



REPORT OF THE

**Nelson-Marlborough
Fish and Game Council**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
AUGUST 31, 2012

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

Hon. Kate Wilkinson
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 31st August 2012.

Yours faithfully

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Chris Clenshaw
Chairman
Nelson-Marlborough Fish and Game Council

ANNUAL REPORT

1 September 2011 - 31 August 2012

Mission Statement

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

STATUTORY BASIS

The Nelson-Marlborough Fish & Game Council was established on 4th 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 in the Nelson Marlborough Region.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of Report

This Annual Report:

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 31st August 2012 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 2011 to 31 August 2012.

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) and their associated regulatory notices.

3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE COUNCIL

3.1 Solicitors

Anderson Lloyd, Dunedin.

3.2 Bankers

SBS Bank Nelson

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:

COUNCILLOR	Offices Held	Current Council only	Meetings attended
Jim Anderson	Fish Committee	Current	4
Owen Baigent	Game Committee	Current	5
Alan Ballard	Fish Committee	Current	4
Robin Blackmore	Executive Committee, NZF&G Councillor	Current	6
Chris Clenshaw	Chairman	Current	6
Carey Cudby	Executive & Game Committees	Current	5
Paul Dixon-Didier	Executive & Game Committees	Current	3
Tom Kroos	Fish Committee	Current	3
Bill McKenzie	Game Committee	Current	4
Bill O'Leary	Game Committee	Current	5
Alistair Webber	Fish Committee	Current	6
Bill Woollcombe	Fish Committee	Current	4

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 (until August when replaced by Jo Gould).

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 another eventful year; and my third as Chairman.

Once again it has been a year of highs and lows, full of frustrations for our organisation locally and nationally. Fish and Game is looked upon by many as guardians of the waterways and fish and wildlife habitat, as we find that other statutory agencies with wider responsibilities like the Department of Conservation are increasingly neither visible nor engaged in water issues, to our considerable disappointment.

One of our greatest concerns are the recent proposals to amend the Resource Management Act; enabling the fast tracking of "major project" consents which would effectively preclude our role in the planning and consenting process. Such consents could have severe detrimental effects on our rivers and natural environment. An example is the recently announced approval by Environment Canterbury commissioners for the irrigation of an additional 300,000 ha of the Canterbury Plain. This expansion could be catastrophic for the rivers in the region as well as the possible degradation of the major Canterbury aquifer.

Access to Molesworth continues to be an issue. The previous Government changed the land's status from special Crown pastoral lease to Recreation Reserve with a lease for the farming activity, but there is still no management plan. Even minor improvements in access have been difficult to achieve with little or no change to the management of this new reserve in key areas such as over preferential access for guided fishing. As Fish & Game has several statutory roles and represents thousands of hunters and fishers, one would think we would have some say in gaining access to the area or even better a place on the steering committee, but there has been no change. Perhaps recent investigations by the Walking Access Commission into the status of "public roads" on Molesworth could improve the situation.

On a positive note; didymo is still with us, but fortunately it has not had the huge detrimental effect that was first envisaged. In our region the lake fed Gowan and upper Buller Rivers are the worst affected, with dramatic declines in their fisheries. Whether this is from the effects of didymo or from other factors is yet to be established.

I am pleased that we are developing an excellent relationship with Federated Farmers in Nelson and Marlborough as well as at a National level. This can only prove beneficial for both our organisations.

The new CEO at the Tasman District Council has brought a "breath of fresh air" to that Council. We have been given the opportunity to become more involved in the decision making processes in areas that are of concern to us, in particular river management and, we hope, to longstanding denial of access to a formed public road in the Gowan.

The Children's Fish-out ponds located on the Waimea bermlands initiated by George Bennett Wilkinson and Sports Fishing for Youth Charitable Trust are now developed and the first "Fishout" is planned for 8th and 9th of December 2012. We have played a major in bringing this to fruition.

There has been some negative comment about the deterioration of the fishing in some of our rivers and lakes. Naturally there could be many reasons for the apparent decline. One possibility is the reduction in spawning habitat. Therefore our staff intend monitoring spawning stream as a priority in an endeavour to ensure that the trout have the best opportunities to reproduce.

Fish and Game face a multitude of challenges both locally and nationally. It is therefore imperative that we remain vigilant and prepared to protect all that we hold dear. In this regard apathy is our greatest enemy.

Again I thank our dedicated staff, Neil, Lawson, Rhys, Vaughan and Karen for all their hard work during the year, and their efforts over and above the normal call of duty.

To my fellow councillors, a big thank you for giving of your time and for governing the interests of hunters and fishers in our region without your collective experience and wisdom our region would not be held in such high regard.

To those councillors who have just retired I thank you for your many years of dedication, your endeavours to improve the fishing and hunting opportunities for our licence holders.

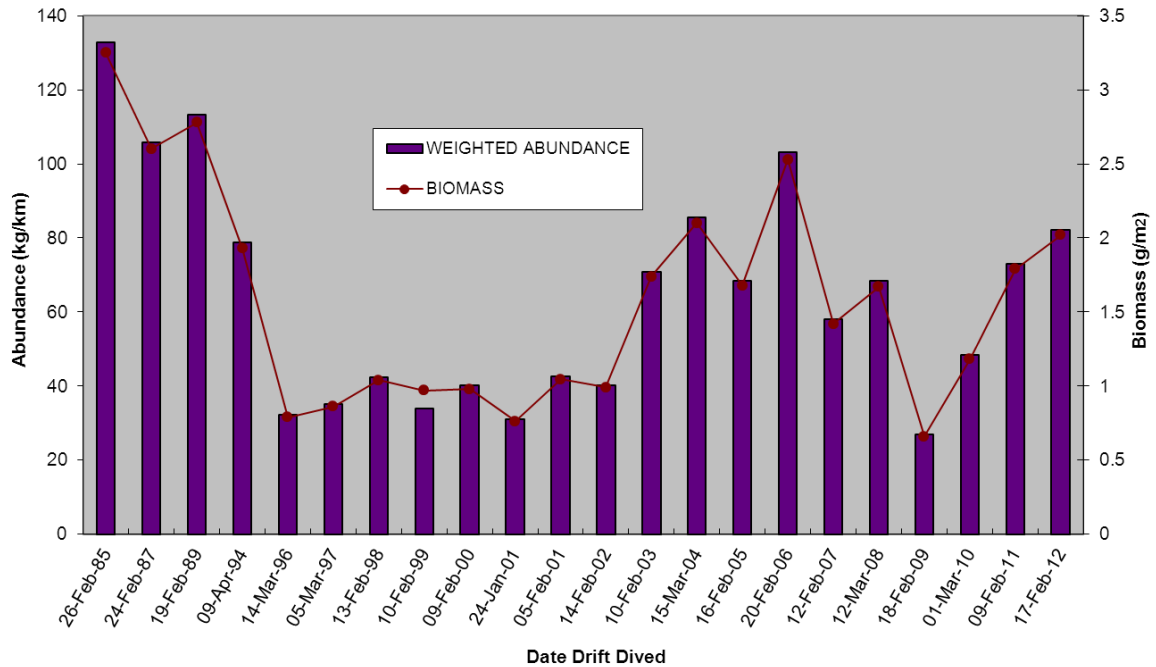
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Chris Clenshaw
Chairman

Manager's Report

1111 Drift Diving

Motueka River Weighted Abundance and Biomass Changes at Woodstock Since 1985

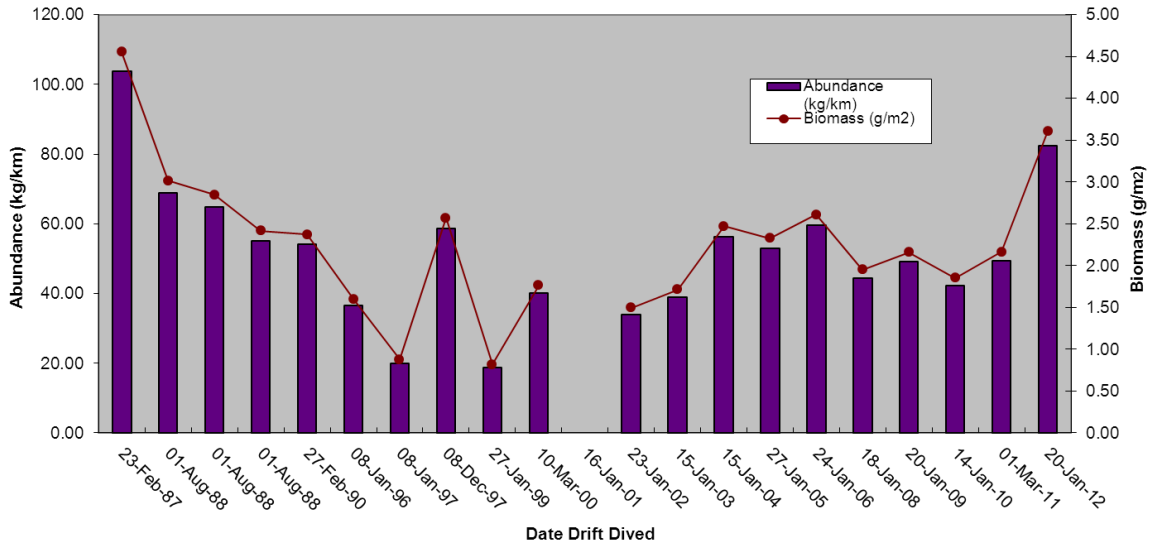


The Motueka has probably been the most monitored trout fishing river in New Zealand using the technique of drift diving, since first being dived in 1985 and annually since 1996. The traditional Woodstock site appears to be effectively representative of the river as a whole. As noted in the first figure, overall biomass of trout is at a moderately high level in early 2012. What has been unusual in recent years has been the high proportion of larger fish, and, its corollary, the smaller proportion of smaller up to 1 kg fish.

