



NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

BOARD PACK

for

NCFG COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 19 February 2025

6:30 pm (NZDT)

Held at:

NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

595 JOHNS ROAD, HAREWOOD, CHRISTCHURCH

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AGENDA

NCFG COUNCIL MEETING



Name:	NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
Date:	Wednesday, 19 February 2025
Time:	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm (NZDT)
Location:	NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL, 595 JOHNS ROAD, HAREWOOD, CHRISTCHURCH
Board Members:	ALAN STRONG (Chair), ANDY TANNOCK, DAVE BARRON, Dave Coll, NIALL COSTER, NIC MOODY, PHILLIP MUSSON
Attendees:	DEBBIE AMBLER
Apologies:	CHRIS BRANKIN
Guests/Notes:	M Garrick (staff), New Zealand Salmon Anglers Association Members - C Eaton, P Ball, R MacKay, L Burke, P Hodgson and D Godfrey

1. Opening Meeting

1.1 Welcome by Chairman 6:30 pm (5 min)

ALAN STRONG

1.2 Karakia 6:35 pm (5 min)

Whakataka te hau ki te uru
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga
Kia mākinakina ki uta
Kia mātaratara ki tai
E hī ake ana te atakura
He tio, he huka, he hau hū
Tihei mauri ora!

Translation:

*Cease the winds from the west
Cease the winds from the south
Let the breeze blow over the land
Let the breeze blow over the ocean
Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air.
A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day.*

1.3 Apologies 6:40 pm (5 min)

ALAN STRONG

1.4 Interests Register 6:45 pm (5 min)

ALAN STRONG

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1.5 Council time 6:50 pm (20 min)

ALAN STRONG

For Discussion

Council discussion about future risks and issues

2. FOR DECISION

2.1 Bank Signatories 7:10 pm (5 min)

ALAN STRONG

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2.2 Controlled Fishery Update 7:15 pm (10 min)

ALAN STRONG

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2.3 Rangers Annual Fishing Competition. 7:25 pm (10 min)

ALAN STRONG

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2.4 Sponsorship of Secondary Schools Clay Target Competition 7:35 pm (5 min)

ALAN STRONG

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2.5 Confirm Minutes from Previous Meetings 7:40 pm (10 min)

ALAN STRONG

For Decision

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3. GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 General Business

7:50 pm (15 min)

ALAN STRONG

General business from Council.

4. STANDARD REPORTS

4.1 Standard Reports

8:05 pm (10 min)

ALAN STRONG

1. Chairmans' Report (verbal)
2. Operational Update
3. Finance Report
4. NZC Report (Verbal)
5. RMA Update
6. Compliance Report
7. Health and Safety Report
8. Updates from Sub-Committees of Council (verbal)

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4.2 Action List

8:15 pm (10 min)

ALAN STRONG

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5. PUBLIC SESSION

5.1 Public Session

8:25 pm (10 min)

ALAN STRONG

6. FOR INFORMATION PAPERS

6.1 For Information Papers

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7. Close Meeting

7.1 Close the meeting

Next meeting: No date for the next meeting has been set.

Interests Register

NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL



As of: 19 Feb 2025

Person	Organisation	Active Interests	Notice Date
ALAN STRONG	N/A	No Interest Recorded	13 Nov 2024
ANDY TANNOCK	Gamebird Habitat Trust	Chair	13 Nov 2024
CHRIS BRANKIN	Ministry for the Environment	Staff member	13 Nov 2024
DAVE BARRON	Tallarook Dairies, Nectar Group	Director of Company which leases land for the purpose of dairy farming, Owner of Nectar Group. Not involved in Fish and Game service or support decisions. Nectar now offers it's services free of charge to Fish & Game for service.	9 Nov 2021
DAVE COLL	N/A	No interest recorded	13 Nov 2024
NIALL COSTER	N/A	No interest recorded	13 Nov 2024
NIC MOODY	N/A	No interest recorded	13 Nov 2024
PHILLIP MUSSON	Fonterra	Shareholder Fonterra and ECAN Selwyn River Liaison Committee	13 Nov 2024

FOR DECISION

To: North Canterbury Fish and Game Council
From: Debbie Ambler
Date: February 2025
Subject: **KIWIBANK SIGNATORIES**

1. PURPOSE

As Chairman of the Executive Employment Committee, Cr Barron be made an additional signatory to the North Canterbury Fish and Game Kiwibank accounts and at the same time, due to R Gabrielsson's resignation, he be removed.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- a. *That Cr Barron become a signatory to the North Canterbury Fish and Game Kiwibank accounts.*
- b. *That R Gabrielsson be removed as a signatory to the North Canterbury Fish and Game Kiwibank accounts.*

3. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

As part of Kiwibank's process to onboard a new signatory to the North Canterbury Fish and Game's banking system, they require a Council resolution (to be signed by two current signatories) to enable this process to begin.

FOR DECISION

To: North Canterbury Fish and Game Council
From: Heather Sanders Garrick, Matthew Garrick
Date: 12 February 2025
Subject: CONTROLLED FISHERY CONSULTATION

Purpose

1. This document aims to update the North Canterbury Fish and Game Council (NCFG) on the experimental controlled fisheries on the North and South branch of the Hurunui River.

For Decision

2. Staff to carry out a public consultation process (dependant on Council decision) and prepare data for decision at the May Council meeting.

Proposed Options

3. Staff to go through a consultation process around;
 - a. Modifying the controlled sections of either the North and/or South branch
 - b. Discontinuing the controlled fishery trial or
4. Staff to receive submissions on
 - c. Angler opinions on continuing the controlled fishery as currently set up.

Points of Information

5. Between 1st October 2024 and 31st January 2025, 43 people booked the North branch and 47 booked the South branch.
6. Bookings were in high demand; 21% of all bookings on the North branch and 18% of all bookings on the South branch were made within an hour of the booking date coming available.
7. The median number of days booked by a single angler was three days on both the North and South branch
8. The angler with the majority of bookings on the North branch had 24% of all booked days on the North branch and 7% of all booked days on the South branch. The angler with the majority of bookings on the South branch had 12% of all booked days on the South branch.

FOR DECISION

To: North Canterbury Fish and Game Council
From: Emily Craig
Date: February 2025
Subject: 2025 RANGERS COMPETITION APPLICATION

Purpose

1. To approve Fishing Competitions for the North Canterbury Region as per Section 7A of the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983.

Recommendations

2. That the 2025 Rangers Fishing Competition be held on the Thursday 17th April 2025 be approved by Council. (Note – the application is in the “For Information section” of these Council minutes).

Background

3. A club/person/organisation must not hold a sports fishing competition unless such club/person/organisation has prior written approval from the Fish & Game Council that has jurisdiction over the waters concerned.
4. The club/person/organisation above have filled out the relevant information as required in the Freshwater Fisheries regulations (attached as an application form).
5. The Rangers Competition is a salmon fishing competition that has been run since 1975.
6. This competition, along with the Lake Coleridge Fishing Competition in November, are the two major angler engagement events run by North Canterbury Fish & Game during the year.

Points of Information

7. The Rangers Competition is primarily a social event that allows North Canterbury Fish & Game Staff and Councillors the opportunity to connect with licence holders and celebrate the end of the sea-run salmon season together with a sausage sizzle and prizegiving.
8. It provides an opportunity for Fish & Game to engage with the demographic of anglers that may not receive regular digital communications and have been attending the competition as tradition since its inception.

9. The competition also provides an avenue for salmon anglers to return their sea-run salmon season bag card at the end of the season (important for the angler demographic that may not use the online return form).
10. The competition also includes Fish & Game awarding the 'Jack Kerapa Memorial Trophy' to an angler for "Rangers Fisherman of the Year", adding to the engagement aspect of the competition.
11. The allowing of competitions managed in a sustainable way, and in reference to the management of the species concerned, enables Council to meet Strategic Goals 2 (key stakeholders are more engaged) and 3 (participation in sports fishing and game bird hunting is increased).

Strategic implications

12. Organisation of the event will require staff time in producing communications/event promotion and liaising with sponsors to obtain spot prizes.
13. Staff time will be required on the day for set-up, ranging activities, and running of the competition.
14. Ingredients for the free sausage sizzle will be taken from the Participation and Engagement budget.
15. All spot prizes are donated to North Canterbury Fish & Game for the competition and therefore does not impact on budget.

FOR DECISION

To: North Canterbury Fish and Game Council

From: Richard Cosgrove

Date: February 2025

Subject: SPONSORSHIP OF THE LOCAL REGIONAL SCHOOL'S CLAY TARGET SHOOTING COMPETITION

Purpose

1. To support the annual regional secondary schools clay target shooting competition. Approving this will enable the Council to include this Competition as part of its annual budget.

Recommendations

2. That the North Canterbury Fish and Game Council (NCFG) support, by way of sponsorship, the regional secondary schools clay target shooting competition on an annual basis.

