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1 Chairperson's Report

Ka tirohanga e au ki nga kokonga o tenei rohe. Kei reira nga hōkai tapu o to tatou tupuna a Ngātoroirangi.

Kua puta te waiora mai te kopu o tōku kuia, he wai tapu he wai ora, kei te takoto te whenua tapu nā aitua, nā tupua. Te Waonui o Tane, Ko Ikatere, Ko Haumiatiketike, Ko Rongomai nga kaitiaki.

Ko i a e, ara e!

I am pleased to introduce the **2018/2019** Annual Report for the Tongariro Taupō Conservation Board.

I would firstly like to reflect on the significant national taonga that the Tongariro Taupō Conservation Board have responsibility for including:

- Tongariro National Park Management Plan
- Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy (CMS)
- Kaimanawa Forest Park Management Plan

These plans not only guide the work of our Board and the department, but also link across regions with other parts of the Central North island and beyond. Like other Conservation Boards, our plans including the CMS, require review and we continue to work with the department to complete this task however despite our current position, our plans continue to be relevant and will not deter the Board from its responsibilities under these plans.

Central North Island is one of our country's iconic tourism destinations. The Tongariro National Park and Kaimanawa Forest Park provide a stunning backdrop for our world-famous fishing lakes and rivers. These taonga attract over one million people, both domestic and international visitors.

Tongariro Taupō Conservation Board is working with the Department of Conservation to better understand the demands that intensive visitor numbers place on our taonga and therefore our CMS and Management Plans are very important instruments for the Board to ensure accountability is maintained and risks are managed and/or mitigated.

World Heritage Status for Tongariro National Park also adds to the complexity of requirements the Board is required to consider.

Some key highlights are Ruapehu Alpine Lifts (RAL) development of Whakapapa's Sky Waka Gondola which is due to commence operations for the ski season 2019. RAL also has plans for further developments at the Turoa Ski Fields. The Board will have seen preliminary plans during the period of this report and are looking forward to providing input to the more detailed development once submitted by RAL. It is important to note the Department's comments and views are not necessarily the views and comments of Tongariro Taupō Conservation Board as The Department and our Board have different metrics to measure the development against.

With the Bay of Plenty Conservation Board, the Tongariro Taupo Conservation Board had a field trip to examine the treatment of wilding pines on the Rangitaiki conservation areas on our shared boundaries. We also site inspected two types of frost flats unique to our rohe where DOC staff were able to point out significant differences, one being nationally significant as remnant frost flats and other sites where if not protected, rear species would be under extreme risk of extinction. The location of these frost flats being next to Kaingaroa forest, one of the world's largest production forests and a major state highway, SH5 linking Taupo and Napier running through the flats which increases the risk of invasion from wilding pines and other weeds.

Most citizens who travel this section of road would be totally unaware of these taonga. We understand funding for control of these weeds is increasing via DOC and Regional Council but better awareness of the value of these sites nationally should also be considered.

Following lunch at Waipunga Falls lookout the Board members travelled through Poronui station to the head waters of the Mohaka River to view areas where the Sika Foundation are working with DOC to protect and develop who colonies populations on Pest Control, including deer, to benefit.

Much of the high-altitude mountain beech in the Kaimanawa Forest comes under pressure due to the browsing of these animals. The Sika Foundation is also involved in trapping possum, rats and stoats being self-funded by members with local community support and sponsorships.

I'd like to thank my fellow Board Members for their valuable contributions, tireless service and commitment during this past year which also saw Mike Britton re-appointed by the minister, Mike was also nominated as our Deputy Chair.

I would also like to acknowledge the appointment of Te Ngaehe Wanikau from Te Kotahitanga o Ngati Tuwharetoa. The Minister's new appointments during the reporting period are Hinemoa Wanikau and Amoa Hawira.

These members add to the wealth of knowledge and experience on the Board and we are very pleased to have them on our team.

We were sad to have to accept Laurie Burdett's decision not to seek election this term. Laurie was always a very staunch advocate for communities and the community's perspectives on all issues relating to conservation and the protection of our taonga. It has been a privilege to work with such a dedicated and professional member of the Tongariro Taupō Conservation Board.

I hope you will find the following reports valuable in providing a broad sense of the activities and initiatives that are occurring across the Tongariro Taupō region.