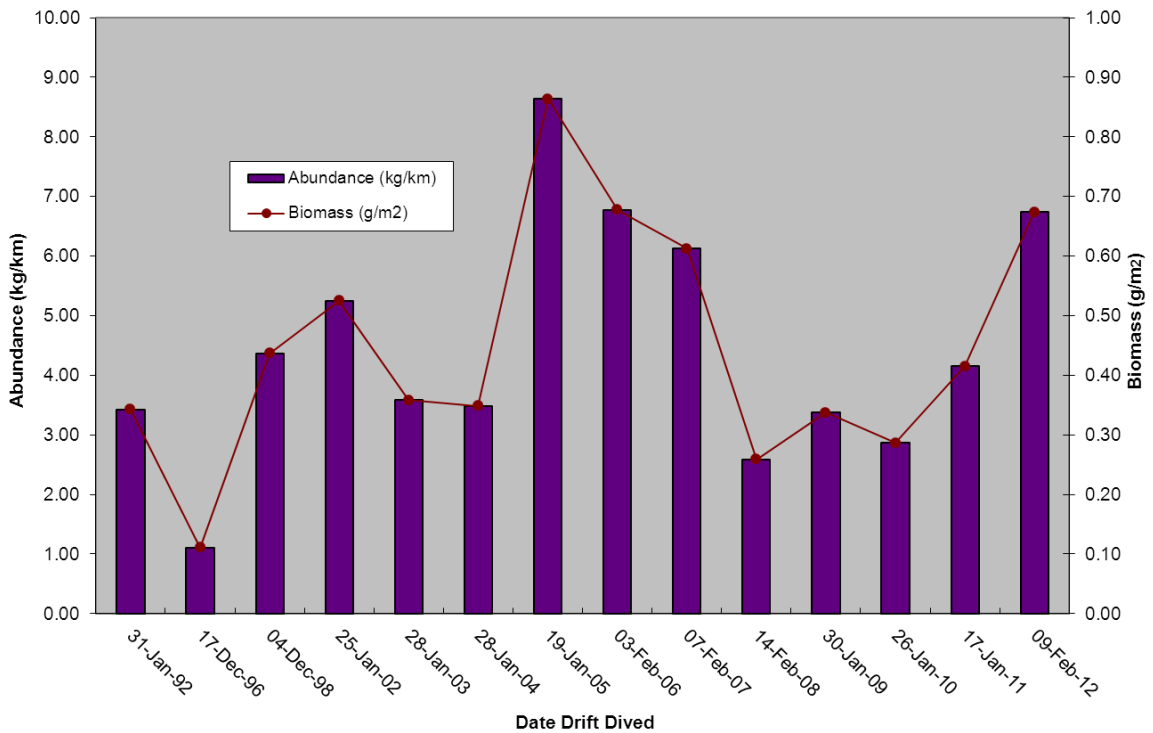
A similar result but with a different outcome in the Rai River, as outlined in the next figure. The Rai has also seen an increase in the average size of fish of both rainbow and brown trout, but the overall biomass in 2012 is clearly the second highest since records began in 1987.

There is a similarly good result in the Leatham River, mainly following some restocking undertaken by TrustPower under the terms of their resource consent to operate a hydro scheme in the lower river. Fish and Game has received some favourable comment from anglers about the angling opportunity, particularly in the Branch River.

Rai River Weighted Abundance and Biomass Changes at Bulford Bridge



Leatham River Weighted Abundance and Biomass Downstream of Enchanted Stream



1112 Wairau Branch Fish Movement

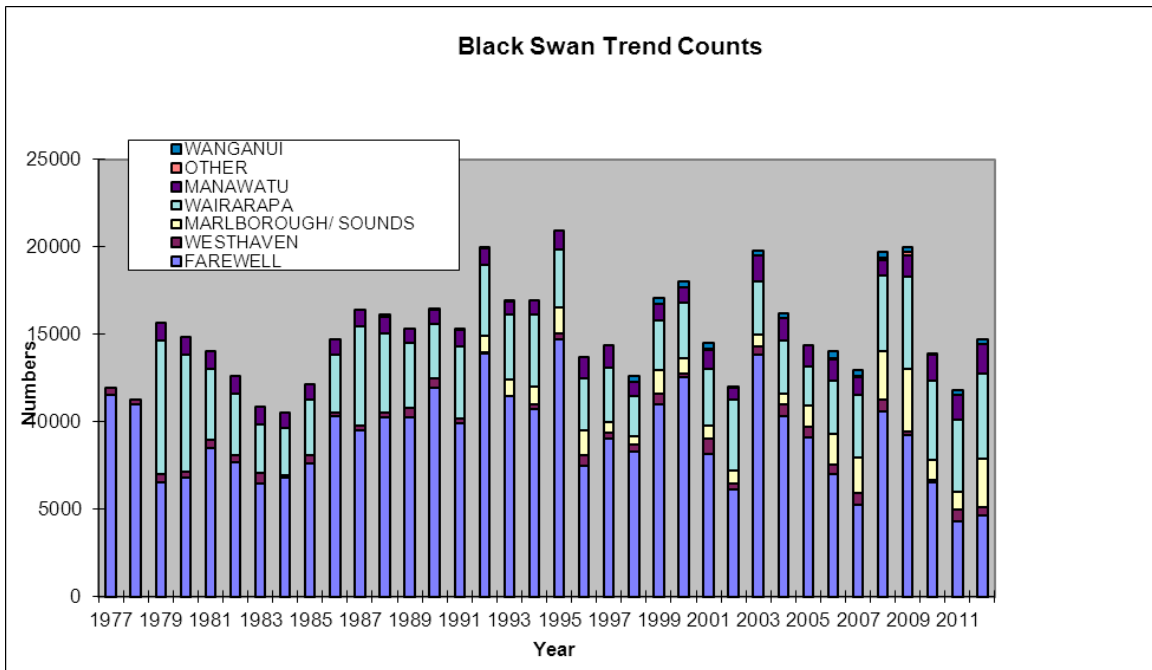
Fish and Game reached agreement with TrustPower over the methods used to ensure stocks of trout in the upper Branch and Leatham Rivers. This favours restocking, usually at two yearly intervals, but TrustPower has also agreed to modify the Branch weir fish pass to

trial a trap and transfer of naturally running trout prior to spawning and in the early fishing season. In addition, Fish and Game is continuing to salvage fish with volunteer assistance during maintenance sluicing, at TrustPower’s cost.

1113 Trend Counts

As usual, trend counts for paradise shelduck and black swan were undertaken in late January and for shoveler as part of a national survey in late August, after closure of the hunting season. Regrettably Canada geese, which are no longer on the game schedule, were not counted by the Department of Conservation for a second year, despite a Fish and Game offer of assistance.

Black Swan numbers at Farewell Spit remain at relatively low levels with only 4650 counted this year (although slightly better than last year’s count). Numbers however in the Wairau Lagoons are twice that of previous years, although not as high as the 2009 count. The Wairarapa and Manawatu have also shown increases this season, which has off-set the decline in the Farewell Spit population.



As can be seen from the graph below, Paradise Shelduck trend counts indicate that there are more paradise shelduck around this year, which given the wet breeding season was to be expected. Canada geese were for the first time observed in the Four River Plain area near Murchison during the trend count flight in late January.

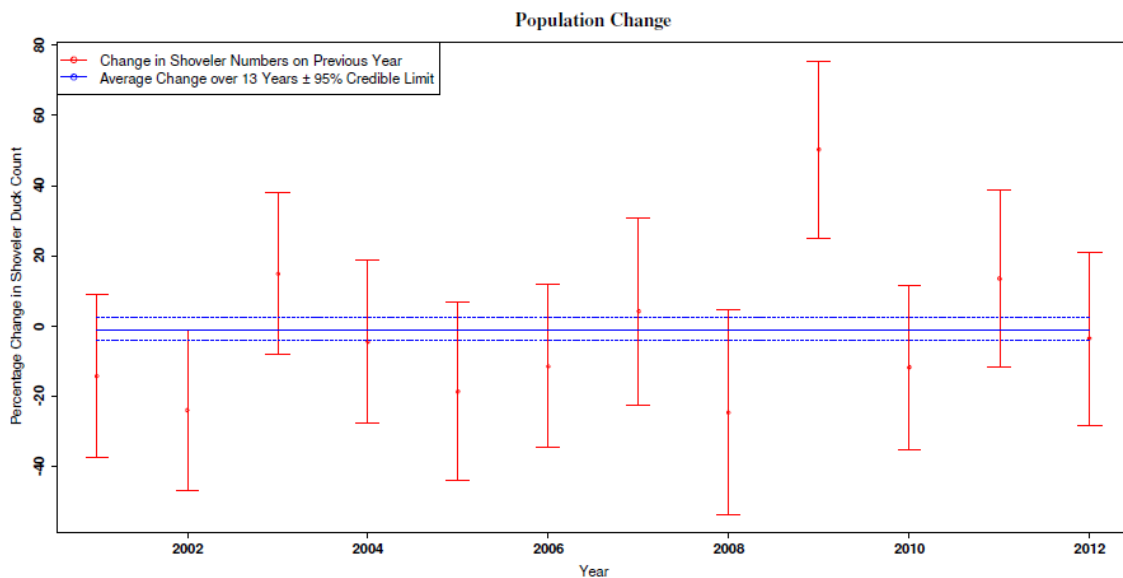
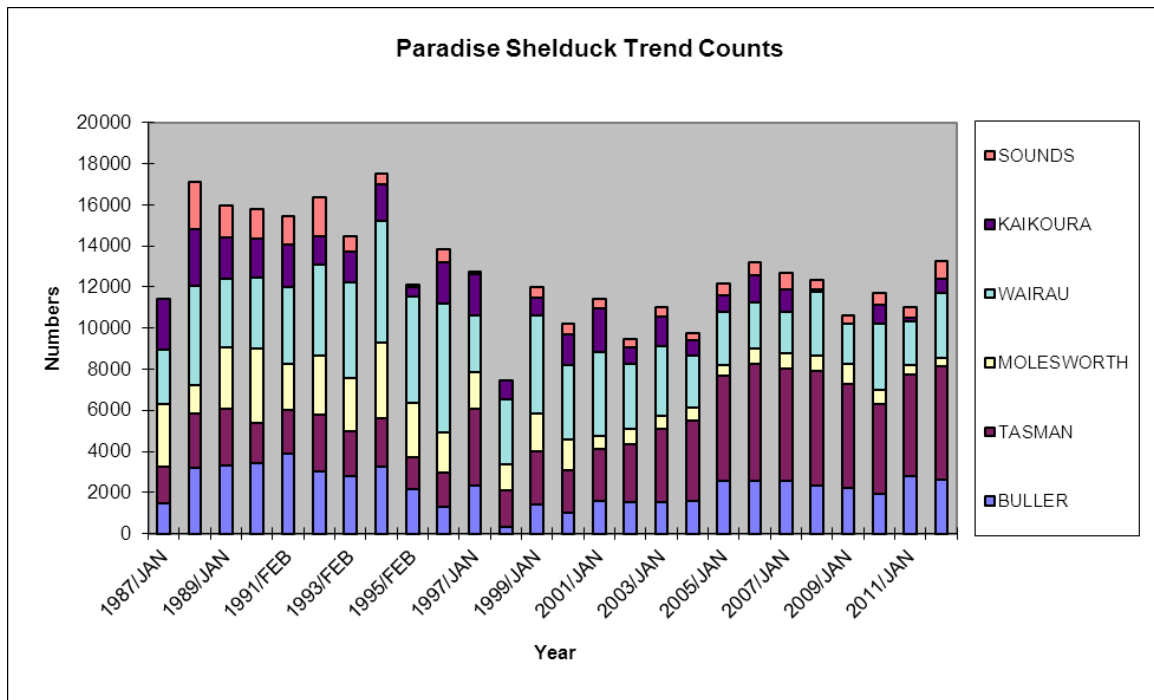


