

TE HIKU O TE IKA CONSERVATION BOARD

Annual Report

1 July 2019 - 30 June 2020

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Front Page: Left to Right: Peter Furze-Community Member, Meirene Hardy-Birch-Operations Manager, Kaitaia, Chris Jenkins-Co-Chair, Gideon Porter-Community Member, Hon. Eugenie Sage, Mike Finlayson-Community Member, Waikarete Gregory-Te Rarawa Iwi Board Member

Absent: Sheridan Waitai-Ngati-Kuri, Rangitane Marsden-NgaiTakoto, Sonny Christie-Te Aupouri

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1. Chairperson's Report

The Board welcomed two new members. Gideon Porter a new community representative and Waikarere Gregory a new representative for Te Rarawa. Both settled in quickly, were able to contribute to meetings and proved to be hard working and effective members of the Board.

Sadly, the Board lost Rangitane Marsden, the representative from NgaiTakoto during the year. Rangitane who stood down for personal reasons was a key member of the treaty negotiation team for NgaiTakoto and was able to ensure the Board kept a focus on Iwi expectations arising from treaty settlements. His role is to be filled by Te Runanga O NgaiTakoto Chairman Wallace Rivers.

During the year, the Board continued to focus on encouraging and commenting on the development of the Te Hiku o Te Ika Conservation Management Strategy (the CMS). The CMS is a critical document for both Te Hiku Iwi and the Department and the need to draft eh document is prescribed in four of the Te Hiku Settlement Acts. The CMS has the potential to be a key element of developing a successful long-term trusting relationship between the crown (DOC) and Te Hiku Iwi.

It appeared that at long last, good progress was being made on drafting this critical document after several years of false starts. It however stopped, when unbeknown to the Board the planner assigned to the task was reassigned to another role and no alternative planner was identified. The Board, yet again, expressed its frustration at the delays and problems this created and made further suggestions on how the Department could resolve this problem and get the CMS drafting back on track. The Board also reminded the Department that it was now well past the deadline in settlement legislation to draft the CMS.

The Board has a key role in encouraging community input into the preparation of the CMS and if the CMS is completed, sharing its findings on how the CMS is being implemented. The Board recognized it needed to improve communication to achieve these objectives. As a result, the Board commissioned work on developing and implementing a communication plan.

The Board has valued attendance of NZCA representative Nicole Anderson. Nicole has provided insights into conservation issues outside Te Hiku rohe and has also been able to participate in discussions on challenges the Board faces.

The Board was pleased to welcome members of the public who attended a number of meetings and we heard their issues of concern. In a couple of cases the issue related to requests for assistance with privately run conservation programmes. Through these discussions the Board became aware that one of the problems the group faced was the difficulty in filling out the application forms for funding. The Board worked with the Department to provide assistance for these groups.

Nga mihi nui

Chris Jenkins
Chair – Te Hiku O Te Ika Conservation Board

2. Introduction

This is the fourth Te Hiku o Te Ika Conservation Board (“the Board”) Annual Report as required under Section 6 of the Conservation Act 1987.

The Board consists of eight members for the 2019-2020 year appointed by the Minister of Conservation. Three members were re-appointed under the terms of the Conservation Act 1987 (being Chris Jenkins, Mike Finlayson, and Peter Furze). Gideon Porter was appointed as a community member effective 1 July 2019. Two Iwi members were also re-appointed under the terms of s82 of the Claims Settlement Acts 2015 (Rangitane Marsden and Sheridan Waitai), Sonny Christie from Te Aupouri was appointed 1 July 2018 and Waikarere Gregory from Te Rarawa was newly appointed on 1 July 2019 by the Minister.

Conservation Boards are independent bodies, established by statute. The Board established under the Settlement legislation is an important component of the He Korowai area and represents Iwi, the community and offers interaction between communities and the Department of Conservation, within the area of jurisdiction of the Board.

The Board has several statutory roles under various Acts including:

- ❖ The recommendation of a Te Hiku o Te Ika Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) to the New Zealand Conservation Authority (NZCA) for approval
- ❖ Acknowledge Iwi Waahi tapu and cultural materials plans and give effect to these as appropriate
- ❖ Advising the Department of Conservation and the NZCA on how conservation management strategies and plans will be put into practice
- ❖ Reporting on the implementation of relevant sections of the current Northland CMS
- ❖ The approval of Conservation Management Plans
- ❖ Advising the Department of Conservation and NZCA on conservation matters, and proposed changes to status of land of national and international significance
- ❖ Liaising with Fish and Game Council on conservation matters

Carrying out other powers delegated by the Minister of Conservation, the Settlement Legislation, Conservation Act or any other Act

Section 6(O) of the Conservation Act requires Conservation Boards to provide the NZCA with an Annual Report as soon as practical after 30 June each year. In recognition of this requirement the Board submits this Annual Report

3. Conservation Board Region – Te Hiku O Te Ika



Figure #1 – Te Hiku O Te Ika - He Korowai Area

Te Hiku o Te Ika Conservation Board Area of Jurisdiction

The Te Hiku o Te Ika Conservation Board's area of jurisdiction covers the area of 224,991.85 hectares.

