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REPORT OF THE

**Nelson-Marlborough  
Fish and Game Council**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
AUGUST 31, 2010

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

**Fish and Game New Zealand, Nelson Marlborough Region**  
*Sports Fish and Game Bird Management*

Minister of Conservation  
Parliament Buildings  
WELLINGTON

Dear Minister

I have the honour to submit, pursuant to Section 26 X of the Conservation Act 1987 and Section 44A of the Public Finance Act 1989, the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Nelson-Marlborough Fish and Game Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Clenshaw', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris Clenshaw  
Chairman  
Nelson-Marlborough Fish and Game Council

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**1 September 2009 - 31 August 2010**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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### **STATUTORY BASIS**

The Nelson-Marlborough Fish & Game Council was established on 4<sup>th</sup> May 1990 under the Conservation Act 1987 to manage, maintain and enhance sports fish and game birds in the recreational interests of anglers and hunters.

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Purpose of Report

#### **This plan:**

- Briefly states the responsibilities and role or mission of the Nelson-Marlborough Fish and Game Council (Fish and Game);

Provides overview reports on the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010 by the Council Chairman and Manager

Provides the audited financial reports of Council activities for the year, including a comparison with the actual amounts in the previous year, the budget estimates according to the Council's operational work plan as approved by the Minister of Conservation and the actual expenditure for the year; and

- Describes the audited statement of service performance, being the actual outputs in time and money spent on Fish and Game management activities compared with those Budgeted for the period 1 September 2009 to 31 August 2010.

### 1.2 Mission Statement

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

This is achieved by

- monitoring sports fish and game populations;
- monitoring the success and satisfaction of users;
- identifying and initiating action to maintain and enhance sports fish and game populations and habitats;
- formulating and establishing regulations and policies which ensure the maintenance of sports fish and game populations and the recreational experience;
- promoting recreational angling and game bird hunting and ensuring access to this resource;
- securing compliance with sports fish and game regulations;
- keeping anglers and hunters informed;
- involving users in the decision making process.

### 1.3 Planning Horizon

Sports Fish and Game Management plans provide strategic long term (10 year) management planning, with goals, policies and objectives. This annual report documents the annual performance of the last 12 months of Fish and Game activity in the region.

## **2.0 STATUTORY FUNCTIONS**

The Nelson-Marlborough 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.

The Council has various statutory responsibilities under the Conservation Act 1987 (and its Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983) and the Wildlife Act 1953 (and the Wildlife Regulations 1955).

## **3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE COUNCIL**

### **3.1 Solicitors**

Anderson Lloyd Caudwell, Dunedin.

### **3.2 Bankers**

ASB Bank Limited, Richmond.

### **3.3 Auditor**

WHK Nelson, on behalf of the Controller and Auditor General, Audit Department.

### **3.4 Accountant**

Savage & Savage, Nelson

## 4.0 ORGANISATION STRUCTURE

### 4.1 Membership of Council

The Nelson-Marlborough Fish and Game Council have twelve elected Councillors. Six are elected from the six sub-regions and six at large. An election was held in October 2009, in which two Councillors stood down, and two others were elected, with changes in Council membership taking effect from December 2009.

The members of the Council are:

<b>COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>Offices Held</b>	<b>Previous and/or Current Council only</b>	<b>Meetings attended</b>
Jim Anderson	Fish Committee	Current	5
Owen Baigent	Game Committee	Current	6
Alan Ballard	Fish Committee	Current	3
Robin Blackmore	Executive Committee, NZF&G Councillor	Current	7
Brent Boyce	Game Committee	Previous	0
Chris Clenshaw	Chairman Present	Current	7
Carey Cudby	Executive & Game Committee	Current	6
Paul Dixon-Didier	Executive & Game Committees	Current	7
Paul Hedwig	Executive & Game Committees	Previous	1
Tom Kroos	Fish Committee	Current	5
Bill McKenzie	Previous Chairman & Game Committees		7
	Game Committee	Current	
Bill O'Leary	Game Committee	Current	4
Alistair Webber	Fish Committee	Current	4
Bill Woollcombe	Fish Committee	Current	7

The Chairman is a member of all committees *ex officio*. Owen Woods is co-opted onto the Council from Ngai Tahu, while Martin Heine from the Department of Conservation attends Council meetings as a non-voting representative of the Minister of Conservation.

### 4.2 Appointments

Robin Blackmore is appointed to the New Zealand Fish and Game Council.

### 4.3 Management Structure

Day to day administration of the Council is the responsibility of the Manager and his staff, organised into operational and administrative areas.

MANAGER	Neil Deans	Richmond
FIELD OFFICERS	Vaughan Lynn	Blenheim
	Lawson Davey	Richmond
BIODIVERSITY OFFICER	Rhys Barrier	Richmond
SECRETARY	Karen Crook	Richmond

**Chairman's Report**

It has been an eventful year for the new Council, and a very demanding time for our staff. On behalf of the Council I wish to thank Neil, Lawson, Vaughan, Rhys and Karen for all the time and effort beyond the call of duty, that they have given especially with the "battle for the Wairau".

We are anxiously awaiting the Environment Court's decision on our appeal. It is hoped by the time this goes to print we may have some good news!

Of great concern to Fish and Game nationally is the sacking of the Environment Canterbury Regional Board and appointment of Commissioners to determine the fate of Canterbury's water. Of even greater concern is the scrapping of the Water Conservation Orders on Canterbury Rivers that Fish and Game had fought long and hard to achieve. One wonders what is next.

Our new Minister of Conservation, Kate Wilkinson appears to be nearing a final decision on the future of Canada Geese as a game bird. We are hopeful that commonsense will prevail and that Fish and Game will continue to manage the majority of the birds for sporting purposes.

We are pleased to have been involved in the initiative to establish a youth "put and take" fishery adjacent to the Waimea River at Appleby. The proposal has great support and it is anticipated that it will be operational next year. Thanks to Lawson Davey for his input of information and advice, and design work for the pond.

A new initiative for South island regions has been the introduction of a forum every six months. Participants are some Councilors and staff from each South Island region, meeting to freely discuss concerns and issues primarily with a South Island focus. It has been an excellent opportunity to meet managers, rangers and Councilors and hear their personal opinions on matters of importance to Fish and Game.

Much has appeared in the media in recent months regarding river flows, water quality and the future of our waterways. Recently the recommendations of Nick Smith's Water Forum have been released with mixed reaction. Neil Deans has been a member of the Forum since its inception and I thank him for the considerable time and input he has made on behalf of Fish and Game.

Despite the continuing trials and tribulations that Fish and Game has had to contend with, our licence holders are supporting us in increasing numbers.

Your Council is fully aware of the need to maintain, preserve and enhance hunting and fishing opportunities in the region and we are working on a number of initiatives to keep licence holders more aware of our activities. Newsletters, regular articles in the Fishing Paper, and the soon to be screened Fishing Paper Show, Fish and Game magazine and personal attendances by Councilors and staff to associated clubs and organisations should keep our members more informed.

Particular items being addressed by your Council are the apparent decline of fish numbers in some of our rivers. The establishment of a "second" opening duck hunting weekend to encourage more participation and working with the Walking Access Commission to obtain more and better access to our waterways.



Chris Clenshaw  
Chairman.



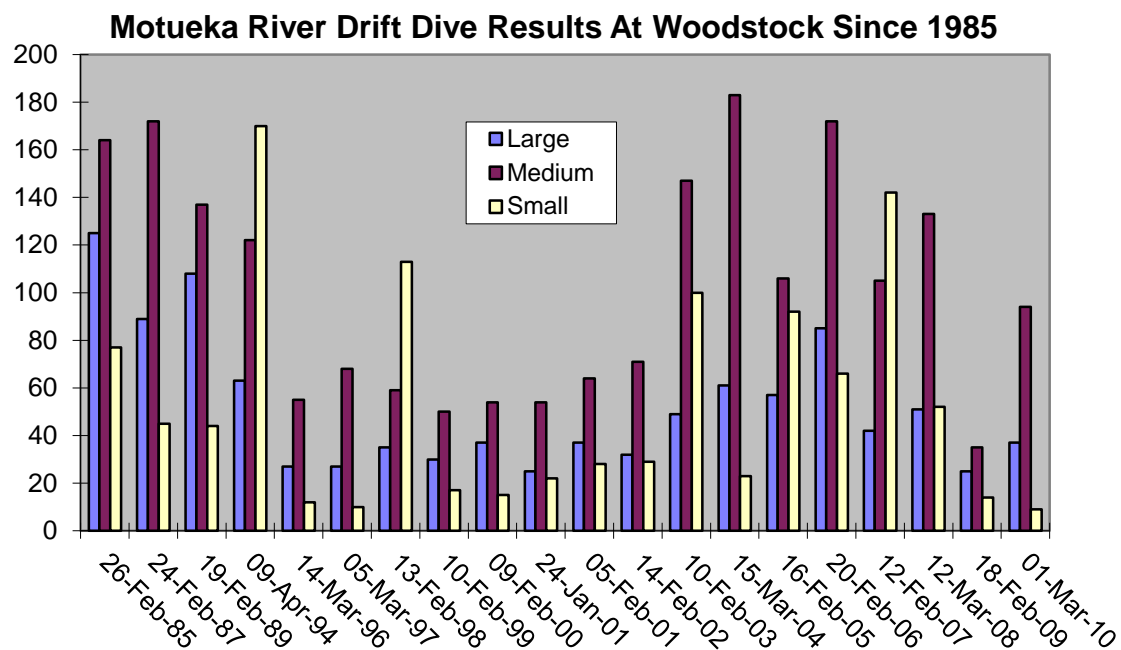
## Manager's Report

### 1111 Drift Diving

Drift diving is the major method to assess the state of major river fisheries in the region. As with recent years, the major emphasis has continued in the Motueka and Wairau Rivers, due to the integrated catchment management research programme in the former, and TrustPower's hydro operations and proposals in the latter. A number of smaller rivers have also been assessed.

