

# AGENDA PAPERS

## Te Rūnanga Papa Atawhai o Tāmaki Makaurau AUCKLAND CONSERVATION BOARD

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AGENDA FOR THE 144<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE AUCKLAND CONSERVATION BOARD  
TO BE HELD AT ARATAKI VISITOR CENTRE, WAITAKERE RANGES FROM 8.30AM ON  
WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2019

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### MEMBERS:

Ms	Lyn	Mayes	Chairperson
Dr	Andrew	Jeffs	Board member
Mr	Nathan	Kennedy	Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau – Marutūāhu rōpū
Mr	Fale	Lesa	Board member
Ms	Nicola	MacDonald	Board member
Mr	Malcolm	Page	Board member
Mrs	Robin	Taua-Gordon	Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau – Waiohua Tāmaki rōpū
Mr	Glenn	Wilcox	Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau – Ngāti Whātua rōpū
Ms	Natalie	Hansby	Board Member
Dr	José	Derraik	Board Member
Mr	Pengbo	Jiang	Board Member



**AUCKLAND CONSERVATION BOARD**  
**TE RUNANGA PAPA ATAWHAI O TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU**  
 144<sup>th</sup> meeting, to be held at Arataki Visitor Centre, Waitakere Ranges,  
 on Wednesday 13 November 2019 starting at 8.30am

## AGENDA

<i>Item</i>		<i>Time</i>	<i>Pg Ref</i>	<i>Lead/Author</i>
1	<b>INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME</b> Karakia Introductions / welcome from the Board Chair Welcome from Te Kawerau ā Maki	8.30am		Chair
2	<b>PUBLIC FORUM</b> Time allocation at discretion of the Chair <i>Local Government Decision Making &amp; Resources</i> <i>Consent</i> <i>Huia Water Treatment Plant</i> <i>Future Plans of Motuihe Trust</i>	8.40am		Chair Wendy Gray  Lisa Prager John Laurence
3 4 5	<b>CONFIRMATIONS</b> Of the agenda / items for General Business Apologies Conflicts of interest	9.00am	1	Chair
6 7	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> Confirmation of the minutes of 14 August 2019 meeting <i>Attached</i> Actions from previous meetings <i>Attached</i>	9.10am	3 17	Chair
8	<b>CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</b> Chair's report <i>Attached</i>	9.30am	23	Chair
9 10 11	<b>DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS</b> Director's report <i>Attached</i> Operations reports <i>Attached</i> DOC Partnerships Group report <i>Attached</i>	9.40am 9.55am 10.15am	25 27 39	Andrew Baucke Ops Managers Angela Mayson
12 13	<b>STATUTORY PROCESSES</b> Concession and Translocation report <i>Attached</i> RMA Activities Report <i>Attached</i>	10.25am 10.40am	41 55	Rebecca Rush Georgia Rastovich
	<b>MORNING TEA</b>	10.50am		

	<b>STRATEGY AND PRIORITIES</b>				
14	Threatened Species	<i>Attached</i>	11.05am	59	Chair
15	CMS Implementation Monitoring Report	<i>Attached</i>	11.20am	65	John Galilee
16	CMS Supplementary Milestones	<i>Attached</i>	11.35am	73	Chair
17	CMS Milestone Reporting Timetable	<i>Attached</i>	11.55am	77	Chair
18	Kauri Protection Report	<i>Attached</i>	12.10pm	81	Ops Managers
	<b>SUB-COMMITTEES</b>				
19	Sub-Committee Reports	<i>Verbal</i>	12.30pm	87	Chair
	<b>LUNCH</b>		12.40pm		
	<b>STATUTORY BODIES</b>				
20	Northland Conservation Board	<i>Verbal</i>	1.10pm		Luana Pirihi
21	Waikato Conservation Board	<i>Verbal</i>	1.20pm		Fiona Gower
22	Auckland/Waikato Fish & Game Council	<i>Verbal</i>	1.30pm		Andrew Jeffs
	<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>				
23	Confirmation of Correspondence	<i>Attached</i>	1.40pm	89	Chair
24	Financial Report	<i>Attached</i>	1.50pm	119	
25	Calendar of events / record of activities	<i>Attached</i>	2.00pm	121	
26	Dates & venues for upcoming Board meetings	<i>Attached</i>	2.10pm	123	
	<b>GENERAL BUSINESS / ADDITIONAL ITEMS</b>				
27	General Business Items as Required		2.20pm		Chair
	<b>Auckland Council Presentation</b>				
28	a) Pest Free Auckland Update		2.30pm	125	Brett Butland
	b) Parks Update on Kauri Dieback Response <b>TBC</b>		3.00pm		Mace Ward
	<b>MEETING CLOSURE</b>				
	Karakia		3.30pm		Chair
	<b>Guided Walk – Upgraded Track Waitakere Ranges – Regional Park</b>		3.45pm		Council to lead





# Auckland Conservation Board Te Rūnanga Papa Atawhai o Tāmaki Makaurau

## 14 August 2019 meeting

Meeting 143, held at 8.30am, The NZCCM Lecture Theatre, Auckland Zoo, Motions Road,  
Auckland

### *Unconfirmed minutes*

#### **PRESENT:**

Lyn Mayes, Chairperson  
Malcolm Page  
Glenn Wilcox  
Robin Taua-Gordon  
Andrew Jeffs  
Nicola MacDonald  
Pengbo Jiang  
Natalie Hansby  
José Derraik

#### **APOLOGIES:**

Nathan Kennedy  
Fale Lesa

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

John Galilee, Department of Conservation Statutory Manager, Auckland  
Joanne Ah Young, Department of Conservation Board Support Officer, Auckland  
Andrew Baucke, Department of Conservation Director Operations, Auckland  
Hauauru Rawiri, Department of Conservation, Pou Tairangahau  
Nicole Anderson, New Zealand Conservation Authority  
Luana Pirihi, Northland Conservation Board  
Georgina O'Conner, Northland Conservation Board

Minister Sage, Conservation Minister, for Item 27  
Sarah Owen, Private Secretary (Conservation), for item 27

Richard Gibson, Curator of the Auckland Zoo, welcomed everyone. He spoke about the work the Zoo was doing and said he was looking forward to presenting to the Board members and the Minister later in the afternoon.

### **Mihi Whakatau / Karakia**

Glenn Wilcox opened the meeting at 8.30 am with a karakia.

### **Agenda item 1 – Introductions and welcome from the Board Chair**

Lyn Mayes welcomed everyone including guests from the Northland Conservation Board and the New Zealand Conservation Authority (NZCA). She also welcomed the three new Board members José Derraik, Natalie Hansby and Pengbo Jiang.

All those present provided a brief introduction to themselves.

Georgina O’Conner arrived at 8.45am – member from the Northland Conservation Board.  
Hau Rawiri arrived at 8.50am

### **Agenda item 2 – Public Forum**

No requests were received to speak during the public forum.

### **Agenda item 3 – Confirmation of the agenda / items for General Business**

Members confirmed the agenda and identified no additional items to add.

### **Agenda item 4 – Apologies**

The Board received two apologies from Fale Lesa and Nathan Kennedy.

### **Agenda item 5 – Conflicts of interest**

No conflicts of interest were tabled.

### **Agenda item 6 – Confirmation of the minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 meeting**

Members identified no amendments to the minutes.

<b>The Board resolved to</b> confirm the minutes
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Glen Wilcox/Robin Taua-Gordon /carried
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Members asked questions about whether or not Auckland Council attended meetings of the Conservation Board, and about filling the remaining vacancy on the Board. Lyn Mayes confirmed that Council would attend if requested, but not as a standing expectation. John Galilee confirmed that the process to fill the vacancy was underway.

### **Agenda item 7 – Actions from previous meetings**

The action items were reviewed by members.

14 November 2018 action 14.4: Lyn Mayes asked about the timing for a joint meeting with Ngāti Manuhiri to discuss implementation of the Hauturu Plan. John Galilee advised that the Operations Manager is aware of the proposed meeting and noted that is a matter of timing and scheduling it.

8 August 2018 action 7.2: Glenn asked about progress with discussions between DoC and the NZ Defence Force about an MOU for Papakanui. Andrew Baucke responded that there has been slow progress and legal issues are currently being investigated.

The Department proposed that both related actions be closed due to the slow progress, with a commitment to report through the Operations reports. Members agreed to close both items on this basis.

15 May 2019 action 7.7: Lyn Mayes noted that the Minister had written to all Boards requesting them to meet six times per year. Lyn proposed that the two additional meetings include any joint meetings with other Boards such as Waikato, plus workshops or fieldtrips.

Malcolm Page asked if four regular meetings will continue to be the case for the Auckland Board. Lyn responded that this will be raised with Minister and at Chair's Conference and noted that the Minister may not be aware of the additional workshops that Boards hold. Luana Pirihi mentioned the Northland Board meets four times each year and hold four workshops per year.

**Action:** *Set dates for future meetings in 2020.*

15 May 2019 action 15.2: Lyn noted that there is a need for more comprehensive reporting on CMS implementation. She noted that some of the CMS milestones are achieved simply by the Department providing a report, even if progress has not been achieved. The reporting structure for the CMS is still not right and more work needs to be done to identify reporting on things additional to the milestones set out in the CMS.

Luana mentioned that the Northland Board has done a similar review of milestones.

**Action:** *Board Support Officer to circulate the CMS implementation review document to new members before the induction scheduled for September.*

**The Board resolved to** confirm the actions

Andrew Jeffs/ Malcolm Page/carried

### **Agenda item 8 – Chair's Report**

Lyn Mayes spoke to her report. She acknowledged that Glenn Wilcox's approach to the Mayor's office had resulted in replies to the Board's letters. Lyn noted that she had attended a meeting with Councillor Penny Hulse to discuss Long Bay sedimentation issues and the amount of marine dredging going on. Councillor Hulse indicated that the Board should be invited Board to all future meetings about such matters moving forward.

Lyn advised that council officers had provided an overview of Council's strategic response to the Okura sediment issues. They considered that the large scale developer had met their consent standards, but smaller site developers had met standards less often Lyn also shared concerns about the dumping at sea of marine sediment, and noted that the High Court heard the appeals against the Coastal Resources Limited consent on 23 July.

Malcolm asked if the Weiti developer was in breach, but Lyn advised that Council felt that the developer had complied with their consent standards. Glenn Wilcox informed members that Council takes a graduated approach to compliance, with increasing action if breaches are continued. The level of testing to check compliance is an issue and noted that upstream works compound the issues at Okura.

**The Board resolved to** receive the report

Robin Taua-Gordon/Malcolm Page/carried

### **Agenda item 9 – Director's Report**

Andrew Baucke spoke to the following points:

- The Department's overall budget is the highest it has ever been at \$500million.
- Michelle Hippolite will be Acting Director-General for the next 6 months to look at how the Department is working with our Treaty Partners.

- Staff still receiving a lot of threats. There was additional funding in the Budget to manage threats, and the New Plymouth prosecution was a significant step. All Department staff are now to attend events in pairs.
- The draft national biodiversity strategy discussion document is out for consultation.
- New operating standards have been introduced in the Department.
- A State Sector reform project is looking for agencies to work in a more joined up way.
- There was no additional funding for Kauri Dieback (now known as Kauri Protection) in this years Budget. This is a challenge for agencies including DoC, but works are still being carried out on track upgrades.
- The International Visitor Levy has commenced, with funding being made available for biodiversity, heritage and visitor impacts related projects. The prioritisation criteria are still being developed. The priority will be on places impacted by visitors.
- As a result of the Ngāi Tai court judgement the Minister announced a technical and partial reviews of the Conservation General Policy & National Parks General Policy.
- The Fox River landfill disaster was a big cost for DoC, but a lot of volunteers have responded to the call for help. Members asked if old dumps had been mapped, and if there was additional funding to manage at risk dumps. Andrew replied that MfE was leading a mapping exercise, and that any funding needs would need to be looked at with MfE.
- As previously noted, staff were still receiving threats and there is a big focus on staff safety. Glenn asked if there had been threats in Auckland. Andrew responded that threats do happen in Auckland and this was not good for staff wellbeing.
- Ramp up going well with funding for additional staff including freshwater, compliance and ecosystem work.
- The first meeting of the Sea Change Ministerial Advisory Committee has taken place.
- A number of Wildlife Act decisions are on hold pending advice related to a Court of Appeal decision.
- The decision on the proposal for the Motutapu Farm will be released later today.

Andrew spoke to several additional items. He noted that the Director-General had recently been at an overseas university to discuss climate change and had several key messages. By 2060 there will be mass extinctions as on current trends there will be a 3½ degrees increase in global average temperatures. We have only 10 years to change and reduce the temperature increase.

He noted that the Department is working on reducing its emissions and carbon footprint and has established a Sustainability Director role to drive this as an organisation strategy. Nicole Anderson mentioned that on her other Board's climate change is now an agenda item.

Robin Taua-Gordon asked if the Board could use its communications to put out messages about climate change. Andrew suggested they could use the national messages.

**Action:** *Department to obtain the national messages regarding climate change and provide these to the Board for use in communications.*

**Action:** *Chair to share with members how the Board communicates about climate change.*

Members discussed issues related to responses from those who do not believe that climate change is an issue and noted that it is difficult when views are polarised. They noted that the Board might need to do some work about what it could do. Andrew Baucke noted that it would be great if all the Boards could work together on this together with the NZCA. Nicole suggested the Chairs conference is an opportunity to raise this issue with other Boards.

José Derraik noted the need to off-set carbon from international air travel and asked if the Board would support a requirement that research proposals have to explain how they will off-set carbon emissions.

Andrew mentioned Conservation week as a reminder to all Board Members

**Action:** *Board Support Officer to provide the link to information about Conservation Week.*

Lyn mentioned the Auckland Conservation Board had a role to help develop and approve the Motu Plan which was a priority when she first joined the Board. At present the plan has not been able to progress due to resource issues for the Tūpuna Taonga Trust.

Andrew noted that in 2016 a concerted effort was being made to progress the plan, but the Trust was challenged by a lack of resources and the project reached a stalemate until such time as additional resources can be found. The Department is looking to try and re-engage with the Trust and is looking at different funding models. The Minister has been briefed on this and has met with representatives of the Trust to discuss the issue. We know the standard model is not going to work here.

Nicole mentioned they had similar issues in Te Huku where iwi were not funded to engage in the new CMS. She suggested that unique solutions will need to be found for each individual iwi situation. Lyn suggested the Board could look to offer brokering services to help to reach a solution.

**The Board resolved to** receive the report

Andrew Jeffs/Glenn Wilcox/carried

### **Agenda item 10 – Operations Reports**

Lyn Mayes noted the item about Hauraki Gulf Cetacean Fund and asked if Andrew Jeffs was connected to the work about the potential impact of tourism operations on the acoustic wellbeing of marine mammals. Andrew confirmed that he is involved with the project and the work is being planned.

Glenn Wilcox noted that ship strike had been a big issue in the Gulf. He also mentioned that he had been involved with the disposal of carcasses but that numbers needing to be disposed of have significantly dropped in recent years. Andrew noted that the Gulf has an exceptional diversity of marine mammals. He added that acoustic impacts are something that agencies need to consider setting rules around in consents.

Andrew Jeffs asked about the role of the new Freshwater Ranger. Andrew Baucke responded that the focus is around priority freshwater catchments, with two priorities in Auckland – the Hoteo and Mahurangi. They will be engagement specialists, linking with others and understanding what DOC could contribute.

Robin asked about the role of the Treaty Rangers. Andrew responded that they are being established to support Operation Managers at place to help deliver Treaty settlement obligations.

Lyn mentioned that she sat on the panel to assess applications to the DOC Community Fund and noted that some additional funding to allocate had been received. She noted that the hourly rate quoted in some of the applications for costs were significantly high and this was taken into consideration during the assessments. Robin asked if the skill of people doing the work was taken into account as that could indicate the higher fee rates. Lyn suggested that Fund application documentation should include notes about fee expectations, as there is a need for some parameters around hourly fees.

Andrew Jeffs asked about the impact if there was no additional funding for kauri dieback. Andrew Baucke advised that there would be no operational impact as funding for track upgrades and maintenance is already provided, but there would be no funding to support implementation of the new National Pest Management Plan. He noted that councils have written to Ministers about the issue.

Glenn asked if the results from testing for kauri dieback on Hauturu had yet been received. Andrew advised that we are still waiting on the results.

**Action:** *Department to provide information to the Board about the results of testing for kauri dieback on Hauturu.*

Lyn mentioned that it was good to see the Hunua kōkakō population doubling to 106 pairs, but noted it was not such a positive outlook for shore plover with only one surviving chick. Andrew advised that avian predators are taking the shore plover chicks and there are only 240 shore plovers left. Motutapu

had been seen as a key site, but the programme is on hold until decisions are made about avian predator control. He noted that Auckland Council would like to host the Conservation Board at Hunua to inspect the kōkakō work area.

Andrew Jeffs asked where things were at with Ngāi Tai and the Motutapu Restoration Trust and a possible restart of planting work on the island. Andrew Baucke advised that a lot has happened over the last two months. Ngāi Tai went to Wellington to speak to the Departments Senior Leadership Team. There was a meeting involving DoC, Ngāi Tai and the Restoration Trust, and the Rahui on planting has now been lifted and work has restarted. Hau Rawiri noted that the message from Ngai Tai was about the Department recognising the Treaty Partnership first and separate to and above other stakeholders.

Natalie Hansby asked about the number of health and safety incidents which was of concern. Andrew replied that that we need to either close unsafe structures or address the safety issues. A business case will need to be prepared to address issues such as those at Mansion House Wharf.

José Derraik asked about the new funding and could it be used to support the DOC Hotline, as he tried three times to get through recently about a drone being flown over DoC land and was at one stage on hold for 10 minutes with no answer. Andrew was grateful for the feedback as this hotline is contracted out. He confirmed that flying drones need to have approvals before flying over any public conservation land.

**The Board resolved to** receive the report

Glenn Wilcox/Pengbo Jiang/carried

#### **Agenda item 11 – Partnerships Group Report**

There was no discussion about this report. Andrew Baucke provided a brief description of different roles the Operations and Partnerships Groups undertake, with the Partnerships Group focussed on bringing to fruition big new opportunities.

**The Board resolved to** receive the report

Andrew Jeffs/Pengbo Jiang/carried

#### **Agenda item 12 – Concessions & Translocations Report**

José Derraik asked if the Department receives a financial income from those who hold a concession. Andrew Baucke responded that funds are returned to the Department, with about \$27m per year generated at present. He added that Treaty partners are wanting to see such funds invested at place.

Lyn Mayes noted the open action to check that all triggered applications had in fact been sent to the Board for comment. An example was the application from Socially Good, which the Board requested to see, because of the number of tracks they wished to guide on.

John Galilee informed members that the draft decision report on the Rangitoto baches application had been undergoing further review, before release for comment. He noted that the Department was going to invite iwi to meet with the applicants, at the applicant's request, before finalising the draft report. Glenn Wilcox expressed his disagreement with the Department's position, noting that it was the applicant's responsibility to engage with iwi, and not DoC's role to facilitate and mediate between the applicants and iwi.

Robin Taua-Gordon expressed concern about operators providing iwi knowledge to their clients, without the consent of iwi. John informed members that all concession contracts contain a standard condition preventing concessionaires from relating iwi stories and knowledge, unless they firstly have the consent of iwi to do so.

Lyn Mayes asked about the Department's timeframe for meeting with iwi to discuss triggers. Andrew Baucke advised that it would be good if such discussions were able to be held over the next 12 months.

**The Board resolved to** receive the report

Malcolm Page/Robin Taua-Gordon/carried

### **Agenda item 13 – Annual Permissions Review**

José Derraik expressed disbelief that only two drones had been flown over conservation land in the last year. Andrew Baucke advised that the report only reflected those who had applied for consent, as there were no pre-approved locations in the region.

Lyn Mayes noted that there had still been no outcome for the five applications rejiggered to the Board. John Galilee informed members that one of these (Motutapu Restoration Trust) had been approved but the others were still being processed.

### **Agenda item 14 – RMA Activities Report**

John Galilee advised members that the application from Watercare Services to build a new water treatment plant at Huia, which was omitted from the agenda report, had been notified for public submissions. Glenn Wilcox suggested that the Board meet with Watercare Services to discuss the application. He also noted that it would be good to see the Department's report on the application.

***Action:*** Board Support Officer to set up a meeting with Watercare Services to discuss the consent application, scheduled before the submission closing date in September 2019.

***Action:*** Department to circulate to members the Departments report on the Watercare Services application.

Lyn Mayes noted that the Board had also met with the NZTA about the Warkworth to Wellsford motorway extension which was a useful meeting.

Malcolm Page noted that the Board had still not figured out how it will best respond to RMA applications. Lyn advised that once the Board has received the Department's report on the Watercare application, members could then decide about a submission. Andrew Jeffs mentioned the McCallum Brothers upcoming application and that there were concerns when the previous consent was granted about coastal erosion and effects on fairy tern habitat.

**The Board resolved to** receive the report

Pengbo Jiang/Andrew Jeffs/carried

### **Agenda item 15 – Threatened Species**

Lyn mentioned that threatened species were a real area of concern for the Board and that the Board had asked the Department to provide information on trends to track progress for selected species. The Board had decided to create a "Noah's Arc" list of species to specifically monitor.

This Board meeting was held at the Zoo because of the work done by the Zoo on threatened species. The last Board meeting was held at the Botanic Gardens, which made her aware of the lack of knowledge about threatened plants. The Board had met with Department scientists and received good information about threatened species of flora and fauna. She noted that for some species the level of knowledge was limited. The Department is to add additional baseline information about each species to the Board's list, before it can be circulated.

***Action:*** Department to add information to the threatened species list and circulate it to members.

The intent is to have information about current population numbers and what actions the Department is undertaking for each species. The role of the Board will depend on if the situation is acceptable or if the Board needs to advocate for more funding for a species. She noted that the level of knowledge is limited in some cases and that this is a work in progress. Andrew Baucke noted that for some species active management is achieved simply through ensuring good biosecurity of islands.

José Derraik mentioned that the chevron skink was a reptile, not an amphibian (error on the threatened species table attached to the agenda report).

Andrew Jeffs asked if the Board had made a submission on the Maui Dolphin Draft Threat Management Plan. Lyn advised that the Board had not yet. Andrew agreed to draft a submission for the Board.

**Action:** *Andrew Jeffs to prepare a submission on the Draft Hector's & Maui's Dolphin Threat Management Plan.*

Lyn noted that the Board should also have a back-up list of species of interest to the Board. She agreed to add additional back-up species and re-circulate the list to members., for adoption as a provisional list.

**Action:** *Chair to add a list of back-up species of interest and recirculate list of threatened species to members.*

Glenn Wilcox informed members that he had received information about one of the threatened plants seen at the Botanic Gardens after the Board's May meeting and offered to provide this to members.

**Action:** *Glenn Wilcox to forward to Board Support Officer an email containing information about a threatened plant species to share with Board members.*

Andrew Baucke mentioned that the Department is working in partnership with NZ Defence Force who are providing one or two helicopters to carry up to 50 tonnes of crushed oyster shell to create artificial nesting sites for fairy tern at Papakanui Spit.

**Action:** *Board Support Officer to circulate information to members about attending the operation with the NZ Defence Force to create artificial nesting sites at Papakanui.*

Georgina O'Connor provided the Board with an update on fairy tern. The situation is not looking good for the species as there are only 36 birds and 6 breeding pairs. Last summer was the worst breeding year with only 2 chicks fledged. There are a lot of issues such as king tides. The Fairy Tern Trust and Forest & Bird are opposing plans to remove mangroves as this creates a silt film which may make it harder for the birds to see fish and feed. The Trust is taking Auckland Council to court about the non-removal of an illegal weir on the Te Arai Stream, which affects the birds' use of the site for feeding. The Trust monitors nest sites at Mangawhai and wishes to build relationships with people near other sites to enable year-round monitoring.

Andrew Baucke noted that work with OSNZ has revealed that all fairy terns congregate in the Kaipara during the non-breeding season.

### **Agenda item 16 – CMS Implementation monitoring report**

John Galilee noted that there were several changes since the previous report. These related to re-classification of land on Burgess Island and at Papakanui not being completed by the end of 2019 (Year 5) and fencing of all waterways on Motutapu also not being completed by end 2019.

John noted that there was work to do on an open action to develop a timetable for reports to the Board required by the CMS to be delivered by end 2019. He noted that, as with the reports due at the end of Year 3, the delivery of the reports will be staggered across several Board meetings into the New Year. He confirmed that the next round of milestones fall due at the end of 2019.

Lyn advised members that she wished to further develop supplementary measures to monitor implementation of the CMS and that she planned to meet with the Department about this.

