

Agenda Item 10 : Operational Report.

Operational Report – for the period ended September 2020

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Introduction

The Council's adopted governance policies require the manager to provide an Operational Report, specific proposals for capital expenditure and acquisitions as well as major issues and opportunities for the Council. There are further requirements for the Manager to provide assurance that the Management Limitations are being observed. The format of this report is therefore to certify compliance with Governance Policies, Management Limitations and provide other material, responses, or assurance that Council objectives, strategies, plans, performance, risks, operation, resources and structure are being met.

Notifications of intention to purchase unbudgeted capital items in excess of \$10,000

Nothing to report

Matters for the information of council

Staff:

Staff holiday entitlements: Manager, 7 days
 Hokitika Officer, 5 days
 Northern Officer, 10 days

Vehicles:

Managers Vehicle: (start) 85,553km (fin) 91,364. Total private for period: 1,630km
Fish & Game Officer Vehicle: MML 21,660km (start) 27,900 (finish) Total private for period: 2,222km
Fish & Game Officer Vehicle: (start) 56,960 km (fin.) 63,171 km Total private for period: 1308 km

Bi-monthly report on outputs

1113 Spawning Surveys

2020 Salmon and 2019 trout spawning report completed. 2020 Trout surveys completed in the Lake Kaniere tributaries.

1114 Trend Counts

Annual shoveler and grey teal survey completed.

1115 Sportsfishery Research

Report attached.

1116 Backcountry Fisheries Management

Trail cameras retrieved, data reviewed, and report compiled.

1121 National Hunter Survey

Report started but still waiting for other regions to check results to close the survey.

1161 Fisheries Enhancement

The Council will need to consider the proposed NZ Council Policy on release of hatchery reared fish into fisheries that are not contained. The Policy as written will inevitably limit the scope of enhancement available for Lake lanthe. The staff recommendation is to seek modification to the proposed policy to allow for biological factors such as pest fish presence to play a part in any decision to release hatchery reared stock.

1171 Regulations/Gazette Notices

The change to a standardised format is requiring some clarification to licence-holders regarding season openings and lengths. The wording in the regulation guide will need to be clarified for subsequent seasons.

1181 Game Bird Control

Two permits issued, one for Pukekos (Haast, Eggeling property) and one for Pukekos/Black Swans.

1211 RMA Plans/Policy/Consents

Resource Consent application received, and approval given for Oceania Gold water discharge and a dairy discharge for Nathan Molloy at HariHari. There are 5 pending consents seeking approval.

Applicant	Area	Type	Nature of work	Comments
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Westland Excavation Ltd	Kokatahi Riverbed	Land use consent	Gravel Extraction	No Issues
Buller District Council	Buller River	Land use consent	Port upgrade	
Elect Mining Ltd	Stafford	Land use consent	Alluvial Gold Mining	Extension
Sluys Farm Ltd	Fletcher Creek, Rotokahu	Land Use Consent Gravel Extraction Water Permit	River protection works	Consultation required about timing of works and maintenance outside spawning period
Weststone Ltd	Griffen Creek, Wianihini	Land use consent	Gravel extraction	No flowing river channel works during spawning
Kalyeeda Ltd	Atarau, Big River and Granite Creek	Land use consent	Rivber Protection Works	No flowing river channel works during spawning
Humphreys Mining Ltd	Buller River @ whitecliffs	Land use consent	Alluvial Gold Mining	Stringent water quality parameters and recirculation system.
Wilderness Lodges of New Zealand	Moeraki River	Land use consent	HEPS	Renewal for existing HEPS on Moeraki River. Has operated effectively for over 43 years whilst maintaining an excellent trout and limited Salmon fishery.
Simon Hall Trust	Turnbull River	Land use consent	Rock Protection works	
NZTA	13 Mile Creek	Land use consent	Repair bridge abutments	

1212 Dairy Industry/Farmer Advocacy

Continued liaison with landowners regarding new freshwater standards and regulations.

1213 DOC

Discussed planned lagarosiphon control at lakes Ianthe and Paringa with Helen McCaughan.

Staff met with the review panel to discuss the current ministerial review.

1311 Access

Have checked, cleaned, and when needed replaced, all access signs in the West Coast region. Staff provided access locations for the Campermate app and also to a Fish and Game list of easily accessible spots for promotion for the start of the season.

1331 Website/Ezines/Social Media

Relevant material been posted on website. Regular Facebook engagements have been done, focusing on winter angling, fishing lower reaches and the upcoming season.

1341 Sportsfisheries Guides

Checked and slightly edited for next print to ensure content still is relevant. Agents delivered copies in preparation for upcoming season.

1361 Clubs, Outdoor Recreation Groups

Assisting with Lake Brunner Fishing competition including running an educational fishing class on how to increase your success in Lake Brunner.

1371 Okuru Hut

Bookings received for whitebait season from CSI honorary rangers.

1421 Media/Communication

Media content of winter angling, fishing lower reaches and the upcoming season released. Media content on results of salmon spawning surveys released.

1511 Compliance

Compliance carried out in response to increasing numbers of anglers partaking in winter angling. Reports of anglers fishing closed water in the Lake Brunner catchment has resulted in additional time spent in that area.

1531 Prosecutions

Decision made to withdraw charges from McWilliam prosecution on advice from lawyer and senior Fish & Game compliance staff due to insufficient evidence to prove the identity of the offender.

1621 Agent Liaison

Liaison with agent required over invoicing issues and ammunition availability preceding the game season.

1841 National Liaison

Managers are meeting more frequently via internet meetings with the rapidly changing financial and regulatory environment. Promotion of the new fishing season have been a focus.

1927 Occupational Safety and Health.

Attended staff H&S meetings. Attended staff H&S meetings. The NZ Council are coordinating a review and snapshot of the current status of health and safety management within Fish and Game. See report in Health and Safety Agenda Item.

1980 Offices

A leak in the ceiling prompted a replace of brittle and cracking pipework. The opportunity was taken to install a vanity to cover the hole in the wall and change to a mains pressure system by bypassing the low-pressure header tank. This will also make the water drinkable from the tap.

1980 Equipment

Boat Trailer WOF completed. Basic maintenance on field equipment.

Staffing

Staff employment agreements revised to incorporate volunteered wage freeze.

Staff Recommendation:

That this report be received.