I encourage you to follow up on anything that you would like more detail on. Newsletters, articles and reports; many of which are referenced throughout this report. These are available to you on the Department of Conservation website: www.doc.govt.nz/about-us/statutory-and-advisory-bodies/conservation-boards/tongariro-Taupō/.

Nō reira

Tēnā tātou katoa



John Bishara
Chairperson Tongariro Taupō Conservation Board

2 Introduction

Welcome to the 2018-2019 Tongariro Taupo Conservation Board Annual Report.

Section 6(O) of the Conservation Act requires conservation boards to provide the New Zealand Conservation Authority (the Authority) with an annual report as soon as practical after 30 June each year. In recognition of this requirement the Tongariro Taupo Conservation Board submits this annual report.

Conservation boards are appointed by the Minister of Conservation under section 6(P) of the Conservation Act 1987. Board functions are outlined in section 6(M) and the powers, which enable the conservation boards to carry out those functions, are under 6(N) of the Act.

Conservation boards are independent advisory bodies, established by statute. They represent the community and offer interaction between communities and the Department of Conservation (the Department), within their area of jurisdiction.

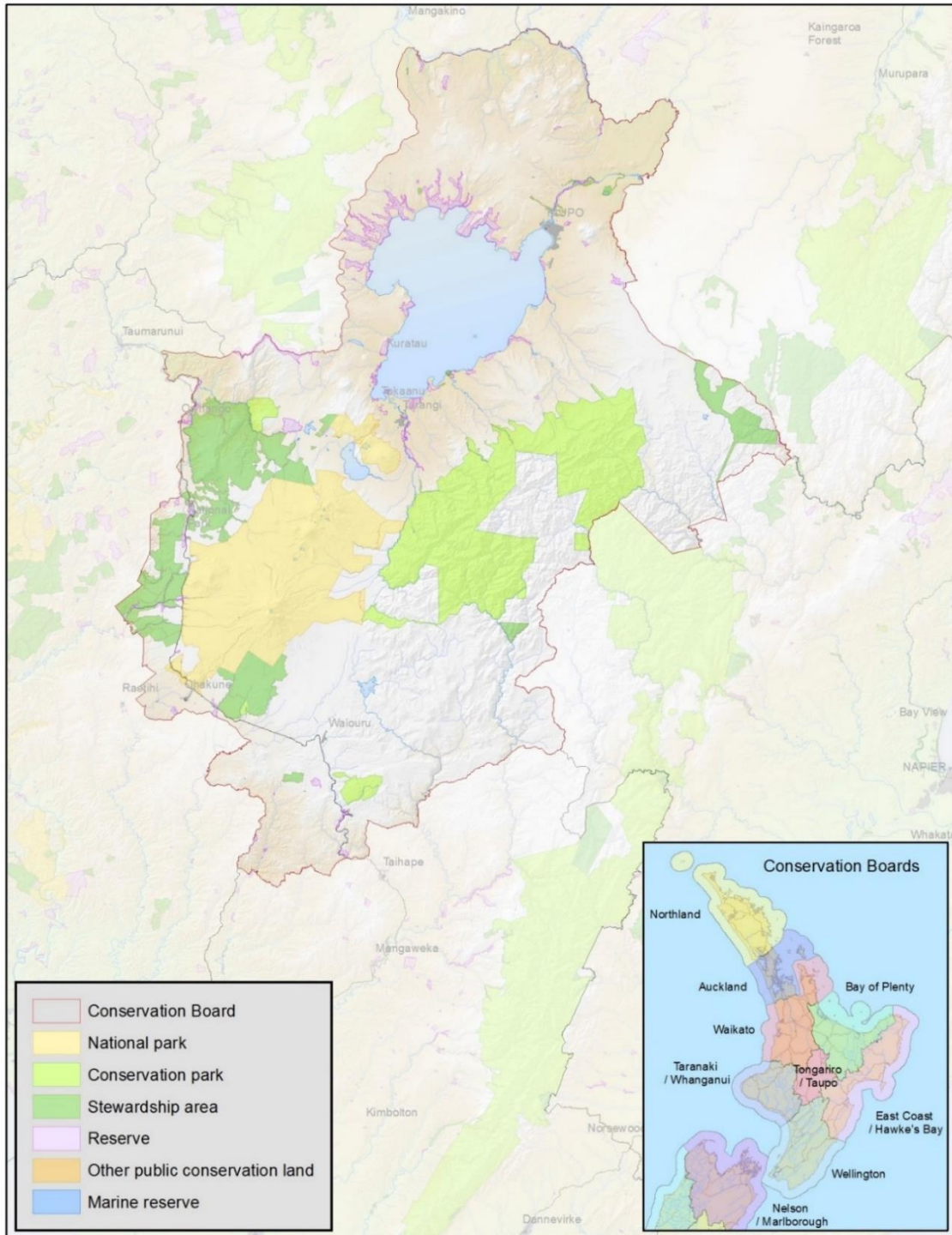
Conservation boards have several statutory roles under various Acts including:

- the recommendation of the Tongariro Taupo Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) to the Authority for approval
- advising the Department and the Authority on how conservation management strategies and plans will be put into practice
- reporting on the implementation of the CMS
- the approval of conservation management plans
- the recommendation of national park management plans to the Authority for approval
- advising the Department and Authority on conservation matters, and proposed changes to status of land of national and international significance
- liaising with the regional Fish and Game Council on conservation matters
- carrying out other powers delegated by the Minister of Conservation, the Conservation Act or any other Act.

Conservation boards also have several functions under section 30 of the National Parks Act 1980. These functions include recommending the review or amendment of national park management plans and recommending approval of these plans by the Authority.

3 Conservation Board Region

The Tongariro Taupo Conservation Board's area of jurisdiction covers an area of approximately 780,000 hectares, with approximately 219,000 hectares of Public Conservation Land.



Tongariro / Taupo Conservation Board

New Zealand Government
Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa

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Tongariro National Park lies within the Board's jurisdiction.

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

- Ecosystem management and management of plant and animal species such as kiwi and whio.
- Management of recreational facilities - in particular the Tongariro Alpine Crossing, which continues to be one of the most traversed alpine tracks in the world with a significant international audience creating unique management challenges for the Department.
- Management of historic sites such as Opepe Historic Reserve.
- Concession activities and in particular those relating to recreation and tourism activities at key sites such as Tongariro National Park, Huka Falls and Five Mile Bay.

3.1 Conservation Features of the Area

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

- Tongariro National Park – 79,669 ha
- Kaimanawa Forest Park – 74,532 ha
- Kaweka Forest Park – 39 ha
- Scenic Reserves – 8,762 ha
- Historic Reserves – 186 ha
- Recreation Reserves – 1,192 ha
- Ecological Area – 2,140 ha
- Scientific Reserves - 342 ha
- Stewardship Areas – 50,674 ha

Te Urewera, Whanganui National Park and Whirinaki Te-Pua-a-Tane Forest adjoin the Board's area of jurisdiction

Tongariro National Park is registered on the New Zealand World Heritage List.

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 Authority of conservation management strategies, and the review and amendment of such strategies, under the relevant enactments
- 2) To approve conservation management plans, and the review and amendment of such plans, under the relevant enactments
- 3) To advise the 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 Authority or the Director-General

- 5) On any proposed change of status or classification of any area of national or international importance; and
- 6) On any other conservation matter relating to any area with the jurisdiction of the Board
- 7) To liaise with any Fish and Game Council on matter within the jurisdiction of the Board
- 8) 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 conservation 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 conservation 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 Board Functions under Section 30 the National Parks Act 1980

- 1) to recommend management plans, and the review or amendment of such plans, for parks within the jurisdiction of the Board in accordance with sections 45 to 47:
- 2) to consider and determine priorities for the implementation of management plans for national parks:
- 3) to make recommendations to the Minister for the appointment of honorary rangers under section 40:
- 4) to review and report to the Director-General or the Authority, as appropriate, on the effectiveness of the administration of the general policies for national parks within the jurisdiction of the Board:
- 5) to give advice to the Director-General or the Authority—
 - a. on the interpretation of any management plan for a park; and
 - b. on any proposal for the addition of land to any national park or the establishment of a new national park; and
 - c. on any other matter relating to any national park, —within the jurisdiction of the Board.

4.4 Board Membership

There was an increase in board membership from eight Board members to 9 Board members this year. These positions include the statutory position held by Te Ariki Sir

Tumu Te Heuheu, and were appointed by the Minister of Conservation for the reporting year.