The jurisdiction extends from the northern side of Hokianga Harbour, north to Mangamuka then across to Kaitaia then to Rangaunu Harbour, right around the coastline back to Hokianga Harbour. The jurisdiction also includes the land areas within the Manawatāwhi/Three Kings Island group.

Approximately 0.37% of New Zealand's public conservation land and area lie within the jurisdiction of Te Hiku o Te Ika.

Public conservation land (48,493.38 ha) make up 21.55% of all land in Te Hiku o Te Ika.

The large number of issues which are of interest to the Board include:

- Inclusion of the Kermadec Islands (the Board acknowledges this anomaly)
- Support Community initiatives. Help the Community to enhance conservation.
- How does the Board help the community achieve the outcomes it wants?

Conservation Features of the Area

The main features of Public Conservation Land and Waters within the Board's boundaries are:

- Raetea Forest – 6,603.57 ha
- Herekino Forest – 4,358.62 ha
- Warawara Forest – 6,886.71 ha
- Maunga Taniwha Forest – 61.76
- 20 Scenic Reserves – 5,934.06 ha
- 2 Historic Reserves – 229.28 ha
- 5 Recreation Reserves – 15,431.0 ha
- 27 Stewardship Areas – 6,403.81
- 52 Marginal Strips – 320.34 ha



Figure #2 - Te Hiku o Te Ika Conservation Board Jurisdiction

4. Board Functioning

4.1 Board Functions Under Section 6m of the Conservation Act 1987

The functions of the Board are:

- 1) To recommend the approval by the Conservation Authority of conservation management strategies, to review and amend such strategies, under the relevant enactments
- 2) To approve conservation management plans, to review and amend such plans, under the relevant enactments
- 3) To advise the Conservation Authority and the Director-General on the implementation of conservation management strategies and conservation management plans for the area within the jurisdiction of the Board
- 4) To advise the Conservation Authority or the Director-General
 - a. On any proposed change of status or classification of any area of national or international importance; and
 - b. On any other conservation matter relating to any area with the jurisdiction of the Board
- 5) To liaise with any Fish and Game Council on matters within the jurisdiction of the Board
- 6) To exercise such powers and functions as may be delegated to it by the Minister under this Act or any other Act

4.2 Powers of the Board under Section 6n of the Conservation Act 1987

- 1) Every Board shall have all such powers as are reasonably necessary or expedient to enable it to carry out its functions.
- 2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), each Board may –
 - a) Advocate its interests at any public forum or in any statutory planning process; and
 - b) Appoint committees of members and other suitable persons, and delegate to them functions and powers.
- 3) The power conferred by subsection (2)(a) shall include the right to appear before courts and tribunals in New Zealand and be heard on matters affecting or relating to the Board's functions.

4.3 Responsibilities under other Sections of the Conservation Act 1987

Nil

4.4 Board Functions under the National Parks Act 1980

There are no National Parks within the Board's region.

4.5 Board Membership

There were 8 Board members for the reporting year appointed by the Minister of Conservation.

- Waikarere Gregory, Te Rarawa Iwi appointed for a 2-year term
- Gideon Porter, Community appointed for a 2-year term
- Chris Jenkins was elected as Chair. The Co-Chair position remains vacant.

The following table lists the membership of Te Hiku Conservation Board between the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 and their term of office.

BOARD MEMBER	AREA	TERM START	TERM END
Rangitane Marsden – NgaiTakoto - retired	Waipapakauri	17/12/2015	15/01/2020
Sheridan Waitai – Ngati Kuri	Ngati Kuri	17/12/2015	30/06/2021
Waikarere Gregory – Te Rarawa	Kaitaia	01/07/2019	30/06/2021
Sonny Christie – Te Aupouri	Kaitaia	01/07/2018	30/06/2021
Peter Furze – Community	Kaitaia	17/12/2015	30/06/2021
Chris Jenkins – Community	Whangarei	17/12/2015	30/06/2021
Michael (Mike) Finlayson – Community	Kaitaia	17/12/2015	30/06/2021
Gideon Porter – Community	Ahipara	01/07/2019	30/06/2021

