,620	\$0	\$6,620
1440	Public Promotions	\$5,391	\$0	\$5,391	\$5,458	\$202	\$5,256
1450	Visitors/Education	\$9,644	\$0	\$9,644	\$6,688	\$0	\$6,688
	Total	\$32,601	\$0	\$32,601	\$30,640	\$202	\$30,438

1410: Liaison: To avoid conflicts and maintain effective advocacy and liaison with statutory resource management agencies

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1411 Statutory Liaison and Political		
awareness		
(i) Maintain a structured liaison and advocacy programme with key agencies and individuals.	(i) Regional Manager to meet with Regional Councils SMT and DOC directors on a regular basis. Staff to attend Conservation Board meetings at	(i)Staff met with individuals from government departments, regional councils, NGO's and environmental groups throughout the year.
(ii) Engage with Regional Councils and the Department of Conservation to seek improved biodiversity and habitat protection leadership by these agencies in the Hawkes Bay region.	least annually. (ii) Make submissions to Regional Council and the Department of Conservation on significant regional matters. Engage in governor-governor meetings where appropriate.	(ii)Met with senior staff and managers of various agencies at stakeholder group meetings and/or on other occasions. Regional Manager and DOC Area Manager met on a few occasions as required. Met
(iii)Engage with Iwi groups and tribal authorities as required.	(iii)Regional Manager and staff to visit some electorate MPs during the year.	with senior Regional Council staff as required. (iii)Provided letter of support for Maungaharuru- Tangitū Trust and HBRC for a funding application

(iv) Ensure political awareness of Fish & Game activities and support for improved habitat performance.

Report activities to following meetings of Council.

from MfE towards improving conditions at Lake Tutira. (iv)Attended the predator

free project launch held at the Mission Winery 2 July , staff engaged with Eugene Sage. Reported to council 3 August 2018

1420: Communication: Develop and maintain effective communication with the wider public

and the media, stakeholders and strategic allies

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1421 Public Communications (i) To advocate the interests of anglers and hunters through maintaining effective communication with nonstatutory groups or individuals such as farmers, Iwi and the	(i) Contribute to national public awareness network.	(i)National public awareness initiatives supported.
general public via public awareness events. (ii) Implement regional public awareness programme and identify and progress marketing opportunities.	(ii) Support public awareness events.	(ii) Ongoing public awareness and marketing of Fish and Game
(iii)Maintain a strong presence in general public media.	(iii) Review website content and manage to increase effectiveness as a tool for public awareness and communicating with licence holders. (iv) Extend media	(iii)Website and Facebook page updated regularly.
(iv) Engage and communicate with rural community and land owners. Develop relationships with groups including Federated Farmers, Fonterra and Dairy NZ.	programme to include items of general interest. (v) Submit on Treaty Settlements affecting angler/ hunter access	(iv)Media enquiries responded to and releases prepared as required. Media requests and enquires responded to. (v)Met regularly with land
(v) Engage with Iwi and initiate formal relationships with key Iwi groups across the region and participate in Treaty Settlement processes that affect anglers and hunters.	and develop relationships with key iwi groups. (vi) Prepare and distribute media press releases including rural media.	owners in the rural community. Met with Iwi to discuss access at Lake Tutira. Working with MTT on planned Lake Tutira restoration. Continue to work with Iwi on the Water Conservation Order

Report to Council as appropriate.	for the Ngaruroro and Clive River. Continuing to work with Iwi over the Lake Pirumu Management Plan.
	Reports to Council included in the Management report of each agenda.

1430: Advocacy:

Projec	ct and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1431	Angler and hunter interests		
	Represent the interests of anglers	(i)Support national public	(i)Represented hunters and
	and hunters at forums of	awareness events.	anglers as a representative
	significance to Fish & Game		at the TANK group.
	New Zealand.	Report to Council as	Reported to Council via
		appropriate.	bi-monthly meetings and
			provided councillors
			newsletters put out by the
			Hawke's Bay Regional
			Council.
1432V	Vetland Restoration Symposium		Staff will be presented a
Assist	with organizing of the		paper on the straw bale
sympo	sium to be held in Napier during		trials held 23-25 Sept and
Septer	nber 2018		reported to council in 3
			August 2018 agenda