Figure 1 National Shoveler Trend Count Annual Comparison

As a result of these survey data, no change was recommended to the Game Notice in respect of these species.

1120 Gamebird Harvest Survey

Some data showing trends in hunting harvest for key species is shown in the following figures, for which the prompt assistance of Matt McDougall from the Eastern region is gratefully acknowledged. These data reflect significant reduction in hunter effort, particularly in Marlborough since when there was considerably more cropping and fewer grapes grown. It also shows the exceptional years in the mid 1990s. Hunting effort since 1998 has been more consistent although probably shows a downward trend, but some improvement in recent years. Please note that through there is a wide confidence interval in the data.

Hours Hunting Waterfowl

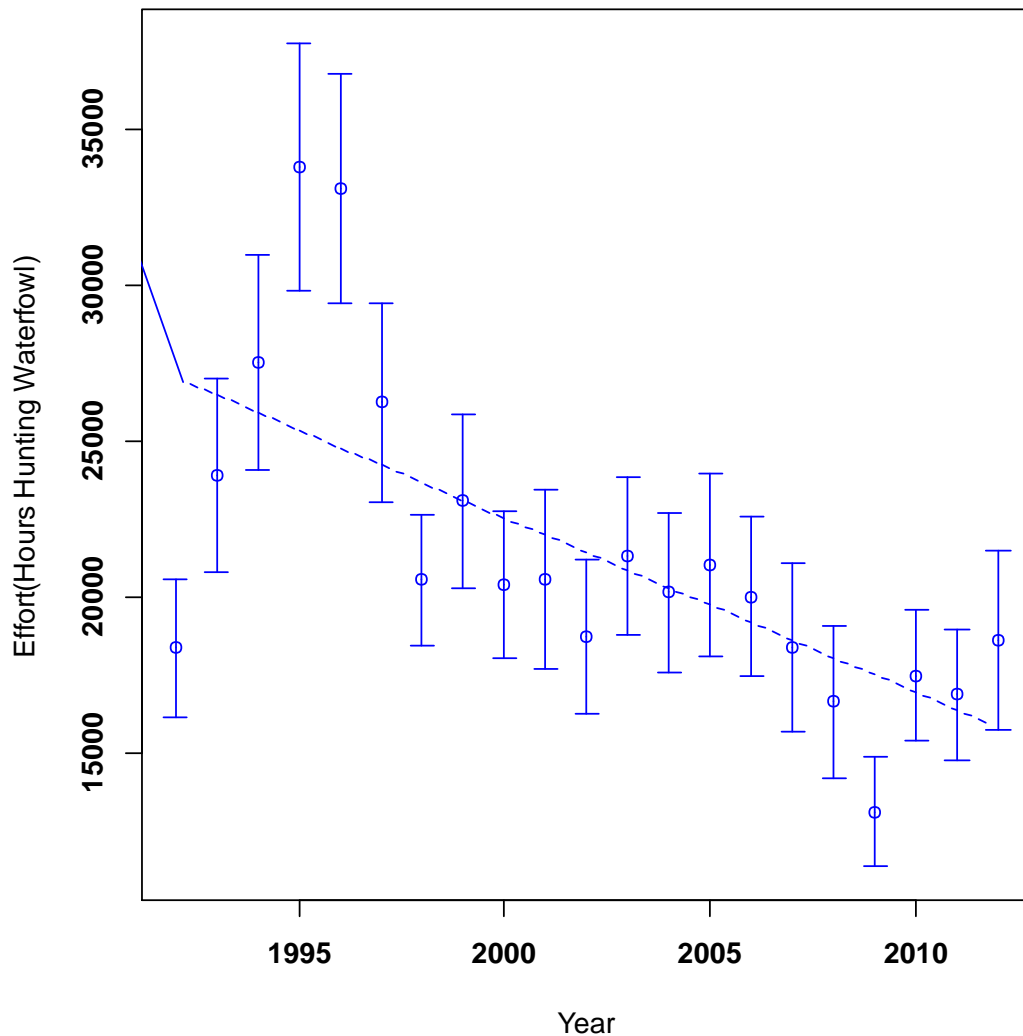


Figure 2 Total hunter effort (hours hunting waterfowl) in the region from 1993 to 2012. The blue dashed line is the regression line on effort over time. H_0 : The true correlation of effort over time=0 was rejected ($r=-0.68$, $t_{(19)} = -4.0265$, $P=0.0007$).

Looking specifically at the main species grey and mallard (which are considered jointly as there is considerable interbreeding in most areas and they are difficult to distinguish), a similar trend is shown; mainly because these are the main species targeted by hunters. While a straight line has been drawn through the data, what these represent is probably more accurately a major fluctuation during the 1990s and then a significantly reduced but more consistent harvest over the last decade with a particularly poor season in 2007.

Greylard

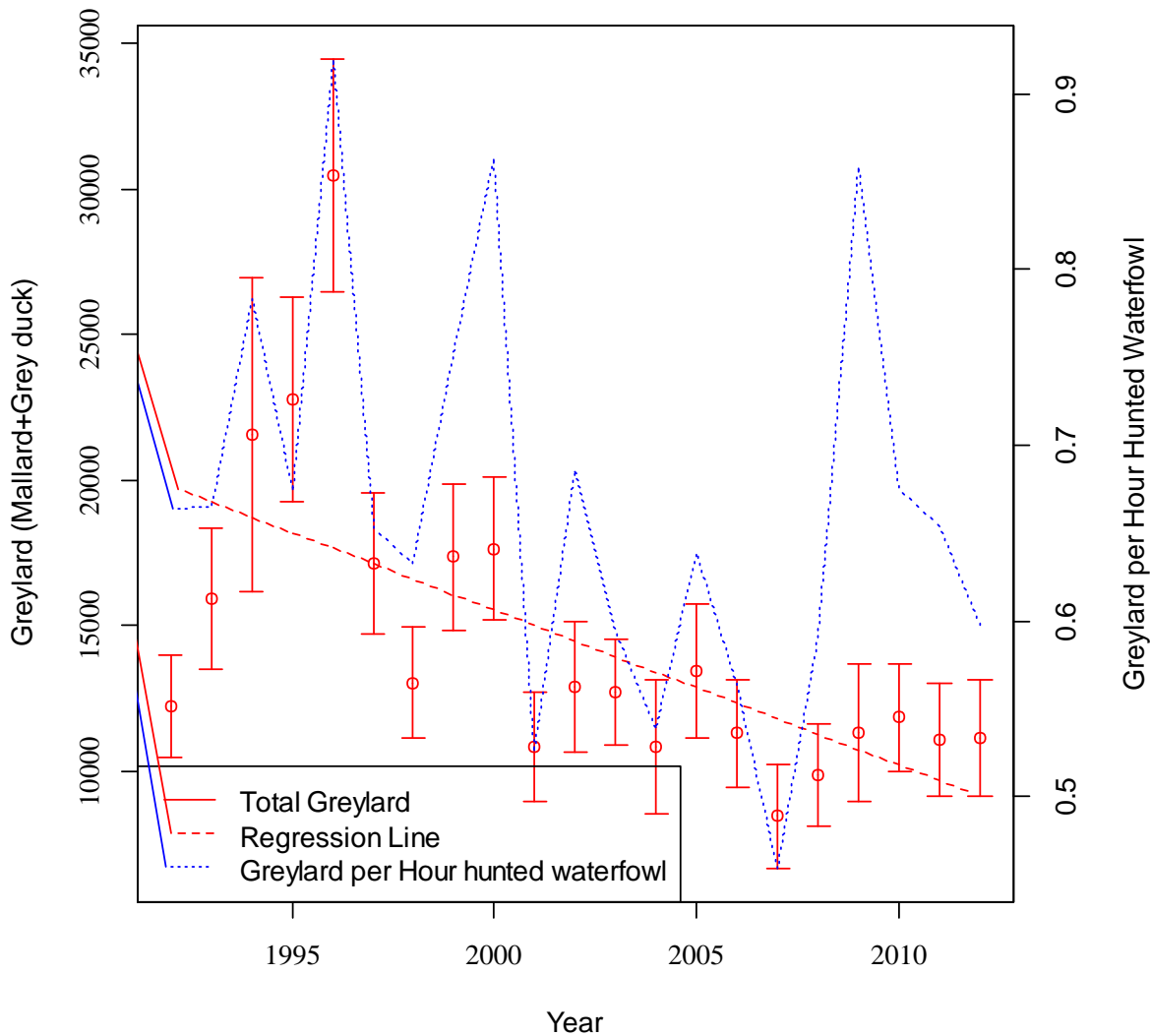


Figure 3 Regional greylard (mallard & grey duck) harvest from 1993 to 2012. Red dashed line is the regression line on greylard harvest. H_0 : The true correlation of greylard harvest over time=0 was rejected ($r=-0.63$, $t_{(19)} = -3.5359$, $P=0.002$). The blue dotted line represents greylard harvest per hour hunting waterfowl.