Table I: Board Membership

4.6 Members Profiles

<p>Rangitane MARSDEN - NgaiTakoto CEO Te Runanga o NgaiTakoto Iwi</p>	<p>Sheridan WAITAI – Ngati Kuri Strategic Community Advisor</p>
<div data-bbox="228 484 711 799" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="196 863 727 1028">Iwi Affiliations: NgaiTakoto, Ngati Kahu. He has a strong public service background and Treaty leadership and business models.</p>	<div data-bbox="964 438 1268 730" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="764 743 1468 1088">Sheridan Waitai’s tribal affiliations are Ngāti Kuri, Te Rarawa, Ngapuhi and Tainui. She has a good understanding of legislative and policy environment in relation to indigenous issues. “I want to contribute in a meaningful way that supports Ngāti Kuri, cultural revitalisation, Ngāti Kuri, kaitiaki of our taonga, alive and vibrant Ngāti Kuri Whanau, Hapu and Iwi.”</p>
<p>Waikarere GREGORY – Te Rarawa</p>	
<div data-bbox="269 1196 659 1724" data-label="Image"> </div>	<p data-bbox="764 1196 1468 1418">Waikarere Gregory represents her Iwi, Te Rarawa. Born and bred in Pukepoto beside her wharenuī, Te Rarawa Marae, Waikarere had the privilege of a rich upbringing amongst her people - hearing local stories, growing up with tikanga and traditional arts.</p> <p data-bbox="764 1471 1468 1639">As tangata whenua, Waikarere sees her connection to the whenua as what guides her every day and in her mahi - ensuring we leave the whenua fit for our tamariki and mokopuna.</p>

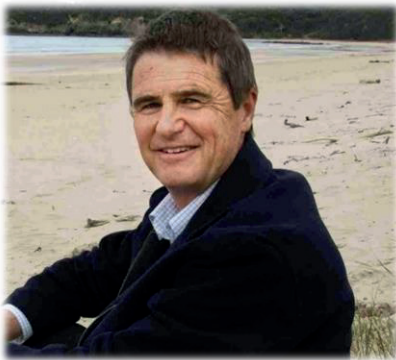
Sonny CHRISTIE – Te Aupouri

Teacher – Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Pukemiro



Iwi Affiliation: Te Aupouri. He is a trustee of Te Runanga Nui O Aupouri Trust. He has over 30 years' experience in all tiers of education with a passion for Maori education. He has a close association with many influential kaumatua within Te Aupouri and will use his role on the Board to act as a conduit between them and the Department.

Chris JENKINS – Community Representative



Chris Jenkins worked for the Department of Conservation from its formation in 1989 until 2015. The last eleven years of this time was in Northland as Conservator. Since leaving DOC he has been providing advice and assistance to a variety of conservation projects. He is also the Chair of Reconnecting Northland Trust and a Trustee of the Ipipiri Nature Conservancy Trust

Mike FINLAYSON – Community Representative



Mike Finlayson has a keen interest in Pest and Predator control and has managed broad scale wild ginger control projects through the Herekino Landcare Group. He has over 30 years Board experience including a recent term as a Northland Regional Councillor representing the Te Hiku constituency. He enjoys getting out "into the wild" in various recreational pursuits, tramping, fishing being two favourites.

Peter FURZE – Community Representative



Peter furze is a community activist working as an advocate for WINZ, the District Courts, ACC, Immigration and Kaitaia Crime Watch which is a community-based initiative working under the Nga Mahi Mo Te Tangata (Working for The People). Peter is a keen surfer.

Gideon PORTER – Community Representative



Appointment Term: 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2021 / Gideon has been a journalist for over 20 years, covering local politics and Māori issues, is a member of the Ahipara Takiwā (a hapu-driven environmental watchdog) and is active in caring for Te Oneroa A Tohe (90 Mile Beach) which he lives close to. His main northern iwi affiliations are to Te Rarawa (although he has links to all Te Hiku iwi) and Ngāpuhi and Ngai Tuhoe through his mum.

4.6 Board Meetings

The Te Hiku Conservation Board held five Formal Meetings during the reporting period, six Informal Working /Workshop Meetings (included meeting with the Minister of Conservation). Venues for the Board meetings were held in the most central location, being Kaitaia, for ease of public access.

Te Hiku Iwi and the Department have been working on the development of a Preliminary Agreement on how to develop the Te Hiku Conservation Management Strategy (CMS). This includes a “staged” approach. Those stages are:

STAGE 1 –

Focusing on information gathering such as values, issues, opportunities including cultural and recreational uses. Iwi, hapu, whānau and community engagement will be vital in the review and development of the new conservation policy for Te Hiku.

STAGE 2

An informal and non-notified step that will enable Iwi, hapu, whānau and community to provide initial input on the proposed draft”. Once this part has been completed and feedback considered the final step will be to finalise the draft through the statutory process for developing a conservation management strategy which then allows all members of the public to participate through a submissions and hearing process”

The Boards responsibility is after consultation and agreement on how the CMS is to be drafted, to support and recommend approval of the CMS for Te Hiku Iwi.

A CMS is a 10-year plan for managing the conservation estate, taking account of Iwi cultural materials, waahi tapu plans, protecting the natural and historic features and wildlife of the Te Hiku region.