Background

3. The co-ordinator for this competition (Mr W. Wright) is requesting North Canterbury Fish and Game's continued support for this event in a more formal way.
4. In previous years, there had been resistance from the Manager to support this competition by advising there was no budget to support this event.
5. Prizes have been cobbled together over the past few years to enable the good name of NCFG to be continued within the local clay target community.

Points of Information

6. A budget of approximately \$800 (plus gst) is required.
7. Provides an R3 opportunity to the shooting fraternity and is possibly the only gamebird event held in the NCFG region.
8. Lots for families from the farming community have children in this competition and through this, and I believe that NCFG have been able to have continued access through farmland to our rivers through this support.
9. Approving this will enable the council to include this event in the planning and budget for the year's ahead.
10. Attached is the letter from Mr Wright the and the proposed allocations for sponsorship for budget purposes.

To: North Canterbury Fish and Game.
From: Canterbury Secondary School Trapshooting.
Warren Wright.
Date: 5th February 2025
Subject: Sponsorship for 2025.

The Canterbury Secondary School Trapshooting circuit, six shoots in total, is now in it's tenth year. These shoots run during school terms, two and three.

This sport has seen steady growth over this period, both in number of schools taking part and the number of students participating.

For those coaching, managing and running these events, we see the importance of introducing youth to firearms, learning how to handle them safely and introducing them to this big family associated with the sport of shooting and hunting.

This circuit committee relies on the generous sponsorship from those in the sport of hunting and target shooting. Fish and Game are one of these. You have been associated with us for eight years. For that we are very grateful.

This letter is a request for you to continue with your support. Attached is a copy of the prize format we use for all our sponsors.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Kind regards.

Warren Wright.

Canterbury Secondary School Trapshooting Circuit.

Sponsorship for each Secondary School Shoot 2018, 2019,2020,2021, 2022, 2023,2024,2025.

Events on each day of shooting:

Single rise: A grade – 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

B grade – 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

Points score: A grade – 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

B grade – 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

Single Barrel: A grade – 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

B grade – 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

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| Senior grade 1 st = voucher for \$50 | - | three events = 3 x \$50 vouchers* |
| Senior grade 2 nd = voucher for \$30 | - | three events = 3 x \$30 vouchers* |
| Senior grade 3 rd = beanie or cap | - | three events = 3 beanies/caps or other* |
| Junior grade 1 st = voucher for \$40 | - | three events = 3 x \$40 vouchers* |
| Junior grade 2 nd = voucher for \$20 | - | three events = 3 x \$20 vouchers* |
| Junior grade 3 rd = beanie or cap | - | three events = 3 x beanies/ caps or other* |

Teams

4-6 person team (PS event). All members would be eligible . A small gesture. 6 prizes.*

2-3 person girls team. (PS event). All members would be eligible. A small gesture. 3 prizes.*

HOA for the DTL: is supplied by the club on the day. Boys \$50, Girls \$40.

Skeet

Senior - 1st \$40, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$15. One event = 1x\$40, 1x\$25, 1x\$15, all vouchers.*

Junior – 1st \$30, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10. One event = 1x\$30, 1x\$25, 1x\$15, all vouchers.*

Two person teams. . A small gesture. 2 prizes*

Final shoot at Ellesmere - medals. (Last shoot of the year plus cups/trophies, Voucher to cover this).

MINUTES (in Review)

NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING



Name:	NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
Date:	Wednesday, 27 November 2024
Time:	3:42 pm to 5:33 pm (NZDT)
Location:	NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL, 595 JOHNS ROAD, HAREWOOD, CHRISTCHURCH
Board Members:	ALAN STRONG, ANDY TANNOCK, CHRIS BRANKIN, Dave Coll, DAVE BARRON, NIC MOODY, PHILLIP MUSSON
Attendees:	DEBBIE AMBLER, RASMUS GABRIELSSON
Apologies:	NIALL COSTER
Guests/Notes:	Cr Coster via Zoom. M Garrick (staff), P Hodgson (Chair NZSAA), T Isitt

1. Opening Meeting

1.1 Welcome by Chairman

1.2 Karakia

Completed by Cr Brankin.

1.3 Apologies

No apologies were received.

1.4 Interests Register

C Brankin - remove 'interim chair'.

2. FOR DECISION

2.1 2024 Statement Of Service Performance

Cr Strong congratulated staff on the 'new look' Statement of Performance Report (SSP). He proceeded to outline the notable achievements made by the North Canterbury Fish and Game Council as stated in the Chairmans Report in the SSP.

Points to note were;

1. The high levels of compliance amongst licence holders,
2. Good species and habitat protection management,
3. Good communications with licence holders, and
4. A robust study design for data collection and analysis.

Near-Term Priorities were;

1. Development of a trout plan,
2. Develop mutually advantageous relationships with key environment agencies,
3. Protection of Lake Heron origin sea-run salmon,
4. Maintain a high level of compliance with applicable fishing and hunting regulations,
5. improve the effectiveness of communications with licence holders.

Notable achievements were;

1. Improving governance performance,
2. The completion of a three-year restoration project in the upper Rakaia river working closely with landowners, farmers and other agencies to secure and protect our sensitive fishing areas,
3. Ensured North Canterbury Fish and Game was operating within its budget while performing its statutory functions, and
4. Implementing a trial 'booking system' in the backcountry on the north and south branches of the Hurunui River.

Cr Strong proceeded to explain the financial breakdown of the SSP.



Bank Account Interest

That a fixed term option to gain better interest for two accounts that are not used significantly during the year (20% Minimum Cash Reserve and the Rakaia Reserve) be investigated.

Due Date: 15 Feb 2025
Owner: RASMUS GABRIELSSON



Auditor Meeting

Cr Strong to investigate the likelihood of having a half hour meeting with the auditor to allow governors to address any issues.

Due Date: 19 Feb 2025
Owner: ALAN STRONG



Statement of Service Performance

That the 2024 Statement of Service Performance be accepted and be presented to the Annual General meeting being held at 6.30 pm.

Decision Date: 27 Nov 2024
Mover: DAVE BARRON
Seconder: Dave Coll
Outcome: Approved

At this point Cr Barron left the meeting and would be listening via phone.

2.2 Confirm Minutes from Previous Meetings

NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL 25 Sept 2024, the minutes were confirmed as presented.

NEW COUNCIL INDUCTION MEETING 13 Nov 2024, the minutes were confirmed as presented.



Confirm Minutes from the 24 September 24 Council Meeting

That the minutes of the 24 September 24 Council meeting be approved.
Cr's Tannock and Moody abstained.

Decision Date: 27 Nov 2024
Mover: Dave Coll
Seconder: CHRIS BRANKIN
Outcome: Approved



Confirm Minutes from the 13 November 24 Council Meeting

That the minutes of the 13 November 24 Council meeting be approved.

Decision Date: 27 Nov 2024
Mover: ANDY TANNOCK
Seconder: PHILLIP MUSSON
Outcome: Approved

2.3 Regional Feedback on New Zealand Council Consultation Papers

The requirement to have established baseline Policies that were consistent across all regions which could be altered to be region specific was discussed.



Regional Feedback on NZC Consultation Papers

That NCFG Council consider and accept the staff recommendations, summarised below, and instruct staff to provide feedback to NZC accordingly;

- 1. DRAFT SPORTS FISH AND GAME MANAGEMENT PLAN (SFGMP) Drafting policy & Mana Whenua engagement during SFGMP preparation** - NCFG Council thanks NZC for preparing the information and advise them it is a useful guide for the development of and public consultation on the review of regional SFGMP's, but not something that needs to be adopted by NZC and the wider organisation as national policy.
- 2. 2025/25 Meeting Schedule, Licence Fees & Levy System** - NCFG Council ask NZC to move the proposed regional budget submission deadline to 24 March 25 to enable a regional councils' to complete their strategic planning and budget approval process.

Decision Date: 27 Nov 2024
Mover: CHRIS BRANKIN
Seconder: PHILLIP MUSSON
Outcome: Approved

2.4 Approval for a Fishing Competition - NZSAA



Approval for Fishing Competition NZSAA

That the NZSAA Waimakariri fishing competition be approved to be held on Saturday 29 March 2024.

Decision Date: 27 Nov 2024
Mover: PHILLIP MUSSON
Seconder: CHRIS BRANKIN
Outcome: Approved

2.5 Council Update - Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N1 (HPAI)

M Garrick updated Council on the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). The main points explained in detail were:

1. What is HPAI and how it is spread;
2. Global status and current geographic distribution of HPAI;
3. The NZ Agencies responsible for HPAI and the implications to Fish and Game;
4. Response plans by agencies as currently known, as well as how issues with communications and co-ordination around responses between Agencies.

T Isitt joined the meeting at 5.08 pm.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 General Business



Health and Safety Committee

That Cr's Musson and Moody form the Health and Safety sub-committee.