Spring Creek, the Maitai and Riwaka River fish numbers remain low, as has been the case in recent years. Of great concern is the absence of small fish in these systems. Waimea River fish numbers are not quite as high as last year's record, but recent higher summer flows have seen better Waimea trout numbers, which augurs well if the river's flow can be enhanced. The Pelorus and Rai Rivers have similar numbers as in recent years.

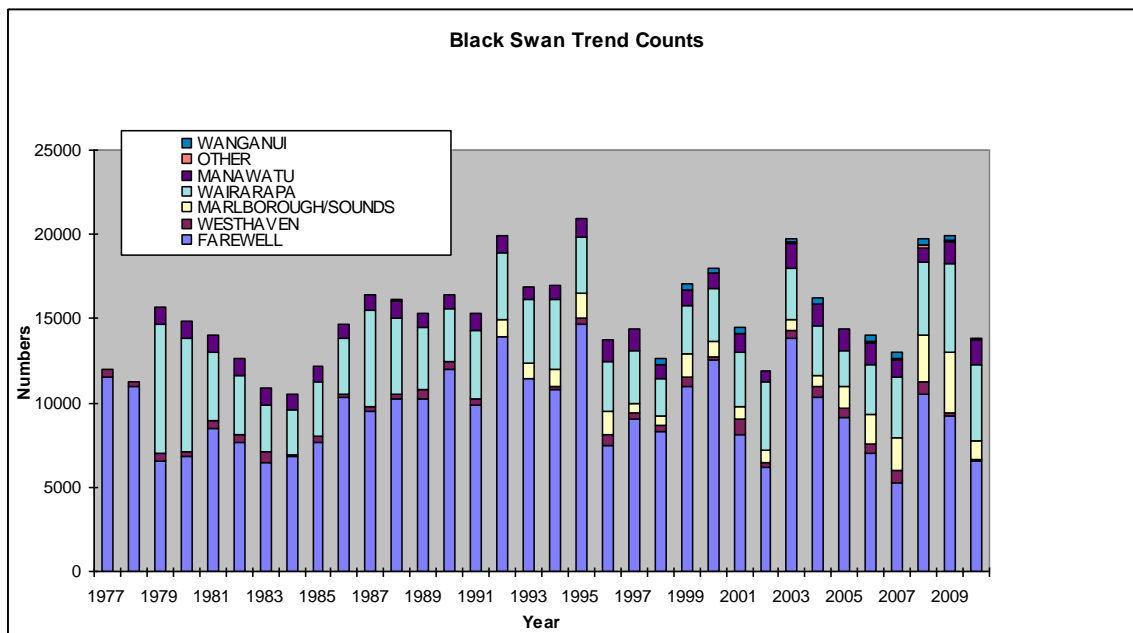
Fish numbers in the Motueka River remain good, but not exceptional. Fish size has been increasing steadily for a number of years, with more large fish being caught and/or seen in the Motueka River than have been seen before. Dr Roger Young of the Cawthron Institute has shown a relationship in the Motueka River between floods during fry emergence in late winter and spring from river gravels and the numbers of subsequent age classes of trout. In recent years a series of spring floods has changed the composition of the fishery, with fewer, but significantly larger fish, as shown in the following figure. This both explains the reduced fishery during the later 1990s and in recent years. Fish numbers and size in the Wangapeka River are good.



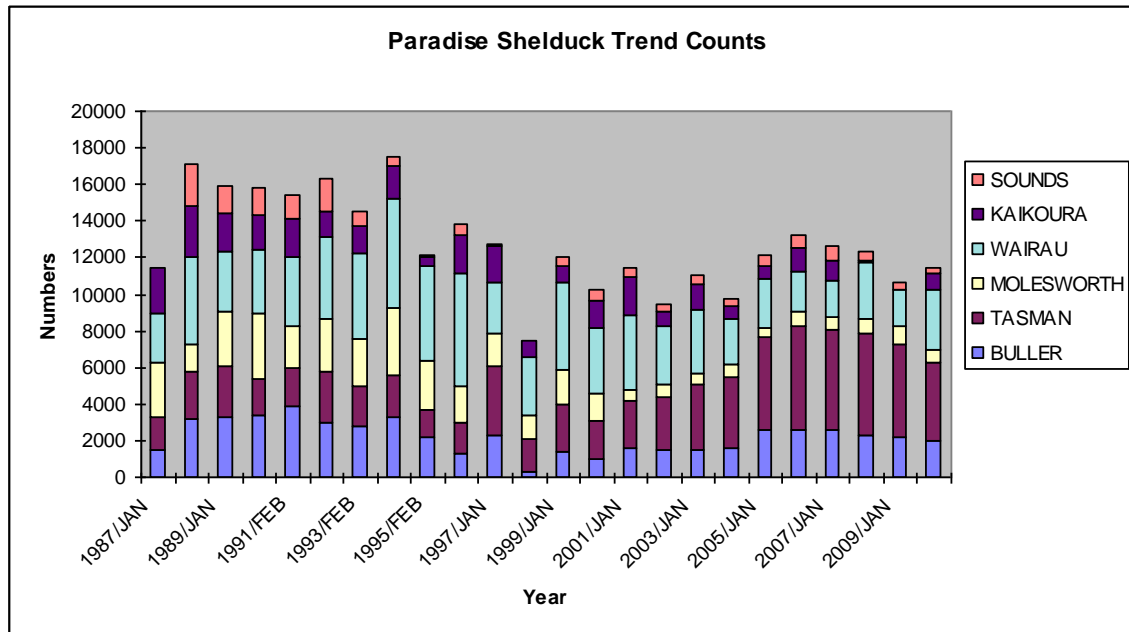
### 1112 Wairau Branch Fish Movement

Fish restocking in the upper Branch River catchment in Marlborough has increased fish numbers, particularly in the Branch itself rather than the warmer Leatham River. Obtaining better results than those undertaken by drift diving has been somewhat frustrated, however, by TrustPower failing to put in place radiotracking receivers as was expected. These would have measured the movements of fish fitted with PIT tags in and through the Branch River system. Instead, staff have been salvaging fish associated with scheme desilting operations, including transferring several hundred salvaged fish into the upper Branch and Leatham. Angler support for noting the distribution of the tagged fish would be appreciated.

### 1113 Trend Counts



Black swan numbers as noted in trend counts declined this year in both Farewell Spit and the Marlborough/Sounds area, after increases in the latter in recent years. Despite this, increased numbers of black swans associated with the development of wetlands beside the Wakapuaka oxidation ponds and apparent increase in eelgrass beds in the Nelson Haven has caused some anxiety for Nelson Airport Ltd. Some swans appear to be trading between the Wakapuaka area and roosting/nesting areas at Bell's Island in the Waimea Inlet, causing some concerns about increased risk of bird strike.



Overall paradise shelduck trend counts have been relatively static in recent years, with some apparent increase in Marlborough and decrease in Tasman. Parries are becoming an increasing proportion of most hunter bags as shown in the gamebird harvest results in recent years.