Board meeting dates	Meeting location and venues
5 July 2019	Te Ahu Centre, Conference Room, Kaitaia
6 September 2019	Te Ahu Centre, Conference Room, Kaitaia
1 November 2019	Te Ahu Centre, Conference Room, Kaitaia
6 March 2020	Te Ahu Centre, Conference Room, Kaitaia
6 June 2020	Te Ahu Centre, Conference Room, Kaitaia

Table #2: Formal Board meeting dates, location, and venues

4.8 Attendance

The table below summarises the number of Board meetings attended by members out of the total number of Formal Meetings held during the year.

Members attended other meetings and events in their role as Board Members, including working meetings and representative roles.

BOARD MEMBER	FORMAL MEETINGS
Rangitane Marsden	2/5
Sheridan Waitai	0/5
Waikarere Gregory	4/5
Sonny Christie	3/5
Chris Jenkins	5/5
Peter Furze	3/5
Mike Finlayson	3/5

Table #3: Attendance

4.9 Board Committee and Representation

Membership of board committees was reviewed in July, at the beginning of the Board year.

The Board formally co-opted Bronwyn Bauer- Hunt from Te Rarawa to assist with the Te Hiku CMS, based on her knowledge of local government, Te Rarawa conservation priorities (particularly in Warawara Forest) and former member of the Northland Conservation Board

4.10 Training for Members

The two new Board members undertook an Induction Workshop in July 2019 which provided background information on the region, the role of conservation board and local issues.

4.11 Community and DOC Involvement in Board Meetings

Public forums are offered at each Board meeting for members of the community to raise conservation issues with the Board.

4.12 Special Events

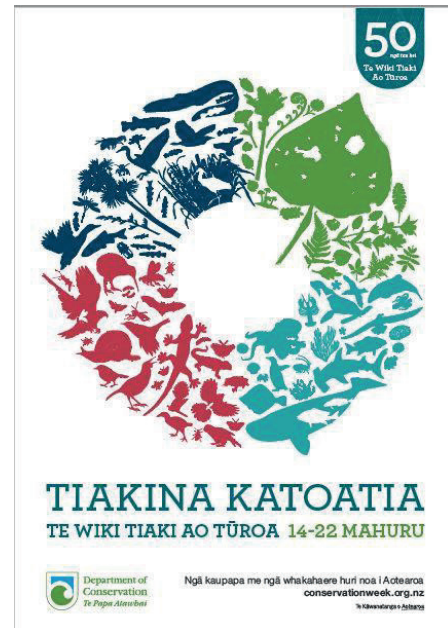
Special events attended by members.

Conservation Week – Sept 2019

Chairman Chris Jenkins attended the regional conservation week event held at Hihiaua Cultural Centre in Whangarei. The theme for the 50th year of celebrating Conservation Week was “Nature Needs Us”. The evening event involved presentations by an amazing group of young people including pupils from Pangaru School.

The final item was a series of presentations by young conservationists on their thoughts and ideas on the future of conservation. Chris Jenkins participated in a panel to provide feedback and thought in the insights from these amazing presentations.

This year marked the 50th anniversary of Conservation Week.



Meeting with the Minister – Feb 2020

In February 2020, the Board was still feeling confident that the CMS was well on the way to being drafted and Iwi would have a real say in the style and content of the final document.



Left to Right: Peter Furze, Meirene Hardy-Birch, Chris Jenkins, Gideon Porter, Hon. Eugenie Sage, Mike Finlayson, Waikarere Gregory, Annwyn Buchanan, Bronwyn Bauer-Hunt

Realising the influence of significant Iwi input into the CMS was likely to result in some differences to past CMS documents, the Board felt it would be appropriate to meet and discuss this issue with the Minister of Conservation while she was visiting Waitangi. The Minister listened to the issues, asked questions, and having understood the Board's points encouraged the Board and the Department to continue drafting the CMS.



Left to Right: The Minister-Eugenie Sage, Peter Furze, Waikare Gregory, Aaron Taikato, Bronwyn Bauer-Hunt, Meirene Hardy-Birch, Hamish Eglinton, Annwyn Buchanan, Mike Finlayson, Chris Jenkin, Gideon Porter

Visioning Workshop – Mar 2020

A Visioning Workshop held on the 11th of March 2020 brought together members of the Board, Technicians, and the CMS Project Team to grasp the potential that the Te Hiku CMS presents and to truly capture the essence of the Te Hiku settlement. The aim was for the document to be highly relevant, a 'living document' that enabled the direction of conservation understanding and efforts across the community and agencies, one that included the whole community, driven by hapu/iwi and underpinned by DOC.



Left to Right: Abe Witana, Waikare Gregory, Hamish Eglinton, Mike Finlayson, George Riley, Carly Bent, Kareem Ismail, Chris Jenkins



Left to Right: Waikere Gregory, Abe Witana, Pereniki Conrad, Kareem Ismail,

There was a strong desire to not just sustain but to 'rejuvenate to abundance' both for the intrinsic benefit of indigenous biodiversity and to support a more localised and redefined economy where everyone's needs were met. A place where everything thrived because everyone had the opportunity to exercise kaitiakitanga, where we could "cloak our future generations in guardianship, spirituality, understanding and kinship" and thus protect the sanctity of Papatuanuku.