**Action:** *Chair to meet with the Department to discuss supplementary measures for monitoring implementation of the CMS.*

**The Board resolved to** receive the report

Nicole Anderson/Glenn Wilcox/carried

Nicola Macdonald and Mook Hohneck (Ngāti Manuhiri) arrived at 12.05pm

### **Agenda item 17 – Annual Report**

Lyn Mayes noted that she had created her own style for the Board’s annual report although there was a template, she decided to combine both styles into this the draft report. The agenda item provides a chance for members to identify any errors or changes that are required.

Members were asked to send any changes or final feedback to Joanne Ah Young by Friday 23 August 2019. Lyn will then finalise the report and arrange for the annual report to be printed.

***Action:*** *Members to provide any final comments on the draft annual report to the Board Support Officer by 23 August.*

### **Agenda item 18 – Kauri Dieback Report**

Mook Hohneck informed the Board that to date there was no evidence of kauri dieback on Hauturu, although it remains a threat.

Lyn Mayes asked about the difference types of surveillance. Andrew Baucke advised that there is a stepped process for surveillance. Auckland Council is undertaking aerial mapping through which they look for any diseased trees. This is followed by ground checks at those sites to see if the ill health is potentially caused by kauri dieback. If kauri dieback is suspected, then soil testing is undertaken to confirm if it is present.

Lyn asked about the issue at Okura. Andrew noted this the community held concerns about the selected mitigation method, which was the use of Geoweb on the walking track through the reserve. José Derraik asked about the science basis for the use of footwear stations. Andrew advised that their use is based on science advice early in the response to the disease, which identified that at a minimum there should be footwear cleaning stations.

Robin Taua-Gordon asked about the timeframe for a review of the use of Geoweb and other track surface options. Andrew advised that this research was on hold due to the reduced funding currently available. Luana Pirihi noted that kauri dieback had been found only 20m away from Tane Mahuta, which had generated huge concern.

**The Board resolved to** receive the report

Nicola Macdonald/Natalie Hansby/carried

### **Agenda item 26 – General Business**

This item was brought forward.

Lyn Mayes noted that in the past the Board has had two deputy chairs and currently the Board only have one. With Nathan Kennedy’s current position about not participating in Board business, Lyn would like to seek nominations for a second Deputy Chair.

Glenn Wilcox nominated Andrew Jeffs. Lyn described the main responsibilities would be to provide back up for the Chair.

The Board voted by show of hands and elected Andrew Jeffs as a Deputy Chair for the Auckland Conservation Board.

Mook Hohneck and Nicola Macdonald introduced themselves to the new board members. Mook mentioned that he was positive about progress regarding Hauturu and conservation on the island.

## **Agenda item 20 – Northland Conservation Board Update**

Luana Pirihi provided a verbal update about recent areas of focus for the Northland Conservation Board including:

- The Board's priorities remain the same, with kauri dieback a main focus
- The Board supported the recent announcement of funding for work in the Kaipara catchment.
- The wreck of the "Niagara" is still a major concern.

Lyn Mayes noted that councillor Mike Lee had recently contacted her about the "Niagara". He has lodged an official information request with the Associate Minister of Transport who responded that there was a delay. Georgine O'Connor noted that in her local newspaper it was reported that boaties are noticing the oil slick on the water's surface above the wreck. Maritime NZ haven't yet fully investigated the wreck.

Lyn mentioned that the Auckland Conservation Board had written to Ministers about the "Niagara" issue.

Nicola and Mook left at 1.00pm

## **Agenda item 21 – New Zealand Conservation Authority**

Nicole Anderson provided a verbal update about recent areas of focus for the NZCA. She noted that the Board's meeting had touched on a lot of these issues, and the matters in Mick Clout's report to the 15 May 2019 Board meeting were still current. They included:

- The implications of the Ngāi Tai case and how to rethink working with iwi. Judge Carrie Wainwright was invited to speak to the NZCA about these matters and how to apply section 4 of the Conservation Act. She referred to the WAI 262 report and looking at strategy and how to improve working with Treaty partners.
- Reviewing how whitebait are managed is a big issue for the Authority which is ongoing.
- The Conservation Board Chairs conference is being held over 18-19 August in Wellington. Will ask how Boards can better communicate with each other.
- She holds the liaison role for the Northland and Te Hiku Boards. There is currently no liaison member for the Auckland Board, so she is sharing this role with Mick Clout.

Glenn Wilcox asked about what is happening with the Kermadecs. Nicole responded that things are quiet while the Te Hiku Board works through how it will operate. Glenn noted that there was a proposal to formally transfer responsibility for the Kermadecs from the Auckland to the Te Hiku Board.

## **Agenda item 19 – Sub-Committee Reports**

Malcolm Page advised that there were no further updates from the Concessions Sub-Committee.

Lyn Mayes spoke for the Communications Sub-Committee. She informed members that the Auckland Conservation Board Facebook page receives a reasonable number of hits and that she posts items that she becomes aware of. The Board has managed to avoid any negativity at this stage. Luana Pirihi mentioned that the Northland Board now have a Facebook page, and that they are working on a video to upload soon.

Lyn noted that the Board still has no public attending Board meetings despite promoting meetings using several social media outlets such as Facebook and Neighbourly. John Galilee suggested that the Board could proactively approach groups or individuals about upcoming meetings in their area. Lyn confirmed that more could be done to try and increase engagement.

José Derraik asked if the Department works with the Board to reach people such as schools, to target kids who in turn influence their parents. Andrew advised that the Department has a current work programme in place to work with schools. He offered to circulate online information to members.

**Action:** Board Support Officer to circulate website links to online education information.

Lyn Mayes suggested that the Board invite Julie Kidd to speak to a future meeting about increasing engagement with the public.

**Action:** *Lyn to invite Julie Kidd to talk to the Board about increasing engagement at the next meeting.*

Pengbo Jiang mentioned that he had a background in marketing and wanted to know if the Board uses media to get exposure. He asked about the Board's role in engagement with the community, in terms of governance versus doing the work. Lyn explained that the board mainly aims to communicate its positions on issues, with some use of media exposure for higher priority issues such as the "Niagara" and the Coastal Resources consent application. Engagement by the Board is more for advocacy and not really marketing as such.

Pengbo also asked about engagement through Chinese community focused media. Lyn advised that any such communications would be about the role of the Board. Andrew Baucke noted that the Department does some work with Chinese media.

Andrew mentioned that the Department has done some work with the Chinese media.

Andrew Jeffs provided a brief overview of Fish & Game issues in his liaison role. He attended a recent Fish & Game Council meeting at which the main issues were:

- Tagging swans to track their movement in the vicinity of Auckland airport.
- New charges by the Department for the use of huts for shooting.

**Action:** *Joanne to add Auckland Waikato Fish and Game Council Liaison Report into the meeting agenda template.*

Lyn proposed that Fale Lesa retain the liaison role for the Northland Conservation Board. She noted that Nathan Kennedy had been the liaison for the Waikato Conservation Board. Malcolm Page and Glenn Wilcox agreed to pick up the Waikato Conservation Board liaison role and Robin Taua-Gordon offered to support Fale with the Northland Conservation Board liaison role.

Lyn also suggested to the new Board members that they think about which Sub-committee that they would like to join and advised that more information will be provided at their induction meeting.

**The Board resolved to** receive the report

Pengbo Jiang/Robin Taua-Gordon/carried

## **Agenda item 22 – Confirmation of Correspondence Schedule**

Lyn noted that she had received replies from Mayor Goff to the letters that the Board had sent him. She also noted that a reply had been received from the Director-General of Conservation regarding the Motu Plan. Nicole Anderson asked what the response was from the Director General regarding the Motu Plan. Andrew responded that it was about acknowledging the issue and the funding issues for the Tūpuna Taonga Trust that the Department is trying to address. John Galilee noted that it also discussed the national policy work that had been initiated around such funding support requests.

Lyn Mayes noted that management plans are a lot of work, even for one place like Hauturu. Glenn Wilcox reminded members that the Motu Plan is dealing with iconic places in Auckland, and that there are multiple iwi with interests. The Trust had no funding to deal with each of the individual iwi.

## **Agenda item 23 – Financial Report**

Lyn Mayes noted the 18/19 year-end budget result. She noted that the overall budget was the same as the previous year and asked that some budget be allocated to printing and publishing.

José Derraik asked if there was a lawyer who could provide professional advice to the Board on a pro bono basis, to reduce costs. Georgina O'Connor explained that the Fairy Tern Trust has access to a retired lawyer, and she will ask if he is available to help the Auckland Board.

Lyn explained that the external legal costs were to support the Board's advocacy work. She asked for a copy of the Board's budget for 2019/2020.

**Action:** Department to provide a copy of the Board's 2019/2020 budget to the Chair.

## **Agenda items 24 & 25**

These items were not discussed due to the arrival of the Minister of Conservation.

## **Agenda item 27 – Minister of Conservation**

Glenn Wilcox welcomed the Minister of Conservation, Eugenie Sage, with a mihi. All those present introduced themselves to the Minister and explained their role.

Lyn Mayes referred to the agenda that members had prepared for the session with the Minister. She noted the Board's annual work programme and some of the things that the Board had undertaken. The Board has prepared a review of implementation of the Auckland CMS Review and identified that additional milestones were needed. The Board's priorities are set out in its annual work programme. She also noted that the Board had been active in communications about marine dredging, kauri dieback and the "Niagara" wreck.

She referred to the Board's "modus operandi". The Board welcomed the increased fees that the Minister had announced, and her expectations for six meetings a year for each Board. She explained that the Board meets more regularly than its four public meetings, including workshops on matters such as threatened species. The Board would like to continue with four meetings a year plus workshops.

She informed the Minister that the Board had selected priority areas to talk to her about.

Andrew Jeffs spoke about marine issues and that the Board had dealt with a number of marine issues in the last year. These included dredging and dumping of marine sediment in the outer Hauraki Gulf, and the Board's participation in the consent hearing for the Coastal Resources Limited application. The Board has also been involved with land development at Okura, and the risk to sea birds from potential oil leaking from the "Niagara" wreck. He also noted the bycatch of seabirds by commercial fishers, threats to shorebirds from four-wheel drives on beaches, the integrity of marine reserves being compromised by fishing around their boundaries, and fishing and pollution impacts on the critically endangered Maui dolphin. He noted that part of the problem is the lack of an integrated legislative framework, so marine issues can fall in the margins.

Minister Sage acknowledged mana whenua, Board members and the Departmental staff. She informed members that she agreed with many of the issues that had been raised. She noted that a budget bid had been put forward for an investigation into the "Niagara" wreck but was unsuccessful. She will try again with a further bid and noted that Maritime New Zealand have identified specialist investigators that could be used. She acknowledged the huge concern about issues at Okura and advised that this was primarily an Auckland Council issue.

She advised that there was funding in the Budget for research into new methods for weighted lines to avoid seabird by-catch, and liaison officers have also been funded to work with fishing boats. She advised that the revised National Plan of Action for Sea Birds Plan was sent back to the Department for further work as the draft was too weak, and note that she had met with the Co-Chairs of the Sea Change Ministerial Advisory Committee and emphasised to them that she wanted rapid progress.

Lyn Mayes noted that she felt that the Board's concerns were not considered at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hearing for the Coastal Resources Limited application. The Board's focus was different to other submitters, being about the effects on marine mammals. The hearing panel had no marine experts. Andrew Jeffs noted that the Board did not appeal because legal advice was there were no grounds to appeal. Since then the EPA has granted a second dumping consent to the Ports of Auckland.

Andrew Jeffs noted that there was a risk to marine mammals from the Coastal Resources Limited activity, and the Board had presented acoustics information to the hearing panel. After the hearing he wrote to the EPA expressing his concerns about the ability of the panel to understand the information presented to it. The Minister expressed concern and asked for a copy of Andrew's letter.

**Action:** *Andrew Jeffs to provide a copy of his letter to the EPA to Minister Sage.*

José Derraik asked about the definition of an oil spill in relation to the "Niagara" wreck. Minister Sage replied that advice from Maritime New Zealand was that it was not an active spoil it could not be funded from the Oil Pollution Levy.

Glenn Wilcox expressed concern about vehicles being permitted on beaches and the threat to sea birds and others using beaches. The Minister replied that vehicles on beaches does require some significant reform and that there was no easy answer to the issue. She noted it sits with another Ministerial portfolio. If there was more public debate about the issue that would assist in raising its profile and suggested that Lyn could raise it at the Chair's conference.

Glenn presented the Board's concerns about the Motu Plan. At the time of Treaty negotiations, a CMP seemed like a good idea, but there is disappointment among the Board and the Tūpuna Taonga Trust about the issue. No funding was provided to the Trust under the Treaty settlement, and the financial part of the settlement was intended to be worked out at the time but that has not happened. The intention was that the two management plans for the motu and the maunga be prepared at the same time. However, the funding model has not worked and therefore the Motu Plan has not been able to progress and has not met statutory timeframes. There is a great deal of frustration especially among the three tangata whenua representatives on the Board, and disappointment that it has not started during the term of the current members. The Plan needs to be kick started and progress made, especially since it was "second prize".

Minister Sage responded that she is aware of the frustrations and noted that management plans can have a lot of influence. She understood the issues around the level of resources that the Department can provide, and noted that the Crown doesn't pay for consultation per se. There needs to be an agreement on a pragmatic basis about what is needed and what resources can be provided.

Andrew Baucke confirmed that the Department has asked to meet with the Tūpuna Taonga Trust to review what is needed and attempt to package the work so a funding model could be developed. However, a meeting hasn't been able to happen as the Trust has not been able to get a quorum for its recent meetings.

Glenn asked if there was a role for the Minister of Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti. Minister Sage advised that Te Arawhiti does not have funding to hand out, and the issue is more of a practical issue about the critical resources that are required. She indicated that she would be happy to attend a meeting with the Trust if that would help with progress.

Glenn mentioned that the Trust would be comparing the funding that the Maunga Authority receives with that available from the Department. Lyn noted that the process for the Hauturu/Little Barrier CMP but noted that a smaller group was involved. She noted that the Board had not been able to meet with the Trust to try and progress the matter.

Minister Sage stated that it would be interesting to see what the Department is spending on the three islands, and that the Plan needs to be accelerated because of interest from Ngāi Tai, the upcoming America's Cup, and potential new concession applications. She asked that the date for a meeting with the Trust be sent to her office.

**Action:** *Department to send the Minister's office the date and details for a meeting with the Tūpuna Taonga Trust.*

Robin Taua-Gordon noted that kauri dieback and kauri protection was a standing item for the Board as it was a significant issue of concern for the Board. She was interested to have a kōrero to find out about the wider framework for track closures, and about wider forest health issues. She asked if there was a need for a policy about forest rāhui.

Minister Sage responded that in the Government there is recognition that there is a need for a new agency to manage kauri dieback, and that discussion about this is still happening in the Government. There is a funding issue for implementation of the national pest management plan, and secure funding over 4 to 5 years is needed. Funding was provided in Budget 2017 for initial track upgrades and ongoing track maintenance, and funding has been provided for research. She noted that decisions about track upgrades are made locally, such as for the Okura track.

Andrew Baucke mentioned that the Department is working to meet with the Okura community to work through the issues they have identified.

Minister Sage noted that there was a lot of work to do in the science area and with mātauranga Māori and noted the interactions between trees which have recently been identified in forests.

Luana Pirihi noted that in Northland the local communities are often the worst for not keeping to tracks. The Minister responded that more communication is needed around Kauri Dieback (now protection).

The Minister concluded by saying that the issues the Board raised with her shows that the Board is picking up key issues. The Minister also acknowledged the Board's Draft Annual Report and she said it was good.

Richard Gibson from Auckland Zoo presented to the Minister and the Board about an international conservation initiative for managing endangered species that they wish to introduce to New Zealand.

Attachment 1: Presentation from Richard Gibson of Auckland Zoo.

### **Meeting Closure**

The meeting formally closed at 3.35pm. Glenn Willcox said a karakia to close the meeting.

The meeting was followed by a tour of Auckland Zoo's New Zealand threatened species, led by Richard Gibson, Curator.

## REPORT

Meeting Date: 13 November 2019  
Prepared By: Joanne Ah Young, Board Support  
Subject: **Actions from previous meetings**

### ACTIONS REGISTER AS AT 31 October 2019

Responsibility	Action No	Subject	Status
<b>Meeting 15 November 2017</b>			
Department	13.1	<i>Dave Smith to report back to the Board regarding MOU discussions with NZDF about the management of Papakanui and recommend the role for the Board in this matter.</i>	Closed – Board agreed at its August 2019 meeting to close action, as progress has been stalled for some time.
<b>Meeting 16 May 2018</b>			
Department	11.2	<i>John to circulate, once released, the draft Rangitoto baches report to the Board.</i>	Open – still delayed following comments received from the applicant.
<b>Meeting 8 August 2018</b>			
Department	7.2	<i>John to check whether Ngāti Whatua o Kaipara are being involved in the DOC / NZDF MOU discussions.</i>	Closed – Board agreed at its August 2019 meeting to close action, as progress has been stalled for some time.
Department	7.4	<i>John to invite DOC RMA manager to attend the Board's November 2018 meeting to discuss DOC's new RMA strategy and work management changes.</i>	Open – deferred, item to be considered for a future Board meeting in 2020
<b>Meeting 14 November 2018</b>			
Department	11.1	<i>John to arrange for a 'top 10' one-pager report for threatened species management.</i>	Closed – a revised list of species along with baseline information was sent to the Chair on 4 Oct 2019.
Department	11.2	<i>John to invite Richard Gibson to Board meeting in 2019, or schedule a meeting at Auckland Zoo, to provide information about regional herpetofauna.</i>	Closed – Richard presented to the Board at its August 2019 meeting.

Department	13.1	<i>John to obtain more context around the process for nominating Landmarks.</i>	Open – delayed due to reorganisation of the Heritage team, who now have a request to provide information.
Department	13.2	<i>Andrew / John to arrange for a heritage management report to be tabled at the May meeting, providing status on Auckland heritage sites.</i>	Open deferred – item to be considered for a future Board meeting in 2020.
Department	14.2	<i>John to arrange obtaining a freshwater fish report, ideally for the February meeting.</i>	Open – Nathan agreed to ask Council's RIMU team if they held information.
Department	14.4	<i>Scott set dates for Lyn Mayes, Glenn Wilcox and Nicola MacDonald to attend annual meeting with Ngāti Manuhiri to review implementation of the Hauturu CMP and determine best method of ongoing engagement with the Board.</i>	Open – delayed. A meeting has been sought but a date has not yet been settled on.
Department	16.1	<i>Laura to add the new guided walking concessionaires to the email list for the Board's kauri dieback communication.</i>	Closed – Joanne circulated to the concessionaires provided & text for Board's message on 25 October 2019
<b>Meeting 12 February 2019</b>			
Department	11.1	<i>Department to invite Northern Seabird Trust to present to the Board at a future meeting</i>	Open – deferred, item to be considered for a future Board meeting in 2020
Department	12.2	<i>John to find out information about the length of term for the guiding permit granted to NZ Photography Workshops Ltd</i>	Closed – information provided to members on 4 Oct 2020.
<b>Meeting 15 May 2019</b>			
Board	7.6	<i>Board to publicly re-articulate its position on kauri dieback and track closures once the Department's report on compliance has been provided.</i>	Open – information on compliance provided to members at its 14 August 2020 meeting.
Board	7.7	<i>Board to arrange a joint meeting with the Waikato Conservation Board for later in 2019.</i>	Open - proposed for Feb 2020 in Pukororo/Miranda, with a marine theme. Lyn to put suggestion to Chair of the Waikato Conservation Board.

Department	12.1	<i>Department to confirm that all application listed as having been circulated to the Concessions Sub-Committee for comment have in fact been sent to members.</i>	Open – Joanne to progress
Department	12.2	<i>Department to invite a representative from a multi-region guiding company to speak to the Board at a future meeting about their operating model involving numerous tracks.</i>	Open deferred – item to be considered for a future Board meeting in 2020.
Department	14.3	<i>Department to provide information about the Mokohinau stag beetle in response to questions raised by members.</i>	Open deferred – item to be considered for a future Board meeting in 2020.
Department	15.2	<i>Department to develop a programme for reporting to the Board where required by milestones in the CMS.</i>	Closed - report submitted to Board in the agenda papers for its 13 November meeting
<b>Meeting 14 August 2019</b>			
Board	7.1	<i>Board to set dates for future meetings in 2020</i>	Open - to be discussed at 13 November meeting.
Department	7.2	<i>Department to circulate to new Board Members a link to the Auckland CMS</i>	Closed - the Department sent this in the weekly pack 23 August 2019
Department	9.1	<i>Department to obtain national message regarding climate change and provide to the board for use in communications</i>	Open - waiting for release of Department's climate change strategy in Dec 2019.
Board	9.2	<i>Chair to share with members how the Board communicates about climate change</i>	Open – Chair agreed to defer pending the release of the Department's strategy in Dec 2019
Department	9.3	<i>Board Support Officer to provide the link to information about Conservation Week</i>	Closed - link was emailed in the weekly pack 6 September 2019
Department	10.1	<i>Department to provide update to the Board once results of Hauturu Kauri Dieback testing available</i>	Closed - information was provided to members on 26 September 2019
Department	14.1	<i>Board Support Officer to set up a meeting with the Huia Watercare Treatment Plan Resource Consent</i>	Closed - Meeting was held on 27 August 2019 with Watercare Services

Department	14.2	<i>Department to circulate to members the Departments report on the Watercare Services application</i>	Closed - copy of report circulated to members on 30 August.
Department	15.1	<i>Department to add information to the threatened species list and circulate to Members</i>	Open – information has been added. Currently with Chairperson.
Board	15.2	<i>Board member to prepare draft submission on the Draft Hectors &amp; Maui's Dolphin Threat Management Plan</i>	Closed - submission lodged and copy circulated to members on 20 September 2019.
Board	15.3	<i>Chair to add a list of back-up species of interest and recirculate list of threatened species to members</i>	Open
Board	15.4	<i>Glenn Wilcox forward to Board Support Officer an email containing information about a threatened species to share with Board members</i>	Closed - information was circulated to members on 30 August 2019
Department	15.5	<i>Board Support Officer to circulate information to members about attending the operation with the NZ Defence Force to create artificial nesting sites at Papakanui</i>	Closed - information was circulated to members on 16 August 2019
Board	16.1	<i>Chair to meet with the Department to discuss supplementary measures for monitoring implementation of the CMS</i>	Open – meeting scheduled for 5 November 2019
Board	17.1	<i>Board members to provide Joanne with feedback for the draft annual report by 16 August 2019</i>	Closed - annual report was printed on 9 September 2019
Department	19.1	<i>Board Support Officer to circulate website links to online education information</i>	Closed - information was circulated to members on 6 September 2019
Board	19.2	<i>Chairperson to invite Julie Kidd to talk to the Board members about increasing engagement to the next board meeting</i>	Open deferred – item to be considered for a future Board meeting in 2020.
Department	19.3	<i>Board Support Officer to add the Waikato Fish and Game Council Liaison Report into the meeting agenda template</i>	Closed - added to the agenda template
Department	23.1	<i>Department to provide a copy of the Board's 2019/2020 budget to the Chair</i>	Closed - information provided to Chair on 4 October 2019.

Board	27.1	<i>Board member to provide a copy of the letter to EPA to the Minister Sage</i>	Closed - Chair advised that Andrew Jeffs had sent a copy of his letter to the Minister.
Department	27.2	<i>Department to send the Minister's Office the date and details for a meeting with the Tupuna Taonga Trust</i>	Open – working through the Pou to set up a meeting with the Trust.



## Chair's Report – Auckland Conservation Board, November 2019

### *Tēnā koutou*

The volume of weekly correspondence from the Department is testament to the increasing level of activity for the Auckland Conservation Board and supports the Minister's request that Board's increase the frequency of meetings.



I attended the Chairs' conference in August which also included a day with the Board Support Officers including Joanne present. Lou Sanson, Director-General and Minister Sage both attended the conference and the ensuing discussion has resulted in the Department's review of support and administration; governance and planning processes. I am pleased to note that John is a key member of the system design work bringing his experience of serving our Board and breadth of knowledge of statutory processes to the review.

I will provide an update of the Chairs meeting at our hui. One of the key challenges for all Boards is how we put climate change at the centre of our work programme. This will be an important part of our work programme for 2019/2020 which we have now shared with the Minister in response to her Letter of Expectation.

In September we celebrated Conservation Week and many of us attended meetings throughout the week including the celebration at Kelly Tarlton's. I was also invited to be the keynote speaker at the Mayor's Conservation Awards. The awards recognise the amazing efforts made by mana whenua, communities, households, landowners and schools across Tāmaki Makaurau to protect our environment. Thousands of volunteers who plant trees, lay traps, restore streams and pick up rubbish do it because they want to live and play in a pristine environment.

This provided an ideal opportunity to share with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and invited guests our advocacy work including the potential threat from the RMS Niagara; increased dredging in the Hauraki Gulf and sediment disposal from urban development.