Two members' terms of office expired on 30 June 2018 and one board member resigned. One board member was reappointed and there were three new appointees.

John Bishara was confirmed as Chairperson with Mike Britton confirmed as Deputy Chairperson.

The following table lists the membership of the Board between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019 and their term of office.

Board member	Area	Term start	Term end	Term served
Te Ariki Sir Tumu Te Heuheu	Tuwharetoa	1998	Life Member	21
John Bishara	Turangi	2011	2020	8
Mike Britton	Wellington	2014	2020	5
Peter Zimmer	Ruapehu	2014	2021	2
Annaka Davis	Taupo	2016	2019	3
Laurie Burdett	Taupo	2014	2019	6
Georgina (Honey) Winter	Raetihi	2018	2021	1
Hinemoa Wanikau	Turangi	2018	2021	1
Chloe Walker	Atiamuri	2018	2021	1

Table 1: Board membership

4.5 Members Profiles

John Bishara, Chair, Turangi

Mr Bishara is the Chief Executive Officer of Lake Taupō Forest Trust and Chairman of the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board. He has held a wide range of appointments in the public sector and had a 14-year career with the NZ Forest Service on both production and environmental forest operations. He is familiar with conservation issues. His outdoor recreation interests are hunting and fishing. He is of Ngāti Tūwharetoa iwi.

Mike Britton, Deputy Chair, Wellington

Mr Britton is a conservation and fundraising consultant. He has experience in drafting National Park and Conservation Acts, creating management plans, policy development and acting in committees. He has previously been involved in managerial and director roles within the Fish and Game Council and Forest and Bird Protection Society. His outdoor recreation interests are tramping, walking, restoration and fishing.

Te Ariki Sir Tumu Te Heuheu, Statutory Position, Turangi,

Tumu is Paramount Chief of Ngati Tuwharetoa and is a direct descendant of Horonuku Te Heuheu who in 1887, as Paramount Chief of Ngati Tuwharetoa, *tukua*

the mountains of Tongariro to the people of New Zealand. He is Chairperson of Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board, Lake Taupō Forest Trust, and Lake Rotoaira Forest Trust. He sits on many national boards as either chair or a member. In the 2004/2005 honours list he was made a Distinguished Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit. As New Zealand's delegate to the UNESCO World Heritage Committee he was elected Chairperson in 2006.

Peter Zimmer, Board Member, Ruapehu

Mr Zimmer works as group support officer for New Zealand Land Search and Rescue. He has a practical background in farming and a degree in agricultural science. He has worked for over 20 years as an independent guide and instructor in the outdoors. His outdoor recreation interests are mountaineering, skiing, mountain biking, kayaking and trout fishing. As a hobby he enjoys researching and exploring historical, cultural and geological sites in and around Tongariro National Park.

Annaka Davis, Board Member, Taupo

Mrs Davis has a background in public health and is a member of the Fish and Game Council.

Laurie Burdett, Board Member, Taupo

Mrs Burdett possesses a sound understanding of conservation. She has served as a member of the Waikato Regional Council for 12 years and as Chair of the Pest Management Committee. Laurie has an active interest in, and a sound knowledge of, the local area through her membership in Project Tongariro and Forest and Bird. As a practicing & certified RMA hearing commissioner, her added experience with public processes, policies and planning is invaluable to the Board.

Georgina Winter, Board Member, Raetihi

Mrs Winter works for the Uenuku Charitable Trust and has a background in Business and project management. She is the iwi representative for the Ruapehu Health Network Inc and holds qualifications in Maori and Administration and Matauranga Maori as well as business management. She enjoys spending time in the outdoors with her family.

Hinemoa Wanikau, Board Member, Turangi

Mrs Wanikau works in administration support/governance servicing for Te Kotahitanga Ngati Tuwharetoa. She has extensive experience and acumen in business administration and management, environmental planning and review of policies and processes between hapu and government authorities. She has an interest in geothermal activity and water quality.

Chloe Walker, Board Member, Atiamuri

Mrs Walker works as a consultant for the Tutukau Group and has a background in business and policy development. She is currently a board member for the Taupo Chamber of Commerce and has been a council representative in Taupo. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Politics. Mrs Walker enjoys gardening, fishing and boating.