Gideon Porter-THCB Community Rep presenting

It was well recognised that the health of the people depended on the health of the environment but it was up to the whole of the community to protect and enhance the mauri and therefore the CMS needed to create a sea change in community thinking and engagement.

Staged 10 and 50 year plans outlined a shared vision of understanding and participation in building community resilience to climate change, freshwater security and, conserving marine environments.

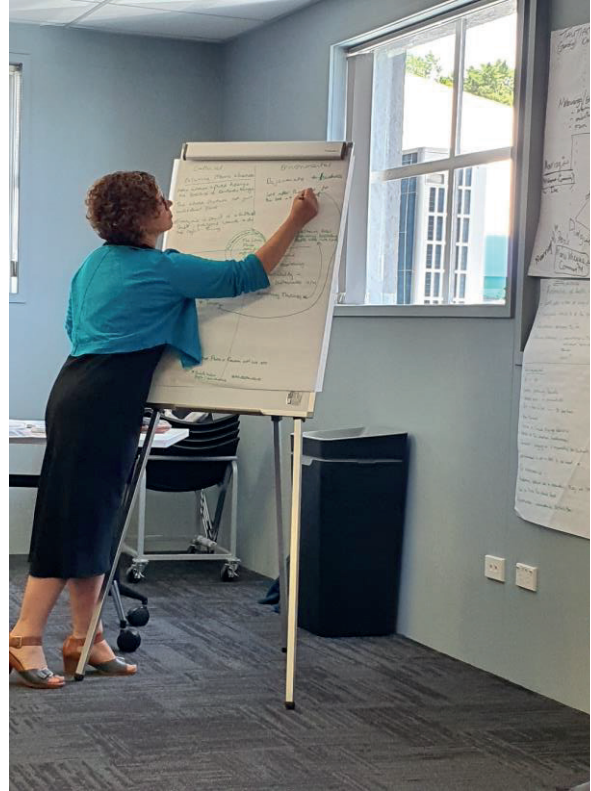
Using the environment as a “whare wananga” to engage students, telling stories, and encouraging lifelong participation would be vital to ensure the longer 50-year plan of a predator free Te Hiku with super abundant birdlife became a reality.

In all our aim was to ensure the Te Hiku settlement was an effective exemplar for both our communities and a model for future settlements to consider.



Waikare Gregory-THCB Iwi Rep-Te Rarawa presenting

- Our culture, sense of belonging and identity is strengthened
- Pass on our knowledge to enrich the lives of future generations
- Mana whenua is enhanced via the exercise of kaitiakitanga - rejuvenate to abundance
- Everyone is a part of a cultural shift
- Help to sustain a local economy, a circular economy,
- the whole place, interconnectedness
- Visioning Workshop - 11/3/2020. An opportunity to get a better understanding of the korero, the value and principles that are associated in the current CMS and how it is being captured in the proposed vision statement and making sure the Te Hiku CMS Project Team, the Board and the Department understand the vision.
- Capture the essence to the Te Hiku settlement.



*Photograph of Stephanie Bowman
Te Hiku CMS Management Project Planner*

4.13 Annual Work Plan

- Discuss the drafting of the Te Hiku CMS
- Maintaining and improving relationships with other Conservation Boards; Northland Conservation
- Actively promote pest management and weed control
- Advocate for the containment of Kauri Dieback, Myrtle Rust
- Proactively look to increase the Board’s profile by exploring new mediums for message delivery.
- Finding ways to support Iwi to meet their aspirations as mana whenua
- Open lines of communication

4.14 Financial Report

TE HIKU CONSERVATION BOARD COSTS (12 MONTHS) 2019-2020			
	June-2020 YTD Costs	June-2020 Full Year Budget	June-2020 Variance +/-
Expenses			
Board fees (Includes travel)	\$16,439	\$23,460	7,021
Meetings (venue hire & catering)	\$ 2,139	\$ 4,990	2,851
Conferences/Courses/Wananga	0	\$ 1,550	1,550
Publicity & Promotions	\$ 5,960	\$10,000	4,040
Total	\$24,538	\$40,000	\$15,462

Table 4: Financial

The Board is focusing on the CMS – this has not progressed

4.15 Health & Safety

No health and safety incidents were reported by the Board in this financial year.

5. Statutory Activity

The Board made one submission on the Proposed National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity this financial year. Click on the link to view all submissions: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/have-your-say/all-consultations/2019/>

5.1 Te Hiku Conservation Management Strategy (CMS)

The Board continues to monitor the milestones in the Te Hiku CMS. Rather than looking at all the milestones, the Board has decided to look at a different approach through Report Based Accountability.

5.2 Management Plan

No CMP's reviewed by the Board in this financial year.

6. Advice and Advocacy

6.1 Other Conservation Boards Liaison

The Board continues to strengthen its relationship with the Northland Conservation Board and is looking to work together on certain aspects of conservation.