In terms of our ongoing advocacy, I have shared our work on threatened species with other Boards who wish to implement a similar risk assessment in their rohe. We have submitted on the Huia Water Treatment Plant; met with the NZTA regarding the Warkworth to Te Hana project and submitted to the Ministry on their Natural Biodiversity Discussion Paper. I would like to thank Kate Waterhouse for her significant input to the latter submission.

We will reschedule the postponed visit to Tiritiri Matangi in December when the weather should be more clement to visit the wildlife sanctuary.

I look forward to our hui at the Arataki Visitor Centre in the Waitakere Ranges. We will end with a guided walk on the upgraded track in the Regional Park. The last time I did this walk was with a class of 9 year old's as a parental helper for my son's class. He is now 23!



As always, we have a tight agenda for the Board meeting so the Board Papers will be taken as read.

*Tītiro atu ahau ki te hui.*

*Ngā mihi*

## REPORT

Meeting Date: 13 November 2019

Prepared By: Andrew Baucke, Director, Operations

Subject: **Director's report**

<p><b>ACB Strategic Priority and/or the Relevant DOC SOI Goal</b></p>	<p>The Conservation Board represents the community of interest in the work of the Department. A function of the Board is to provide advice to the Department and the NZCA on conservation matters (section 6M of the Conservation Act 1987 refers).</p>
<p><b>Recommendation or Action Required</b></p>	<p>It is recommended that the Conservation Board:</p> <p>a) <b>Note</b> the contents of this paper.</p>
<p><b>Context</b></p>	<p>This information is provided so that the Board is aware of current Director work and priorities in the Auckland region, especially that related to significant or high-risk projects. The Board may choose to provide advice to the Department on any of these matters if it wishes to.</p> <p>These matters are as follow:</p> <p><b>National Context</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. International Visitor Levy update</li> <li>2. Big focus on systems work             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Planning</li> <li>ii. Biodiversity</li> <li>iii. Safety and Wellbeing</li> <li>iv. Visitor Risk</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Mahi Oranga, Operations New Capture and Delivery System</li> <li>4. Fleet Sustainability</li> <li>5. Understanding the implications of the Ngai Tai ki Tamaki supreme court decision</li> </ol>

	<p><b>Regional Context</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Housing in infrastructure project continues with urgency to remedy deferred maintenance issues across the Region</li><li>2. Sea Change Update</li><li>3. Mansion House issues and options</li><li>4. Regional Investment Portfolio</li><li>5. Hauraki Gulf Forum update – waiting on local body election outcomes</li><li>6. Managing Visitor risks in the Region</li><li>7. Implications from Convention Centre Fire</li><li>8. The Auckland DOC Story Video</li></ol>
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## REPORT

Meeting Date: 13 November 2019

Prepared By: Kirsty Prior, Operations Manager, Tāmaki Makaurau Mainland  
George Taylor, Operations Manager, Aotea/Gt. Barrier  
Scott Antcliff, Operations Manager, Inner Islands

Subject: **Operations reports**

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<b>Context</b>	<p>This information is provided so that the Board is aware of current operational work being undertaken by the Department, especially that related to significant or high-risk projects. The Board may choose to provide advice to the Department on any of these matters if it wishes to.</p> <p>The Operational Report for the Inner Islands District has been prepared by the new Inner Islands District Manager Scott Antcliff.</p>



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### Tamaki Makaurau Mainland District report

#### Biodiversity

**Tara-iti / NZ Fairy Tern: Papakanui: Operation Shell.** Tara iti/ NZ fairy tern (*Sternula nereis davisae*,) is New Zealand's most threatened bird and is ranked as 'Nationally Critical', with an estimated population size of only 35-39 birds. This small bird's habitat is restricted to estuaries and harbours between North Auckland and Whangarei Harbour. Currently the only successful breeding sites are at the Waipu and Mangawhai Wildlife Refuges, Pakiri River mouth and Papakanui sandspit.

In 2017 a trial took place at Papakanui and Pakiri to build raised shell patches for nesting habitat, to encourage the birds to nest on areas less prone to flooding and tidal inundation during storms. As the birds made use of some shell patches at both sites, and with great success at Pakiri, an expansion of the Papakanui patches was implemented in August this year. Biomarine Ltd donated 50 tonnes of oyster shell from their Kaipara oyster farm. NZ Defence, Ngati Whatua O Kaipara and DOC moved the bags. Birds at Pakiri have laid one egg and another one has been laid at Waipu.



**S.O.S. Seal Observation Squad:** DOC receives an enormous amount of calls from members of the public about seals around the city and coast. Many seals are ok but some are ill, injured or at risk (busy roads). The SOS volunteers are deployed in most cases, enabling rangers to focus on other tasks.

**Wandering takahe and kiwi:** Our Duty Rangers are used to taking obscure phone calls about wildlife, but a recent call about a Kiwi with a broken leg at Omaha Beach turned out to be just that. The juvenile North Island Brown Kiwi was discovered just above the high tide mark by returning fishermen and is likely to have come from Tawharanui Regional Park. Two takahe were also caught outside the regional park and after a week-long hunt, we re-captured and re-homed, to an offshore island.

### Community

DOCCF successful recipients:

Windy Hill Rosalie Bay Catchment Trust	Building Biodiversity - Windy Hill Sanctuary	Aotea	\$146,162.00
Kotuku Peninsula Charitable Trust (KPCT)	Kotuku Peninsula Sanctuary - pest control and management	Aotea	\$100,000.00
Pohutukawa Trust New Zealand	Restore the Native Flora and Fauna of Kawau Island	Auckland Inner Islands	\$10,000.00
Te Matuku Bay Landcare Group	Te Matuku Bay Scenic Reserve Pest Plant Eradication Project	Auckland Inner Islands	\$50,000.00
Motutapu Restoration Trust	Motutapu restoration project	Auckland Inner Islands	\$20,000.00
Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society Inc.	South-East Wildlink	Auckland Mainland	\$16,958.43
The Forest Bridge Trust (TFBT)	The Forest Bridge - Hubs Project	Auckland Mainland	\$100,000.00
Mataitai Farm Trust	Ngahere Pest Control	Auckland Mainland	\$5,000.00
Tapora Land & Coast Care Group	Kia Puawai ai Nga Taonga o Manukapua Fostering the Birds of Manukapua	Auckland Mainland	\$100,000.00
Motu Kaikoura Trust	Motu Kaikoura Eco Management project	Aotea	\$40,000.00
Little Barrier Island (Hauturu) Supporters' Trust	Abseil Removal of Climbing Asparagus from Cliffs	Auckland Inner Islands	\$18,000.00
Motuihe Trust	Weeds, weeds and weeding	Auckland Inner Islands	\$72,000.00

North Harbour Custodians	North Harbour Custodians - Rat Control	Auckland Inner Islands	\$30,587.00
CUE Haven Community Trust	CUE Haven Community Native Forest Reserve	Auckland Mainland	\$18,650.00
Leigh Harbour Valley Society	Leigh Harbour Valley Pest Control	Auckland Mainland	\$15,014.00
Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society Inc	Ark in the Park - kokako recovery	Auckland Mainland	\$19,500.00
Professor Richard Bellamy and Dr Karen Colgan	Petrel project - O'Neill and Waitakere Bays	Auckland Mainland	\$20,000.00
Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society Inc., Warkworth Area branch	Warkworth Area Forest & Bird Little Blue Penguin/Korora Project	Auckland Mainland	\$15,788.00
Hobsonville Point Secondary School Pest control group	Hobsonville Point Community Pest Control Action	Auckland Mainland	\$2,000.00

### Conservation Week 2019



Over 50 events took place throughout Auckland during Conservation Week, ranging from planting days, beach clean ups, activity days to guided walks. Highlights included, the Auckland Harbour bridge light show, to celebrate 50 years of Conservation Week in partnership with Auckland Council and Vector lights. There were also free guided ranger walks lead by Auckland Council parks, Festival, DOC rangers at Kelly Tarlton's and Conservation Dogs and DOC Rangers at Auckland Zoo.

## Upcoming events

- **Wednesday 13 November:** 90th Anniversary of Richard Henry's death.
- **27 February 2020:** 20th Anniversary of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park: Plans are underway to mark the anniversary. If you'd like to be involved in these discussions, please contact Kat Lane [kalane@doc.govt.nz](mailto:kalane@doc.govt.nz)
- **5-13 September 2020:** Conservation Week.

## Huia Water Treatment Plant (WTP)

The Huia WTP is Watercare's third largest, treating approximately 20% of the drinking water for Tāmaki Makaurau. As the plant is nearing the end of its operational life, Watercare is proposing to construct a new WTP, along with two treated water reservoirs, at the same location but with a larger footprint.

The Department lodged a submission citing concerns in particular relating to potential adverse effects on long-tailed bats, herpetofauna (lizards and frogs), freshwater ecosystems, kauri (including kauri die-back) and the ecological mitigation, compensation and offset proposals.

## Recreation/Historic

Te Henga Bridge has been built and re-opened to the public. The new bridge replaces the 30 year-old bridge. A number of heavy rain events caused sustained damage to the old bridge and led to it finally giving way after a severe rainfall on Boxing Day 2018.

## Auckland Conservation Board - Aotea/Great Barrier Island District report

### Biodiversity

- **Mokohinau Islands:** A scheduled visit to these pest free islands to place tracking tunnel cards was completed in early October. We are still waiting on favourable weather conditions to return to the island group to collect the cards. The Biodiversity track on Fanal has been recut and marked.
- **Rakitu Island:** Two scheduled visits to Rakitu to place and collect tracking tunnel cards has been completed. No sign of any rodents was detected. This takes us to 1-year post eradication with no sign of rodents. The final bait monitoring plot was checked during this trip and removed. All 6 bait monitoring plots have now been removed as the baits have completely broken down. The caution period for Rakitu will be over from the 11 December 2019 and warning signage can be taken down (12 months since the last bait station around the houses was removed).
- **Hirakimata Good Nature Project:** Planning is well underway for the 150ha Good Nature trap network around the summit of Hirakimata. If weather conditions are favourable for a helicopter drop in November track cutting and trap placement will commence shortly after along with a pre-operation tracking tunnel monitor.
- **Weeds:** The contract has been finalised and weed control is commencing this month on priority sites around Aotea/Great Barrier island.
- **Planting:** Restoration planting for the 2019-20 season has been completed around several fenced wetlands and ponds in Okiwi. Approximately 900 trees, flaxes, ferns and shrubs were planted this season. These plants were collected locally as seeds and grown in the DOC nursery by one of our Biodiversity Rangers.

### Recreation / Historic

- **Tracks and Huts:** Tracks and huts are in good condition heading into the busy season, and we continue to receive great feedback from visitors about the facilities. The team is preparing for another new capital bid to reinstate the original section of the South Fork track where trampers are currently walking down the riverbed and beside unprotected kauri trees. The original section of track has not been operational since the 2014 storm event.
- **Campgrounds:** Campground infrastructure repairs and maintenance have all been completed prior to the upcoming summer season. Campground hosts will be in place from 22 December 2019.
- **Other assets:** Cottage 110 in Akapoua has undergone extensive essential maintenance work in recent months, including but not limited to replumbing of showers, replacement of ceilings, and waterblasting. The cottage is expected to be operational as bookable accommodation after painting has been completed in November.
- **Kauri dieback protection:** NZ Trackworks Ltd commenced their contracted kauri protection capital upgrade work in September. To date, the works on Bridle track, Old Lady Walk and Line W tracks have been completed and work is well underway on South Fork track, Warren's track, Tramline South track, Withey's track and Kiwiriki track. We expect a number of these tracks with work in progress to be completed and reopened by mid-November. Local contractors are also engaged to help deliver this work.

We have six new MK3 Kauri Dieback Hygiene stations ready to be installed at our priority sites, with seven more of these newly improved stations (improved pumps and updated treadles that require less weight to use) pending delivery. The existing barrel and grate stations that will be removed to make way for the MK3s will be relocated to tracks with kauri that are lacking adequate hygiene stations.

Our two Kauri Dieback Ambassadors for the 2019-20 season are now onboard and have undertaken training prior to commencing engagement with the public from Labour weekend onwards. This year we have also added a storytelling component to our ambassador work to enhance educational messaging and advocacy.

## **Community**

- **DOC Community Fund 2018/2019:** DOC community fund was announced late in September. The DOC Community fund has continued to support conservation initiatives on the island since the inception of the fund. The successful applicants are Kotuku Peninsula Charitable Trust, Motu Kaikoura and the Windy Hill Rosalie Bay Catchment trust. The funding will help the three initiatives move forward with their conservation projects.
- **Aotea Conservation Park Advisory Committee (ACPAC):** The new ACPAC members held their first meeting at the DOC office in Okiwi on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October. The meeting was originally booked for Motairehe Marae but unfortunately the marae was closed for maintenance reasons. The new committee, appointed by Eugenie Sage, Minister of Conservation is as follows: Nicola MacDonald, Kate Waterhouse, Jason Wii, Judy Gilbert, Taryn Wilks, Hope Munro, Ken Fortzer, Opo (Lewis) Ngawaka, Dr Jacqueline Beggs and Michael Ngatai. Nicola MacDonald was elected the new Chairperson with Kate Waterhouse being elected as Deputy Chairperson.
- **Wharf to Wharf event:** Kaitoke School held the annual 42km adventure race catering for runners, mountain bikers and walkers from Port FitzRoy to Tryphena wharves. The 13.2km stretch of Forest Road have areas where mitigation for the risk of spreading Kauri Dieback is required. To minimise the transfer of mud on bikes and footwear, DOC man 4 cleaning stations that are in place before entering and exiting the track. The Aotea/Great Barrier Island DOC team have been supporting this event for the last 4yrs and every year DOC gets positive feedback from both the Kaitoke School committee and competitors.

## **Auckland Inner Islands District Report**

### **Biosecurity**

- Auckland Region has appointed a new Senior Ranger Island Biosecurity, Claire Warren who will be responsible for higher level biosecurity policy and planning across the Inner Islands. The Senior Ranger Biosecurity will oversee DOC biosecurity within/and across all the islands to ensure a consistent and holistic approach is adopted, receiving guidance from a national perspective to be implemented by all DOC staff across the islands and Auckland Region.
- A rat incursion response has been completed on Motuihe after the detection and capture of a Norway rat in one location. Poor weather conditions have hampered a final Conservation Dog surveillance monitoring program, and the final conservation dog surveillance monitoring will be completed in October.

### **Biodiversity**

- The Tiritiri Matangi Hihi contract has been renewed with the Zoological Society of London for the maintenance and servicing of sugar water, nest boxes, banding fledglings and population census pre and post breeding.
- DOC have engaged five weed rangers on Hauturu to conduct the yearly weed management program focusing on climbing asparagus. One rhanmus plant been discovered and destroyed as part of the program.
- Contractors have conducted panic veld grass control and maintained incursion response trap lines on Rangitoto.
- Te Matuku moth vine plant control has commenced on Waiheke with contractors Weed Free Waiheke working in combination Landcare who were successful in \$50K DOC Conservation Funding and neighbours to address the long-standing weed issue.

### **Recreation/Historic**

- Inner Islands currently is completing significant visitor management risks addressing overdue tasks on AMIS asset risk management system with three critical risks and 22 high risks addressed and a remaining 66 high risks that are overdue for completion. An International Visitor Levy funding application has been prepared to secure additional funding and staff resources to address the backlog of tasks and provide a safe visitor experience for the Inner Islands.
- Mansion House Draft Issues and Options Study has been completed by the Mansion House Trust and handed to DOC for consideration. DOC is currently in the process of engaging Iwi for high level cultural technical advice. An International Visitor Levy funding application has been submitted to secure a Works Officer to progress the Issues and Options Paper, develop a schedule of works and pursue further funding.
- Motuihe wharf has been closed to the public after DOC commissioned an engineer inspection to look at 15 outstanding high-risk AMIS tasks. The engineer found multiple structural issues with the wharf, recommending its closure until the structural issues are

addressed. The final engineer report is pending and DOC is looking at internal funding options to address the safety issues of the wharf.

- Fort Stoney Batter on Waiheke has suffered from numerous break-ins and vandalism over the last 12 months and DOC has consistently repaired damaged doors and replacing access covers to keep out trespassers. DOC has released local news media, appealing to the public for information on the break-ins and is working with the Police to address the issue.



*New grates fitted to restrict access into the tunnels*

### **Community**

- DOCCF community funding has been approved with six applicants being successful within the Inner Islands District to secure funding. Successful applicants include, Hauturu Supporters Trust, Pohutukawa Trust NZ, Motuihe Trust, Te Matuku Bay Landcare Group, Northern Harbour Custodians and the Motutapu Restoration Trust. Projects are a diverse mix of predator control, ecosystem restoration and weed control projects for a total funding of \$200,587.00, to be administered by the Inner Islands Community Team.
- Inner Islands Community Team is currently undergoing a community mapping planning exercise to identify the key relationship contacts and resources required to support 19 Iwi and 9 community groups across the Inner Islands. Due to the limited available resources within the community team the exercise will prioritise resources and time-line future meetings for the Operations Manager to attend and support the community team.

### **Treaty partners**

- Ngai Tai ki Tamaki and DOC met with the Motutapu Restoration Trust on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July to discuss the Ngai Tai/DOC partnership agreement and the long-term strategic directions, goals and aspirations for the DOC/Ngai Tai partnership and MRT operations in a changing environment. The outcome of the meeting resulted in MRT resuming tree planting on Motutapu and a solid foundation for future relationships.

- Treaty partners Ngai Tai ki Tamaki have been successful on the Requests for Proposals for the concession for the farm on Motutapu. Ngai Tai hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> waananga with DOC at the Umupuia Marae to discuss the next steps in applying for the concession and to inform stakeholders on Motutapu of the proposed Ngai Tai/DOC Governance structure for Motutapu currently under development.

### **Vessels**

- Vessel Hauturu is undergoing a major upgrade and structural repairs as part of a scheduled major \$300K overhaul. Major structural issues have been identified with metal fatigue for the wheel-house which are expected to increase costs up to approx. \$500K and extend the completion date to Nov 2019. The Hauturu refit will include replacing the engines, gear boxes, new shafts and extensive structural repairs to the steel work and paint as required. This vessel has been in service since 1986 and the engines and gearboxes have completed over 30,000 hours. This vessel is also a crucial part of servicing the Hauraki Gulf and transports around 1000m<sup>3</sup> of freight and transfers around 95,000 litres of fuel to the Islands including 13,500kg of LPG.



## REPORT

Meeting Date: 13 November 2019

Prepared By: Angela Mayson, Partnerships Manager

Subject: **DOC Partnerships Group Report**

<p><b>ACB Strategic Priority and/or the Relevant DOC SOI Goal</b></p>	<p>The Conservation Board represents the community of interest in the work of the Department. A function of the Board is to provide advice to the Department and the NZCA on conservation matters (section 6M of the Conservation Act 1987 refers).</p>
<p><b>Recommendation or Action Required</b></p>	<p>It is recommended that the Conservation Board:</p> <p>a) <b>Note</b> the contents of this paper</p>
<p><b>Context</b></p>	<p>The overall role of the DOC Partnerships group is to: Identify and pursue opportunities to achieve collective impact There are 4 key focus areas for the group:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Protect NZ's natural heritage by building alliances that align effort and attract new investment.</li> <li>2. Mainstream conservation through connecting new audiences with nature.</li> <li>3. Grow conservation by supporting community conservation efforts</li> <li>4. Enabling and supporting actions</li> </ol> <p>Staffing Angela Mayson and Cameron Johnson have recently joined the team.</p> <p>Angela as Partnerships Manager and brings to this role over 18 years' experience working in environmental and conservation sectors, as well as experience in creating partnerships that deliver more for conservation.</p> <p>Cameron as Partnerships Development Adviser with a Geography and Sociology background and experience working with communities at Auckland Transport.</p> <p>In December Toni Giacon joins the team as Partnership Director, and Michelle Palmer moves into her new role as the Director of the Community Engagement Unit at the start of the new year.</p> <p>Toni comes to us from Panuku Development, Auckland Council's development agency, where she is Manager of Governance Relations.</p>

### Conservation Week

In September we celebrated 50 years of Conservation Week with:

- A stakeholder and partnership event at Kelly Tarltons.
- The Auckland Harbour Bridge was lit up to showcase New Zealand's unique wildlife. 'Conservation Illumination' was supported by Auckland Council and Vector Lights.

Preparing for the exciting birthday event for HG2020 in Partnership with Auckland Council, ATEED, Hauraki Gulf Forum and others.

### Waiheke

Partnerships Manager, Miranda O'Connell is working to broker, facilitate and support the iwi and community-led exploration of what it means to have "Action-based kaitiakitanga (guardianship) of Waiheke Island's marine environment"

The project is being run as three workstreams (Iwi, Info, Future Search) that together aim to develop and recommend options to the Ministerial Advisory Committee to the Sea Change process to achieve a regenerated marine environment around Waiheke Island.

Notable progress in this project includes:

- Approved GIFT funding of \$25,000 to enable Ngati Paoa connection with and leadership of the marine project. Includes running of two events: Ngati Paoa hui 16-17<sup>th</sup> November and Rangatahi wananga 7-8 December
- Dedicated pages to the marine project on the Waiheke Collective website <https://www.waihekecollective.org.nz/>
- Ongoing compilation of a series of information and experiences to raise awareness and understanding of marine issues
- Agreement to run a 3 day action planning 'Future Search' event on Waiheke in early 2020 that will identify common ground agreements from a diversity of voices
- Extensive involvement in the overall project by Waiheke Island youth

## REPORT

Meeting Date: 13 November 2019

Prepared By: Rebecca Rush, Senior Ranger/Supervisor, Community

Subject: **Concession and translocation report**

<p><b>ACB Strategic Priority and/or the Relevant DOC SOI Goal</b></p>	<p>The Conservation Board represents the community of interest in the work of the Department. A function of the Board is to provide advice to the Department and the NZCA on conservation matters, which may include applications for various types of statutory consent (section 6M of the Conservation Act 1987 refers).</p>
<p><b>Recommendation or Action Required</b></p>	<p>It is recommended that the Conservation Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Note</b> the contents of these reports;</li> <li>b) <b>Note</b> that some concession applications will be referred to the Board under agreed consultation triggers;</li> <li>c) <b>Inform</b> the Department if it wishes to provide advice on any other application/s that would not otherwise be referred to the Board under agreed triggers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Context</b></p>	<p>This information is provided so that the Board is aware of current applications for long-term concessions and translocations being processed by the Department. The Board may choose to provide advice to the Department on any of these applications if it wishes to.</p> <p>In November 2018, the Board adopted a refreshed set of consultation triggers, identifying those concession applications that will be referred to the Board for comment as part of the consultation process.</p> <p>The attached concessions schedule lists all new applications for long-term concessions, and all applications for long-term concessions where something has changed since the last report. One-off applications are excluded from the schedule.</p> <p>The attached translocations schedule lists all new applications received since the last report, all translocations where something has changed since the last report, and also lists all active translocation permits.</p>



## REPORT

Meeting Date: 13 November 2019

Prepared By: Rebecca Rush, Senior Ranger/Supervisor, Community

Subject: **Concession and Translocation report**

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### Background/Introduction

1. A report summarising long-term concession applications is provided at every Board meeting.
2. A report summarising translocation applications and active translocations has been provided at every Board meeting since August 2016.
3. An annual report on concessions, translocations and other types of permissions processed in the Auckland region has been provided annually in August since 2017.
4. A report listing the status of all concession applications currently being processed that have been triggered to the Board has been provided at every Board meeting since February 2018.

### Details/Comment

5. Table 1 provides an update on the status of all concession applications currently being processed that have been triggered to the Board.
6. Table 2 provides a list of new long-term concession applications for the period 31 July to 31 October 2019.
7. Table 3 provides a list of long-term concession applications with a change in status between 31 July to 31 October 2019.
8. Table 4 provides a list of new translocation applications for the period 31 July to 31 October 2019.
9. Table 5 provides a list of active translocations at 31 October 2019. This table also indicates which translocations have no further transfers of species to be undertaken.

### Section 4 Conservation Act

10. To meet the Treaty of Waitangi principle of informed decision making, it is usual practice for relevant whanau/hapu/iwi to be consulted on all long-term concession applications and all translocation applications.
11. The Department is beginning a process of setting up hui with individual iwi to discuss and review our current consultation processes and triggers for statutory applications.