Decision Date: 27 Nov 2024
Mover: ALAN STRONG
Seconder: CHRIS BRANKIN
Outcome: Approved



CEO Employment Committee

That Cr Coster be added on to the CEO Employment Committee.

Decision Date: 27 Nov 2024
Mover: ALAN STRONG
Seconder: Dave Coll
Outcome: Approved

The makeup of the Audit and Finance Committee will be deferred until the Strategic Governance meeting in February 2025.

1. Angler Oral History - Cr Strong advised the NZSAA had been written to stating that NCFG would not be contributing to the funding of this project.



Governance Sprint regarding letter from Minister T McClay and the 10 year Salmon Management Plan

Cr Strong to organise a governance sprint to discuss the letter received from Minister T McClay and the 10-year Salmon Management Plan.

Due Date: 15 Feb 2025
Owner: ALAN STRONG

4. STANDARD REPORTS

4.1 Standard Reports

All reports were taken as read.



Health and Safety Report

That Cr Musson discuss the way the Health and Safety Report is reported to Council with R Gabrielsson.

Due Date: 14 Feb 2025
Owner: PHILLIP MUSSON



Board Packs to Council

That a summary page be put in front of large reports to Council outlining content to make reading easier.

Due Date: 14 Feb 2025
Owner: RASMUS GABRIELSSON

4.2 Action List

Due Date	Action Title	Owner(s)
22 May 2024	Building Relationships with Ngai Tahu Status: On Hold	ALAN STRONG
22 May 2024	Councillor "Alone Time" Status: Completed on 14 Feb 2025	ALAN STRONG
21 Aug 2024	Discussion with Central South Island Regarding Management of Lake Heron & Melish Stream Status: In Progress	DAVE BARRON
18 Sept 2024	Operational Work Plan Status: Completed on 1 Oct 2024	RASMUS GABRIELSSON
30 Sept 2024	Fishing Competitions Status: Completed on 1 Oct 2024	RASMUS GABRIELSSON
31 Oct 2024	Feedback on NZC Consultation Package Status: Completed on 19 Nov 2024	RASMUS GABRIELSSON
22 Nov 2024	Election of Officers Status: Completed on 19 Nov 2024	RASMUS GABRIELSSON
27 Nov 2024	Consultation Papers from NZC Status: Completed on 27 Nov 2024	RASMUS GABRIELSSON
27 Nov 2024	Presentation from World Fisheries Congress Status: Completed on 27 Nov 2024	RASMUS GABRIELSSON
27 Nov 2024	Oral Histories - Sponsorship Request Status: Completed on 20 Nov 2024	ALAN STRONG
12 Dec 2024	Governance Sprint Meeting Status: Completed on 14 Feb 2025	ALAN STRONG
16 Feb 2025	Shooting Platform for the Disabled Status: In Progress	RASMUS GABRIELSSON
19 Feb 2025	Rakaia Reserve Status: In Progress	RASMUS GABRIELSSON
28 Feb 2025	Development of an Educational and Promotional Strategy for Gamebird Hunting Status: In Progress	RASMUS GABRIELSSON

5. PUBLIC SESSION

5.1 Public Session

6. Close Meeting

6.1 Close the meeting

Next meeting: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 27 Nov 2024, 6:35 pm

Signature: _____

Date: _____

OPERATIONAL PROGRESS REPORT

To: North Canterbury Fish and Game Council

From: North Canterbury Fish and Game Staff

Date: February 2025

PURPOSE

1. To provide an update to the North Canterbury Fish & Game Council (NCFG) on work completed by staff to February 2025.

BACKGROUND

2. Below is an overview of achievements, risks, or issues that help or hinder progress on council priorities, followed by a summary of how we are tracking with the Operational work plan projects and activities.
3. This Operational Progress Report provide a higher-level outline.

PRIORITY STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

1. Our Species Populations Are Enhanced

Staff continue to engage in discussions with DOC, regional and district councils, universities, irrigators and Iwi on issues and projects concerning sports fish and game birds.

Progress made on operational work plan activities is outlined below and includes trout fishery assessments, harvest surveys, Designated Waters and the Controlled Fishery booking system. Development of a "Trout Management Plan" and a review of our 10-year Sports Fish and Game Bird Management Plan for the 2025 – 2035 period will be key focus areas for the coming year.

Staff have also provided support to multiple University post-graduate research students which once completed, should provide positive insights for species management in the future. More details about these projects and their preliminary findings will be included in the Annual Report.

2. Key Stakeholders Are More Engaged

New output formats using social media platforms for communications (e.g., Facebook) have improved our outreach which is assisting our ability to keep the public and licence holders informed.

Collaborations with licence agents have been working well to further our engagement with anglers to help encourage participation, and further our reach to the general public through their channels, allowing NCFG to further showcase the fantastic opportunities our region holds.

Staff have also been involved in some national aspects of angler and hunter outreach, including licence system updates.

3. Participation In Sports Fishing and Game Bird Hunting Is Increased

Salmon and rainbow trout have been ordered for releases during 2025 (April, July/August).

Staff continue building new maimais to go into the Boggy Creek balloted area, with the goal of all seven being finished in time for game bird opening weekend in 2025.

Collaborative work with other agencies continues regarding vehicle access laneways around Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere to ensure continued access for game bird hunters.

4. The North Canterbury Fish and Game Council Has a Relationship With Iwi In Its Region Consistent With Its Obligations To Give Effect To The Principles Of The Treaty of Waitangi

Our focus for this priority outcome remains centred on building local relationships and working with Iwi partners on clarifying cultural values, expectations, and identifying collaboration or co-management opportunities. Going forward, fostering these relationships is essential for achieving improved local environmental protection and/or restoration outcomes. For example, around wetlands buffering lower sections of local rivers and Hapua.

OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN UPDATE

The regional team continue to make good progress on discharging our statutory duties to the best of our ability. Our field and operational support has been improved with new staff member Caleb Ryder joining the team on November 2024.

Staff continue to work together with supporting volunteers and short-term contractors to ensure field work and key statutory duties are carried out, with support from external specialist staff (e.g., RMA / planning functions) or national office when needed.

OUTPUT AREA 1: SPORT FISH AND GAME BIRD SPECIES MANAGEMENT

Population Monitoring

Trout management plan

Preparations are underway towards the trout management plan. Staff have begun collating and analysing data from existing sources (fishing competitions, spawning surveys, electric fishing data and salvages) to work into the plan. Work on high-country lakes has begun including creel surveys and data collection from anglers, evaluation of recruitment areas (crossing over with trout-native interaction research – see below). Staff are currently planning drift dives for key high-country rivers, with a focus on our Designated Waters (see below).

Designated Waters system

Staff continue to attend National Designated Waters (DW) meetings, with the most recent meetings centred around ranging and survey plans for the coming season. In addition, we have revised and updated the information available on the Fish & Game website about the Designated Water system and CF Trial. We continue to work closely with neighbouring regions, the NZC team and our licence service provider ESL to improve the overall service and experience provided to licence holders.

For more information on the Trial Controlled Fishery on the North & South Branches of the Hurunui River, see the Regulations section below.

Game Bird Assessments

Staff flew the annual black swan and paradise shelduck monitoring flight across key moulting sites in late January. A full report is forthcoming.

A dabbling duck adaptive harvest strategy has been drafted and is being reviewed by the CSI team for comments.

Harvest Assessment

Game Bird Harvest Surveys

The final surveys for the National Game bird harvest survey were carried out at the end of September with the conclusion of the September hunting seasons (pukeko & Area B paradise shelduck season in North Canterbury). A South Island harvest report has been completed for the 2024 game bird season. These reports will be produced annually.

Harvest surveys are ongoing to estimate harvest and participation in the summer mallard and paradise shelduck seasons.

Regulations

North & South Branch Hurunui River Controlled Fishery Trial

Many issues with the ESL booking system have been resolved. When an angler secures that vacancy, they are able to book up to two more additional days. A booking may be made for one primary and up to three companion anglers, who must all have the appropriate Whole Season Fishing Licence AND North Canterbury Designated Waters Licence.

Staff continue to work to ensure ESL implements any changes needed so that anglers who want to experience these great fisheries can do so with surety and have a great angling experience. The system now appears to be working as expected. We have received a variety of feedback from anglers that have successfully booked and fished on both the North & South Branches. Staff continue to regularly monitor the booking system for both branches and follow up with anglers where necessary.

Visit the webpage here for more information: [Upper Hurunui River Controlled Fishery](#)

Creel Survey

Lake Creel Survey

Staff have been undertaking a creel survey on six of our high-country lakes which was started on 1st December 2024 and runs through to 31st March 2025. The following lakes are included: Selfe,

Coleridge, Georgina, Lyndon, Pearson and Grasmere. So far staff have made 14 trips and completed 154 surveys over the six lakes to date.