Paradise shelduck show a similar trend, but much less obvious and with greater variability in the data (represented by the wide confidence intervals). This reflects that paradise shelduck is now more common than 40 years ago and that, while it may not be the favoured choice by hunters, it has increased as a target by hunters over time as an alternative to mallards.

Paradise Shelduck

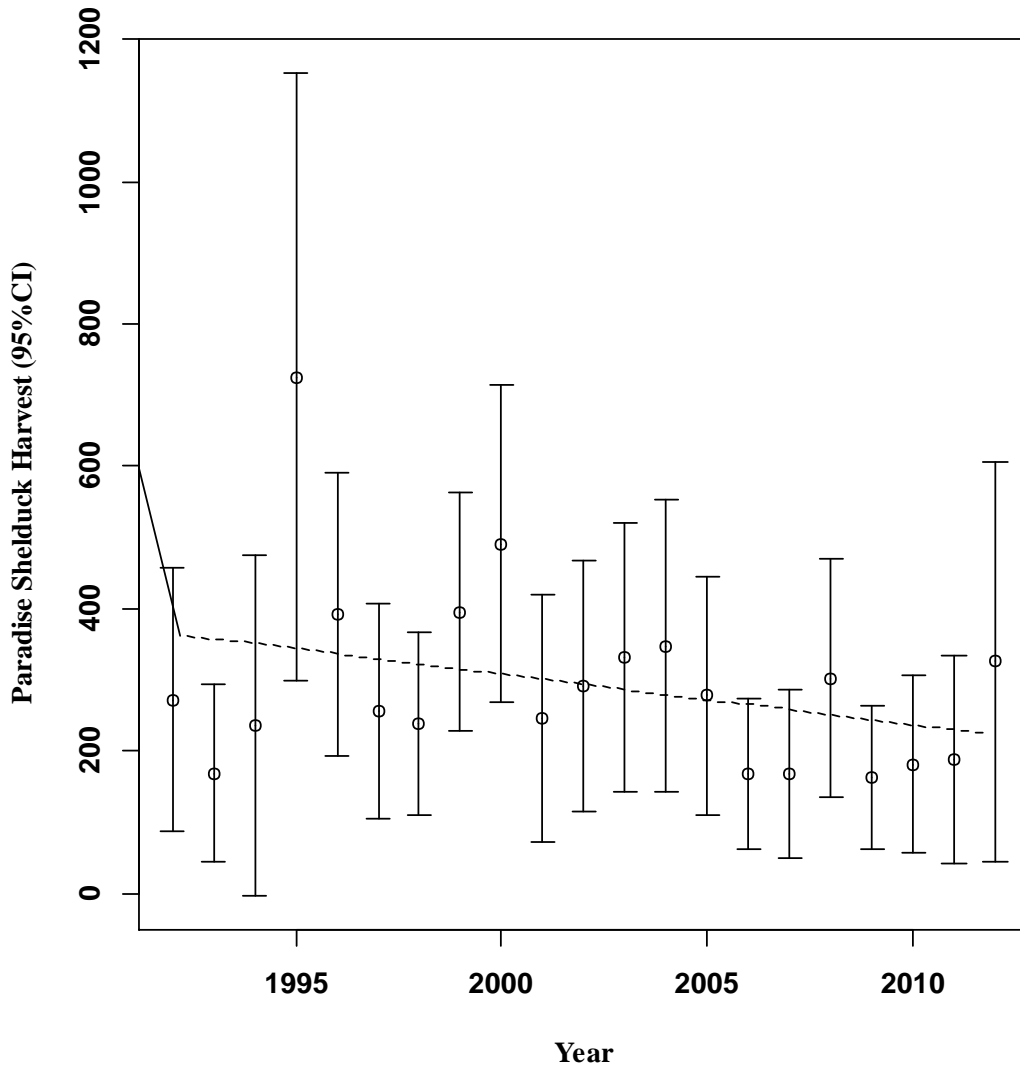


Figure 4 Paradise shelduck regional harvest from 1993 to 2012. Dashed line is the regression line on paradise shelduck harvest over time. *H₀*: The true correlation of paradise shelduck harvest over time=0 was not rejected ($r=-0.33$, $t_{(19)} = -1.5441$, $P=0.14$).

Pheasant harvest also shows a reduction in effort and harvest over time. In all cases, this probably reflects that the key limiting factor for hunters in the region is less associated with habitat and more with hunting opportunity, with land use change and more intensive land uses with more rural residential land use in some key areas.

Whole Season Pheasant

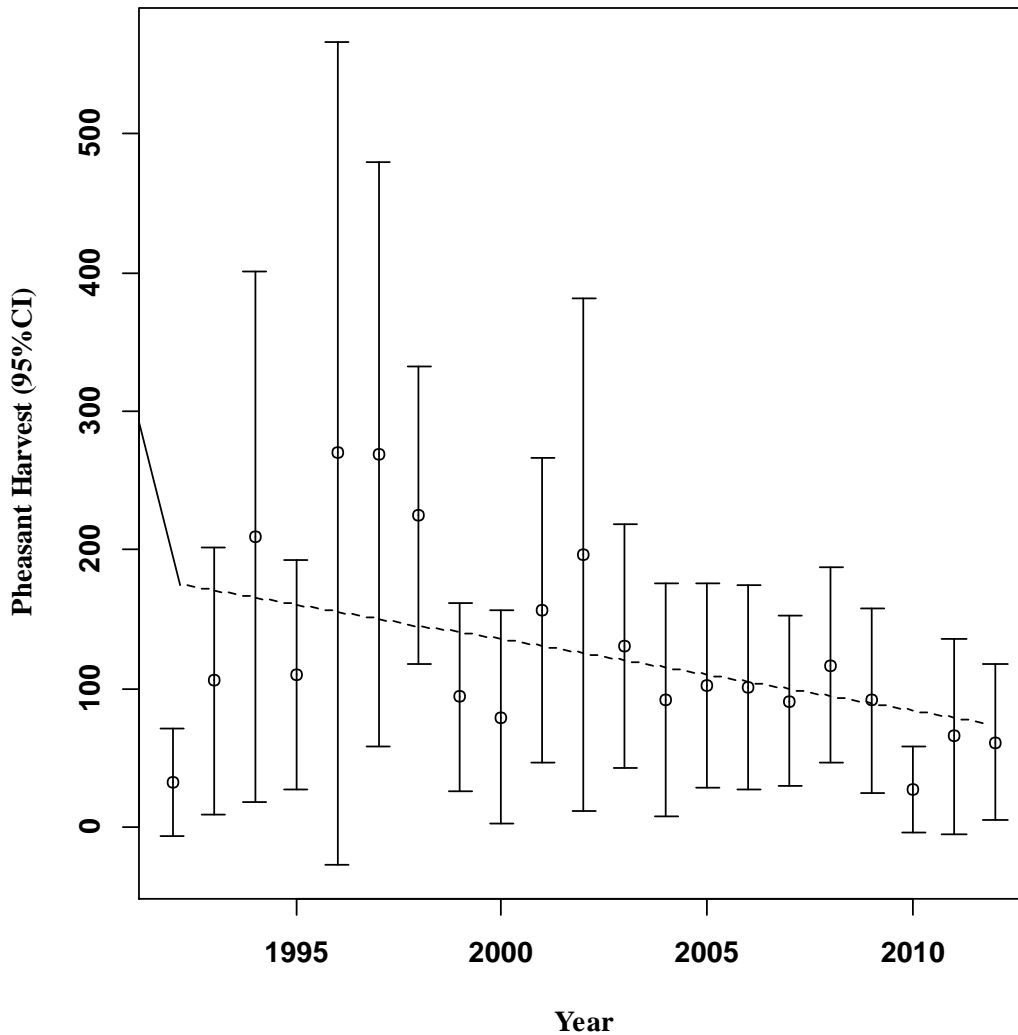


Figure 5 Regional pheasant harvest from 1993 to 2012. Dashed line is the regression line on pheasant harvest over time. *H₀*: The true correlation of paradise shelduck harvest over time=0 was rejected ($r=-.45$, $t_{(19)} = -2.2049$, $P=0.04$).

1210 Resource Management Act and statutory advocacy

Consents processed during the year, compared to previous years

Financial Year	Marlborough	Nelson	Tasman	Other	Total
2008-09	246	3	32	2	283
2009-10	65	4	12	2	83
2010-11	48	2	14	1	65
2011-12	54	5	16	5	80

The attached table shows that the number of routine consent applications processed by Fish and Game has significantly reduced. Some of these, however, such as the consent for river works in Tasman District, can be very time consuming for staff. This reduction is due to a combination of three factors; the downturn in the economy reducing demand for viticulture in Marlborough especially, all the key rivers now being fully allocated, and that many routine

applications are now covered by regional plans which do not necessarily require notification, even of Fish and Game. The reduction is beneficial, however, in that less time was spent on these routine matters by staff. River management operations, particularly in Tasman, have been a particular concern over the past year.

There is preliminary work by all local authorities, however, towards reviewing their regional water management plans and policies in the light of the recently promulgated National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management, which is taking considerable input by Fish and Game staff. This has affected Fish and Game involvement in the Tasman Resource Management Plan in attempting to summarise and protect the values of the various Tasman rivers and lakes in that plan. In Marlborough, preliminary discussions have been occurring over the revision of the two water resource management plans there, to identify values and to provide strategic advice, which has involved both the Manager and FO Lynn. In Canterbury (including Kaikoura District) there has been a review of minimum flows in the Conway River catchment, and development towards a new Land and Water Plan for the region as a whole, which has involved the Manager's time. In addition, staff have provided submissions on pest management strategies for Marlborough and Tasman.