1440: Public Promotions: To actively promote the work of Fish & Game with the wider public and the media

Projec	et and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1441	Public Promotions		
(i)	Develop and increase awareness	(i)Display at Expos &	(i)Displayed at the
	of Fish & Game New Zealand in	Field Days.	Hawkes Bay A&P show
	the Hawkes Bay.		on 18, 19- and 20th
	·		October 2017. Gave
			presentations to other
			interested clubs and
			groups. Report will be
			included in the 6
(ii)	Encourage school groups to visit		November agenda
` '	the site and see inside the trout	Report to Council as	
	hatchery.	appropriate.	(ii)Work continuing to
			improve hatchery facility
			at the Game Farm for
			school children to visit.

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1450: Visitors/Education: To educate the wider public on the role of Fish & Game New Zealand

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
 (i) To educate people in sports fish and game bird management, conservation, angling and hunting. 	(i) Use the site as an educational tool during Fish-Out days and other scheduled events.	(i) Worked with Rudolf-Steiner School to develop a water feature with associated wetland on school grounds. Reported to council in Management report and via Facebook.
(ii) Maintain grounds and facilities and increase use of the Game Farm, hatchery and grounds to promote Fish & Game to schools and the wider public.	(ii)Report activities to the following meeting of Council.	(ii)Grounds maintained to a clean and safe standard for visitors. Buildings maintained.



COMPLIANCE

Goal

To protect the sports fish and game bird resource and its user management through enforcement and education of legislative requirements.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

		Budget		Actual			
Code	Project Cluster	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1510	Ranging	\$15,277	\$0	\$15,277	\$6,031	\$0	\$6,031
1520	Ranger Training	\$4,007	\$0	\$4,007	\$2,834	\$0	\$2,834
1530	Compliance	\$6,562	\$1,500	\$5,062	\$4,299	\$0	\$4,299
	Total	\$25,846	\$1,500	\$24,346	\$13,164	\$0	\$13,164

1510: Ranging: Maintain compliance with angling and hunting regulations through enforcement activities

Project and Objectives		Performance Measures	Actual Results
1511 Ranging			
((i) Maintain a high level of participant contact through enforcement and monitor compliance with licensing and season conditions.	(i)Organize ranging activity to achieve 300 angler and hunter contacts. Aim for 95% compliance with legal requirements and season	(i)120 anglers and 30 hunters checked for a total of 150 contacts. 6 offenders detected (6 anglers and 2 hunters).
(i	ii) Check backcountry and headwater fisheries throughout the season	regulations from anglers and hunters contacted. Provide report to each meeting of Council.	Reported to bi-monthly meetings of Council agenda.

1520: Ranger Training: To ensure effective ranging across the region with suitably trained and resourced personnel

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1521 Training -Regional Honorary		
Rangers		
Manage the regional network of Honorary Fish & Game Rangers and ensure that a sufficient level of training and support is provided.	(i) Complete one organised training exercise for honorary rangers and report to Council by 31 August 2018.	(i)Four new Honorary Rangers inducted and trained at Eastern Fish & Game in March 2018.
		Training evening for

Rangers held before opening weekend of the
game season.
Reported to bi- monthly
meetings of Council.

1530: Compliance/Prosecutions: To follow a consistent policy driven approach to dealing with non-compliance to regulations

Proje	ct and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1531	Prosecutions Follow Council Prosecution and Reparation Policies to prosecute individuals found unlicensed or in non-compliance with season regulations without just cause.	(i)Report details of prosecutions to each Council meeting.	(i)Five letters of warning issued. All prosecution information for the year entered onto the National Prosecutions database. Reported to bimonthly meetings of Council.