Species Management and Control

Game bird Control

Staff have responded to queries, evaluated, and processed applications for game bird control permits. Financial year-to-date, 23 control/disturbance permits have been issued (10 for pukeko, 2 for black swans, 10 for paradise ducks, and 1 for mallards). An additional 3 permits have been issued for cultural harvest of Paradise shelduck and Black swan (birds and/or eggs).

Sports fish Control

No new requests for sports fish permits have been made since the last Council meeting. Financial year-to-date, nine sports fishing permits/special licences have been issued (2 for electric fishing, 1 for netting/trapping, 5 permits for coarse fishing & rudd control out of season, 1 special licence for Take a Kid Fishing day).

Staff have continued discussions with the General Managers of Willowbank Wildlife Reserve regarding re-commissioning their trout display. Staff conducted a site visit and inspected improvements to the existing enclosure/tank. Once approval is obtained from the relevant agencies, staff will collaborate with Willowbank on supplying both fish and adequate signage/information that reflects the positive work of Fish & Game.

Research

Collaborations with other agencies continue as they provide an invaluable source of information from new and developing projects. Bein a part of the Fish Futures Working Group provides staff an opportunity to be included and contribute to conversations across agencies. By continuing to develop and maintaining these positive relationships into the future, Fish & Game can ensure we are involved in *all* aspects of sports fish and game bird management and interactions.

University of Canterbury collaboration

Staff have continued to provide support to a University of Canterbury PhD project in the Waimakariri and Rakaia catchments relating to trout/native fish interactions, which is due to wrap up in the coming months.

Juvenile trout from small streams holding key native fish habitat are removed and relocated to downstream areas or connected lakes within the same catchment of a higher fishery value. The small focal areas where trout are removed from a part of this project are deemed to be areas of low fishery value, thus relocating a small number has the added benefit to both native species and high-country trout anglers in the years to come. More information on the project is available from staff and will be available to anglers at the conclusion of the study.

Staff met with a professor at the University of Canterbury who has submitted a grant application to understand the role of waterfowl and other birds as vectors in spreading disease across the landscape. Staff were listed as collaborators to the grant application as external advisors to data collection and connection to the national Fish and Game body.

These types of collaborations with university students and professors are both helpful and rewarding, as they significantly improve our ability to take on and complete high-quality research projects of relevance to Fish & Game values and priorities.

OUTPUT AREA 2: HABITAT PROTECTION, MAINTENANCE AND ENHANCEMENT

Statutory Planning Process

For a more detailed overview of the RMA advocacy and planning work done to represent the interests and aspirations of anglers and hunters in the statutory planning process see the separate RMA Report.

OUTPUT AREA 3: PARTICIPATION

Increase Participation

Take a Kid Fishing

Discussions are underway with the Kids Charitable Fishing trust for their 2025 event to be held at the end of September.

Lake Roto Kohatu Salmon releases

Salmon and yearling rainbow trout have been ordered for release during 2025 to coincide with the school holidays (April, July/August).

Social Media

Staff have been reasonably observant with items posted to social media over the past two months, following the release of our regional social media guidelines. Operational field work is expected to be posted more in the coming months to illustrate what North Canterbury staff do with their time in the field. The new format of the weekly fishing report has received mixed reactions from community members. However, it has now gained traction, receiving consistent views each week. Plans for a regional hunting report for the game bird season are now underway; these will likely be published fortnightly.

Boggy Creek Maimai Building

Staff are in the final stages of building the two remaining maimais for the Boggy Creek wetland area. These will be installed and completed prior to the 2025 opening weekend for Game Bird hunting.

Satisfaction Surveys

National Game Bird Hunter Satisfaction Survey

This survey was run by North Canterbury staff and carried out in conjunction with the national Game bird harvest surveys. Final reporting is underway.

Designated Waters and Trial Controlled Fisheries

Staff have been contacting both resident and non-resident Designated Waters/Controlled Fisheries anglers since the beginning of the season to collect information on access and satisfaction. This will continue throughout the season and will be followed up with public consultation late summer when the busiest fishing period has concluded. Towards the end of the season, staff will visit local angling clubs to relay information and findings from these surveys and consultations.

Access

Stewardship Land Review

Information from NZ Council has been circulated to regions regarding the modernisation of conservation land management by DOC. The Government has released two conservation discussion documents that include proposals to:

- explore introducing access charging for some public consultation land
- streamline concessions and planning processes and enable more flexibility around land exchange and disposals.

NZC is currently working on a summary of the proposals, and DOC have planned public seminars on the review for early 2025. This provides a valuable opportunity for Fish & Game to advocate for access to hunting and fishing areas.

More information about the proposals is available at www.doc.govt.nz/modernising-the-conservation-system.

Access Brochures

Staff have drafted angler access brochures to help anglers find fishing locations that suit their needs.

Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere Access

A further 500m laneway fencing on Embankment Road has been completed to improve game bird hunting opportunities and access at Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere.

Newsletters

Ezines

Staff have continued publishing the new style of fishing reports. The new reports are a combination of video and text, with various local licence agents collaborating to provide video content, including fishing tips for anglers. One key takeaway has been the impact of using Facebook as a platform to reach a broader audience. Over 60% of those viewing our weekly fishing report on Facebook aren't followers of our page, which shows how the platform is helping us connect with a wider community of anglers at all levels. At the end of February, these reports will be published each fortnight rather than weekly. This will allow more time for staff to complete other fieldwork operations as well as have more detailed and informative reports every two weeks.

View the North Canterbury Facebook Page using this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthCantyFishGame/>

Website

Staff continue to update the North Canterbury website pages with new documents and updated information.

Magazines

Staff wrote a feature article for the upcoming issue of the game bird magazine on the national hunter satisfaction survey that was conducted last opening weekend. Additionally, regional supplements were completed covering season prospects, regulation changes, tips and tricks, and the new boggy creek maimai's.

Client Relations**Club Relations**

Staff continue to keep communications with local angling and hunting clubs. Staff visits to clubs and assistance at club events are in the planning stages.

OUTPUT AREA 4: PUBLIC INTERFACE**Liaison**

Staff continue to respond to queries from licence holders and members of the public

OUTPUT AREA 5: COMPLIANCE

Please refer the Compliance Report for more information.

OUTPUT AREA 6: LICENCING**Licence production/distribution**

Staff continue to oversee licence production in the office for the new season.

Agent Servicing

Staff continue to connect with licence agents, most recently visiting when the Controlled Fishery Trial booking system went live to show them how it works so they are placed to inform anglers where necessary.

OUTPUT AREA 7: COUNCIL

Staff have assisted the Council Chairman in preparation of workshops and Council meetings and have produced updated reports and papers for bi-monthly Council meetings and the recent planning workshop.

OUTPUT AREA 8: PLANNING AND REPORTING**Planning and Reporting****Financial Position**

A "financial health check" was carried out by our accountant, Leech & Partners to ensure North Canterbury Fish and Game's reporting procedures are correct and up to date.

INPUT AREA 9: ADMINISTRATION**Staff training**

Three staff have completed required first aid training.

4x4 driver training will be carried out shortly and required staff are booked for an electric fishing course in the coming months.

FINANCE REPORT

To: North Canterbury Fish and Game Council

From: Debbie Ambler

Date: February 2025

Subject: **FINANCE REPORT – UP TO 31 JANUARY 2025**

1. PURPOSE

To inform Council on the financial performance and position, using an accounting accrual basis. It documents income and expenditure against the current annual budget.

The Report gives comments at the bottom of the Profit and Loss Report for each code that has incurred spending over \$1,000.

2. RECOMMENDATION

1. ***THAT THE FINANCE REPORT BE ACCEPTED TO 31 JANUARY 2025.***

3. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

The accountant (Leech & Partners) has completed a 'health check' of all accounts up to the 31 December 2024. The only adjustment to note is the addition of the robotic lawnmower to the Asset Register.

a. Profit and Loss – Table 1

The Profit and Loss Report reports direct costs for the period stated. It has been set up in the same format as the year-end Annual Report.

The 24/25 Budget used in this Report is \$1,068,935. This is made up of baseline funding of \$1,038,935, with the addition of approved use of regional reserves (\$30,000).

Note: any spending from Reserves requires notification to NZC – approval to use Reserves will not be approved if those Reserves drop below the 20% threshold. The approved forecasted use of Reserves by NZC is \$13,940. (-1.34% of budget)

Note: a Depreciation budget of \$110,000, Levy payments of \$645,290 plus Eyede charges (\$69,038) that are outside the normal budgeting process have been added to the 2024/2025 budget.

Revenue

- i. Licence sales are received by two methods: Public On-Line is paid to NCFG monthly, and Agency On-Line is paid to NCFG on a bi-monthly basis.
- ii. The sea-run salmon and Designated Waters licence charges are included in the overall licence income however are separated out in the Profit and Loss

Report and are accounted for in their respective reserves as shown on the Balance Sheet.