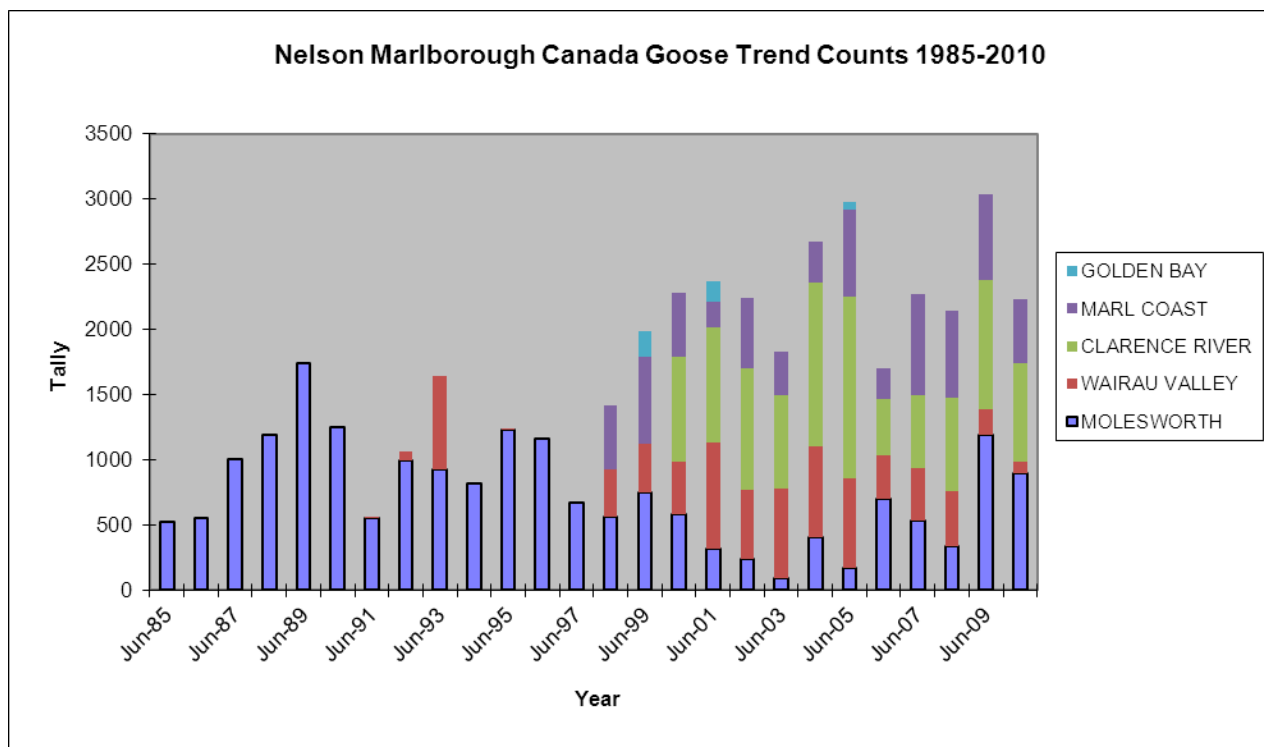


Figure 1 Canada Goose trend counts, as measured by June aerial counts. NB Prior to 2000, no counts were undertaken in the Wairau Valley, mid Clarence or Marlborough Coast.

The figure shows changes in Canada goose numbers, as measured during June trend counts. Numbers in June 2010 are significantly down in the Wairau Valley and the core of Molesworth, but remain elevated in the mid Clarence Valley and Marlborough Coast

#### 1120 Gamebird Harvest Survey

Analysis of the Gamebird Harvest Survey results in recent years shows that more hunters were active in the last season and shared a similar success rate for hunting mallards and paradise shelduck when compared with the previous season which was a significant improvement on the several years' prior. Upland game hunters were much more active with an average of nearly nine hours per hunter, but with about a third the harvest of Californian quail this season compared to last year's excellent average bag of nearly 2 birds per hunter per day.

#### 1114 Motueka River Integrated Catchment Management Research Programme

This year represents the final year of this 8 year research programme devoted to the Motueka River catchment. A special issue of the New Zealand Journal of Marine and Freshwater Research will be devoted to the results of the programme. Although its brief extended beyond the trout fishery, the fishery linked many parts of the programme. In summary, research involving the trout fishery included:

- the most likely driver of reduced trout numbers in the 1990s (see above);
- the effects of floods and low flows on a key spawning tributary (Rainy River);
- trout movement using radiotracking and the effects of a significant flood on adult trout;
- the use of otoliths to detect trout movement from spawning tributaries throughout the catchment;
- changes in the distribution of fine bed sediment and possible relationship to invertebrate and/or trout numbers;
- the favourable temperature and flow regime in the Motueka River mainstem for maintenance of high trout numbers; and
- the trout fishery as an integral part of the wider community.

#### 1181 Canada Goose Hunts

Canada goose hunts were undertaken as usual, except for the winter hunt which was cancelled due to inclement weather. The spring shoot was particularly successful, with 2049 geese being shot†. The autumn shoot was also successful with a tally of 769 geese shot. It was noticeable that goose numbers as measured by trend count are remaining static on the core of Molesworth, but have increased in the Clarence Valley and along the Marlborough coast where birds are less disturbed by hunters (see above).

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Including parts of St James Station, now administered by DOC, but excluding Clarence Reserve, for which access could not be agreed.

1210 Resource Management Act, Water Conservation Orders and Consents**Consents processed during the year, compared to previous years**

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Marlborough</b>	<b>Nelson</b>	<b>Tasman</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
2004-5	327	5	53	5	<b>390</b>
2005-6	375	6	26	10	<b>417</b>
2006-7	374	4	28	5	<b>411</b>
2007-8	302	6	34	6	<b>348</b>
2008-9	246	3	32	2	<b>283</b>
2009-10	65	4	12	2	<b>83</b>

A combination of the economic downturn (especially in viticulture in Marlborough); the recognition that many water resources are overallocated and therefore the difficulty in getting consents has significantly reduced the number of applications for consent for water related activities. On the other hand, operative plans means more consents are processed on a non-notified basis or without reference to Fish and Game.

The major effort in resource management during the financial year was the enormous time commitment by staff, Councillors and supporters in prosecuting the case for the Environment Court appeals on the Wairau consent by Trustpower. The extraordinary efforts by all concerned, particularly Marlborough councillors, is gratefully acknowledged. In addition, working with other parties including several Wairau Valley landowners and 'Save the Wairau' is gratefully acknowledged. This is in contrast to the absence of support from the Department of Conservation, which opted out of the case after confidential discussions with the applicant TrustPower, despite having earlier run a joint case with Fish and Game. The case took a total of some 8 weeks in the Environment Court. As at the time of this report, a decision has yet to be released.

1220, 1230 Reserves, Habitat Enhancement and Biodiversity project

The project to develop the Para Swamp has continued with further willow control now almost completed in the Fish and Game owned or administered land on the eastern side of the Tuamarina River. The native understorey is beginning to emerge, particularly in the southern block of the wetland. The Para has been recognised as the most deserving of future wetland funding by the NZ Gamebird Habitat Trust of all national projects, which should result in considerable funding of further development which would more quickly achieve the desired objective.

1233 Biodiversity Advice Project

The region is still receiving some support for the provision of freshwater biodiversity advice, although some of this funding has ended during this year. Limited further funding is now available through the Canterbury Community Trust, so that further funding from other sources would be desirable.

1235 Waimea Water Augmentation Committee

Fish and Game has maintained its active involvement in this project, intended to augment both water for in and out of stream use in the Waimea River basin. Stage 2 of the project has now been completed with further funding forthcoming for detailed design, governance, land negotiations, consents and financing to be undertaken through next financial year.

1310 Access

A trial to open driving access to the lower Acheron River up to the Yarra River gate (some 22km upstream of the Acheron Accommodation House) enabled a number of anglers, mostly from the North Canterbury region, to access this fishery early in the fishing season over the last two seasons. Inclement weather, a lack of access from the north in the first year and little accommodation restricted the use by anglers and others.

An issue over the locking of two gates across the East Bank Gowan Road with Tasman District Council agreement has yet to be resolved.

Fish and Game has reviewed and reprinted its access pamphlets for the Motueka, Wairau, Pelorus, Buller and Golden Bay catchments. The advent of a regional coordinator of access from the Walking Access commission, and Fish and Game securing funding to continue and extend these programmes, will ensure that access to water bodies is enhanced.

1500 Compliance

An active presence on the river bank was assured with some Biosecurity NZ funding through Tasman District Council, which assisted with ranging in Tasman District over the main summer period. The region now routinely operates a diversion scheme for first offenders of minor offences, which has resulted in a reduction in the number of prosecutions, although similar numbers of these were detected by rangers. A problem remains with non-resident offenders who cannot necessarily be charged as they cannot effectively be served with a summons.

A total of 23 fishing offenders were detected with a total of 25 offences. Fourteen were fishing while not carrying licences in their possession and were issued with warnings, while the remaining nine were eligible for and accepted diversion. Two hunting offenders had committed a total of four offences. They were eligible for and accepted diversion. No prosecutions were undertaken, so no offender names can be published. This represents a angler offence detection rate of 0.5% of anglers and 0.2% of hunters.