**Table 1: Update on concession applications triggered to the Board**

Permission number	Applicant	Description	Location(s)	Current Status	Type	Date triggered to Board	Comments
48313-ACC	Rangitoto Island Community Bach Assn	Lease of 27 baches	Rangitoto Island Scenic Reserve	Pending	Concession lease notified	14/6/2016	Initial comments received from applicant on draft decision in principle report.  Applicant has requested DOC's support to undertake further iwi consultation.  Once finalised, draft report will be provided to Board & iwi for comment.
53910-OTH	Culav, David Anthony; Culav, Elizabeth Mary; Culav, Peter James and Culav, Ante Mijo	Easement to drain water for proposed subdivision	Whau River Marginal Strip	On hold	Concession easement non-notified	27/2/2017	The application has been put on hold until 31 October 2019 while applicant prepares an amended resource consent application which will be lodged with Auckland Council.
54017-OTH	Auckland Mataatua Society Inc	Operation of marae and associated buildings	Auckland Mataatua Society Marae Recreation Reserve	Approved	Concession lease notified	14/6/2017	Application approved 26/8/19.
62350-ACC	Rangitoto Island Historic Conservation Trust	Marketing and management of overnight accommodation in historic baches on Rangitoto	Rangitoto Island Scenic Reserve	Pending	Concession lease notified	1/8/2018	The application was publicly notified with submissions closing on 12 February 2019.  Twenty-five submissions were received on the application, all in support.  A hearing was not required as no submitters wished to be heard.  Decision documents are currently being prepared.
65531-OTH	Fort Stony Batter Heritage Park Ltd	Develop Stony Batter on Waiheke Island into a "heritage park", utilising existing structures for facilities including a café, museum, lecture theatre, shop, ticket	Stony Batter Historic Reserve	Pending	Concession lease notified	18/9/2018	The application was publicly notified with submissions closing on 27 September 2018.  Five submissions were received. A hearing was held on 5 November 2018.  Further information was provided by the applicant in February 2019.

Permission number	Applicant	Description	Location(s)	Current Status	Type	Date triggered to Board	Comments
		office and accommodation; undertaking guided tours and educational activities; and the construction of a viewing platform					Decision documents are currently with the decision maker, who has requested further information on the safety of the tunnels before making a decision.
72597-GUI	Socially Good Adventures Ltd	Guided walking	Tiritiri Matangi Island Scientific Reserve, Motutapu Island Recreation Reserve, Rangitoto Island Scenic Reserve, Motuihe Island Recreation Reserve, Waiheke Island Scenic Reserve, Hooks Bay Track, Opopo Bay Track, Aotea Conservation Park, Motuora Island Recreation Reserve, Okura Bush Scenic Reserve, Goldie Bush Scenic Reserve, Motutara Settlement Scenic Reserve, Te Henga Recreation Reserve, & other locations in the North Island	Pending	Concession permit non-notified	22/2/2019	<b>NB:</b> Application does not meet Board triggers for seeking comments from Board. However, Board requested to provide comments on the application.  Decision documents are currently being prepared.
72528-ATT	Kawau Island Catering Ltd	Operation of a café/restaurant in the kiosk and the use of an adjoining area in Mansion House Valley	Kawau Island Historic Reserve	Pending	Concession lease notified	12/3/2019	The application was publicly notified with submissions closing on 11 April 2019.  No submissions were received, so no hearing held.  Recent building inspections have revealed the building has significant maintenance issues.  Decision documents are currently being prepared.

Permission number	Applicant	Description	Location(s)	Current Status	Type	Date triggered to Board	Comments
81619-GUI	Te Haerenga o Ngai Tai Ki Tamaki Ltd	Guided mountain biking, guided e-biking & overnight camping	Motutapu Island Recreation Reserve & Rangitoto Island Scenic Reserve	Pending	Concession permit non-notified	30/10/19	<p>Application triggered to Board under the following trigger: 'The concession involves or relates to new, unfamiliar activities that are not clearly envisaged in the CMS or a CMP'.</p> <p>Guided mountain biking is envisaged as a new activity in the Auckland CMS. However, the CMS is silent on guided e-biking.</p>

**Table 2: New long-term concession applications for the period 31 July 2019 to 31 October**

Permission number	Applicant	Description	Location(s)	Received date	Status	Type	Will application be triggered to Board?
78406-GUI	Australia Tours (NZ) 2000 Ltd	Guided walking	Rangitoto Island Scenic Reserve (Rangitoto Wharf to summit, Islington Bay Wharf to summit, coastal track between Rangitoto & Islington Bay wharves), Te Henga Walkway & other locations outside the Auckland region	24/5/19	Pending	Concession permit notified  NB: public notification is a requirement for all concession applications including the Tongariro Crossing under the Tongariro National Park Management Plan.	No, does not meet Board triggers.
81439-GUI	NewZealandTour Ltd	Guided walking & drone use (to film footage to be used for promotional purposes)	Te Henga Walkway & other locations outside the Auckland region	30/10/19	Pending	Concession permit non-notified	No, does not meet Board triggers.
81444-GUI	Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi Inc	Guided walking including dawn and night tours, annual concert, annual public events i.e. wildlife releases, maritime history day	Tiritiri Matangi Island Scientific Reserve	17/9/19	Pending	Concession permit non-notified	No, does not meet Board triggers.
81450-OTH	Te Arai North Ltd	Easement for right of way to convey water, electricity, telecommunications and computer media	Mangawhai Marginal Strip	18/9/19	Pending	Concession easement non-notified	Still to be determined. Further information required from applicant before consultation can be initiated.
81496-GUI	The Motuihe Trust	Guided walking including night tours, equipment hire, education, sale of food & merchandise, events & operation of temporary relocatable visitors centre	Motuihe Island Recreation Reserve.	25/9/19	Pending	Concession permit non-notified	No, does not meet Board triggers.

Permission number	Applicant	Description	Location(s)	Received date	Status	Type	Will application be triggered to Board?
81619-GUI	Te Haerenga o Ngai Tai Ki Tamaki Ltd	Guided mountain biking, guided e-biking & overnight camping	Motutapu Island Recreation Reserve & Rangitoto Island Scenic Reserve	10/10/19	Pending	Concession permit non-notified	Yes, sent to Board on 30/10/19.

**Table 3: Concession applications with a change in status 31 July 2019 to 31 October**

Permission number	Applicant	Description	Location(s)	Type	Triggered to Board?	Status	Term	Comments
54017-ACC	Auckland Mataatua Society Inc	Operation of marae and associated buildings	Auckland Mataatua Society Marae Recreation Reserve	Concession lease notified	Yes	Approved	1/8/19 – 31/7/27	

**Table 4: New translocation applications received 31 July 2019 to 31 October**

Permission no	Applicant	Species	Type of translocation	Source site(s)	Release site(s)	Received date	Status
81426-FAU	Manuela Barry, Massey University	Duvaucel's gecko ( <i>Hoplodactylus duvaucelii</i> )	Re-introduction	Captivity (Massey University)  NB: the origin of captive wetapunga is Korapuki Island in the Mercury Island group	Motutapu Island Recreation Reserve & Rangitoto Island Scenic Reserve	13/9/19	Stage 1 (outline) pending
81420-FAU	Matt Maitland, Auckland Council & Kevin Parker, Parker Conservation	Hihi/stitchbird ( <i>Notiomystis cincta</i> )	Re-introduction	Tiritiri Matangi Island Scientific Reserve	Shakespear Regional Park & Tāwharanui Regional Park	9/10/19	Stage 1 (outline) pending

**Table 5: Active translocations as at 31 October 2019**

**NB: Translocations highlighted in yellow indicate translocations where all species transfers have been completed**

**A) External translocations**

Permission no	Applicant	Species	Source site(s)	Release site(s)	Term	Number and timing of transfers
AK-33028-FAU	Tonkin & Taylor Ltd	Tuatara ( <i>Sphenodon</i> )	Lady Alice, Hen & Chicken Islands	Motuihe	21/3/12 – 31/12/22	Up to 60 tuatara
39885-FAU	John Sumich	Pateke/brown teal ( <i>Anas chlorotis</i> )	Captivity (Burwood Bush Captive Rearing Unit)	Te Henga Wetland	1/1/15 – 31/12/25	Minimum of 20 birds in first year; followed by minimum of 60 birds for each of second & third transfers
42154-FAU	Motutapu Restoration Trust	Pateke/brown teal ( <i>Anas chlorotis</i> )	Captivity (Peacock Springs)	Motutapu, Rotoroa	25/5/15 – 25/5/25	Motutapu: minimum of 20 birds/year for minimum of 5 years. Rotoroa: up to 6 birds/year for minimum of 3 years or until 3 pairs established
43137-FAU	Auckland Zoo	Wetapunga ( <i>Deinacrida heteracantha</i> )	Captivity (Auckland Zoo) NB: original source site Te Hauturu-o-Toi/Little Barrier	Motuhoropapa & Otata islands, Noises	26/5/15 – 1/6/28	Multiple cohorts of hundreds of wetapunga from Auckland Zoo to wild; up to 24 male & 24 female wetapunga from Hauturu to Auckland Zoo in four collections of 6 male & 6 female
45499-FAU	Auckland Council	Kokako ( <i>Callaeas wilsoni</i> )	Mapara & Mangatutu	Hunua Ranges & Waitakere Ranges	29/7/15 – 30/11/21	Up to 30 kokako to Hunua Ranges & up to 40 kokako to Waitakere Ranges
48159-FAU	Auckland Zoo	Tieke/saddleback ( <i>Philesturnus carunculatus</i> )	Tiritiri Matangi	Auckland Zoo	11/4/16 – 11/4/36	Up to 10 birds in first transfer then possibly up to 4 birds every 3-5 years to sustain captive population
50851-FAU	Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust	Hihi/stitchbird ( <i>Notiomystis cincta</i> )	Tiritiri Matangi	Rotokare Scenic Reserve, Taranaki	1/1/17 – 30/4/21	Up to 60 birds/year up to a total of 180 birds
52071-FAU	Manuela Barry	Duvaucel's gecko ( <i>Hoplodactylus duvaucelii</i> )	Captivity (Massey University)	Tawharanui Regional Park	1/11/16 – 31/10/26	Up to 80 geckos
52393-FAU	Bream Head Conservation Trust	Pōpokatea/whitehead ( <i>Mohoua albicilla</i> )	Tiritiri Matangi	Bream Head	2/5/17 – 31/12/20	Up to 100 birds (supplementary transfers may be required)
52461-CAP	Auckland Council/ Ngati Paoa/Ngati Whanaunga	North Island brown kiwi ( <i>Apteryx mantelli</i> )	Coromandel Peninsula	Hunua Ranges	13/12/16 – 12/12/26	Up to 60 kiwi
53619-FAU	Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi Inc	Auckland green gecko ( <i>Naultinus elegans elegans</i> )	Hunua Quarry (geckos to be salvaged prior to vegetation clearance)	Tiritiri Matangi (following being kept in captivity for up to 1 year)	1/12/16 – 30/11/26	Up to 90 gecko
55318-FAU	Pataua North Landcare	North Island brown kiwi ( <i>Apteryx</i> )	Motuora	Kiwi Coast, Northland (the area between	4/5/17 – 30/4/22	Up to 10 kiwi in first year; remaining birds over subsequent years

Permission no	Applicant	Species	Source site(s)	Release site(s)	Term	Number and timing of transfers
		<i>mantelli</i> )		Bream Head & Whananaki South)		
56458-FAU	Te Mauri o Parininihi Trust	Kokako ( <i>Callaeas wilsoni</i> )	Tiritiri Matangi, Mangatutu & Mapara	Parininihi	12/5/17 – 31/10/22	Up to 40 kokako from Tiritiri Matangi & up to 40 kokako from Mangatutu and/or Mapara
54210-FAU	Pirongia te Aroaro o Kahu Restoration Society	Kokako ( <i>Callaeas wilsoni</i> )	Tiritiri Matangi	Pirongia	19/6/17 – 31/10/22	Up to 14 kokako between 1 April & 1 September 2019
63687-FAU	The Pukenui/ Western Hills Forest Charitable Trust	Kiwi ( <i>Apteryx mantelli</i> )	Motuora	Pukenui Forest, Whangarei	1/3/18 – 30/4/23	Up to 40 kiwi over 4 years; first transfer of up to 12 kiwi undertaken in March 2018
59978-CAP	The Kiwi Trust (trading as Kiwis for kiwi)	Kiwi ( <i>Apteryx mantelli</i> )	Much of the North Island - locations within the natural range of Western brown kiwi, Eastern brown kiwi & Coromandel brown kiwi	Motutapu, Maungatautari, Taranaki Maunga, Otanewaiuku Forest, Cape Sanctuary	1/3/18 – 28/2/23	Up to 180 Coromandel brown kiwi chicks to Motutapu Island Recreation Reserve between 1 March 2018 & 28 February 2023, as well as other kiwi species to other North Island locations
64057-FAU	Bushy Park Trust	Hihi/stitchbird ( <i>Notiomystis cincta</i> )	Tiritiri Matangi	Bushy Park Sanctuary, Whanganui	8/4/18 – 31/8/28	Up to 10 hihi between 8 April 2018 & 31 August 2028
69463-FAU	Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust	Pateke/brown teal ( <i>Anas chlorotis</i> )	Captivity (Peacock Springs)  NB: the origin of captive pateke at Peacock Springs is Aotea/Great Barrier	Rotokare	16/5/19 – 16/5/29	Up to 500 pateke in multiple transfers between 16 May 2019 and 16 May 2029, subject to review of survival rates of each transfer.
74171-FAU	The Motuihe Trust	Wetapunga ( <i>Deinacrida heteracantha</i> )	Captivity (Auckland Zoo)  NB: original source site Te Hauturu-o-Toi/Little Barrier	Motuihe	2/9/19 – 31/12/25	Multiple transfers of up to approximately 1000 per release. First transfer scheduled for November 2019.

**B) DOC translocations**

Permission no	Applicant	Species	Source site(s)	Release site(s)	Term	Number and timing of transfers
N/A	DOC	Tuturuatu/shore plover ( <i>Thinornis novaeseelandiae</i> )	Captivity	Motutapu	30/1/12 – 30/1/22	Up to 200 birds over 5 transfers
N/A	DOC	Takahe ( <i>Porphyrio hochstetteri</i> )	Captivity (Burwood Bush Captive Rearing Unit)	Motutapu	1/8/13 – 30/6/23	<i>Data unavailable</i>
N/A	DOC	Little spotted kiwi ( <i>Apteryx owenii</i> )	Tiritiri Matangi, Shakespear & Kapiti	Tiritiri Matangi & Shakespear	24/6/14 – 30/5/24	2017: 10 kiwi from Tiritiri Matangi to Shakespear, 10 from Kapiti to Tiritiri & 10 from Kapiti to Shakespear; 2018-2019: 20 to 25 kiwi from Kapiti to Shakespear
N/A	DOC	Takahe ( <i>Porphyrio hochstetteri</i> )	Captivity (Burwood Bush Captive Rearing Unit)	Tawharanui	4/10/14 – 3/10/24	Up to 60 takahe
N/A	DOC	Takahe ( <i>Porphyrio hochstetteri</i> )	Captivity (Burwood Bush Captive Rearing Unit)	Rotoroa Island	14/5/15 – 31/3/25	Up to 5 or 6 pairs of takahe

## REPORT

Meeting Date: 13 November 2019

Prepared By: Georgia Rastovich – Statutory Support Officer, Hamilton Office

Subject: **RMA Activities Report**

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<b>ACB Strategic Priority and/or the Relevant DOC SOI Goal</b>	The Conservation Board represents the community of interest in the work of the Department. A function of the Board is to provide advice to the Department and the NZCA on various conservation matters, which may include applications for various types of statutory consent (section 6M of the Conservation Act 1987 refers).
<b>Recommendation or Action Required</b>	It is recommended that the Conservation Board: a) <b>Note</b> the contents of this paper
<b>Context</b>	<p>At its August 2018 meeting, the Board discussed its role in relation to the department's activity in Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) resource consent applications.</p> <p>This report has been provided to update the Auckland Conservation Board on active RMA activity currently being led by the department's Shared Services Unit, covering the period 1 August – 31 October 2019.</p> <p>This report does not include section 95E RMA applications, led by the local Operations teams.</p> <p>Any questions should be addressed to Amy Robinson, National RMA Manager.</p> <p>The report is attached.</p>

## Current RMA Activities Identified for Auckland Conservation Board Report

Applicant / Plan	Description	Next action – e.g. submission, further submission, pre-hearing conference etc
<p><b>AUP – Plan Change 15: improving consistency of coastal provisions</b></p>	<p>Auckland Council released a plan change to correct several inconsistencies in the Unitary Plan and improve the workability of its coastal provisions. DOC lodged a submission in support of the plan change. Council's decisions were released at the end of June.</p> <p>Federated Farmers appealed the Council's decision to the Environment Court. They challenged the location of the coastal marine area boundary on several streams and rivers, claiming they were too far upstream. DOC has joined the appeal.</p> <p>On reviewing the boundaries, Auckland Council has determined that they were not correctly carried over from the older Auckland Regional Coastal Plan, prepared in the 1990s. They are proposing to notify a new plan change to correct the boundaries.</p>	<p>DOC will attend mediation on the Federated Farmers appeal in support of the Council's position.</p>
<p><b>AUP – Plan Change 10: Historic Heritage</b></p>	<p>Auckland Council carried out a minor plan change to improve the schedule and maps of historic heritage sites. Three of the sites crossed the line of mean high water springs and therefore required the approval of the Minister of Conservation before they could become operative. There were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a seawall at Birkenhead point;</li> <li>• the Tauhinu sea scout den;</li> <li>• part of the Hobsonville air base.</li> </ul> <p>The changes improved the accuracy of the maps and the detail in the description of the heritage values sites and their values.</p> <p>DOC recommended that the Minister approve the plan change and she granted that approval in September 2019.</p>	<p>Complete. The Minister granted approval and Auckland Council made these changes operative on 11 October 2019.</p>

<p><b><i>Huia Water Treatment Plant – Waitakere Ranges</i></b></p>	<p>In early September 2019 DOC lodged a submission on a resource consent application notified by Auckland Council, opposing the construction and operation of a new water treatment plant in the Waitakere Ranges.</p> <p>The proposal involves the clearance of over 3.5ha of ecologically significant vegetation. This includes nationally threatened taxa including kauri, pohutakawa, kanuka, manuka. This site is also potentially significant habitat for long tailed bats (Threatened – Nationally Critical) a variety of lizard species, as well as Hochstetter’s frog (At-Risk – Declining). The ecological impacts of the proposal will be very high.</p> <p>DOC is concerned that the inadequacy of some of the ecological assessments likely understates the values at place. The proposed compensation package is inadequate and does not compensate for the significant ecological effects of the activity. The construction methodology does not adequately manage the risk of spreading kauri dieback disease, which is prevalent in the area and almost certainly present across the site.</p>	<p>The applicant is undertaking a second round of fauna monitoring this summer, including lizard and bat surveys. The hearing is expected to occur in February 2020. DOC intends to prepare and present expert evidence at this council hearing.</p>
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Meeting Date: 13 November 2019  
Prepared By: John Galilee, Statutory Manager  
Subject: **Threatened Species**

<p><b>ACB Strategic Priority and/or the Relevant DOC SOI Goal</b></p>	<p>The Board has a statutory function to advise the NZCA and the Director-General on the implementation of the Auckland Conservation Management Strategy 2014-2024 (section 6M Conservation Act refers). Monitoring threatened species in the Auckland Region and agreeing on an action programme with DOC is a priority for the Board in 2019/2020 (Priority 1 refers).</p>
<p><b>Recommendation or Action Required</b></p>	<p>It is recommended that the Conservation Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Note</b> the content of the report.</li> <li>b) <b>Note</b> that additional information about current population baselines and current management has been added.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Context</b></p>	<p>For the past several years the Board has received single page reports on individual threatened species selected by the Department. While the Board found the reports of interest, members felt that the reports did not provide a basis by which the Board could adequately monitor the Department's performance in the management of threatened species.</p> <p>At its meeting of 12 February 2019, the Board agreed to develop indicative milestones for monitoring the Department's performance across a range of key areas, particularly its management of threatened species. At a Board workshop on 12 April 2019 members compiled an indicative list of species. The intention was that the Department would provide regular updates to each Board meeting on each species, as a way by which the Board could track the Department's performance.</p> <p>At its meeting on 14 May 2019 the Board received a presentation about how the Department makes decisions about its species management work. Following feedback from the Department on the indicative list, and after considering the presentation given at its 14 May 2019 meeting, members agreed to revise the list of species.</p> <p>A second workshop was held on 26 June 2019, which involved Department technical specialists. A revised list was compiled (see Attachment 1). A list of "back-up" species, plus a list of species present on Hauturu, were also agreed at the workshop. The Hauturu list was compiled due to the Board's interest in</p>

	<p>monitoring implementation of the Hauturu Conservation Management Plan.</p> <p>At its 14 August 2019 meeting the Board agreed to adopt the revised list of species.</p> <p>The Department has populated the lists with some initial information about current population baselines and current management. Further information will be added for future reports.</p>
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**Auckland Threatened Fauna and Flora - Priority List**

Common Name	Threat Ranking	Group	Location	Details	Status 2019	Work planned 2019-20
Matuku, Australasian bittern <i>Botaurus poiciloptilus</i>	Threatened: Nationally Critical	Bird	Found throughout NZ. Papakanui	Auckland is important stronghold for national population. Difficult to monitor because of flight.	Population unknown, however the number of 5x5k grid cells occupied in the Auckland region was ~58 at the last assessment (1990-2012) and reflects steady decline since 1900 (~78).	None. Predator control at Papakanui may benefit species.
NZ Storm Petrel <i>Pelagodroma marina maoriana</i>	Threatened: Nationally Vulnerable	Bird	Te -Hauturu-o-Toi	Thought to be extinct until 2003, the NZ storm petrel is known to breed on Hauturu and is likely recovering after the eradication of rats there.	Size of breeding population unknown	
Taiko, Black Petrel <i>Procellaria parkinsoni</i>	Threatened: Nationally Vulnerable	Bird	Te -Hauturu-o-Toi; Aotea	There are feral pigs, feral cats, ship rats and kiore on Great Barrier Island (Aotea), most of which have been recorded at the main breeding colony on Mount Hobson/Hirakimata. Black petrels have been caught by commercial and recreational fishers both in New Zealand and overseas and are recognised as the most at-risk seabird in New Zealand from commercial fishing.	~100 pairs on Hauturu, ~1000 pairs on Aotea	Ongoing monitoring on Aotea, bycatch mitigation.
Taraiti, tara teoteo, fairy tern <i>Sterna nereis davisae</i>	Threatened: Nationally Critical	Bird	Kaipara/ Auckland	Tara iti is New Zealand's most threatened bird with an estimated population size of 35-39 birds. NZFT habitat is restricted to estuaries and harbours between Auckland and Whangarei Harbour. Currently the only successful breeding sites are Waipu sandspit, Mangawhai sandspit, Pakari River mouth and Papakanui sandspit.	35-39 birds	Intensively managed & monitored at 2 sites (maybe 3: Papakanui, Pakiri & Te Arai Stream mouth - sometimes) in our Region, but the programme is across 2 Districts, as are the birds. The main focus is on protection over nesting season, as they are very mobile outside of that time, but work also includes RMA submissions/ work, Recovery planning, off season predator control and working with others, including iwi & NZDF, Birds NZ, community groups, sponsors etc. Extended post-breeding monitoring observations undertaken at Papakanui this summer / autumn. Annual census. Increase number and security of shell patches available for nesting at Papakanui.
Tuturuatu, New Zealand shore plover <i>Thinornis novaeseelandiae</i>	Threatened: Nationally Critical	Bird	Motutapu Island	It is one of the world's rarest shorebirds, with a global population of about 243 adults, the majority of which are in the Chatham Islands	18 birds (6 breeding pairs) on Motutapu	Monitoring of survival and breeding success, releases of captive-reared juveniles, avian predator control (all subject to funding).
Bryde's Whale <i>Balaenoptera edeni/brydei</i>	Threatened: Nationally Critical	Cetacean	Hauraki Gulf	Shallow divers so at risk from vessel traffic		Passive monitoring, RMA submissions, concession & research mgt, working with researchers & iwi on ship strike issues & dead animals. Cetacean funding helping w/ Bryde's research in coming years pre Americas cup.
Kera wēra, orca <i>Orcinus orca</i>	Threatened: Nationally Critical	Cetacean	Hauraki Gulf	New Zealand is home to an estimated 150-200 individuals, which travel long distances throughout the country's coastal waters. One of the key threats to this species is disturbance by recreational vessels, both through noise pollution and boat strike, and research is aimed at determining ways in which this can be reduced to minimum levels.		Passive monitoring, RMA submissions, concession & research mgt, working with researchers & iwi, refloating stranded ones – quite successfully.
Maui's Dolphin <i>Cephalorhynchus hectori</i>	Threatened: Nationally Critical	Cetacean	Most likely to be found between Manukau Harbour and Port Waikato	A recent estimate of the Māui dolphin population indicated that approximately 63 individuals over one year of age remain.	63 individuals > 1 year of age	Sighting data base & verification system. Assist with boat & drone based photo surveys.
Katipo <i>Lactrodoctus katipo</i>	At Risk: Declining	Invertebrate	Port Albert; Pakiri Beach	Declining quantity and quality of habitat along with competition from introduced spiders are contributing to the ongoing decline of the species.	Unknown. No species monitoring	Weed control and predator control at sites may benefit species.
Wetapunga <i>Deinacrida heteracantha</i>	At Risk: Relict	Invertebrate	Te -Hauturu-o-Toi	Original population on Hauturu, translocated populations establishing on rodent-free island sites. Breed for release programme at Butterfly Creek and Auckland Zoo.	Secure on Hauturu. Established on Tiritiri and Motuora, establishing on 2 other islands in the Noisies.	Monitoring of Tiritiri and Motuora populations. Auckland Zoo monitoring Noisies and planning translocations to 2 other sites using captive-reared animals.
NZ long tailed bat <i>Chalinolobus tuberculatus</i>	Threatened: Nationally Critical	Mammal	Te -Hauturu-o-Toi; Aotea; Mainland	Patchy distribution across Auckland region. Generally in areas where there is no predator control we predict that bats are declining between 5-9% per annum based on mark-recapture work that has been done around the country.	Unknown population. Distribution as per map. Likely to be declining in areas not receiving sustained predator control	Nothing specific
Short tailed bat <i>Mystacina tuberculata</i>	Threatened: Nationally Endangered	Mammal	Te -Hauturu-o-Toi	<b>Lesser short-tailed bat</b> ( <i>Mystacina tuberculata</i> ) is an endangered ancient species unique to New Zealand and is found only at a few scattered sites.	Restricted to Hauturu in Auckland region	None
Kōwhai ngutu-kākā, kākābeak <i>Clianthus puniceus</i>	Threatened: Nationally Critical	Plant	Auckland; Motuihe/Rangitoto	The original site is no longer managed by DOC (Moturemu was returned to iwi in 2013) and has not been visited since. Plants are in cultivation at the ABG & other sites. No transplanted ones have survived at translocation site (Casnell Island), but Motukorea is more successful.		
Parahebe <i>Veronica jovellanoides</i>	Threatened: Nationally Critical	Plant	Riverhead Forest	Known only from a small (20ha) mixed Podocarp/hardwood forest where it grows on shaded, seasonally damp ground amongst sparse ferns, liverworts and mosses alongside a small stream. Board viewed this at Botanic Gardens	Found in 3/6 monitoring plots at original site	Monitoring of plant survival & effectiveness of weed control – annual.
Titirangi <i>Veronica speciosa</i>	At Risk: Declining	Plant	South Kaipara Covenant	Relationship with Iwi is important to retain this	No monitoring	Prescription has not yet been funded, but have had initial discussion with iwi land owners for a site visit.
Chevron skink <i>Oligosoma homalonotum</i>	Threatened: Nationally Vulnerable	Reptile	Te -Hauturu-o-Toi; Aotea	Currently only known to be found on Great Barrier Island / Aotea and Te Hauturu-o-Toi / Little Barrier Island in the Hauraki Gulf. There have only been around 500 sightings reported since it was first described in 1906.	Unknown. Recovering slowly on Hauturu	