1220, 1230 Reserves and Habitat Enhancement

The main project remains with Para Swamp in Marlborough. The effects of the willow poisoning are now very obvious, as shown in the following photograph in the northwestern part of the wetland. The NZ Gamebird Habitat Trust has appointed Karen Walshe to revise and update the reserve management plan and seek further funding as this is a flagship project for the Trust. A small 2.5 ha block was purchased, leaving only one area of private land within the Para Swamp. Negotiations with its owner are being considered over future management.



Figure 6 Northwestern Para swamp from railway reserve, showing effectiveness of willow kill without damage to other plants.

1233 Biodiversity Advice Project

Date	Property owner	Location	Advice description
2/07/2012	TDC	Challies Island	Site viist with contractors to finalise wetland extension/channel
2/07/2012	N Harwood	Upper Takaka	Hosted Cobb funding panel visit - 4000 plants granted as a result
18/07/2012	Justin Dodd	Flat Creek, Maruia	Discussed environmentally sensitive stream protection works
26/07/2012	Various		Attended strategic review of Biodiversity at TDC request
30/07/2012	Nelson Forests Ltd	Upper Motueka, Norths Bridge	Revised gravel extraction wetland development
9/08/2012	N Harwood	Upper Takaka	Spot sprayed riparian area for 2000 native planting in Oct
29/08/2012	Florian Pauls	Moutere	Gully wetland planting on dairy farm
29/08/2012	David Mitchell	Mapua	Visited proposed stream meander installation/plantings
13/09/2012	TDC	Challies Island	Planted natives in new wetland development area
3/10/2011	Chris Monk	Kaikoura	responded to website enquiry re: pond design in Kaikoura
7/10/2011	Nigel Harwood	Upper Takaka	Planted 400 plants incl sectioned flax in stream. Planted flax/raupo in effluent wetland
13/10/2011	P&N Bavin	St Arnaud	planted 550 plants with Lawson & polytech students
18/10/2011	K&D Payton	Rai Valley	Visited wetland/podocarp remnant
1/11/2011	Various	Golden Bay	Assisted with SOE fish surveys, located giant kokopu!
3/11/2011	Penelope Palmer	Baton River	Provided weed control/planting advice via email
17/11/2011	Brendon Richards	Aorere catchment	Re-drafted consent for stream diversion, posted for lodgement
18/11/2011	TDC	Mapua	Did an e-fish demo with Tom to Enviroschool at their proposed riparian planting site.
21/11/2011	Various	various	Attended TDC SOE roadshow/discussion evening.
23/11/2011	Arthur Walker	Peach Island	Discussed converting his existing gravel extraction/backfill consent to a wetland
13/12/2011	Brian Pike	Harley Rd	Visited pond/gully wetland, discussed enhancement plantings, and fish species potential
20/12/2011	Nelson Forests Ltd	North Rd Bridge	Visited NFL gravel extraction site/Challies Is, provided concept info/planting list
21/12/2011	Hickman	Lake Elterwater	Provided support letter to Nicky for consent prepared on behalf of landowner.
22/12/2011	Thawley Orchards	Nile Road, Mahana	Follow up visit to wetland to assess success of Community Max restoration program, undertook minor willow control work, emailed assessment to Jim.
17/01/2012	Harwoods	Upper Takaka	Spray released 400 plants that were planted in springtime

18/01/2012	Brian Soler	Harley Rd	Identified an adult banded kokopu upon request
25/01/2012	Bavins	St Arnaud	Spray released native riparian plantings
7/02/2012	Mitchell	Mapua	Visited wetland to discuss culvert options
10/03/2012	Various	Riwaka	Attended weekend landowner meeting to try and get additional Riwaka riparian planting started
15/03/2012	Harwoods	Upper Takaka	spray released riparian plantings and did pre-plant spot spray.
20/03/2012	Harwood	Upper Takaka	Submitted Cobb fund bid for 4000 native plants
27/03/2012	Thawley Orchards	Nile Rd	Pulled 50 grey willow seedlings, poisoned 6 larger stems
2/04/2012	Harwoods	U. Takaka	Planted 300 native plants with landowner/GB Streamcare
10/04/2012	Jamie Corke	Westdale Rd, Tasman	Wanted to stock pond with fish - advised whitebait would be best, and sent info.
17/04/2012	Bavin	St Arnaud	spray released native plantings
26/04/2012	Various	Murchison	Attended streamcare meeting to get riparian plantings going, offered spray time
30/04/2012	Salsbury school	Richmond	Discussed setting up a wetland to treat stormwater
7/05/2012	Taylors	Waimea bermlands	Site visit to mark out further wetland development via gravel extraction
14/05/2012	Bill Byrne	Brightwater	Site visit to advise on temporal wetland creation via gravel extraction
11/06/2012	Various	Tasman region	Seeking involvement with river rates funded riparian planting projects
12/06/2012	TDC	Motueka	Seeking retention and enhancement of wastewater wetland through sewage upgrade
25/06/2012	Bob Anderson	Kumaras, Mot	Provided species lists and advice for potential lowland forest/estuary restoration site
2/07/2012	TDC	Challies Island	Site visit with contractors to finalise wetland extension/channel
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The preceding table summarises the various activities undertaken by FO Barrier over the reporting year, to give some idea of the diversity of work undertaken throughout the region and the year. This involved a total of 39 actions, including 27 site visits.

1235 Waimea Water Augmentation Committee

The Manager is the Fish and Game representative on this Committee and on its technical committee, each of which meet monthly but both are reaching a critical stage of their work to try to augment river flows in the Waimea River. The detailed design and costs of the project are being developed, but key activities during the year included land negotiations, drafting a regional plan change, liaison with iwi and other interests and consideration of the future governance arrangements if the project proceeds. If the dam is not built, it would be unlikely that Waimea River flows would be significantly augmented over the current low flows.

1241 Spawning Habitats

Aerial and ground based salmon spawning surveys in both the Clarence and Wairau catchment were undertaken this season on a one-off basis in response both to the TrustPower Wairau hydro project and better numbers of salmon reported as being caught in both rivers. Numbers from the Rainbow are shown from recent years.

Rainbow River Salmon Spawning Counts

Date	Method	Wairau confluence to side-stream	Rainbow side-stream to fence	Rainbow side-stream inside fence	Total No. Salmon
8/05/2008	Foot	57	75	28	160
13/05/2009	Aerial	16	50	19	85
5/05/2010	Foot	38	86	42	166
27/04/2011	Foot	22	115	100	237
20/04/2012	Foot	14	73	26	113
3/05/2012	Aerial	65	89	65	219
17/05/2012	Foot	34	80	74	188

The aerial salmon count in the Clarence catchment totalled 212, made up by 42 between the Acheron confluence and Leaderdale and 170 from the Acheron catchment. In comparison this is significantly less than the 2008 count of 594 (147 upstream of the Acheron Confluence) although a larger area was surveyed in 2008 than this year.

1310 Access

It has generally been a quiet year for access issues, with most efforts devoted towards maintenance of the existing network. Minor improvements were made to access, such as a site in the lower Riwaka River. The advent of the Walking Access Commission, particularly its local representative, has improved the visibility of access through its website, www.wams.org.nz. Further work is proposed to be undertaken on this in the immediate future.

The major issues have been in Tasman District, where a cycleway development around the Waimea Inlet chose an alignment which traversed the heart of the two remaining substantial wildlife habitat and gamebird hunting areas around the Inlet. Staff involvement in this process proved highly frustrating, in that there was little acknowledgement of the reverse sensitivity issue and no significant willingness to address the issue by the applicant or the

Commissioners, even though alternative routes were available. Partial resolution of the issue was achieved for Pearl Creek, but hunting opportunities at Neiman's Creek will be substantially eliminated.

Elsewhere in Tasman, while there has been a change in attitude of Tasman District towards the currently locked gate on the Gowan River East Bank Road, there has been no concrete action this year to resolve this issue; so practical access along this formed road is effectively denied. Marlborough District staff remain unwilling to contemplate hunting access to the Conder's Bend area, so this area is still unavailable.

The final area is access to Molesworth, which has not effectively changed this year, although this may change when a management plan is promulgated; although significant changes appear unlikely. A particular issue appears to be the status of the formed roads running through Molesworth. Fish and Game finally received a legal opinion from Walking Access Commission which suggests these may be legal roads, but the matter is currently in the hands of the Minister of Lands.



N A Deans
Manager

Financial Statements
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2012



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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 2012**

The Auditor-General is the auditor of Nelson Marlborough Fish and Game Council (the Fish and Game Council). The Auditor-General has appointed me, Philip Sinclair, using the staff and resources of WHK New Zealand, to carry out the audit of the financial statements and statement of service performance of the Fish and Game Council on her behalf.

We have audited:

- the financial statements of the Fish and Game Council on pages 27 to 36 that comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 August 2012, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date and the notes to the financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the statement of service performance of the Fish and Game Council on pages 37 to 60.

Opinion on the financial statements and statement of service performance

In our opinion:

- the financial statements of the Fish and Game Council on pages 27 to 36:
 - comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand; and
 - fairly reflect the Fish and Game Council's:
 - financial position as at 31 August 2012; and
 - financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date.
- the statement of service performance of the Fish and Game Council on pages 37 to 60:
 - complies with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand; and
 - fairly reflects the Fish and Game Council's service performance for the year ended 31 August 2012, including:
 - its performance achieved, as compared with forecast targets specified in the statement of forecast service performance for the financial year; and
 - its revenue earned and output expenses incurred, as compared with the forecast revenues and output expenses specified in the statement of forecast service performance for the start of the financial year.

Our audit was completed on 27 November 2012. This 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 our responsibilities, and we explain our independence.



Basis of Opinion

We carried out our audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and carry out our audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and statement of service performance are free from material misstatement.

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.