N A Deans  
Manager

# Financial Statements

For The Year Ended

31 August 2010

**AUDIT REPORT**

**TO THE READERS OF  
NELSON MARLBOROUGH FISH AND GAME COUNCIL'S  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2010**

The Auditor-General is the auditor of Nelson-Marlborough Fish and Game Council (the Fish and Game Council). The Auditor-General has appointed me, John Murray, using the staff and resources of WHK Nelson, to carry out the audit on his behalf. The audit covers the financial statements and statement of service performance included in the annual report of the Fish and Game Council for the year ended 31 August 2010.

**Unqualified Opinion**

In our opinion:

- The financial statements of the Fish and Game Council on pages 18 to 28:
  - comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand; and
  - fairly reflect:
    - the Fish and Game Council's financial position as at 31 August 2010; and
    - the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.
- The statement of service performance of the Fish and Game Council on pages 31 to 55:
  - complies with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand; and
  - fairly reflects for each class of outputs:
    - its standards of delivery performance achieved, as compared with the forecast standards outlined in the statement of forecast service performance adopted at the start of the financial year; and
    - its actual revenue earned and output expenses incurred, as compared with the forecast revenues and output expenses outlined in the statement of forecast service performance adopted at the start of the financial year.

The audit was completed on 30 November 2010, and is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

The basis of our opinion is explained below. In addition, we outline the responsibilities of the Council and the Auditor, and explain our independence.

**Basis of Opinion**

We carried out the audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the New Zealand Auditing Standards.

We planned and performed the audit to obtain all the information and explanations we considered necessary in order to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements and statement of service performance did not have material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error.

Material misstatements are differences or omissions of amounts and disclosures that would affect a reader's overall understanding of the financial statements and statement of service performance. If we had found material misstatements that were not corrected, we would have referred to them in our opinion.

The audit involved performing procedures to test the information presented in the financial statements and statement of service performance. We assessed the results of those procedures in forming our opinion.





Audit procedures generally include:

- determining whether significant financial and management controls are working and can be relied on to produce complete and accurate data;
- verifying samples of transactions and account balances;
- performing analyses to identify anomalies in the reported data;
- reviewing significant estimates and judgements made by the Council;
- confirming year-end balances;
- determining whether accounting policies are appropriate and consistently applied; and
- determining whether all financial statement and statement of service performance disclosures are adequate.

We did not examine every transaction, nor do we guarantee complete accuracy of the financial statements and statement of service performance.

We evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements and statement of service performance. We obtained all the information and explanations we required to support our opinion above.

#### **Responsibilities of the Council and the Auditor**


The Council is responsible for preparing the financial statements and statement of service performance in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. The financial statements must fairly reflect the financial position of the Fish and Game Council as at 31 August 2010 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date. The statement of service performance must fairly reflect, for each class of outputs, the Fish and Game Council's standards of delivery performance achieved and revenue earned and expenses incurred, as compared with the forecast standards, revenue and expenses adopted at the start of the financial year. The Council's responsibilities arise from the Public Finance Act 1989 and the Conservation Act 1987.

We are responsible for expressing an independent opinion on the financial statements and statement of service performance and reporting that opinion to you. This responsibility arises from section 15 of the Public Audit Act 2001 and section 26W (2) of the Conservation Act 1987.

#### **Independence**

When carrying out the audit we followed the independence requirements of the Auditor-General, which incorporate the independence requirements of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand.

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

  
John Murray  
WHK Nelson  
On behalf of the Auditor-General  
Nelson, New Zealand

NELSON MARLBOROUGH FISH AND GAME COUNCIL  
**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2010**

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	Notes	Actual 2010 \$	Budget 2010 \$	Actual 2009 \$
<b>Operating Revenue</b>				
Gross Fish & Game Income		451,687	383,343	372,646
Less Commission		23,445	19,167	19,630
Less Game Bird Habitat Stamp		2,226	-	1,815
<b>Net Fish &amp; Game Income</b>		<b>426,016</b>	<b>364,176</b>	<b>351,201</b>
Interest		4,517	7,747	11,085
Sundry Income		3,587	2,000	3,233
Prosecution Income		3,209	1,500	1,661
Pamphlet Sales		228	-	44
Funding for Para Wetland Development		15,052	2,000	8,620
Biodiversity Grant	1	41,908	36,703	30,315
Contract Money Received for Field Work		45,879	6,000	52,796
Trustpower Appeal Wairau River		225,505	225,505	104,884
National Legal Fund Claims		5,319	5,319	22,068
NZ Fish & Game Levy		21,757	21,757	-
Profit on Sale of Fixed Assets		-	-	8,031
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>792,977</b>	<b>672,707</b>	<b>593,939</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
Species Management		10,211	8,850	11,525
Habitat protection Management		248,291	238,074	143,494
Angler/Hunter Participation		13,919	15,400	16,428
Public Relations		831	800	152
Compliance		453	2,250	2,048
Licensing		6,435	7,000	5,722
Council Expenses		4,906	3,150	2,396
Planning Reporting		9,753	9,690	10,610
Administration		73,648	73,520	76,366
Salaries	2	368,780	313,973	337,839
NZ Fish & Game Levy		-	-	31,207
Depreciation	2 & 3	29,125	-	37,648
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>766,352</b>	<b>672,707</b>	<b>675,435</b>
<b>Outside Projects</b>				
<b>Nelson City Council Physical Activity Fund</b>				
Income		2,000	-	-
Less Expenditure		(2,000)	-	-
<b>River Advocacy</b>				
Income Tasman District Council		20,000	-	-
Less Expenditure		(20,065)	-	-
		(65)	-	-
Net profit/(loss) for the year and total comprehensive income		<b>26,560</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(81,497)</b>

This Statement is to be read conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements and Audit Report

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2010**

<b>2010</b>				
	Accumulated Funds	Asset Replacement Reserves	General Reserves	Total Equity
Comprehensive Income/(Loss)	26,560			26,560
Transfers	-	-	-	-
Equity At Beginning Of Year	277,086	106,088	20,548	403,722
Equity At End Of Year	303,646	106,088	20,548	430,282

<b>2009</b>				
	Accumulated Funds	Asset Replacement Reserves	General Reserves	Total Equity
Comprehensive Income/(Loss)	-81497	-	-	-81497
Transfers	-	2,247	-	2,247
Equity At Beginning Of Year	358,583	103,841	20,548	482,972
Equity At End Of Year	277,086	106,088	20,548	403,722

This Statement is to be read conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements and Audit Report

NELSON MARLBOROUGH FISH AND GAME COUNCIL  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 31 AUGUST 2010**

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Actual 2009 \$		Note s	Actual 2010 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
18,011	ASB Bank (Current A/c)		37,177
100	Petty Cash Imprest		100
30,958	ASB Bank (FastSaver A/c)		50,050
-	ASB Investment A/c		100,102
137,015	Nelson Building Society		70,939
61,300	Accounts Receivable		40,672
<u>247,386</u>	<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>299,040</u>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
	Property, Plant and Equipment	3	
54,045	Motor Vehicles		35,412
16,003	Field Equipment		13,126
8,496	Office Equipment		8,851
186,974	Land Para Swamp		186,974
22,253	Buildings		20,434
<u>287,770</u>	<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>264,797</u>
<u>535,156</u>	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>563,837</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
81,792	Accounts Payable	4	56,169
44,086	Employee Entitlements		56,830
5,556	Grants in Advance		20,556
<u>131,434</u>	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>133,555</u>
<u><u>403,722</u></u>	<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>430,282</u></u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>			
	<u>Equity</u>		
277,086	Accumulated Funds	5	303,646
126,636	Reserves	6	126,636
<u><u>403,722</u></u>	<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u><u>430,282</u></u>



Chris Clenshaw (Chairman)

30/11/2010

Date

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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2010**

<b>Actual 2009</b>		Notes	<b>Actual 2010</b>
\$			\$
	<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
	<u>Cash Was Provided From:</u>		
428,247	Receipts from Licences & Sundries		693,584
160,950	Grants		175,950
16,269	Interest Received		2,553
-	Net GST		4,189
<u>605,466</u>			<u>876,276</u>
	<u>Cash Was Disbursed To:</u>		
671,650	Payment for Operating Expenses		797,842
<u>(10,110)</u>	Net GST		<u>-</u>
661,540			797,842
<u>(56,074)</u>	<b>NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	7	<u>78,434</u>
	<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
	<u>Cash Was Provided From:</u>		
(18,889)	Sale of Fixed Assets		-
-	From Investing Activities		-
<u>(18,889)</u>	Net Cash Flow		<u>-</u>
	<u>Cash Was Applied To:</u>		
11,586	Purchase of Fixed Assets		6,150
<u>(7,303)</u>	<b>NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		<u>(6,150)</u>
(63,377)	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash Held		72,284
249,461	Add Cash at Start of Year 1/9/09		186,084
<b>186,084</b>	Balance at End of Year 31/8/10		<b>258,368</b>
	<b>COMPRISING</b>		
100	Petty Cash Impress		100
18,011	ASB Bank (Current Account)		37,177
30,958	ASB Bank (FastSaver Account)		50,050
-	ASB Bank Investment		100,102
<u>137,015</u>	Nelson Building Society		<u>70,939</u>
<b>186,084</b>			<b>258,368</b>

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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2010**

**1. Statement Of Accounting Policies**

**Reporting Entity**

Nelson Marlborough Fish and Game Council is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by Schedule 4 of the Public Finance Act 1989. The Council was constituted under the Conservation Law Reform Act 1990.