All Board members have a responsibility to liaise with other groups when opportunities arise, and some members have specific liaison roles. The Board recognises the various roles of members to liaise with other groups and agencies.

Liaison Person	Group, Agency, Organisation
Rangitane Marsden	Te Runanga o NgaiTakoto
Waikarere Gregory	Te Runanga o Te Rarawa Ahipara Takiwā
Sonny Christie	Te Runanga Nui O Te Aupouri
Chris Jenkins	Northland Conservation Board Reconnecting Northland Fish and Game Council

Liaison Person	Group, Agency, Organisation
Mike Finlayson	Northland Regional Council
	Far North District Council
	Herekino Landcare Group
Peter Furze	DOCCF Panel
	Advocate for WINZ, District Court, Crime Watch, ACC
	Nga Mahi Mo Te Tangata
Gideon Porter	Ahipara Takiwā

Table 5: Liaison Persons

6.2 New Zealand Conservation Authority (NZCA) Liaison

The NZCA Liaison Nicole Anderson, keeps the Board updated on many issues including but not limited to:

- Predator Free 2050
- NZCA Issues and content

6.3 Department of Conservation Advice

The Board provided advice to the Department on the following issues:

- DOC Community Fund applications.
- The continuing relevance of some of the Te Hiku CMS milestones.

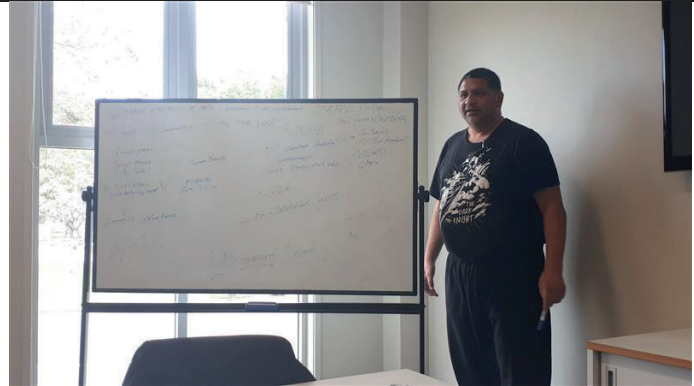
6.4 Community Visibility

In October 2019 the Te Hiku O Te Ika Conservation Board resolved unanimously that it needed a communications strategy that would differentiate itself from the Department - as it was felt that, to the wider public, and especially Hapu-lwi of Te Hiku o Te Ika - the Board is simply an extension of the Department.



Left to Right: Peter Furze, Chris Jenkins, Hamish Eglinton

The Board wanted its own communications and publicity processes to promote awareness of how it came to be (under Treaty Settlements), and who it represents, why (Iwi and the wider public of Te Hiku o Te Ika), and who the Board members are ultimately answerable to (the Minister of Conservation in terms of effectively performing its duties).



Communications Strategy Workshop presented by Gideon Porter

The Board resolved it would do its best to operate its communications with the public in a "no surprises" fashion, as we do wish to maintain a good rapport with DOC, the Minister, and other Stakeholders.



Left to Right: Gideon Porter and Peter Furze

The Board is adamant it wants to promote and publicise its work - especially with regard to the development of a Te Hiku o Te Ika Conservation Management Strategy - which aims to set future policy, goals and better Treaty of Waitangi relationships with the Iwi/Hapu of Te Hiku o Te Ika, and the Department of Conservation and lands it administers.

Report provided by Gideon Porter
Community Representative/Communications lead

The Board's Facebook Page is managed by Gideon Porter and Rueben Wharawhara (effective November 2019). Click on the link below:

<https://www.facebook-com/Te-Hiku-o-Te-Ika-Conservation-Board-112964636831544/>

The Board is developing a presence on the Departments' website. Information on Conservation Boards is advertised and displayed on the following link:

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/about-us/statutory-and-advisory-bodies/conservation-boards/northland/>

6.5 Iwi Liaison and Advocacy

The Board receives Iwi advice through representation on the Board as well as from a multitude of other sources on a consistent basis.

7. Acknowledgements

Finally, the Board would like to acknowledge the following people for their support, advice, and contribution in 2019 - 2020:

- Adrienne Tari, Northland Conservation Board
- Nicole Anderson, NZCA Liaison
- Sue Reed-Thomas, NNI Director Operations
- Hamish Eglinton, Statutory Manager
- David Noho (DJ) and Meirene Hardy-Birch, Operations Managers
- Abe Witana, Strategic Advisor for Te Hiku Treaty Settlements
- Bronwyn Bauer-Hunt, Te Hiku CMS Project Team

8. Appendix I –2-Year Annual Work Plan

Te Hiku O Te Ika Conservation Board Work Programme 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2021

Work Programme overview

This Work Programme has been developed in response to the Letter of Expectation from the Minister of Conservation dated 7 August 2020. It is structured in three parts, namely:

- **Part A: Planned Board activities aimed at meeting the regional Work Programme contained in the letter:**
 - review/development/monitoring of statutory management plans including Conservation Management Strategies (CMS)
 - advice relating to stewardship land
 - other statutory functions for the Board
 - advocacy.
- **Part B: Planned Board activities aimed at general expectations contained in the letter:**
 - working with the Department of Conservation (the Department)
 - taking account of the Ministerial priorities for the Department as contained in the Department's Four-year Plan
 - working with adjoining conservation boards and the New Zealand Conservation Authority (the Authority)
 - understanding the Board's contribution to giving effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi
 - general engagement with the community, including raising the profile of the Board.
- **Part C: Risks/issues from the Board's perspective, and opportunities for conservation growth that are not covered above.**

Status Indicator

Colour	Indicates
Green	Completed
Yellow	Started and is ongoing
Red	Not started yet

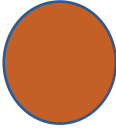
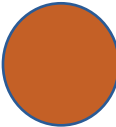
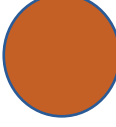
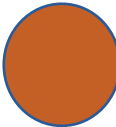
PART A: REGIONAL WORK PROGRAMME

1 Review / development of statutory management plans including conservation management strategies (CMS)

1.1 Board Objective:

The Board will advocate and comment on draft sections of the Te Hiku CMS. The Board will also review the revised Te Hiku o Te Ika CMS draft and if appropriate will recommend the approval of the draft by the Authority with or without amendments.

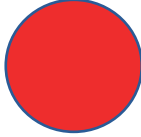
Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

	Action	Status	Progress commentary
A	Work to get the Department to start drafting the CMS.		This has been ongoing work for the last four years. The Board has offered assistance and raised concerns about the lack of progress with the CMS. These concerns have been raised consistently throughout this period. It is a source of a great deal of frustration for the Board.
B	Seek update reports on drafting the CMS and ability to comment on any draft CMS material.		As Above
C	Seek input into the review of Conservation General Policy and work that may affect the CMS.		The Board has nominated a member (Gideon Porter) to be on the Conservation General Policy Review Panel and will advocate to ensure Te Hiku Iwi are properly consulted on anything that will impact on the CMS.
D	Advocate for a CMS that is statutorily correct and meets a standard that will achieve the goals of Te Hiku Iwi as set out in the Te Hiku Treaty Settlements.		Achieving this goal likely requires some changes from the standard DOC CMS particularly in the "Vision" and "Places" sections along with tighter milestones that allow for effective monitoring of implementation.

1.2 Board Objective:

In conjunction with the Department, the Board will determine priorities for implementation of the approved Te Hiku O Te Ika CMS.

Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

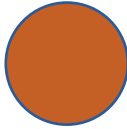
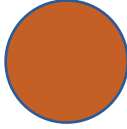
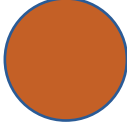
	Action	Status	Progress Commentary
A	N/A		The Board is still awaiting the completion of Te Hiku O Te Ika CMS and until this is complete there is little to monitor. NB the sections of the existing Northland CMS are not tight enough and were drafted years before the treaty settlements and hence are not a good basis for monitoring implementation of the CMS.

2 Stewardship Land

2.1 Board Objective:

The Board will provide the Minister and Department with advice on priorities for reclassification of stewardship areas that require increased protection because of their significant conservation values

Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

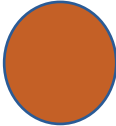
	Action	Status	Progress commentary
A	Advise the Department of Conservation/Minister of any issue that would require increased conservation protection (<i>and cultural protection</i>) of stewardship areas		
B	Monitor the Department of Conservation engagement and consultation with Treaty Partners and Treaty Settlement's Post Governance entities.		
C	Ensure any stewardship areas are not reclassified without Iwi consultation		

3 Other Statutory Functions¹

3.1 Board Objective:

The Board will nurture ongoing working relationships with the Northland Fish and Game Council regarding issues of mutual interest within the rohe of Te Hiku.

Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

	Action	Status	Progress commentary
A	Encourage Fish and Game Council input into the CMS.		Board Co Chair liaises two times a year with the Northland F+G Manager and meets Fish and Game Councillors each year. He however cannot do much until the CMS gets drafted.

3.2 Board Objective:

The Board will advise on proposed changes of status for nationally and internationally important areas, when sought by the Department.

Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

	Action	Status	Progress commentary
A	N/A		This work has been superseded by the Te Hiku Treaty Settlements and decisions on land made in these settlements.

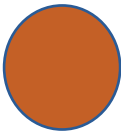
4 Advocacy

4.1 Board Objective

The Board will pursue opportunities to advocate at public forums and in any statutory planning processes.

¹ This section should include conservation board functions relating to statutory functions under section 6M of the Conservation Act

Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

	Action	Status	Progress Commentary
A	The Board will monitor RMA work by DOC to ensure it is consistent with the outcomes and place-based targets in the CMS.		Again, until the CMS is drafted this work is at best tentative.