An audit involves carrying out procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and statement of service performance. The procedures selected depend on our judgement, including our assessment of risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and statement of service performance, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the preparation of the Fish and Game Council's financial statements and statement of service performance that fairly reflect the matters to which they relate. We consider internal control in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fish and Game Council's internal control.

An audit also involves evaluating:

- the appropriateness of accounting policies used and whether they have been consistently applied;
- the reasonableness of the significant accounting estimates and judgements made by the Council;
- the adequacy of all disclosures in the financial statements and statement of service performance; and
- the overall presentation of the financial statements and statement of service performance.

We did not examine every transaction, nor do we guarantee complete accuracy of the financial statements and statement of service performance. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required and we believe we have obtained sufficient and appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of the Council

The Council is responsible for preparing financial statements and a statement of service performance that:

- comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand;
- fairly reflect the Fish and Game Council's financial position, financial performance and cash flows; and
- fairly reflect its service performance achievements.

The Council is also responsible for such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements and a statement of service performance that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The Council's responsibilities arise from the Public Finance Act 1989 and the Conservation Act 1987.

Responsibilities of the Auditor

We are responsible for expressing an independent opinion on the financial statements and statement of service performance and reporting that opinion to you based on our audit. Our 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 External Reporting Board.

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

Matters relating to the electronic presentation of the audited financial statements and statement of service performance

This audit report relates to the financial statements and statement of service performance of Nelson Marlborough Fish and Game Council (the Fish and Game Council) for the year ended 31 August 2012 included on the Fish and Game Council's website. The Council is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Fish and Game Council's website. We have not been engaged to report on the integrity of the Fish and Game Council's website. We accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the financial statements and statement of service performance since they were initially presented on the website.

The audit report refers only to the financial statements and statement of service performance named above. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to or from these financial statements and statement of service performance. If readers of this report are concerned with the inherent risks arising from electronic data communication they should refer to the published hard copy of the audited financial statements and statement of service performance and related audit report dated 27 November 2012 to confirm the information included in the audited financial statements and statement of service performance presented on this website.

Legislation in New Zealand governing the preparation and dissemination of financial information may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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Philip Sinclair
WHK New Zealand
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Nelson, New Zealand

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2012

	Notes	Actual 2012 \$	Budget 2012 \$	Actual 2011 \$
Operating Revenue				
Gross Fish & Game Income		446,350	459,831	433,075
Less Commission		(18,868)	(22,991)	(23,347)
Less Game Bird Habitat Stamp		(1,910)	(1,910)	(2,249)
Net Fish & Game Income		425,572	434,930	407,479
Interest		4,162	11,505	9,264
Sundry Income		6,970	3,500	3,355
Prosecution Income		2,579	3,000	3,391
Pamphlet Sales		70	-	245
Funding for Para Wetland Development		5,935	1,700	7,515
DOC Biodiversity Advise Fund	1	20,870	-	-
Walking Access Grant	1	10,893	10,893	15,223
Canterbury Community Trust Grant				15,000
Contract Money Received for Field Work		51,138	72,895	43,823
Wairau Power Project Reimbursement NZ F&G		-	-	16,724
Depreciation Recovered on Sale of Asset		15,580	-	3,444
Insurance Payout on Asset		-	-	15,000
Total Revenue		543,769	538,423	540,463
Operating Expenses				
Species Management		7,994	6,200	4,572
Habitat protection Management		11,276	2,250	23,688
Angler/Hunter Participation		11,597	18,550	10,476
Public Relations		1,054	900	960
Compliance		650	900	842
Licensing		4,788	6,800	6,172
Council Expenses		8,314	3,850	5,149
Planning Reporting		10,154	9,500	10,031
Administration		82,399	81,611	62,143
Salaries	2	403,243	373,772	346,823
Depreciation	2 & 3	33,496	33,496	38,386
NZ Fish & Game Levy		62,405	62,405	9,673
Loss on Disposal		-	-	3,528
Bad Debt		9,363	-	-
Total Expenditure		646,734	600,234	522,443
Outside Projects				
River Advocacy Didymo				
Income Tasman District Council		10,925	-	12,515
Expenditure		(10,925)	-	(12,515)
		-	-	-
Operating Surplus (Loss) for the Period		(102,966)	(61,811)	18,020
Other comprehensive Income		-	-	-
Total comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the Period		(102,966)	(61,812)	18,020

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 2012

	Accumulated Funds	Asset Replacement Reserves	General Reserves	Total Equity
Comprehensive Income/(Loss)	(102,966)			(102,966)
Transfers	-	-	-	-
Equity At Beginning Of Year	321,666	106,088	20,548	448,302
Equity At End Of Year	<u>218,700</u>	<u>106,088</u>	<u>20,548</u>	<u>345,336</u>

2011

	Accumulated Funds	Asset Replacement Reserves	General Reserves	Total Equity
Comprehensive Income/(Loss)	18,020	-	-	18,020
Transfers	-	-	-	-
Equity At Beginning Of Year	303,646	106,088	20,548	430,282
Equity At End Of Year	<u>321,666</u>	<u>106,088</u>	<u>20,548</u>	<u>448,302</u>

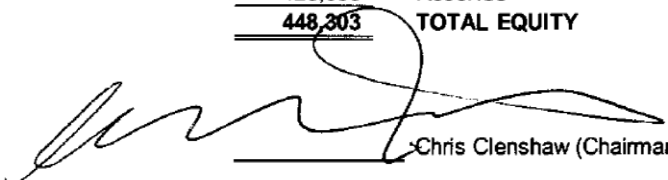
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2012

Actual 2011 \$		Notes	Actual 2012 \$	
	Current Assets			
39,870	SBS Bank (Current A/c)		8,832	
5,170	ASB Bank (Current A/c)		-	
-	SBS On Call Investment A/c		55,291	
100	Petty Cash Imprest		100	
806	ASB Bank (FastSaver A/c)		-	
53,566	ASB Investment A/c		-	
75,759	Nelson Building Society		30,185	
81,767	Accounts Receivable		50,659	
<u>257,038</u>	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS			145,066
	Non Current Assets			
	Property, Plant and Equipment	3		
76,640	Motor Vehicles		61,023	
11,025	Field Equipment		12,827	
8,545	Office Equipment		4,838	
186,974	Land Para Swamp		200,887	
18,879	Buildings		18,509	
<u>302,063</u>	TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS			298,084
559,101	TOTAL ASSETS			443,150
	Current Liabilities			
60,157	Accounts Payable	4	48,965	
45,085	Employee Entitlements		43,292	
5,556	Grants in Advance		5,556	
<u>110,798</u>	TOTAL LIABILITIES			97,814
<u>448,303</u>	NET ASSETS			<u>345,336</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:			
	<u>Equity</u>			
321,667	Accumulated Funds	5	218,700	
126,636	Reserves	6	126,636	
<u>448,303</u>	TOTAL EQUITY		<u>345,336</u>	


Chris Clenshaw (Chairman)

27/11/12. Date

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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2012**

Actual 2011	Notes	Actual 2012
\$		\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
<u>Cash Was Provided From:</u>		
457,622	Receipts from Licences & Sundries	447,631
15,223	Other Income	18,159
9,264	Interest Received	4,353
2,259	Net GST	
<u>484,368</u>		470,143
<u>Cash Was Disbursed To:</u>		
492,213	Payment for Operating Expenses	520,128
0	Net GST	1,361
<u>492,213</u>		521,489
<u>(7,845)</u>	NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>(51,346)</u>
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CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
<u>Cash Was Provided From:</u>		
7,830	Sale of Fixed Assets	21,303
0		-
<u>7,830</u>	Net Cash Flow	<u>21,303</u>
<u>Cash Was Applied To:</u>		
<u>83,082</u>	Purchase of Fixed Assets	<u>50,821</u>
<u>(75,252)</u>	NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>(29,518)</u>
(83,097)	Net Increase/(decrease) in Cash Held	(80,864)
258,368	Add Cash at Start of Year 1/9/11	175,271
175,271	Balance at End of Year 31/8/12	94,407
COMPRISING		
100	Petty Cash Imprest	100
39,870	SBS Bank (Current Account)	8,832
5,170	ASB Bank (Current Account)	0
806	ASB Bank (FastSaver Account)	0
53,566	ASB Bank Investment	0
0	SBS On Call Investment Account	55,291
75,759	Nelson Building Society	30,185
<u>175,271</u>		<u>94,407</u>

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

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2012****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.

Specific Accounting Policies

The following specific accounting policies which materially affect the measurement of the Income Statement and the Statement of Financial Position 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 and reported in the financial period it is received.

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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

Other grants are recognised initially as deferred income when they are received and are then recognised as income once the conditions of the grants have been met.

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 Statement of Financial Position

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.

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2012**

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 Statement of Financial Position 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 Statement of Financial Position.

The Council is not a party to financial instruments with off Statement of Financial Position 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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AS AT 31 AUGUST 2012**

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 Statement of Financial Position.

1. Outside Grants Received.

\$20,870 was received from the Department of Conservation's Biodiversity Condition and Advice Fund. This is part of a 3 year grant of \$86,957 which was approved on 18 October 2011. The grant is to continue with freshwater biodiversity advice. \$10,893 was received from the Walking Access Commission as part of a 3 year grant towards improving and maintaining access points throughout the region.