The objective of the Nelson Marlborough Fish and Game Council is to manage, maintain and enhance the sports fish and game resource and the recreational interests of anglers and hunters.

**Statement of Compliance and Basis of Preparation**

The Nelson Marlborough Fish and Game Council is a Public Benefit Entity (PBE) as defined under the New Zealand Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (NZ IFRS).

All applicable standards, interpretations, and amendments that have been issued, but are not yet effective, have been adopted in preparing the financial statements.

**Measurement Base**

The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of financial performance and financial position on a historical cost basis have been followed by Nelson Marlborough Fish and Game Council.

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars, rounded to the nearest \$1.

**Changes to Accounting Policy**

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on basis consistent with those used in previous years.

**2. Specific Accounting Policies**

The following specific accounting policies which materially affect the measurement of the income statement and the balance sheet have been applied:

**a. Revenue Recognition**

*Licence Income*

The Nelson Marlborough Fish and Game Council derives revenue through the sale of fish and game licences. Such revenue is recognised when received and is reported in the financial period to which it relates.

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### *National Fish and Game Council Grant*

The National Fish and Game Council grant is recognised as revenue when received.

### *Interest Income*

Interest Income on term deposits is recorded as revenue in the period it is earned.

### *Grants*

Grants received but not yet recognised as income are reported as a liability.

#### **b. Depreciation**

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to allocate the cost of the assets over their estimated useful life. The depreciation rates used are as follows:

Buildings	2 69 – 39.06	% CP
Land (Para Swamp)	0	% CP
Office Equipment	11.40 – 60.00	% DV
Field Equipment	9.00 – 80.40	% DV
Motor Vehicles	31.60 – 36.00	% DV

#### **c. Impairment**

At each reporting date, the Council review the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indicator that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### **d. Cash & Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks or other short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. Bank overdrafts are shown within current liabilities on the balance sheet.

#### **e. Investments**

Investments are bank deposits which maturities between three months and one year and are valued at fair value.

#### **f. Accounts Receivables**

Accounts Receivable represents items the Council have issued invoices for, but has not received payment for at year end. They are initially recorded at fair value and subsequently recorded at the amount the Council realistically expects to receive.

A provision for impairment of Receivables is established where there is objective evidence the Council will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the debt.

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**g. Plant, Property & Equipment**

Property, plant and equipment were taken over on the establishment of the Council on 4 May 1990 at the net book value in the previous entities.

All property, plant and equipment are now stated at this net book value less accumulated depreciation since 4 May 1991.

Property, plant and equipment purchased since 4 May 1991 are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Land is stated at cost.

**h. Accounts Payable**

Accounts Payable represents liabilities for goods and services provided to the Council prior to the end of the financial year which are unpaid. Accounts Payable are recorded at the amount of cash required to settle those liabilities. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

**i. Employee Entitlements**

Annual leave and Long Service accruals reflect annual leave and long service leave owing to staff and are recognised in respect of the employees services to balance date and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

**j. Goods & Services Tax**

All Statements are exclusive of GST except for Payables and Receivables in the Balance Sheet which are GST inclusive.

The amount of GST owing to the Inland Revenue Department at balance date, being the difference between Output GST and Input GST is shown in Current Liabilities.

**k. Financial Instruments**

The Council is party to financial instrument arrangements as part of its everyday operations. These financial instruments include Bank Accounts, Bank Deposits, Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable and are recognised in the Balance Sheet.

The Council is not a party to financial instruments with off Balance Sheet risk.

**l. Credit Risk**

Nelson Marlborough Fish & Game Council has a minimal credit risk in its holdings of various financial instruments. These instruments include cash, bank deposits, and accounts receivable.

The Council places its investments with institutions which have a high credit rating. Nelson Marlborough Fish and Game Council believe that this policy reduces the risk of any loss which could arise from its investment activities.



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**m. Currency Risk and Interest Risk**

The Council has no significant exposure to currency risk and interest rate risk on its financial assets and liabilities.

**n. Income Tax**

Nelson Marlborough Fish and Game Council as a Public Benefit Entity is exempt from the payment of Income Tax in terms of the Income Tax Act 2007. Accordingly, no charge for income tax has been provided.

**o. Differential Reporting**

The Council qualifies for differential reporting as it is not publicly accountable and it is not large as defined in the framework for differential reporting. The Council has taken advantage of all available reporting exemptions except for NZ IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows of which the Council has adopted.

**p. Fair Value**

The fair value of other financial instruments is equivalent to the carrying amount disclosed in the Balance Sheet.

**1. Biodiversity Advisory Fund**

Ministry for the Environment provided funds for freshwater biodiversity advice for one year.

**2 Operating Expenses**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Depreciation	\$	\$
Buildings	1,819	2,185
Motor Vehicles	19,179	29,224
Office Equipment	4,851	3,027
Field Equipment	3,276	3,212
	<hr/> 29,125	<hr/> 37,648
 Auditor's Fee for auditing the financial statements	 5,155	 5,050
 Employee Benefits		
Wages & Salaries	366,885	334,315
Fringe Benefit Tax	1,895	3,524
	<hr/> 368,780	<hr/> 337,839

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**3 Property, Plant & Equipment**

<b>2010</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Accum Dep</b>	<b>Openin g BV</b>	<b>Dep Recovere d</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Dep</b>	<b>Closing BV</b>
Office Equipment	76,146	62,442	8,498	-	5205	4,851	8,851
Field Equipment	44,414	28,010	16,001	-	401	3,276	13,126
Buildings	54,862	32,609	22,253	-	-	1,819	20,434
Vehicles	162,109	107,517	54,045	-	546	19,179	35,412
Land	186,974	-	186,974	-	-	-	186,974
	<b>524,505</b>	<b>230,578</b>	<b>287,774</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,153</b>	<b>29,125</b>	<b>264,797</b>

<b>2009</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Accum Dep</b>	<b>Opening BV</b>	<b>Dep Rec</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Dep</b>	<b>Closing BV</b>
Office Equipment	71,667	60,142	8,324	-	3,201-	3,027	8,498
Field Equipment	46,567	27,352	11,227	-	7,988	3,212	16,003
Buildings	54,862	30,424	24,438	-	-	2,185	22,253
Vehicles	161,563	78,293	94,128	8,031	18,889	29,224	54,046
Land	186,974	-	186,974	-	-	-	186,974
	<b>521,633</b>	<b>196,211</b>	<b>325,091</b>	<b>8,031</b>	<b>7,700</b>	<b>37,648</b>	<b>287,774</b>

**4 Accounts Payable**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
PAYE Payable	8,053	8,896
GST Payable	1,361	5,505
Accounts Payable	<u>46,755</u>	<u>67,391</u>
	56,169	81,792

**5 Accumulated Funds**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Opening Balance	277,086	358,583
Comprehensive Income/(loss) for the year	26,560	(81,497)
Plus Transfer to Accumulated Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>2,247</u>
	303,646	279,333
Less Transfer to Asset Replacement Reserves	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,247)</u>
Closing Balance	303,646	277,086

**6 Reserves**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<u>Asset Replacement Reserves</u>		
Opening Balance	106,088	103,841
Plus Transfer from Accumulated Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>2,247</u>
Closing Balance	106,088	106,088

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	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
<u><b>General Reserves</b></u>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Opening Balance	20,548	20,548
Movements	-	-
Closing Balance	20,548	20,548
 Total Reserves	 126,636	 126,636
 <b>7 Reconciliation with Reported Operating Surplus</b>	 <b>2010</b>	 <b>2009</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Comprehensive Income/(Loss)	26,560	(81,497)
Add Non-Cash items Depreciation	29,125	37,648
General Reserves Movement	-	(2,247)
	55,685	(46,096)
 <u>Add/(Less) Movements in Other Working Capital Items</u>		
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	18,337	9,918
Increase/(Decrease) in Payables	(27,521)	(12,441)
Increase/(Decrease) in Employee Entitlements	12,744	10,686
Increase/(Decrease) in Net GST	4,189	(10,110)
Increase/(Decrease) in Grants in Advance	15,000	-
 <u>Plus Items Classified as Investing Activity</u>		
Net Loss/(Profit) on sale of fixed assets	-	(8,031)
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from operating activities	78,434	(56,074)

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**8 Distribution of Overhead Costs allocated on a pro-rata basis to time recorded  
against Outputs**

<b>Budget 2010 \$</b>		<b>Actual 2010 \$</b>	
	<b>Revenue</b>		
364,176	Fish and Game Licence Income	426,016	
7,747	Interest	4,517	
<u>21,757</u>	Levy	<u>21,757</u>	
<b>393,680</b>	<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>452,290</b>
	<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
72,077	Species Management	84,541	
149,011	Habitat Protection & Management	171,024	
47,240	Participation	37,812	
29,504	Public Interface	27,389	
16,187	Compliance	14,493	
19,543	Licencing	13,827	
19,552	Councils	20,731	
<u>40,565</u>	Planning & Reporting	<u>55,914</u>	
<b>393,680</b>	<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>		<b>425,730</b>
-	<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		<b>26,560</b>

## 9. Budget Figures

The budget figures are those approved by the Council in its Annual Operation Plan as required by Section 26Q(1)(e)(ii) of the Conservation Act 1987 and have been disclosed in accordance with Section 41(2)(k) of the Public Finance Act 1989.