Note: a separate table (1A) behind the profit and loss report compares licence sales and revenue between the 2023/24 and 2024/25 years to 10 February 2025.

b. Balance Sheet – Table 2A

i. Employee Entitlements: is annual leave and PAYE owing at month end.

c. Cashflow - Table 2B

Improved Cashflow Forecast as developed by NCFG Accountant to support decision making.

d. Asset Replacement Fund 2024/25

Has been updated from the commencement of this financial year – September 2024 to August 2025.

Table 1 : Profit and Loss

North Canterbury Fish and Game Council For the month ended 31 January 2025

	JAN 2025	MONTH TO DATE BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	2024 / 2025 BUDGET	% OF TOTAL BUDGET
REVENUE					
Fish and Game Licence Sales					
Fish Licence Sales	127,083	156,650	1,242,090	1,426,915	87%
Game Licence Sales	91	-	110	246,806	0%
Total Fish and Game Licence Sales	127,174	156,650	1,242,200 (1)	1,673,721	74%
Sea-Run Salmon Licence	1,848	-	19,609	-	-
Designated Waters Licence	4,652	-	23,430	-	-
Other Income					
Other Income					
Interest Income	815	1,140	4,156	13,367	31%
NZC Secondment Income	8,754	8,754	43,770	105,048	42%
Costs Reimbursed by NZC (Other)	-	-	3,651	-	-
Agency Income - Eftpos Sales	(629)	-	(3,007)	-	-
Diversion - Habitat Restoration	2,700	-	7,250	-	-
Miscellaneous Income	-	-	27	-	-
Rent Received	2,000	1,600	8,800	20,800	42%
RMA Costs Reimbursed	5,193	-	76,505	-	-
Total Other Income	18,833	11,494	141,153	139,215	101%
Total Other Income	18,833	11,494	141,153	139,215	101%
Total REVENUE	152,507	168,144	1,426,392	1,812,936	79%
EXPENSES					
Outputs					
Species Management	3,174 (2)	3,200	6,196	104,100	6%
Habitat Protection & Management	2,112 (3)	-	92,291	18,100	510%
Angler & Hunter participation	-	-	5,812	4,500	129%
Public Interface	-	-	100	400	25%
Compliance	978	208	2,100	5,000	42%
Licensing Commission & Fees	3,942 (4)	-	46,064	69,038	67%
Council	-	300	2,556	5,000	51%
Planning & reporting	1,481 (5)	-	10,153	20,000	51%
Total Outputs	11,687	3,708	165,271	226,138	73%
Overheads					
Employee Related Expenses	73,389 (6)	72,644	373,020	881,735	42%
Other Overheads	9,490 (7)	6,910	57,398	123,400	47%
Total Overheads	82,879	79,554	430,417	1,005,135	43%
Depreciation	9,336	9,166	47,082	110,000	43%
NZ Fish & Game Levies	-	-	161,323	645,290	25%
Total EXPENSES	103,902	92,428	804,094	1,986,563	40%

Table 1 : Profit and Loss

	JAN 2025	MONTH TO DATE BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	2024 / 2025 BUDGET	% OF TOTAL BUDGET
Net Profit	48,605	75,716	622,298	(173,627)	-358%

1. Licence Sales

See separate sheet attached. Table 1a.

2. Species Management

Game bird helicopter monitoring flight - Lake Ellesmere.

3. Habitat Protection and Management

Materials to complete building the last three maimai's for Boggy Creek. (seven will be completed by end of February 2025).

4. Licence Commission and Fees

Made up of commissions to Agents and bank charges for Public online sales.

5. Planning and Reporting

Expense due to full financial check by Leech and Partners for the period 1 September 2024 to 31 December 2025.

6. Employee Related Expenses

Includes payroll & kiwisaver, contractor payments for ranging assistance and spawning survey assistance, staff uniforms and Health and Safety - such as Trackme (field communications systems) and Seaflux (a cloud-based vessel management software package).

7. Other Overheads

Includes, bank charges, field equipment purchases, office cleaning, leasing of eftpos machine / photocopier, office maintenance, photocopying, power, rates, communications, land all vehicle expenses. S Terry vehicle required a service at \$1,583, however all other expenses are as per normal.

TABLE 1A

FISH SALES TO 10 FEBRUARY 2025 - YTD

	FWFA	FWA	FWNA	FSLA	FDA	FDNA	FWJ	FDJ	SRSE	DWLR	DWLN	Fish Total	Fish LEQ	Fish \$
Fishing 2023/24	2508	4440	305	1103	1185	468	611	205	5517	3502	245	22167	9,843	\$ 1,309,519.00
Fishing 2024/25	2361	4112	288	1154	1122	404	745	291	4955	2953	392	21110	9,353	\$ 1,268,730.00
Difference	-147	-328	-17	51	-63	-64	134	86	-562	-549	147	-1057	-490	-40789

1 This table shows licence sales of the main categories or where there is significant movement in a category year on year.

2 North Canterbury is currently 5% down in overall licence sales YTD.

NOTE: Fish total, Fish LEQ and Fish\$ are for overall sales not just those selected above.

3 Currently North Canterbury is running at 74% of budget to 31 January 2025

4 Total Fish\$ include SRSC, DWLR and DWLN in the above table. However, in the Profit and Loss Report, these categories sit outside the YTD Actual as they are accounted for seperately for our own accounting purposes.

FISH	Licence Categories	FLBA	Long Break	SRSC	Sea Run Salmon Licence
FWFA	Family/Whole Season	FLBA	Long Break	SRSC	Sea Run Salmon Licence
FWA	Whole Season Adult	FSBA	Short Break	DWLR	Designated Waters - Resident
FWNA	Whole Season Non Resident Adult	FDA	Day Adult	DWLN	Designated Waters - Non Resident
FSLA	Loyal Senior	FDNA	Day Non Resident Adult		
FLAA	Local Area	FWNC	Whole Season Non Resident Child		
FWIA	Winter Adult	FDNC	Day Non Resident Child		

Table 2A: Balance Sheet

North Canterbury Fish and Game Council As at 31 January 2025

	31 JAN 2025	31 AUG 2024
Assets		
Bank	817,949	327,566
Current Assets		
Accounts Receivable	286,434	151,186
Other Receivables	-	514
GST	-	20,269
Total Current Assets	286,434	171,968
Fixed Assets	2,068,361	2,101,331
Total Assets	3,172,743	2,600,865
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	30,657	55,303
Visa	973	1,686
Accruals	27	11,171
Employee Entitlements	85,849	91,148
GST	59,585	-
Income in Advance	114,626	182,828
Total Current Liabilities	291,717	342,136
Total Liabilities	291,717	342,136
Net Assets	2,881,027	2,258,728
Equity		
Accumulated Funds		
Accumulated Funds	1,617,811	1,820,334
Current Year Earnings	622,298	(202,523)
Transfer to and from Reserves	213,690	333,692
Total Accumulated Funds	2,453,798	1,951,503
Dedicated Reserves		
20 Minimum Cash Reserve	208,501	130,930
Asset Replacement Funding	34,189	59
Non Resident Licence Revenue	-	105
Designated Waters Revenue	51,534	50,628
Salmon Card Revenue	25,547	25,547
Habitat Protection Revenue	7,276	638
Total Dedicated Reserves	327,047	207,907
Restricted Reserves		
Te Waihora (Lake Ellesmere) Mai Mai Reserve	17,624	17,600
Murawai (Coopers Lagoon) Mai Mai Reserve	1,681	1,681

Table 2A: Balance Sheet

	31 JAN 2025	31 AUG 2024
Rakaia Fund Reserve	80,876	80,038
Total Restricted Reserves	100,181	99,319
Total Equity	2,881,027	2,258,728

Please note, the Rakaia Reserve was closed in November 2024 at the expiry of its term deposit. There have been delays in re-opening a Business On Call account for this reserve, with the funds still sitting in the income/expense account (along with the salmon card reserve). Currently under action by Kiwibank.