LICENSING

Goal

To optimise the sale of angling and hunting licences as valued products.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

			Budget			Actual			
Code	Project Cluster	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost		
1610	Licence Production	\$13,777	\$448,052	-\$434,275	\$9,690	\$436,318	-\$426,628		
1620	Agent Servicing	\$7,363	\$0	\$7,363	\$6,839	\$0	\$6,839		
1630	Agent Payments	\$22,403	\$0	\$22,403	\$18,660	\$0	\$18,660		
	Total	\$43,543	\$448,052	-\$404,509	\$35,189	\$436,318	-\$401,129		

1610: Licensing: Maintain and monitor a readily available and efficient licensing system

Projec	ct and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
<i>1611</i> distrib			
	To issue fishing and hunting licences and the appropriate regulations in a timely manner and market new fishing licence categories to existing and potential licence holders.	(i) To have available fish licences and regulation guides for the 2017-2018 season by 1 September 2017. (ii) To have available game licences and regulation guides for the 2018 season by 31 March 2018.	(i)Fishing licences and regulation guides were available for purchase 18 August 2017. (ii)Game licences and regulation guides were available for purchase on 15 March 2018.
1612 Inform	Analysis of Licence nation Evaluate licence sales information during the year and identify targeted marketing opportunities.	(i)Provide detailed reports of licence sales performance to each meeting of Council.	(i)Detailed licence reports provided at bi-monthly Council meetings.
1613	National Licence Management To support the operation of the national licence management provider.	Report activities to the following meeting of Council.	Licence sales numbers reported bi-monthly. Assistance provided to and from Eyede with the online agency and public online. Reported to bi- monthly meetings of Council.
	ncrease Licence Sales ively promote Fish and Game	Report activities to the following meeting of	Introductory packs and complimentary magazines

licences to the public and contribute to	Council	& how to guides available
the national sales targets		7 provided when
		necessary

1620: Agent Servicing: Management and support of Fish & Game licensing through licence agents

Proje	ct and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1621	Licence Agent Support	Complete at least three	Regular contact made with
	Communicate and work with	visits to all significant	agents to ensure staff are
	licence agents to support the	licence resellers by 31	educated with the online
	licence management provided by	August 2018.	facility.
	Eyede, providing agent training		Three agents visits
	as required.		conducted supplying
	-		access pamphlets and
			promotional material.

Table 5: Licence Sales Figures

			FISH					GAME		
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Adult Whole Season	1,607	1,524	1,143	1,115	1,029	1,860	1.900	1,912	1,855	1.853
Junior Whole Season	110	136	133	113	144	193	181	189	179	173
Family	463	498	446	438	413					
Senior Loyal			163	173	185					
Local Area			237	181	176					
Non Resident Adult		177	253	197	287					
Non Resident Junior			3	4	8					
Adult Winter	187	200	142	81	102					
Junior Winter	15	19								
Long Break			14	19	16					
Short Break			161	162	157					
Adult 24hr	1,002	1,024	1,146	1,258	1,078	80	100	92	112	141
Junior 24hr	41	44	93	124	150	6	7	3	0	4
Total	3,425	3,622	3,934	3,865	3,745	2,139	2,188	3,771	2,146	2,171
LEQ	2,537	2,710	2,671	2,525	2,486	1,915	1,957	3,313	1,913	1,915



COUNCIL

Goals

To provide for the democratic governance of the fish and game system by fish and game licence holders.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

		Budget				Actual	
Code	Project Cluster	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost
1710	Council Elections	\$344	\$0	\$344	\$205	\$0	\$205
1720	Council Meetings	\$35,565	\$0	\$35,565	\$32,565	\$0	\$32,565
	Total	\$35,909	\$0	\$35,909	\$32,770	\$0	\$32,770

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
1711Council Elections Provide regional Support to electionz.com for preparing for the October 2018 election	Assist external provider (if required) in preparing for election and report to Council by 31 August 2018	NZ Fish & Game Head Office staff facilitated the Electrol roll due to staff circumstances.

1720: Council Meetings: Effective governance and efficient Council support

Project and Objectives	Performance Measures	Actual Results
 (i) Provide effective direction and support to the management of Council's business. (ii) Keep Council informed of relevant national and regional matters. (iii) Prepare information reports and agenda for Council meetings and any minutes resulting from these 	(i)Hold at least 6 meetings of the Hawke's Bay Fish & Game Council prior to 31 August 2018. (iii) Distribute agendas 8 working days prior and draft minutes as soon as	(i)Six council meetings held plus one extraordinary meeting and one annual meeting prior to 31 August 2018. (ii) Council informed (iii)Agendas, reports, information and minutes all prepared on time.