### Auckland Threatened Fauna and Flora - Back Up List

Common Name	Threat Ranking	Species	Location	Details	Reason for not including
Pārerā, grey duck	Nationally Critical	Bird	Mainland	The New Zealand grey duck population is believed to be extensively hybridised with introduced mallards to such an extent that few pure grey ducks may now exist, hence its "critical" conservation status.	Functionally extinct because mallard population has taken over
Tara Puka - black billed gull	Nationally Critical	Bird	North Island - Auckland - Kaipara	The black-billed gull has the undesirable status of being the most threatened gull species in the world. The black-billed gull is found only in New Zealand. They are less likely to be found in towns and cities. Though declining overall, the black-billed gull has expanded its breeding range in the North Island in the last few decades, and now breeds as far north as the Kaipara Harbour.	Not being monitored in Auckland
Great Barrier Island kānuka	Nationally Critical	Myrtaceae	Aotea	Tee tree oil. Myrtle Rust threat	
Leafless mistletoe	Nationally Critical	Plant		ative mistletoe populations have declined since the early 1900s mainly due to possums, vegetation clearance, and the decline in native bird species that act as pollinators and seed-dispersers.	
Tauhinu	Nationally Critical	Plant	Tiritiri Matangi	Seven species occur in New Zealand, four of which are endemic. Two species are present on Tiritiri Matangi, both endemic.	
The Mokohinau Stag beetle		Invertebrates	Mokohinau Islands		Difficult to report
Hochstetter's frog <i>Leiopelma hochstetteri</i>		Amphibian	Warkworth	Hochstetter's frogs have been found within plantations and associated indigenous remnants over all parts of their range. The species is usually (but not always) associated with streams and developing tadpoles can be affected by siltation.	

### Auckland Threatened Fauna and Flora - Hauturu CMP List

Common Name	Threat Ranking	Species	Location	Details
Kākāpō	Nationally Critical	Bird	Te -Hauturu-o-Toi	Total of 211 Kakapo alive as at 22 Oct 2019. 13 Kakapo on Hauturu, 8 of these are Females.
Stitchbird (hihi)	Nationally Vulnerable	Bird	Te -Hauturu-o-Toi	
Lepinella teneela	Nationally Vulnerable	Plant	Te -Hauturu-o-Toi	
Dactylanthus ( <i>Dactylanthus taylorii</i> ) pua o te reinga			Te -Hauturu-o-Toi	Since dactylanthus grows underground it is impossible to know the number of plants that exist. However, the distribution and number of plants has declined recently, and there are likely to be only a few thousand remaining.
Red mistletoe ( <i>Peraxilla tetrapetala</i> )			Te -Hauturu-o-Toi	
Blue penguin				No monitoring or population estimates



## REPORT

Meeting Date: 13 November 2019

Prepared By: John Galilee, Statutory Manager

Subject: **CMS implementation monitoring report**

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<b>ACB Strategic Priority and/or the Relevant DOC SOI Goal</b>	Monitoring implementation of the Auckland Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) 2014-2024 is a priority for the Board in its 2016-2017 work programme (Priority 1 refers). The Board has a statutory function to advise the NZCA and the Director-General on the implementation of CMS (section 6M of the Conservation Act 1987 refers).
<b>Recommendation or Action Required</b>	It is recommended that the Conservation Board: a) <b>Note</b> the contents of this report; b) <b>Provide</b> advice to the Department on any implementation matter of interest or concern to the Board.
<b>Context</b>	The Auckland CMS became operative in late 2014. Monitoring and advising the NZCA and the Department on matters related to implementation of the CMS is a key priority for the Board.  The traffic light monitoring report is attached, showing progress towards implementing milestones identified in the CMS.



## Auckland CMS Implementation Monitoring Report - November 2019

Milestones	Description	Status	Progress
<b>Part 1 milestones: Treaty of Waitangi partnerships– Completed end of Year 3 (2017)</b>			
5.1.2.1	Report on the satisfaction of tangata whenua with the Department's activities to assist them to maintain their cultural relationships with taonga on public conservation lands and to implement Treaty of Waitangi settlements.	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ Report not yet prepared and will be submitted in 2020.
<b>Part 1 milestones: Treaty of Waitangi partnerships – Completed end of Year 5 (2019)</b>			
5.1.2.2	Report on the satisfaction of tangata whenua with the Department's activities to assist them to maintain their cultural relationships with taonga on public conservation lands and to implement Treaty of Waitangi settlements.	Unlikely to achieve in time	↓ Report will be submitted in 2020.
<b>Part 1 milestones: The diversity of our natural heritage is maintained and restored– Completed end of Year 3 (2017)</b>			
6.1.2.1	Scheduled outputs identified in approved work programmes for priority ecosystem units identified in the milestones in Part Two and at the following sites: Kohukohunui (Hunuas), Lake Wainamu, the Cascades (Waitakere Ranges) and the Noises Islands. Part Two milestones include those ecosystem units which are being worked on at the time the CMS is approved.	Complete or on track	→
6.1.2.2	Scheduled outputs for nationally threatened and at risk species outside priority ecosystem units for which a work programme is underway: Bryde's whale, copper beard orchid ( <i>Calochilus</i> aff. <i>Herbaceus</i> ), Māui dolphin, kōwhai ngutu-kākā/kakabeak ( <i>Clianthus puniceus</i> ), pirita/green mistletoe ( <i>Ileostylus micranthus</i> ), <i>Leptinella rotundata</i> , native musk, Maori musk ( <i>Mimulus repens</i> ), Parahebe jovellanoideis, kohihi/fireweed ( <i>Senecio scaberulus</i> ), and tuturuatu/shore plover ( <i>Thinornis novaeseelandiae</i> ).	Complete or on track	→
<b>Part 1 milestones: The diversity of our natural heritage is maintained and restored – Completed end of Year 5 (2019)</b>			
6.1.2.4	Report on the number of additional priority ecosystem units that have work programmes implemented.	Unlikely to achieve in time	↓ Report will be submitted in 2020.
6.1.2.5	Scheduled outputs for nationally threatened and at risk species outside priority ecosystem units for which a work programme is underway	Complete or on track	→
6.1.2.6	Collaborative restoration opportunities for ecosystems and threatened and at risk species identified in conjunction with tangata whenua, the community and others.	Complete or on track	→
6.1.2.7	Report on progress towards increases in the number and extent of marine protected areas.	Unlikely to achieve in time	↓ Report will now be submitted in 2020.
<b>Part 1 milestones: Our history is protected and brought to life– Completed end of Year 3 (2017)</b>			
6.2.2.1	Heritage assessments completed and published for all actively managed historic places listed in Appendix 12.	Complete or on track	→
6.2.2.2	Report on the condition of the actively managed historic places listed in Appendix 12.	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ Report will now be submitted in 2020.
<b>Part 1 milestones: Our history is protected and brought to life – Completed end of Year 5 (2019)</b>			
6.2.2.3	Report on the condition of actively managed places listed in Appendix 12.	Unlikely to achieve in time	↓ Report to be submitted in 2020.
6.2.2.4	Report on progress for those sites where connecting people with the historic and cultural heritage is being actively interpreted and promoted	Unlikely to achieve in time	↓ Report to be submitted in 2020.
6.2.2.5	Collaborative historic and cultural heritage restoration opportunities identified on public conservation lands and waters in conjunction with tangata whenua, Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, the community and others.	Unlikely to achieve in time	↓
<b>Part 1 milestones: More people participate in recreation– Completed end of Year 3 (2017)</b>			
6.3.2.1	Report on visitor satisfaction with visits to Icon and Gateway destinations	Complete or on track	→ Report provided to February 2018 meeting.
6.3.2.2	Assessment of Icon and Gateway destinations by an accreditation scheme for excellence in the management of public space completed and achieved.	Redundant	→ Planning for assessments by an accreditation scheme (eg. Green Flag) has not progressed. Since the CMS was approved the Department has moved away from commissioning such external assessments. Operations Managers will consider whether or not to undertake this work as part of their future work planning.
<b>Part 1 milestones: More people participate in recreation – Completed end of Year 5 (2019)</b>			
6.3.2.3	Report on visitor satisfaction with visits to Icon and Gateway destinations	Unlikely to achieve in time	↓ Report will be submitted in 2020.
6.3.2.4	Assessment of the success of Icon and Gateway destinations in increasing the number of people recreating on public conservation land.	Unlikely to achieve in time	↓ Report will be submitted in 2020.
6.3.2.5	Accreditation achieved by 2017 maintained	Redundant	→ See comment above under 6.3.2.2.
<b>Part 1 milestones: More people engage with conservation– Completed end of Year 3 (2017)</b>			
6.4.2.1	Report on outcomes from programmes aimed at increasing engagement in conservation in Auckland including for young people and Māori.	Complete or on track	→ Report provided to May 2018 meeting.
6.4.2.2	Report on outcomes from programmes aimed at increasing the amount of conservation achieved with others in Auckland.	Complete or on track	→ Report provided to May 2018 meeting.
<b>Part 1 milestones: More people engage with conservation – Completed end of Year 5 (2019)</b>			

Milestones	Description	Status	Progress
6.4.2.3	Report on outcomes from programmes aimed at increasing engagement in conservation in Auckland including for young people and Māori.	Unlikely to achieve in time	↓ Report will be submitted in 2020.
6.4.2.4	Report on outcomes from programmes aimed at increasing the amount of conservation achieved with others in Auckland	Unlikely to achieve in time	↓ Report will be submitted in 2020.
<b>Part 1 milestones: Conservation gains from business partnerships – Completed end of Year 3 (2017)</b>			
6.5.2.1	Report on the conservation outcomes achieved due to conservation partnerships with businesses in the area covered by this CMS.	Complete or on track	→ Report provided to May 2018 meeting.
<b>Part 1 milestones: Conservation gains from business partnerships – Completed end of Year 5 (2019)</b>			
6.5.2.2	Report on the conservation outcomes achieved due to conservation partnerships with businesses in the area covered by this CMS	Unlikely to achieve in time	↓ Report will be submitted in 2020.
<b>Milestones for Marine Reserves Place - Completed end of Year 3 (2017)</b>			
9.2.3.1	Report on the effectiveness of compliance and law enforcement in marine reserves.	Complete or on track	→ Report submitted to August 2017 meeting.
9.2.3.2	Report on the implementation of the priority ecosystem unit work programme for Motu Manawa-Pollen Island.	Complete or on track	→ Report submitted to November 2017 meeting.
9.2.3.3	Biological monitoring programme initiated to assess changes to the marine environments within marine reserves.	Complete or on track	→
<b>Milestones for Marine Reserves Place - Completed end of Year 5 (2019)</b>			
9.2.3.4	Report on the effectiveness of compliance and law enforcement in marine reserves.	Unlikely to achieve in time	↓ A pilot to test implementation of the new infringement powers will be undertaken over the 2019/2020 summer.
9.2.3.5	Report on outcomes of biological monitoring programme.	Unlikely to achieve in time	↓
9.2.3.6	Investigation into statutory protection measures for significant habitats and species in the EEZ adjacent to and between sections of the Kermadec Islands Marine Reserve.	Partially complete, or underway with risk	→ The timing and need for an investigation is subject to outcomes from the Kermadecs Ocean Sanctuary proposal.
<b>Milestones for Leigh Reserves Complex (Wakatūwhenua) Place – Completed end of Year 3 (2017)</b>			
10.2.3.1	Initiation of visitor monitoring programme to measure visitor satisfaction and establish the carrying capacity.	Complete or on track	→ A ranger was employed over the summer of 2017/2018. Visitor monitoring was undertaken as part of their work. A ranger was employed over the 18/19 summer and the survey was repeated to obtain more information. Road counters will be installed ahead of summer 19/20 season.
10.2.3.2	Initiation of biological monitoring programme to assess whether the natural character, health and ecosystem functioning of the marine environment has been maintained or improved.	Complete or on track	→
<b>Milestones for Leigh Reserves Complex (Wakatūwhenua) Place – Completed end of Year 5 (2019)</b>			
10.2.3.4	Report on outcomes of the biological and visitor monitoring programmes.	Unlikely to achieve in time	↓ The results are being evaluated by National Office for the visitor monitoring programme. Aiming to complete the biological monitoring programme by end 2019, and report will be provided to Board in 2020. A report has been completed about the monitoring of rock lobster in CROP and Tawharanui Marine Reserves.
<b>Milestones for Te Hauturu-o-Toi/Little Barrier Island Place – Completed end of Year 3 (2017)</b>			
11.2.3.1	Identification of scheduled outputs in approved work programmes for the following priority ecosystem unit within this Place: Te Hauturu-o-Toi/Little Barrier.	Complete or on track	→
11.2.3.2	Preparation and approval of joint conservation management plan with Ngāti Manuhiri and the Auckland Conservation Board.	Complete or on track	→ Completed. CMP approved and became operative on 2 October 2017.
11.2.3.3	Investigation to bring all nature tourism visits under a concession regime.	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ Work on this was deferred until the Hauturu CMP was approved. The Operations Manager will give consideration to undertaking this investigation when planning future work to implement the CMP. Priorities will be discussed with Ngati Manuhiri when we meet with them to discuss and agree on priorities for implementation of the CMP.
11.2.3.4	Initiation of a monitoring programme to assess the environmental impacts of visitation on the resources and values of the island	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ Work on this is was deferred until the Hauturu CMP was approved. The CMP provides additional policy guidance which is relevant to planning a monitoring programme. The Operations Manager will give consideration to undertaking this monitoring when planning future work to implement the CMP in consultation with Ngati Manuhiri.
<b>Milestones for Te Hauturu-o-Toi/Little Barrier Island Place – Completed end of Year 5 (2019)</b>			
11.2.3.5	Report on the outcomes of visitor monitoring programme.	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ See 11.2.3.3 for explanation.
<b>Milestones for Kermadec Islands Place – Completed end of Year 3 (2017)</b>			
12.2.3.1	Identification of scheduled outputs in approved work plans for the following priority ecosystem units located in this Place: Macauley Island and Raoul Island Group.	Complete or on track	→ Myrtle rust was discovered on Raoul Island in March 2017 which is likely to have some impact on the approved work plan into the future.
12.2.3.2	Heritage assessments for actively managed historic sites on Raoul Island.	Complete or on track	→ The myrtle rust discovery may impact on the management of some historic sites (mainly historical trees).
12.2.3.3	Investigation to increase involvement of non-governmental organisations in outcomes for Kermadec Islands.	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ The timing for undertaking an investigation continues to be under review as a result of sensitivities arising from the Kermadecs Ocean Sanctuary proposal.
<b>Milestones for Kermadec Islands Place – Completed end of Year 5 (2019)</b>			

Milestones	Description	Status	Progress
12.2.3.4	Review of plant pest control programme.	Partially complete, or underway with risk	→
<b>Milestones for Mokohinau Islands Place – Completed end of Year 3 (2017)</b>			
13.2.3.1	Scheduled outputs identified in approved work programmes for the following priority ecosystem unit located in this Place: Mokohinau Group.	Complete or on track	→ Quarterly rodent tracking tunnels taking place. "No landing Nature Reserve" signs replaced where missing.
13.2.3.3	Initiation of discussions to secure scenic reserve status for the area of Burgess Island (Pokohinu) administered by Maritime New Zealand.	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ A project team has assessed the existing level of protection on the Maritime New Zealand land and what level of protection is required in the future. Discussions with Maritime New Zealand have not yet been initiated.
13.2.3.4	Review of options to increase protection for Burgess Island (Pokohinu) and implementation of agreed actions.	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ A project team has been established to consider protection needs for Burgess Island. This work is still in progress.
<b>Milestones for Mokohinau Islands Place – Completed end of Year 5 (2019)</b>			
13.2.3.5	Classification of lighthouse reserve on Burgess Island (Pokohinu) as a scenic reserve.	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ A project team has been established to consider protection needs for Burgess Island. This work is still in train.
13.2.3.6	Investigation into the addition of foreshore areas around Burgess Island (Pokohinu).	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ Not started. This will be looked at as part of the broader programme of work around land status.
13.2.3.7	Review of biosecurity monitoring to determine whether natural values on Burgess Island (Pokohinu) are sufficiently protected.	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ Work has been initiated to develop a biosecurity plan for the island. Whether this is sufficient to protect its enhanced values will be considered.
13.2.3.8	Installation of interpretation on Burgess Island (Pokohinu).	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ Not started.
<b>Milestones for Great Barrier Island (Aotea Island) Place – Completed end of Year 3 (2017)</b>			
14.2.3.1	Scheduled outputs identified in approved work programmes for the following priority ecosystem units located in this Place: Mount Young and Northern Great Barrier.	Complete or on track	→
14.2.3.2	Identification of sites for intensive pest management to ensure the recovery and persistence of threatened species.	Complete or on track	→ The Aotea Conservation Park Advisory Committee has identified priority areas for intensive pest control in the park. The Department intends to support the Gt Barrier Local Board's "Ecology Vision" process which has involved a high level of community input.
14.2.3.3	Heritage assessments for all actively managed historic sites on Great Barrier Island.	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ Remaining sites awaiting assessments forwarded to historic technical staff for feedback. New staff have been appointed to the technical team, and a plan will be developed with them to undertake this work.
14.2.3.4	Successful eradication of rats from Rakitu Island.	Complete or on track	→ Bait applications have been completed. Post operation monitoring is underway but no rats have been detected to date.
14.2.3.6	Report on the technical feasibility of returning kōkako to Great Barrier Island.	Complete or on track	→ Completed. Technical feasibility report prepared.
14.2.3.7	Establishment of a monitoring programme to assess the effects of camping activity in Te Paparahi.	Complete or on track	→ Informal monitoring occurring and documented by way of file notes
<b>Milestones for Great Barrier Island (Aotea Island) Place – Completed end of Year 5 (2019)</b>			
14.2.3.8	Return of North Island kōkako to Te Paparahi.	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ A number of complex issues including pest control options will need to be addressed if this is to be achieved. The project has been on hold since the original project manager passed away
14.2.3.9	Sustained control of plant pests that disrupt ecosystem processes and threaten indigenous species in Te Paparahi.	Complete or on track	→ Provision has been made in the business plan for 19/20 to undertake weed work in Te Paparahi.
14.2.3.10	Report on the outcome of monitoring programme on the effects of camping activity in Te Paparahi.	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ Report will now be submitted in 2020.
14.2.3.11	Mountain biking trial on Harataonga Track, with results of monitoring evaluated and decision made on whether mountain biking use will be permanently allowed.	Partially complete, or underway with risk	→ Mountain biking is currently occurring on the track although not as a formal trial. Ongoing monitoring of the existing activity will be undertaken. Discussions will need to be held with Auckland Council as most of the walkway runs over their land.
<b>Milestones for Kaipara Harbour-Te Arai/Pakiri Place – Completed end of Year 3 (2017)</b>			
15.2.3.1	Regulations/bylaws to control motorised vehicle use gazetted.	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ The work required to put regulations and/or bylaws in place will take a number of years to achieve. It will involve working with multiple partners to ensure that whatever DOC does is part of a well co-ordinated strategy. This work is still at an early stage and requires dedicated resource which is not yet in place. This work will extend beyond the end of 2017. In the meantime DOC works with other agencies and partners as opportunities arise, including scheduled compliance work.
15.2.3.2	Opportunities to increase public access to the South Kaipara Air Weapons Range explored with the New Zealand Defence Force.	Partially complete, or underway with risk	→ The Department is working on developing an MOU with the NZ Defence Force about management of the air weapons range. Public access issues will be considered as part of this work. This work is still ongoing.
<b>Milestones for Kaipara Harbour-Te Arai/Pakiri Place – Completed end of Year 5 (2019)</b>			
15.2.3.3	Public conservation land at Papakanui and Okahukura reclassified.	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ The work required to change land classification status takes a number of years to achieve. The priority for this particular reclassification proposal will be determined under a national programme which is under development. Advice from the NZCA and Conservation Boards is being considered as part of this work.