4.6 Board Meetings

The Board held four meetings during the reporting period.

Board meeting date	Meeting location and venue
23 August 2018	Te Kahukura o Tane Mahuta – Taupo
20 November 2018	Te Kahukura o Tane Mahuta – Taupo
14 February 2019	Te Kahukura o Tane Mahuta – Taupo
5 June 2019	Te Kahukura o Tane Mahuta – Taupo

Table 2: Board meeting dates and location

4.7 Attendance

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

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

Board member	Board meetings
Te Ariki Sir Tumu Te Heuheu	-
John Bishara	4/4
Mike Britton	2/4
Peter Zimmer	4/4
Annaka Davis	0/4
Laurie Burdett	4/4
Georgina (Honey) Winter	4/4
Hinemoa Wanikau	4/4
Chloe Walker	3/4

Table 3: Board meeting attendance

4.8 Field Trips and Site Inspections

Field trips are an excellent opportunity for Board members to become more aware of conservation issues within their region.

Field trip date	Field trip destination and purpose
13 February 2019	Board members took part in a boat trip around the Western Bays of Lake Taupo with members of Te Kotahitanga o Ngati Tuwharetoa to discuss the management of these areas, including public conservation land and leased areas.

1 April 2019	Board members met at Turoa ski base to hear from Ruapehu Alpine Lifts (RAL) about their Turoa Indicative Development Plan for the next 10 years
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Table 4: Field trips and site inspections

4.9 Board Committees

Membership of Board committees was reviewed in July, at the beginning of the reporting year. The board reviewed the values and principles to align all sub-committees with Nga Pou o Te Pae Maunga.

Committee name	Date established	Members
Strategic Planning Policy Partnerships and CMS		Mike Britton – Chair Georgina Winter Hinemoa Wanikau Peter Zimmer John Bishara
World Heritage – Pae Maunga		Georgina Winter – Chair Hinemoa Wanikau Peter Zimmer John Bishara
Statutory Process		Laurie Burdett – Chair Chloe Walker Annaka Davis John Bishara Peter Zimmer

Table 5: Committees

Strategic Planning Policy Partnership and CMS

The purpose of this subcommittee was to advise the Department of Conservation on conservation management processes including Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) review, CMS Monitoring, National Park Management Plans and business planning generally. During the reporting year the sub-committee met twice to discuss the purpose, process, and direction of the CMS.

World Heritage – Pae Maunga

The purpose of this subcommittee was to provide an advisory role in relation to the dual World Heritage Status of Tongariro National Park.

Statutory Processes

The purpose of this subcommittee was to provide advice and advocacy on Resource Management Act (RMA) processes, concessions, major works approvals and service delivery. The committee has a formal role in relation to concession applications on the Tongariro Alpine Crossing (TAC) as part of the National Park Management Plan.

4.10 Training for Members

The Board held a workshop on CMS planning in October 2018 which covered what a CMS is, the board's role in the CMS process, the Department of Conservation, NAZA and Minister of Conservation's roles in the CMS Process. The workshop also looked at key considerations for the Tongariro Taupo CMS which included treaty settlement's and how they impact on the CM.

4.11 Department Involvement in Board meetings

Department staff regularly attended throughout the year and public forums were offered at each Board meeting for members of the public to raise conservation issues with the Board.

Presentations were given to the board by the Department on:

- Freedom Camping – the impacts of Freedom Camping in the local Taupo area was provided to the board by Dave Lumley.
- Whakapapa Wastewater Treatment Plant – information was provided to the board on progress with the upgrade of the Whakapapa Waste Water Treatment Plant by Tamzin Moore and Mere Mokoraka.
- CNI Sika Foundation - Cam Speedy, Gary Howard and John Davis gave a presentation to the team on the Central North Island Sika foundation's foundation, values and aspirations and on the long term goals for the foundation
- Ngai Tai ki Tamaki Decision - an overview of the Ngai Tai ki Tamaki Supreme Court case and its implications for the department and the board was provided by Permissions Advisors Arna Litchfield and Astrid Nunns.

4.12 Special Events

- 17 July 2019 – NZCA Annual Chair's Conference in Wellington

4.13 Annual Work Plan

Please refer to Appendix 1 for the full Board Annual Work Programme.