PLANNING AND REPORTING

Goal

To ensure cost efficient and appropriate business management of fish and game resources.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

			Budget				
Code	Project Cluster	Total Expense	Income	Net Cost	Total Expense	lncome	Net Cost
1810	Management Plan	\$3,944	\$0	\$3,944	\$5,332	\$0	\$5,332
1820	Annual Planning	\$7,302	\$0	\$7,302	\$6,892	\$0	\$6,892
1830	Reporting	\$22,344	\$0	\$22,344	\$19,353	\$0	\$19,353
1840	National Liaison	\$4,433	\$0	\$4,433	\$4,047	\$0	\$4,047
	Total	\$38,023	\$0	\$38,023	\$35,624	\$0	\$35,624

1811: 2015-2025 Management Plan

Project and Objectives		
1811 Management Plan Consultation/Finalisation To consult with interested parties on the draft Hawke's Bay Region Sports Fish & Game Bird Management Plan.	(i) Finalise the Hawke's Bay Region Sports Fish and Game Bird Management Plan by 31 August 2018.	(i)Management plan chapters drafted but final draft report not completed by 31 August 2018.

1820: Annual Planning

Project and Objectives		Performance Measures	Actual Results
1821	OWP preparation		
	To prepare an operational work plan for the 2018-2019 year.	(i) The adoption of a proposed operational work plan for 2018-2019 by the Council by 30 August 2018.	(i)2018/19 Operational Work Plan approved on 7 August 2018.



1830: Reporting and Audit

Project and Objectives		Performance Measures	Actual Results
1831 States	Performance Report and ment of Service Performance To complete the Performance (annual) Report and Statement of Service Performance for the 2016-2017 year.	(i)Complete Annual Performance Report for 2016-2017 financial year.	(i)Performance report (Annual Report) and SOSP presented and adopted at the annual meeting on 30 November 2017.
1832	Audit To have the Performance Report for the 2016-2017 year audited in accordance with the Public Audit Act 2001.	(i) The audit of the annual Performance Report for the 2016-2017 financial year in time for the public annual general meeting.	(i)2016-17 Performance Report was presented at the Public Annual General Meeting held at the Game Farm on 30 November 2017.
1835	Annual Meeting To conduct a public annual general meeting no later than 1 December 2017.	(i)Adoption of the audited 2016-2017 annual report by Council, and presentation to a public annual general meeting not later than 1 December 2017, as well as to the Minister of Conservation.	(i)2016-17 Performance Report was presented at the Public Annual General Meeting held at the Game Farm on 30 November 2017 Annual Report sent to the Minister 1st December 2017.

1840: National Liaison

Project and Objectives		Performance Measures	Actual Results
1841	New Zealand Fish & Game		
liaiso			
	The maintenance of effective	(i)Attend all meetings of	(i) All managers meetings
	liaison with New Zealand Fish &	the Regional Fish &	attended.
	Game to meet all statutory	Game Council managers	
	requirements. Contribute to the	and participate where	
	efficient management of Fish &	required with working	
	Game nationally through	parties established by the	
	participation with working	New Zealand Council.	
	parties, networks and national		
	research and monitoring.		





INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE READERS OF HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

The Auditor-General is the auditor of Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council (the Fish and Game Council). The Auditor-General has appointed me, Richard Owen, using the staff and resources of Owen McLeod & Co, 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 7 to 22, that comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 August 2018, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity 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 23 to 53.

In our opinion:

- the financial statements of the Fish and Game Council; on pages 7 to 22:
 - present fairly, in all material respects:
 - its financial position as at 31 August 2018; and
 - its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
 - comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Public Sector).
- the statement of performance of the Fish and Game Council on pages 23 to 53:
 - presents fairly, in all material respects, the Fish and Game Council's performance for the year ended 31 August 2018, including for each class of reportable outputs:
 - its standards of performance achieved as compared with the forecasts included in the description of the annual operating work plan/business plan for the financial year; and
 - its actual revenue and expenses as compared with the forecasts included in the description of the annual operating work plan/business plan for the financial year; and
 - complies with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

Our audit was completed on 29 November 2018. This is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

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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 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 description of the annual operating work plan/business 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 6, 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 (Revised): Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

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

Richard Owen Owen McLeod & Co On behalf of the Auditor-General Hamilton, New Zealand