Milestones	Description	Status	Progress
<b>Milestones for Kawau Island Place - Completed end of Year 3 (2017)</b>			
16.2.3.1	Heritage assessments for all actively managed historic sites on Kawau	Complete or on track	→
16.2.3.2	Partial review of the conservation plans	Complete or on track	→ The conservation plans were reviewed as part of the work to develop an issues and options paper for the future management of the site (see 16.2.3.5). The review found that the plans are still relevant and fit for purpose.
16.2.3.4	Consents obtained and planning completed for the logging of old growth pines	Redundant	→ The Department has made a decision to not log the forest, except where individual trees need to be removed for public safety. The main driver for this decision was the estimated cost of restoring and managing the land post-harvest.
16.2.3.5	A 20% increase in visitor numbers to Mansion House Valley since 2012/13	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ The Department has partnered with the Mansion House Foundation to draft an issues and options investigation for the future of Mansion House and its grounds. Visitor numbers are among the matters that this investigation has considered. The draft is completed and now requires iwi consultation before finalising the issues and options paper.
<b>Milestones for Kawau Island Place - Completed end of Year 5 (2019)</b>			
16.2.3.6	Logged areas replanted with indigenous forest and historically appropriate exotic trees.	Redundant	→ See 16.2.3.4.
16.2.3.7	Options for the use of Mansion House identified and implemented.	Complete or on track	→ See 16.2.3.5.
<b>Milestones for Motuora Island Place - Completed end of Year 3 (2017)</b>			
17.2.3.1	Interpretation installed about the history of the island	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ Discussions with iwi about management of the island, including interpretation, has been deferred while Treaty settlement outcomes for the island are worked through.
<b>Milestones for Motuora Island Place - Completed end of Year 5 (2019)</b>			
17.2.3.2	Motuora Island reclassified.	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ Reclassification of the island has not commenced. The Minister's priority for reclassifications is focussed on stewardship land, so reclassifying an existing reserve does not have priority at present.
<b>Milestones for Tiritiri Matangi Island Place – Completed end of Year 3 (2017)</b>			
18.2.3.1	Establishment of monitoring programme to assess the impacts of visitation on the natural values of the island and the quality of the visitor experience.	Partially complete, or underway with risk	→ Plans fell through to employ a summer ranger over 2017/2018 to provide visitor services, who might have been able to undertake visitor monitoring on the island as part of their work. We employed a ranger over the 2018 / 2019 summer.
<b>Milestones for Tiritiri Matangi Island Place – Completed end of Year 5 (2019)</b>			
18.2.3.2	Sustained control of significant plant pests that disrupt restoration processes and threaten indigenous species.	Complete or on track	→
18.2.3.3	Report on the condition of actively conserved historic sites on Tiritiri Matangi.	Unlikely to achieve in time	↓ Report will now be submitted in 2020.
18.2.3.4	Restoration and interpretation of the lighthouse complex.	Complete or on track	→ The Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi have committed a significant amount of resources towards restoring some of the buildings and installing interpretation. A concession has been granted to the Supporters to build a small museum in the historic complex. Resource consents have run into significant obstacles and are currently being addressed by SoTM.
18.2.3.5	Investigation into the need for an additional track between the wharf and the lighthouse complex and decisions made on whether an additional track is required.	Complete or on track	→ Creation of a new track would only be done as a last resort, if crowding was severe on the the existing track network. The Department is not aware of crowding issues at present.
18.2.3.6	Report on the outcomes of visitor monitoring programme	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ See 18.2.3.1. Reort will be submitted in 2020.
<b>Milestones for Motutapu and Rangitoto Islands Place– Completed end of Year 3 (2017)</b>			
19.2.3.1	Scheduled outputs identified in approved work programmes for the following priority ecosystems located in this Place: Rangitoto Island.	Complete or on track	→
19.2.3.2	Assessment of which roads and tracks on Rangitoto and Motutapu Islands may be suitable for concessionaire-guided mountain biking and what conditions of use may be required.	Partially complete, or underway with risk	→ Some assessment has been possible due to the annual DUAL multisport event, under which mountain bikes are permitted on some roads and tracks. Further assessment of suitable roads and tracks will be undertaken as part of preparatory work on the Motu Plan (CMP) when that project commences. A fresh archaeological survey of the island is nearing completion that will also provide information to be considered.
19.2.3.3	Commence preparation of the Tāmaki Makaurau Motu plan	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ Progress is dependant on agreement being reached between the Department, the Board, and the Tupuna Taonga Trust about the project structure and resourcing. The Trust has written to the Department setting out its concerns. The Department has submitted a briefing to the Minister.
<b>Milestones for Motutapu and Rangitoto Islands Place– Completed end of Year 5 (2019)</b>			
19.2.3.5	New multi-day walking experience on the islands delivered in partnership with tangata whenua and others.	Complete or on track	→ The Ngai Tai ki Tamaki Tribal Trust holds a concession to undertake half day guided walks, under the Te Haerenga banner (see www.tehaerenga.nz). While not a multi-day experience, that may be part of a future offering by the iwi.

Milestones	Description	Status	Progress
19.2.3.6	All waterways fenced off.	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ The Department has set aside funding in 18/19 for fencing one waterway. Environmental and management plans for the farm have recently been prepared, and they identify which areas require fencing, and which areas don't require fencing but still need good management of stock over winter months to avoid adverse effects. A programme for the fencing of waterways will need to be agreed with the new farming concessionaire.
19.2.3.7	Investigation into provision of a small scale campground at either McKenzie Bay or Boulder Bay	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ This will be considered as part of the development of the Motu Plan.
19.2.3.8	Approval of Tāmaki Makaurau Motu plan by Auckland Conservation Board and Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau.	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ See 19.2.3.3.
19.2.3.9	Decision on whether or not to allow a concessionaire-guided mountain bike trial.	Partially complete, or underway with risk	→ See 19.2.3.2. A potential concession application is currently under consideration for guided e-biking tours on Rangitoto/Motutapu.
<b>Milestones for Motuihe Island/Te Motu-a-Ihenga Place– Completed end of Year 3 (2017)</b>			
20.2.3.1	Investigation into the condition of the Motuihe wharf and identification of options for its future management.	Complete or on track	→ A review of options for the wharf has been completed. Funding has been secured for repairs, which is out for tender. In the longer term a floating breakwater may be necessary to protect the wharf.
20.2.3.2	Research to understand visitor use and barriers to visitation	Partially complete, or underway with risk	→ Formal research has not been commissioned but anecdotal evidence is that the absence of a regular ferry service is the greatest deterrent for visitors. A trial service was provided by a ferry company over the period 26 Dec 18 - 16 Jan 19 to test demand which proved popular.
20.2.3.3	Commence preparation of the Tāmaki Makaurau motu plan	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ Progress is dependant on agreement being reached between the Department, the Board, and the Tupuna Taonga Trust about the project structure and resourcing. The Trust has written to the Department setting out its concerns. The Department has submitted a briefing to the Minister.
<b>Milestones for Motuihe Island/Te Motu-a-Ihenga Place– Completed end of Year 5 (2019)</b>			
20.2.3.4	Seabird population successfully re-established	Complete or on track	→ The Motuihe Trust has deployed loudspeakers to try and attract seabirds to breed on the island.
20.2.3.5	Visitor centre established in conjunction with the Motuihe Trust or other partners.	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ The Motuihe Trust has been investigating options for a visitor centre for a number of years. The Trust has developed plans for a visitor centre sited at the former Surgeon's Cottage.
20.2.3.6	Report on the outcomes from collaboration with tangata whenua, Auckland Council, the Motuihe Trust and others to investigate opportunities for increasing visitor numbers to Motuihe.	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ Work to investigate options for increasing visitor numbers is likely to be considered in the context of developing the Motu Plan. See 20.3.3.3.
20.2.3.7	Report on outcomes from visitor use programme and management actions identified.	Unlikely to achieve in time	↓ Report will be submitted in 2020.
20.2.3.8	Interpretation installed	Unlikely to achieve in time	↓
20.2.3.9	Approval of Tāmaki Makaurau motu plan by Auckland Conservation Board and Tūpuna Taonga o Tāmaki Makaurau Trust Ltd.	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ See 20.3.3.3.
<b>Milestones for Browns Island (Motukorea) Place– Completed end of Year 3 (2017)</b>			
21.2.3.1	Commence preparation of the Tāmaki Makaurau motu plan.	Redundant	→ The island has been returned to the administration of Auckland Council. As a result the island cannot be included under the Motu Plan (CMP), as different legal provisions for management planning now apply.
<b>Milestones for Browns Island (Motukorea) Place– Completed end of Year 5 (2019)</b>			
21.2.3.2	Approval of Tāmaki Makaurau motu plan by Auckland Conservation Board and Tūpuna Taonga o Tāmaki Makaurau Trust Ltd.	Redundant	→ See 21.2.3.1.
<b>Milestones for Coastal Defence Historic Reserves Place– Completed end of Year 3 (2017)</b>			
22.2.3.1	Report on the quality of the visitor experience provided at Stony Batter Historic Reserve and actions to improve the visitor experience identified.	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ A concession application to provide guided tours and other visitor services at the site has been lodged with the Department. Expectations about the visitor experience were defined in an Expressions of Interest process run by the Department in 2014/2015.
<b>Milestones for Coastal Defence Historic Reserves Place– Completed end of Year 5 (2019)</b>			
22.2.3.2	Implementation of actions to improve the quality of the visitor experience provided at Stony Batter Historic Reserve.	Partially complete, or underway with risk	→ Actions to improve the visitor experience may be delivered if a suitable concession is granted which enables an improved visitor experience. Negotiations are currently underway with a concession application to provide guided tours of Stony Batter
<b>Milestones for Firth of Thames/Tikapa Moana Wetland Place– Completed end of Year 3 (2017)</b>			
23.2.3.1	Three-yearly report on progress and achievements to Ramsar Convention Secretariat.	Complete or on track	→ Completed in 2014. A further report is being currently being prepared by a consultant and will be available in the coming months.

Milestones	Description	Status	Progress
23.2.3.3	The Department's contribution to the implementation of the spartina control programme, and options for saltwater paspalum investigated, in conjunction with Waikato Regional Council	Complete or on track	→ The Hauraki Office has contributed funds to the Spartina control program since 2014. Waikato Regional Council will commit funds in the 2017/18 year for a five year period and commit to a joint eradication plan. The plan will aim to have all Spartina eradicated by 2022/2023.
<b>Milestones for Firth of Thames/Tikapa Moana Wetland Place– Completed end of Year 5 (2019)</b>			
23.2.3.4	Legal status of Miranda Taramaire Government Purpose Wildlife Reserve has been reviewed and changed as appropriate.	Unlikely to achieve in time	↓
23.2.3.5	Report to East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership.	Complete or on track	→
<b>Part 3 milestones: – Completed end of Year 3 (2017)</b>			
24.18.1.1	Stock take of unauthorised private accommodation and related buildings.	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ A partial stocktake has been undertaken, especially for areas around the Kaipara Harbour. A comprehensive stocktake for all public conservation land in the region has not yet been completed.
24.18.1.2	Review of Marine Mammal Tourism Site Plan for Auckland.	Unlikely to achieve in time	→ Work on a review of the Site Plan, which sets out some critical parameters and outcomes for the marine mammal watching industry in the Hauraki Gulf to assist decision makers, has recently been initiated. The work is ongoing.
<b>Part 3 milestones: – Completed end of Year 5 (2019)</b>			
24.18.1.3	Review of mountain biking opportunities available on public conservation land in Auckland.	Unlikely to achieve in time	↓
24.18.1.4	Bylaws and regulations over public conservation lands and waters (including departmental wharves) reviewed	Unlikely to achieve in time	↓

## REPORT

Meeting Date: 13 November 2019

Prepared By: John Galilee, Statutory Manager

Subject: **Conservation Management Strategy milestones – supplementary measures**

<b>ACB Strategic Priority and/or the Relevant DOC SOI Goal</b>	The Board has a statutory function to advise the New Zealand Conservation Authority and the Director-General of Conservation on the implementation of the Auckland Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) 2014-2024 (section 6M Conservation Act 1987 refers). Monitoring the implementation of the CMS is a priority for the Board in its work programme for 2019-2020.
<b>Recommendation or Action Required</b>	It is recommended that the Conservation Board: a) <b>Note</b> the contents of this paper; b) <b>Agree</b> to identify supplementary measures by which to monitor implementation of the Auckland CMS, for those milestones in the CMS that do not provide sufficient detail.
<b>Context</b>	<p>At its meeting on 12 February 2019 the Board agreed to develop indicative (= supplementary) milestones for monitoring the Department's performance across a number of areas, to assist the Board's monitoring of implementation of the CMS. This followed on from the substantive report the Board prepared in 2018 about progress towards implementation of the CMS.</p> <p>The Board has subsequently adopted a set of indicator species to monitor the Department's management of threatened species in the Auckland region, which was the Board's initial priority area of focus.</p>



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Prepared By: John Galilee, Statutory Manager

Subject: **Conservation Management Strategy milestones – supplementary milestones**

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### Background/Introduction

1. Monitoring and advising on the implementation of the Auckland CMS is an important priority for the Board. The Board has a statutory function to advise on the implementation of the CMS, and this forms the legal basis for the Board's role. The Board also represents the interests of Treaty partners and the wider public and monitoring how the CMS is implemented as one way by which the Board can ensure that the "handshake with the community" that the CMS represents is given effect to.
2. The Board has taken an increasing interest in looking beyond the set of milestones that are set out in the CMS. Milestones are designed to identify key pieces of work or activity that together provide a means by which to measure and monitor overall progress towards implementation of the policy objectives of the CMS. However, with experience and the passage of time the Board has identified that a number of the milestones are not "fit for purpose".
3. The Board pointed towards some of the issues it had experienced with the milestones in its substantive report prepared in 2018 reviewing overall progress towards implementing the CMS during the first three years since its approval in 2014.

### Details/Comment

4. There are a number of repeating issues with the existing set of milestones, however many of the milestones remain fit for purpose and continue to provide a useful means for monitoring progress.
5. The Department has worked with the Board's Chair to assess the milestones, initially looking at just the Year 3 and Year 5 milestones. Year 10 milestones will be assessed at a future point.
6. A table is attached which sets out proposed "supplementary milestones" for a number of all Year 3 and Year 5 milestones that are not considered fit for purpose and require additional measures to provide better clarity and purpose, and identify actual tasks that can then be reported against. These will enable the Board to more readily monitor implementation of the relevant policies and outcomes. The new Wellington CMS (2019) was a useful source for the proposed supplementary milestones.
7. The proposed supplementary milestones are set out in the attached table for consideration by the Board.
8. The Board should be mindful that any supplementary milestones will have not have any legal status, as they are not contained in the operative Auckland CMS. If the Board adopts supplementary milestones, that should be framed as being in the context

of setting out specific tasks or measures that will assist with monitoring implementation of the relevant milestone in the statutory document.

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9. A number of the milestones refer to how the Department works with Treaty partners, and these are examples of those milestones where supplementary measures are considered to be necessary.

#### **Conclusion**

10. Identification and adoption of supplementary milestones will serve to address some of the concerns held by the Board about how it can effectively monitor and advise on implementation of the CMS.

#### **Attachment**

1. Table of milestones with proposed supplementary measures **[to be tabled at the meeting]**.

## REPORT

Meeting Date: 13 November 2019

Prepared By: John Galilee, Statutory Manager

Subject: **CMS Milestones reporting timetable**

<p><b>ACB Strategic Priority and/or the Relevant DOC SOI Goal</b></p>	<p>The Board has a statutory function to advise the New Zealand Conservation Authority and the Director-General of Conservation on the implementation of the Auckland Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) 2014-2024 (section 6M Conservation Act 1987 refers). Monitoring the implementation of the CMS is a priority for the Board in its work programme for 2019-2020.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation or Action Required</b></p>	<p>It is recommended that the Conservation Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Note</b> the contents of this report;</li> <li>b) <b>Note</b> the proposed schedule for providing reports where required by Year 5 milestones in the Auckland CMS.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Context</b></p>	<p>Monitoring implementation of the CMS is a key priority for the Board. The CMS contains milestones designed to identify key pieces of work or activity that, if achieved, would mark progress towards implementation of the CMS. Milestones were set for Year 3 (due end 2017), Year 5 (due end 2019) and Year 10 (due end 2024).</p> <p>This report sets out a schedule of reporting to the Board for those Year 5 milestones where the milestone is given effect to by submitting a report to the Board. As with the Year 3 reports, it is proposed to schedule the submission of these across several Board meetings to spread the required work across a reasonable timeframe.</p> <p>The proposed schedule is attached.</p>

<b>Meeting*</b>	<b>Place / function</b>	<b>Year 5 milestone</b>
May 2020	Treaty of Waitangi partnerships	5.1.2.2 report on satisfaction of tangata whenua with the Department's activities to assist them to maintain their cultural relationships with taonga on public conservation lands and to implement Treaty of Waitangi settlements
Feb 2020	Natural heritage	6.1.2.4 report on the number of additional priority ecosystem units that have work programmes implemented
Feb 2020	Natural heritage	6.1.2.7 report on progress towards increases in the number and extent of marine protected areas
August 2020	Our history	6.2.2.1 report on the condition of actively managed places listed in Appendix 12 [of the CMS]
August 2020	History	6.2.2.4 report on progress for those sites where connecting people with historic and cultural heritage is being actively interpreted and promoted
May 2020	Recreation	6.3.2.3 report on visitor satisfaction with visits to Icon and Gateway destinations
May 2020	Engagement	6.4.2.3 report on outcomes from programmes aimed at increasing engagement in conservation in Auckland including for young people and Māori
May 2020	Engagement	6.4.2.4 report on outcomes from programmes aimed at increasing the amount of conservation achieved with others in Auckland
May 2020	Business partnerships	6.5.2.2 report on the conservation outcomes achieved due to conservation partnerships with businesses in the area covered by the CMS
Feb 2020	Marine reserves	9.2.3.4 report on the effectiveness of compliance and law enforcement in marine reserves
Feb 2020	Marine reserves	9.2.3.5 report on outcomes of the biological monitoring programme
Feb 2020	Leigh Reserves Complex (Wakatūwhenua)	10.2.3.4 report on outcomes of the biological monitoring programme
May 2020	Te Hauturu-o-Toi (Little Barrier)	11.2.3.5 report on the outcomes of the visitor monitoring programme

<b>Meeting*</b>	<b>Place / function</b>	<b>Year 5 milestone</b>
May 2020	Great Barrier Island (Aotea)	14.2.3.10 report on outcome of the monitoring programme on the effects of camping activity in Te Paparahi
August 2020	Tiritiri Matangi	18.2.3.3 report on the condition of actively conserved historic sites on Tiritiri Matangi
May 2020 <sup>2</sup>	Tiritiri Matangi	18.2.3.6 report on outcomes of the visitor monitoring programme
May 2020	Motuihe Island (Te Motu-a-Ihenga)	20.2.3.6 report on the outcomes from collaboration with tangata whenua, Auckland Council, the Motuihe Trust and others to investigate opportunities for increasing visitor numbers to Motuihe
May 2020	Motuihe Island (Te Motu-a-Ihenga)	20.2.3.7 report on outcomes from visitor use programme and management actions identified

\*Meeting dates yet to be confirmed so indicative only.



## REPORT

Meeting Date: 13 November 2019

Prepared By: Kirsty Prior, Operations Manager, Tāmaki Makaurau Mainland  
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Scott Antcliff, Operations Manager, Inner Islands

Subject: **Kauri Protection Report**

<b>ACB Strategic Priority and/or the Relevant DOC SOI Goal</b>	The response to kauri dieback is a high strategic priority for the Board (Priority 5 in the Board's work program ' <i>How to protect ecosystems</i> ' for 2019/2020).
<b>Recommendation or Action Required</b>	It is recommended that the Conservation Board: a) <b>Note</b> the contents of this paper.
<b>Context</b>	<p>For some years the Board has identified kauri dieback as an important strategic priority for attention by the Board. The Board has expressed interest in understanding the effects and spread of the disease, new knowledge and science, and in the management responses of agencies. It has also written to key agencies to express its concern about the disease, has sought information from the Department about its management response work, and has visited sites on Aotea/Great Barrier and on the mainland to see how tracks and footwear cleaning stations are being upgraded to mitigate against the further spread of the disease.</p> <p>A comprehensive report was submitted to the November 2018 meeting of the Board in which the Department addressed a series of questions that members had asked in several earlier Board meetings. Members considered that the report responded well to their questions and asked that it be updated by the Department from time to time as new developments arose.</p> <p>At the May 2019 meeting the Board decided that kauri dieback should henceforth be a standing agenda item.</p> <p>The Department has in response brought together information about new developments in the management of kauri dieback that would have normally appeared in the Operations Managers reports. Anything about kauri dieback will now be presented in a stand-alone report, under this standing item.</p>



## REPORT

Meeting Date: 13 November 2019

Prepared By: Kirsty Prior, Operations Manager, Tāmaki Makaurau Mainland  
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Subject: **Kauri Protection Report**

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### **1.1 Action: Department to provide information on the kauri dieback aerial surveillance and soil sampling programme in the Auckland Region.**

The Department has been working together with the Auckland Council Surveillance and Monitoring Biosecurity Unit since Nov 2014, to ensure aerial surveillance of kauri forest areas remains current and informative.

Auckland Council and the Department have had exploratory discussions (only) on 15 October 2019, regarding Auckland Council completing additional aerial transects to specifically capture rural areas in the Auckland Region. With regard to Public Conservation Land (PCL), this would update the available data specifically for the Hunua Ranges, East Waiheke Island and portions of Aotea. The flights are scheduled between November 2019 and June 2020, with the imagery being available to all Program Partners within the following quarter (ie: July – Sept 2020).

While the Department supports this work, it is unable to provide proportional funding for the aerial costs at this stage. DOC is progressing its understanding of the required frequency and aerial monitoring requirements (for example new technologies are currently being researched and trialled such as remote sensing). In the meantime, DOC will focus this summer on completing its priority 1 and priority 2 sites identified from the previous aerial monitoring.

Also, DOC notes that the Council flew Aotea between 10 - 12 June 2019, so the imagery and initial assessments by the DOC Threats team from those flights is anticipated to be available in the last quarter of 2019.

## 1. Regional Report – New items and updates:

The update below applies across all three districts in the Auckland Region.

### 2.1 Status of the Kauri Dieback National Pest Management Plan (NPMP):

The Minister for Biosecurity has approved the Kauri Dieback National Pest Management Plan (NPMP), subject to funding. MPI and DOC sought funding in the National Budget 2019, however it was not successful at that time. Further discussions are underway.

### 2.2 Ministry of Primary Industries Track Specification and Construction Drawings:

The Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) commissioned an independent review of track construction products being used in the Kauri Dieback mitigation works in September 2019. DOC staff contributed to developing the Terms of Reference for this work.

MPI selected a Panel of experts as below:

Name	Area
Kevin Prime	Te Ao Maori / Matauranga Maori - Ngati Hine, Ngati Whatua, Tainui.
Stan Bellgard	Plant Pathology - Landcare Research
Bruce Burns	Forest Ecology and Biodiversity - University of Auckland
Stacy Colyer	Arboricultural - Greenscenenz
Tadeas Mejdr	Structural Engineer - Strukitiva Limited

MPI, the Panel and Auckland Council completed site visits on 24 October 2019 to Goldie's Bush Scenic Reserve managed by DOC, and Zigzag Track managed by Council (both in the Waitakere Ranges), to inspect geoweb and jakmat products in situ, and also discussed other means of achieving track construction which could be fit for purpose.

A Final Report is due from the Independent Panel in November 2019 and will be shared by MPI with the Department's National Office Kauri Program.

### 2.3 Kauri Protection Management Plans for Scenic Reserves:

The concept of Kauri Protection Management Plans for distinct areas within the Auckland Region PCL, was discussed during the consultation phase of MPI's Kauri Dieback National Pest Management Plan in March 2019.

The Department sees these as an appropriate tool to ensure that individual (or abutting) Scenic Reserves are managed in a way which accounts for the individual kauri dieback scenarios which apply to distinct areas of PCL. It is proposed that individual Management Plans would be drafted by the Department, in collaboration with Treaty Partners, adjoining landowners, community interest groups, and other Statutory Bodies (such as Auckland Council) for Scenic Reserves with Kauri stands.

The Plans would take into account factors specific to that land area – meaning whether PA is detected or undetected, levels and the locations of infection, visitor numbers, maintenance requirements, track mitigation, pest management programs and other factors.

Moving towards the development of Kauri Protection Management Plans within each District would also ensure that the Department is acting consistently with the secondary objectives identified in MPI's Kauri Dieback National Pest Management Plan (NPMP), when this is implemented. These aim for the development of Regional implementation models, and more specifically the objectives listed below:

1. *To reduce the spread of kauri dieback*
2. *Maintain kauri dieback-free areas*
3. *To reduce the impact of kauri dieback within infected sites*
4. *Locally eliminate kauri dieback within infected sites*
5. *To protect kauri trees and stands with special values from kauri dieback*
6. *To the extent that kauri forests are protected, facilitate controlled access by people to kauri forests where it does not compromise the future of and/or protection of kauri*
7. *To provide for Māori knowledge, values and approaches to manage kauri dieback disease and prevent its spread*

The Department is assessing Scenic Reserves for the potential for Kauri Protection Management Plans in the following three areas at this early stage:

1. Mainland District      Goldies Bush Scenic Reserve
2. Aotea District        Bushes Beach Scenic Reserve

## **2.4 Mainland District**

Track mitigation will be completed for

- Beverley Price
- Moirs Hill
- Mangatawhiri

Further work is underway to complete Okura Bush Walkway this summer.

## **2.5 Aotea District (Great Barrier Island and outlying islands in proximity)**

As previously advised to the Board in August 2019, track mitigation works on Aotea (Great Barrier Island) occurred in the financial year ending June 2019. This upgraded a lengthy portion of the ridgeline on Palmers Track, with steep sections being replaced with boxed steps and improved culverts and continued improvement to the track surface of Forest Rd.

The track improvement works have continued in the current financial year and will be ongoing through November and December 2019. The tracks being upgraded are listed below:

1. South Fork Track
2. Port Fitzroy: Warrens, Old Lady and Bridle Tracks
3. Tramline Track South
4. Withey Track
5. Maungapiko Track
6. Kiwiriki Track
7. Line W Track
8. Bushes Beach Track

Six Mark I (barrel & grate) hygiene cleaning stations are being replaced with Mark III versions.