## 10. Councillors Fees

There were no fees paid to Councillors during the year. (2009: nil)

## 11. Related Party Information

The Council has not entered into any related party transactions during the year. (2009 nil)

## 12. Post Balance Date Events

There are no known post balance date events. (2009 nil)

**STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2010**

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**INTRODUCTION**

As required under Section 26w(b) of the Conservation Law Reform Act 1990 and Section 41(2)(d) of the Public Finance Act 1989 Fish and Game New Zealand, Nelson Marlborough Region have prepared the following Statement of Service Performance for the 2009 - 2010 financial year.

The Activities of Nelson Marlborough 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. For the purposes of this statement the overhead expenses detailed in the Statement of Financial performance (Administration, Salaries, Depreciation, Leases, Bad Debts and other) have been allocated to each output area on the basis of the proportion of staff time directly expended in each area. Details of some projects are referred to in the Manager's Report, for those projects indicated by an asterisk (\*).

**MISSION STATEMENT**

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

Summary Budget and Actual for each output Area.

	Budget				Actual			
OUTPUT AREA	External Costs	Income	Hours	Net Cost	External Costs	Income	Hours	Net Cost
	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Population Management	8,850	6,000	1435	72,077	10,210	6,000	1467	84,545
Habitat Protection	7,250	2,000	2980	149,011	248,356	245,876	3078	171,009
Angler & Hunter Participation	15,400	-	660	47,240	13,919	228	440.5	37,841
Public Relations	800	-	595	29,504	831	-	485	27,363
Compliance	2,250	1,500	320	16,187	453	3,209	315	14,467
Licensing	7,000	-	260	19,543	6,435	-	135.5	13,855
Council	3,150	-	340	19,552	4,906	-	289	20,732
Planning and Reporting	9,690	-	640	40,565	9,753	-	843	55,917
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,390</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>7230</b>	<b>393,680</b>	<b>294,863</b>	<b>255,313</b>	<b>7053</b>	<b>425,730</b>

**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**

Code	Project Cluster	Budget				Actual			
		External Costs	Income	Hours	Net Cost	External Costs	Income	Hours	Net Cost
		\$	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
1110	Population Monitoring	6,750	4,000	730	37,967	6,776	4,000	798	46,476
1120	Harvest Assessment	1,000		25	2,206	1,063		36	3,034
1130	Fish Salvage	-	2,000	40	(70)	287	2,000	2	(1,603)
1160	Releases	-	-	50	2,412	-		76.5	4,189
1170	Regulations	-	-	60	2,895	-		14	767
1180	Control	1,100	-	530	26,668	2,084		540.5	31,683
	Total	8,850	6,000	1435	72,077	10,210	6,000	1467	84,545

**1110 Species Monitoring: To efficiently collect data to monitor the region's sports fish and game bird populations.**

Objective 1111	Performance Measure	Actual Result
To monitor fish populations in the major rivers.	Drift dive 20 representative river sites by April. Report to Council by May	A total of 24 drift dive sites were undertaken by April, with a combined fisheries report to Council by June*.
Objective 1112	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Investigate fish movement in the Wairau and Branch Rivers in conjunction with proposed and present hydro electric power schemes.	Report to Council by August	Only partially achieved as only temporary fish recorders were deployed*

<b>Objective 1113</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Trend counts of game birds to assess population trends</b>	Report to the Council within one month of survey. i Paradise Shelduck February ii Black Swan February iii Canada Goose June iv Shoveler Duck August v Pukeko April vi Upland Game August	Surveys were undertaken and reports were delivered as required except for pukeko and upland game as appropriate survey techniques were not undertaken for these species.
<b>Objective 1114</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Fish and Game support for the Motueka River Integrated Catchment Management research programme</b>	Reported at least 6 monthly to the Council, including assessment of flow requirements for trout in small streams, movement of trout throughout the catchment and effects of changes in sediment on trout populations.	Major activities this year included contributions to drift dives,
<b>Objective 1115</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Assess populations of game birds according to agreed national criteria.</b>	<i>Report to Council by November</i>	Canada goose review and black swan status prevented completion of this task.

**1120: Harvest Assessment: Survey game bird and angler harvests**

<b>Objective 1123</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Game Bird Hunter Survey</b>	Assess the harvest of game birds by hunters during the season. Report to Council by November	Hunter survey undertaken as usual; data entered on line.*



**1130: Fish Salvage: To shift stranded trout from rivers as required**

Objective 1131	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Carry out fish salvage including annual fish salvage for Branch Hydro Scheme Maintenance	Report to Council as required or by November	Considerable effort to salvage fish associated with Branch scheme sluicing operations. More operations than predicted.

**1160: Sports Fishery and Gamebird Enhancement– To investigate and where appropriate, undertake fisheries and gamebird enhancements.**

Objective 1161	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Manage coarse fishery to extent appropriate to Council Policy	Report to Council as required or by November	No applications to process during period, but interest in developing a 'put and take' fishery in the Waimea.

**1170: Regulations: Efficient regulation of sports fishing and gamebird hunting**

Objective 1171	Performance Measure	Actual Result
To co-ordinate the preparation and gazettal of the Angler's Notice	Recommend the anglers notice to New Zealand Council by 1 July	Angler's Notice gazetted on 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2010
Objective 1172	Performance Measure	Actual Result
To co-ordinate the preparation and gazettal of the Game Notice	Recommend game season conditions to the New Zealand Council by 1 March	Game Notice gazetted on 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2010.

**1180: Game Bird Control: To mitigate the impact of game bird species on pastoral and horticultural land**

Objective 1181	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Control of Canada Geese in accordance with the Management Plan	Predominantly by use of three recreational hunts in October, March and June. Report to Council following these hunts.	Spring and autumn goose hunts undertaken as planned, with access to St James with North Canterbury hunters. Winter hunt cancelled due to weather.

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<b>Objective 1182</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>To investigate complaints from landholders experiencing crop depredation</b>	Respond in accordance to Council policy. Summarise in the annual report.	21 permits issued in Nelson, with 3 permits issued in Marlborough. No significant issues arose.
<b>Objective 1183</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>To coordinate organised hunts, if required</b>	Report to Council by August	No demand for organized hunts during this period.

**HABITAT PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT****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**

Code	Project Cluster	Budget				Actual			
		External Costs	Income	Hours	Net Cost	External Costs	Income	Hours	Net Cost
		\$	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
1210	RMA	250	-	1360	65,859	230,834	230,824	1257.5	68,873
1220	Works & Management	5,000	2,000	210	13,131	15,130	15,052	165.5	9,114
1230	Assisted Habitat	1,500	-	1250	61,803	1,392	-	1440	80,249
1240	Assessment	500	-	160	8,219	1,000	-	215	12,774
	Total	7,250	-	2980	149,011	248,356	245,876	3078	171,009

**1210: Resource Management Act: To use statutory mechanisms to advocate for protection of the habitats of sports fish and game birds and for the interests of anglers and hunters especially over access to their sports.**

Objective 1211	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<b>RMA Planning</b>	Review and respond to regional plans and other plans notified by statutory agencies. <i>NP 1.3.7, 2.1.1, 2.1.4</i>	Major efforts largely with review of MDC plans; Part IV of the Tasman Resource Management Plan.
<b>Objective 1212</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Monitor resource consent applications and mineral licences.</b>	Provide effective representation within the prescribed time <i>NP 2.2.3</i>	Large reduction in consents processed in Marlborough especially*
<b>Objective 1213</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>

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<b>Proactively advocate the interests of anglers and hunters prior to consent applications</b>	Ensure resource developers are aware of Fish and Game interests <i>NP 2.2.4</i>	Increasing involvement in these, particularly prior to planning processes.
<b>Objective 1215</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Prosecute appeal on Wairau Hydro consent application</b>		A major effort during November-December, February and May-June*.

