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Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 31 January 2025, in which you asked for:

The Minister of Conservation is seeking nominations for conservation boards in 2025.

May I ask how you called for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations e.g. govt.jobs website. Also, how many applications you have received from the public (I noted Nominations close 31 January 2025) and how many you have received from other nominating agencies such as TPK or Ministry of women etc for each of your conservation boards. Also, how many vacancy you had for each of the conservation boards and when you anticipate the process will finish.

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982.

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

1. Platforms used to call for public nominations:

Section 6P(2) of the Conservation Act 1987 stipulates that the Minister of Conservation shall appoint every public member of a Conservation Board after giving public notice, and after consultation with the New Zealand Conservation Authority. The Department placed newspaper notices seeking nominations for the 48 public vacancies across 14 of the 15 Conservation Boards on 11 December 2024, and again on 15 January 2025.

In advertising these vacancies, the Department also used its website, social media, and communication channels in the regions, and wrote to iwi and Māori organisations (as listed in Te Kāhu Māngai) and nominating agencies (Te Puni Kōkiri, Ministry for Pacific Peoples, Ministry for Ethnic Communities, Ministry for Women, and Ministry of Disabled People).

2. Number of applications received for public vacancies, number of applications received from nominating agencies, and number of vacancies for each conservation board:

Board	Number of public vacancies	Applications for public vacancies
Te Hiku o te Ika	0	0
Northland	4	7
Auckland	5	36
Waikato	3	15
Bay of Plenty	3	9
East Coast Hawke's Bay	3	9
Tongariro Taupō	2	7
Taranaki Whanganui	3	13
Wellington	4	13
Chatham Islands	3	7
Nelson Marlborough	3	15
West Coast Tai Poutini	3	4
Canterbury Aoraki	4	22
Otago	4	12
Southland	4	9
Totals	48	179

There were no nominations received directly from Te Puni Kōkiri, Ministry for Pacific Peoples, Ministry for Ethnic Communities, Ministry for Women, or Ministry of Disabled People, but these agencies advertised the vacancies through their own networks.

3. When the process will finish

We anticipate that the process will be finished by 30 June 2025.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Department's website.

Nāku noa, nā



Kelley Reeve
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