2 Operating Expenses	2012	2011
Depreciation	\$	\$
Buildings	370	1,555
Motor Vehicles	25,545	27,286
Office Equipment	3,707	6,830
Field Equipment	<u>3,874</u>	<u>2,715</u>
	33,496	38,386
 Auditor's Fee for auditing the financial statements	 5,700	 5,200
 Employee Benefits		
Wages & Salaries	400,753	344,414
Fringe Benefit Tax	<u>2,490</u>	<u>2,409</u>
	403,243	346,823

3 Property, Plant & Equipment

2012	Cost	Accum Dep	Opening BV	Dep Recovered	Additions	Dep	Closing BV
Office Equipment	74,677	66,130	8,547	-	-	3,707	4,840
Field Equipment	49,653	32,951	11,026	-	5676	3,874	12,828
Buildings	54,862	35,983	18,879	-	-	370	18,509
Vehicles	182,493	90,201	76,640	15580	-5652	25,545	61,023
Land	200,887	-	186,974	-	13913	-	200,887
	562,572	225,265	302,066	15,580	13,937	33,496	298,087

2011	Cost	Accum Dep	Opening BV	Dep Recovered	Additions	Dep	Closing BV
Office Equipment	82,681	67,293	8,853	(11)	6,535	6,830	8,547
Field Equipment	45,030	31,286	13,128	(3)	616	2,715	11,026
Buildings	54,862	34,428	20,434	-	-	1,819	18,879
Vehicles	238,040	126,696	35,413	(70)	68,583	27,286	76,640
Land	186,974	-	186,974	-	-	-	186,974
	607,587	259,703	264,802	(83)	75,734	38,386	302,066

4 Accounts Payable

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
PAYE Payable	12,633	7,432
GST Payable	15,416	6,852
Accounts Payable	20,916	45,873
	<u>48,965</u>	<u>60,157</u>

5 Accumulated Funds

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Opening Balance	321,667	303,646
Comprehensive Income/(loss) for the year	(102,966)	18,021
Plus Transfer to Accumulated Funds	-	-
	<u>218,701</u>	<u>321,667</u>
Less Transfer to Asset Replacement Reserves	-	-
Closing Balance	<u>218,701</u>	<u>321,667</u>

6 Reserves

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
<u>Asset Replacement Reserves</u>		
Opening Balance	106,088	106,088
Plus Transfer from Accumulated Funds	-	-
Closing Balance	<u>106,088</u>	<u>106,088</u>
<u>General Reserves</u>		
Opening Balance	20,548	20,548
Movements	-	-
Closing Balance	<u>20,548</u>	<u>20,548</u>
Total Reserves	<u>126,636</u>	<u>126,636</u>

7 Reconciliation with Reported Operating Surplus	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Comprehensive Income/(Loss)	(102,966)	18,021
Add Non-Cash items Depreciation	33,496	38,386
General Reserves Movement	-	-
	<u>(69,470)</u>	<u>56,407</u>
<u>Add/(Less) Movements in Other Working Capital Items</u>		
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	29,679	(38,836)
Increase/(Decrease) in Payables	(8,400)	3,588
Increase/(Decrease) in Employee Entitlements	(1,793)	(11,745)
Increase/(Decrease) in Net GST	(1,361)	(2,259)
Increase/(Decrease) in Grants in Advance	-	(15,000)
<u>Plus Items Classified as Investing Activity</u>	-	-
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from operating activities	(51,345)	(7,845)

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

Budget		Actual
2012		2012
\$		\$
	Revenue	
434,929	Fish and Game Licence Income	425,572
11,505	Interest	4,162
-	Sale of Assets	<u>15,580</u>
446,434	Total Revenue	445,314
	Operating Expenses	
66,822	Species Management	65,766
142,136	Habitat Protection & Management	156,220
95,941	Participation	56,208
39,404	Public Interface	29,840
19,036	Compliance	25,319
15,101	Licensing	26,482
25,177	Councils	32,277
42,224	Planning & Reporting	<u>84,400</u>
445,841	Total Operating Expenses	476,512
62,405	Levy	62,405
-	Bad Debt	9,363
(61,812)	Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(102,966)

STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2012

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STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2012

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INTRODUCTION

As required under Section 26W(2) of the Conservation Act 1987 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 2011 - 2012 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 (from Section 26Q(1) of the Conservation Act 1987):

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.

OUTPUT AREA	Budget				Actual			
	External Costs	Income	Hours	Net Cost	External Costs	Income	Hours	Net Cost
	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
Species Management	6,200	10,000	1,106	66,822	7,994	10,000	970	65,766
Habitat Protection	2,250	2,700	2,233	142,136	11,276	5,935	2,160	156,220
Angler & Hunter Participation	18,550	0	1,212	95,941	11,597	70	640	56,208
Public Relations	900	0	603	39,404	1,054	0	412	29,840
Compliance	900	3,000	331	19,036	650	2,579	390	25,319
Licensing	6,800	0	130	15,101	4,788	0	311	26,482
Council	3,850	0	334	25,177	8,314	0	343	32,277
Planning and Reporting	9,500	25,000	904	42,224	10,154	25,000	1421	84,400
Total	48,950	40,700	6,853	445,841	55,827	43,584	6,647	476,512

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	4,000	5,000	740	41,252	6,646	5,000	570	36,470
1120	Harvest Assessment	1,000	0	25	2,596	1,000	0	61	5,260
1130	Fish Salvage	0	5,000	120	7,662	207	5,000	17	1,395
1160	Releases	1,000	0	80	6,108	92	0	201.5	14,172
1170	Regulations	0	0	26	1,660	0	0	31	2,166
1180	Control	200	0	115	7,543	49	0	89.5	6,303
	Total	6,200	10,000	1106	66,822	7,994	10,000	970	65,766

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	22 drift dives undertaken and reported as required.*
Objective 1112	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Investigate monitor and assist with fish movement in the Argyle and Branch Rivers in conjunction with proposed and present hydroelectric power schemes.	Report to Council by August	Investigations and negotiations with TrustPower resulted in agreement for restocking and to develop a fish trap in the fish pass.*

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Objective 1113	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Trend counts of game birds to assess population trends	Report to the Council within one month of survey. i Paradise Shelduck February ii Black Swan February iii Shoveler August	Trend counts undertaken and reported as required.*
Objective 1114	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Trout Growth Study in Rainy River, Continue to assist Cawthron when required and start a modified programme downstream below irrigation takes, & fertiliser inputs with the assistance of NMIT/Anglers club.	Report as required in staff reports to Council.	Assistance as required in March.
Objective 1115	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Assess populations of game birds according to agreed national criteria.	Report to Council within one month of surveys	Little undertaken on this in the absence of national criteria.

1120: Harvest Assessment: Survey game bird and angler harvests

Objective 1123	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Game Bird Hunter Survey	Assess the harvest of game birds by hunters during the season. Report to Council by November	Gamebird hunter survey undertaken as required and report furnished to Council.*

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

Objective 1131	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Carry out fish salvage as required	Report as required in staff reports to Council	Nine salvage events at the Branch scheme and one other in Marlborough.

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

Objective 1161	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Assist the Sports Fishing Trust establish a Fish out pond in Nelson and investigate a possible site in Marlborough. Look at fish enhancement opportunities in Marlborough, Challies Wetland and the Riwaka River.	Report to Council in staff reports as needed.	FO Davey provided liaison and provided advice and assistance with the consent application.
Objective 1162		
At the end of the Pheasant Season analyse Pheasant hunter diaries and investigate pheasant enhancement in Marlborough.	Report to Council by August.	Report to Council at September 2012 meeting; few responses to hunter diaries from hunters and low harvest rates.

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 approved at June Council meeting.
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 approved at February Council meeting.

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

Objective 1181	Performance Measure	Actual Result
To investigate complaints from landholders experiencing crop depredation	Respond in accordance to Council policy. Summarise in the annual report.	3 crop depredation permits issued in Marlborough (two paradise shelduck; one black swan) and 26 issued in Nelson (paradise shelduck and pukeko).

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	0	0	738	47,124	57	0	780	54,575
1220	Works & Management	0	1,700	199	11,007	4,562	5,935	326	21,373
1230	Assisted Habitat	250	0	1,114	71,383	129	0	918	64,276
1240	Assessment	2,000	1,000	182	12,621	6,528	0	136	15,996
	Total	2,250	2,700	2,233	142,135	11,276	5,935	2160	156,220

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
RMA Planning	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>	Staff participated in review actions with Tasman and Marlborough Councils, and lodged submissions on a minimum flow review for the Conway River in Canterbury*.
Objective 1212	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Monitor resource consent applications and mineral licences.	Provide effective representation within the prescribed time <i>NP 2.2.3</i>	Consents made available were assessed

Objective 1213	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Proactively advocate the interests of anglers and hunters prior to consent applications	Ensure resource developers are aware of Fish and Game interests <i>NP 2.2.4</i>	Staff participated in proactive actions at every opportunity.
Objective 1214	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Monitor, evaluate and respond to hydro power applications, including maintaining involvement in Wairau, and maintaining ongoing interest in Matakaitaki	Report to Council in Staff Reports	No power applications, but considerable involvement in review of consents for Branch scheme, culminating in agreement on method of restocking and investigations into trap and transfer.

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

Objective 1221	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Undertake planting and fencing as required in Council Reserves or leases in conjunction with hunters	Progress report by July	Little effort; likely loss of Botham's Bend lease in Marlborough means little point in further efforts there.
Objective 1222	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Implement the Para Wetland Operational Plan.	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	Works undertaken in accordance with operations plan. High water levels meant only some tasks were possible*.

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

Objective 1231	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Wetland enhancement in conjunction with local authorities, including gamebird habitat development.	Where possible getting leverage from contractors and District Council funds	Most focus on Challies wetland planting and preparation for fishout pond adjacent.
Objective 1232	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Respond to requests from landowners regarding wetland and fisheries habitat development.	Carried out in accordance with Council Policy. Report annually in August <i>NP 2.4.5</i>	Summarized in Annual Report Pages 19 and 20
Objective 1233	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Continue programme providing environmental advice to landowners on wetland and fisheries habitat. Assist where appropriate to enhance Salmon spawning within the region.	Report monthly to Council and as required by funds provider.	Summarized in Annual Report. Pages 19 and 20
Objective 1234	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Represent Fish and Game's interest on the Waimea Water Augmentation Committee.	Report Progress in staff reports to Council	Considerable effort during the year in progressing the scheme towards detailed design, particularly on likely regional plan change*.

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

Objective 1241	Performance Measure	Actual Result
To assess and monitor suitable fish spawning areas on a rotational basis, to provide information for planning and statutory advocacy.	Priority areas include Wairau, Pelorus and Motueka catchments Report annually in July <i>NP 2.4.2</i>	Change of emphasis to Marlborough salmon spawning*.
Objective 1242	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Assist with protection of waterways from didymo		Project oversight with funding from Biosecurity New Zealand via Tasman District Council.