**1220: Works and Management: To enhance game bird habitats to maintain self-sustaining wild populations and improve hunting opportunities**

<b>Objective 1221</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Undertake planting and fencing as required in Council Reserves or leases in conjunction with hunters</b>	Progress report by July	Maintenance activities undertaken at Botham's Bend and Top Valley reserves.
<b>Objective 1222</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Purchase of plants and other materials and planting for habitat enhancement according to Council policy,</b>	Report to Council by August	Seed harvest and ongrowing by college students and at the Richmond field centre.
<b>Objective 1223</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Implement the Para Wetland Operational Plan.</b>	Reducing willow infestation and enhance water levels, waterfowl habitat and hunting opportunities in Para Swamp with assistance from hunters and other statutory or external agencies. Progress Report July	20 ha of willow aerial sprayed successfully in the northern part of the wetland. Native planting with support from Queen Charlotte College students.

**1230: Assisted Habitat: To enhance habitat and hunting or angling opportunities in areas not administered by Fish and Game.**

<b>Objective 1231</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Wetland enhancement in conjunction with local authorities, including gamebird habitat development.</b>	Where possible getting leverage from contractors and District Council funds	Ongoing weed management and planting of 400 native plants at Challies Island wetland in Waimea
<b>Objective 1232</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Respond to requests from landowners regarding wetland and fisheries habitat development.</b>	Carried out in accordance with Council Policy. Report annually in August <i>NP 2.4.5</i>	See objective 1233
<b>Objective 1233</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Continue programme providing environmental advice to landowners on wetland and fisheries habitat.</b>	Report monthly to Council and as required by funds provider.	Funding for a further year's biodiversity advice from Ministry for the Environment. 39 sites visited and advice tendered.
<b>Objective 1234</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Contribution towards 2nd year of the next stage of the Waimea basin water augmentation evaluation.</b>		Staff have attended monthly and other ad hoc meetings and written reports to assist project.

**1240: Assess and Monitor: To monitor sports fish and game bird populations within the region**

<b>Objective 1241</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>To assess and monitor suitable fish spawning areas on a rotational basis, to provide information for planning and statutory advocacy.</b>	Priority areas include Wairau, Pelorus and Motueka catchments Report annually in July <i>NP 2.4.2</i>	Salmon spawning counts undertaken and good spawning noted in Wairau and Clarence Rivers.
<b>Objective 1242</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Assist with protection of waterways from didymo</b>		Fish and Game contracted a staff member with BNZ funds to advocate freshwater protection in Tasman*.

**ANGLER AND HUNTER PARTICIPATION AND SERVICES****Goals**

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

**SUMMARY OF RESOURCES**

Code	Project Cluster	Budget				Actual			
		External Costs	Income	Hours	Net Cost	External Cost	Income	Hours	Net Cost
		\$	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
1310	Access	500	-	240	12,078	285	-	161	9,102
1320	Satisfaction Survey	-	-	30	1,447	5	-	9	498
1330	Newsletters	12,400	-	200	22,048	9,219	-	132.5	16,475
1340	Other Publications	2,500	-	40	4,430	3,935	228	27	5,186
1350	Training	-	-	120	5,789	475	-	75.5	4,610
1360	Club Relations	-	-	30	1,447	-	-	35.5	1,971
	Total	15,400	-	660	47,240	13,919	288	440.5	37,841

**1310: Angler and Hunter Access: Establishing practical access to fishing and hunting areas, and identifying these with signs as appropriate**

Objective 1312	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<b>Maintenance of physical access, including signs on site which conform to national sign standards, with assistance from external agencies NP 4.8.3, 4.8.5</b>	1. Maintain current signage and enhance new access points. 2. Complete new angler or hunter access project and develop pamphlet. 3. Contribute to the Walking Access Commission and advocate for provision for public access in Treaty claims. <i>Report the results to Council</i>	Contact with Walking Access Commission; 300 access signs reviewed and maintained throughout region*.

Objective 1313	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Negotiation with landowners, government departments and local authorities for continued or improved hunter access <i>NP 1.3.6</i>		Funding to assist with access point maintenance and enhancement received from the Walking Access Commission*.
Objective 1314	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Maintain database showing extent of access potentially and actually available in the region in a nationally consistent fashion. Promote access issues to a national access agency as required	Undertake action to enhance priority areas and report by June.	Activity commenced from beginning of July only, so no specific results as yet. Contributions to new Walking Access Management Systems (WAMS) being developed by the Walking Access Commission.

**1320: Satisfaction Surveys:** To encourage maximum angler and hunter participation while maintaining the quality of angler or hunter experience and licence holder satisfaction with Fish and Game and their sport.

Objective 1321	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Undertake angler and gamebird survey as required Acheron angling use		Surveys undertaken over previous years with results summarized in a student report.



**1330: Newsletters, Maintain contact with licence holders and interest groups**

<b>Objective 1331 &amp; 1332</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Produce supplements for two national magazines and regional news</b>	Distribute to all licence holders and interested parties by one month prior to the opening of each season <i>NP 3.3.1</i>	Contributions to both national Fish and Game magazines, with the regional newsletter subsumed into the Fishing and Hunting Papers, jointly with NC and WC Fish and Game regions; licenceholders surveyed as to readership preferences.
<b>Objective 1333</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Produce regional weekly ezine with assistance of local anglers and hunters</b>		Weekly ezine replaced by contributions to nationally produced 'Reel Life' on a monthly basis, and 'Both Barrels' produced twice annually, on basis of survey preferences (see 1332).

**1340: Publications: Publicise matters of interest to licence holders and user groups**

<b>Objective 1341</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Contribute to development of national wetland and riparian management publications</b>		Contribution to "Managing Freshwater"; produced by the Environmental Defence Society.

**1350: Angler and Hunter Training: Encourage and support new anglers and hunters**

<b>Objective 1351</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Continue support for adult and school 'Fish and Game' programmes</b>	Report to Council by August	Staff assistance with Nelson College and polytech programmes
<b>Objective 1352</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>

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<b>Co-ordinate 3 early season fishing clinics in conjunction with clubs and vendors advertising in the newsletter.</b>	Report to Council by February	Two clinics undertaken in Marlborough providing for 16 anglers; one in Nelson catered for 32 anglers. Support from NCC Physical Activity Fund provided for 10 fly and 10 spinning rod combos for use by schools or similar.
<b>Objective 1353</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Attend and promote annual pre-season sporting clay events and promote Fish and Game</b>	Report to Council by June	Events at Waimea and Golden Bay attended.
<b>Objective 1354</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Fishing Competitions</b>	1. Respond to applications within five working days. Report to Council by August	Two permits issued for fishing competitions

**1360: Club Relations: Encourage and support participation in angling and hunting through clubs and a positive view of Fish and Game**

<b>Objective 1361</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
Hold regular liaison or meetings with all clubs	Report to Council by August NP 1.4.3, 1.4.4, 3.5	5 contacts with fishing clubs or fishing guides during year.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS****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	External Costs	Income	Hours	Net Cost	External Costs	Income	Hours	Net Cost
		\$	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
1410	Liaison	-	-	40	1,930	-	-	41	2,245
1420	Communication	-	-	240	11,578	-	-	200.5	10,980
1430	Advocacy	400	-	205	10,290	174	-	149	8,334
1440	Public Promotions	400	-	70	3,777	657	-	53	3,559
1460	Visitors/ Education	-	-	40	1,930	-	-	41.5	2,245
	Total	800		595	29,504	831	-	485	27,363

**1410: Liaison: Liaison with other statutory authorities as required under the Conservation Act**

Objective 1411	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<b>Regular liaison with Department of Conservation staff and with Conservation Board.</b>	Report in staff reports to Council <i>NP 1.3.4, 1.3.5</i>	DOC staff attended all Council meetings with various other staff:staff contacts; Fish and Game staff attended one Board meeting and maintained occasional liaison with Board members.

**1420: Communication: Liaison with environmental groups, local authorities, iwi, and resource users to ensure hunting and angling and Fish and Game interests are recognised and provided for**

<b>Objective 1421</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Foster opportunities for contact and consultation with user groups, service groups, conservation groups, landowners and schools, to promote sports fish and game, and develop resource material.</b>	Report annually on number of contacts <i>NP 1.2.2, 1.3.3, 1.4.6, 2.3, 3.12</i>	Staff met with environmental interest groups over the Waimea Water Augmentation project, with SPCA over animal welfare, regional council staff on several occasions, and to a Biosecurity conference.
<b>Objective 1422</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Liaison with local MPs on a six monthly basis</b>	Report to Council by August <i>NP 3.4</i>	Councillors and the Manager met with Nelson MP and Minister for the Environment Hon. Dr Nick Smith. Minister Wilkinson invited to visit, but declined.
<b>Objective 1423</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Liaison with iwi on matters of mutual interest</b>	Report to Council <i>NP 1.2.5</i>	Staff met with Rangitane over Wairau lagoons and Treaty Settlement.
<b>Objective 1424</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Liaison with local authorities on at least 6 occasions each year</b>	Report to Council <i>NP 2.2.2</i>	Frequent liaison with Tasman staff and councilors; less frequent but occasional with Nelson and Marlborough staff.