## REPORT

Meeting Date: 13 November 2019  
Prepared By: Joanne Ah Young, Board Support Officer  
Subject: **Sub Committee Reports**

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<b>ACB Strategic Priority and/or the Relevant DOC SOI Goal</b>	The Conservation Board represents the community of interest in the work of the Department. A function of the Board is to provide advice to the Department and the NZCA on conservation matters (section 6M of the Conservation Act 1987 refers).
<b>Recommendation or Action Required</b>	It is recommended that the Conservation Board: a) <b>Note</b> the reports from its sub-committees.
<b>Context</b>	<p>This item is an opportunity for the Chairs of each sub-committee to report to the full Board on their work in the period since the last Board meeting.</p> <p>The Board currently has three sub-committees. Their current members are:</p> <p><b><u>Concessions:</u></b> Malcolm Page Robin Taua-Gordon Glenn Wilcox</p> <p><b><u>Communications:</u></b> Fale Lesa Nicola MacDonald Lyn Mayes</p>



## REPORT

Meeting Date: 13 November 2019

Prepared By: Joanne Ah Young, Board Support Officer

Subject: **Confirmation of Correspondence**

<b>INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE</b> since close of Board Meeting 14 August 2019 [13394 - 13406]				
#	Received	From	Topic	Status
13394	12/08/19	Andrew Baucke, Director Operations Auckland, DOC	Partial Reviews of the Conservation General Policy & General Policy for National Parks	Email
13395	23/08/19	DOC, Wildlife Act Authority Fact Sheet	Changes to Wildlife Act Authority Fact Sheet	Email
13396	30/08/19	NZCA	NZCA Meeting Agenda & Papers August Meeting	Email
13397	30/08/19	Ron Hazeldine, Senior SLM Advisor	Land to Vest in Auckland Council for Recreation Reserve at Waterview	Email
13398	09/09/19	Hon Eugenie Sage, Minister of Conservation	Letter of Expectations 2019-2019 (Ministers Office)	Email
13399	11/09/19	Ron Hazeldine, Senior SLM Advisor	Response Letter - Land to Vest in Auckland Council for Recreation Reserve at Waterview	Email
13400	18/09/19	Edward Ellison, NZCA Chair	NZCA Meeting in August 2019	Email
13401	13/09/19	Andrew Baucke, Director Operations Auckland, DOC	Official Information Request	Email
13402	03/10/19	NZCA	NZCA Public Meeting Papers	Email
13403	15/10/19	Edward Ellison, NZCA Chair	NZCA Meeting in October 2019	Email
13404	15/10/19	NZCA	NZCA Public Meeting Minutes – August 2019	Email
13405	15/10/19	Edward Ellison, NZCA Chair	NZCA Chair's letter regarding ACB Annual Report	Email
13406	23/10/19	DOC, National Management Team	Management Planning Team - Work Programme Update	Email

<b>OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE</b> since close of Board Meeting 14 August 2019 [1978 – 1984]				
#	Sent	From / To	Topic	Status
1978	29/08/19	Chair to Resource Consent Submissions Online (HWTP)	Huia Replacement Water Treatment Plant (HWTP)	Emailed
1979	06/09/19	Chair to Ron Hazeldine, Senior SLM Advisor	Application for Waiver of Marginal Strip – NZTA – Waterview Tunnel	Emailed

1980	19/09/19	Chair to Dolphin TMP	Submission on Dolphin Plan	Emailed
1981	19/09/19	Chair to NZ Biodiversity Strategy	Submission on Natural Biodiversity Strategy	Emailed
1982	01/10/19	Chair to John Luke – OIA Requestor	Response Letter to First OIA Request	Emailed
1983	01/10/19	Chair to John Luke – OIA Requestor	Response Letter to Second OIA Request	Emailed
1984	02/10/19	Chair to Hon Eugenie Sage, Minister of Conservation	Response Letter to the Letter of Expectations, Annual Work Programme 2019-2020	Emailed

<b>Recommendation or Action Required</b>	<p>It is recommended that the Conservation Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Note</b> the Inwards Correspondence</li> <li>b) <b>Approve</b> the Outwards Correspondence</li> </ul>
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**From:** [Lyn Mayes](#)  
**To:** [Joanne Ah Young](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Thank you for your submission  
**Date:** Thursday, 29 August 2019 10:55:36 a.m.

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**From:** NotifiedResourceConsentSubmissionOnlineForm@donotreply.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz  
<NotifiedResourceConsentSubmissionOnlineForm@donotreply.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 29 August 2019 10:54 AM  
**To:** Lyn Mayes <lynmayes@madworld.co.nz>  
**Subject:** Thank you for your submission

Thank you for providing your opinion on the notified resource consent for Huia Replacement Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Project.

We have received your submission and will be in contact in due course.

If you have any queries about this request, send an email to  
[CentralRCSubmissions@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:CentralRCSubmissions@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz).

## Details of your submission

### Notified resource consent application details

**Property address:** Huia Replacement Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Project

**Application number:** BUN60339273

**Applicant name:** Watercare Services Limited

**Applicant email:** [Paul.Jones@water.co.nz](mailto:Paul.Jones@water.co.nz)

**Application description:** Watercare Services Limited has applied for regional resource consents and a land use consent under the Resource Management (National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health) Regulations 2011 (NES Soil) for enabling earthworks, vegetation removal and associated activities related to the Huia Replacement Water Treatment Plant (WTP) project. The application relates to three sites owned by Watercare as follows: the Replacement WTP site on the corner of Manuka Road and Woodlands Park Road; a new reservoir located on the northern side of Woodlands Park Road (Reservoir 1); and the existing Huia WTP site (where a second 25 ML reservoir is to be located once the existing Huia WTP has been decommissioned). The application also includes enabling earthworks to provide for the North Harbour 2 watermain valve chamber and tunnelling reception shaft within the Reservoir 1 site. The proposal involves earthworks and vegetation removal, including in a Significant Ecological Area (SEA) overlay, and stream works including the reclamation and diversion of a small length of intermittent stream. Resource consents are also sought for the diversion and discharge of groundwater and stormwater, and the disturbance of potentially contaminated land. The application will be assessed overall as a non-complying activity. The land on which the WTP and reservoirs are located is designated under the Auckland Unitary Plan for 'Water supply purposes – water treatment plants and associated structures' (designation reference 9324 – Huia and Nihotupu Water Treatment

Plants). Works undertaken in accordance with this designation do not require a land use consent (other than in respect of the NES Soil). Therefore land use activities, including the construction of the replacement WTP and reservoirs and associated traffic and noise effects do not form part of this application, and instead will be addressed through an outline plan of works (OPW) that Watercare will submit to Auckland Council as required under section 176A of the RMA in relation to its designation.

## Your contact details

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## Your submission

**This submission:** is neutral regarding the application in whole or in part

**Specify the aspects of the application you are submitting on:**

The Auckland Conservation Board submits its concern that the significant earthworks associated with the WTP poses a risk of spreading Kauri dieback. The ecological impact of Kauri dieback in the Auckland region is a major biosecurity threat.

**What are the reasons for your submission?**

The Tamaki Makaurau – Auckland Conservation Board is an independent statutory body appointed by the Minister for Conservation. It was established by section 6L of the Conservation Act 1987. The Board has the responsibility for overseeing the development and implementation of the conservation management strategy and conservation management plans for its region. As well as providing for interaction between the public and the Department of Conservation at the regional level, the Board also acts as an advocate for the protection of conservation values. Its prime role is to advise the Department, and the New Zealand Conservation Authority (NZCA). The functions of the Board are set out in Sections 6M of the Conservation Act 1987. Under Section 6N of the Act, the Board is conferred the right to appear before courts and tribunals in New Zealand and be heard on matters affecting or relating to the Board's functions. The Board's single remit is to protect and conserve our ecosystems. We work closely with the Department to achieve this however whilst the Department works within its budgetary limits, our role is not to assess competing demands but to focus 100% on the protection of our biodiversity. Kauri dieback is one of the principal threats to our region and the Board receives an update on its impact and steps taken to mitigate its spread at each Board meeting. We are submitting on the consent application by Watercare for the replacement and extension of the Huia Water Treatment Plant to request that the Board is consulted on the mitigation and protocols for Kauri Protection in our rohe.

**What decisions and amendments would you like the council to make?**

We would like Auckland Council to ensure that consultation with the Auckland Conservation Board as a key stakeholder is a project requirement. We wish to be consulted and engaged regarding risks associated with kauri dieback, measures ensuring kauri dieback safety protocols are followed and mitigation strategies.

**Are you a trade competitor of the applicant?** I am not a trade competitor of the applicant.

**Do you want to attend a hearing and speak in support of your submission?** Yes

**If other people make a similar submission I will consider making a joint case with them at the hearing:** Yes

**Supporting information:**

[Go to ourauckland.nz/greenspaces](http://ourauckland.nz/greenspaces) to explore Auckland's green spaces.



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Te Rūnanga Papa Atawhai O Tāmaki Makaurau  
Auckland Conservation Board

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DOC-6064467

6 September 2019

Mr R Hazeldine  
Senior SLM Advisor  
Department of Conservation

**NZ Transport Agency Surplus Property: Land to Vest in Auckland Council for  
Recreation Reserve at Waterview**

Dear Ron

Thank you for your letter dated 1 August 2019 with respect to the request by NZTA for a waiver under sec 24B(1) of The Conservation Act 1987 of the requirement for marginal strips to be laid off on disposition because the land to be disposed to the Council will be reserved for recreation reserve purposes, the same as the land acquired from the Council for road.

We note that the Department has consulted with all 12 Tamaki Makaurau iwi and that they have not responded with any concerns. The Board's concern is that nil response does not equate to nil problems.

We note that The Property Group believes that the land adjoining Oakley Creek meets the test for a marginal strip, but that Auckland Council already owns this land which is reserved for recreation purposes under the Reserves act 1977.

The Board would like to see confirmation from Auckland Council of the ongoing access to the creek noting that the riparian values of the land will be protected through the reserve status of the land under Council ownership.



Lyn Mayes  
**Chair**  
**Auckland Conservation Board**

**CC:**

Members, Auckland Conservation Board  
Andrew Baucke, Director, Department of Conservation

Te Runanga Papa Atawhai O Tāmaki Makaurau  
Auckland Conservation Board

Board File Ref: ACB-LM

19 August 2019

Consultation: Hector's and Māui Dolphin  
Threat Management Plan  
Department of Conservation  
PO Box 10420  
Wellington  
Email: DolphinTMP@doc.govt.nz

**Updated Threat Management Plan for Hector's and Māui dolphins.**

The Auckland Conservation Board has a statutory role in advocating its interests in any public forum or in any statutory planning process. In particular, the Board has a role in the formation and monitoring the implementation of the statutory Conservation Management Strategy for the Auckland Region for the Department of Conservation.

In this regard the Board would like to make the following submission in relation to the consultation on proposals for an updated Threat Management Plan for protecting Hector's and Māui dolphins.

Hector's and Māui dolphins are identified in the Conservation Management Strategy for Auckland as being native wildlife of particular public concern for protection. The plan advocates implementing those measures that will help to ensure the recovery and protection of these two species.

In this regard the Auckland Conservation Board supports those measures outlined in the updated Threat Management Plan for protecting Hector's and Māui dolphins that will deliver the highest level of protection for these two important species.

Yours sincerely  
Lyn Mayes  
**Chair – Auckland Conservation Board**

## Auckland Conservation Board

### DRAFT National Biodiversity Strategy Submission: Te Koiroa o te Koiora

17 September 2019

#### Overview

The draft strategy *Te Koiroa o te Koiora* and action plan summary summarise well Aotearoa's biodiversity crisis. It also summarises the aspirations of mana whenua, community and other stakeholders to restore abundance across all ecosystem types and avoid extinctions, and highlights the need to work collaboratively to an appropriate set of principles to do so, covering human interests, threat management and system level change.

The proposed vision is appropriate, but for the extent of the crisis we face now, 50 years is too long a timeframe. We are awash with diagnoses and vision – Sea Change and Predator Free NZ 2050 are two examples. Implementation is key. The strategy lacks urgency and is not specific enough about the action required. In particular, there is not enough focus on

- targets and actions needed in the short term (5 years)
- defined targets and actions to address the greatest species and ecosystem risks nationally (including marine and freshwater domains)
- defined targets and actions to address damaging land use and behavioural practices in local government, business and the community
- accountabilities for delivery (legislative and non-legislative).

#### The biodiversity crisis needs a strategy that reflects Auckland's unique risks and treasures

Unfortunately, the Auckland region faces a **more acute set of threats to biodiversity and habitat loss** than any other region in Aotearoa. This is due to historic biodiversity loss and habitat degradation across marine, freshwater and terrestrial domains; made worse by increased development, damaging land use practices, population growth, increased urbanisation, reduced tree cover, and worsening climate impacts (including severe weather events, sea level and sea temperature rise and biosecurity risks).

Yet the region is blessed with treasures – some of our most precious island sanctuaries, Tikapa Moana/Te Moana Nui a Toi (a global seabird hotspot), kauri and coastal forests and three unparalleled harbours. A national strategy should recognise these and others and include goals for their protection and restoration.

#### What is missing from the strategy?

In this context, the proposed strategy needs to be reinforced in the following ways to address biodiversity loss in the Auckland region. Note that addressing these gaps will benefit other regions of Aotearoa and many are system level gaps:

1. Highlight the need to **change land use and urban design** to avoid further habitat degradation/loss and to reduce sediment and runoff from deforested land, development and farming into marine and freshwater environments
2. Highlight the importance of **upholding the intent of legislation at the local level** (current and future) to achieve better outcomes for biodiversity. This means ensuring Auckland Council, private landowners and the development sector act collaboratively to change

behaviour and compliance and update planning and regulatory frameworks. These need to move from minimising adverse effects to achieving positive biodiversity outcomes from growth. Iwi rohe plans should also play a role. Local government decision makers will need more support to reflect biodiversity requirements and ensure legislation and NPSs have the intended effect.

3. Increase the **focus on marine environments and biodiversity**, in particular to reduce the impacts of overfishing, sediment/runoff and plastic on the health of the Gulf ahead of increased sea temperatures. Establish targets for marine biodiversity (eg fish species, marine mammals, seabirds, reef, benthic systems, water quality). The State of Our Gulf and Sea Change processes clearly identify the current declines and changes required. Marine threats and goals require more attention in the strategy overall – we are an island nation.
4. Increase the **focus on freshwater biodiversity** – the NPS Freshwater and Auckland Council’s new Water Strategy do not set goals or targets for freshwater biodiversity. This is a gap which should be addressed in this national strategy. Implementing catchment management, within rohe environmental goals, with the intent of reducing cumulative effects and enhancing biodiversity outcomes must form part of this strategy if freshwater biodiversity trends are to reverse.
5. Create an **outcomes and performance framework** with specific measures and targets by species and ecosystem type across domains, which is granular enough to set direction in a region such as Auckland (or any other). There are no regional biodiversity targets for Auckland and without these how can planners and regulators, NGOs or agencies define the actions required at the place (and thereby ecosystem) level to arrest current declines. The framework should include behavioural targets to ensure human and land use impacts which drive biodiversity outcomes can be considered together.
6. Include a **risk based view of NZ’s species and ecosystem problems** and map this spatially to input into regional planning. This is a national strategy but there are hot spots of risk to biodiversity which must by definition be prioritised in order to avoid extinctions. For example in Auckland, seabird and shorebird extinctions due to food supply/plastic/sea temperature and predation effects, loss of some freshwater environments and species, kauri, etc. The short term focus on predator control, community effort and biosecurity is not going to address all the short term risks, especially not in marine or freshwater.
7. Include a specific **focus on individual behaviour and defining expectations** of people living, doing business in and visiting Aotearoa, in relation to biodiversity and natural habitats. The strategy talks about empowering people to connect with nature, but needs to be more explicit about the expectations of behaviour that flow from the principles in the strategy. There are examples of “codes” of behaviour (eg Palau, Hauraki Gulf Treasure Islands, DOC). Changing mindsets and creating social norms that protect biodiversity from human impact are critical in Auckland where more than a third of the population and economic activity occurs.

## Response to Consultation Questions

See online form here: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/biodiversity-consultation>

### **Q1. How well does Part 1 of the Discussion Document set out the problem and consider the challenges and opportunities facing nature now and in the future?**

It covers the key points and these have been well understood for some time. Given the gravity of the situation and our poor international performance, the short term goals are not aggressive enough. In particular, land use change and growth/development are as critical as is biosecurity risk, particularly in the Auckland Region. Seabirds in particular need more safe havens and less fishing pressure in their breeding and feeding areas. There is insufficient attention paid to marine biodiversity in a nation surrounded by the sea. More action, targets and accountabilities need to be included.

Please refer to attached submission document for more detail.

### **Q2. What do you think of the proposed strategy framework? Does it provide a useful way of linking the elements of the strategy together?**

It covers most of the key points. However the framework is not specific about land and resource degrading or reducing habitat as threats, which they clearly are for biodiversity across all three domains – marine, freshwater and land. Climate and pests are not the only threats. The te reo values may need to be translated for non-speakers.

Please refer to attached submission document for more detail.

### **Q3. What do you think of the proposed vision for Aotearoa New Zealand and its timeframe?**

*I definitely would support this vision*

*I probably would support this vision*

*I probably would not support this vision*

*I definitely would not support this vision*

*Please explain your choice*

The vision is good but the timeframe is too long. A 30 year vision is more appropriate and actionable. This timeframe also aligns better with PF2050, and other related strategies and plans.

The detail in this section lacks detail about marine biodiversity. There is also an assumption of economic growth, where economic activity and development may be more applicable terms, given the global outlook.

Does it reflect mana whenua aspirations?

### **Q4. What do you think about the proposed values and principles? Is there anything you would add or change? Which of the values and principles do you think are most important?**

The values are comprehensive and appropriate. However, they require that the strategy elsewhere clearly defines who is meant by “we”. If local government, the development and infrastructure sector and primary industries including fishing and farming are not identified as having a role in the strategy then it will lack impact.

*Add:* an additional principle is needed: “*Delivering action*” -which in turn translates to better biodiversity outcomes

*Change:* Sustainable use is a difficult principle to include if the working assumption is that historic use can continue. By definition, historic use has not been sustainable, which has led us to the current crisis. It follows that there must be some change to the level of use of biodiversity and ecosystems for the vision to be achieved and for adverse outcomes to be avoided.

*The most important principles:* Courage, Indigenous biodiversity, In situ management, Outcomes

***Q5. What do you think about the proposed long-term outcomes? Is there anything you would add or change?***

Add to Whakahou: taking personal responsibility to behave in a way that is “tika” for Aotearoa’s indigenous biodiversity, whether you are in the community, business or government.

Add to Wananga: the way we develop land and cities/towns does not reduce natural habitats or negatively impact biodiversity

Please refer to the attached submission document for more feedback on the need for a specific targets and measures framework.

***Q6. What do you think about the proposed set of goals? What are the most important things to track to measure our progress? What else should be included?***

Please refer to the attached submission document for more feedback on this. In implementation planning, these goals will need to be developed and tested at a local level to identify the right priorities – then rolled to a national picture which has been ground truthed.

For 2025 add:

- Defined goals for changes to and use that can turn around some of the long term habitat declines and removal/modification of habitats
- Specific marine protection targets to provide seed areas for fish stocks and to support long term recovery, coupled with marine biodiversity monitoring and targets
- Targets for the levels of plastic entering key bodies of water – in particular the Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana/Te Moana Nui a Toi
- Freshwater biodiversity targets to prevent local and national extinctions
- Revised sediment, runoff and water quality measures to reflect the reductions required to turn around key ecosystems (such as streams, the three Auckland harbours and the Gulf)
- Targets for changes in public and business perceptions of the biodiversity crisis (it’s not ok) and what is “tika” behaviours.

These should flow through into the subsequent time periods in the strategy.

***Q7. What do you think about the proposed plan for implementation planning? What do you think are the requirements for a governance structure to oversee implementation planning and delivery?***

The timeframes need to match the urgency of the problem. The identification of specific short term targets and actions at the regional level based on existing data and within existing legislation should be included as a discrete first implementation steps. This could be connected to the release of the

draft NPS Biodiversity. It will ensure there is momentum created to support the groundswell of change we are observing in the community now.

Please refer to the attached submission document for more context.

***Q8: What do you think about the proposal for progress reporting and review of the strategy? How do you think this reporting should take place to ensure it is useful, transparent, inclusive, and drives accountability?***

Again, given the crisis, reporting should be more regular and agile than a traditional central government strategy. New mechanisms should be considered. For example, a national biodiversity scorecard with regionally specific and even catchment or place based views, with measure updated annually where practical. There is not enough time left to turn around key species and ecosystems to adopt a “wait and see if it works” reporting mindset.

***Q9: What do you think about the five system shifts? Are they the right areas to focus on in the near term? Are there other areas that should be included?***

Please refer to the attached submission document for more feedback on this.

***Q10: What do you think of this system shift? Getting the system right. Do you agree with the proposed first steps? What other actions should be included?***

This is in practice the most critical shift. Without the back up of local and central government (or “the system”) to ensure damage to biodiversity ecosystems does not continue, the efforts of communities and iwi are stifled and frustrated. The current agencies do not collaborate well at place and there is a place of place based planning and effective management (the Hauraki Gulf is an acute example of this). A mandatory NPS covering marine, freshwater and land biodiversity which all agencies must implement is key.

Place based plans such as catchment plans and rohe plans with place specific goals and targets would be an effective catalyst for change. This supports change at a more granular level than regional biodiversity plans and is potentially a much quicker route to outcomes at place. Such a process requires a focus on outcomes and a collaborative approach between iwi, all agencies, landowners and communities which considers biodiversity risk and value within specific ecosystems (as envisaged in the mountains to sea shift below). The Kaipara case study sets a precedent, yet there is still a proposal to create a landfill in a tributary of this harbour and fishing, growth and agricultural pressure degrading this ecosystem. In Auckland there are very few catchment plans in place and any catchments are in poor health. Many iwi with significant areas of indigenous biodiversity are not well resourced to facilitate rohe based plans. Even on inhabited gulf islands such as Aotea and Waiheke, there are as yet no joined up island plans between agencies, iwi, landowners or the community, setting biodiversity, biosecurity and ecosystem targets. This would improve prioritisation, speed of delivery and effectiveness of investment and should be included in the strategy.

Please refer to the attached submission document for more feedback on this.

***Q11: What do you think of this system shift? Empowering kaitiakitanga and matauranga Maori. Do you agree with the proposed first steps? What other actions should be included?***

Agreed. Each iwi could be supported and resourced to develop a rohe level plan to ensure biodiversity is protected and restored to abundance. In Auckland, where biodiversity loss, degradation of habitats, development pressure and biosecurity risk are all acute, this is particularly

important to support directly. The planning frameworks and regulatory compliance systems must back this up on the ground. Targets should be set in the strategy for completion of these plans and compliance with them within local government activities in the short term 1-3 years, depending on individual iwi circumstances.

***Q12. What do you think of this system shift? Communities are empowered to take action. Do you agree with the proposed first steps? What other actions should be included?***

Agreed. However see attachment for more context. In particular, this shift needs to include the marine environment. Behaviour change and establishment of new social norms should also be explicitly highlighted – otherwise the strategy lacks teeth. There are direct human impacts which are in the control of individuals to change – including sustainable recreational fishing, no take areas for restoration and acceptable behaviour around wildlife eg dogs and vehicles on beaches, protecting indigenous vegetation in urban and growth areas, restoration of waterways and reducing or eliminating the use of plastic. It is important to ensure all people value nature but this on its own will not address harmful behaviours and attitudes.

***Q13 What do you think of this system shift? Connecting ecosystems from the mountain tops to the ocean depths. Do you agree with the proposed first steps? What other actions should be included?***

Agree. In the Auckland region this is particularly important in relation to the health of harbours and the Hauraki Gulf. What is frustrating is the lack of urgency in local and central government to change land use, tackle overfishing and prevent further degradation of marine and freshwater habitats.

Please refer to the attached submission document for more feedback on this.

***Q14. What do you think of this system shift? Innovating for the future. Do you agree with the proposed first steps? What other actions should be included?***

Agree. A national spatial view of ecosystem risk and priorities which combines regional council, DOC and other data views will help define national priorities and top biodiversity risk areas. Within Auckland, this view will be helpful for the development of place-based plans (eg catchment, harbour, rohe or island based). The technology is available to do this, it is a question of collaboration between data holders and potentially the creation of a national body to hold and report on spatial monitoring data.

Marine and coastal areas should be included in this work. The strategy is not specific on marine biodiversity data and it needs to be.

***Q15. Overall, are these the components of an effective strategy? What do you think of the proposals as a package? Is there anything we have missed?***

Overall, yes, but please refer to the attached submission document for detailed feedback on this. In particular the inclusion of marine environments, emphasis on non-climate threats to biodiversity in the framework and throughout, and how targets and compliance will be embedded in local government processes.