5 Statutory Activity

5.1 Conservation Management Strategy (CMS)

The Board has continued to monitor the Tongariro Taupo CMS and receive updates from the Department. Over a number of annual reports the Board has expressed concern at the delays in the review of the Tongariro Taupo CMS and considers that with the signing of the Treaty Settlements with the principal Iwi in the region and given their key role in the development of CMS, this has become very urgent.

6 Advice and Advocacy

All Board members have responsibility for liaising with other groups when opportunities arise, and some members have specific roles in liaison. The Board appointed various members to liaise with other groups and agencies.

Board member	Liaison with
Laurie Burdett	Bay of Plenty Conservation Board
Mike Britton	Wellington Conservation Board
Chloe Walker	Waikato Conservation Board
Georgina Winter	Taranaki/Whanganui Conservation Board
John Bishara	East Coast Hawkes Bay
Laurie Burdett	SIKA Foundation (formal appointment)

Table 6: Board liaisons and representatives

6.1 Authority Liaison

Warren Parker has been the New Zealand Conservation Authority (NZCA) liaison to the Board. Warren has provided valuable insight into the Authority's national priorities and work.

6.2 Department Advice

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

- Applications for guiding concessions on the Tongariro Alpine Crossing
- Turoa Indicative Development Plan

6.3 Community Advocacy and Involvement

The Board believes working with conservation organisations and members of the public is very important. Meetings provide opportunities for the public to attend Board meetings were advertised.

Members of the public attended the Public Forum at several of the year's meetings and a range of issues were raised. The Board appreciated their input and efforts made to attend the meetings and responded by letter with a response to questions asked or concerns raised.

Public forum issues raised were:

November 2018

- **Rangitaiki Frost Flats** – Ivan Pemberton expressed his concerns for hunting access and requested clarity as to future proposal with respect to public/hunter access and/or arrangement between DOC and leasee. Notes there is no signage to notify 4WD access is prohibited across frost flats.

- **Ruapehu Alpine Lifts** – Ross Copeland, CEO, provided the Board with an update which included visitor, regional and economic growth the renewal of the Far West T-Bar and commencement of the gondola

June 2019

- **Kaimanawa Horse Muster** – Paddy Mair, raised his concerns around the management of the Kaimanawa Horse Herd at Waiouru Military Base

These were predominantly voluntary groups carrying out huge amounts of conservation work within the community. The Board recognises and appreciates volunteers and thanks them for the work done in this area.

6.4 Community Visibility

The Board maintains a presence on the Department's website. Updates from the Board were provided throughout the year on activities undertaken.

6.5 District and Regional Council Advocacy and Advice

The Board appreciates the opportunities to meet with representatives of the four local Councils as there are several regional issues in which it is interested.

Tongariro Taupo Conservation Board Work Programme

1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019

Work Programme Overview

This Tongariro Taupo Conservation Board work programme has been developed in response to the Letter of Expectation from the Minister of Conservation dated 9 October 2018. 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; and

- Part B: Planned Board activities aimed at general expectations contained in the letter:
 - working with the Department;
 - taking account of the Ministerial priorities for the Department as contained in the Department's Four-year Plan;
 - working with adjoining Boards and the NZCA;
 - 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; and

- Part C: risks/issues from the Board's perspective, and opportunities for conservation growth that are not covered above.

PART A: REGIONAL WORK PROGRAMME

1 Review / development of statutory management plans including Conservation Management Strategies (CMS)

1.1 Board Objective:

The Board will continue to advocate for review of the Tongariro Taupo CMS and work towards having a project plan and draft places in development

Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

	Action	Status	Progress Commentary
A	Develop a project plan for the CMS review process with the Department	On hold	Planning team to support this in 19/20
B	Clarify roles and responsibilities for the CMS process	Workshop 19 Sept	Completed
C	Hold a Korowai Manaaki workshop re the Tuwharetoa story	May 2019	Paori Mahi to tell the Tuwharetoa story at meeting
D	Engage with Ngati Rangī re CMS development	Awaiting CMS process	Once CMS starts will engage

1.2 Board Objective:

In conjunction with the Department, the Board will agree on priorities for implementation of the Tongariro National Park Management plan.

Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

	Action	Status	Progress Commentary
A	Receive regular updates on the TAC and provide advice on future management options	Ongoing	In Directors report and annual report on summer season
B	Receive regular updates in relation to license compliance	Ongoing	In Directors report and annual report on summer season
C	Input into TAC guiding concessions in TNP	Ongoing	Provide advice to TAC concession processes in relation to consistency with TNP
D	Take part in the Indicative Development Plan process as per the TNPMP	Ongoing	Board to carry out statutory role in these processes for Turoa and Whakapapa and provide advice to the Department

1.3 Board Objective:

In conjunction with the Department, the Board will agree priorities for implementation of the Kaimanawa Forest Park Plan

Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

	Action	Status	Progress Commentary
A	Receive regular updates on the Kaimanawa Forest Park and any science on the impact of sika deer on the park. Provide advice on future management options	Ongoing	Science reports provided and/or commissioned. Directors report
B	Develop a strategic approach with the Department on issues and opportunities for this place	Ongoing	Receive a paper from DOC on issues and options for management of Kaimanawa and the Sika deer herd

2 Stewardship Land

2.1 Board Objective:

The Board will continue to 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
B	Advocate for stewardship land parcels nominated for status changes as part of the national process	Ongoing	Waiting on advice from Department and consider areas proposed for addition to Tongariro in relation to treaty settlements
C	Receive regular updates on National process	Ongoing	Regular reports from DOC

3 Other statutory functions¹

3.1 Board Objective:

The Board will nurture ongoing working relationships with Fish and Game Councils/Taupo Fishery Advisory Committee regarding issues of mutual interest within the region.

¹ This section should include 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	Maintain liaison with Eastern Fish and Game Council and Taupo Fishery Advisory Committee (TFAC) and exchange information	Ongoing	Regular reports from these entities and exchange of minutes

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	Respond to requests for advice as they arise	Ongoing	As needed

4 Advocacy

4.1 Board Objective

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

Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

	Action	Status	Progress Commentary
A	Board to monitor and applications and advocacy opportunities and provide advice to the full Board	Ongoing	
B	Provide input and submissions where conservation values are involved	Ongoing	
C	Advocate for increased awareness of the threats posed by invasive pests and threatened species and habitats within the region		
D	Board to appoint member to Sika foundation and maintain regular contact		
E	Monitor the consequence of OSPRI withdrawing from possum control		Receive reports from department on how it will manage sites where OSPRI will no longer be present

PART B: GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

5 Working with the Department

Board Objective:

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

Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

	Action	Status	Progress Commentary
A	Include senior Departmental managers and other staff as required in Board meetings to provide strategic advice		
B	Attend Departmental events when invited and support initiatives to build strong community connections		
C	Provide a representative for the DOC Community Fund assessment panel		
D	Provide advice to DOC of options to advance CMS priorities as part of business planning cycle		Include Board in business planning cycle

6 Taking account of Ministerial priorities for the Department²

Board Objective:

The Board will identify opportunities to support North Island community conservation targeting kiwi and other threatened species

Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

	Action	Status	Progress Commentary
A	Advocate for kiwi projects particularly in the Tongariro Forest	Ongoing	Updates via Directors report - May 2019
C	Receive an annual report on pest plant status and controls	June 2019	Broom, pinus contorta in particular

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

7 Working with adjoining Boards and the NZCA

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	Appoint Board members as liaison to adjoining Boards – Waikato, Wellington, East Coast, Hawkes Bay, Bay of Plenty and Taranaki/Whanganui.	Ongoing	
B	Invite members of adjoining Boards to attend meetings and circulate agendas and minutes	Ongoing	
C	Look for opportunities to collaborate around matters of mutual interest	Ongoing	

8 Understanding the Board’s contribution to giving effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi

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	Meet with representatives of Ngati Tuwharetoa, Ngati Rangi and Ngati Uenuku at least once a year		
C	Support members in developing cultural capability through wananga and other opportunities		
D	Keep abreast of progress with treaty settlement especially in relation to TNP	Ongoing	

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

Board Objective

Board members will liaise regularly with other conservation entities, such as district and regional councils, NGOs 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	Identify appropriate agencies for Board members to develop strategic relationships with		
B	Assign liaison responsibility to Board members and receive regular updates on this work		
C	Continue to support Te Ao Turoa awards and other events where the Board is able to raise its profile and that advocate for conservation outcomes		