TABLE 2B

NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL
ANNUAL CASH FLOW CALCULATION
2024 - 25 FINANCIAL YEAR

ATING CASH FLOW

	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25
Opening Balances													
CASH IN													
License Sales	\$ 20,230	\$ 33,818	\$ 154,222	\$ 408,555	\$ 354,793	\$ 246,737	\$ 140,000	\$ 90,500	\$ 78,392	\$ 109,695	\$ 187,016	\$ 55,960	\$ 22,913
Other Income	\$ 19,219	\$ 38,743	\$ 38,038	\$ 33,211	\$ 82,383	\$ 5,215	\$ 19,724	\$ 33,027	\$ 25,590	\$ 14,966	\$ 21,716	\$ 21,723	\$ 14,603
Total Income	\$ 39,449	\$ 72,561	\$ 190,260	\$ 439,766	\$ 437,176	\$ 251,952	\$ 159,724	\$ 123,527	\$ 103,982	\$ 124,661	\$ 208,732	\$ 77,683	\$ 37,516

	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25
CASH OUT													
Operational Expenses	\$ 53,939	\$ 23,781	\$ 39,436	\$ 49,941	\$ 65,832	\$ 26,737	\$ 31,250	\$ 46,063	\$ 37,233	\$ 19,657	\$ 18,923	\$ 30,135	\$ 14,452
Employee Related Expenses	\$ 76,049	\$ 83,251	\$ 65,351	\$ 63,614	\$ 91,200	\$ 82,544	\$ 68,591	\$ 96,800	\$ 68,591	\$ 66,591	\$ 66,591	\$ 66,591	\$ 66,591
Overhead Expenses	\$ 11,503	\$ 6,665	\$ 12,036	\$ 23,606	\$ 6,915	\$ 21,977	\$ 12,137	\$ 11,430	\$ 13,702	\$ 21,077	\$ 11,562	\$ 11,696	\$ 13,257
NZ Fish & Game Levies	\$ 186,549			\$ 185,521			\$ 185,521			\$ 185,521			\$ 185,521
GST Expense	\$ 3,127	\$ 33,917	\$ 1,939	\$ 21,603	\$ -	\$ 68,375	\$ 13,403	\$ 4,615	\$ 2,031	\$ 25,228	\$ 16,748	\$ 4,611	\$ 36,345
Purchase of Assets/Disposal	\$ 27,542	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,995	\$ 4,117	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenditure	\$ 358,709	\$ 59,780	\$ 118,761	\$ 354,280	\$ 168,064	\$ 199,733	\$ 282,096	\$ 149,678	\$ 115,495	\$ 267,618	\$ 113,824	\$ 103,811	\$ 243,476
Nett Cash Flow	\$ 319,260	\$ 12,781	\$ 71,499	\$ 85,486	\$ 269,112	\$ 52,219	\$ 122,372	\$ 26,151	\$ 11,513	\$ 142,957	\$ 94,908	\$ 26,128	\$ 205,960

Opening Bank Balance of All Accounts	\$ 645,140	\$ 325,880	\$ 338,680	\$ 410,159	\$ 495,645	\$ 764,757	\$ 816,976	\$ 694,604	\$ 688,453	\$ 656,940	\$ 513,984	\$ 608,892	\$ 582,764
Closing Bank Balance Implied based on movement above	\$ 325,880	\$ 338,680	\$ 410,159	\$ 495,645	\$ 764,757	\$ 816,976	\$ 694,604	\$ 688,453	\$ 656,940	\$ 513,984	\$ 608,892	\$ 582,764	\$ 376,804
Actual Closing Bank Balance for All Bank Accounts (Incl Visa)	\$ 325,880	\$ 338,680	\$ 410,159	\$ 495,645	\$ 764,757	\$ 816,976	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Variance	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 694,604	\$ 688,453	\$ 656,940	\$ 513,984	\$ 608,892	\$ 582,764	\$ 376,804

Total In Income/Expense Account (Incl Visa)	\$ 43,614.00	\$ 55,404.00	\$ 126,926.00	\$ 179,334.00	\$ 366,221.66	\$ 415,295.00							
Total In Dedicated Reserves	\$ 182,356.00	\$ 183,602.00	\$ 184,244.52	\$ 216,130.00	\$ 298,353.48	\$ 301,500.00							
Total In Restricted Reserves	\$ 99,319.00	\$ 99,554.00	\$ 100,008.17	\$ 100,181.00	\$ 100,181.08	\$ 100,181.00							
Total	\$ 325,289.00	\$ 338,660.00	\$ 410,178.69	\$ 495,645.00	\$ 764,756.22	\$ 816,976.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Table 3: Aged Payables Summary

North Canterbury Fish and Game Council

As at 31 January 2025

CONTACT	CURRENT	< 1 MONTH	OLDER	TOTAL
Aged Payables				
Alan Strong	58	-	-	58
Amy Keir	5,750	-	-	5,750
ANZ Merchant	17	-	-	17
BoardPro	1,139	-	-	1,139
BP FUELCARD	1,343	-	-	1,343
Bunnings	210	-	-	210
Busy Bees Services Limited	81	-	-	81
Carters	2,371	-	-	2,371
Christchurch City Council	2,296	-	-	2,296
Christchurch Helicopters	3,715	-	-	3,715
Code 9	49	-	-	49
Cyrus Brundage	1,578	-	-	1,578
Eastern Fish and Game Council	93	-	-	93
Fish & Game, Eyede Solutions Ltd for	2,449	-	-	2,449
Genesis	433	-	-	433
Leech & Partners	1,610	-	-	1,610
Loch Katrine Association	560	-	-	560
Manic Tackle	896	-	-	896
NZ Wildlife Solutions (2006)	1,844	-	-	1,844
ONE	1,337	-	-	1,337
Power Electrical	175	-	-	175
Ricoh	52	-	-	52
Ronald Mottram	404	-	-	404
Twin Needle	447	-	-	447
Worldline	22	-	-	22
Z Energy	530	-	-	530
Zane Gray	1,200	-	-	1,200
Total Aged Payables	30,657	-	-	30,657
Total	30,657	-	-	30,657

Notes On Items over \$1,000

1. Amy Kier - Legal fees
2. Board Pro - Annual subscription fee
3. BP Fuelcard - Monthly running of fleet
4. Carters - Building materials for maimai construction
5. Christchurch City Council - Rates
6. Christchurch Helicopters - Game bird flight - Lake Ellesmere
7. Cyrus Brundage - Assistance with fish monitoring
8. Eyede Solutions - Agency sales
9. Leech & Partners - Financial 'health check'
10. NZ Wildlife Solutions - Ranging assistance
11. One - Communications and internet charges
12. Zane Gray - Ranging assistance

Table 4: Aged Receivables Summary

North Canterbury Fish and Game Council

As at 31 January 2025

CONTACT	CURRENT	< 1 MONTH	1 MONTH	OLDER	TOTAL
Caleb Ryder	367	-	-	-	367
EYEDE - AGENT 24 / 25	160,778	-	-	-	160,778
James Roberts	300	-	-	-	300
New Zealand Fish and Game Council	26,106	-	-	-	26,106
NZ Wildlife Solutions (2006)	512	-	-	-	512
POL EYEDE - 24/25	98,371	-	-	-	98,371
Total	286,434	-	-	-	286,434

Notes On Items over \$1000

1. Eyede Agent - licence sales made in January due to be paid March 2025
2. Eyede POL - licence sales made in January 2025 to be paid in February 2025
3. New Zealand Fish and Game Council - Contract income for NZC staff and Rakaia WCO invoices to be repaid.

ASSET REPLACEMENT FUND TO 31 AUGUST 2025 AND BEYOND

For the period 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

Date	Description	Opening Balance	Purchases	Sales & Other Income	Running Total
		\$ 59.00			
	Plus Budget Approval	\$ 20,000.00			
		\$ 20,059.00			
	Transfers from the operational account to refund asset purchases (Drone & Temp Data Loggers) made in the 23/24 financial year	\$ 14,123.00			
6004 - Plant & Equipment					
	iMow E Evo Robotic Mower	\$ 3,774.27			
		\$ -			
		\$ -			
		\$ -			
		\$ -			
	Total 6004 - Plant & Equipment	\$ 3,774.27			
6008 - Office Equipment					
		\$ -			
		\$ -			
		\$ -			
		\$ -			
	Total 6008 - Office Equipment	\$ -			
6010 - Vehicles & Boats					
		\$ -			
		\$ -			
		\$ -			
		\$ -			
		\$ -			
		\$ -			
	Total 6010 - Vehicles & Boats	\$ -			
		\$ -			
		\$ 3,774.27		\$ 34,182.00	\$ 30,407.73

RUNNING BALANCE as at 31 AUGUST 2025

RMA REPORT

To: North Canterbury Fish and Game Council

From: Emily Craig

Date: February 2025

Purpose

1. This report has been prepared for Council to summarise key RMA activities undertaken by the North Canterbury Fish and Game (NCFG) team throughout the period November 2024 to mid-February 2025.

Background

2. As the statutory management agency for sport fish and game birds we are required to consider the Legislation, the RMA, local plans, regional plans, and National Policy Statements applicable to our Region.