***Q16 What do you think a global vision and targets for biodiversity should look like? Are they the same as what is proposed in our national strategy, or should they be different? Are there any other things that should be included in the global framework? How do we make sure that our national strategy aligns with global goals?***

A number of threats to New Zealand's biodiversity come from elsewhere. Climate change is a global threat to all biodiversity but is covered by other strategies. This biodiversity strategy should clearly identify actions which will address those threats and how these will be advocated for in global strategies and the relevant national strategies. For example:

- For pelagic seabirds such as the takoketai/black petrel, what are the specific actions that will ensure that fisheries by catch reduces in the Pacific and Southern Ocean
- For migratory birds (important for the Auckland region with its harbours and Gulf populations) what are the key sites that require protection on migratory routes and in breeding locations. For migratory fish and marine mammals, the issue is similar.
- Engagement with visitors arriving by boat or by air on the "tika" ways of behaving in New Zealand when visiting this place
- Engagement with the business sector on legislation and planning frameworks which require compliance in New Zealand.

A global framework must work bottom up as well as top down. New Zealand is demonstrating intention and goals in this strategy which should be effective elsewhere. However it is for us to protect our own places and biodiversity and for other nations to do the same. The global strategy can aim to:

- Identify risk areas for urgent action and provide a vehicle for effective collaboration – for example on biosecurity and seabird and marine mammal protection
- Establish global commitment at the government level and within regions / key ecosystems
- Establish and seek to enforce global norms for biodiversity management and recovery
- Promote the role of indigenous knowledge and approaches in restoration.



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## *Te Runanga Papa Atawhai o Tāmaki Makaurau*

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DOC-6083959

1<sup>st</sup> October 2019

John Luke

Email: [fyi-request-11179-b961366c@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-11179-b961366c@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear John

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, dated 9 September 2019. On 13 September 2019 under section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982 the Department transferred your request to the Auckland Conservation Board. You requested the following:

- 1. How many resource consent meetings, pre-hearing meetings and resource consent hearings that Auckland Conservation Board members has been present in the past 3 years.*
- 2. In the past 3 years, apart from the Auckland Conservation Board meetings and field trips, what are the other advisory activities, public meetings or any similar meetings that the Board has physically participated in (rather than provided a paper submission).*
- 3. In the past 3 years has the Board taken any inspection visits.*

By way of additional context for my responses below, I have only listed meetings at which the Board was represented by members formally acting as representatives of the Board. Board members also attend various meetings when undertaking their employed, contracted or volunteer roles, and may report on these at Board meetings. Such meetings are not however included in the following responses as the Board members were not attending those meetings as formal representatives of the Board. The Board has a process for the declaration of any conflicts of interest, so any such conflicts between roles can be managed.

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

- 1. How many resource consent meetings, pre-hearing meetings and resource consent hearings that Auckland Conservation Board members has been present in the past 3 years.*

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Auckland Conservation Board members have attended the following meetings and hearings during the period October 2016 to September 2019. Note that not all Board members attended these hearings or meetings, and in all cases the Board was represented only by one or a few members.

1 November 2018	Pre-hearing meeting with representatives of Coastal Resources Ltd. concerning a consent application to dump marine dredgings.
19 November 2018	Expert witness conference concerning a consent application lodged by Coastal Resources Ltd. to dump marine dredgings.
30 November 2018	Hearing concerning a consent application lodged by Coastal Resources Ltd. to dump marine dredgings.
27 August 2019	Meeting with representatives of Watercare Services concerning a consent application to replace the Huia Water Treatment Plant.
30 April 2019	Pre-application meeting with representatives of the New Zealand Transport Agency to discuss the proposed Warkworth to Wellsford motorway extension.
29 July 2019	Pre-application meeting with representatives of the New Zealand Transport Agency to discuss the proposed Warkworth to Wellsford motorway extension.

2. *In the past 3 years, apart from the Auckland Conservation Board meetings and field trips, what are the other advisory activities, public meetings or any similar meetings that the Board has physically participated in (rather than provided a paper submission).*

Auckland Conservation Board members have attended the following meetings during the period October 2016 to September 2019. Note that not all Board members attended these meetings, and in all cases the Board was represented only by one or a few members.

October 2016 to August 2017	Various meetings with Ngāti Manuhiri and the Department of Conservation concerning the preparation and approval of the Hauturu/Little Barrier Conservation Management Plan.
16 January 2017	Meeting with Councillor Mike Lee concerning the wreck of the RMS "Niagara".
24 October 2017	Meeting about a funding bid to undertake some initial work towards a Pest Free Aotea/Great Barrier with the Aotea Conservation Park Advisory Committee and Great Barrier Local Board.
11 February 2019	Workshop with the Aotea Conservation Park Advisory Committee.
3 July 2019	Meeting with Councillor Penny Hulse, Okura Great Park Society and Auckland Council staff concerning sediment in the Okura River estuary and the Long Bay–Okura Marine Reserve.

3. *In the past 3 years has the Board taken any inspection visits.*

Auckland Conservation Board members have undertaken inspection visits to the following locations during the period October 2016 to September 2019. Note that not all Board members attended all of these inspection visits, and in some cases the Board was represented only by one or a few members.

The Board will often combine its regular meetings with a short field visit to a location, which assist members to better understand the nature of the conservation issues at those places. These combined events are asterisked in the list below.

16 November 2016	Pūkoro/Miranda wildlife refuge*
15 February 2017	Te Wao Nui precinct Auckland Zoo*
11 April 2017	Great Barrier Island in association with Aotea Conservation Park Advisory Committee*
31 May 2017	Kawau Island Historic Reserve*
16 August 2017	Long Bay Marine Reserve*
15 November 2017	South Kaipara Head*
29 January 2018	Okura Estuary Scenic Reserve
14 February 2018	Motutapu Island*
16 May 2018	Captive breeding facilities Auckland Zoo*
25 June 2018	Albany Scenic Reserve, Weiti development, Shakespear Regional Park in association with the New Zealand Conservation Authority
8 August 2018	Auckland University's Marine Discovery Centre and laboratory at Leigh*
14 November 2018	Stony Batter Historic Reserve (located on Waiheke Island)*
12 February 2019	Great Barrier Island*
15 May 2019	Threatened plants section of Auckland Botanic Gardens*
14 August 2019	Captive breeding facilities Auckland Zoo*

The Board has an upcoming field visit to Tiritiri Matangi Island on 23 October 2019.

If you wish to discuss anything in this response with the Conservation Board, please contact me through the Board's Support Officer by emailing [jahyoung@doc.govt.nz](mailto:jahyoung@doc.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

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Lyn Mayes  
Chair  
Auckland Conservation Board

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# AUCKLAND CONSERVATION BOARD

## *Te Runanga Papa Atawhai o Tāmaki Makaurau*

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DOC-6092217

10 October 2019

John Luke

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Dear Mr Luke

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Auckland Conservation Board, dated 27 September 2019. You requested the following (with wording slightly amended for clarity):

- 1. How many similar events to the Auckland Mayoral Conservation Awards has the Auckland Conservation Board Chair or members attended in the last three years?*
- 2. In the past three years how many engagements has the Auckland Conservation Board had with iwi, mana whenua, community and volunteer groups?*
- 3. Has the Auckland Conservation Board taken any effort to enhance low attendance at the Public Forum part of each Board meeting? What sort of point of connection has the Board made or represented?*
- 4. Has the Auckland Conservation Board taken effort to engage any other ethnic groups beside the iwi? Any community event in the past three years that the Board has attended or any effort the Board has taken to get more attraction from the ethnic community (non-iwi)?*

By way of context for my response the questions you have raised concerning how the Conservation Board engages with the community are ones that the Board has itself considered and discussed at several of its meetings in recent years. The Board has a relatively limited budget, so we are constrained in the amount of proactive engagement we can attempt. Board members also nearly all work full time and have other commitments, so the time available from individual members to support proactive engagement is also limited.

The Board has made efforts to engage more broadly as I have explained below, but to date the limited steps we have taken have not necessarily resulted in increased engagement by the community with the Board.

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The Board does have a Communications Sub-committee, and that Sub-committee will continue to work on how the Board can engage with a wider spectrum of Auckland's large and diverse communities.

As I advised you in my letter dated 1 October 2019, in response to your earlier Official Information Act request, Board members will also often attend events and engage with the community when undertaking their employed, contracted or volunteer roles. While they attend these in other capacities, members may report on such events and engagement at Board meetings.

Note that not all Board members attended the events and engagements identified in my responses below, and in some cases the Board was represented only by one or a few members.

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

1. *How many similar events to the Auckland Mayoral Conservation Awards has the Auckland Conservation Board Chair or members attended in the last three years?*

The Auckland Conservation Board Chair and members have attended the following events that are similar to the Auckland Mayoral Conservation Awards during the period October 2016 to October 2019.

All Conservation Boards are seeking increased opportunities to attend or speak at such events to raise their profile and build awareness of what Board's do and how members of the community might connect with Boards.

9 November 2017	Event to mark approval of the Hauturu/Little Barrier Conservation Management Plan hosted by Ngāti Manuhiri.
19 October 2017	Annual Conservation Week function for associates of the Department of Conservation.
17 September 2018	Annual Conservation Week function for associates of the Department of Conservation.
23 January 2019	Event to mark signing of a Conservation Relationship Agreement between the Department of Conservation and Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki.
16 September 2019	Annual Conservation Week function for associates of the Department of Conservation.

2. *In the past three years how many engagements has the Auckland Conservation Board had with iwi, mana whenua, community and volunteer groups?*

The Auckland Conservation Board has had the following engagement with iwi and mana whenua, and community and volunteer groups, during the period October 2016 to October 2019.

Some of this engagement has been in association with the regular meetings of the Board, where the Board has invited representatives of iwi or community groups to speak to the Board or join with it during a field inspection when the Board has combined an inspection visit with a meeting. Engagement as part of such meetings is asterisked in the list below.

October 2016 to August 2017	Various meetings with representatives of Ngāti Manuhiri (concerning the preparation and approval of the Hauturu/Little Barrier Conservation Management Plan)
16 November 2016	Pūkoro Mirando Naturalists' Trust representative*
31 May 2017	Kawau Island Advisory Committee representative*
16 August 2017	Ngāti Manuhiri representatives*
15 November 2017	Ngāti Whatua o Kaipara representative and North-West Wildlink representative*
14 February 2018	Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki representative, Motutapu Restoration Trust representatives, and Rangitoto Island Historic Conservation Trust representative*
16 May 2018	Long Bay Okura Great Park Society representatives and Kiwi for Kiwis representative*
25 June 2018	Ngāti Manuhiri representative spoke to a combined group of the New Zealand Conservation Authority and the Board
8 August 2018	Ngāti Manuhiri representatives*
14 November 2018	Ngāti Paoa representative and Waiheke Resources Trust representative*

3. *Has the Auckland Conservation Board taken any effort to enhance low attendance at the Public Forum part of each Board meeting? What sort of point of connection has the Board made or represented?*

The Auckland Conservation Board has recognised that in recent years there has been low attendance at the public forum part of its regular meetings. This has been discussed at several of its meetings, as part of the wider discussions about how the Board engages with the community I referred to in the context for my response set out above.

A number of presenters in the public forum part of each meeting have been as a result of requests to speak to the Board. Some have been related to a particular issue that those speakers wished to bring to the attention of the Board or on which they wished to seek the Board's views.

The Board has taken some steps to try and encourage greater engagement with the community, including posting information about its meetings on the Board's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/auckconservationboard/>), and on the Neighbourly app. Postings to the latter app are undertaken by Board members who have joined that app and live or work in locations where we plan to hold our meetings.

The Board has also proactively invited representatives of iwi or community groups to speak to the Board as part of its meetings. A number of those iwi and community group representatives identified in my response to Question 2 above spoke to the Board as a result of proactive invitations.

The Board also contributes several times a year to the "Conservation Boards newsletter" which is compiled by the Department of Conservation's central support team for statutory bodies. This is sent to all those who subscribe and provides a channel for communicating about the Board's activities to the wider public. Past newsletters and a link to subscribe to future issues can be viewed at this webpage: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/news/newsletters/conservation-boards-newsletter/>.

I also note that Board members are expected to engage with their friends, associates and communities in the course of their work and activities between Board meetings, so they can be more fully informed about conservation issues that are important to the community and give added depth to their contributions at Board meetings. This expectation is set out in the "Code of Practise for Conservation Boards" (2015) that is available to view on this webpage as a linked document: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/about-us/statutory-and-advisory-bodies/conservation-boards/what-conservation-boards-do/>.

The Code of Practise also encourages Boards to hold their meetings in different parts of their regions to encourage engagement with communities. As I advised in my response to your earlier Official Information Act request, the Board has met in a variety of different locations across our region in the three-year period October 2016 to September 2019.

4. *Has the Auckland Conservation Board taken effort to engage any other ethnic groups beside the iwi? Any community event in the past three years that the Board has attended or any effort the Board has taken to get more attraction from the ethnic community (non-iwi)?*

How the Board might engage with Auckland's diverse ethnic communities has also been discussed at several of our regular meetings. As Auckland is considered to be among the world's most "super diverse" cities, this presents the Board with a real challenge.

In my response to Question 3 above I have identified some of the ways by which the Board has tried to build greater engagement with the various communities of the Auckland region. The issues I discussed above, and the actions taken by the Board to build greater engagement, are also pertinent to this question.

In addition, I also note that the Board has had members appointed to it from different ethnicities, including on the current Board. While those individuals cannot possibly

represent a whole community, and are not expected to, they nevertheless bring their unique cultural context to the Board's discussions and can bring to Board business the perspective of their friends and associates with whom they might engage in between meetings. The list of current Board members along with a short bio for each can be viewed on this webpage: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/about-us/statutory-and-advisory-bodies/conservation-boards/auckland/board-members/>.

The Board is currently working with the Department to identify ways by which it might engage with one of Auckland largest ethnic groups, the Chinese community. This work is still in the very early stages of discussion, but the Board is taking a lead from the Department of Conservation which has undertaken some new initiatives over the past year to engage with that particular community.

If you wish to discuss anything in this response with the Conservation Board, please contact me through the Board's Support Officer by emailing jahyoung@doc.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lyn Mayes', written in a cursive style.

Lyn Mayes  
Chair  
Auckland Conservation Board

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# AUCKLAND CONSERVATION BOARD

## *Te Runanga Papa Atawhai o Tāmaki Makaurau*

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27 September 2019

Hon Eugenie Sage  
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Tēnā koe Minister

### **Auckland Conservation Board Annual Work Plan**

Thank you for your letter received 5 September 2019 in which you outlined your expectations of the Conservation Boards for the 2019/2020 year. We would also like to thank you for attending our August hui and the opportunity to discuss the progress the Auckland Conservation Board has made towards delivering the commitments in our work programme as well as the challenges which we face.

As discussed with you at our August meeting, we have aligned our priorities with those you identified in 2018 and have established Working Groups to ensure that we are managing each priority. We report on progress in our Annual Report for the 2018/2019 financial year.

We have amplified our work programme to incorporate the fundamental priorities which you have outlined in your letter of expectation for the 2019/2020 year.

As part of the Board's CMS review conducted in 2018, our Board also identified that the Department needs to do more work to gather information about its relationships and work with tangata whenua and that we need to enhance our relationships with Treaty Partners. I have asked the Department and Pou Tairangahau to support Board training commencing with a one day workshop to help Board members understanding of Tikanga Māori and to provide practical guidance, for example in giving a mihi.

However, the major challenge for us in strengthening our relationships with iwi partners is the failure to meet the statutory timeframes of the Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau Collective Redress Act 2014 to deliver the Motu Conservation Management Plan. If work on the Plan commences, we will be working with 13 iwi who were party to the collective settlement.

The Board will continue to work with the Department to develop supplementary performance measures to better assess some aspects of implementation of the CMS, where the existing milestones do not adequately provide the information we are seeking. This is already incorporated into our work programme.

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Further to discussion at the Board Chairs' Conference and your expectation of a strong working relationship between the Department and the Board, I can confirm that I meet on a regular/ monthly basis with the Auckland Operations Director Andrew Baucke and on a weekly basis with John Galilee, Statutory Manager and Joanne Ah Young, Board Support Officer. The Board receives a weekly Conservation Board pack by email. We find that this level of activity helps us understand the operational conservation delivery by the Department so the Board can focus on providing strategic advice.

The Board has noted your expectation that it meets six times each year. As I raised with you when you attended our meeting on 14 August, we intend to continue to hold four formal meetings each year plus hold workshops on specific subjects during the year as the need arises. We also intend to undertake at least one additional field visit, with the first planned for 23 October to Tiritiri Matangi island.

I am pleased to attach a copy of our 2019 Annual Report, and our 2019/2020 work programme.

Nāku noa, nā



Lyn Mayes  
**Chair**  
**Auckland Conservation Board**

**CC:**

Members, Auckland Conservation Board  
Andrew Baucke, Director, Department of Conservation  
NZCA

## Auckland Conservation Board: July 2019 - June 2020 Work Programme

	Priorities	Strategies / Actions	Milestones / Performance Indicators
1	<b>Address the predator crisis and New Zealand's declining indigenous biodiversity particularly through landscape scale predator control.</b>	<p>Support predator-free programme in Auckland region. Develop communications plan for promoting Predator Free – make predator free real and understandable for Aucklanders</p> <p>Continually monitor threatened species in Auckland region including New Zealand fairy tern, takahe and kākāpō. Report on 2018/2019 status of threatened species in the region and agree action programme with DOC including management of “predator threats” (dogs, stoats, possums, pigs etc)</p>	<p><b>Communications Plan active</b></p> <p><b>Board to release a report with its overview of progress with the management of critically threatened species in the Auckland region</b></p>
2	<b>Improve the enhancement and restoration of freshwater habitats and the protection of indigenous freshwater fish</b>	<p>Commission/ request full assessment of stream and lake ecology across Auckland Council and DOC estate including a stock take of native fish levels.</p>	<p><b>Board to report on the state of native freshwater fish species in Auckland, and whether further measures to protect and restore their populations are required in Auckland</b></p>
3	<b>How to enhance and regenerate marine habitats and ecosystems and reduce bycatch of protected species</b>	<p>Based on review of existing CMS milestones, Board needs to develop a strategic plan or pathway to reverse a decline in species. Milestones need to measure success.</p> <p>Ensure that our marine reserves and conservation land are not compromised by the rapid housing development and construction taking place in the Auckland region.</p> <p>Continue to seek progress with the marine protection measures proposed to government agencies, including DOC, through the Sea Change process.</p>	<p><b>Board to develop supplementary performance measures to better assess performance against CMS.</b></p> <p><b>Board advocacy to include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Submit on applications which threaten our marine places</b></li> <li>• <b>Media strategy</b></li> <li>• <b>Advocate to Government</b></li> </ul>

		<p>Continue to seek action to address the threat of oil from the RMS Niagara shipwreck.</p> <p>Support and promote initiatives to protect marine mammals including Māui dolphin and Bryde's whale.</p>	
4	<b>Enhance relationships with Treaty Partners</b>	<p>Based on review of existing CMS milestones, develop new milestones which reflect the range of CMS Objectives and incorporate protection of cultural and historical resources and heritage</p> <p>Advocate for progress on the CMP for the inner motu islands of the Hauraki Gulf.</p> <p>Continue to work with Ngāti Manuhiri to deliver the Hauturu-o-Toi / Little Barrier Island CMP.</p>	<p><b>Board to hui – tikanga Maori; Board's role in giving effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.</b></p> <p><b>Board to develop supplementary performance measures to better assess performance against CMS milestones which also reflect the journey and the resourcing issues</b></p> <p><b>Work on the Motu Plan has commenced.</b></p> <p><b>At least one meeting held with Ngāti Manuhiri about implementation of the Hauturu CMP.</b></p>
5	<b>How to protect ecosystems</b>	<p>Prioritise an acceleration programme for research and investigation into kauri dieback disease and how its spread might be contained in the Auckland region, where there is the largest estate of kauri.</p> <p>Ensure oversight of DOC and Council plans for kauri dieback management by seeking regular reports from the agencies monitoring their progress.</p>	<p><b>Board to develop new supplementary performance measures to better assess performance against CMS milestones which relate specifically to ecosystems, with measurable milestones. The CMS needs to reflect the importance of</b></p>

		Ensure there is an appropriate strategy to address myrtle rust and other diseases impacting native flora.	<b>Auckland Council's role in conservation.</b>  <b>Board assessment of the effectiveness of kauri dieback management in the region.</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Ensure more people connect with and appreciate nature</b>	Work with iwi and hapu, council, NGOs and other organisations to empower people to work alongside the department to ensure that indigenous plants and wildlife thrive and their habitats restored and regenerated.  Promote recreational benefits of conservation	<b>Board to develop new supplementary performance measures to better assess performance against CMS milestones which relate specifically to visitor satisfaction and connection with conservation with measurable milestones.</b>

Underlying these priorities, the Auckland Conservation Board also wishes to progress:

- Raising the profile of the Board by commenting on key issues impacting the Auckland region;



## REPORT

Meeting Date: 13 November 2019

Prepared By: Joanne Ah Young, Board Support Officer

Subject: **Financial report**

### **Auckland Conservation Board**

**Report 4 months to October 2019**     **30 June 2020**

<b><u>Heading</u></b>	<b><u>Actual YTD</u></b>	<b><u>Budget YTD</u></b>	<b><u>Variance</u></b>	<b><u>Full Year Budget</u></b>
Board fees	3,811	8,667	4,856	26,000
Advocacy Fees	137	0	(137)	0
Consultancy and Professional Services	0	0	0	0
Travel and Accommodation	29	2,000	1,971	6,000
Hospitality and events	1,321	1,000	(321)	3,000
Printing & Publication	1,171	0	(1,171)	0
Education/Training	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,469</b>	<b>11,667</b>	<b>5,198</b>	<b>35,000</b>



## **REPORT**

Meeting Date: 13 November 2019  
Prepared By: Joanne Ah Young, Board Support Officer  
Subject: **Calendar of events / record of activities**

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### **November 2019**

13 – Auckland Conservation Board meeting

### **December 2019**

5 – International Volunteer Day  
11 – International Mountains Day

### **February 2020**

26 TBC – Joint Board Meeting with Waikato Conservation Board – Focus on Marine Space

### **April 2020**

TBC – Hauraki Gulf Island – Field Trip (Inspection Rangitoto or Motuora – Early April)

### **June 2020**

TBC – Auckland Conservation Board Meeting

### **August 2020**

TBC – Auckland Conservation Board Meeting

### **November 2020**

TBC – Auckland Conservation Board Meeting



## REPORT

Meeting Date: 13 November 2019

Prepared By: Joanne Ah Young, Board Support Officer

Subject: **Dates and venues for upcoming Board meetings**

The schedule for 2019 meeting dates was originally agreed at the August 2018 meeting and was prepared in consultation with the meeting schedules for the Aotea Conservation Park Advisory Committee (ACPAC) and the Hauraki Gulf Forum to avoid conflicts.

At its February 2019 meeting the Board agreed on the potential meeting venues set out below.

### Schedule for Auckland Conservation Board meetings 2019 (as agreed Feb 2019)

Day	Date	Meeting Venue
Wednesday	13 November	Arataki Visitor Centre, Waitakere Ranges

On 18 June 2019 the Minister of Conservation wrote to all Conservation Boards setting out her expectation that every Board meet at least six times per year to improve their effectiveness. The Minister met with the Board during its 14 August 2019 meeting, and concurred with the Board's proposal to continue to hold 4 public meetings, plus workshops and field trips each year.

A proposed meeting schedule follows with suggested months for the 4 public meetings. The Chair will confirm with members dates and venues for the 2020 year.

Members are also reminded that it has been suggested that the Board could hold a joint meeting with the Waikato Conservation Board in February 2020, potentially at Pūkoro/Miranda.

### Proposed schedule for Auckland Conservation Board meetings 2020

Day	Date	Meeting Venue
Wednesday	February 2020	Pūkoro/Miranda – joint meeting with Waikato Conservation Board. To be confirmed
Wednesday	June 2020	To be confirmed
Wednesday	August 2020	To be confirmed
Wednesday	November 2020	To be confirmed



## REPORT

Meeting Date: 13 November 2019  
Prepared By: John Galilee, Statutory Manager  
Subject: **Auckland Council Presentation**

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<b>ACB Strategic Priority and/or the Relevant DOC SOI Goal</b>	The Board has a statutory function to advise the NZCA and the Director-General on the implementation of the Auckland Conservation Management Strategy 2014-2024 (section 6M Conservation Act refers). Addressing the predator crisis and New Zealand's declining biodiversity in the Auckland Region and agreeing on an action programme with DOC is a priority for the Board in 2019/2020 (Priority 1 refers). How to protect ecosystems is also a priority for the Board in 2019/2020 (Priority 5 refers).
<b>Recommendation or Action Required</b>	It is recommended that the Conservation Board: a) <b>Note</b> the presentations that will be made by Auckland Council representatives (one of which is yet to be confirmed as at the date of writing this report).
<b>Context</b>	Auckland Council representatives have been invited to speak to the Board as follows: <b>Brett Butland</b> will speak to the Board about the Council's Pest Free Auckland programme which he leads. <b>Mace Ward</b> will speak to the Board about the Council's response to kauri dieback (to be confirmed).