ANGLER AND HUNTER PARTICIPATION AND SERVICES

Goals

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

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

Code	Project Cluster	Budget				Actual			
		External Costs	Income	Hours	Net Cost	External Cost	Income	Hours	Net Cost
		\$	\$		\$	\$		\$	
1310	Access	250	0	410	26,430	309	0	332	23,508
1320	Satisfaction Survey	0	0	20	1,277	0	0	0	0
1330	Newsletters	13,800	0	386	38,448	9,142	0	213	23,991
1340	Other Publications	2,500	0	54	5,948	2,146	70	0	2,070
1350	Training	2,000	0	317	22,242	0	0	69	4,822
1360	Club Relations	0	0	25	1,596	0	0	26	1,817
	Total	18,550	0	1212	95,941	11,597	70	640	56,208

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
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain current signage and enhance new access points. Complete new angler or hunter access project and develop pamphlet. Contribute to the Walking Access Commission and advocate for provision for public access in Treaty claims. <p><i>Report the results to Council</i></p>	Programme maintained but few new developments during this year. Major efforts to maintain existing network prior to opening of fishing season*.

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>		Ongoing discussions, particularly over the status of publicly managed roads in the Gowan Valley and on Molesworth*.
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.	Areas being notified through Walking Access New Zealand.

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		No surveys undertaken, except for pheasant hunter survey (see above).

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

Objective 1331 & 1332	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Produce supplements for two national magazines and regional news	Distribute to all licence holders and interested parties by one month prior to the opening of each season <i>NP 3.3.1</i>	Regular information provided via national Fish and Game New Zealand magazine as required.
Objective 1333	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Produce regional weekly ezine with assistance of local anglers and hunters		Occasional rather than regular emails to licenceholders from the region, plus notifications via national 'Both Barrels' and 'Reel Life'.
Objective 1334	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Update and actively enhance website including development of videos		Regular updates provided to new Fish and Game website.
Objective 1335	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Production of regular articles in "The Fishing Paper" in conjunction with adjacent regions.		Articles to Fishing Paper and occasionally to Nelson Marlborough Farming.

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

Objective 1341	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Continue to update and reprint access pamphlets as required.		New editions of Wairau and Buller pamphlets printed this year.

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

Objective 1351	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Continue support for adult and school 'Fish and Game' programmes	Report to Council by August	Field officer support for new hunter programmes, run by NZDA, plus fishing tuition at Nelson College Fish and Game programme.
Objective 1352	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Co-ordinate 3 early season fishing clinics in conjunction with clubs	Report to Council by February	Assisted with fishing clinics in Blenheim and Richmond run by fishing clubs and at an event at Nelson Lakes.
Objective 1353	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Attend and promote annual pre-season sporting clay events and promote Fish and Game	Report to Council by June	Attended one pre-season hunting event.
Objective 1354	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Fishing Competitions	Respond to applications within five working days. Report to Council by August	Only one fishing competition undertaken by Marlborough Freshwater Angler's Club.
Objective 1355	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Assist with development of new Take a Kid Fishing programmes associated with Fish Out Pond		Considerable staff time spent in preparation and development of fish-out ponds.

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

Objective 1361	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Hold regular liaison or meetings with all clubs	Report to Council by August NP 1.4.3, 1.4.4, 3.5	Regular liaison with both fishing clubs and with newly formed gamebird hunters club.

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	0	0	64	4,087	0	0	20	1,363
1420	Communication	0	0	281	17,943	0	0	187	13,067
1430	Advocacy	0	0	86	5,491	441	0	94	6,970
1440	Public Promotions	900	0	116	8,307	613	0	103	7,811
1460	Visitors/ Education	0	0	56	3,576	0	0	9	629
	Total	900	0	603	39,404	1054	0	413	29,840

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

Objective 1411	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Regular liaison with Department of Conservation staff and with Conservation Board.	Report in staff reports to Council <i>NP 1.3.4, 1.3.5</i>	Frequent liaison between staff and DOC area and Conservancy staff, especially in light of the review of the latter.

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

Objective 1421	Performance Measure	Actual Result
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.	Report annually on number of contacts <i>NP 1.2.2, 1.3.3, 1.4.6, 2.3,3.12</i>	Liaison meetings with fishing guides, conservation groups, landowner landcare groups, dairy farmer effluent management days, outdoor recreation forum and water safety field days.
Objective 1422	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Liaison with local MPs on a six monthly basis	Report to Council by August <i>NP 3.4</i>	Liaison with MPs in Wellington and locally.
Objective 1423	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Liaison with iwi on matters of mutual interest	Report to Council <i>NP 1.2.5</i>	Liaison at Takahanga marae on their Marine strategy, and with Te Tau Ihu on Waimea Water Augmentation matters.
Objective 1424	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Liaison with local authorities on at least 6 occasions each year	Report to Council <i>NP 2.2.2</i>	Regular staff liaison with Tasman and Marlborough Councils particularly over river management and biodiversity management.

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

Objective 1431	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Advocacy of fish and game topics in all local and relevant national media and maintenance of a web page.	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>	Various contacts with media during year with particular comments on irrigation, water augmentation and dairying issues.
Objective 1432	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Pastoral Lease Tenure Review related activities in the Marlborough High Country.	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>	Liaison with Department of Conservation over Molesworth Management Plan*.

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

Objective 1442	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Co-sponsor activities to promote Fish and Game	Report to Council annually	No co-sponsorships undertaken.
Objective 1443	Performance Measure	Actual Result
To enhance displays and use these for field days and other promotions high use venues		Very successful stand at Nelson A&P show in November.
Objective 1444	Performance Measure	Actual Result
To participate in world wetlands day as per national policy		Not undertaken as timing difficult around Nelson Anniversary.

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

Objective 1451	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Maintain regular contact with schools to promote angling and hunting and Fish and Game activities in intermediate and certain high schools in the region.	Report to Council annually	Three contacts with schools during the year.
Objective 1452	Performance Measure	Actual Result
To engage with Tertiary Institutes to support Students to undertake Fish & Game projects	Report to Council in Staff Reports	Ongoing contact with NMIT Teachers and Students throughout the year involving hosting Students for work experience weeks and rearing of fish for the fish out ponds.

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	400	0	198	13,043	188	0	200	14,129
1520	Ranger Training	500	0	58	4,204	177	0	89	6,360
1530	Compliance	0	3,000	75	1,789	285	2,579	102	4,830
	Total	900	3,000	331	19,036	650	2,579	391	25,319

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, while keeping non-compliance below 5% of licences checked.	Report to Council in August	246/4654 (5.29%) fishing licence checks and 75/1098 (6.83%) game licence checks; with 5 diversions and 1 warning given to fishing licence holders (2.44%) and 2 diversions and 1 warning to game licence holders checked (4%).

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	Two ranger meetings held as required and new rangers trained as required.

1530: Compliance/Prosecutions

Objective 1531	Performance Measure	Actual Result
To efficiently undertake prosecutions of offenders	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	All actions completed within 20 day period; compliance rates achieved. No offences requiring prosecution.

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	6,800	0	80	11,908	4,788	0	52	6,390
1620	Agent Servicing	0	0	50	3,193	0	0	259	20,092
	Total	6,800	0	130	15,101	4,788	0	311	26,482

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

Objective	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Objective 1611		
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	The number of contacts with Eyede and the number of outstanding payments and/or concerned vendors	Ongoing liaison with Eyede as required, with input into the review of the licensing system provided as required. One bad debt from a business bankruptcy.
Objective 1621		
To liaise with vendors and keep them informed on Fish and Game activities	Number of contacts with vendors; extent of unpaid invoices <i>NP 4.6.3</i>	Vendor contacts maintained, particularly in development of Agency Online system. Vendors in process of being signed into new system.

COUNCILS

Goal

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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1720	Council Meeting	3,850	0	334	25,177	8,314	0	343	32,277
	Total	3,850	0	334	25,177	8,314	0	343	32,277

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		Not required as not an election year.

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	Council meetings held in September, November, February, April, May, July, with a special strategic planning weekend in February.

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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1820	Annual Planning	0	0	68	4,342	0	0	82	5,695
1830	Reporting	9,400	0	112	16,552	10,058	0	78	15,474
1840	National Liaison	100	25,000	724	21,330	96	25,000	1,262	63,232
	Total	9,500	25,000	904	42,224	10,154	25,000	1,422	84,400

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 <i>NP 2.1.3</i>	Implementation ongoing.

1820: Annual Planning

Objective 1821	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Prepare an Operational Work Plan and Budget for the forthcoming year	Present to Council by June	Operational Work Plan for the 2012-13 year approved by the Council at its meeting in June.

1830: Reporting and Audit

Objective 1831	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Prepare Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August	Present to Council and have a public meeting by November 30 and to Parliament by 31 December	Annual Report presented at the Annual meeting in Nelson in association with the Council meeting in November.

1840: National Liaison

Objective 1841 & 1842	Performance Measure	Actual Result
Maintain effective liaison with New Zealand Fish & Game nationally	Attend the national conference and meetings of the Regional Fish & Game Council managers or working parties established by the New Zealand Council.	Manager undertook considerable work on contract to New Zealand Council, as well as New Zealand Councillor Blackmore or substitute attendance at all New Zealand Council meetings.

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	372,772	47,788	324,984	400,753	47,902	352,851
1920	Staff Expenses	10,600	0	10,600	14,297	0	14,297
1940	Office Premises	19,870	3,500	16,370	17,819	2,761	15,023
1950	Office Equipment	7,707	0	7,707	6,700	0	6,700
1960	Communications	14,100	0	14,100	11,366	0	11,335
1970	General	1,200	0	1,200	1,240	0	1,240
1980	General Equip	6,274	0	6,274	7,875	4,209	3,666
1990	Vehicles	56,356	0	56,356	59,156	0	59,156
Total		488,879	51,288	437,591	519,206	54,872	464,268