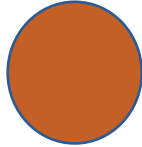
PART B: GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

5 Working with the Department

5.1 Board Objective:

Board members will maintain good working relationships and open dialogue with Directors, Managers and Board Support Officer in order to engage strategically in conservation for the region.

Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

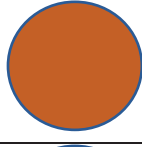
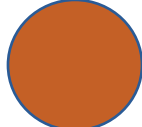
	Action	Status	Progress commentary
A	Meet with DOC staff at meetings and elsewhere and ensure a professional relationship is maintained.		The Board will continue to work positively with the Department but will also reserve the right to question and if required criticise the Department for significant failures such as the ongoing failure to meet statutory deadlines to draft the CMS.

6 Taking Account of Ministerial Priorities for The Department²

6.1 Board Objective:

The Board will identify opportunities to support North Island community conservation projects and programmes.

Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

	Action	Status	Progress commentary
A	Climate change initiatives		This is a factor the Board will need to carefully consider as it reviews the CMS and works with Te Hiku Iwi
B	Biodiversity Strategy (weeds/kauri dieback/myrtle rust)		The Board will consider the biodiversity strategy as the CMS is drafted

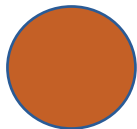
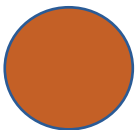
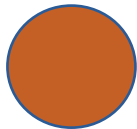
² This section could include where conservation boards are consulted on pest control operations

7 Working with Adjoining Conservation Boards and The Authority

7.1 Board Objective:

Board members will liaise with neighbouring conservation boards in order to progress cross boundary CMS issues and other matters of mutual interest.

Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

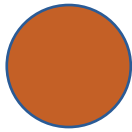
	Action	Status	Progress commentary
A	Work with Northland CB.		The Board has an ongoing positive relationship with the Northland CB. NB: The two Boards need to work closely on the development of the Te Hiku CMS as this has an impact on the existing Northland CMS.
B	Work with Auckland CB.		In future, the Board will need to hold discussions with Auckland CB over the Kermadec Islands as two Te Hiku Iwi have statutory acknowledgments in their treaty settlements over the Island.
C	Work with Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board		Open lines of communication

8 Understanding the Board's Contribution to Giving Effect to the Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi

8.1 Board Objective:

The Board will understand and support the Board's and Department's obligations under Treaty settlements as well as principles under section 4 of the Conservation Act.

Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

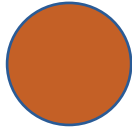
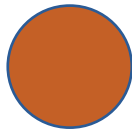
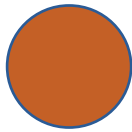
	Action	Status	Progress commentary
A	Ensure the intent and statutory requirement for conservation of four Te Hiku Iwi as reflected in their separate Deeds of Settlements (DoS) and Legislation.		A key role for the Board and one every board member is acutely sensitive to in all discussion and in particular on the overdue CMS.

9 Engaging with the community, including raising the profile of the Board

9.1 Board Objective:

Board members liaise with other conservation entities, such as district and regional councils, NGO's and community groups, in order to enhance the profile of the Board and pursue good working relationships on issues of mutual interest and concern.

Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

	Action	Status	Progress commentary
A	Work with the Beach Board.		The Board is keen to build a relationship with the Beach Board. To be a meaningful relationship however the Board needs the CMS to progress so it can ensure plans the Boards are developing are as far as possible co-ordinated and meeting Iwi aspirations.
B	Work with community groups		The Board is keen to work with community groups and AGAIN needs the CMS progress to ensure this work can be backed with action and certainty.
C	Participate in conservation with community funding discussion.		Board members participate on committees recommending funding for community conservation and encourage the Department to support Te Hiku initiatives particularly those that (will) align with the CMS objectives and place-based milestones.

PART C: RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

10 Risks from the Board's Perspective

A	The Te Hiku o Te Ika CMS is not drafted and this is treated as a contemporary treaty breach.
B	The Te Hiku o Te Ika CMS is tied to (non-statutory) templates, guidance, and requirement of the NZCA/DOC/Minister to the point Iwi aspiration for conservation cannot be met and this becomes a source of conflict.
C	Te Hiku hapu and community groups become disillusioned with the lack of progress on creating the Te Hiku o Te Ika CMS and disengage and in some cases go into conflict with DOC."

11 Opportunities for Conservation Growth

A	A truly co drafted CMS reflects the desires of Te Hiku Iwi and its successful implementation (shown by regular monitoring) leads to strong enduring relationships and collaborative conservation on PCL and beyond.
B	Drafting a great CMS is an opportunity to create a model for other unsettled (TOW) Iwi and also to test ways forward on some tricky issues such as issuing concessions where Iwi have an interest.



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