Points of Information

Resource Consents General

3. All resource consent applications lodged with the regional council are presented weekly to affected parties to assess whether these are relevant to us. Where relevant we provide feedback to Regional Councils and where necessary propose these be publicly notified.
4. Through the period November-February we have received and assessed **310** resource consent applications, of which **179** (57%) are relevant to the North Canterbury region, with the remainder shared between Nelson/Marlborough and Central South Island regions.
5. Only applications that are relevant to the North Canterbury region are reported on below.
6. Financial year-to-date, a total of **306** North Canterbury region resource consent applications have been assessed, of which the type (Figure 1) and local authority (Figure 2) are presented below:

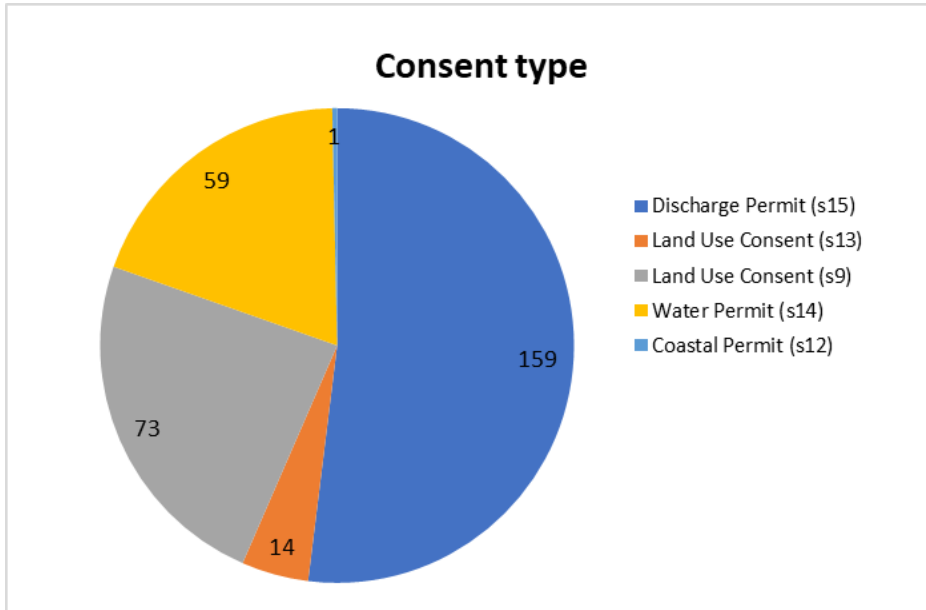


Figure 1. Total cumulative resource consent applications per consent type within the North Canterbury Fish & Game region September 2024 – February 2025.

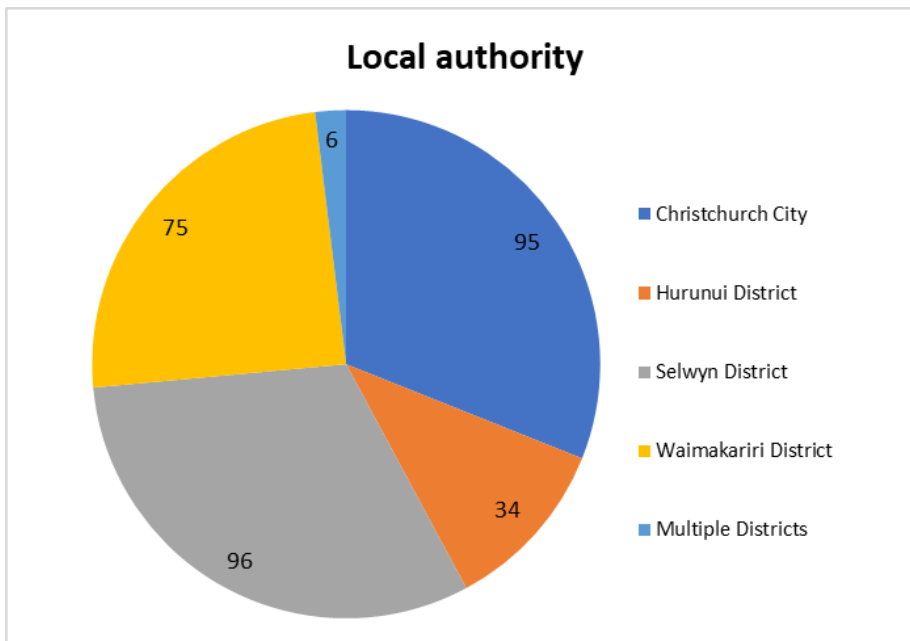


Figure 2. Total cumulative resource consent applications per local authority within the North Canterbury Fish & Game region September 2024 – February 2025.

7. The most common theme/priority applications for the November-February period was Discharge permits (s15); a majority of these discharge permits were either to air or land.
8. The most common district in the North Canterbury region is Selwyn District, followed closely by Christchurch City District, and Waimakariri District.

Submissions/Interested parties

9. Staff continue to communicate with Landpro Ltd who are processing applications on behalf of Environment Canterbury (ECAN) regarding water take consent renewals on the Waiau Uwha River. A submission to one of these consent applications has been made and a meeting is due to take place with the applicants mid-February.
10. A submission was made on Amuri Irrigation Company's consent application to run two hydroelectric power schemes using water from existing consented takes on the Hurunui and Waiau Uwha rivers.
11. A submission was made on another consent renewal for a diversion/take on the Waiau Uwha River.
12. Staff attended a meeting held by Amuri Irrigation Company, alongside representatives from Department of Conservation, Environment Canterbury and NIWA, to discuss technical aspects of the proposed new fish screening facility on the Balmoral scheme of the Hurunui River.

Fast Track Approvals

13. A noted Fast Track listed project in the region is the Balmoral Water Storage Facility and Fish Screen (BWSF).

COMPLIANCE REPORT

To: North Canterbury Fish and Game Council

From: Harry Graham-Samson

Date: 19 February 2025

Purpose

1. To provide an update on compliance activities by staff and honorary rangers within the North Canterbury Region.

Points of Information

Ranging Activities from 1st October 2024 to present

1. This season compliance goals were set at the catchment level based on the national angler survey.
2. Licence checks and compliance visits have been conducted throughout the region, with some anglers being very surprised to see us.
3. To date staff and honorary rangers have checked 690 anglers across 26 locations in our region. It's important to note that none of these licence checks are from competition or event entries.
4. The non-compliance rate is 4.5%.
5. Compliance efforts have detected 44 offences across 30 offenders.
6. To date of the 30 offenders, there have been:
 - 8 offers of diversion that have been accepted
 - 9 warning letters
 - 1 prosecution
 - 1 ongoing prosecution at the courts
 - 11 offences currently being processed
7. Staff have started a WhatsApp group to increase communication efficiency with honorary rangers, as well as providing monthly newsletters covering ranging activities and outcomes.

Next steps

8. At the end of the fishing season, staff will evaluate how communications with the honorary rangers was perceived, the overall compliance for the season and how the catchment-based ranging approach worked.

HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT

To: North Canterbury Fish and Game Council

From: Emily Craig

Date: February 2025

PURPOSE

1. This report has been prepared for the Council to provide a summary for health and safety across North Canterbury Fish and Game.

INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND

2. This report provides a summary of:
 - a. The health and safety performance, inclusive of any contract work.
 - b. Any Health and safety risks.
 - c. Any significant health and safety incidents for the months reported and any recent updates on past incidents.
 - d. Any near-miss events and subsequent follow-up actions.
 - e. The progress against the Health and Safety Strategy Work Programme.
 - f. The report also responds to any matters arising from the last Council Meeting.

ANALYSIS

3. The table below summarises the reporting statistics for this period. Further information regarding context and follow up process is captured in a register.

Lost time injuries this period	Lost time injuries this year	Incidents this period	Incidents this year	Near Miss Events this period	Near miss events this year	New Hazards reported this period	New Hazards reported this year
0	0	1	1	0	1	1	2

4. This dataset continues to build over time particularly as our work programme grows and health and safety reporting culture are ingrained into our work ethos.

Near Miss and Incident Events

1. One incident was recorded in this period in January 2025 (relating to trailer use). An incident investigation form was completed and sent to Cr Strong, and the hazard was added to the hazard register.
2. No near miss events have occurred in this period.

New Hazards

3. The incident relating to the trailer was added to the hazard register, and on review the hazard register already included controls to minimise this risk. However additional controls were added, and all staff have been made aware to mitigate future risk. Staff continue to ensure these types of risks are routinely considered and evaluated, so when needed ways to appropriately mitigate them are clearly identified.

Health and Safety Culture

4. The overall Health and Safety culture continues to be positive and proactive, and staff continue to actively contribute to risk identification and system improvements.
5. Another Fish & Game region contacted NCFG in relation to our health & safety paperwork (field trip forms, etc.) and have asked us to provide these to be adapted for their own use.

Health & Safety Meetings

6. Held bi-weekly, with a more comprehensive meeting being held once a month.

Contractors

7. One fieldwork support contractor was engaged over the summer period to assist with field support for electric fishing surveys and trout recruitment studies around high-country lakes in the upper Waimakariri and Rakaia catchments.
8. One honorary ranger was contracted to carry out compliance activities in the high country approximately one day a week during the Summer period. We expect this work to be completed by the end of February.

Staff Competencies and Training

9. C Ryder sat his full First Aid course while M Garrick and D Ambler sat their refresher.
10. Two staff members have been booked to attend the NIWA electric fishing operator's course in April. This is currently the industry standard for electric fishing training.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE HEALTH AND SAFETY

11. A National Health & Safety committee has been established, and staff continue to work supporting NZ Council by providing regional H&S information and paperwork.