**1430: Advocacy: Acceptance of sport fishing and game bird hunting and community support for Fish and Game NZ management**

<b>Objective 1431</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Advocacy of fish and game topics in all local and relevant national media and maintenance of a web page.</b>	20 media contacts per annum in addition to regular media fishing/hunting updates <i>NP 1.4.2, 3.2.1, 3.3.2</i>	Many media contacts, with more than 20 on the TrustPower Wairau case alone. Emphasis on the large trout being caught during the later fishing season, and various resource management articles.
<b>Objective 1432</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Pastoral Lease Tenure Review related activities in the Marlborough High Country.</b>	Liaison with run-holders, inspections of properties and writing reports on Fish and Game interests in each station as they are reviewed <i>NP 1.3.2</i>	Reviews of Muller, Middlehurst and Awapiri either undertaken or commenced.

**1440 Public Promotions: To Promote Freshwater Biodiversity, Hunting and Fishing As Exciting and Valid Recreational Pursuits**

<b>Objective 1442</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Co-sponsor activities to promote Fish and Game</b>	Report to Council annually	No co-sponsored activities undertaken.
<b>Objective 1443</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>To enhance displays and use these for field days and other promotions high use venues</b>		New sign at the Para Wetland
<b>Objective 1444</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>To participate in world wetlands day as per national policy</b>		World wetlands day coincided with Anniversary Day so no activities undertaken

**1450 Visitor Facilities / Education: To undertake displays of Fish and Game activity and educate the public on angling, hunting and Fish and Game activities**

<b>Objective 1451</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Maintain regular contact with schools to promote angling and hunting and Fish and Game activities in intermediate and certain high schools in the region.</b>	Report to Council annually	Electric fishing at the Brook Sanctuary with over 400 children; Nelson College, Nayland Primary, and Queen Charlotte College. Five education permits for fishing activities were issued.

**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**

Code	Project Cluster	Budget				Actual			
		External Costs	Income	Hours	Net Cost	External Costs	Income	Hours	Net Cost
		\$	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
1510	Ranging	750	-	200	10,398	342	-	186	10,528
1520	Ranger Training	1,000	-	60	3,895	84	-	89.5	4,985
1530	Compliance	500	1,500	60	1,895	27	3,209	39.5	(1,046)
	Total	2,250	1,500	320	16,187	453	3,209	315	14,467

**1510: Ranging: To achieve an annual 10% coverage of licence holders and seek a 95% compliance rate in order to ensure compliance with legislation in the interests of licence holders**

Objective 1511	Performance Measure	Actual Result
To maintain adequate ranging to meet the 10% coverage of licence holders.	Report to Council in August	555/4602 or 12.05% of fishing licence holders; and 64/1046 or 6.12% of game licence holders checked by rangers

**1520: Ranger Training**

Objective 1521	Performance Measure	Actual Result
To undertake adequate training of new and existing honorary rangers.	Twice yearly preseason meetings and training for new database and instant fines. Report to Council by August	Three new rangers were trained by staff, with pre season training undertaken in Nelson and Blenheim in late September prior to the Fishing, and late April prior

		to the Game seasons, respectively
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**1530: Compliance/Prosecutions**

<b>Objective 1531</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>To efficiently undertake prosecutions of offenders</b>	Under Council policy, offering diversion, or laying informations and/or providing material to prosecutors within 20 working days of receiving reports Summarise in Annual Report	See Manager's Report*.



**LICENSING****Goal**

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

**SUMMARY OF RESOURCES**

Code	Project Cluster	Budget				Actual			
		External Costs	Income	Hours	Net Cost	External Costs	Income	Hours	Net Cost
		\$	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
1610	Licence Production	7,000	-	200	16,648	6,435	-	62	9,830
1620	Agent Servicing	-	-	60	2,895	-	-	73.5	4,025
	Total	7,000	-	260	19,543	6,435	-	135.5	13,855

**1610: Licensing: To ensure the efficient process of fishing and hunting licences**

Objective 1611	Performance Measure	Actual Result
<b>To liaise with Eyede to ensure the efficient and effective delivery of licences to licence holders and licence books to vendors. To undertake market analysis of licence holder data and work with the national public awareness manager</b>	The number of contacts with Eyede and the number of outstanding payments and/or concerned vendors	Regular contact with Eyede staff and checking on payments and the extent of concordance with monies received.
<b>Objective 1621</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>

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<b>To liaise with vendors and keep them informed on Fish and Game activities</b>	Number of contacts with vendors; extent of unpaid invoices <b>NP 4.6.3</b>	Regular contact with vendors, particularly by way of pre-fishing season contact through distribution of licence books.
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**COUNCILS****Goals**

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

**SUMMARY OF RESOURCES**

Code	Project Cluster	Budget				Actual			
		External Costs	Income	Hours	Net Cost	External Costs	Income	Hours	Net Cost
		\$	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
1710	Council Election	-	-	40	1,930	-	-	11	602
1720	Council Meeting	3,150	-	300	17,623	4,906	-	278	20,130
	Total	3,150	-	340	19,552	4,906	-	289	20,732

**1710: Council Meetings: To enable angler and hunter participation in Council elections**

Objective 1711	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Managing the election process, should this be required		An election was successfully carried out in October/November, using Electionz as returning officer, with 13 candidates and 30% voter turnout

**1720: Council Meetings: To provide efficient management and operation of the council**

Objective 1720	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Effective direction of the management of the Council's business.	Prepare Information, agendas, reports and minutes Conduct at least six meetings of the Council	Seven Council meetings undertaken as planned, plus two committee meetings

**PLANNING AND REPORTING****Goal***To ensure cost efficient and appropriate business management of fish and game resources.***SUMMARY OF RESOURCES**

Code	Project Cluster	Budget				Actual			
		External Costs	Income	Hours	Net Cost	External Costs	Income	Hours	Net Cost
		\$	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
1810	Management Plan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1820	Annual Planning	-	-	-30	1,447	8,635	-	13	712
1830	Reporting	9,190	-	110	14,497	1,118	-	60	11,921
1840	National Liaison	500	-	500	24,621	-	-	770	43,285
	Total	9,690	-	640	40,565	9,753	-	843	55,917

**1810: Sports Fish and Game Bird Management Plan**

Objective 1811	Performance Measure	Actual Result
To implement the Sports Fish and Game Management Plan	Report by June NP 2.1.3	Sports Fish and Game Management plan available as reference document to guide Council planning

**1820: Annual Planning**

<b>Objective 1821</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Prepare an Operational Work Plan and Budget for the forthcoming year</b>	Present to Council by June	OWP report approved by Council at June meeting

**1830: Reporting and Audit**

<b>Objective 1831</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Prepare Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August</b>	Present to Council and have a public meeting by November 30 and to Parliament by 31 December	Annual Report prepared, audited and approved for presentation in December meeting of the Council.

**1840: National Liaison**

<b>Objective 1841 &amp; 1842</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Actual Result</b>
<b>Maintain effective liaison with New Zealand Fish &amp; Game nationally</b>	Attend the national conference and meetings of the Regional Fish & Game Council managers or working parties established by the New Zealand Council.	Three Regional Manager meetings attended. Regular liaison maintained through Manager's contract for service with National office. Staff attended or participated in national compliance, resource management and public awareness meetings. Councillor attendance at South Island regional council meeting in Christchurch.

**ADMINISTRATION****Goal**

*To manage the business of the Nelson Marlborough Region of Fish and Game New Zealand in an effective and cost efficient manner.*

**SUMMARY OF RESOURCES**

		Budget			Actual		
Code	Project Cluster	External Cost	Income	Net Cost	External Cost	Income	Net Cost
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1910	Salaries	310,673	36,703	273,970	366,885	81,786	285,099
1920	Staff Expenses	11,800	-	11,800	12,061	-	12,061
1940	Office Premises	10,650	2,000	8,650	14,749	3,587	11,162
1950	Office Equip	6,000	-	6,000	8,787	-	8,787
1960	Communications	15,900	-	15,900	14,418	-	14,418
1970	General	1,700	-	1,700	1,345	-	1,345
1980	General Equip	4,350	-	4,350	6,158	-	6,158
1990	Vehicles	26,420	-	26,420	47,150	-	47,150
	Total	387,493	38,703	348,790	471,553	85,373	386,180