CONCLUSION / DISCUSSION

12. Staff note that NCFG is tracking well toward our Health and Safety goals.
13. With increased National investment to ensure systems and processes are adhered to, a good Health and Safety culture continues to be developed at a regional and national level.

Action List

NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL



As of: 14 Feb 2025

Building Relationships with Ngai Tahu

On Hold

Cr Strong and T Anglem (Ngai Tahu) to discuss how to best progress a governance relationship between NCFG and Ngai Tahu.

NOTE DATED 25 SEPTEMBER 2024

Hold until a new Ngai Tahu representative is appointed.

Due Date: 22 May 2024

Owner: ALAN STRONG

Meeting: 22 Feb 2024 North Canterbury Fish & Game Council Meeting, 3.2 General Business

Discussion with Central South Island Regarding Management of Lake Heron & Melish Stream

In Progress

That Cr's Barron and Musson arrange discussions on a governance-to-governance level with Central South Island to further a management strategy for the upper Rakaia catchment.

Due Date: 21 Aug 2024

Owner: DAVE BARRON

Meeting: 24 Jul 2024 North Canterbury Fish and Game Council Meeting, 1.5 Council Discussion on Issues and Risks That May Require Council Attention

Latest Update:

Meeting with CSI on the 4\09\2024

DAVE BARRON | 3 Sept 2024

Health and Safety Report

On Hold

That Cr Musson discuss the way the Health and Safety Report is reported to Council with R Gabrielsson.

Due Date: 14 Feb 2025

Owner: PHILLIP MUSSON

Meeting: 27 Nov 2024 NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING, 4.1 Standard Reports

Shooting Platform for the Disabled

In Progress

To bring back to Council information on the feasibility of a shooting platform for the disabled at Te Waihora or Muriwai Lakes.

A examination of potential benefits and challenges for a shooting platform for the disabled hunters within the North Canterbury region is underway, and will be presented to Council at their February 2024 workshop (revised date) in conjunction with the educational and promotional strategy for game bird hunting.

Note: to be discussed at the February 2025 governance workshop.

Due Date: 16 Feb 2025

Owner: RASMUS GABRIELSSON
Meeting: 25 Sept 2024 NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL, 4.2 Action List

Rakaia Reserve

In Progress

Provide to Council the financial summary for the Rakaia Reserve including any spending from the HCWWP project.

Note: to be discussed at the February 25 governance workshop.

Due Date: 19 Feb 2025
Owner: RASMUS GABRIELSSON
Meeting: 24 Jul 2024 North Canterbury Fish and Game Council Meeting, 2.3 Rakaia Reserve

Auditor Meeting

Not Started

Cr Strong to investigate the likelihood of having a half hour meeting with the auditor to allow governors to address any issues.

Due Date: 19 Feb 2025
Owner: ALAN STRONG
Meeting: 27 Nov 2024 NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING, 2.1 2024 Statement Of Service Performance

Development of an Educational and Promotional Strategy for Gamebird Hunting

In Progress

A draft educational and promotional strategy is being formulated, in collaboration with key stakeholder groups and treaty partners. It is anticipated that a Draft Strategy will be presented to Council at their workshop in February 2025 (revised date).

Note: to be discussed at the February 25 governance workshop.

Due Date: 28 Feb 2025
Owner: RASMUS GABRIELSSON
Meeting: 17 Feb 2021 COUNCIL MEETING - 17 FEBRUARY 2021, 1.4 ACTION SHEET

FOR INFORMATION

To: North Canterbury Fish and Game Council
From: Matthew Garrick
Date: 19 February 2025
Subject: BLACK SWAN UPDATE

Purpose

1. To provide an update on swan populations in North Canterbury and where they fit with harvest frameworks.

Points of Information

2. The black swan monitoring flight was conducted in late January.
3. A total of 9,450 black swan were counted across the four major swan sites.
4. This number of black swan surpasses a threshold for a change in harvest strategy into the liberal framework.
5. The liberal framework allows permits to shoot black swans over decoys to be issued outside of the main nesting season for chronic crop depredation complaints (see attached).

Next steps

6. Issue permits as needed to farmers to address crop depredation complaints outside of the main nesting season.

“MANAGEMENT TOOLS”	Closed Season	Restrictive Season	Moderate Season	Liberal Season
	<i>Increase Population</i>	<i>Increase Population</i>	<i>Maintain Population</i>	<i>Reduce Population</i>
Justification	<p>Black swan below objective based on available biological data, comments from hunters, public, and landowners, as well as field and staff observations.</p> <p>Crop depredation minimal, should be addressed through a wildlife damage control programme.</p> <p>Non-lethal tools primarily, however, unique situations may be addressed using kill permits. Egg harvest limited.</p>	<p>Black swan below objective based on available biological data, comments from hunters, public, and landowners, as well as field and staff observations.</p> <p>Crop depredation expected to be minimal, should be addressed through a wildlife damage control programme.</p> <p>Non-lethal tools primarily, however, unique situations may be addressed using kill permits. Sustainable egg harvest is to be conducted at Ngāi Tahu's discretion.</p>	<p>Black swan at objective based on available biological data, comments from hunters, public, and landowners, as well as field and staff observations.</p> <p>Manageable depredation on crops to be expected, should be addressed through a wildlife damage control programme.</p> <p>Non-lethal tools primarily, however, chronic depredation issues may be addressed with kill permits. Population growth is to be limited through egg harvest conducted by Ngāi Tahu.</p>	<p>Black swan above objective based on available biological data, comments from hunters, public, and landowners, as well as field and staff observations.</p> <p>Frequent depredation on crops to be expected, should be addressed through a wildlife damage control programme.</p> <p>Chronic depredation issues may be addressed with kill permits. Population growth is to be limited through a combination of kill permits and egg harvest conducted by Ngāi Tahu.</p>
Summer Population Index (2-year average)	<3000	3,000-4,500	4,500-7,500	7,500+
Regular Season Days	—	Full season	Full season	Full season
Bag Limit	—	1/day	2/day	2/day



APPLICATION TO HOLD A FISHING COMPETITION RELATING TO SPORTS FISH IN THE NORTH CANTERBURY FISH & GAME REGION

Name of Club	North Canterbury Fish & Game
Address	595 Johns Road, Harewood, Christchurch 8011
Email Address	ncevent@fishandgame.org.nz
Phone / Cell phone No	(03) 366 9191
Contact Person	Emily Craig

Pursuant to section 57b (Applications) of the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983, every application for approval of a fishing competition shall specify the following particulars:

Water(s) where proposed competition is to be held	Waimakariri River – from the mouth to the Kairaki Yacht Club on the North side only.
Dates of the competition	Thursday 17 th April (subject to change)
Anticipated numbers of entrants	~100 entrants (inclusive of spot prize draw entries). 2024 competition had one salmon entered.
The Classes, and respective fees (if any) of entry	Free event – anglers only need to register when weighing in a salmon, or when entering the spot prize draw.
Categories of competition for which prizes will be offered	No prize for heaviest salmon, but spot prizes for adults and juniors who register their fishing licence at the Fish & Game tent.

<p>Details of procedures to be followed to ensure all entrants hold a current fishing licence and are aware of the provisions of relevant District Anglers Notice</p>	<p>Anglers must present their current fishing licence AND filled sea-run salmon bag limit card when entering a salmon at weigh-in. Rangers will be patrolling the area and checking licences also on the day.</p> <p>Spot prize draw only open to anglers who present their current fishing licence.</p>
<p>Details of kind of catch or scientific data (if any) to be collected during the competition to provide to the Fish and Game Council</p>	<p>Weight, length, fin-clip, time of catch, sex (if known at time of weigh-in)</p>
<p>Details of proposed actions (if any) to be taken by the applicant to reduce the impact of the competition on fish stocks or habitat</p>	<p>The competition in its current format is more of a celebration for the end of the sea-run salmon fishing season and is not expected to negatively impact the wild sea-run salmon spawning population. All salmon caught during this competition are within each angler's season bag limit of 2 fish as per the sea-run salmon adaptive management plan.</p>
<p>The rules of the competition. (To be supplied on a separate sheet if necessary).</p>	<p>No pre-registration is required. Competition fishing may start at the designated time, and all entries must be weighed in by the designated weigh-in closing time. Any fish brought to the weigh-in station after weigh-in closing time will not be accepted.</p> <p>Anglers must carry their current season fishing licence and sea-run salmon bag limit card while fishing as per standard regulations.</p> <p>Anglers must show their current fishing licence AND filled salmon bag limit card when entering a salmon. Salmon brought to the tent for weigh-in, where the angler cannot present their fishing licence and/or season bag card will not be permitted to enter the competition and compliance action may be taken if necessary.</p>
<p>The purpose for which any profits are proposed to be used</p>	<p>No revenue is gathered from this event.</p>

Please return all paperwork to the following email address as soon as possible for consideration by the North Canterbury Fish and Game Council: northcanterbury@fishandgame.org.nz